Sports

Under pressure

Saturday, the members of the Midland Lee girls soccer team held a community soccer camp to help young players improve their individual skills. However, it was during the Lady Rebels' 7-1 win over Odessa Permian before the clinic that the future varsity performers could have learned a very valuable lesson — how to deal with pressure./**1C**

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As layoffs continue, oil industry budgets for 1999 will be down approximately 50 percent as drilling declines 50-60 percent and capital projects and exploration become almost non-existent. Many operators do not even have capital budgets for the year. In Part Three of Outlook '99, members of the industry take a long-term view of low prices.

Inside

2000 Census

WASHINGTON — Time is running out with neither side willing to budge on one of the most intractable problems Congress will face this year: how to count Americans in the 2000 Census.

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Black rebels

ATLANTA — Like other members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Emerson Emory says he wants to preserve his Southern heritage. The 74-year-old Dallas psychiatrist is black, and his insistence that many black Southerners not only supported the Confederacy but fought for it in the Civil War often draws reactions ranging from skepticism to outrage.

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John Paul Pitts:

Survey results are in: It's a bad day in the oilpatch.

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Desperate towns plan march on capital

■ Oil workers from several small towns in New Mexico plan march on Santa Fe similar to Texas' Oil Workers March on Austin.

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

HOBBS, N.M. — With low oil prices continuing to take a painful toll on communities in Southeast New Mexico, a group of concerned citizens is planning an "Oil Workers March on Santa Fe" to bring the problem to the attention of New Mexico lawmakers.

One rally is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. (MST) Tuesday at a park in Artesia; a second is set for 2 p.m. (MST) Saturday at the Lea County Cultural Center in Hobbs.

Following the rallies, oil workers and concerned citizens from Artesia, Hobbs, Eunice, Jal, Carlsbad, Loving and Roswell and other towns in the oil patch of New Mexico will head for an Oil Workers March on Santa Fe on March 6.

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Kermit oilman John Bell, organizer of the Oil Workers March on Austin, said he thought the citizens of New Mexico would be successful in bringing the problems of the oil patch to the attention of New Mexico lawmakers.

Kristi Martinkewiz with Concerned Citizens for an Energy Policy said choirs, bands and groups from other states would participate in the Santa Fe march. School children are making banners for the event.

Dwayne Taylor, owner of Lucky

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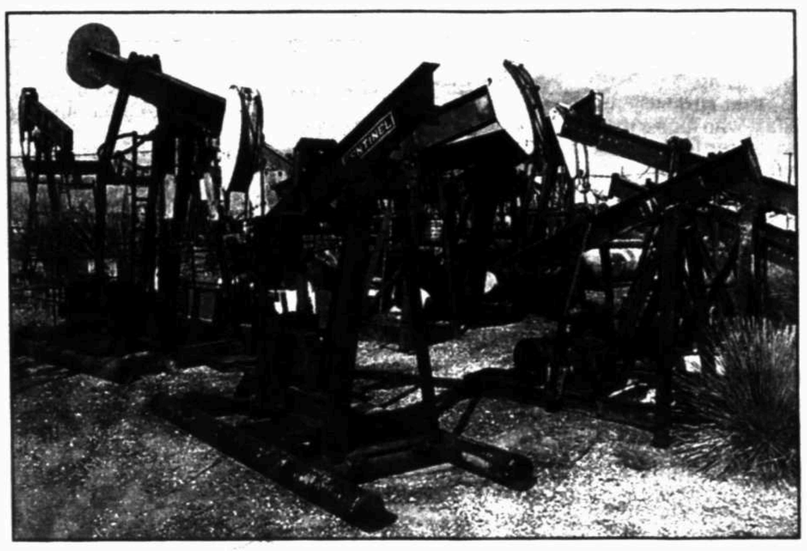

Times are hard in the oil patch, as evidenced by the unused pump jacks that sit in a field in Penwell.

Tim Fischer
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Vision for the 21st Century

Visionaries needed to plan future

Wanted: Persons with ideas and opinions — no matter how seemingly practical, impractical, doable, challenging or far-fetched — that can take Midland into the 21st century.

Baskin

Anyone who would like to provide input on Midland's future can participate in the forum, "Vision for the 21st Century," scheduled for 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. March 4 at First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave.

"We are here to dream big dreams," said Joan Baskin, who is pivotal in promoting the forum that is supported by the Midland Chamber of Commerce and much of Midland's leadership. "We need to look around and see what's going on here.

"We are going to have to do some soul-searching to find where those windows of opportunities are," said Mrs. Baskin, who with her husband, Pat Baskin, has lived in Midland since the early 1950s.

The forum's participants are to be divided into 20 nonpartisan, non-special-interests groups whose facilitators are to be trained members of the Junior League of Midland, which was instrumental in establishing the Muse-

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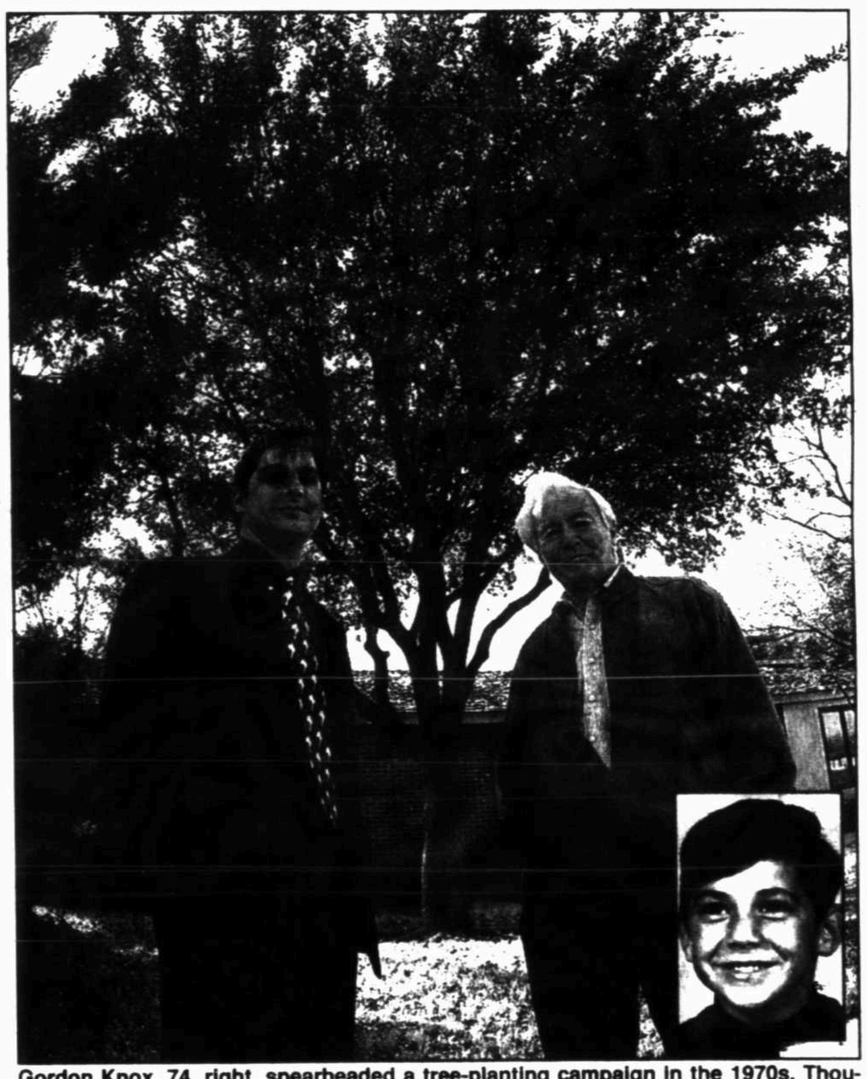

Gordon Knox, 74, right, spearheaded a tree-planting campaign in the 1970s. Thousands of elms had to be cut down because of disease and Knox obtained saplings that were given to local third-graders, who planted them in their yards. Among those youngsters was Daniel Watts, 33, left. The live oak in the background is the tree that a young Daniel, planted at his home on Bedford. Inset is a photo of Watts from the year he planted the tree.

Tall City's 'Johnny Appleseed' root of town's shady success

Of all places on the Southwest plains, Midland has become a symbol of unity evidenced by relatively bountiful trees, which in turn are symbols of vitality and community spirit.

There are poems about the loveliness of trees and their great numbers that turn woods into a forest and beckons teeming life.

Before Keep Midland Beautiful cropped up and Midland's Mr. Johnny Appleseed, Ed Vogler, came to the fore. Gordon Knox was at the forefront sprucing up the town with trees in the 1970s.

His vision and that of others — including third-graders— along with planning led to a better community.

It gives credibility to Midland's "Vision for the 21st Century" project to plan for Midland's future into the 2000s and especially for the next decade.

In the early 1970s, legions of once-vital elm trees were dying because of Dutch-elm blight. Thousands of elm trees were cut down.

"That was our first big project," said Knox, now 74, of the Midland Chamber of Commerce's Visual Improvements Project (VIP).

"We did quite a bit at that time. We cut down about a thousand elm trees that had died of that Dutch-elm disease.

"Then, we got on to giving all of these third-graders live-oak saplings to replace and to enhance (the avenues and yards).

During the mid-1970s in Midland, there were about 1,100 third-graders in the public schools alone. Among their lot was Daniel Watts, now a 33-year-old financial consultant. He and his wife, Dr. Allison Watts, have two children, Coleman, 4, and Alexandra, 2.

"We actually came out and planted the tree together" at his parents' old home along Bedford Avenue. "It was a nurturing process. I got a good, healthy tree," Watts said.

The oak seedling that young Watts and his parents, Edwin Watts and Nancy Sloan, planted about 25 years ago is a shade tree that towers in front of the house. "The tree is large enough you could have a picnic under it."

Today, Watts and his young family live just a few blocks over along Kansas Avenue. The experience and the memories, such as "stepping over" the sapling when playing football, still give him sweet sentiment when reflecting on his childhood stomping grounds.

The chamber's VIP program was carried out for several years, said Knox of Knox Industries Inc.

"We planted all those live oaks ... along Wall Avenue" which, he recalled, was "without a tree" in those days. "Now, it's got a number, and we did (plant) Scharbauer Draw trees. We put trees around the entrance to the airport. We did quite a bit of that sort of thing. This caught on, and people started planting (trees of various varieties) for themselves. Up until then, all you saw was a lot of dead trees" or, in places, no trees at all.

Trees are a thing of beauty, Knox said. "I don't know what the world would

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Lancaster House a shelter of Midland history

Naomi Lancaster, an artist and art patron who epitomized leadership in the cultural arts in Midland from the 1930s until her death at age 90 in 1974, was a visionary in the fine-arts realm.

"She was elegant," recalled Nancy McKinley, president of the Midland County Historical Society and curator of the Midland County Historical Museum. "She instigated many of the cultural programs and was always interested in promoting that part of life. She got everyone else interested, too."

And it was Mrs. Lancaster, by then a widow, who in World War II discovered a talent, Art Cole, who was stationed at the old Midland Army Air Field in the early 1940s. He was promoting war bonds and doing musical revues.

She had befriended servicemen at MAAF, site of the world's largest bombardier school, and had opened her home — a picturesque two-story house with a steep roof — to cadets stationed there. Where the Lancaster House once stood is now part of the grounds and complex of the Museum of the Southwest, Stables, and Children's Museum in the 1700 blocks of Missouri and Indiana avenues in Midland's historic district.

It was at the Lancaster House where Cole and Ruth Raymer where married in

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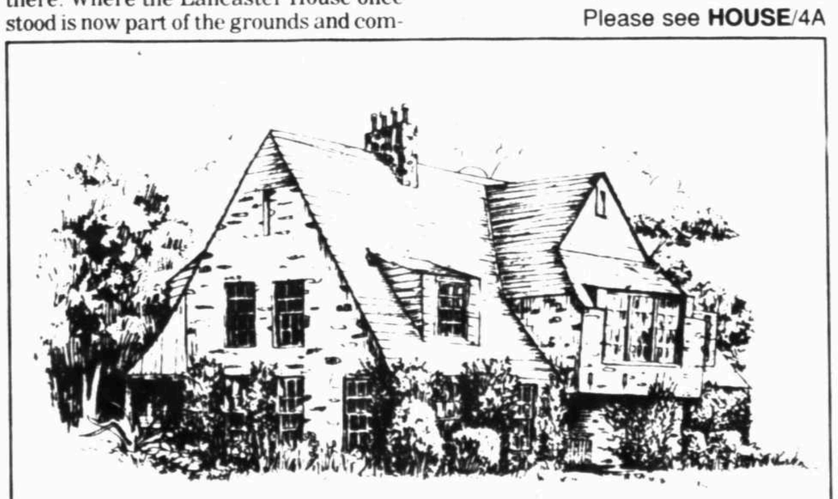

Naomi Lancaster, the force behind the founding of Midland Community Theatre, deeded her home to the Museum of the Southwest in 1970. Because the museum's board thought the cost estimated to renovate the home was too high, it was razed in 1984, despite the efforts of the "Save the Lancaster House" committee.

Stories by Ed Todd Photo by Curt Wilcott

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Future of Kurds remains unresolved despite guerrilla leader's capture

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — An elated Turkey paraded the long-hunted guerrilla leader before the cameras, showing the world a disheveled, middle-aged man standing between two blood-red Turkish flags.

For many Turks, the humiliating treatment of Abdullah Ocalan showed that his guerrilla movement was finished and that an end to the almost 15-year war in southeastern Turkey was in sight.

Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit renewed surrender appeals Saturday to Ocalan's fighters, asking them to lay down their arms in exchange for clemency.

But the grinding poverty and alienation that helped spawn the Kurdistan Workers Party, or PKK, in the bleak, barren mountains of southeastern Turkey remain. Whether Turkey will fight those ills with the ferocity it has battled Kurdish insurgents is unclear.

Turkish warplanes and helicopters pounded several rebel hideouts in northern Iraq on Saturday, the sixth day of cross-border strikes against the rebels, the Anatolia news agency said.

The situation is unlikely to be resolved anytime soon.

"The Kurdish problem ... is a very deep problem for Turkey. The PKK is only the result," said Turkish journalist Oral Calislar, who faces up to 4 1/2 years in prison for interviews with Ocalan that prosecutors say promoted Kurdish autonomy.

Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit said Friday that Turkey would increase spending on infrastructure in the southeastern Kurdish-dominated areas, by far Turkey's poorest, most neglected region.

"The back of the terrorist organization is broken and the terrorist chief has been captured," he said. "Now, it is time to speed up investments and development."

The challenge is massive.

The road system in the south is primitive and some Kurdish villages are cut off from the rest of the country for months in the winter, when heavy snowfall blocks dirt roads.

Some areas lack running water and electricity.

The educational system is poor and the language of instruction is Turkish, which many children speak only as a foreign language.

"I don't think we will see the end of poverty in that area by the end of my lifetime," said Michael Radu, an analyst at the Foreign Policy Research Institute in Philadelphia. "I hope this military triumph ... does not translate into political blindness by saying that we finished with the PKK and the Kurdish issue has disappeared."

Turkey also must grapple with Kurdish demands for greater cultural freedoms, such as the right to broadcast in Kurdish. The ban on expressions of Kurdish identity have been eased in recent years and Turkey legalized the speaking of Kurdish in 1991.

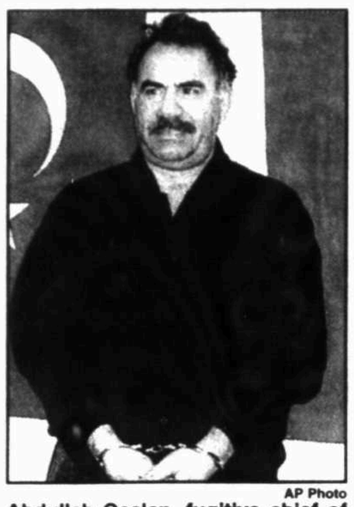
Many analysts hope that as the military threat from Kurdish separatists subsides, the government will further ease its restrictions on Kurdish cultural activities.

"As long as the cultural aspirations are separated from political aspirations, I would expect an opening up," said Ilter Turan of Istanbul Bilgi University.

The issue is extremely sensitive in Turkey, where the government for years has claimed that expressions of Kurdish identity were veiled attempts to break up the state.

Since Ocalan's capture, police have arrested hundreds of members of a legal pro-Kurdish political party, the Ankara-based Human Rights Association says. The party is fighting a court battle to prevent its closure on charges that it is tied to the PKK.

For many Kurds in the region, emigration and cultural assimilation has been the answer to their plight.



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Abdullah Ocalan, fugitive chief of the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) stands handcuffed in front of Turkish flags before being interrogated by Turkish officials at the prison-island of Imrali.

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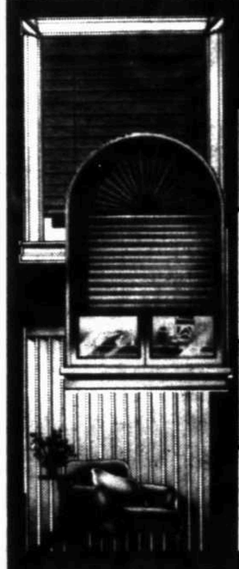

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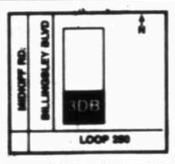

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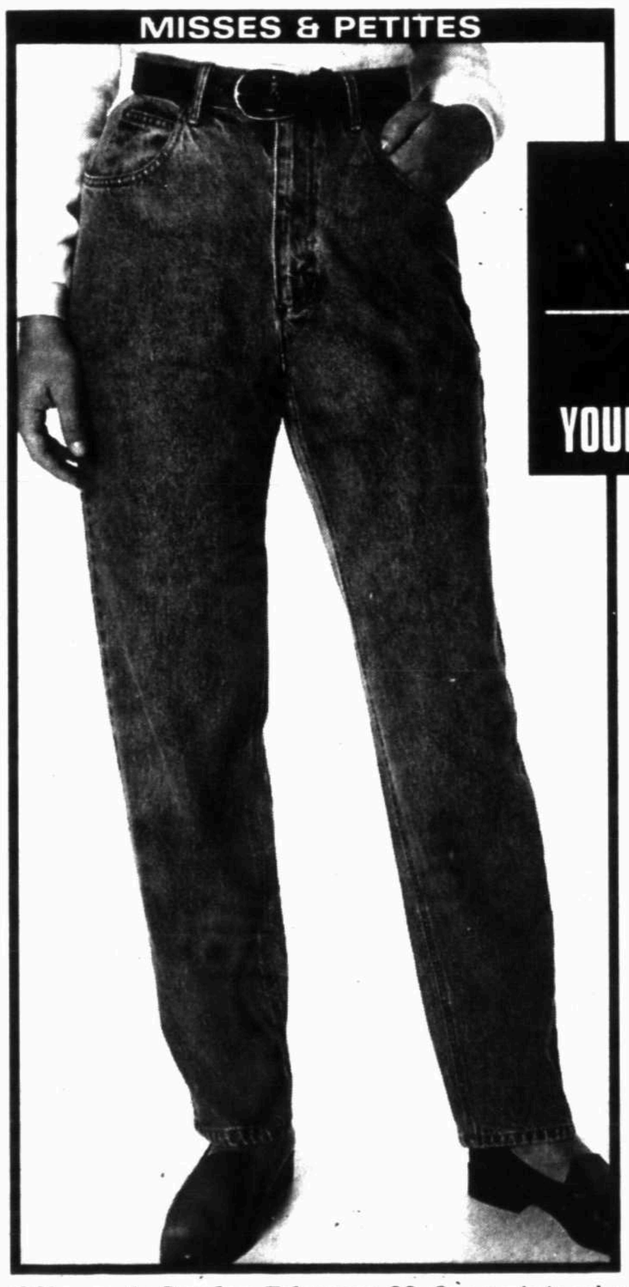

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New deadline set for Kosovo talks

RAMBOUILLET, France (AP) — Unable to win Serb concessions on a NATO peacekeeping force but still reporting "substantial movement," Western nations extended the deadline for a Kosovo peace agreement to 3 p.m. Tuesday.

NATO had threatened airstrikes if the Serbs and ethnic Albanians were unable to reach an agreement by noon today.

But the talks continued for more than seven hours beyond that deadline, and British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook and French Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine told a news conference Saturday night that the talks would continue.

"Neither of us is predicting there will be an agreement by Tuesday, but what we have seen over the past 24 hours is substantial movement," Cook said.

Vedrine said the Yugoslav government of Slobodan Milosevic has not yet agreed to the NATO peacekeeping troops that would enforce a settlement, and that "we have not given up on convincing the government of Yugoslavia."

U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said, "The Serbs refusal to even consider the peace implementation force is largely responsible for our failure to reach an agreement."

But "it is worth trying, it is worth pushing again with Milosevic," she said.

Whatever the outcome, the U.S. forces being deployed to the region for participation in any airstrikes should be in place by the new deadline.

The announcements came after Albright and ministers from five European countries spent a day in discussions with the Serb and ethnic Albanian sides in the 14th-century Chateau de Rambouillet, just outside Paris, striving to reach an agreement to end the fighting in Kosovo, which has claimed about 2,000 lives. Ethnic Albanians make up more than 90 percent of the Serb province's population.

Cook met Saturday with Serbian President Milan Milutinovic in an attempt to reach a deal that would give self-rule but not independence to the ethnic Albanians.

In an interview with Associated Press Television News, Yugoslav Deputy Premier Vuk Draskovic said the fact that talks were still going on "is a good signal, which tells us there is hope for a political settlement."

He added, "The bombing of Yugoslavia would only strengthen anti-American and anti-European forces, and Americans cannot understand this."

Milosevic has balked at the idea of NATO peacekeepers.

But Albright's spokesman, James P. Rubin, said, "We are determined not to let the political and military elements of this be separate."

Under the NATO plans, about 4,000 Americans would be included in a peacekeeping force numbering about 28,000.

A Serbian source close to the talks described the atmosphere inside the chateau as better than in recent days, and said the Serb delegation was studying a number of papers. He was unclear on whether the Serb side would sign or not. The source spoke on condition of anonymity.

U.S. forces already are being deployed in the event that NATO carries through with its threatened airstrikes if an agreement remains elusive.

Russian Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov called British Prime Minister Tony Blair on Saturday to urge international mediators to press ahead with their efforts to reach a political settlement.

And Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov reiterated Saturday that his country was firmly opposed to the use of force, and he urged international mediators to press their efforts.

"Military actions will not resolve the Kosovo conflict," he said, according to the Interfax news agency.

Albright arrived in France today in an 11th hour effort to coax Serbs and Kosovo Albanians to sign a 3-year interim accord giving the southern Serbian province wide autonomy protected by the military force.

In addition to the disagreement over foreign troops, the official news agency Tanjug reported that the main obstacle to the political agreement was ethnic Albanian insistence on a referendum on independence at the end of the three-year interim period.

In Yugoslavia, international monitors withdrew from an area of western Kosovo after residents hurled rocks and firecrackers in a protest against their presence.

In other signs of rising tensions, large numbers of people took buses from Kosovo's capital back to their villages today, many saying Pristina was too dangerous. In Belgrade, Western government workers and their families continued to leave the Yugoslav capital.

Fighting also broke out today near the northern Kosovo town of Podujevo, 25 miles north of Pristina. The Serb Media Center also said ethnic Albanian rebels attacked a police station in the southwestern town of Orahovac and a police unit near Suva Reka.

In a sign of a growing rift within Yugoslavia, the pro-Western government of Montenegro — Serbia's sister republic in the federation — pledged not to allow the Yugoslav military to engage NATO from its territory.

The move could create serious problems for the Yugoslav air defense system, which relies heavily on anti-aircraft radar and batteries in Montenegro's coastal areas to intercept cruise missiles and warplanes headed inland toward Serbia.

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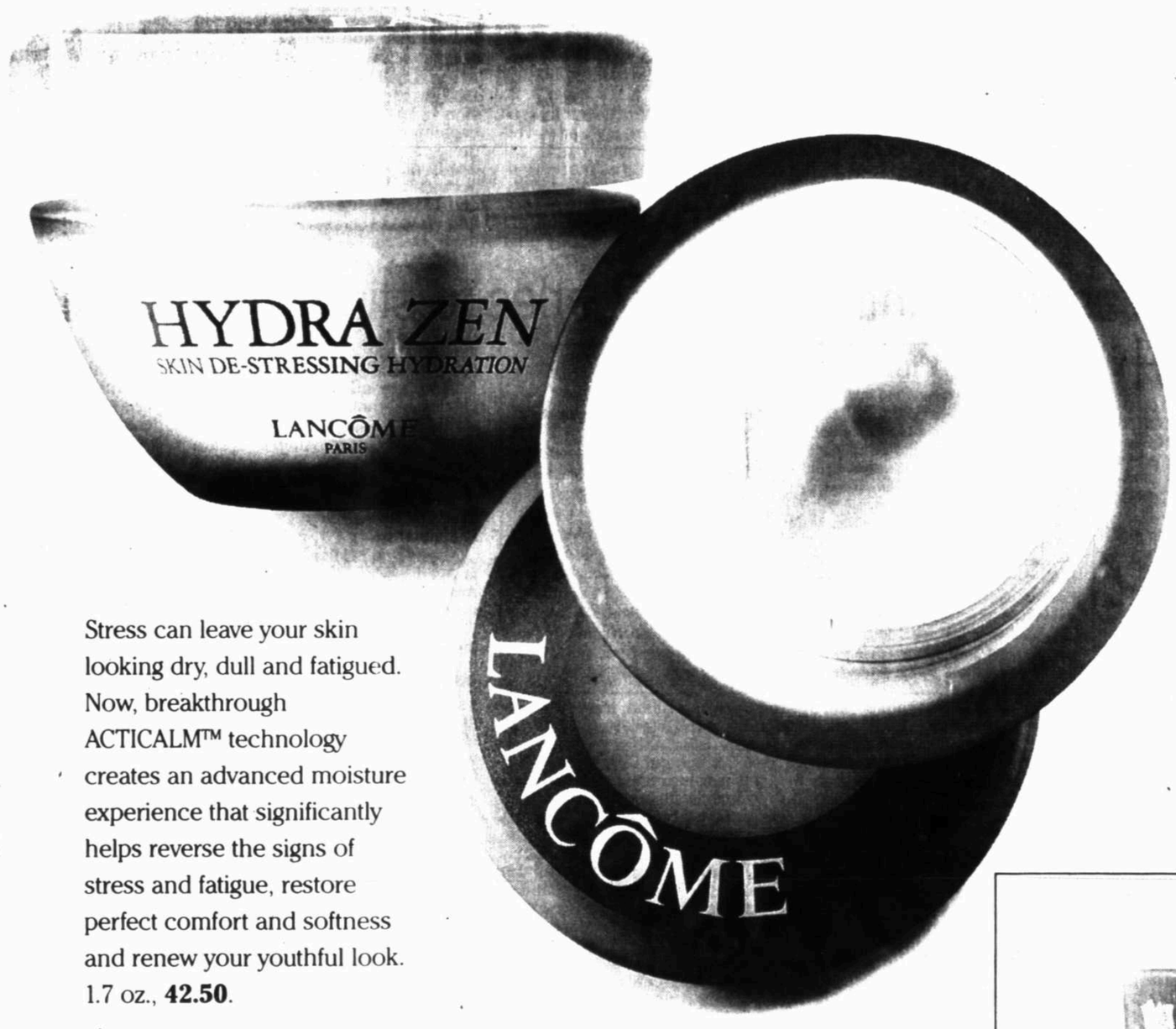

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Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a low in the upper 30s.

Monday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies becoming windy with a high at 60-65.

After an overnight low of 38, Saturday's high reached 63, compared to the record high for that date of 86 set in 1986. The record low of 18 was set in 1955.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Saturday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Friday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.00 in.
Total for year	0.33 in.
Normal total yr to date	0.78 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High	63
Low	38
Normal high	63
Normal low	34

Sunrise ... 7:25 a.m.
Sunset ... 6:40 p.m.

Pollen count

Trees: Moderate **Molds:** Low
Grass: Absent **Weeds:** Absent
Dust: Low
Courtesy: John D. Bray, MD.

United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:00 p.m. EST.

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Atlanta	57	35	cdy	
Austin	71	53	clr	
Baltimore	42	29	cdy	
Boston	37	31	cdy	
Casper	39	23	.01	clr
Chicago	30	20	.01	sn
Dallas-Ft Worth	58	45	cdy	
Fargo	26	16	clr	
Flint	29	14	cdy	
Green Bay	28	16	cdy	
Honolulu	77	72	.06	rn
Houston	70	56	.29	clr
Jackson,Miss	63	33	clr	
Las Vegas	60	45	clr	
Los Angeles	67	51	rn	
Memphis	57	39	cdy	
Nashville	51	32	cdy	
New Orleans	67	46	cdy	
New York City	40	32	cdy	
Norfolk,Va	43	41	cdy	
Oklahoma City	57	34	cdy	
Omaha	32	28	.06	sn
Orlando	69	51	cdy	
Philadelphia	41	31	cdy	
Phoenix	78	54	cdy	
Pittsburgh	28	16	sn	
Portland,Maine	35	28	cdy	
Portland,Ore	51	31	rn	
Reno	50	27	sn	
Richmond	47	31	cdy	
Sacramento	52	41	.15	rn
St Louis	37	34	cdy	
Salt Lake City	42	25	sn	
San Angelo	66	42	cdy	
San Antonio	78	56	clr	
San Diego	67	54	cdy	
San Francisco	52	47	.01	rn
Santa Fe	53	26	cdy	
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Topeka	38	36	cdy	
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Tulsa	58	36	cdy	
Tupelo	57	36	cdy	
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Yakima	45	26	sn	

Midland group seeks legal recourse to low prices

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

While concerned citizens in New Mexico plan rallies and a march on Santa Fe to call attention to the plight of the oil industry, a Midland group is exploring the possibility of a legal course of action to halt what they call predatory pricing by foreign producers and the dumping of cheap foreign oil into the U.S. market.

John Houghton, a Midland independent oilman and one of those exploring the possibility of such a lawsuit, said there has been discussion to explore the possibility of a class-action lawsuit against the national oil companies of Saudi Arabia and Venezuela.

"At this point we have only initial feedback from a handful of local attorneys. We are told such a lawsuit would be complicated, difficult and costly, but there could be grounds for such a suit, and that it may be possible to win a suit against foreign producers for predatory pricing.

Frank Cahoon, a Midland independent, said that a Texas anti-trust statute, dating back to John D. Rockefeller, prohibits anyone found guilty of predatory pricing from ever doing business in Texas again.

"That could really open a can of legal worms," Cahoon said. Both Venezuela and Saudi Aramco have extensive retail and refining investments in Texas.

"Even though the legal action would be costly and difficult, I feel there are many who would support such an action," Houghton said. "If we can't deal with predatory pricing in Washington, we may be able to deal with it at the courthouse. We are in a desperate situation."

Houghton said that there was a long history in which U.S. industries had been protected from the dumping of foreign products, but predatory pricing by foreign producers in the oil industry has been largely ignored.

Secretary of Commerce William Daley slapped tariffs of 20 to 80 percent on Japanese and Brazilian steel makers last week to halt the dumping of hot-rolled steel into U.S. markets. "The tariffs will price these products out of the U.S. market," Daley said.

A number of local oil producers, including Houghton, think the U.S. oil industry should be afforded the same protection.

Texas Railroad Commissioner Michael Williams, who was in Midland Thursday, told the general membership of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association that he would be open to exploring the possibility of such legal action. In a later interview, he said such action would have to be sound, well-thought out and "not too frivolous."

A meeting to discuss the possibilities and pitfalls for a class-action anti-trust lawsuit is set for 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Midland Petroleum Club. The meeting is open to the public.

MARCH: Getting attention of lawmakers is 'matter of survival'

From 1A

Services Inc. in Hobbs and one of the organizers of the rallies, said getting the attention of lawmakers was a matter of survival. He said unemployment in Hobbs had gone from 4.1 percent at the beginning of 1998 to 8.6 at the end of the year; when January 1999 numbers are final it was expected to be more than 11 percent.

"This counts only those who have stayed, and does not count the ones who have left the area to look for work," Taylor said. "I had 74 employees; I am now down to 41. Most quit because they could not get enough hours."

He said some of his experienced employees had gone to other states to look for construction work, and would probably not return to the oil patch.

Taylor said 600 students had already left Hobbs schools.

"Some families have just walked off and left their homes; did not even try to sell them. If oil prices were to improve today, we wouldn't be able to find the crews to man the rigs.

"We are in a crisis state and most people are not even aware of it. That's why myself, Brad Roberts, owner of Tool Branding Service Inc., and Rex Busby of Eunice Well Servicing formed Concerned Citizens for an Energy Policy."

Taylor said he had escorted a reporter from USA Today around Hobbs to make him aware of the economic devastation and the reporter was stunned.

"I had no idea people in the oil industry were hurting this bad," he told Taylor.

Hobbs is primarily a service center for the oil industry, supplying rigs and crews and Taylor estimates that more than 50 well-servicing rigs are stacked in Hobbs. Most of the crews on these rigs are hourly employees, who live from pay check to pay check, and when they are without work it impacts the local economy immediately, with every business from McDonald's to the local supermarket suffering.

Roger Hines, finance director for the city of Hobbs, said the city still has a reserve from which to operate, but gross tax receipts are slipping quickly. He said gross receipts were down for the last five months, and were down from the previous year by $250,000. The real decline, however, has come in oil and gas receipts, which have declined in the past 12 months from $8 million to $6.5 million.

Taylor said the oil industry in New Mexico, which accounts for almost half the drilling activity of the Permian Basin, had hit a critical stage and those concerned could choose to do something or to do nothing.

TREES: Vogler also dedicated to Midland Community Theatre

(From 1A)

be without them."

In the next decade and into the 1990s, Vogler — who died in 1994 — was dedicated to Midland's culture, especially the Midland Community Theater. He took on Knox's enthusiasm and campaigned to establish more trees in Midland and especially at the airport. For many visitors, the airport forms their first impression of the community as they fly over the city and travel along the avenues from the airport to town.

"I think we ought to improve the environment at every opportunity," Vogler once said. He was a consulting geologist who had served on Airport Advisory Board and, later, as a City Council member in the early 1990s.

A year before his death, Vogler saluted trees. "A tree is the one thing around us that gives more than it receives. There is always music among the trees, but our hearts must be very quiet to hear it."

Sharla Hotchkiss, who then headed up Keep Midland Beautiful, said that tree-planting is a "continuation of Ed Vogler's efforts to beautify our airport as an extension of our city."

Like Knox and many Midland boosters and supporters then and generations earlier, Vogler was a visionary.

"Most people want something done today," Mrs. Hotchkiss said. "But Ed has the patience and foresight to plan for the future."

HOUSE: Despite public protests, community efforts to restore, edifice razed in 1984

(From 1A)

1943 and where the Midland Community Theatre was organized in the post-war 1940s.

"The people in Midland were so genuine, so good, and so helpful," Ruth Cole recalled. "They were so friendly and took you how you were. You know how you bloom under that kind of treatment. I think people should go out of their way to be friendly."

Artist-art patron Mary Griffith, who remembers Mrs. Lancaster as "absolutely adorable," said that she was instrumental in establishing the Museum of the Southwest and in persuading Cole to return to Midland after the war to develop the community's civic theater, which dates to the early 1900s.

"One of the greatest gifts our city ever had was Art Cole, who made that theater (Midland Community Theatre) into an internationally known theater," said Joan Baskin, who is a leader in Midland's "Vision of the 21st Century" project to glean ideas for further progressing and diversifying Midland in the 2000s.

Stationed at MAAF during the war, Cole helped the theater people "when they were putting things (shows) on, trying to have sort of a civic theater," Mrs. Baskin said. "And Naomi Lancaster noticed him, and said, 'When you get out of the service, you come back here and help us build a community theater.'"

Mrs. Lancaster was "somebody who cared about the theater," Mrs. Baskin said. "But Art Cole had the great talent and imagination to make it into something" that the community would support.

In "other places where community theaters are what we call 'little theaters,' they have a little group of tightly knit people who put on plays for themselves," Mrs. Baskin said. And many of those theaters "don't have the community interest, support, and participation that we have.

"We have just been lucky, or blessed, to have a whole lot of people who made this town so livable and such a great place to be."

Mrs. Lancaster was "instrumental in the founding and developing of numerous" cultural groups, including the internationally noted Midland Community Theatre, the Midland Arts Association, the Midland Palette Club, the Midland-Odessa Symphony and Chorale, and the Museum of the Southwest, according to files at the Midland County Historical Museum.

Mrs. Lancaster received the Cultural Achievement Award from the West Texas Chamber of Commerce in 1971; a year earlier Mayor Edwin Magruder honored her with Naomi Lancaster Day.

"Mrs. Lancaster was a leader in the cultural and artistic pursuit," Magruder said last week.

The Lancaster House, built in 1936, was termed an English mansion with ivy-covered wall. It became known as the Museum of the Southwest's Lancaster Garden Center and a seat of cultural activities. In 1970, Mrs. Lancaster and her daughter, Addilee Penn, had deeded the spacious home to the museum.

Despite public protests and community efforts to save and restore the Lancaster House, the edifice was razed by a bulldozer on Nov. 6, 1984, at the bidding of the museum's board of directors. The board had contended that the house's estimated renovation cost of $325,000 to $400,000 was excessive.

Midland attorney Harris Kerr, who was leader in the "Save the Lancaster House" movement, proposed that the house would be "an ideal site for the Midland County Historical Museum" and a children's library.

The Midland County Commissioners' Court in 1984 declined to be mediator and problem-solver in the dispute between the museum board of directors and Kerr's Save the Lancaster House Committee.

The museum board said that it had no practical use for the house and that it did not fit in the museum's development scheme.

"Do you keep a dry hole just because you have sentiment toward the darn thing?" asked the late Al Dillard, an oil operator who in 1984 was a former president of the 22-member museum board. "Why didn't everybody raise hell?" he asked in the 1970s when the Hotel Scharbauer and Agnes' Restaurant were destroyed.

Harris said that the beautiful Lancaster House was then "a real monument to that spirit" evidenced by pioneers and visionaries who built Midland.

FUTURE: Leaders counting on visionaries to stimulate thought, action

(From 1A)

um of the Southwest in the 1960s.

Mrs. Baskin is among 20 community leaders who are dedicated to promoting Vision for the 21st Century. The forum may be keyed to Midland's economic, cultural, intellectual, spiritual, educational, medical and health-care aspects.

The mission is to "not only to get large and varied ideas, but to make sure we hear from everyone and to make sure that the participation of the citizens is broad enough so that when we get ready to do things, we know that everyone has ownership," Mrs. Baskin said.

"It is very important to draw the map so we know where we want to go and to make sure that we have everyone in Midland on the bus to get there."

Mrs. Baskin cited examples of visionaries, such as Montana rancher-financier-politician T.S. Hogan, who in the late 1920s built the 12-story Petroleum Building — which gave rise to Midland's "Tall City" image — and the ornate Yucca Theatre; and rancher Clarence Scharbauer who earlier in the 1920s built the Hotel Scharbauer.

"Those two things enabled us to become sort of the center of the oil industry in this part of the country because we had those facilities," Mrs. Baskin said. "Other towns in this area did not. These men had dreams and went ahead and built them, and we are the beneficiaries."

"What visionaries did a long time ago enabled Midland to develop," Mrs. Baskin said.

She and the others are counting on visionary-type ideas to stimulate thought and action as Midland — long dependent on the petroleum industry that is declining because of world-wide oil-price slumps — seeks new avenues.

Before the discovery of oil near Big Lake in May 1923, Midland's economy primarily was ranching and farming, which still contribute to the economy.

"Back when Midland first began to be settled after the railroad brought people in (in the 1880s), a whole lot of ranchers as far away as New Mexico built their houses here and banked here and even did their office work and traded here because Midland had good schools," Mrs. Baskin said. "It was the good schools that made them want to come here, to build their houses."

In 1890, Midland's population was slightly more than 1,000. In 1933 during the Great Depression and after the Petroleum Building and the Hotel Scharbauer had been built, the population was about 5,500.

By 1940, it had grown to almost 10,000; by early World War II there were 12,000 people and by the time the war ended, 14,000.

Midland Army Air Field developed into Midland International Airport, which now boasts a new $35 million terminal. The airport was developed out of Sloan Field, which was started by World War I aviator and Midland oilman, Samuel Addison Sloan, in the late 1920s,

By 1950 with development of Spraberry and other oil fields, Midland's population had increased to 25,000; by 1960 there were 62,000 people.

Major oil companies, including Shell Oil, which had leased the Petroleum Building, moved into Midland. Independent oil companies developed.

By 1970, Midland's population had grown to 59,000 and to 84,000 by 1980. As the city limits expanded and encroached on farm and ranch land, the population expanded to well over 100,000 in the late 1990s.

According to statistics provided by Warren Gardner, on the history faculty of the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, the city's population in the late 1990s was 108,434 based on information gleaned from "1998 County and City Extra."

Gardner is to organize ideas from the citizens forum and then is to assign task forces to study them and get the recommendations to the public.

Midland's ethnic population breakdown, drawn and expanded from the 1990 U.S. Census, was 77,535 Anglos, or 71 percent; 8,842 blacks, 8.5 percent; 20,696 Hispanics, 19.2 percent; 389 American Indians, 0.3 percent, and 972 Asians and others, 1 percent.

Gardner cited Midland Independent School District records, which reflect 22,344 students and a breakdown of 11,284 whites, 50.5 percent; 2,207 blacks, 9.88 percent; 8,580 Hispanics, 38.4 percent; 83 American Indians, 0.37 percent, and 190 Asians, 0.85 percent.

"As we approach the year 2010, our target year for this (Visions for the 21st Century) planning process, we will see that minority population swing increasingly toward the majority for the entire community," Gardner said.

Mrs. Baskin recalled the mid-1980s when the price of oil was down to $8 a barrel.

"That was then the Jaycees decided to raise the money to build Centennial Park (Plaza)," she recalled. "They went around in a time when everybody said, 'It can't be done.'"

But the Jaycees figured that "downtown needed this garden spot, this water display, this beauty spot. And they came through. And we are all now again beneficiaries of their vision and foresight."

She cited George Abell's "dream for the Petroleum Museum that became a reality. He spent his time, energy, and money making sure that it was told in an absolutely splendid way."

Noting that Midland's oil industry is cyclic, Mrs. Baskin said "that does not relieve us from the important agenda item to make sure we can figure out something else we can do beside oil and gas" heading toward 2000.

"Any diversity we can have is going to probably be homegrown," Mrs. Baskin said. She cited Mitch Clark, who has done a "brilliant job" with his international Tomcat USA Inc. in building rigging for concerts and stadium events.

"He saw this window of opportunity. And through his good planning and ingenuity, he has become an outstanding entrepreneur."

Susie Hitchcock Hall has done well with Susie's South Forty Confections candies that are "sold all over the state and probably all over the country," she said.

Midland County Judge Bill Morrow said that he does "not have any preconceived notions" about the project. "I want to hear what the citizens say.

"I appreciate the planning process extremely, because I've seen it work in the Objectives for the 1980s. I've seen it work in the planning sessions that we did for the city when I was on the City Council."

Of the 1980s goals, Morrow said that 75 percent of them were achieved because "they were definable, and they were specific."

Those goals included economic development and cultural and educational projects in southeast Midland. The Southeast Senior Citizens Community Center was completed in the minority community, and the Lamesa Road project was completed. Citizens donated funds toward buying land for the new DeZavala Elementary School.

Midland Mayor Bobby Burns said that Visions for the 21st Century is a "a very important thing for the people of Midland to participate in.

"We really want to know what people think, what is on their minds. With all the changes (in the economy), we have some challenges in the future to make the city better," Burns said. "Midland still has a strong future. And we have to have confidence. Midland will make adjustments ... and begin to prepare for the future."

Mike Conaway, Chamber of Commerce's vice chairman for economic development, is among the 20 leaders in the Vision project. He said that project leaders "want as much input from as many people as we can (in the) brainstorming, free-thinking kind of sessions."

Conaway would like for people there "to put every possible idea on the table without filtering, without deciding whether or not it can be done.

"The economy and the job situation will be on everybody's mind," Conaway said.

Midland needs businesses and industries that "aren't as cyclical as the oil business," he said.

"The truth of the matter is, the major oil companies will some day leave Midland forever. They left Wichita Falls and never went back," he said.

In acknowledging Midland's leadership, Conaway said that "those are the kinds of visionaries that it is our turn to be. It time for my generation to step up to the bar."

Visions into reality

Ideas that have developed into reality in Midland include:

- Midland's water supply via the Colorado River Municipal District and, specifically, Lake Ivie, and reserves in the Paul Davis and T-Bar Ranch water fields.
- Midland College, established in 1969 and re-established in 1972, and the generosity of the Abell-Hanger Foundation to provide college scholarships there for high-school graduates.
- Trees planted throughout the community and the city's 49 parks.
- Midland Community Theatre.
- The Permian Basin Petroleum Museum and Hall of Fame.
- The Midland-Odessa Symphony and Chorale.
- The Museum of the Southwest and the Midland County Historical Museum.
- Midland International Airport.
- The Confederate Air Force's Ghost Squadron and the American Airpower Heritage Museum.
- The RockHounds baseball team.
- The United Way of Midland and human-services agencies from Casa De Amigos to The Salvation Army.
- The downtown Centennial Plaza that celebrates Midland's heritage.

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Lifetime of hard work ends in flaming suicide for unpaid miner in Ukraine

Editor's note: Millions of workers go months without pay in former Soviet states. For some, the strain becomes too great, and the result has been a rash of suicides. This is the story of a man who burned himself to death and of the family he left behind.

By Sergei Shargorodsky
Associated Press

KRASNODON, Ukraine — On a bleak Monday morning in December, even the dawn seemed to have forgotten the drab coal towns of eastern Ukraine, where the miners had not been paid in months.

Dozens of striking miners were asleep, huddling in threadbare tents in Luhansk. The men had been on strike for five months over back wages. Tired police stood guard at the local government building, watching the strikers' makeshift camp.

There was a noise. Something fell on the ground. Then a ball of fire exploded next to a tree. Suddenly, there were arms and legs kicking out from the flames and screams piercing the chilly air.

Oleksandr Mykhalevych, a miner, had set himself on fire. He remained in critical condition for two weeks, with burns over most of his body.

He died on Dec. 28, at age 35.

He had been on strike to demand 3,600 hryvna, about $1,050, for nearly a year of back wages.

Gray apartment buildings tower in a semicircle over a snowy courtyard at one end of Krasnodon. The elevator is not working and there is no light in the stairway. Litter covers the concrete steps. Graffiti mars the shabby walls.

A tiny living room and two bedrooms on the eighth floor were Mykhalevych's home, a home similar to those of thousands of coal miners across Ukraine.

A grainy, enlarged passport photograph in a cheap frame shows the ordinary looking ex-army officer, who played guitar, wrote poems to his children and brought roses for his wife.

Lyudmyla, his widow, adjusts a burning candle standing in an empty mayonnaise jar in front of her Sasha's portrait. A glass of vodka sits nearby, covered with a slice of bread, a traditional offering to honor the dead.

He left three children — two boys and a girl.

The youngest son, 13-year-old Oleksiy, is still in school. Serhiy, 18, Lyudmyla's son from her first marriage, is the man of the house. Oksana, who will turn 15 in March, brings a handkerchief to her sobbing mother.

"He said, 'When I come back from the strike we could have a fourth child,'" Lyudmyla says through her tears.

Lyudmyla, a small, lean woman of 40, cries a lot these days.

Remembering the old days, Lyudmyla says she would wait up for Oleksandr to return from the overnight shift. Walking from the bus stop, he would see the light in her window. Fellow miners would say, "Look, your lady already is waiting." And he would start running.

People teased Oleksandr for taking a wife five years his senior, and with a child by another man.

So they moved to Krasnodon, renting an 86-square-foot room. The housing was poor but they had hope — Ukraine's miners were earning good money in the Soviet days of the late 1980s.

Oleksandr worked hard. He helped battle two mine fires. Even-

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	1992-93	1993-94	1996-97	1997-98
Grade 6	72%	n/a	n/a	62%
Grade 8	49%	47%	61%	51%
Grade 10	34%	33%	n/a	36%
Grade 12	28%	29%	n/a	34%

MARIJUANA

	1992-93	1993-94	1996-97	1997-98
Grade 6	97%	n/a	86%	82%
Grade 8	84%	82%	77%	75%
Grade 10	70%	70%	73%	53%
Grade 12	62%	63%	63%	52%

ALCOHOL

	1992-93	1993-94	1996-97	1997-98
Grade 6	62%	n/a	64%	51%
Grade 8	33%	33%	35%	35%
Grade 10	17%	18%	18%	19%
Grade 12	14%	14%	15%	13%

INHALANTS

	1992-93	1993-94	1996-97	1997-98
Grade 6	87%	n/a	80%	73%
Grade 8	78%	73%	80%	71%
Grade 10	75%	80%	81%	67%
Grade 12	62%	79%	79%	79%

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(From 5A)

tually, the family was given a place in a hostel for coal workers, then an apartment of their own.

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The 1991 Soviet collapse spelled trouble for the coal industry in Ukraine, which became an independent but poor nation. There were no more government subsidies for the mines. The government said it had to cut back because the mines were inefficient and badly outdated. The miners' wages were paid late and then, for months at a time, not paid at all.

Oleksandr left for Magadan in northeastern Russia.

There, in the region once dotted by Soviet prison camps, he worked for a year as a gold-digger. The money he brought home was enough to buy a garage and a small car.

For a while, Oleksandr and Lyudmyla sold gasoline. Then Oleksandr returned to work in a coal mine. For several months, his wages were paid, but the delays started again. The miners went on working.

"How many times Sasha would say, 'You're so tiny. I'm ashamed that you have to support me through all those years.' And I told him: 'You're not to blame; you work for days on end, not even taking holidays," Lyudmyla says.

Finally, disgruntled miners began going on strike last summer to demand their back pay.

Oleksandr was one of 200 miners picketing the regional administration building in Luhansk. For months, they lived in tents, but failed to get their money. Oleksandr talked two desperate workers out of plans to burn themselves to death.

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Then something snapped inside him.

Oleksandr was home resting when he said he must return to the strike, that talks with officials were scheduled.

"He fell on the bed and was tearing the pillow with his teeth, shouting that he did not want to leave but had to," Lyudmyla says, sobbing.

That Sunday, she found a note under the pillow. "Please forgive me,' she read, and thought he was apologizing for not staying the weekend with his children.

Later, in a Luhansk hospital, she saw her husband just once: but there was nothing to see — just a bundle of bloodstained bandages.

"If only he stayed alive, even in a wheelchair, I would've taken care of him," she says. "Perhaps he is a hero. I'm proud of him but I can't justify him. He left us."

Another letter was found in a tent at the strikers' campsite. Both his notes were written neatly on pages torn from school notebooks.

"I can no longer suffer this mockery," Oleksandr wrote to his wife and children. "I love you dearly ... I want to live very much — but not like that."

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Several days after Oleksandr set himself on fire, the authorities brought money to Luhansk during the night and paid the protesters. And Oleksandr's family.

There was a funeral, with a coffin paid for by Oleksandr's mine. City officials demanded money for burial arrangements. The police tried in vain to persuade the family not to have a public funeral.

Lyudmyla was offered a job at a milk plant or a bread factory. The meager salaries there are at least being paid on time.

"They say I would get used to it, but now I miss him even more. I'm more and more attracted to him," she says.

"I put his photo under the pillow. I thought he would come to me in my sleep but he didn't."

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The imprint of Oleksandr's burning body was still visible on that tree in Luhansk when another miner, Oleksandr Konariev, 37, a father of three, burned himself to death on Jan. 22 to protest the humiliation of not being paid.

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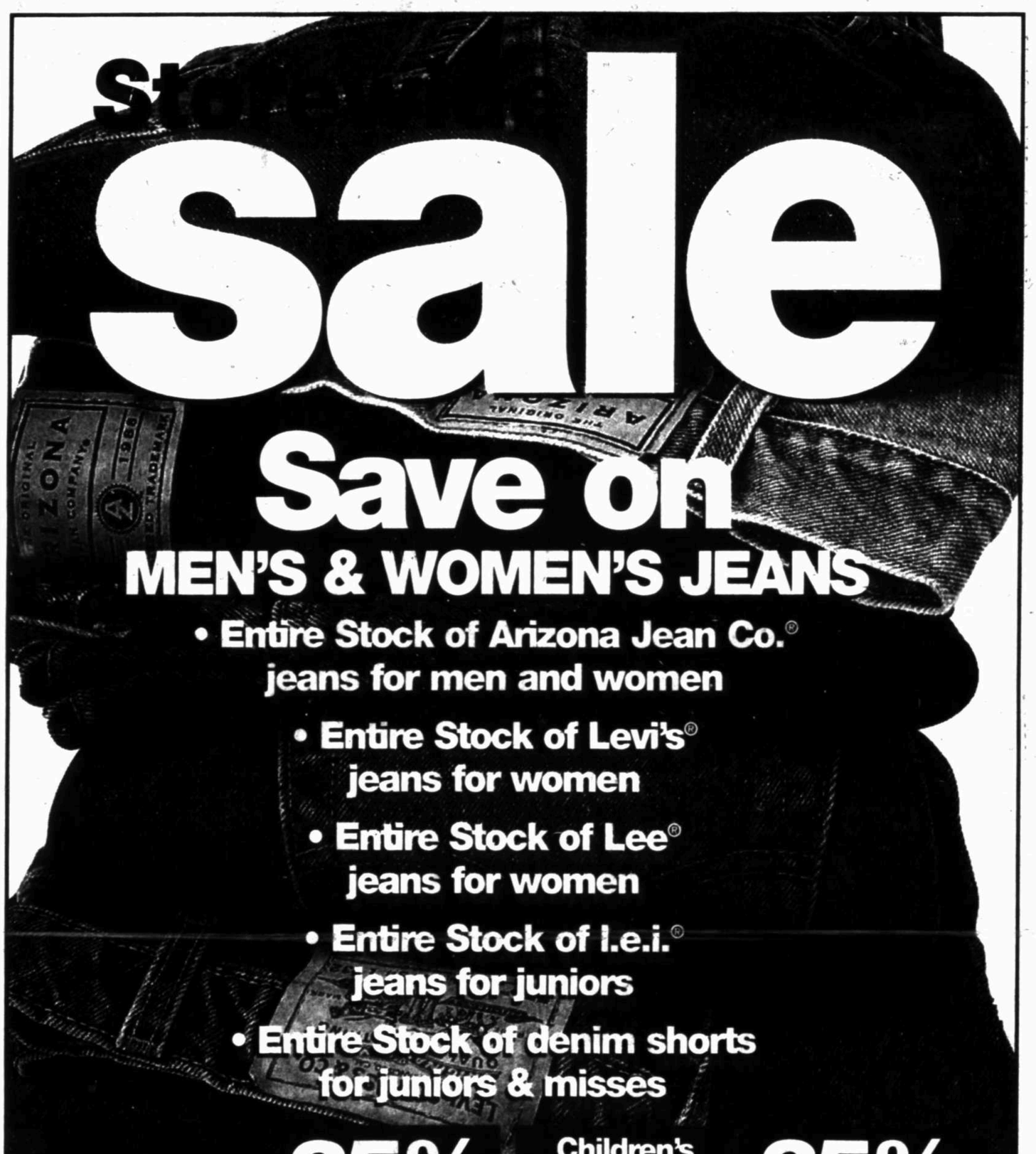

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Deep divisions remain over 2000 Census

WASHINGTON (AP) — Time is running out with neither side willing to budge on one the most intractable problems Congress will face this year: how to count Americans in the 2000 Census.

At stake in the once-a-decade measurement of population shifts is reapportioning the 435 House seats, redistricting state and local legislative bodies and distributing more than $180 billion in federal funds.

Both parties say their abiding principle is an accurate census, but they're far apart on how to achieve it. In an early sign of troubles ahead, Democrats boycotted a House Government Reform census subcommittee vote on one aspect of a GOP plan that it says would improve the head count.

The panel's ranking Democrat, Rep. Carolyn Maloney of New York, was out of the country at the time and accused subcommittee Chairman Dan Miller, R-Fla., of breaking an agreement by going ahead without her. Any foundation of trust, she said in a letter, "has suffered a serious weakening by your actions."

Miller fired back that "bipartisanship is a two-way street. Your divisive comments in recent weeks calling into question the motives of individual members, including the speaker, leave doubt that comity is your goal."

Behind the harsh words is the dispute over statistical sampling, an idea the National Academy of Sciences endorsed after the 1990 census missed an estimated 4 million Americans, the first census that was less accurate than the previous one. Many of those not counted were minorities who usually vote Democratic, and reapportionment using sampling could work to the advantage of Democrats.

Under the sampling plan, the first 90 percent of the populace would be counted by traditional means, the last hard-to-reach 10 percent by sampling.

Republicans insist that sampling violates the constitutional requirement for "actual enumeration" of all Americans every 10 years. Democrats say sampling is the only way to ensure equal representation. In 1990, Maloney said, counters missed one of every 10 black males. "We can't settle for a census that counts blacks as nine-tenths of a person," she said.

President Clinton, in his State of the Union address this year, again backed "a census that uses the most modern scientific methods." He also showed his commitment to sampling in 1997 by vetoing the first version of a popular disaster relief bill in which the Republicans had inserted anti-sampling language.

In year-end budget talks last October, the two sides were so far apart on the census that they finally decided to approve money for the Commerce Department, which contains the Census Bureau and other agencies, only through June 15.

The Supreme Court weighed in last month with a decision that sampling cannot be used to determine how many members of Congress each state should have. But it left unsettled whether sampling was proper for state or local redistricting or to determine who gets federal funds.

"The Supreme Court brought neither clarity nor closure," said TerriAnn Lowenthal, a consultant on census issues. "The critics and supporters of sampling methods in Congress, at least in the short run, have become more polarized."

"I think this will be a divisive issue if we are not treated fairly," said Rep. Martin Frost of Texas, the head of the House Democratic caucus. Frost is asking House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., to bring up a Democratic bill that would give legal status to sampling and supersede the Supreme Court decision.

The Census Bureau must soon come back to Congress with a new plan to reflect the high court's decision. Bureau officials said the outcome remains uncertain, and they may in the end offer several alternatives.

Uniforms in MISD

Several schools within MISD are in various stages of decision-making regarding the wearing of school uniforms during the 1999-2000 school year. San Jacinto Junior High School made the decision to require school uniforms beginning last year, 1997-98. Their uniform policy has continued for the 1998-99 school year.

Midland Freshman School has made the decision on a campus level to require uniforms for next year, 1999-2000. They will take their recommendation to the Board on February 23.

Other schools considering uniforms for 1999-2000 are as follows:

Cluster IV - Lamar, Bush, Washington; Jones; Bush; South; Alamo Junior High School and Coleman High School, as well as Culver Alternative Education Center.

Scheduled Parent Information Meetings:

Alamo Junior High School
Tuesday, March 16 6:30-7:30
Thursday, March 18 6:30-7:30
***Monday, March 22 6:30 - 7:30**

*** This meeting will include Spanish interpretation.**

Voting dates for Alamo: Wednesday, March 24 7:45 - 6:30 Alamo Auditorium
Thursday, March 25 7:45 - 6:30 Alamo Auditorium

Film critic Gene Siskel dead at 53

CHICAGO (AP) — Gene Siskel, known for the thumbs-up and thumbs-down reviews he and fellow film critic Roger Ebert shared on their popular TV show, died Saturday. He was 53.

Siskel, 53, had surgery in May to remove a growth from his brain, but returned to the syndicated television show "Siskel & Ebert" soon afterward. He announced earlier this month he was taking time off from that show to spend time recuperating from the surgery.

Siskel wrote movie reviews for the Chicago Tribune and also did reviews for "CBS This Morning" and WBBM-TV in Chicago.

He had said when he announced his leave on Feb. 3 that he expected to return to writing his reviews and the television show this fall.

Paul Dergarabedian, spokesman for Exhibitor Relations Co. which compiles box office receipts, called Siskel's death a great loss.

"He, along with his partner Roger Ebert, took film criticism into the mainstream," he said.

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Siskel is survived by his wife, Marlene, and two children.

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Don't commit American troops without deadline

President Clinton's commitment of as many as 4,000 American troops to a NATO peacekeeping force for Kosovo may be a necessary ingredient if there is to ever be any hope that Serb and ethnic Albanian negotiators can reach a peace agreement, but it is too open-ended.

What should be added to it is a fixed date at which American troops would be brought home.

In his weekly radio address, Clinton said that without a U.S. commitment of troops to the NATO peacekeeping effort the warfare could bleed beyond Kosovo's borders into Albania, Macedonia, Greece, Turkey or even reignite the conflict in Bosnia.

"Bosnia," he said, "taught us a lesson: In this volatile region, violence we fail to oppose leads to even greater violence we will have to oppose later at greater cost."

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While a general declaration such as that may sound reasonable, we have seen in Bosnia, Somalia and other conflagrations in recent years how a commitment of troops can drag on for years. In Bosnia alone, the 6,900 American troops there are in their fourth year. With the inherent tendency of such peacekeeping efforts to be dragged on in a state that is not quite peace but something short of war, there needs to be a definite time period set merely to encourage both sides toward a full-scale implementation of a peace accord.

Serbs and the ethnic Albanians showed in France that they are further apart than together. Add to that the fact that the area known as Yugoslavia has a centuries-old history of ethnic warfare, and the prospects for a quick or easy peace in Kosovo grows significantly dimmer.

This is not the time to send American troops into another hotbed of ethnic fighting without a deadline for coming home.

Today in History

Today is Sunday, Feb. 21, the 52nd day of 1999. There are 313 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 21, 1965, former Black Muslim leader Malcolm X was shot to death in New York by assassins identified as Black Muslims.

On this date:

In 1866, Lucy B. Hobbs became the first woman to graduate from a dental school, the Ohio College of Dental Surgery in Cincinnati.

In 1878, the first telephone directory was issued, by the District Telephone Company of New Haven, Conn.

In 1885, the Washington Monument was dedicated.

In 1916, the World War I Battle of Verdun began in France.

In 1925, The New Yorker magazine made its debut.

In 1947, Edwin H. Land publicly demonstrated his Polaroid Land camera, which could produce a black-and-white photograph in 60 seconds.

In 1972, President Nixon began his historic visit to China.

In 1973, Israeli fighter planes shot down a Libyan Airlines jet over the Sinai Desert, killing more than 100 people.

In 1988, television evangelist Jimmy Swaggart tearfully confessed to his congregation in Baton Rouge, La., that he was guilty of an unspecified sin, and said he was leaving the pulpit temporarily. (Reports linked Swaggart to an admitted prostitute, Debra Murphree.)

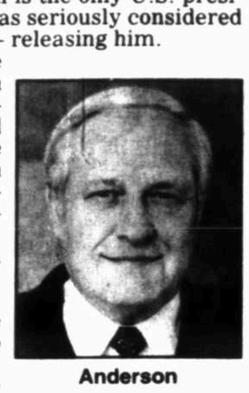
In 1992, Kristi Yamaguchi won the gold medal in ladies' figure skating at the Albertville Olympics; Midori Ito of Japan won the silver, Nancy Kerrigan, the bronze.

JACK ANDERSON

Extent of American traitor's damage is still unknown

Jonathan Jay Pollard is the only American traitor who has his own lobby and a "friendly" country trying to free him.

William Jefferson Clinton is the only U.S. president of the last three who has seriously considered — and still is considering — releasing him.



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In the closing hours of the nine-day Israeli-Palestinian negotiations at the Wye River Plantation in Maryland last October, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu demanded Pollard's release as a final condition of the peace accord.

According to the Israeli press quoting their officials, Clinton promised to do so. According to the White House, he only promised to review the case.

But Clinton was close enough to releasing Pollard that CIA Director George Tenet felt he had to head it off by informing his president that he could no longer serve as CIA director if that happened. He would feel compelled, by principle, to resign.

Recently, the Justice Department, Pentagon, CIA and State Department argued against release — yet Clinton is still actively considering the matter.

Top intelligence officials told our associate Dale Van Atta that they worry about an unprincipled Clinton rolling over on the Pollard issue in exchange for some Israeli concession on other issues. At a minimum, Clinton has set a terrible precedent by even offering to consider it as part of some linkage to a peace accord.

The 43-year-old Pollard is serving a life sentence for espionage and is currently incarcerated at the Federal Correctional Institution in Butner, N.C. He was a civilian analyst with the Naval Intelligence Service who spied for Mossad for at least 18 months before his arrest in November 1985. He had been paid at least $45,000.

In sheer documentary volume, Pollard exceeded any American traitor in recent times. He provided an estimated half-million pages of classified material, often taking hundreds of pages home over a weekend without being discovered — material including satellite photographs, intercepted messages and sensitive code materials. By one estimate, the total amount would have been enough to fill a 6-by-6-by-10-foot room.

The arrest represented a turning point for an FBI previously frustrated that Mossad agents were getting away with too much in the United States. The former head of the Justice Department's internal security division, John Davitt, said at the time that Israeli spies were "more active (in America) than anyone but the KGB. They (Mossad) were targeted on the United States about half the time, and on Arab countries about half the time."

And prior to Pollard, one counterintelligence agent maintains, "we would often catch the Israelis and then be told to let them go."

But the damage Pollard did to U.S. national security was substantial. For example, former CIA Director Robert Gates told us that Pollard had seriously eroded the National Security Agency's code-breaking abilities, which American taxpayers have spent billions of dollars building up to defend citizens and soldiers around the world.

The damage is fully detailed in a 64-page highly classified memorandum, signed by former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, which described the loss as greater than any other that had then taken place (including the Walker spy ring) and "deserving of severe punishment."

Weinberger's memorandum concluded: "It is difficult even in the so-called Year of the Spy to conceive of a greater harm to national security than that caused by the defendant in view of the breadth, the critical importance to the United States, and the high sensitivity of the information he sold to Israel." (In 1985, both the Walker family spy ring and Edward Lee Howard defections were discovered.)

Because there was no trial, and the Weinberger memorandum is still highly classified, the full extent of the damage has not been publicly revealed. But the losses verified by our own sources included:

— The 10-volume "jewel" of the NSA, its compendium "bible" of frequencies used by foreign military and intelligence services;

— American encryption codes and manuals;

— Spy satellite photos;

— Descriptions of covert intelligence programs;

— Soviet weapons designs;

— Targeting data and location of Soviet military facilities and missiles;

— Identities of undercover Mideast agents, possibly causing their deaths;

— Technical assessments of radar and other military electronic equipment used by Israel's Arab neighbors.

Intelligence sources believed this material leaked to other countries — including the Soviet Union, which would have caused the greatest intelligence damage. The only question was whether leaks to the KGB were willful or unintentional, or perhaps both.

One report from a reliable source says that Israel's then-Prime Minister, Yitzhak Shamir, approved passing on some of the most important information to the Soviets in return for the emigration of Soviet Jews to Israel. It's one of many examples of the divergence of American and Israeli interests — and explains why even friendly countries have a need to keep secrets from each other.

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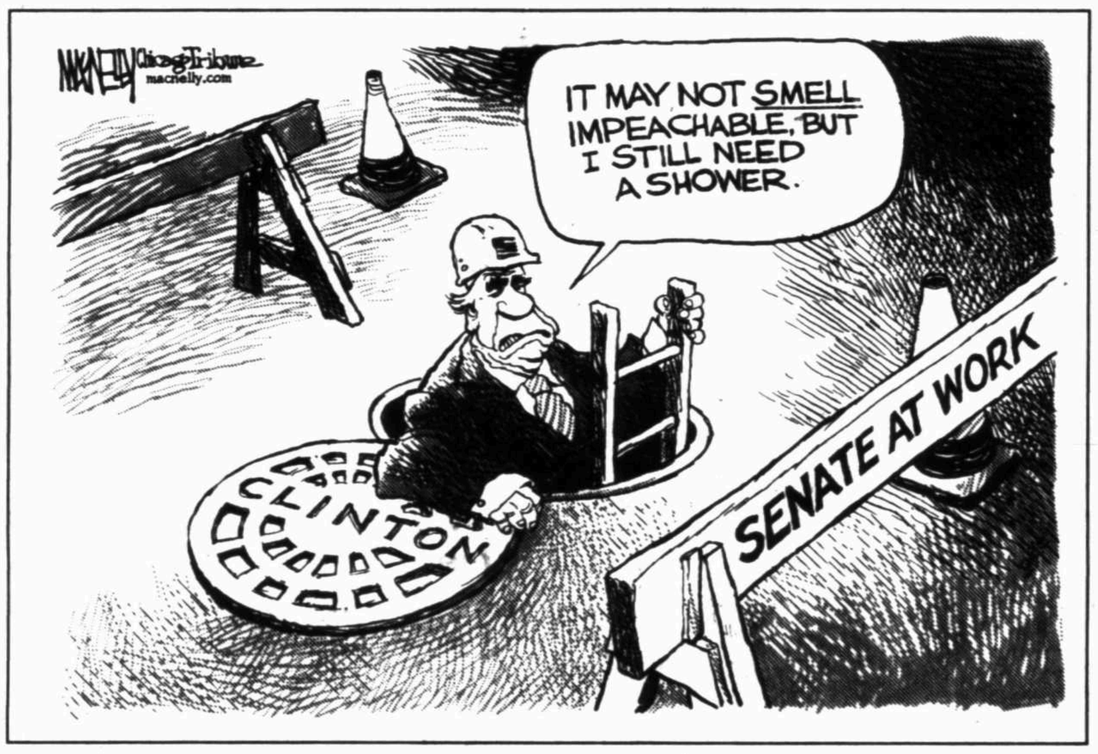

WILLIAM SAFIRE

Theory of Clinton's compartmentalizing

At that memorable moment last month when the State of the Union message and impeachment trial converged, Sen. Arlen Specter was heard to remark: "This is schizophrenia at its highest."

Safire

Though alienists might be alienated by the common use of one of their terms to mean "split personality," the fact is that schizo is Greek for "split." In The Christian Science Monitor, Francine Kiefer called that moment "the ultimate example of Bill Clinton's 'split screen' presidency." What the senator and the reporter were getting at was Clinton's ability to compartmentalize.

As the president made a practice of appearing detached from his pursuers, Maureen Dowd wrote in The New York Times, "The White House euphemistically calls it 'compartmentalizing,' and The New York Observer wrote about compartmentalization chic among boomers juggling busy schedules." She then delivered the sort of ukase that only certified pundits can issue: "All this prattling about compartmentalization has got to stop."

Although I am quite able to set this word out of my mind as I write this column, let me prattle awhile (from the Low German pratten, "to pout," and then "to prate, babble, talk idly").

The word, now a defining Clintonism, means "the act of dividing into separate sections" and was coined in 1923 by the biologist Julian S. Huxley in his "Uniqueness of Man." He was comparing our ability to think and act in a unified way with "the much more rigid compartmentalization of animal mind and behavior."

In the age of multiculturalism and interdisciplinarianism (there's a new one), most of the nonscientific uses of the term have been pejorative. But in the military, the word found a home: "These scientists had worked for the Manhattan District," wrote The New Yorker in 1946 about our early atomic research, "and the Army, temporarily abandoning its policy of 'compartmentalization of information,' had recently brought them together."

Espionage then took up the word and shortened it. Compartmented meant having "access limited to a 'need to know.'" If you're a spook and want to examine our satellite photographs of Saddam Hussein's favorite seraglio, you need a "Talent Keyhole" clearance. But that's compartmented; if you've got no need to know, it matters not how much talent you have. They won't let you near the keyhole.

In the Clinton years, the word in its long form became his admirers' favorite description of his mind's ability to focus on specific business no matter what the distraction. On "Good Morning America," when the former Clinton aide George Stephanopoulos told ABC's Elizabeth Vargas that "he always talks in the State of the Union under strange circumstances," she picked up the jargon and replied in awe, "He has a remarkable ability to compartmentalize."

Then, as usually happens, the word began to be used against him. "This is the same president renowned for his ability to compartmentalize," charged the impeachment manager Ed Bryant, "... and pleads that he simply wasn't paying attention ... during his own deposition."

Another manager, Lindsey Graham, said, "That's what this case is about — equivocation and compartmentalizing." And asked about the complexity of the arguments in the Senate trial, Sen. George Voinovich of Ohio replied mischievously, "As someone has said, we'll just have to compartmentalize."

This word that will enter the political lexicon under his name is frequently used about him, but apparently not by him. It's nowhere to be found out of his mouth on the White House Web site.

If ever given the opportunity to ask Clinton a direct, personal question, I would unhesitatingly put the hot one to him: "Mr. President, what would you call your ability to focus on the issues of interest to the American people while scandalmongers wallow in Monicagate?" Or something to that effect.

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GEORGE WILL

America's holiday from history is quickly ending

WASHINGTON—George Shultz, President Reagan's secretary of state, believes Reagan bolstered foreign policy by an act of domestic policy—the 1981 confrontation with the air traffic controllers. Reagan warned that if the controllers struck they would be fired. They struck. They were fired. And, says Shultz, leaders around the world noted Reagan's forcefulness.

Will

Now leaders may have drawn some conclusions from President Clinton's domestic difficulties, may have noted his self-absorption, his willingness to sacrifice anyone and anything to his short-term calculations of personal convenience, his inattention to anything (including everything in foreign policy) unrelated to opinion polls that regulate his constant campaigning.

But America's holiday from history is ending. And if the 2000 election brings a revolt of the grown-ups, foreign policy will again be part of America's political argument. Consider some problems awaiting Clinton's successor.

U.S. intelligence agencies often are the last to learn things. They consistently exaggerated the size of the Soviet economy. In 1986 the CIA wrongly said per capita production was larger in East Germany than in West Germany. In 1990 the CIA wrongly suggested that per capita milk production was higher in the Soviet Union than in America, and that meat output was about what it had been in America in 1960. And so on.

Now North Korea's missile testing has demonstrated that the intelligence community was mistaken in projecting as recently as 1997 that it would be a decade or so before rogue nations acquired ballistic missiles capable of striking the continental United States. Clinton's pledge to deploy missile defenses is tardy and probably tendentious, given his reverence for the ABM Treaty, signed 27 years ago with a now nonexistent Soviet Union. Clinton's budget cuts next year's spending on missile defense.

North Korea's mysterious government, whose intentions U.S. policy-makers must decipher, is shredding the 1994 arms control agreement—farcical even by the low standards of arms control—by which U.S. officials pretended to arrest North Korea's nuclear weapons program. Meanwhile North Koreans, by the scores of thousands, die of starvation.

Russia's GDP as published (there also is a vast underground economy) is imploding; it is now the size of Denmark's. The Economist reports that the inflation rate may reach 100 percent if the government prints money to pay overdue wages. (For a year, teachers have not been paid their $20 a month.) The population of the world's sixth most populous nation is shrinking by 800,000 a year. Public health indexes, from epidemic diseases to declining adult life expectancy, are approaching those in sub-Saharan Africa.

How is the political culture of this nation, possessor of thousands of nuclear weapons, faring amidst this rising tide of chaos? In December the lower house of the Russian legislature voted 237-69 to restore the statue of Felix Dzerzhinsky—founder of the Soviet secret police; think of him as Lenin's Himmler—to the place from which it was removed in August 1991. Perhaps the expanding NATO has something to look at warily from its new ramparts to the east.

In April in Washington, NATO's 50th birthday will be commemorated with festivities. Or perhaps with a wake. NATO has been a huge success: The Cold War ended without war between the principal adversaries. But now Kosovo—actually, Serbia's President Milosevic—threatens to make NATO seem superannuated. If Milosevic refuses to allow NATO troops in Kosovo, and NATO responds with bombing that is impressive both in its precision and its futility, the question will be: Against what sort of threat is NATO's collective self-defense now pertinent?

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LETTERS

Some residents show no respect

This letter is in response to the hideous, outrageous, slanderous, insulting, and degrading letter written by "Ann B. Sharp" to the Reporter-Telegram. As an alumni of the Midland High School football program, I am appalled by the lack of respect that a program of this excellence and coaches of the same degree are receiving from Midland residents. I graduated in 1995 and started on a five win/five loss team at offensive line under Coach Ronnie Reeger. I then went on to play college football at Sul Ross University and then Angelo State University. I am majoring in kinesology, working to obtain a master's degree. My goal is to be a high school football coach, hopefully at Midland High.

I began playing football in the seventh grade at San Jacinto Jr. High. I went through the program from the ground up. My classmates, as well as teammates, will back me up when I say that these coaches deserve the utmost respect and admiration. The coaches of the Midland High football program give all they have to the program they are coaching, and the school at which they are coaching. They spend countless hours watching game films, drawing up plays, scouting other teams, and of course, conducting practice. Football players, as well as coaches, are an elite group who dedicate their entire lives, hearts and souls to a sport they treasure. It is my understanding that the author's name of the letter published in Sunday's paper was fictitious. If this is so it shows no class, as well as no back bone. Coach Browning and his staff give so much to the young men of this program.

As am alumni, I do not appreciate some hypocritical fan who most likely only supported the team during wins. I know what it's like to pound your body day-in and day-out during long, hot days in the summer. I know what it's like to put a helmet on when it's below freezing outside. It takes true heart, intensity and toughness to play this sport. Until you get on the field yourself, I don't think anyone needs to criticize this program or the coaches.

Michael J. Fisher

Thanks, Ms. Sharp, for the opportunity

Dear Ann B. Sharp (if that is your real name);

Thanks for bringing attention to our fine coaching staff at Midland High School. This is the first time we've had this much interest shown by people like yourself and I thank you, the coaching staff thanks you and the football players thank you for pointing out what a special group of boys and a special staff that we have at MHS. I personally observe on a day-to-day and on a week-to-week basis the off-season program as well as the workouts during the football season and have seen nothing but improvement both physically and mentally from every football player under this present coaching staff. Thanks for your letter to the editor, and giving me this opportunity to express my appreciation for the interest and efforts put forth by the fine coaching staff under the direction of coach David Browning.

Tommy (Flattop) Johnson

Character attack has no basis

In regard to the letter to the editor from Ann Sharp concerning the alleged treatment of her son by Coach Browning and Coach Cope; I take exception to her accusations and her attack on the character of these men. I have known Browning and his family for many years. Browning always has been concerned and caring for his players and students. All that Browning and his staff ask of a student athlete is that they work to achieve their God-given potential. The lessons young men learn from their coaches will stay with them the rest of their lives. Based on Ms. Sharp's letter, I would much rather my son learn from Browning and his staff than from her. Under Browning, the Midland High football program has accomplished more than many in this town ever thought possible. With Browning's motivation and guidance we have raised money from private donations to build workout facilities at the stadium, Midland Freshman School, and most recently at Goddard Junior High. Browning and his staff have brought spirit and pride to a program that had been dead for many years. Most of all, Browning and his staff have only just begun. The program will only get better as is evidenced by the large number of young men who are now coming out for football. So enough of the whining from Ann Sharp (if there is such a person). I wish Ms. Sharp and her son the best in another sport. Coach Browning, keep up the good work, best of luck, and on with the program!

Wayne Clayton

Oil woes teach valuable lessons

Problems related to oil crisis can teach valuable lessons

I just wanted to share some information that I hope will be uplifting to those families now experiencing the devastating effects of the oil and gas industry crisis. After reading the article titled: "Relocation, future of oil cause insecurities for families of wage earners," I truly related to Beth Osterwisch's experience of being transferred to Midland, "a small, desert town in the middle of nowhere." My name is Tara Brady and I'm 24 years old. At age 11 my family, like Beth's, was transferred from a large city (Tulsa) to Midland and I still can recall the shock as we pulled into town! But just as Beth's family did, and many other Midland "oil biz" families as well, we grew to love Midland. Of course, the journey was difficult at first, making new friends, adjusting to a different school, and not knowing if we would be transferred again.

After a few years, my father lost his job, and although it wasn't a tragedy, it was tough to get used to an uncertain future. Would we eventually have to sell the house? Would we relocate again? Would we all have to start looking for a job?

But here's the part I wanted to share: It was an excellent life-preparing experience for me. I wouldn't trade the lessons I learned in that "drought" for anything in the world. I learned the value of a dollar, how to work hard to earn that dollar, and of course, how to apply and take advantage of scholarships for college! Now, I'm a college graduate, supporting myself, and surviving in the big city of Chicago. I am the happiest I've ever been. I thank my parents (and the oil biz!) for teaching me what is so important, saving for my future and always being prepared for the unexpected. These are things that every child should learn. To those families who are experiencing "the bad" right now, just remember that things will get better and you and your family will be become closer, stronger, wiser and more resourceful because of it. God bless and keep your chin up Midland!

Tara Brady
Chicago, IL

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Efforts at Pease should be example

After reading two letters from Midland citizens in the Feb. 7 Reporter-Telegram about the problems of litter in the city, I am compelled to write about one small effort at a solution: Super Saturday at Pease Elementary School. This project is the brainchild of Pease counselor Mary Burrichter and incorporates the components of community service, student, parent, and community participation, extracurricular enrichment activities, and a light meal.

If you had driven by the Pease campus on Saturday, Feb. 6 at 10 a.m., you would have seen two vacant lots strewn with litter, most of it hanging from thorny mesquite bushes. One hour later both of these lots were relatively free of unsightly plastic bags, broken bottles, tires, cans and other debris. The credit for this cleanup goes to a group of about 70 students, teachers and parents armed with plastic gloves, plastic bags, and the determination to make a difference.

We are proud of our newly renovated school building, and we believe that it can be the base for many community service projects. If the enthusiasm of the volunteers at the first Super Saturday at Pease is any indication of future involvement, I think those two lots will remain litter-free. Our next cleanup day is Saturday, March 20. Stop by around 10, help with the service project, then stay for lunch.

Sally Maddox
Pease Librarian

Conflict of interest prevented vote

It has come to my attention that residents of District 31 have questions regarding my position on Senate Bill 290. Thank you for the opportunity to explain my vote.

As you know, SB 290 is designed to assist marginal oil and gas producers while the price of oil is less than $15 a barrel and the price of gas is lower than $1.80 per 1,000 cubic feet. This bill has the potential to positively impact thousands of my constituents in West Texas and the Panhandle.

Because I am an oil and gas producer and royalty owner, I felt it would be perceived as a conflict of interest to vote in favor of SB 290. Three other senators with oil and gas business interests took the same position and were recorded as present, not voting. I did, however, work hard to support the bill's author, Sen. Buster Brown, by educating my colleagues on the plight of small producers in District 31 and the personal impact this crisis is having on individuals, their families and communities.

I will continue to champion legislation that will help Texas oil and gas producers during these trying times.

Teel Bivins

Lincoln might question ethics

Our Sen. Phil Gramm wonders how Washington, Madison, Adams and Jefferson would have viewed President Bill Clinton's indiscretions. I wonder what Honest Abe would have thought about how Sen. Gramm got his vacation home built.

Marcellous Weaver
Big Spring

Movie helps define American freedom

Last week, I finally had the opportunity to see "Saving Private Ryan." Because most of my friends had already seen this movie, I was armed (no pun intended) for a very graphic and factual experience. Their comments on the movie ranged from "the best war movie ever" to "way too graphic and depressing" along with their "new found sense of freedom." In my opinion, all of their commets were accurate. I've always had the utmost respect for all veterans — men and women from WWI, Vietnam, etc. — who sacrificied their lives for the simple quest most Americans take for granted — freedom. Just the thought of those brave men preparing to storm the beaches of Normandy, not knowing what to expect (except the German enemy waiting for them with machine guns) caused me to give thanks to the Lord that I have never had to contemplate whether I would live or die in the next few precious moments of my life when that door drops into the water.

"Saving Private Ryan" also made me ask, just what is the definition of freedom. A couple of weeks ago, I read in the Reporter-Telegram a letter about a couple of kids who did not stand up for the national anthem at a local basketball game. I never found out their reason for not doing so. Two years ago, Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf (aka Chris Jackson) of the Denver Nuggets refused to stand during the national anthem because, as he stated, "The American flag oppresses me." Although Mr. Jackson's actions disturbed me, I've come to realize that everyone has the right to do, say or believe whatever they wish. Fortunately, every person, organization, religious group, etc., has those rights. Unfortunately, many of those same people don't realize that there is a common denominator as to why they have those rights — the bloody sacrifice of millions of brave American men and women.

I hope that every person, especially every young person, takes the time to see "Saving Private Ryan," regardless of its graphic nature, just so they can get a sense of the high price extracted for the freedom we all so easily take for granted. Then possibly, when any person, organization, religious group, etc., wants to protest something about this country, they can at least acknowledge the fact that someone paid the ultimate price for their right to do so.

And finally, and most importantly, thank you veterans.

Michael S. Barton

Let Andrews have radioactive dump

I have read with interest the last few months about the radioactive waste disposal in Andrews County.

The people of Andrews are pulling the wool over people's eyes, so to speak , about where it is located. When you leave Andrews and go northwest on Eunice Highway 176 about 38 miles, there it is. Eunice, N.M. is about three miles from it. This also is, by the way the crow flies, about 18 miles to Hobbs, N.M. It is as close to the state line as possible. My point is if the citizens of Andrews want it, let's put it in Andrews since they put it as far away as possible. Do you suppose they are only after the tax base?

It will be a health hazard no matter where it is located. Sierra Blanca was selected because not many voters were registered at the polls.

Andrews picked it up because of the tax base.

It is so much closer to Eunice and Hobbs, N.M. that I suspect the employees would live there. If they had to commute from Andrews, you're looking as 80 miles vs. six miles to Eunice and 35 miles to Hobbs.

Bob Drennon

Shooting of car reflects pitiful state

Is it just me or are the local television commercials scraping rock bottom with their antics and insanity? I spend very little time in front of the television and truly know why. The portrayals are pitiful; either someone shooting at a car windshield, "crying like a baby," yelling and throwing their arm around (and that particular one can be found in other area), etc. At least the ease and knowledge with which Jack Sherman shares his products and personality give relief from the chaos of some other commercials. I don't know the man nor have I ever purchased an automobile for him, but I certainly would shop his products first should the occasion arise. I do hope West Texas soon will be delivered from this low advertising mentality so we don't have to succumb to mute button syndrome.

Sandra Self

Cop a man of character, integrity

I was disgusted by the article in the Reporter-Telegram dated Feb. 6, concerning a longtime veteran of the Midland Police Department, Lt. Johnny Thompson and the alleged sexual harassment charges that were brought against him. I thought that in this judicial system you are innocent until proven guilty. The story reported by the Reporter-Telegram was so one-sided. If the Reporter-Telegram can't print both sides of a story, why print anything at all? These accusations are impossible for any man to defend!

Thompson is a man of character and integrity and would do nothing to embarrass himself, his family, or the city of Midland. I personally want to congratulate Thompson for his many years of service to the city and to the people of Midland. Instead of reporting a half-baked story, why not praise a long-time civil servant. He has been an outstanding example for everyone who has had the priviledge of associating with him.

Rhonda Shutts

Many thanks to those who helped

Because of an accident suffered by our son Casey Feb. 10, we were touched by the concern of so many people who reached out to us during not only during his surgery, but through his recovery.

We appreciate not only the unique ability of all the medical personnel involved, but also the caring concern shown for our son's recovery. This included Dr. Nelson, who was at the scene, to the ambulance personnel, emergency room doctor Dr. Steven Rea and staff, the surgery room personnel, intensive care personnel, and the very special nurses on the pediatric floor. We thank God for the special talent and abilities possessed by Drs. McGaveran and Klunick.

We cannot begin to express in words our appreciation to the 40 or so people who stayed and prayed with us during the surgery, from our church family at First Baptist to our fellow employees, Coach Jordan, Coach Gonzales and Mr. Humphrey from Abell Jr. High, Coach Whalen and many parents, some of whom we did not even know. A special thanks to Christy Dupriest who took care of our daughter in the emergency room waiting area until we could get someone to take her home and for also staying through the surgery keeping many concerned parents informed by phone.

There were so many gifts, phone calls, visits and cards that we could not even begin to mention them all, but would like to thank Coach Parchman and the Lee Rebs for their special card and gift, as well as John Berry for the special hat and the 7th and eighth grade Sunday school class for their unique send-off to Casey from the hospital on Sunday.

Most of all, we want to thank the several hundred people who were praying for Casey that night, not only through our church family, but prayer groups all across the community. His miraculous surgery and recovery is truly an answer to those prayers.

Casey is a home and will be going back to school Feb. 23

Jeannie and Don Lewis

SPEAKING OUT

Many contributors to American history were black

Willie A. Tarleton is director of Transportation Services for Midland Independent School District.

By Willie A. Tarleton

Tarleton

BLACK history MONTH

Before there was American History, there was Black History. History is biography. Some of the world's greatest biographies, black ones, are all but lost to history.

To name a few who we have heard little about: Sudiate, Mansa, Musa, Sunni Ali and Askia Muhammad. They were honored in their time as leaders of empires. It appears as if their honors vanished along with their empires. This was only the beginning. We know that black history is ongoing.

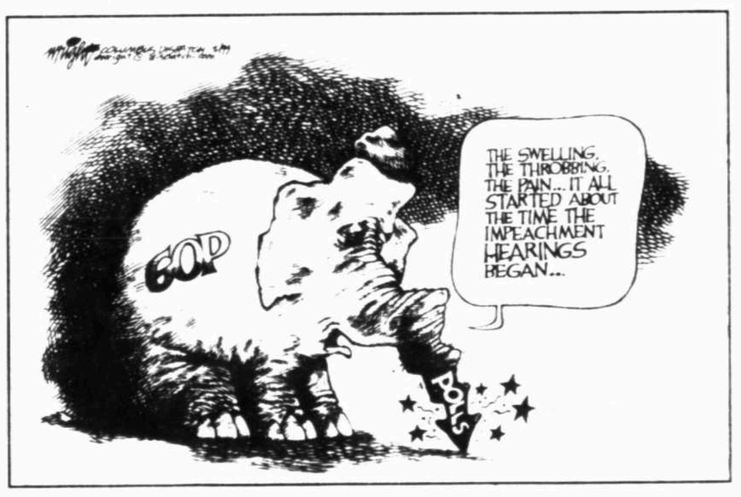
As time goes by, a procession of brilliant biographies are being written. This time they will not be lost. All American history books should include black history. It could have begun with the lending of 22 African slaves in August 1697, 17 months before the landing of the Mayflower. However, in most books it started with the death of Crispus Attucks, the first of 600,000 Americans to die in the Revolutionary War. He died at the Boston Massacre on March 5, 1770.

Yes, we were slaves for many years, and we are fighters for decades. To name a few of the most important figures in black American history, we have W.E.B. DuBois, Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, Booker T. Washington, Phyllis Wheatley, Nat Turner, Mary McLeod Bethune, George Washington Carver, Benjamin Banneker, Paul Laurence Dunbar, Ida B. Wells, Ella Baker, James Baldwin, Carter G. Woodson ("the father of black history"), Generals Benjamin O. Davis Sr. and Jr., Ralph J. Bunche, Adam Clayton Powell, Jesse Owens, Mary Church Terrell, Edward K. "Duke" Ellington, Jack Johnson, Langston Hughes, A. Philip Randolph, Jackie Robinson, Thurgood Marshall, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Barbara Jordan, Fannie Lou Hammer, Shirley Chisholm, Marian Anderson, Charlotte Ray, Paul Robeson, former Governor L. Douglas Wilder, former Sen. Carol Mosley Braun, Gen. Colin Powell, Andrew Young, Vernon Jordan and Jesse L. Jackson, just to name a few.

Some of these names are due instant recognition, while others may not be so widely known. I wish I had space available to tell you about all of the other greats and not-so-greats in black history. It is the not-so-greats who helped to make the greats greater by giving their support. Our black history needs more exposure in our homes, churches, schools, communities, states, nation and the world to fully appreciate the contributions that have been made in the past, and are being made at this time.

Dr. Daniel Hale Williams, founder of Chicago's Provident Hospital, the first black hospital in the United States, made international history when he performed the first successful open heart surgery on a kitchen table. Dr. Charles Drew, known for his research on blood plasma, died in North Carolina due to the lack of blood because no hospital would admit him for treatment following an automobile accident.

Every time you stop at a traffic light or at an automatic railroad crossing, it's because of the inventive mind of Garrett A. Morgan. Madame C.J. Walker became the first black female millionaire as the result of her inventions for black hair care and other cosmetics. And President Harry S Truman appointed James B. Parsons as the first black federal judge since the Reconstruction era. I hope this focus on national and state personalities will enlighten your insight on black history.



ANOTHER VIEW

Clinton racism effort may be worthwhile

At the beginning of the century, historian W.E.B. DuBois described color as the major problem of the new century. Now ... his comment is almost an understatement.

That's why President Clinton's proposed $10 million effort to quantify racism in America through a research program is such a good idea. ...

Racism's become a subjective term. ... Just as some blacks cry racism whenever life fails to go their way, some whites are just as quick to pooh-pooh what ... seem like textbook examples of unequal treatment to blacks. ...

It's a shame that we haven't reached a point where we could spend this money on concrete solutions. ... But if this research succeeds in accomplishing its highest goals, that $10 million will be more than well-spent.

— **The Tallahassee Democrat**
Tallahassee, Fla.

Debate rages over role of black Southerners in Civil War

By Dan Sewell
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Like other members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, Emerson Emory says he wants to preserve his Southern heritage. His mission, however, is especially challenging — and controversial.

The 74-year-old Dallas psychiatrist is black, and his insistence that many black Southerners not only supported the Confederacy but fought for it in the Civil War often draws reactions ranging from skepticism to outrage.

"Most of the reaction was among my friends in the black race — they couldn't understand," Emory said. "I think it's one of those things that they don't want to hear anything about."

While recognition of the role black soldiers played for the Union — dramatized in the movie "Glory" — has grown in the past decade, there remains little recognition — or even acknowledgment — of black Confederates. There is sharp debate about their numbers, if any, and why they would have supported the South.

Emory, a World War II Army veteran, was turned down last summer in his request to pay tribute to black Confederates at ceremonies in Washington that honored nearly 200,000 black soldiers who fought in the Civil War.

The African-American Civil War Foundation's historian wrote that the memorial was dedicated to the troops who fought to end slavery and expressed doubt that black men served the Confederate Army.

Civil rights leaders also criticized the teachers of a class last fall at Randolph Community College in North Carolina. The teachers — Sons of Confederate Veterans members like Emory — contended that some slaves were loyal to the South.

AP Photo

A Civil War-era photo shows a man identified as Marlboro, a servant to Maj. Raleigh Spinks Camp of the 40th Georgia Infantry of the Army of Tennessee. Some Southern heritage buffs estimate the number of black soldiers in the Confederate ranks at anywhere from 38,000 to 90,000 men.

Charles Kelly Barrow, a Zebulon, Ga., high school teacher who is white, has spent years researching blacks in the Confederacy. Besides many disbelieving blacks, he said, there are whites who don't want to admit that blacks fought for the South.

"The opposition either way ... people have always tried to divide white and black Southerners," he said.

Barrow's 1995 book, "Forgotten Confederates," is an anthology that draws upon wartime newspaper accounts, later accounts of Civil War reunions, essays, obituaries and pension records to offer evidence of blacks serving the Confederacy.

Some Southern heritage buffs estimate their numbers at anywhere from 38,000 to 90,000 men, mainly serving as laborers, teamsters, musicians and cooks.

As early as 1863, Confederate Maj. Gen. Patrick Cleburne urged that blacks be enlisted as soldiers. There was opposition from Confederates who questioned whether men serving as soldiers could be returned to slavery after the war and who would work the region's farms if slaves were taken away.

In March 1865, the Confederate Congress authorized black soldiers, but there's little indication that any all-black Confederate units went to war.

However, there are accounts that, from the war's beginning, blacks in gray sometimes were armed in battle.

"Most of the Negroes had arms, rifles, muskets, sabers, Bowie knives, dirks, etc.," Union Capt. Isaac W. Heysinger wrote in an 1862 account of the Maryland campaign. He said there appeared to be thousands among the Confederate Army.

Barrow also found numerous anecdotal accounts, from blacks manning Confederate artillery at the first Battle of Bull Run to stories of black sharpshooters being used to harass Union troops.

Besides examples of loyalty and even bravery on behalf of the Confederacy, Southern heritage buffs also note that there were no wide slave insurrections during the war.

"Why? This was their home," Emory said.

However, those on the other side of the debate point to the thousands of slaves who fled to the North and joined the fight against the Rebels. Many of those who remained behind likely did so out of fear and an expectation that they would soon be free regardless, they say.

"As the star of the Confederacy waned, the Negroes within its shrinking orbit continued to enact the roles in which they had cast themselves," wrote Morgan State College professor Benjamin Quarles in his 1953 book, "The Negro in the Civil War."

Nash Boney, a retired University of Georgia history professor, said it's hard to tell why blacks apparently remained loyal to the South.

"There were a lot who were never officially in the Confederate Army but damned near to it — and there were an awful lot of them that ran away when they could," he said.

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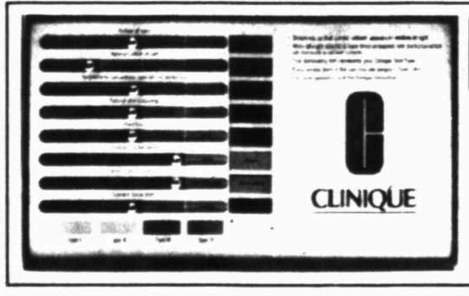

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Doctors use test-run to plan bioterrorism fight

WASHINGTON (AP) — Here's the nightmare: Terrorists contaminate an auditorium with silent, odorless smallpox just before a political rally.

Soon, emergency rooms see mysterious illnesses. By the time doctors diagnose smallpox, coughing patients are spreading the lethal virus around the globe.

This time it was a test-run.

Doctors, hospital workers and U.S. health leaders used that fictional scenario, set in Baltimore, to test how they would control disease if bioterrorists ever attack — debating step by step how to quarantine, shut down airports, control panic when vaccine runs out.

How did the trial run go?

"We blew it," said a grim Dr. Michael Ascher, California's viral disease chief.

If an attack really had happened, it would have taken just three months for 15,000 Americans to catch smallpox, 4,500 to die and 14 countries to be re-infected with a disease thought wiped out decades ago.

"We would be irresponsible if we left this room and didn't remedy this," said Jerome Hauer, New York City's emergency management director.

How can doctors prepare? The test-run offers clues.

The fictional scenario begins:

April 1. The FBI gets a tip that terrorists might release smallpox during the vice president's speech at a Baltimore college. The tip is too vague to warn health officials. Smallpox incubates for two weeks so no one has yet become sick.

April 12. A college student and electrician come to the emergency room with fever and other flu-like symptoms. Doctors suspect mild illness, maybe flu, and send them home.

April 13, 10 a.m. Both patients are back, sicker and covered in a rash. Doctors now suspect adult chickenpox. The two are hospitalized.

6 p.m. An infectious disease specialist is puzzled. That rash doesn't really look like chickenpox, and it's popping up in places chickenpox normally doesn't afflict, like the soles of the feet. More testing suggests it might be smallpox.

8 p.m. Because smallpox is spread through the air, officials seal the hospital, telling visitors and staff they can't leave but not why. Frightened hospital visitors alert TV news crews, who report rumors of the dread Ebola virus.

3 a.m. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention confirms it's smallpox, and ships some of the nation's 6 million doses of smallpox vaccine to Baltimore. The mayor will announce the bad news at noon.

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Is this scenario realistic? It's optimistic, said Dr. Gregory Moran of the University of California, Los Angeles. A typical hospital would take at least another full day to even suspect smallpox. Labs would test for other diseases first, and many don't have the equipment to hazard a smallpox guess.

"Half of the health care workers would try to leave the hospital out of panic," added Minnesota state epidemiologist Michael Osterholm.

Who's in charge? The governor should go on TV and tell the public the truth fast — what are the symptoms, who's at risk, how are doctors fighting back — to limit panic, advised former Minnesota Gov. Arne Carlson.

But a smallpox outbreak can only be terrorism, so watch Washington seize control, others say. After all, the FBI has to hunt the terrorists.

Sealing the hospital actually fuels fear, Osterholm contends. Getting vaccinated a few days after breathing smallpox is soon enough to stay healthy and not spread infection, so let visitors and staff go home until the vaccine arrives.

No, get everybody vaccinated; "That's total damage control," Ascher argued.

Could anyone quarantine the city? If this happened in Minnesota, thousands would flee to Canada, Carlson said, but the governor couldn't seal the state's borders. Canada might.

The scenario continues:

April 16, 7 a.m. FBI, CDC, White House and hospital workers are

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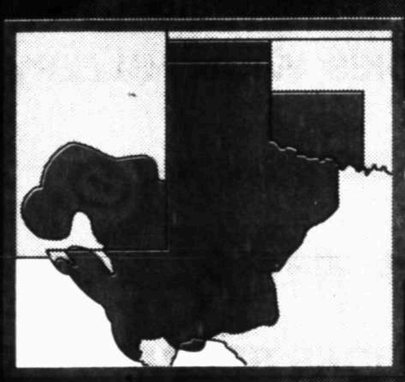

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FIGHT: Fictional small pox epidemic spreads

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debating via conference call. Do they vaccinate everyone? No, just people who came into contact with sick patients.

Hospitals report other cases of mysterious fevers and rashes. By day's end, CDC counts 48 smallpox cases — 10 in nearby states, so it's spreading.

Noon. The president addresses the nation, saying the attack may have occurred April 1. It's too late for vaccine to help anyone exposed that day.

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No wonder the fictional epidemic is spreading — notice that nobody closed the airport. Dr. John Bartlett of Johns Hopkins University can't believe that other cities would accept travelers from a region experiencing smallpox.

You're seriously underestimating public panic, Osterholm adds. He recalled watching a simple, tiny meningitis outbreak paralyze a Minnesota town, as traffic snarled while people demanded vaccine.

"Doctors need to know what to do," added Moran: Hospitalize everyone with mild fevers, or send them home?

Hospitalization would require rooms with special ventilation systems to keep the virus from spreading through the building. Such rooms are rare, 450 in all of Minnesota, for example.

Back to the pretend scenario:

April 18. The first victim, the college student, dies.

April 29. Two hundred are ill in eight states. Canada discovers two victims, Britain another.

People with mild fevers jam hospitals. Doctors tell them to stay home so they don't breathe on others — there are no hospital beds left.

Unvaccinated health workers walk off the job.

CDC announces there's not enough vaccine for the millions demanding it. Governors ration the shots. Public anger is fueled at press reports that the president, Congress and military were quietly vaccinated.

April 30. A well-known college basketball player dies of hemorrhagic smallpox, massive bleeding instead of the more typical rash. TV stations get confused and report he died of hemorrhagic fever like Ebola. Doctors scramble for a correction.

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This daylong role-playing is doctors' first chance to learn how complex fighting bioterrorism could be, said Hopkins' Dr. Tara O'Toole, who wrote the test case. Cities and states are used to dealing with earthquakes or plane crashes, but a spreading infection is totally different.

Who's in charge? How do you physically vaccinate 100,000 people in a day? How do you ration scarce vaccine so only the at-risk get it, not the hysterical healthy or the pushy politicians?

"If there's even a possibility this could happen, health departments have to prepare. ... But they've never looked at the big picture," O'Toole said. "You're hearing everybody confess they need to do a lot."

In the fictional scenario, a month has passed:

May 15. All U.S. vaccine is gone. The president declares the worst-hit states are disaster areas. Thousands more become sick before the epidemic finally slows in June.

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The real-life doctors absorb the grim ending with brief silence. Then come calls for state health workers to plan how they would better fight bioterrorism in case it really happened.

"I don't want the audience walking away thinking, 'Damn, there's nothing we can do,'" Osterholm said. "If this meeting does nothing else, it should ensure we get an adequate supply of smallpox vaccine (stored) as soon as possible."

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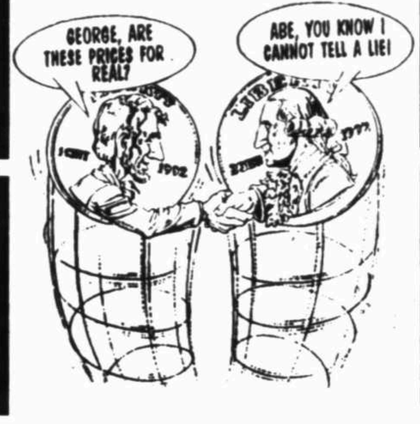

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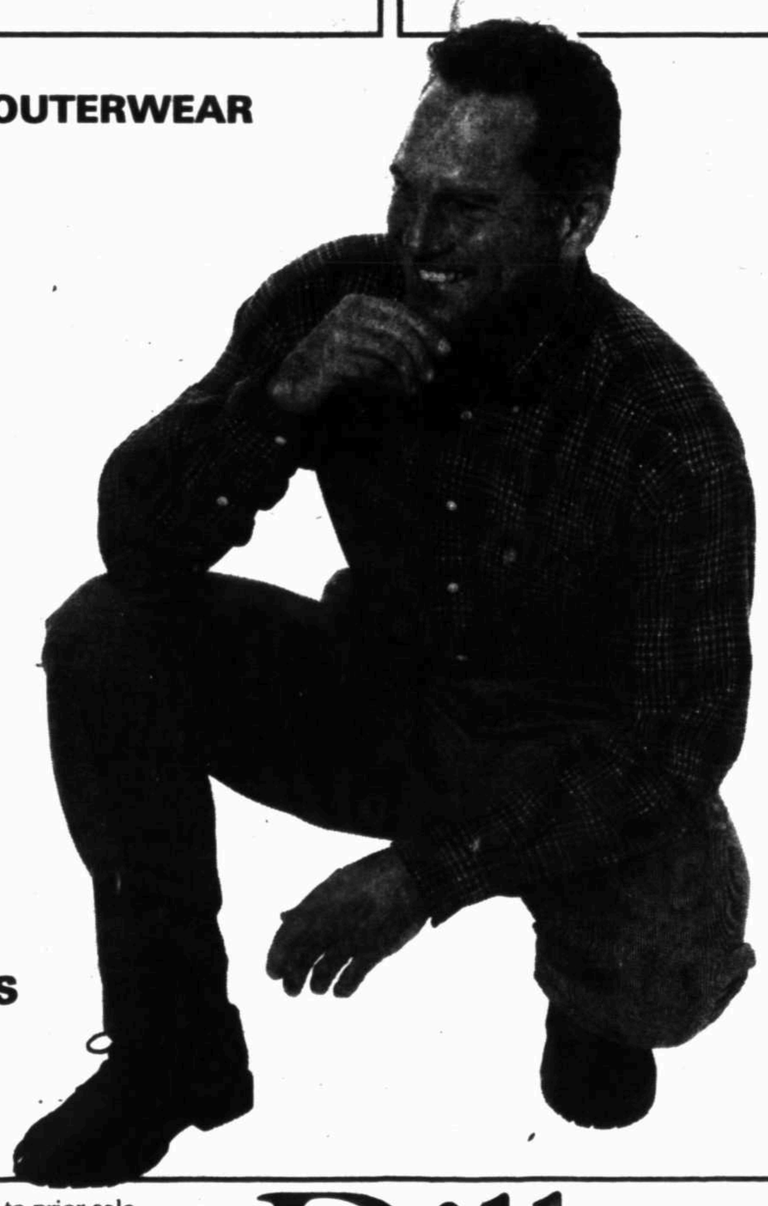

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Greenwood retires 27-year-old debt

By Daniel Arp
Staff Writer

Greenwood Independent School District will officially retire a 27-year-old multimillion dollar debt at a celebration today. Officials say Greenwood taxpayers can expect some much-needed relief as a result.

"It's going to mean a tax break for the taxpayers in the district," said Superintendent Glenn Barber, who added the break couldn't have come at a better time.

The district issued the bulk of the bonds in 1982 as a 30-year note with a principal amount of $7.5 million. The overall debt incurred at that time was $8.9 million because of previous bond issues dating back to 1972.

That is a sizable amount, given Greenwood's enrollment of under 1,700 students this year.

The purpose of the 1982 bond was to build a new high school building, which was completed the next school year and continues to be in use.

Though the bond was not initially scheduled to be paid out until 2002, district officials refinanced the bond in 1992 to be paid off earlier.

School taxes have been high in Greenwood ever since the bond was issued. The tax rate this year was $1.77 per $100 valuation, compared to $1.5287 in Midland and $1.5378 in Ector County.

Barber said that more than 30 cents of that $1.77 has been a direct result of the bond debt, though officials are not yet putting a number on the amount of the tax break.

Barber said the debt retirement would be a relief not only for taxpayers but for district officials as well. He said it was not easy "having that debt looming over your head all the time. It's like paying off a house. You're just glad it's over with."

The symbolic bond burning is scheduled for 2-4 p.m. today as a community-wide celebration. Bryan LaBeff from the Region 18 educational service center will be in attendance as members of the board of trustees are recognized and officials talk about the history of the bonds. The celebration is to be at the Greenwood High School cafeteria.

Barber said the bond burning is a piece of good economic news for Greenwood at a time when such news is scarce in the region. "Things don't look real bright and rosy for a lot of this area, and for the people here this is one positive point," he said.

BASIN BRIEFING

Meeting

The Midland County Commissioners' Court is to meet 9 a.m. Monday at the Midland County Courthouse. The agenda includes discussions on a hiring freeze and a capital-expenditure freeze and on adopting a resolution on the drug task force.

Support group

The cancer support group, Man-to-Man, is to meet 7 p.m. Tuesday at Allison Cancer Center. The group is open to any man who has been diagnosed with cancer.

Jamboree show

The second Robert E. Lee Jamboree Show, for the benefit of the Lee High band, is set for March 20-21 at Kingsway Center. In addition to booths, there will be entertainment. Admission is free. For more information or to reserve a booth, call 520-7637.

Widow's son

FORT WORTH —The wife of a firefighter killed Monday gave birth Saturday to a son.

Harris Methodist Fort Worth hospital said Elijah Phillip Dean was born to Renea Dean shortly before 2 p.m.

That was about the same time as the funeral for the third firefighter who died battling a church blaze.

A funeral was held Thursday for Elijah's father, Phillip Wayne Dean, a Fort Worth firefighter who volunteered for the River Oaks Department.

Harris Methodist said the boy was named for his father and for the biblical prophet who ascended to heaven in a chariot of fire.

The boy weighed 7 pounds and was 19.75 inches in length. Mother and son are doing fine, the hospital said.

Services were Friday for Brian Collins, whose wife is expecting a baby in June.

Saturday's funeral honored the memory of Garry Sanderson, a Sansom Park volunteer. All three firefighters will be remembered Sunday in a memorial at Texas Motor Speedway.

Today's agenda

For information on checking out books, library hours and how to get a library card, call the Midland County Library at 688-8991.

11th Step Study group for people in recovery, 10:30 am-noon, 2103 W. Louisiana Ave., 697-4751 or 682-1646

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

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Overeaters Anonymous, 4 p.m., 408 S. G Street. 694-4166; 580-7545; 684-8726 or 699-5563.

Alpha/Omega Group, 11 a.m. 311 S. Pecos St.

Sex Addicts Anonymous—Reflections, 550-1173. The meetings are closed.

Tall City VFW 7208 Auxiliary Bingo, 7 p.m., 1904 Rankin Highway.

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Study group, "A Search for God," 6:30 p.m, 689-9331.

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Black History Month comes alive at school

By Richard Acosta & Daniel Arp
Staff Writers

Black History Month was commemorated at Crockett Elementary School with a student program on Friday and a community-wide celebration of African American heritage on Saturday.

The two-day celebration began Friday with second-graders performing in a talent show. They got up and ripped through "Free at Last," drowning out the music from the tape player behind them.

Small groups of students took turns standing up and singing the lead while the rest of the class, seated on the gymnasium floor, acted as chorus, shouting the refrain, "Thank God Almighty, I'm Free At Last."

Halfway through the song, the tape player jammed and the music cut out. The teacher conducting the students, Debbie Rushing, flinched momentarily then encouraged the students to continue. They didn't waver, holding the tune and finishing in strong fashion to a chorus of applause.

In addition, students received awards for the meticulously decorated doors they designed for each classroom. Each class in kindergarten through third grade focused on one African American achiever — Martin Luther King, Alex Haley, Sojourner Truth, Rosa Parks — in their studies this month.

Third-graders learned the history behind Brown vs. Board of Education and performed an original poem about Linda Brown, the schoolgirl who sparked the landmark desegregation case.

Among the songs students performed

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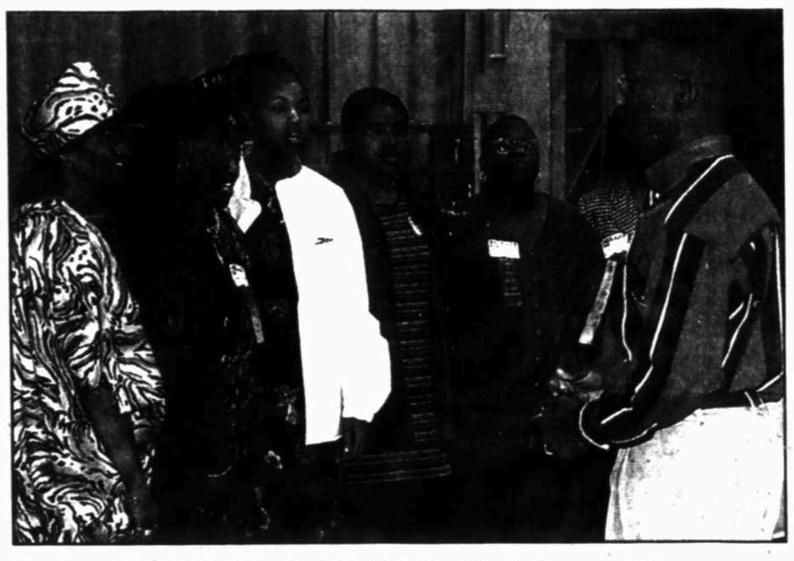

Members of North Side Church of Christ, led by Claude Dawson, right, were among the entertainers during at "Appreciating Diversity and Celebrating Togetherness."

Dr. Viola Coleman speaks about self-determination during "Appreciating Diversity and Celebrating Togetherness" Saturday morning at Crockett Elementary School. The event is in honor of Black History Month.

Photos by Tim Fischer

Delegation travels to state forum

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

A delegation of Midland and Odessa citizens will travel to Austin Tuesday for the biannual Midland/Odessa Legislative Forum to discuss area concerns with state legislators.

"The main thing is to make the legislators and various agencies in Austin aware of Midland and Odessa and to keep us in mind when they meet and deliberate," said Marvin Wynn, president and chief executive officer of the Midland Chamber of Commerce. "We're showing that we're working together as a single metropolitan statistical area and not at cross-purposes with each other.

"Texas is a big state and a lot of its population lives east of I-35. They get lost in their own issues and forget about us."

Cathy Teague, communications director with state Sen. Teel Bivins' office, said that such forums are important to Bivins and other legislators because they are a chance to hear constituents' concerns and thoughts on pending legislation and to gather insight for drafting legislation and following an agenda that the local community can support.

"Texas is a huge state, and District 31 is a large district . There are different and unique needs throughout the district, and when delegates visit with the legislators or their legislative aides, it can give them valuable insight," she said.

The area's visibility will be heightened when representatives from the two cities are recognized on the floor of the Texas Senate and Texas House, Wynn said.

Bivins will present to Midland Independent School District Athletic Director Tim Whalen a proclamation honoring the state championships won by both

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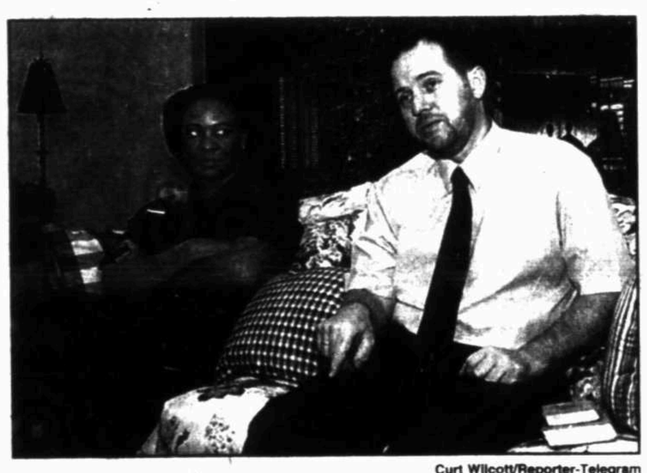
Russian doctor visits local church to talk of changes in his country



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Russian physician, Sasha Kaminin, right, talks about life as a missionary doctor in a small village. He is accompanied by Dr. Chris Hena, who is a missionary in Moscow. She is from Liberia. Their stay in Midland is hosted by Midland dentist, Dr. Randell Bell.

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

It's a 12-hour train trip from his Russian village of Iluk-Koshari to Moscow, and an 18-hour flight from Moscow to Dallas, but Sasha Kaminin thinks his country is making a much longer and more difficult journey.

Sitting in the home of his host, Midland dentist Dr. Randell Bell, the Russian physician reflected on his country's transformation from a communist state to a free- market nation. He was accompanied by a former university schoolmate, Dr. Chris Hena, who is originally from Liberia but now lives in Moscow.

Working with the Methodist General Board of Global Ministries, Ms. Hena has been on sabbatical since August visiting the various sponsor churches around the United States, including Midland's First United Methodist Church.

Kaminin said the most difficult part of the transition has been the state's inability to pay salaries to its professionals, like teachers, physicians, scientists and the military. He said that they may receive a salary for two or three months and then not receive anything for six months.

"We go to our job as usual, but we don't get any money," he said. "That's why a lot of professionals like doctors, teachers and engineers stop their professional work. My wife is a dentist, but now she sells ice cream because even a small amount of money helps us get by."

The transition is hardest on the elderly, he said, who were used to a stable and regimented lifestyle provided by the Communist Party and who now have difficulty collecting their pensions. Russian youths are easily adjusting to a free-market nation; his generation is about evenly split between socialists and capitalists, he said.

"I trust a lot of Russians are smart and have the ability to make money," he said. "I believe in our nation; Russia will be better."

He went on to cite an old Russian proverb: "It takes a long time to get the horse going, but once it gets going it can go fast."

Ms. Hena said that she is seeing good and bad changes in the country.

"The changes I care about would be freedom —

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GARY OTT

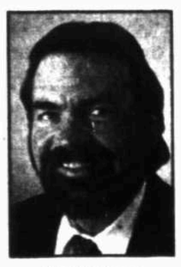
Hiking expedition becomes more difficult than it first seemed

The friend, the one who was doubling as my personal guide, came to an abrupt halt, glanced at me over his left shoulder, and said,

"Trust me. It'll be worth it once we get there."

Then he started hiking again.

I followed, but only after mumbling to myself, "It sure as heck better be."



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The time was 10:15 a.m. on a Saturday. The place was Pine Canyon, located somewhere in the Guadalupe Mountains near the New Mexico border.

Despite the hour, the sun was already out in full force, causing beads of perspiration to form on my face. My T-shirt was damp. I was breathing heavily. I kept telling myself I felt invigorated, but if the truth were known, I was tired. Dead tired. And we were only two-thirds of the way up the mountain.

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It had been two days earlier, on a Thursday afternoon, that I had gotten out a Texas road map and looked for a "day trip" destination, a spot within three hours of here and preferably a place where I hadn't been before.

My choices were limited.

I was about to give up when my friend pointed to the Guadalupe Mountains and said, "Ever been there?"

"I don't think so," I said.

"It's a good place to hike," he said.

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For some reason when I heard the word "hike" I pictured myself walking, almost strolling, on level ground for, oh, 45 minutes or so. From time to time I might stop and admire the flowers or even snap a photograph of a cute little squirrel dashing up a tree.

The last thing I envisioned myself doing was sweating ... and gasping for air.

But the realization that I had somehow miscalculated the situation should have become apparent to me as we approached the mountain range in our four-wheel- drive vehicle. My friend pointed to a spot 7,800 feet above sea level and said, "That's where we're going."

I chuckled and said, "Yeah, right." Then I popped open another Dr Pepper and sang along with the radio, a Merle Haggard song, as I recall.

I was happy. And why not? It was a beautiful Saturday morning. I was out in the middle of nowhere without a care in the world. The sky was blue and the sun was hot. Birds could be seen perched on telephone poles and the mountains had a majestic charm to them.

I was overcome by a sense of freedom.

For a moment.

Then my friend again said, "Yeah, that's where we're headed." And out of the corner of my eye, I couldn't help but notice that he was still staring at that remote mountaintop in the distance.

Even worse, he didn't seem to be kidding.

He wasn't.

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Call me dense, but I still didn't have a clear understanding of what awaited me, even as we began what would turn out to be a four-hour — and I quote — "hike." All I knew was that a narrow path lay before me and the ultimate destination was some spot in the sky I didn't want to think about.

So I didn't.

Instead, I walked. And walked. And walked.

All in all, the first hour wasn't bad. My friend and I chatted amiably as I asked innocuous questions about the types of plants we were seeing, or the history of the region, and he provided the answers. Occasionally, we would pause and have a swig of water from the plastic container he was carrying in his backpack, a rather handy piece of equipment I had neglected to bring. Still, he had enough water for both of us, so things were good.

We traveled approximately two miles during that first hour and for the most part it had been on a circuitous incline. We were going up, to be sure, but at a modest rate. There was little or no physical strain involved. It was a casual walk in the wilds of West Texas. As I sucked in the fresh air and glanced at the desert wildlife — yuccas and prickly pear cacti — that surrounded me I thought, "Life is good."

Then something changed.

The incline of the path on which we were walking was no longer gradual. It had become, in fact, downright steep.

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POLICE REPORTS

Midland Police Department
Thursday

Burglary: A vehicle was burglarized at 1101 Cottonwood Ave. It was reported at 5 p.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office
Saturday

Criminal mischief: A vehicle was vandalized at 8 E. Industrial Loop. It was reported at 2:23 p.m.

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

OBITUARIES

Wanda Porter

Wanda Allyne Porter was born September 24, 1935 in Pecos, Texas, to Enos James and Minnie Lulu (Thacker) Shepard. She was reared in Artesia, New Mexico, and married Garland Porter there in 1960. They have lived in Midland since 1986. She raised three beautiful children and made lifelong friends everywhere that her journey through life and love took her. She devoted her life to caring for those she loved and leaves a great void in the lives of those she leaves behind. The most important parts of her life were the people who loved her most: her soul mate and devoted husband, her loving children, grandchildren, sisters, family, and friends.

Wanda, we will miss your wonderful cooking, your valuable advice, your gentle touch, and most of all your beautiful smile.

Mrs. Porter is survived by her husband, Garland L. Porter of Midland; her son, David Porter of Houston; her daughters, Mindy Porter of Austin and Margo Volkmer and husband, Erik, of League City; her sisters, Faith Kennedy and husband, Kent, of Odessa and Velda Gass and husband, Leon, of Odessa; two grandchildren, Jeremy Tipton and Cameron Tipton.

Funeral services were 2 p.m. Saturday in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Robert Frasier officiating. Ellis Funeral Home is handling the arrangements. Burial will be at Twin Oaks Memorial Park at 2 p.m. MST in Artesia, New Mexico, with Reverend Walt Isaac officiating.

Serving as pallbearers will be Mike Kennedy, Rick Kennedy, James Kennedy, Jason Gass, Barry Norris, and Jimmy Davis.

The family requests memorials be directed to: Hearts Alive Club, c/o Memorial Hospital, 2200 W. Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701.

Betty Pendergraft

Betty Arrington Pendergraft was born November 28, 1904, in Austin, Texas, to Joe and Mary Calvin Bowles. She was a member of Bethany Christian Church of Houston, a graduate of The University of Texas at Galveston School of Nursing as a registered nurse and was active at Manor Park Community in Midland. She was preceded in death by her husband, C.E. Pendergraft on July 2, 1963.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Penny (Betty Lou) and Ernest Angelo of Midland; two brothers, Loney Bowles of Lubbock and Joe Bowles of Austin; three sisters, Mrs. Howard Mitchell of College Station, Mrs. Elizabeth Kinny of Austin and Mrs. Joe Giambruno of San Antonio; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Pendergraft died early Saturday morning, February 20, 1999, in a Midland retirement home.

Memorial services are scheduled for Monday at 11 a.m. in Manor Park Chapel with Tom Burke of St. Ann's Catholic Church officiating. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Forest Park Westheimer in Houston, Texas. Arrangements are with Ellis Funeral Home in Midland.

The family requests memorials be directed to Midland Memorial Hospital Auxiliary or to Westwood Medical Center Auxiliary.

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 3:30 p.m. and information must be either received from or verified by a funeral home.

DEATH NOTICES

Jamie Simpson

Jamie Michelle Simpson died Thursday, Feb. 18, at her residence.

Services are to be at Chapel Oak Funeral Home of Hiawatha, Kan. Local arrangements are under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home.

She was born Nov. 23, 1979, in Las Vegas, N.M.

She moved to Midland in 1997. She was a clerk at Trendy T's.

Survivors include her parents, Jim and Valerie Simpson of Albuquerque, N.M., and Lana and Jim Reigle of Hiawatha, Kan.; two brothers, James Reigle of New Braunfels and Mathew Simpson of Albuquerque; three sisters, Stacey Simpson of Hiawatha, Anna McBride of Lewisville, and Kathy Garcia of Midland; and several nephews and nieces.

Louise Zugg

Louise Opie Zugg died Saturday, Feb. 20, at a local hospital.

Graveside services are to be 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, at Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born March 24, 1912, in Peacock.

She moved to Midland in 1934.

She was preceded in death by two children, Johnnie Rodgers and Marvin Zugg.

Survivors include her husband, Willie J. Zugg of Midland; a son, Donald Zugg of Midland; two daughters, Sarah Rotan of Midland and Helen Tarver of Fulton; 15 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Mel Payne

McCAMEY — Mel Payne, 58, died Saturday, Feb. 20 at his McCamey residence.

Memorial services are to be 3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witness in McCamey with Alex Sabo and Mauri Rodriquez officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring.

He was born March 20, 1940, in Boscobel, Wisc.

He was a member of Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witness. He moved from Victoria to McCamey in 1976. He was an electrician for Brown & Root, retiring in 1991.

Survivors include his wife, Phyllis (Quesinberry) Payne of McCamey; three daughters, Lori Pankhurst of Sydney, Australia, Rachel Campbell of Long Beach, Calif., and Ruth Tinner of Odessa; his mother, Iva Payne of Branchardville, Wisc.; two brothers, Marvin Payne of Monroe, Wisc., and Dean Payne of McCamey; three sisters, Elenore Benet of Boscobel, Wisc., Lenore Brown of Plattsville, Wisc., and Leore Peterson of Argyle, Wisc.; four grandchildren; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Ralph Russell

MONAHANS — Ralph Russell, 83, of Monahans died Saturday, Feb. 20, in Lubbock.

Graveside services are to be 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 22, at Fairview Cemetery in Midland under the direction of Harkey Funeral Home in Monahans.

He was born Aug. 26, 1915 in Wooster, Ohio.

He moved to Monahans in 1935. He was a nurseryman.

Survivors include a brother, Don B. Russell of Lubbock; and several nieces and nephews.

Vance Bundy

Vance Bundy died Friday, Feb. 19, at a local hospital.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Florencia Lara

Florencia R. Lara, 94, died Saturday, Feb. 20, at a local hospital.

Services are pending with Pecos Funeral Home; local arrangements are under the direction of Reyes-Garcia Funeral Home.

Businesses fight new health plan rules, higher premiums

'Largely you find that if there's a way ... of not having to pay for it, they're going to do it.'
— Rep. Dawna Dukes, D-Austin

AUSTIN (AP) — A coalition of Texas business interests is fighting legislation that would require health-care plans to pay for more medical services, including infant hearing tests and infertility treatment.

Adding those services will mean higher premiums for employers, according to the groups.

Lawmakers have proposed at least 15 bills this session that would force health plans to cover more medical procedures, including cosmetic surgery for children with facial deformities and eyeglasses.

The coalition, which includes the Texas Association of Business and Chambers of Commerce and the National Federation of Independent Business, wants a moratorium on health mandates.

"We feel very strongly that it's a choice for the people paying for the health plan, not the government," said Dave Pinkus, president of Small Business United of Texas. "It's the government telling you what you have to buy."

While the coalition was unable to stop legislation in 1997 to add more health mandates, the group said it would focus attention on the potential increase in premiums this year.

Many employers already have started to drop health coverage for workers because of rising premiums, Pinkus said.

Rep. Dawnna Dukes, D-Austin, says health insurers would actually save money by paying for preventive treatments that help patients avoid costlier treatments later on.

"Largely you find that if there's a way . . . of not having to pay for it, they're going to do it," Ms. Dukes said. She wants health plans to cover estrogen replacement therapy.

The business coalition released research last week by two Baylor University professors who estimated that five of the required procedures have increased premiums by 17 percent and caused 275,000 Texans to lose health coverage.

But according to the Texas Department of Insurance, mandates account for just 3 percent of claims paid by the large health plans in the state.

Rep. Carl Isett, R-Lubbock, is expected to file legislation asking lawmakers to conduct better cost-benefit analysis before passing more health-plan mandates.

"I think the picture that is missing at the Legislature is the incremental cost of those benefits," said Jeff Kloster, general counsel for the Texas Association of Health Plans.

Ms. Dukes' bill is HB859.

RUSSIA: Return to spirituality is a welcome change in troubled land

(From 1B)

though it's limited, it's something compared to what it was. Sasha can now leave Russia for the United States; there's my freedom to leave Moscow and go to his village. When I was coming to the United States last August, I bought my ticket several months earlier and I got bumped because the flight was full of Russians," she said.

The negative changes include false information about the ability to become wealthy overnight without having to work for it and the increased drug use. She said that when she was in school in Moscow, there was little drug use and "now it's on every corner."

Another negative, she said, is that high school education is no longer mandatory. She said young Russians often tell her they don't need to go to school because they won't be able to get jobs when they graduate.

One positive change Kaminin is seeing in his country is its return to spirituality.

"In Russia we had the Orthodox church and the Orthodox priests don't go to the people, they wait for the people to come to the church. Now we can go out and work with inner society and tell people how to eat the spiritual bread," he said. "I can't imagine being without a spiritual life. A lot of my people can't imagine it — they think of money, of food, they can't see that there's another life out there."

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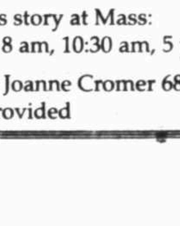

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"I'M TRYING TO BE STRONG"
Questions derived from concerns expressed by grieving people
Mark Mercer, M.S., L.P.C., SWA

When people in mourning say this, invariably they mean, "I'm trying to be strong . . . by not crying." What's "strong" about not crying? If our culture believed that tough people don't sneeze when their noses itch, the rest of the world would rightly consider us odd. Yet the belief that strong people don't cry remains a firmly rooted roadblock to the grieving process.

Most emotionally resilient people cry whenever they feel the need. And many weak people never cry, believing themselves to be strong when in fact they may be uptight and brittle. Actually, they are making themselves weaker because they are wasting their strength by needlessly carrying the weight of unexpressed sorrow.

Don't "be strong" this Christmas if that means not crying when you feel the need. Sadness only multiplies itself when a whole roomful of family members are silently conspiring to repress their grief. This benefits no one. Sadness will diminish, and you will all feel stronger, if you openly express together the pressing emotions that grieving people feel so intensely during the holiday season.

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FORUM: Delegation plans to discuss Midland/Odessa's oil problems

(From 1B)

Midland and Lee high schools.

This may be the first time a Texas city has won two state championships in a 12-month period.

"Not too many have done this," Whalen said. "If others have, the roll call is real short."

"I've never had the opportunity to do anything like this," he said. "This is a real positive thing for the town. We can get bogged down in the oil problems, but this is something we can be proud of."

The success of the Midland High basketball and the Lee High football teams "goes to show what happens when you start out with good kids, hire good coaches and get out of their way."

Foremost on the delegation's list of issues will be oil and gas matters, said Grant Billingsley of Wagner & Brown, who has a conflict preventing him from making the trip.

He said the Midlanders and Odessans traveling to Austin will be supporting oil industry groups' efforts to get legislation passed to aid the industry through eliminating the state severance tax on oil production below $15 a barrel and on enhanced recovery unitization.

"The hope is that eliminating the severance tax would help the industry and forestall or delay producers plugging uneconomical wells," he explained. "Our taxing entities rely on mineral assets for their tax base. Low oil prices have hurt our schools, the city, the county, the hospital district, the junior college district. An even worse impact on the taxing entities is when wells are taken off the tax base."

He said that the visit Tuesday could be beneficial because "I think a lot of people in Austin don't understand just what these mineral assets mean to our communities."

The impact on MISD of falling value of mineral assets will be among the concerns that Wilson Heidelberg, the school district's executive director for auxiliary services, will carry to Austin.

"I'll be requesting (that) our legislators continue increasing the state's share of education costs," he said.

He said that an important issue for MISD and other school districts losing property values is that they be given the option of using current year values in calculating state aid instead of seeing a year's lag.

"Since we're having the problems we're having in the oil industry, using current year values would provide much needed relief for MISD taxpayers and other districts being hit by low oil prices," he said.

He said that when the state calculates a school district's decreasing wealth, MISD, classified as a non-wealthy school district, has to absorb the first 4 percent of the loss, unlike those school districts classified as wealthy.

"I'll be asking the legislators to afford the non-wealthy districts the same, equal protection of our revenues as they afford the wealthy districts. And I'll request sufficient funding for these purposes. It's one thing to pass a law, but another to get the appropriation."

Heidelberg also wants to see increases in facility allotments to $31 per student and in technology allotments from $30 to $60 per student. He also plans to recommend that the state fund 100 percent of state-approved transportation routes.

Public schools have to use some of their state funding for transportation costs, while charter schools and schools with voucher students — which wouldn't be mandated to provide transportation — can use all of their funding on the students.

And he plans to discuss state financing for alternative education programs.

"They've had a real impact," he said. "They tend to be a little more expensive but they produce and the state should recognize that."

He hopes his visit with state legislators gives them an idea of what the average citizen is thinking and what those who implement legislative mandates are thinking.

Odessan Bob Barnes, chairman of Motran Alliance, will travel to Austin to seek funding for new highways that he thinks are vital to the area's economic development.

"My motivation to be involved in Motran is economic development, and to me that's what roads are," he said. Calling himself a conservative, he said "I don't want to waste money here or on the other side of Texas unless it gets results, but I'm convinced that to develop our economy we need roads."

He wants to see a road from Lamesa to near Midland International Airport that gives the Permian Basin a four-lane highway to Amarillo.

"We're in a world here where there are miles, and there's nothing we can do about the miles but make them more convenient by eliminating red lights. With our 70-mile-an-hour speed limit, we could get to Amarillo a lot quicker."

His other objective, he said, is to see state support for a southern route that would open an international corridor between Midland-Odessa and Chihuahua City in Mexico. State support would make an impression on the state of Chihuahua and could result in faster construction of the highway, he said.

"The net result would be that we'd become more attractive to businesses considering relocating here, and it would be easier for existing businesses to move their goods. With the airport and the roads, it would all come together to make Midland-Odessa an attractive package."

Some of the delegates will speak with Reps. Tom Craddick and Buddy West and Sens. Bivins and Bob Duncan, all of whom support new highways in the area. Other delegates will visit with Lt. Gov. Rick Perry and other legislators, such as House Speaker Pete Laney.

"The purpose of the visit is to broaden our message," Barnes said. "When all is said and done, we'll see our four representatives, and probably visit with six other key legislators so that 10 key people will have heard our message."

LuAnn Morgan, division manager for TU Electric in Midland, has participated in previous forums and said it is a worthwhile trip. In her position with the Dallas-based utility, pending efforts to deregulate the industry are of interest to her. She said she plans to visit with some of her elected representatives and voice her support for deregulation.

HISTORY: Kwanza principles highlighted at multi-cultural event

(From 1B)

were "I'm Proud to Be an American," "The World Is a Rainbow" and "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" — which prompted a spontaneous clap-along in the audience as the first-graders singing it swayed to the music.

"Thank you so much. That was wonderful," said Carolyn Gilbert, a counselor at Crockett who emceed Friday's festivities. "It's all about love. It's all about that we are all one people in America."

Ms. Gilbert told the students she hoped they remembered what they'd learned this month.

Later Friday afternoon, school board trustee James Fuller and his wife, Robbyne, were on hand to educate sixth-graders about Kwanzaa — a celebration on the seven days after Christmas that is based on West African culture and customs.

"African history is a part of American history," said Fuller, decked out in a vibrant red traditional garment from Ghana. "Therefore, African American history is American history."

Fuller emphasized "umoja," the Swahili word for unity. He said Kwaanza was not an exclusive but an inclusive celebration to be shared by all ethnicities.

"Kwaanza is an exciting celebration that underscores the validity of humanity, the validity of African American experience," he said.

After the Fullers' presentation, students sang songs and played a game incorporating African American history.

Ms. Gilbert said in an interview that the school celebration continued to be a success in its fourth year.

"It teaches the kids the history in a fun way. This gives them a chance to really strut their stuff."

The celebration continued Saturday with "Appreciating Diversity and Celebrating Togetherness: A Multicultural Event," which featured community leaders speaking on each of the seven principles of Kwanzaa.

The Rev. Bill Ashley spoke on unity, Dr. Viola Coleman on self determination, Alma Marshall on work and responsibility, Mrs. Fuller on cooperative economics, Fuller on purpose, Larry Gilbert on creativity and the Rev. Robert Lathan on faith.

"We looked at the Kwanzaa principles and tried to find people who expressed each value," Ms. Gilbert said. "Lots of young people are not aware that as African Americans each of these exhibit their principles of life."

In between each of the speakers, the program featured singers and dancers from Midland and the surrounding areas.

'Black history is American history. When you study black history American history begins to unfold. Martin Luther King Jr. said "I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be. And you can never be what you ought to be, till I am what I ought to be." '

— Rev. Bill Ashley

Performing at the event were members of the North Side Church of Christ; the Permian Basin Singers, a group comprised of people form Midland, Odessa and Monahans; Faith Temple Cogic; the Iva Boze Choir and the gospel dance group Youth-In-Christ.

In Ashley's presentation, he offered some reasoning to the purpose of Black History Month.

"Black history is American history," Ashley said. "When you study black history American history begins to unfold. Martin Luther King Jr. said 'I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be. And you can never be what you ought to be, till I am what I ought to be.'"

Ms. Coleman offered advice to the young people in the audience about achieving their goals and doing what is right.

"The most important thing you can do for yourself is find out who you are," Ms. Coleman said. "Until you do that you won't know where you are going or how you are going to get there.

"Who am I? I am a woman. I had nothing to do with it. Do not let people limit you because of your gender. Am I black? Yes. And I had nothing to do with that. But I will not allow it to be a stumbling block. Do not let gender or race keep you in a box. Basically, I was created in the image of God and that is a good starting point.

"Set your goals and pay the price to achieve them. We all have the same 24 hours a day, five days of school, seven days a week, four weeks a month, 12 months and 365 days a year. It is what you do with your time that will show your determination."

Ms. Marshall spoke about what is important in life and how her past experiences have helped teach her the lessons of life.

"The only thing that matters is what you have done while you were on this earth," Ms. Marshall said. "What you acquire on earth is good, but it is not that important. Be responsible for your actions. Parents, your children should not have to fight battles you should be fighting. A teacher's job is not to raise your kids. That is your job. We all need to be the type of people who children look at and say, 'I want to be like them.'"

The event concluded with the singing of the African-American National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

Crockett principal Romeo Canales said that programs like this one are what public schools in the community are moving toward.

"We want to open the schools up to our neighbors and to the community," Canales said. "I think people in the community will begin to see more schools doing the same."

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OTT: Hiking trip was worth labor when goal was achieved

(From 1B)

And the air was getting thinner and thinner.

So instead of admiring the scenery around me, I was now stopping every 45 seconds, plopping down on the biggest rock I could find and wiping the perspiration from my face. I was also beginning to ask myself this question: "What in the world am I doing here?"

I had no answer.

And my guide — he was fast losing the label of "friend" — said, "Trust me. It'll be worth it once we get there."

I ignored him.

Somehow that seemed better than hitting him.

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It was slightly less than two hours after we had begun our journey that I could finally "see" where we were going, our ultimate destination. And, oddly, it didn't appear all that far away. But there was one problem: You had to look straight up to see it.

Which I did. Then, after managing to catch my breath, I said, "We're going THERE?"

"Trust me," he said. "It'll be worth it once we get there."

"Oh, shut up," I thought.

But we forged ahead.

My head was spinning. My legs were aching. My heart was pounding.

But on we went ... until we got to the next big rock, on which I plopped.

"Water," I gasped. "Gimme water."

He did. Then he popped an unfiltered cigarette in his mouth, took a deep drag and said, "Want one?"

I gagged and looked away.

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There is a magical moment that occurs when you accomplish your goal. There is a sense of pride, of victory, of exhilaration.

It makes you want to do your best Rocky Balboa imitation, waving your arms in the air while dancing a jig. You can almost hear the music pounding in your head.

I experienced that high sometime between 10:45 and 11:15 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 13. It took two hours and 20 minutes, but there I was ... 7,800 feet above sea level.

And to paraphrase Dorothy in "The Wizard of Oz," I didn't feel like I was in Texas anymore. It was more like northern New Mexico or even Colorado.

Instead of shrubs and mesquite, I was surrounded by Ponderosa pine trees and Douglas firs. The sun was still shining brightly, but the temperature had dropped a good 20 degrees. And that just invigorated me all the more.

Suddenly, I wasn't tired. I wanted to move around. I wanted to explore. I wanted to celebrate.

And I did.

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As I stood at the foot of a large pine tree, I held my head back, stared at the sky and sucked in a huge amount of mountain air. Then I closed my eyes and just smelled the surroundings.

When I opened my eyes my friend — yes, he had reclaimed that title — was smiling knowingly.

"Well," he said, almost with a smirk, "what do you think?"

"What do you mean?" I responded, innocently.

"You know," he said. "Say the words."

I paused, glanced around one more time and said, "Yeah, it was worth it once we got here."

And it was.

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Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

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ADVENTURES IN TEACHING

Life saver another role teachers may be asked to play

By R. Eric Setzler

Two years ago, I took my two older kids, Jack and Frank, to Children's College, a summer program for elementary school students at Flatland College. The program has archery, in-line hockey, art, exotic animals, computers, soccer, basketball, and many other great activities.

Setzler

As I dropped my sons off, I saw several former students who were helping teach some of these courses. My visit to the college resulted in a happy reunion. I love seeing my students successful and happy.

One of my former students who was teaching at Children's College was Inga Ericsson. She was struggling to keep a group of kindergarteners moving in a straight line crossing a road as they carried golf clubs bigger than they were to the exercise field.

Miss Ericsson was obviously busy and didn't have time to do more than say, "Hi." I wanted to tell her that I still had a special letter that her mom, Gunilla Ericsson, had written. Mrs. Ericsson sent a copy to the administration of the Flatland Independent School District and Thomas Edison Middle School. I carried this letter in my wallet for two years. It's always a great pick-me-up at the end of a long day.

Miss Ericsson was an advanced Earth Science student in one of my all-time great classes. Now don't get me wrong. I enjoy all my classes, but this one had a spirit of enthusiasm and achievement that often rivaled my honor's classes. Because of the enthusiasm of this class, I decided to try a pilot program centered on safety. This two-week unit seemed like a great way to focus on safety issues related to the labs we do in our class.

American Red Cross first aid and CPR materials were also introduced into the classroom. We watched episodes of "Rescue 911" on TV. I was horrified that most eighth-graders had no experience in these areas. I had extensive training because of my oil-field background. I felt strongly that being trained to react in an emergency is a real-life skill that all of us will use eventually. Some use this training sooner than later, as I quickly discovered.

Miss Ericsson and her friends were very enthusiastic. Considering the success of this class, I made the decision to include the safety unit in all my classes.

One Sunday the following school year, I saw Miss Ericsson and her family after church. Inga and her mom, Gunilla, rushed to me and started talking excitedly at once. It took me a few minutes to realize that they were trying to tell me about something that had happened to Inga. They had also written a letter to me and sent a copy to the superintendent of the Flatland Independent School District. At first, I was concerned — a letter to the big boss can be a scary thing. Then I was pleasantly surprised. The letter reads as follows:

Dear Mr. Eric Setzler,

I have been meaning to write and tell you what an impact you had on my daughter, Inga, last year. She is still talking about what a wonderful teacher you are and how interesting the class was. Science was never her favorite subject until last year. The real reason for this letter is to thank you for possibly saving her life. My daughter was home alone this summer and she choked on the food she was eating. At one point she tried to wash it down with water, which made the situation worse. Quick- thinking on her part after your training in the Heimlich maneuver gave her the confidence to do this on herself. Inga and I both believe that your training saved her from serious injury, at the very least. I want to thank you for teaching the first aid course in your class.

Sincerely yours,

Gunilla Ericsson

This gave me a great feeling, but also scared me. That first year, I had briefly covered a wide range of safety topics with my students. These include how to save yourself when choking by throwing your body forward over a table or the back of a couch. After I read this letter, I became a certified American Red Cross instructor. In the two years since this episode, I had one student save his grandmother and another save her cousin from choking. Safety pays off.

One of the reasons that I teach is to make a difference in young people's lives. As I watched a smiling Inga Ericsson help those young kindergartners across the road, I thanked God for the lesson that by helping one young person, you can help many others. In the course of their professional lives, teachers can touch the lives of thousands of others. In turn, their students can touch many more. The lesson I learned from this young woman and her mother is that teaching has a ripple effect on the generations that follow.

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R. Eric Setzler is Science Department liaison at Abell Junior High School.

Midland youth awarded scouting's highest rank

From Staff Reports

Robert Brian Gressett, son of Midlanders Doug and Kathie Gressett, recently received Eagle rank, scouting's highest award.

Gressett

Gressett has been a member of Boy Scout Troop 175 since March 1992.

To become an Eagle scout, Gressett had to complete 21 merit badges (he now has 30), serve in a leadership position within the troop, perform community service hours and organize and execute a community service project.

Gressett's project was for playground improvements at the Bynum School, a non-profit educational facility for special-needs children He organized other members of his troop to assist him in building and installing three sets of benches for the school's playground areas.

Gressett is a senior at Lee High School. He plays in the band and was selected for all-region band. He is a Texas Scholar and a member of the National Honor Society.

He plans to attend Baylor University.

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Wednesday — Breakfast: Ham and biscuit, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Nacho grande, refried beans, lettuce and tomato, gelatin jewels, fruit drink, milk.

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Friday — Breakfast: Breakfast quiche or cereal and toast, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Bean and cheese chalupas or beef enchiladas, Spanish rice, lettuce and tomato, pinto beans, cornbread, fruit drink, milk.

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Wednesday — Breakfast: Bacon, eggs, and charizo, biscuits, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Tamales, pinto beans, Spanish rice, lettuce and tomato salad with dressing, jello with fruit, milk.

Thursday — Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nugget, potatoes with gravy, green beans, hot rolls, peaches, milk.

Friday — Breakfast: Pop tarts, cereal, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Hamburgers, French fries, hamburger salad with pickles, Ranger cake, milk.

EDUCATION IN BRIEF

Students from Lee and Midland high school were among those competing in the recent Winterfest German Competition. The State German Competition is set for Feb. 27 at Baylor University.

Lee High School students were participated and qualified for state competition are:

Cultural events: Pass AUF: 5th Place - Merissa Davis, Luis Torres, Cynthe Sims, Rick Ackerstrom, Patrick Moore, Rachel Johnson, Jennifer Dzubinski, James McQuery, Mike Shumate. T-shirt Design: 2nd Place - Luis Torres.

Academic events: Directed Dialog 2: 5th Place - Bonnie Meinke. Grammar 1: 3rd Place - Michelle Ott. Culture 1: 2nd Place - Michelle Ott. Culture 2: 1st Place - James McQuery; 5th Place - Lewis Busbee. Culture 3: 3rd Place - Mike Shumate Culture 4: 2nd Place - Jennifer Dzubinski. Vocabulary 2: 4th Place - Bonnie Meinke. Reading Comprehension 2: 5th Place - Nichol Mejia. Spelling 2: 5th Place - Bonnie Meinke. Listening Comprehension 2: 1st Place - Nichol Mejia. Poetry Memory 3: 4th Place - Rachel Gardea. Poetry Memory 4: 5th Place - Jennifer Dzubinski. Poetry Reading 1: 3rd Place - Michelle Ott. Prose Reading 3: 3rd Place - Cynthe Sims. Prose Reading 4: 4th Place - Jennifer Dzubinski. Skit 4: 2nd Place - Rachel Johnson, Rachel Gardea, Jennifer Dzubinski, Patrick Moore and Lewis Busbee.

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Midland High School received the third-place Academics Trophy and the third- place Sweepstakes Trophy. Midland High students who participated and qualified for state competition are:

Cultural events: 3rd Place - Peter Alderks; 4th Place - Beth Schwab.

Academic events: Prose: 2nd Place - Peter Alderks and Kelly Beall; 3rd Place - Diana Holstein; 5th Place - Colleen Johnston. Poetry: 1st Place - Kelly Beall; 3rd Place - Colleen Johnston; 4th Place - Peter Alderks. Photography: 2nd Place - Peter Alderks. Directed Dialogue: 3rd Place - Kelly Beall. Listening Comprehension: 4th Place - Kelly Beall. Duet Acting: 3rd Place - Peter Alderks and Rune Boegh; 5th Place - Kevin Kohl and Haley Fernau.

The Knowledge Bowl Team consisting of Peter Alderks, Beth Schwab, Diana Holstein, Tonya Blodgett, Mason Manulik, Melissa Blodgett, Trey Moore, Eddie Miles, and Kevin Kohl finished fouth out of 12 teams.

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San Jacinto Junior High School math classes participated in a marathon to raise money for the St. Jude's Research Hospital. Ninety-four students participated by working math problems and getting people to sponsor them for the number of problems they worked. A total of $2,911.40 was raised. The top money raisers were eighth-grader Kristina Dormady, who raised $155. and seventh-graders Michelle Mayor, $135.85; and Shawn Sanford, $135.60.

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Man kills son, self as deputies respond to domestic violence call

GEORGETOWN, Texas (AP) — A man confronted by deputies responding to a domestic violence call at his home locked himself in a bedroom and shot his 16-month-old son to death before killing himself Friday, authorities said.

Williamson County Sheriff's Capt. Linda Bunte said deputies were called to the house by Joe Ross Duncum's wife, Monique, about 4 a.m. Friday. She had left the house and called on a cellular phone on her way to the sheriff's department.

When deputies arrived, Duncum, 44, told them to go away and locked himself in the bedroom with his son, Hunter. The deputies forced their way into the house moments before hearing two gunshots, Ms. Bunte said.

Amarillo collectors attended the O.J. Simpson auction

AMARILLO (AP) — Amarillo brothers Randy and Jeff Burkett traveled to Los Angeles for the auction of O.J. Simpson's estate at Butterfield & Butterfield and left with several pieces of sports history

The Burketts purchased several trophies as well as other memorabilia from the estate Tuesday. Randy Burkett told the Amarillo Globe-News among the most valuable pieces they purchased was an NFL plaque honoring Simpson's 2,000-plus rushing yards in one season.

They also purchased Simpson's 1968 Player of the Year plaque presented by the National Football Coaches Association and ABC Sports.

Simpson's seized assets were auctioned to help pay off his multimillion-dollar judgment owed to the estate of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman's family.

Mrs. Simpson and Goldman were stabbed to death June 12, 1994. The football Hall of Famer was acquitted of murder charges in criminal court. Nicole Simpson's estate and the Goldmans then sued in civil court. A jury held him liable for the deaths and ordered him to pay $33.5 million in damages.

The item for which they trekked to California quickly got out of reach. The Burketts bid on the Heisman Trophy but pulled out once the bidding topped $100,000. The trophy fetched $255,500.

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The Midland West Rotary Club named **Dee Lynn Frazier**, daughter of Greg and Debbie Frazier of Midland, student of the week.

Ms. Frazier attends Lee High School.

Her school activities include Student Council president, class treasurer, National Honor Society, academic letterman, Student Council Leadership Award and Spanish Honor Society.

She plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in elementary education.

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Lubbock Christian University named Midlanders **Ashlie Mabee, Joey Johnson, Jennifer Mason,** and **Amy Aduddell** to the Dean's List for the fall semester.

In order to be considered a part of the Dean's List, a student must be taking a minimum of 12 semester hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or better for the entire semester.

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The Midland Downtown Lions Club named **Annette Oknefski** and **Kimberly Elger** as its Junior Lions for the week.

Ms. Oknefski, daughter of Gary and Nadine Oknefski of Midland, attends Lee High School.

Her school activities include Texas Scholars, varsity volleyball, Senior Girls, National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and academic letterman.

She plans to attend Midland College and study accounting.

Ms. Elger, daughter of Jerry and Monica Elger of Midland, attends Midland High School.

Her school activities include varsity soccer, Young Republicans and Blast Futbol Club.

Ms. Elger plans to attend Stephen F. Austin State University and major in journalism.

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The University Graduate Women of Midland has named **Stephanie Slaughter** and **Katie Hinterlong** as outstanding giurls for February.

Ms. Slaughter, daughter of John and Leslie Slaughter, attends Lee High School.

Her honors include academic letters, National Honor Society, Texas Scholars, National Government and History Award, All-American Scholar, and Outstanding Student in Chemistry. Her school activities include All-District Honorable Mention in varsity volleyball, Junior Olympics volleyball, varsity track, D-FY-IT and Senior Girls.

Her plans include attending The University of Texas at Austin majoring in architecture.

Ms. Hinterlong, daughter of Gregory and Suzanne Hinterlong, attends Midland High School.

Ms. Hinterlong's academic honors include being an academic letterman and National Honor Society. Her other school activities include Latin Club, MHS Colorguard, Orchestra and UIL Math and Schience Team.

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The University of Houston named **Suzanne Marie Carnett** to its Dean's List for the fall semester.

Only students who have earned a 3.5 grade point average on a course load of 12 or more hours during the past semester can qualify.

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The University of Mississippi named **Susan Benning Gau** of Midland to the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall semester.

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MPCH Case #A98-09-002

Brandi Vickers is a white female (Date of Birth 08/09/88). At the time of her disappearance she was 4'4 tall and weighed 70 pounds. She has blue eyes and brown hair.

Lance Steven Vickers is a white male (Date of Birth 07/09/91). At the time of his disappearance he was 4'3 tall and weighed 60 pounds. He has blue eyes and blond hair.

Brandi and Lance were last seen March 31, 1995 in Fort Payne (DeKalb County), Alabama with their noncustodial mother, Susan Vickers, AKA: Connie Rachel Green, white female (Date of Birth 05/24/60). They may be in the Corpus Christi, Texas area.

Anyone having information regarding these missing children's whereabouts is encouraged to contact Investigator Mike James, DeKalb County Sheriff's Department, Fort Payne, Alabama at 256-845-4911, the Alabama Clearinghouse at 1-800-228-7688 or the Texas Department of Public Safety Missing Persons Clearinghouse at 1-800-346-3243 in Texas or 512-424-2812 outside of Texas.

ANDREA MARIE GEORGE
MPCH CASE # R97-12-003
NICIM036022487

Andrea is a white female (Date of Birth 09/07/80). At the time of her disappearance, she was 6'0" tall and weighed 135 pounds. She has blue eyes and blond hair. Andrea has a large mole on her right hand and her upper canine teeth are crooked.

Andrea was last seen June 21, 1997 in Vancouver (Clark County), Washington. She may be with an adult male companion and they may be traveling in Oregon or Texas. They are in a teal, 1991 Geo Storm, Oregon license plate number NG00501.

Anyone having information regarding the whereabouts of this missing juvenile is encouraged to contact the Clark County Sheriff's Office, Missing Persons Unit, Vancouver, Washington at 360-699-2211 or the Texas Department of Public Safety Missing Persons Clearinghouse at 1-800-346-3243 or 512-1424-2810 outside of Texas.

MIUY PAMELA PAZ
MPCH Case #R98-09-003
N IC/M092546348

Milty Pamela Paz is a Hispanic female (Date of Birth 07/13/81). At the time of her disappearance she was 5'05^ tall and weighed approximately 105 pounds. She has brown eyes and brown hair.

Milty was last seen January 24,1998 in Houston (Harris County), Texas. She may be in Wichita Falls, Texas in the company of her uncle, Victor A. Paz.

Anyone having information regarding this missing juvenile's whereabouts is encouraged to contact Detective Stephen Kang, Houston Police Department, Houston, Texas at 713-731-5878 or the Texas Department of Public Safety Missing Persons Clearinghouse at 1-800-346-3243 in Texas or 512-424-2812 outside of Texas.

SHERILYN HOPE GAUNA
MPCH Case #R98-07002
NICIM066025519

Sherilyn is a white female (Date of Birth 03/01/81). At the time of her disappearance she was 5' 4" tall and weighed approximately 130 pounds. She has brown eyes, brown hair, a scar on one of her elbows, a dark mole on the back side of her leg and the bottoms of both feet show small burn scars.

Sherilyn was last seen on October 11, 1997 in Fort Worth Warrant County), Texas. She may be in the company of Joshue Guadlupe Rodriguez, a 24-year-old Hispanic male. Rodriguez also uses the names of Francisco Collaso Silva, Juan Manuel Aguinaga and Josue G. Rodriguez-Ramirez.

Anyone having information regarding this missing juvenile's whereabouts is encouraged to contact Detective Grey, Fort Worth Police Department, Fort Worth, Texas at 817/877-8429 or the Texas Department of Public Safety Missing Persons Clearinghouse at 1-800-346-3243 in Texas or 512-424-2812 outside of Texas.

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Jose Antonio Alvarado, sentenced to 15 days in Midland County Jail, 180 days driver's license suspension and a $350 fine.

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Pedro Eleno Aranda, sentenced to 90 in Midland County Jail and 180 days driver's license suspension.

Malisa Morales, sentenced to 60 days in Midland County Jail and 180 days driver's license suspension.

INDICTMENTS

A Midland County grand jury met Feb. 2 in 142nd District Court and returned indictments against the following defendants:

- Dale Demone Shaw, 29, possession of a controlled substance;
- Ronald Keith McCoy, 40, possession of a controlled substance;
- Vicente Lopez Ochoa, age unavailable, felony DWI;
- Daniel Walker Jr., 35, felony DWI;
- George Arthur Cook, 47, felony DWI;
- Richard Earl Mooney, 35, felony DWI;
- John Lee Cook, 47, possession of a controlled substance;
- Gilbert Rodriguez, 37, possession of a controlled substance;
- Tracy Barnon Greenwood, 35, felony DWI;
- Jesse Manuel Garcia, 40, forgery;
- Laura Vanessa Madden, 27, forgery;
- Candy Colleen Bishop, 28, felony DWI;
- Latersa Ann Christian, 29, credit card abuse;
- Donnie Andrew Templeton, 46, felony DWI; and
- James Earl Watkins (reindicted), 21, sexual assault.

Levi's employees await word of plant closure

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — More than 400 Levi Strauss & Co. employees that have been temporarily layed off may finally find out if the plant here is closing when they attend a meeting Monday.

The company is having meetings at its 22 plants in the United States and Canada, a San Francisco-based company spokeswoman said, and decisions haven't been made about closings.

The plant's manager, Roger Vassar, said he's in the dark about what will happen to the plant, which is endangered because the company's sales of five-pocket jeans are faltering.

"I'm telling you everything I know," Vassar said Thursday night after returning from a managers meeting in Dallas. "I think everybody's kind of scared because they did know that they had called managers in."

At the meeting, he learned there would be a decision soon, he said.

Levi employs 425 people in Wichita Falls. They have been on "extended downtime" since late last year and were to return to work March 1.

Red Cross names community development coordinator

From Staff Reports

Evans

Longtime Midlander Cathryn Evans has been named community development coordinator for the American Red Cross of Southwest Texas.

Her job entails educating the community about Red Cross programs, such as first aid and CPR training and offering presentations on how to deal with disasters such as fires, heat waves and winter storms, said Donna Rounsaville, chapter executive director.

Ms. Evans has a degree in economics from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin and is trained in emergncy services through the Red Cross.

The local Red Cross chapter, based in Odessa, provides services to a 26-county area covering 43,577 square miles.

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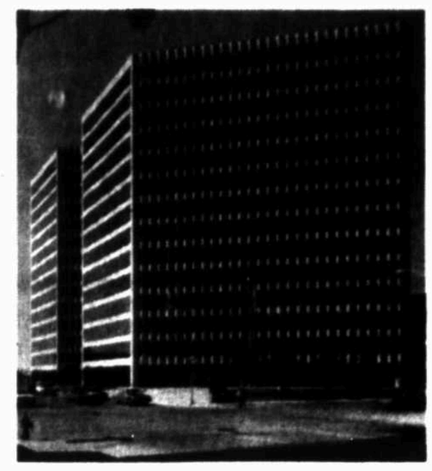

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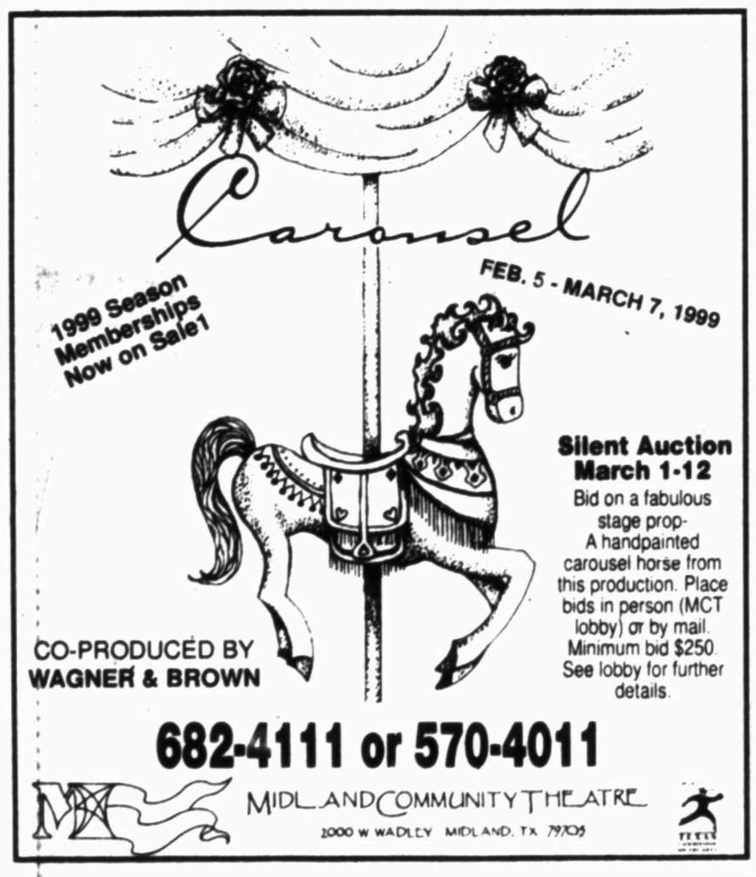

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State fire marshal finds several universities noncompliant

FORT WORTH (AP) — Texas Woman's University is in violation of fire safety codes and so are several other public universities in Texas, according to a recent report by the State Fire Marshal's Office.

Despite spending $20 million in recent years to correct safety deficiencies on its four campuses in Denton, Dallas and Houston, the university has no sprinklers in its high-rise dormitories or working fire alarms in several other buildings.

"Fire is something you don't fool around with," Larry Harrison, Texas Woman's director of facilities management, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram for a story in Friday's editions. "It's been an ongoing thing to get the university up to speed."

Texas Woman's this week asked the Legislature for $20 million more to help with the cost of the renovations.

Officials with the State Fire Marshal's Office inspected more than a dozen campuses in 1998. The inspections were initiated after five students were injured in 1997 blaze at Texas Tech University.

In addition to Texas Woman's campuses in Denton and Houston, inspectors found 10 other universities in violation of the national Life Safety Code, meaning they had no sprinkler systems, nonworking smoke detectors or inadequate exits.

Another four universities were in the final stages of correcting fire hazards, the report said.

According to inspectors, some high-rise dormitories at the University of Texas at Austin and Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos did not have automatic sprinklers. At Texas A&M University in College Station, stairwells in 17 residence halls needed to be enclosed.

"The inspectors deal with these things on daily basis. The conditions found at the schools are not unusual," said Wayne Smith, director of fire safety inspections for the state. "None of the deficiencies is life-threatening."

He added that students and faculty should be alert and aware of evacuation routes.

The state did not give the universities a deadline to correct the fire hazards because of the costs associated with bringing buildings up to safety codes.

"A lot of these facilities were constructed back in the 1960s and in the early 1970s," said Mark Hannah, a spokesman for the state Department of Insurance. "Your talking about putting in sprinkler systems and making major changes. This is big money you're talking about."

The State Fire Marshal's Office was requested earlier this month to send its report to the Senate Finance Committee, which determines how much money a university receives each year for improvements.

Universities not in compliance

FORT WORTH (AP) — Texas public universities that are not in compliance with the national Life Safety Code:
Texas Woman's University, Denton
Texas Woman's University, Houston
Texas Woman's University Institute for Health Sciences, Houston
University of Texas at Austin
University of Texas, El Paso
Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos
Stephen F. Austin University, Nacogdoches
Texas Tech University, Lubbock
Texas A&M University, Commerce
Texas A&M University, College Station
Sul Ross University, Alpine
West Texas A&M University, Canyon
University of Houston, downtown Houston

Texas public universities that are in the final stages of correcting past deficiencies found by the State Fire Marshal's Office:
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Harvick, son of Kay and Bill Harvick and a student at Greenwood High School, will report to Fort Benning, Ga., for basic training.

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Matthew C. Brown is one of 200 Civil Air Patrol cadets and senior members from squadrons across the United States who participated in the National Blue Beret encampment in Oshkosh, Wis.

National Blue Beret coincided with the Experimental Aircraft Association's AirVenture (EAA) fly-ins, one of the largest in Oshkosh with 12,000 to 14,000 aircraft in attendance including the Concorde.

The primary and most visible job the cadets provided the EAA was flight line staff.

Brown, son of Judith I. and Charles W. Brown of Midland, is a cadet first sergeant assigned to Midland Composite Squadron.

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Jason T. Cowin, son of Terry and Edna Cowin of Midland, entered active duty in the U.S. Air Force.

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Marine Pfc. Perry C. Gunter, a 1994 graduate of Midland Christian School, recently completed the Motor Vehicle Operator Course at Marine Corps Detachment at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

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National best sellers are from The New York Times.

NATIONAL

Fiction

1. The Testament, by John Grisham.
2. Southern Cross, by Patricia Cornwell.
3. Ransom, by Julie Garwood.
4. A Man in Full, by Tom Wolfe.
5. In Danger's Path, by W.E.B. Griffin.
6. The Poisonwood Bible, by Barbara Kingsolver.
7. Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, by J. K. Rowling.
8. Billy Straight, by Jonathan Kellerman.
9. Cat Who Saw Stars, by Lillian Jackson Braun.
10. Seize the Night, by Daniel Koontz.

Nonfiction

1. The Greatest Generation, by Tom Brokaw.
2. Tuesdays With Morrie, by Mitch Albom.
3. Blind Man's Bluff, by Sherry Sontag and Christopher Drew with Annette Lawrence Drew.
4. Beauty Fades, Dumb Is Forever, by Judy Sheindlin.
5. The Century, by Peter Jennings and Todd Brewster.
6. The Art Of Happiness, by the Dalai Lama.
7. Playing For Keeps, by David Halberstam.
8. Conversations With God, Book 1, by Neale Donald Walsch.
9. The Professor and the Madman, by Simon Winchester.
10. The Endurance, by Caroline Alexander.

LOCAL

Fiction

1. Track of the Cat, by Nevada Barr.
2. True Women, by Janice Woods Windle.
3. Literary Cat, by Running Press.
4. Callander Square, by Anne Perry.
5. A Woman of Independent Means, by Elizabeth Hailey.
6. My Brilliant Career, by Miles Franklin.
7. Dance Hall of the Dead, by Tony Hillerman.
8. Kings Bishop, by Candace Robb.
9. Gulliver's Travels, by Jonathan Swift.
10. The Great Gatsby, by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

Nonfiction

1. P.S. I Love You, by H. Jackson Brown.
2. Always Kiss Me Goodnight, by J.S. Salt.
3. The Greatest Generation, by Tom Brokaw.
4. Used and Rare, by Susan and Lawrence Goldstone.
5. Skyscrapers, by Judith Dupre.
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7. Gift From the Sea, by Anne Morrow Lindbergh.
8. Surrendering to Motherhood, by Iris Krasnow.
9. Days From the Heart of the Home, by Susan Branch.
10. And the Horse He Rode In On, by James Carville.

Children's

1. Animal Crackers, by Jane Dyer.
2. Goodnight Moon, by Margaret Brown.
3. Peter's Patchwork Dream, by Willemien Min.
4. When I Was Little, by Jamie Curtis.
5. My Name Is Georgia, by Jeanette Winter.
6. Let the Circle Be Unbroken, by Mildred Taylor.

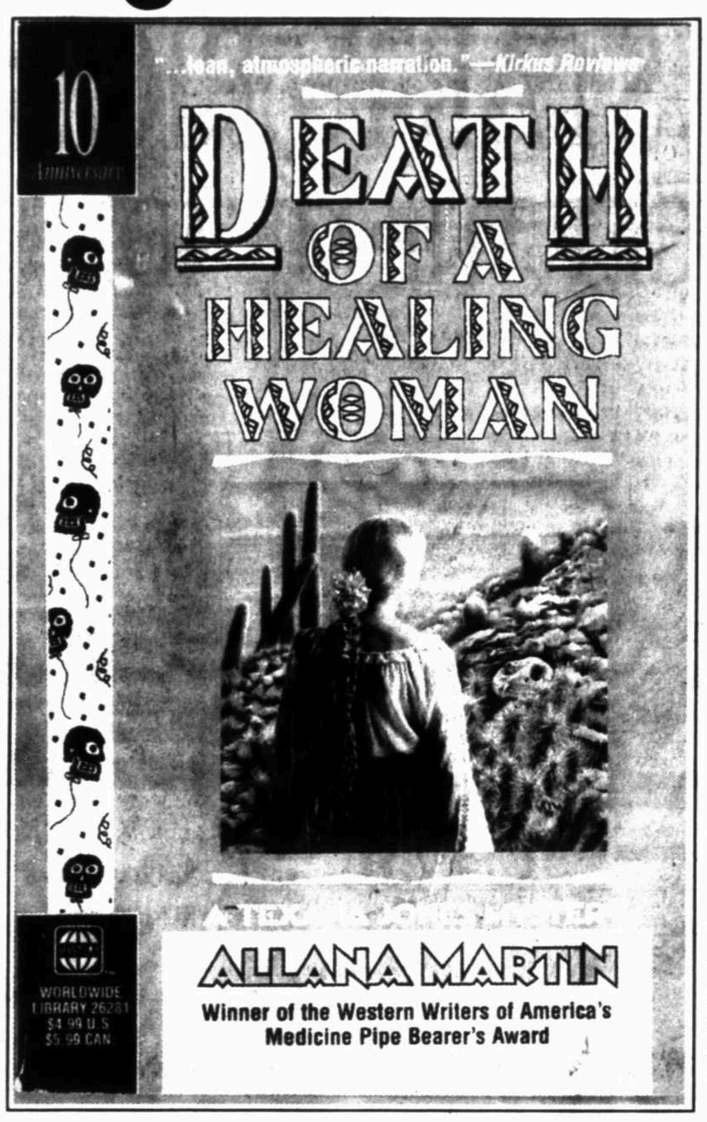
Book signing

Fort Worth author Ann Arnold will be in Midland April 24 for a book signing at Mrs. Olsen's Coffee & Bookstore, 2200 W. Wadley, Suite 8, from 3-5 p.m.

Her book, "Gamblers & Gangsters, Fort Worth's Jacksboro Highway in the 1940s & 1950s," takes a close look at what has been called "Hell's Half Acre."

"Gamblers & Gangsters" was published by Eakin Press of Austin.

Big Bend tale found at book fair



For all its desolation — perhaps because of it — the Big Bend always has attracted unusual characters.

DEATH OF A HEALING WOMAN
by Allana Martin
(Worldwide Library, $4.99 paperback, 252 pages)

Reviewed by Jim Blischke

At the Saturday evening barbecue during November's Texas Book Festival, I joined the food line and said "Hi" to the lady directly ahead of me.

She looked at my name tag. "You're Jim Blischke. I'm Allana Martin. Are you a writer?"

"Book reviews, magazine articles. But not books. You?"

"I write mysteries. And I won the Medicine Pipe award"

"Congratulations! Must be set in the West. What's the title?"

"'Death of a Healing Woman.' It's in the Big Bend, about a curandera."

"Are they selling your book down at the tents?"

"They'd better be. Try Sisters in Crime."

Ms. Martin told me she is a retired teacher, living in Lipan and that she and her husband were hoping to move to the Big Bend for their retirement. As we talked, young former students stopped to chat, to hug, to report on their writing.

"Are you on an author's panel?" I asked.

She told me the time. I said I'd be there.

By Sunday evening I had acquired a signed copy of "Dealh of a Healing Woman," winner of the 1997 Medicine Pipe Bearer's prize, awarded to the best first novel by the Western Writers Association — a generally macho group that includes the likes of Elmer Kelton, Wayne Barton, Patrick Dearen and other guy-writers whose novels are set on cattle drives and ranches, usually in the late 19th century.

Allana Martin is definitely a woman, as is her protagonist, Texana Jones, the 20th century owner of a small trading post in the fictional town of El Polvo on the Rio Grande. Texana Jones? Too cute. But, if the heroine of another mystery series can write for a magazine named "Lone Star Monthly" and a well-known writer has "Nevada" as her first name, well, why not Texana? Map nuts, who want to place every novel in an approximate location, will find a town named Candeleria at the end of the road winding northwest on its way from Presidio to nowhere.

Texana does, indeed, find a dead healing woman — an old friend of many persons who live on both sides of the Rio Grande and cross from Mexico to the U.S. and vice versa, neither bothered nor noticed by the INS. Rhea Fair had been shot in the face — but why? By whom?

The "by whom" points at Linden Fonda, a San Antonio feature writer whose interest in Rhea Fair began with a university thesis and who visited the curandera not more than a day before she had been shot. But Linden and her rented Suburban have vanished.

Tracking the killer and motive, Texana and Ms. Martin move easily from a peasant's home in Mexico to the palatial and modern "ranch house" where millionaire Robert Darke reigns with his succession of trophy wives and stable of white GM Suburbans. The collection of characters ranges from Darke and Jessica Rex, his newest trophy, to Jesse Waites, living off the land in a small trailer abandoned by its owner, to Rhea's sons on the fringes of the Mexican/U.S. drug trade. All these and more are also suspects in the murder of Rhea Fair.

Texana sorts through clues and people at Big Bend events as varied as a funeral, a fiesta and a high-society soiree at the Darke manse — in the back streets of Juarez — even in the classroom of El Polvo's tiny school. When she connects the threads leading to Rhea's death, Texana realizes the suspect has, indeed, vanished.

For all its desolation — perhaps because of it — the Big Bend always has attracted unusual characters. Their passions, their conflicts with and loyalties to one another, people the history and legends of the Big Bend — fill the pages of "Death of a Healing Woman" — and drove Allana Martin to her Medicine Pipe.

Good reading for Black History Month — or any time

By Catherine Newton
N.Y. Times News Service

If you can tear your kid away from the television when she's not bent over a stack of homework, celebrate Black History Month with a good read. Experts at local bookstores and libraries provided armloads of suggested fiction and nonfiction works for all ages and ethnicities. We've whittled their recommendations down to eight great works, from historical fiction to poetry, from folk tale to biography. Four are new, and four have been pleasing young readers for years.

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The New ...

A BAND OF ANGELS: A Story Inspired by the Jubilee Singers
By Deborah Hopkinson
Illustrated by Raul Colon

This historical fiction work for young readers warmly tells the tale of the Jubilee Singers, Fisk University's traveling, spiritual vocal ensemble, whose concert proceeds kept the all-black school from folding in its early years. The story, which follows the life of the narrator's great-great-grandmother Ella, is based on the real-life story of Ella Sheppard Moore, who was born a slave in Nashville, Tenn. Her father buys her freedom but then dies, leaving the 15-year-old poor but not without hope. In 1868, she arrives at Fisk with $6, a gift for piano playing and an inspiring amount of determination.

Atheneum, 1999, $16. Ages 4-8.

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THE INVISIBLE PRINCESS
By Faith Ringgold

"Long ago, in the tiny Village of Visible, way down in the deep Deep South, there lived two slaves called Mama and Papa Love." So begins this original African-American fairy tale, written and gorgeously illustrated by a Caldecott Honor winner. Ringgold weaves the tale of the Invisible Princess, sent by the Lady of Peace to bring freedom to the plantation slaves, but then cruelly snatched away from Mama and Papa by the Prince of Night. She reappears one day to the plantation owner's blind daughter, and so begins the beginning of the end of the terrible dark days of slavery.

Random House, 1999, $18. Ages 4-8.

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LISTEN CHILDREN:
An Anthology of Black Literature
Edited by Dorothy S. Strickland, with a forward by Coretta Scott King
Illustrated by Leo and Diane Dillon

Twenty-two works of black literature make this a compelling choice for strong readers and a must-have selection for school libraries, which always like donations from parents (yes, that means you). Selected works include Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech, poems by Langston Hughes, Lucille Clifton and Eloise Greenfield, a play by Alice Childress, short stories by Virginia Hamilton and Kristin Hunter, and personal recollections by Maya Angelou and Stevie Wonder. Characters portrayed range from Rosa Parks to Temba, the boy who befriends the Snake King.

Yearling Books, 1999, $4.99. Ages 9-12.

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ROSA PARKS, MY STORY
By Rosa Parks, with Jim Haskins

Rosa Parks went from ordinary woman to civil rights icon the day she refused to give up her seat in a segregated bus, an act of quiet defiance that inspired the Montgomery, Ala., bus boycott. This already admired first-person account of the civil rights movement is available for the first time in paperback.

Puffn, 1999, $4.99. Ages 9-12.

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And the Notable ...

BILL PICKETT: Rodeo-Ridin' Cowboy
By Andrea D. Pinkey and Brian Pinkney (illustrator)

What kid wouldn't like a story about a man who brings steers to their knees by taking a bite out of their upper lip? Best known for inventing bulldogging, legendary rodeo star Bill Pickett was the West Texas son of former slaves. The book includes a short overview on the history of rodeos and black cowboys.

Harcourt Brace, 1996, $16. Ages 4-8.

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SOUL LOOKS BACK IN WONDER
By Tom Feelings.

"Who can be born black and not sing the wonder of it." Mari Evans

Caldecott Honor winner Tom Feelings wanted to create a book that would inspire kids "growing up in an environment where indifference and hostility are bullets aimed straight at the core of their spirits." The illustrator started with his own sketches of people from Africa and the United States and then asked African-American writers to respond to the images. The final result is this book, containing poems by African-American writers including Maya Angelou, Langston Hughes and Walter Dean Myers. "Publishers Weekly" called the collection "a unique and moving collaboration that celebrates the sustaining spirit of African creativity."

Dial Books, 1994, $16.99, hardcover (also available in paperback, Puffin Books, 1994, $6.99). Ages 8-12; younger children will also enjoy having this read aloud to them.

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THE SLAVE DANCER
By Paula Fox

This historical novel tells the tale of a 13-year-old New Orleans boy who is kidnapped and put on a slave ship, where his job is to play his fife while the captives dance to keep their muscles strong. The book does not shy away from the realities of slavery, a fact that has led to debate over whether the material is appropriate for children. Nevertheless, in 1974, the book won the Newberry Award for the most distinguished children's book of the previous year.

Several editions are available, including a paperback by Yearling Books, 1991, $5.50. Ages 9-12.

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THE PEOPLE COULD FLY:
American Black Folktales
By Virginia Hamilton
Illustrated by Leo and Diane Dillon

This book gives new life to 24 traditional black American folk tales, including supernatural tales, cautionary tales, slave tales of freedom and animal tales. History lovers will appreciate the glossary and the notes on the origins of different versions of the stories. A great read-aloud book for all kids.

Paperback, Knopf, 1993, $13; hardcover, Random Library, 1987, $18.99. Ages 9-12.

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Communism in Hollywood: Truth is finally revealed with all the details

HOLLYWOOD PARTY:
How Communism Seduced the American Film Industry in the 1930s and 1940s
by Kenneth Lloyd Billingsley
(Prima Publishing, Hardcover $25.00)

Billingsley reveals through the words and deeds of the men and women of the era, how Moscow pushed the "party line" on unsuspecting American filmgoers.

For decades, Hollywood has portrayed the story of Communist infiltration in the film industry as a mad "witch hunt" that destroyed innocent reputations and ruined careers.

In his latest book, "Hollywood Party," author Kenneth Lloyd Billingsley blows the lid off this long-held myth and proves, with overwhelming evidence, that the Communist Party was deeply entrenched in the Hollywood scene during the 1930s and 1940s and that dozens of writers, directors and actors promoted the "party line" in the movies.

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"Hollywood Party" reveals the "behind the scenes" story, including:

■ How the "Party" hindered or destroyed the careers of non-Communists.

■ Why no Hollywood producer has ever dared to make a feature film critical of Communism.

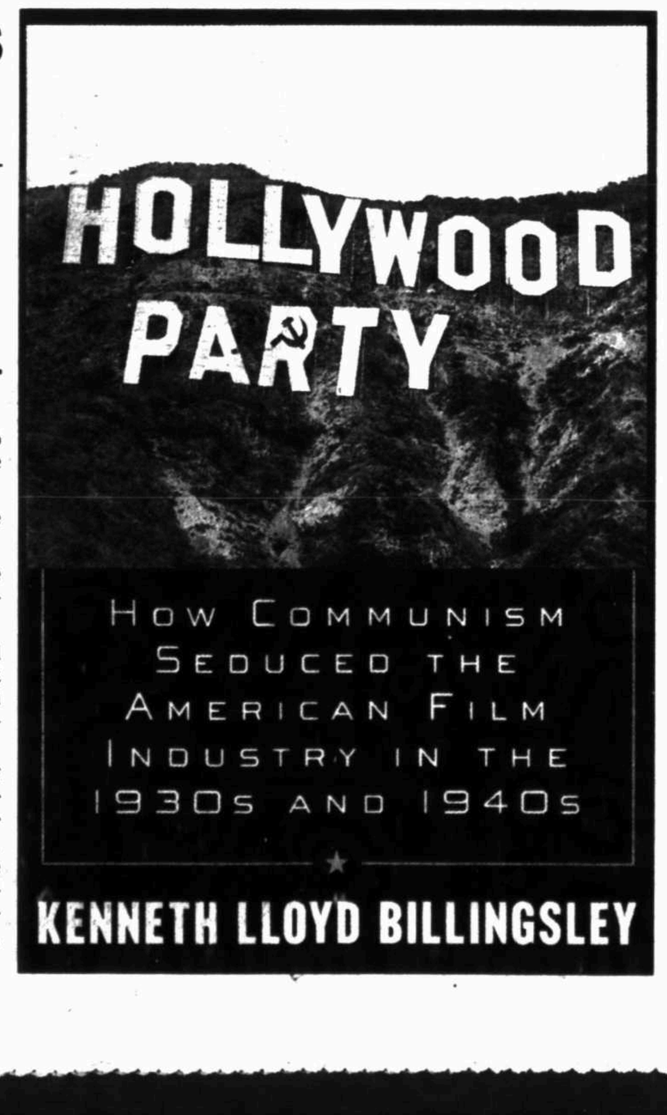
■ How Communists used front groups and studio labor unions to promote their agenda and influence films.

■ Which actors, directors and writers were the Party's favored members.

■ How today's Hollywood elite celebrates the myth of the innocent members of the blacklist targeted by zealous witch-hunting fanatics.

"The best exploration I've seen of the Hollywood blacklist and the Communist Party's role in that conflict. 'Hollywood Party' covers it all with insight, meticulous research, and some wry perceptions," lauds Charlton Heston.

"Hollywood Party" is an engrossing tale of intrigue, passion, betrayal and violence. Author Kenneth Lloyd Billingsley is the editorial director of the Pacific Research Institute in San Francisco. He has served as California correspondent for the London Spectator and has written for The Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, Los Angeles Daily News, San Francisco Chronicle, Miami Herald, Detroit News, and many other publications.



Grammy nominee Brave Combo plots return of polka

"You can't escape irony anymore ... You have to almost be in tune with this secret cynical language to be able to understand it. And, in a way, polka just blasts that apart totally. The slate is clean."

— Brave Combo leader Carl Finch.

By Mike Drago
Associated Press

ENNIS — Put on your dancing shoes and roll out the barrel. Brave Combo is plotting a polka revolution.

It's no joke, says Carl Finch, the thin, bespectacled founder of the genre-smashing 20-year-old Denton group. Polka has topped the charts before. And with the swing music revival having primed the pop music pump for horn sections and organized dancing, polkamania might well be right around the corner.

"I think polka music is so different that it could come on like the Beatles almost," said Finch, who at 47 is old enough to remember Beatlemania. "Like 'Wow, who opened this door?'"

If and when that door flies open, Finch hopes it's Brave Combo hop-step-step-stepping through.

The band, which has recorded nearly 20 albums and entertained countless sweaty college bar and dance hall crowds since its May 1979 inception, is one of five Grammy nominees in the best polka album category for its latest release, "Polka Party with Brave Combo: Live and Wild." The award ceremony is Wednesday in Los Angeles.

Brave Combo also was nominated in 1996 for its album "Polkas for a Gloomy World." The Grammy went that year to Jimmy Sturr, who is nominated again this time.

Finch and his five bandmates — saxophonist Jeffrey Barnes, bassist Bubba Hernandez on bass, trumpeter Danny O'Brien, drummer Alan Emert and percussionist Joe Cripps — are hopeful for the Grammy but realistic about beating Sturr, a perennial favorite.

What they're really after, however, is a crossover hit.

In an interview at a cavernous Czech dance hall that sits amid cow pastures on the outskirts of this central Texas town, Finch insisted the idea of polka as pop isn't that farfetched. The Andrews Sisters' 1938 hit "Beer Barrel Polka" sold more than a million records, and polka giant Frankie Yankovic had two million-sellers in the late 1940s.

"I think ... what has to happen is that somehow a polka — which you just aren't calling a polka but a song that is a polka — breaks and people dig the sound of this like they would dig Ska and they would like this sound," he said. "And then after it breaks you go, 'By the way, that's a polka.'"

Barnes, a shaggy, bearded wizard of the sax, clarinet, flute and a number of other wind instruments, recalls reading a Rolling Stone review of Brave Combo in 1981, two years before he joined the band.

"It says 'This could be the bounce out of left field that the contemporary dance scene needs,'" said Barnes, 47. "And you know, maybe it could be still."

"We talked about that when I first joined the band," added Hernandez, laughing. "Now it's 15 years later."

The music and dance of polka was brought to the United States by immigrants from Germany, Poland and other European nations. Its popularity faded with the rise of rock 'n' roll in the 1950s and, though it has undergone a resurgence in hotbeds such as Cleveland, Detroit and Chicago, polka has been relegated largely to places like SOKOL Hall in Ennis.

Like many musicians of his generation, Finch's influences in the 1960s and '70s came from pop, including the Yardbirds and Led Zeppelin. But he grew bored with pop in the mid-'70s — "about the time the Eagles had their 50th hit," he says — and began scouring record-store bargain bins for something different. It was in a Woolworth store in his hometown of Texarkana that he found polka, along with cha-cha and mambo albums.

"This was a music that was not being looked at from a pop perspective at all," he said. "It was still as closely tied to the ethnic roots as it was to any kind of pop sense."

"I was going, "Man, I like this music. There's something here that just streamlines something in me, an energy flow or something."

It wasn't for several more years, after art school at North Texas State University and work as a DJ in a country-western bar, that he decided to make polka a career.

Brave Combo was dubbed "Nuclear Polka" in its early years, a fitting title for the frenetic tempo and electric guitar that set the band apart from more orthodox polka bands. But the definition fails to convey the band's wide-ranging repertoire, which includes at least 20 languages — Armenian, Hawaiian, Greek and Japanese among them — and musical styles from conjunto to punk-polka. They've been known to launch from a double-time version of the "Hokey Pokey" or the "Bunny Hop" into a mutated "Stairway to Heaven."

"Nuclear," however, adequately describes Brave Combo's infectious energy, which on this night had overweight men with big belt buckles and bigger western hats doing the "Hava Nagila Twist" and the ever-popular it's-OK-to-flail-like-an-idiot-song, "The Chicken Dance."

That ability to make non-dancers shake their booties and serious people act silly is one of Finch's favorite things about this kind of music. In his latest Internet newsletter, "The Machine's Pump," he says "music, polka music specifically, is an antidote to the anxiety" inherent to modern society.

His elaboration on the statement drifts into metaphysics.

"Polka music derives a lot of its specialness from its energy," he explains. "On one hand it's musical and the other it's almost like physics. ... Within a song you will have two or three different cycles of tension and release and that encourages you to step out of your screwed up world and into this world with a little more order and where you can lose yourself in the energy of it."

Translation: It's fun. That's the bottom line for Brave Combo fans and among the most gratifying results for the band. Another is broadening musical horizons for art-cafe crowds who are persuaded to think of polka of more than just kitschy nostalgia.

"That's been one of the coolest things about this whole career," Finch said.

Now, about that polka revolution. The band is wrapping up its 19th album, which should be out this summer. Finch said it's consciously more mainstream but still unmistakably Brave Combo. Could it contain that elusive radio-friendly hit?

"I don't like to say it too much because Jane (his wife) figures that jinxes things," he said. Still, he couldn't help saying it: "I think there's actually a chance."

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Story time

DeCee Cornish entertains students at Garrett Primary School with a tale of lions and buffaloes in Africa Friday in Lufkin. The storytelling is part of the school's Black History Month activities.

Bill would protect self-help legal books, software

AUSTIN (AP) — While the state has moved against some publishers of do-it-yourself legal books and computer programs, a state legislator wants to make certain they're allowed.

Rep. Steve Wolens, D-Dallas, has introduced a bill he said would clarify state laws governing the practice of law in Texas and eliminate the possibility that distributing or selling books and computer software could be considered a means of practicing law.

Wolens' bill comes after a federal judge in Dallas issued a preliminary decision last month that a popular self-help legal computer program violated Texas law.

That decision came amid an ongoing free speech debate over whether computer self-help software programs are so sophisticated that they have crossed the line from reference material into something that constitutes the unauthorized practice of law.

"This is a classic case where the law is not keeping up with technology," Wolens said.

The American Bar Association said Texas appears to be at the forefront in prosecuting claims against the self-help publishers, the Austin American-Statesman reported Friday.

A 1995 ABA report noted that courts had ruled in the past the First Amendment protected books that offered do-it-yourself legal forms.

Wolens' bill would strip authority from the Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee, set up by the Texas Supreme Court, to halt investigations of and lawsuits against legal how-to publishers.

A Dallas subcommittee has been at the center of the investigations and controversy over its methods.

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Forest areas being closed to preserve abused wildlife

By Lisa Mascaro
N.Y. Times News Service

VENTURA, Calif. — Just a few miles from city life lies the wild outdoors — 3.5 million acres of rugged national forest land where a hiker can wander a trail, a cyclist can tear up some dirt and a prospector can mine a stream.

Except in the growing number of areas that rangers are posting as off-limits, to protect city life from creeping into the wild.

"We are seen by L.A. as a picnic ground," said Angeles National Forest spokeswoman Gail Wright. "They bring their barbecues; they come in high heels. ... They have their picnics with no understanding.

"People say, you don't really have bears up here, do you?"

Maintaining the wild has proved rocky terrain for the four Southern California forests that see millions of visitors a year, increasingly so as urban areas become populated and the U.S. Forest Service has fewer resources to care for its vast acreage.

At Los Padres National Forest in Ventura County, campsites that have been trampled beyond use are closed in disrepair, backcountry trails infrequently maintained, and animals trying to call the forest home have fewer staff biologists to keep tabs on their livelihood.

Grumbling from some corners has risen to a roar — from recreational users now required to buy a $30-a-year Adventure Pass for forests once accessed for free from off-roaders whose favorite spots have been closed to protect the Southwestern arroyo toad, and from eco-enthusiasts who worry about the state of more than 50 threatened or endangered species in the wild.

One group, the Southwest Center for Biological Diversity in Tucson, Ariz., has filed suit, claiming the four Southern California forests — Angeles, Los Padres, Cleveland and San Bernardino — have not provided adequate planning for various threatened and endangered species. The center, whose lawsuit was filed in June 1998, hopes the legal wrangling will force the Forest Service to pay closer attention to the wild.

"The wildlife has always gotten the short end of the stick," said the center's conservation biologist, Peter Galvin. "What we have is a biological meltdown across Southern California, and the Forest Service was a participant in this process."

The lawsuit comes as the Forest Service's recreational budgets have been slashed — 40 percent over five years at Los Padres, for example, and more than 30 percent at Angeles — spelling cuts in personnel and resources.

Sales of Adventure Passes have brought in $3 million for the Southern California forests since the pilot program started in June 1997. That money is funneled back to the sites for upgrades, from cleaner restrooms at Los Padres to trash hauling that has allowed Switzer's Picnic Area in Angeles to reopen to vehicles, officials said.

"The national forests in Southern California have had a tough time," said Matt Mathes, a spokesman for the Forest Service's regional office in San Francisco, which is in the process of moving from its headquarters of 90 years in the well-heeled financial district to a defunct military base on Mare Island to save on rent.

Since the Forest Service was established in 1905, it has maintained a balance between recreational uses, wildlife preservation and commodity activities such as mining and timber operations.

But Mathes said the Los Angeles-area forests face the added challenge of being on an urban edge that brings 11 million visitors a year to Los Padres and 32 million to Angeles, a situation unlike any other forest in the system.

"It's faced with intense human pressures," he said.

The Forest Service has been closing campgrounds and roads across the area — about 10 percent of the campsites in Los Padres and a popular off-road facility in the Antelope Valley — to help protect endangered species, including the arroyo toad, steelhead trout and others, which will be inventoried and monitored for future reports, in addition to closures that had been in place for wear and tear on the sites.

"It's been a real shocker to us," said Patrick Keene, a Calabasas gold prospector and member of the group Public Lands for the People, who said users already were upset over having to pay the new Adventure Pass fees.

"Do you stop millions and millions of people from going to the forest because of a toad?" said Keene, who operates a company that sells mining and gold prospecting equipment and often takes his school-age children to pan for gold at Piru Creek in Los Padres National Forest, which is now mostly off-limits.

"I think too many people are going to be hurt," he added. "They're not going to be able to go to the area to enjoy outdoor recreation."

Also critical of the closures has been Galvin's Tucson-based organization, which said the Forest Service needed to take such action long ago.

"It's scurrying around to get its house in order," he said. "These kinds of things should have been happening 25 years ago."

Forest Service officials would not comment directly on the lawsuit, but said in general that concerns over the endangered species are a priority for the service, which has been working for years to do its part for species protection.

"Despite downsizing and cutbacks, we know where our priorities are," Mathes said. "In Southern California, the threatened and a lot of the other species have been driven by the development. The national forest is really a last refuge."

As the forests continue to provide a getaway for city dwellers, some say they will be increasingly caught in the dilemma of trying to be all things to all users, leaving them with some tough decisions.

"It's a terrible position to be in. There is no solution," said Sam Sweet, a professor of ecology and evolution at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

"You can (anger) a million people individually, or they can end up being subject to the sort of litigation some of the stuff has been in response to," he said. "The way you balance all these things out is going to be a reflection of what things you think are important and what things you think are not."

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Pull-tab art

Bill Campbell holds up pull-tab art he made at the South Texas Ranching and Heritage Festival Friday in Kingsville. He makes deer, longhorns and other animals from the old pull-tabs.

Mercury-laced fish a reality for anglers

By Darren Marcy
The Farmington Daily Times

FARMINGTON, N.M. — The angler, on one of those rare days when the fish are biting on nearly every cast, has no trouble catching her limit in just a short time. A big family gathering is on tap with plenty of fresh fish on the menu.

But that fresh catch may have a dangerous secret.

Mercury contamination of fish is a fact in many states across the country, especially the Southwest. In the Four Corners area, with three rivers and some half dozen fishable lakes nearby, anglers need to know the facts before they break out the tartar sauce.

Three segments of the San Juan River downstream of the Hammond Ditch diversion in New Mexico, as well as Farmington Lake and Navajo Reservoir all have warnings about eating the fish caught from these waters.

Those bodies of water are among the 26 lakes and five river segments in the state that have restrictions to warn people about mercury-contaminated fish.

At greatest risk of health problems caused by mercury are children and pregnant women.

At risk is healthy neurological development — and while adults are near fully developed — growing children and women carrying babies are at high risk from mercury poisoning.

Other dangers include kidney damage, learning deficits and lowered IQ. Some doctors are studying the potential link between mercury contamination and a generation of children being diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and children with similar symptoms.

How much mercury it takes to create a health risk is being debated. Public Interest Research Group, a national watchdog group, said governments in general aren't doing enough to educate people of the dangers.

Recently, PIRG released a national study, entitled "Fishing for Trouble," which surveys mercury contamination in America's waterways.

The study is critical of state governments' efforts to monitor mercury in fish as well as efforts to convey those findings to the anglers and others who are eating the fish.

New Mexico is among the dozen states that have "none or very limited monitoring," the PIRG report says.

The watchdog group praises New Mexico's efforts at issuing advisories, but tempers the praise with criticism of the state's lack of consistent monitoring.

When fish consumption guidelines were requested from the state Environment Department, the list sent carried a date of March 18, 1993, with most of the advisories having been issued in 1991.

Nathan Wade, a spokesman for the Environment Department, said the concern over mercury is nothing new and more testing doesn't necessarily mean better information.

In September 1998, the Environment Department produced an article by Scott Hopkins, an environmental specialist. Hopkins wrote that the first fish-consumption advisory was issued in the late 1970s at Elephant Butte Reservoir. In 1995 and 1996, the Surface Water Quality Bureau screened 2,000 miles of waterways, sampling more than 200 stations.

"The data from that study show that, with some notable exceptions, mercury levels in our rivers and streams are very low," Hopkins wrote. "No water sample drawn from any major waterway in New Mexico has been found to contain mercury at a level that could pose any degree of direct risk to humans or wildlife."

The problem is that one of those "notable exceptions" is a coal seam in the Four Corners area. The prime source of mercury contamination is from the burning of coal and oil, which emits mercury into the air and then comes down and accumulates in bodies of water.

Wade said that mercury isn't a New Mexico problem, but a problem across the country.

New Mexico's location, however, doesn't help. The state is directly downwind from California and Arizona, two states with large electric generating capacities.

Also, two large electric generating stations — both burning coal from that Four Corners-area coal seam — are upwind of most of New Mexico's San Juan County.

Still, the state Environment Department contends mercury levels in New Mexico's waters aren't too high.

PIRG agrees and said New Mexico has warning level thresholds on par with Environmental Protection Agency guidelines. The problem, according to the watchdog group, is that the guidelines are confusing.

PIRG spokesman Jason Silkey said the bad part is New Mexico is close to doing a very a good job.

"New Mexico has a policy of issuing advisories at relatively low levels of mercury contamination and could be issuing adequate warnings," Silkey said. "But if the state is not routinely testing for mercury in our lakes and rivers, the warning system is irrelevant."

Worse, if you cross a state line, the advisories may mean completely different things.

And in Arizona and Utah, no advisory is issued at all until 1 part per million of mercury is detected and there is no difference for the sensitive populations as compared to the general public. That's four times as high as when New Mexico issues its first warning and the same level as when New Mexico officials encourage people to avoid eating the fish.

PIRG says few of these concerns would matter if the federal government would do a better job at closing loopholes in environmental laws controlling the amount of mercury emitted from power plants and waste incinerators.

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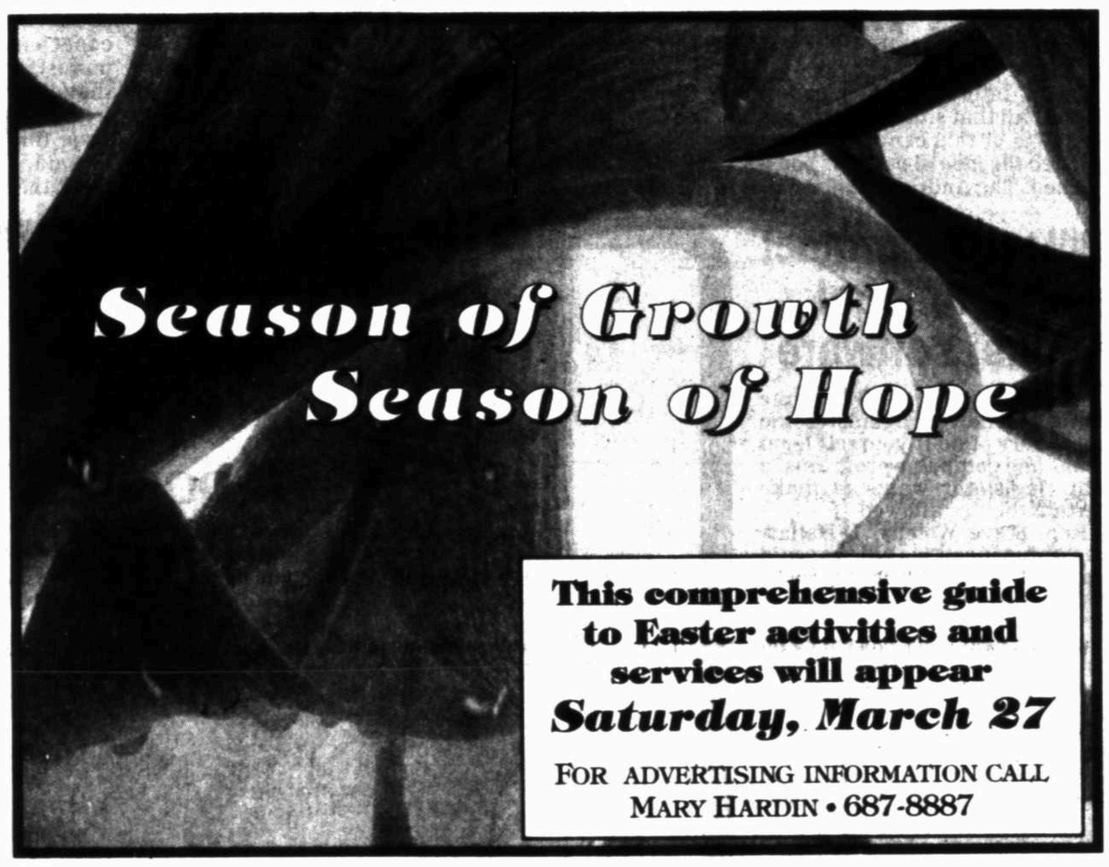

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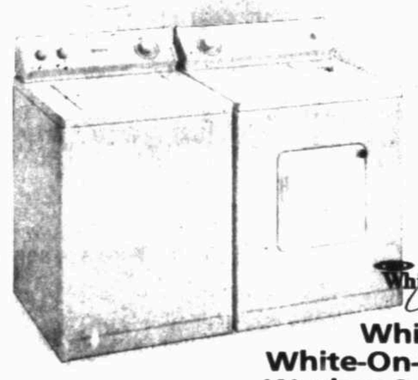

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SPORTS

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Seminole, Bulldogs put on show

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

SEMINOLE — When Midland High met Seminole Saturday afternoon at the Seminole gym, it wasn't a state playoff game, but it's a near promise that the playoffs won't produce any more excitement than this warmup game.

Midland High, the defending Class 5A state champion, came away with an 80-76 win over the Indians, who own the state's No. 1 Class 3A ranking. And it was every bit as close as the score would indicate.

The game had every thing a fan could dream of. First, there were probably five Division I players on the floor (MHS' Charles Tatum, headed for Arkansas; MHS' Jay Christian, headed for Rice; Seminole's 6-7 Chris Ogden, headed for Texas; and the other two, MHS' Blake Johnston and Seminole's Caleb Clay, who will both probably land in Division I).

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Midland High	80
Seminole	76

Then there was Tatum, who has been on a torrid mission with the playoffs looming. Tatum scored 30 points, his third consecutive game with 30 or more. He also hit five more treys to give him 103 for the season, beating his own school record of 99 for a single season set last year.

There was the rebounding war between Christian and Ogden. Christian had 16, Ogden 14. Christian also had 24 points, hitting 11-of-14 shots from the field.

There was the three-point war between Seminole's Chris Browning (4) and Tatum (5). There were 14 lead changes and the game was tied seven times. Ogden had a triple-double with 12 points, 14 rebounds and 11 assists.

Still, four of Ogden's teammates (Browning, 16; Clay, 15; Eric Sheets, 15; and Felipe Hernandez, 14) outscored him as he hit only four-of-four from the field with none other than the 5-9 Tatum guarding him much of the game. And close to 1,600 fans watched the game.

And for all the things Ogden did on the court, it was his over-the-head blind passes and Tatum's treys to

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SPORTS BRIEFING

4-5A Soccer

BOYS

	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Odessa Permian	6	2	12	4
Midland Lee	6	2	9	3
Abilene High	5	2	13	3
San Angelo Central	5	2	11	2
Midland High	4	4	9	6
Odessa High	1	7	5	13
Abilene Cooper	0	8	4	13

Saturday's Results
Midland Lee 2, Odessa Permian 0; Midland High 2, Odessa High 0; San Angelo Central 4, Abilene Cooper 0. Non-District: Abilene High 5, San Angelo Lake View 0.

Thursday's Games
Midland High at Abilene Cooper; Abilene High at Midland Lee; San Angelo Central at Odessa High. Odessa Permian is open.

GIRLS

	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Midland Lee	8	0	16	2
San Angelo Central	5	2	12	4
Abilene High	4	3	7	6
Midland High	4	4	9	7
Odessa Permian	4	4	8	8
Abilene Cooper	2	6	6	8
Odessa High	0	8	3	11

Saturday's Results
Midland High 3, Odessa High 0; Midland Lee 7, Odessa Permian 1; San Angelo Central 3, Abilene Cooper 0. Abilene High was open.

Thursday's Games
Midland Lee at Abilene High; Abilene Cooper at Midland High; Odessa High at San Angelo Central. Odessa Permian is open.

TV Sports

COLLEGE BASKETBALL — Men, Alabama at Vanderbilt, 11:30 a.m., CBS.
Maryland at Georgia Tech, 12:30 p.m., ESPN2.
Syracuse at UCLA, 2:30 p.m., ABC.
Marquette at Memphis, 6 p.m., ESPN2.
Women, Tulsa at Rice, 1 p.m., FSN.
Penn State at Ohio State, 2:30 p.m., ESPN2.
Arizona State at Oregon State, 3 p.m., FSN.
Washington at California, 5 p.m., FSN.
AUTO RACING — NASCAR Winston Cup Series, North Carolina 400, 11:30 p.m., TNN.
NBA — Detroit Pistons at San Antonio Spurs, noon, NBC.
Houston Rockets at Orlando Magic, 2:30 p.m., NBC.
Los Angeles Lakers at Seattle Sonics, 5 p.m., NBC.
GOLF — PGA Nissan Open, final round, 2 p.m., CBS.
Senior PGA GTE Classic, final round (same-day tape), 4:30 p.m., ESPN.
NHL — Colorado Avalanche at Dallas Stars, 2 p.m., FOX.
Pittsburgh Penguins at Philadelphia Flyers, 7 p.m., ESPN.
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Texas Scores

NBA — Miami Heat 81, Houston Rockets 71.
Dallas Mavericks at Los Angeles Clippers, late.
COLLEGE BASKETBALL — Men, Texas Tech 73, Nebraska 68.
Texas 63, Texas A&M 54.
Colorado 73, Baylor 56.
No. 24 New Mexico 81, UTEP 65.
SMU 80, UNLV 78.
Tulsa 77, Rice 47.
Air Force 81, TCU 78.
Women, Texas 65, Texas A&M 56.
PREP BASKETBALL — Boys practice game, Midland High 80, Seminole 76.

Sports Today

DIVING — Texas Age Group Dive Association Championships, 9 a.m., Mabee Aquatic Center.
MARTIAL ARTS TOURNAMENT — National Guard Armory, Hogan Park.

Tyson acts up

ROCKVILLE, Md — Former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson was put in an isolation cell after a disturbance Saturday night at the Montgomery County Detention Center.

Several TV stations in Washington reported that Tyson became upset, either in his cell or a break room, and threw a television set. The set narrowly missed jail guards, and there were no injuries.

A hearing on the disturbance has been set for Monday.

Tyson, 32, was sentenced Feb. 5 to a one-year jail sentence for assaulting two men after a minor traffic accident in August in Gaithersburg. Tyson pleaded no contest to the charges, but might appeal the sentence.

The boxer is on probation in Indiana for raping a beauty pageant contestant in an Indianapolis hotel room in 1991. He served three years in prison and was released in March 1995.

Tyson won a comeback fight last month against Francois Botha, his first since losing his boxing license for biting Evander Holyfield during a championship bout in June 1997.

Tyson was scheduled to fight April 24 in Las Vegas against an opponent to be determined.

TAGDA Meet

Midland welcomes 130 divers

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

While Midland's reputation as a sports town may receive a boost over the next two weekends, one of the Tall City's sports organizations used this weekend as a chance to stake its claim to legitimacy.

The City of Midland diving team hosted the first round of the Texas Age Group Diving Association (TAGDA) Tour Saturday at the Mabee Aquatic Complex. It was the first of three scheduled TAGDA Tour events for the spring, with one scheduled two weekend from now in San Antonio and the last one in Houston in May.

As big as the TAGDA meet coming to town is, the undertaking is hardly the biggest aquatic event Midland will be hosting for the next couple of weeks. COM will host the TAGS swim meet March 4-7, which will feature more than 1,000 young athletes.

The 130 divers in town this weekend pales by comparison, but COM diving coach Warren Maxwell is hoping that a foundation can be built.

"We have the nice facility in the association so we hope it's going to be back here next year," Maxwell said.

COM won the right to host the first meet of the inaugural season of the TAGDA Tour last fall. The meet will continue today starting at 9 a.m. with boys and girls ages 14-19 competing.

Saturday belonged to divers 13 and under, which worked to the advantage of COM, which has far more young divers than those who will be competing today.

"We did great," said Maxwell. "We did better than I could have expected. The bulk of our kids dove today and they're under age 11. You never know what they're going to do."

The big individual winner of the day for COM was Erin Savas, who won both

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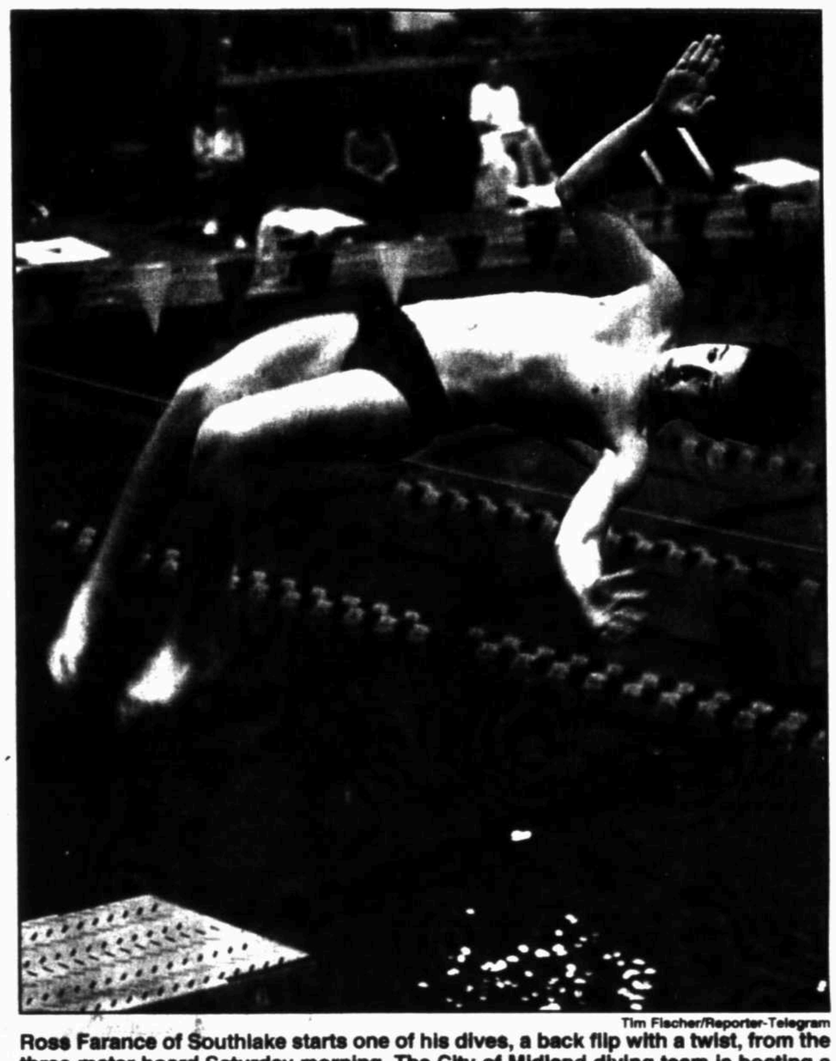

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram
Ross Farance of Southlake starts one of his dives, a back flip with a twist, from the three-meter board Saturday morning. The City of Midland diving team is hosting a Texas Age Group Diving Association meet at Mabee Memorial Aquatic Center.

Trinidad decisions Whitaker

By Ed Schuyler Jr.
AP Boxing Writer

NEW YORK — Felix Trinidad Jr. easily outboxed aging Pernell Whitaker on Saturday night at Madison Square Garden and immediately talked about fighting Oscar De La Hoya.

The 26-year-old Trinidad peppered the 35-year-old Whitaker with right-hand leads and retained the IBF welterweight title before a roaring crowd of 13,821, most of them for the champion from Puerto Rico.

"Yes, obviously I won," Trinidad said. "I controlled the whole fight. I won easily."

Whitaker disagreed.

"He didn't do anything, see what the people think," said Whitaker, who was taken to a hospital for a possible broken jaw. "I had a good time. I thought I won. I controlled the late rounds."

The numbers easily favored Trinidad.

Judges Melvin Lathan and Robert Exton each scored it for Trinidad 118-109. Judge Samuel Conde Lopez favored Trinidad 117-110.

The AP scored 116-111 for Trinidad.

A CompuBox punch analysis showed Trinidad landed 278 of 512 punches, a 52 percent rate. Whitaker was credited with connecting on 31 percent (234 of 749). The scoring percentage of Whitaker's 20 pervious opponents was only 28 percent.

It was the first fight in 16 months for Whitaker, who did not fight last year while in drug and alcohol rehabilitation. His age, the layoff and his lifestyle caught up with him.

In another title fight, Terronn Millett who still has a bullet in his back from being shot while someone was trying to

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Lady Rebels put on clinic

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

Saturday, the members of the Midland Lee girls soccer team held a community soccer camp, free of charge, to help young players improve their individual skills.

However, it was during the Lady Rebels' 7-1 win over Odessa Permian before the clinic that the future varsity performers could have learned a very valuable lesson — how to deal with pressure.

LEE

Girls' Soccer	
Midland Lee	7
Od. Permian	1

Midland Lee is right in the middle of a campaign for not only a District 4-5A title but an undefeated district campaign. They even got through a shaky start to win and improve their record to 8-0.

"We would like to finish undefeated, so there is a lot of pressure," said Linsey Johnson, who posted her third varsity hat trick (three-goal performance). "A lot of that pressure comes from other people expecting us to."

"There is no doubt (finishing with a perfect district

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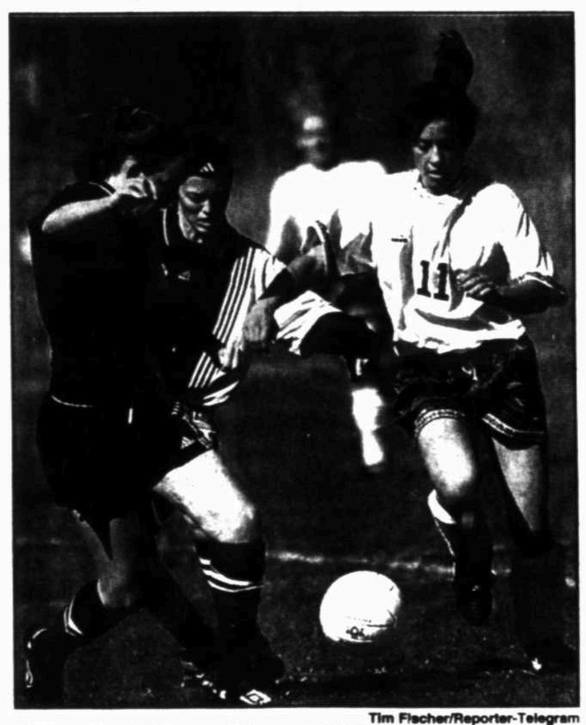

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Midland Lee's Linsey Johnson (11) battles for the ball with two Odessa Permian players, including Sarah Nelson, left. Johnson scored three goals in the District 4-5A-leading Lady Rebels' 7-1 rout Saturday at Lee Soccer Field.

Bulldogs keep hope alive with victory vs. OHS

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

The Midland High boys soccer team is taking an approach of each game being the biggest game of the year.

On Saturday, the Odessa High Bronchos were the next big opponents for the Bulldogs. And thanks to a 2-0 win at the Midland High soccer field, the Bulldogs keep their playoff hopes alive by improving to 4-4 in District 4-5A and 9-6 overall.

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Boys' Soccer	
Midland High	2
Odessa High	0

"We tried to play good ball today," said MHS first-year coach Tony Pierce. "In the first half I thought was decent soccer. In the second half I thought we got away from what we wanted to do a little bit. We managed to enjoy a lot of scoring opportunities but we didn't finish."

The opportunities Pierce is talking about is the 22-3 shot advantage his Bulldogs had in the game. In a con-

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Clemens tries in vain to blend in

By Fred Goodall
AP Sports Writer.

TAMPA, Fla. — No one could have blamed Roger Clemens for feeling like a runway model as cameras whirred and fans craned their necks to get a glimpse of the new star in Yankee pinstripes.

The five-time Cy Young Award winner reported to spring training Saturday, whisked into the team's complex in a sports utility vehicle and eventually slipped into the uniform he says he's always admired.

He said he just wants to blend in with the defending world champions, but on this day he commanded all of the attention.

"This is great," David Cone joked. "I can slither right in and hide."

Fans lined a walkway stretching across nearby Dale Mabry Highway to Legends Field, while others scrambled for spots along stadium railing to watch Clemens throw to catcher Joe Girardi for 13 minutes (59 pitches) in the bullpen.

His news conference was telecast live in New York and a horde of photographers and reporters tracked as much of his first day on the job as the Yankees would allow. Later, he signed autographs for nearly half an hour.

"I'm glad to get the circus out of the way and get on with business," manager Joe Torre said. "He can't be anonymous. I'm just glad to see he's wearing our uniform."

The Yankees acquired the 36-year-old right-hander in a stunning trade that sent pitchers David Wells and Graeme Lloyd and infielder Homer Bush to the Toronto Blue Jays.

Clemens was 20-6 with a 2.65 ERA in 1998, leading the American League in wins, strikeouts and ERA for the second straight season. He won the Cy Young Award both years, giving him a record five — one more than the Yankees pitchers have won in team history.

"It's just real exciting to walk in and be a part of the tradition ... I feel very fortunate," Clemens said, adding one of the things he's always admired about the Yankees is their professionalism.

"I feel I'm a grinder. I'm going to take the mound whether my arm feels good or bad," he said.

"I see a lot of professionals that I'm fixing to have the opportunity to play with. They seem like they come every day and know their responsibilities and are going to answer the bell whether they feel good or bad. As a pitcher you can see that sometimes in certain situations with a pitching staff. But it works all the way through with this team."

Clemens turned down a chance to play for the Yankees two years ago, instead going to Toronto where he was frustrated by the Blue Jays' inability to make the playoffs.

The prospect of New York winning its third World Series title in four years wasn't the only factor in his decision

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AP Photo
New York Yankees pitcher Roger Clemens adjusts his new cap during a news conference Saturday at Legends Field in Tampa, Fla.

Tryba shoots Riviera record to vault to lead

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Ted Tryba, continuing this year's record-setting run of low scores, shot a 10-under-par 61 Saturday to rewrite the Riviera Country Club record and vault into the Nissan Open lead.

Tryba, who bogeyed the final hole by muffing his chip from the fringe and missing a 12-foot par putt, had nine birdies to go with an eagle on No. 11, where he sank a 30-foot putt.

His record round put him at 13-under 200, two shots in front of a most imposing trio: Tiger Woods, Ernie Els and Davis Love III.

Woods, who shot 62-65 the final two rounds to win the San Diego event last weekend, was clicking again with a 65 that was his lowest score ever at Riviera.

Two-time U.S. Open champion Els had a 68, as did Love, who won the 1997 PGA Championship and holds 12 other titles.

David Duval, who has won nine of his last 30 tournaments and shot a Tour record closing round of 59 to take the Bob Hope Classic last month, pulled within four shots of the Nissan lead with a third-round 67. Duval had fallen back in the pack with a second-round 71.

Jerry Kelly, a 32-year-old looking for his first win, shot 67 to tie Duval at 9-under.

Nick Price, with a 67, was five shots off the lead. Among the others at 205 were Bob Estes, who held a one-shot lead beginning the day but shot a 72; and defending champion Billy Mayfair, quietly but efficiently plugging away all week. Mayfair shot 69.

Nicholas wins Hawaiian Ladies Open

KAPOLEI, Hawaii — Alison Nicholas is the smallest player on the LPGA Tour, but she can still run rings around the competition.

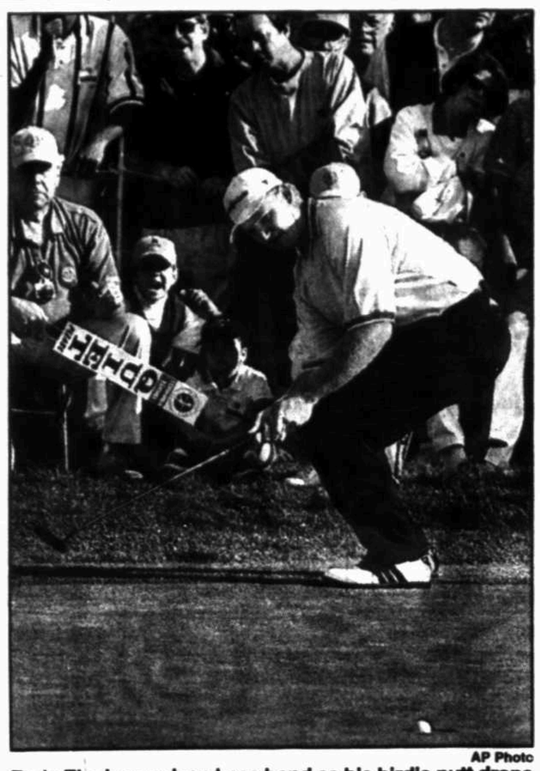
The 5-foot Nicholas shot a 1-over par 73 Saturday in rain to win the Hawaiian Ladies Open by one stroke over Moira Dunn and Annette DeLuca.

The native of Gibraltar who now lives in England won $97,500 and finished with a 54-hole total of 7-under-par 209.

The inclement weather may have bothered the other 77 players, but not Nicholas, who picked up a stroke on the 426-yard 7th hole before registering bogeys on the 13th and closing hole when the outcome was all but settled.

At the turn, she held a three-stroke lead and then it was a matter of finishing it off the competition.

Dunn (68) and DeLuca (70) got birdies late in the round to go to 6-under, but it was too little, too late.



AP Photo

Ernie Els does a deep knee bend as his birdie putt drops into the 18th hole at Los Angeles' Riviera Country Club during Saturday's third round of the Nissan Open. Els shot an 11-under-par, putting him in a three-way tie for second place behind leader Ted Tryba.

Jan Stephenson (71) got to 6-under on the front side, but could not continue the drive and finished alone in fourth at 211. Maria Hjort, Pat Hurst, Helen Dobson and Cindy McCurdy were at 4-under 212 with first-round leader Mardi Lunn and Kelly Robbins in a group at 213.

Michelle McGann, who shared the lead with Nicholas going into the final round, fell apart on the 6,100-yard Kapolei Golf Course. She lost three strokes on the front nine and then disaster struck on the return trip as she registered four double-bogeys.

Nelson holds 1-shot lead at GTE Seniors

LUTZ, Fla. — Larry Nelson, still working his way back from a herniated disc, shot a 3-under-par 68 Saturday to move into a one-stroke lead after two rounds of the GTE Classic seniors tournament.

Nelson stood at 4-under 138 after two rounds at the Tournament Players Club at Tampa Bay, ahead of Jim Dent and Hale Irwin. Dent shot a 67 on Saturday and Irwin carded a 69.

"I think I have hit the ball pretty well," said Nelson, who took a seven-week hiatus last season to let the ailment heal.

Gordon goes for record-tying fourth straight NASCAR win

By Mike Harris
AP Motorsports Writer

ROCKINGHAM, N.C. — Jeff Gordon says he doesn't need to win to be happy.

But the two-time defending NASCAR Winston Cup champion has made winning practically routine over the last few years.

A victory in the Dura-Lube/Big Kmart 400 on Sunday at North Carolina Speedway would be the 44th of his still budding career. He finished the 1998 season with two in a row and got the new season started last Sunday with a victory in the Daytona 500, so a trip to victory lane at Rockingham would match the modern-era record for consecutive wins.

It's been done seven times since 1972, including last year by the 27-year-old Gordon on the way to 13 victories, equaling another modern-era mark.

"I don't know about the four in a row," Gordon said. "Last season was last season. This is a new season. We're just trying to come into Rockingham and get the best finish we can."

Gordon, who swept both Winston Cup events here last year, has won three of the last four and a total of four time at The Rock.

"I feel very good about this racetrack," he said. "The last two times we've been here, we've been very strong. But we're just trying to put together a good string of runs. Those (26) top fives we had last year impressed me more than the wins. That's what we want to try to continue to do.

"We know we've got a car capable of winning, but you've got to have all the circumstances work out for you at the same time."

Gordon will start third in the 43-car field. In fact, his No. 24 Chevrolet is the only General Motors product breaking up a sweep of the top six by Ford Tauruses.

Ricky Rudd gained the 24th pole of his career and first in 101 races by getting around the 1.017-mile oval at 157.241 mph. The entire field was determined in one round of time trials on a cold, sunny Saturday after Friday's opening session of qualifying was rained out.

"There wasn't anything particularly pretty about our lap," said Rudd, whose last pole came at Charlotte on Oct. 4, 1995. "I really was sort of mad at myself because I drove into turn one and really kind of overdrove the corner a little bit. I really couldn't believe the lap was that good. But I would have been real happy with a top five, so a pole is great."

FIGHT: Trinidad wants De La Hoya next

(From 1C)

rob him in 1991, knocked down Vince Phillips twice and stopped him at 1:58 of the fifth round to win the IBF junior welterweight (140 pounds) title.

While the Garden crowd was watching the Millett-Phillips fight, HBO viewers were watching a rerun of De La Hoya's split decision victory against Ike Quartey last Saturday.

Trinidad hopes to fight De La Hoya, but he might have trouble staying at 147 pounds much longer. He and Whitaker each weighed 147 at the weigh-in, but were at 155 pounds by fight time.

When asked about his next opponent, Trinidad said, "It is supposed to be (Vincent) Pettway. But if it is Oscar, bring him on."

At times the fight was marred by rough tactics from both fighters. In the sixth round, referee Benji Estevez stopped action for several seconds to allow Whitaker to recover from a low blow.

Whitaker went down in the second round from a right to the chin with 25 seconds left. He bounced up immediately.

In the 10th and 12th rounds, Whitaker dropped to the seat of his pants when trapped in a corner by Trinidad. The second time, Trinidad kept punching until the referee pulled him off.

Whitaker had a big round in the seventh when he connected with a right hook and two jarring lefts to the head that shook Trinidad.

Trinidad came back in the eighth round to land a left hook that hurt Whitaker and then followed with a four-punch flurry that backed the challenger up.

It was Trinidad's unerring right-hand lead that really spelled the difference.

Trinidad, a 4 1/2-1 favorite, who earned $4.5 million, boosted his record to 34-0 with 29 knockouts. Whitaker, a former world champion in four classes from lightweight through junior middleweight, earned $2.5 million. His record is 41-3-1 with 17 knockouts.

DIVING: Local divers get good competition

(From 1C)

the 1-meter and 3-meter gold medals in the 9 and under competition.

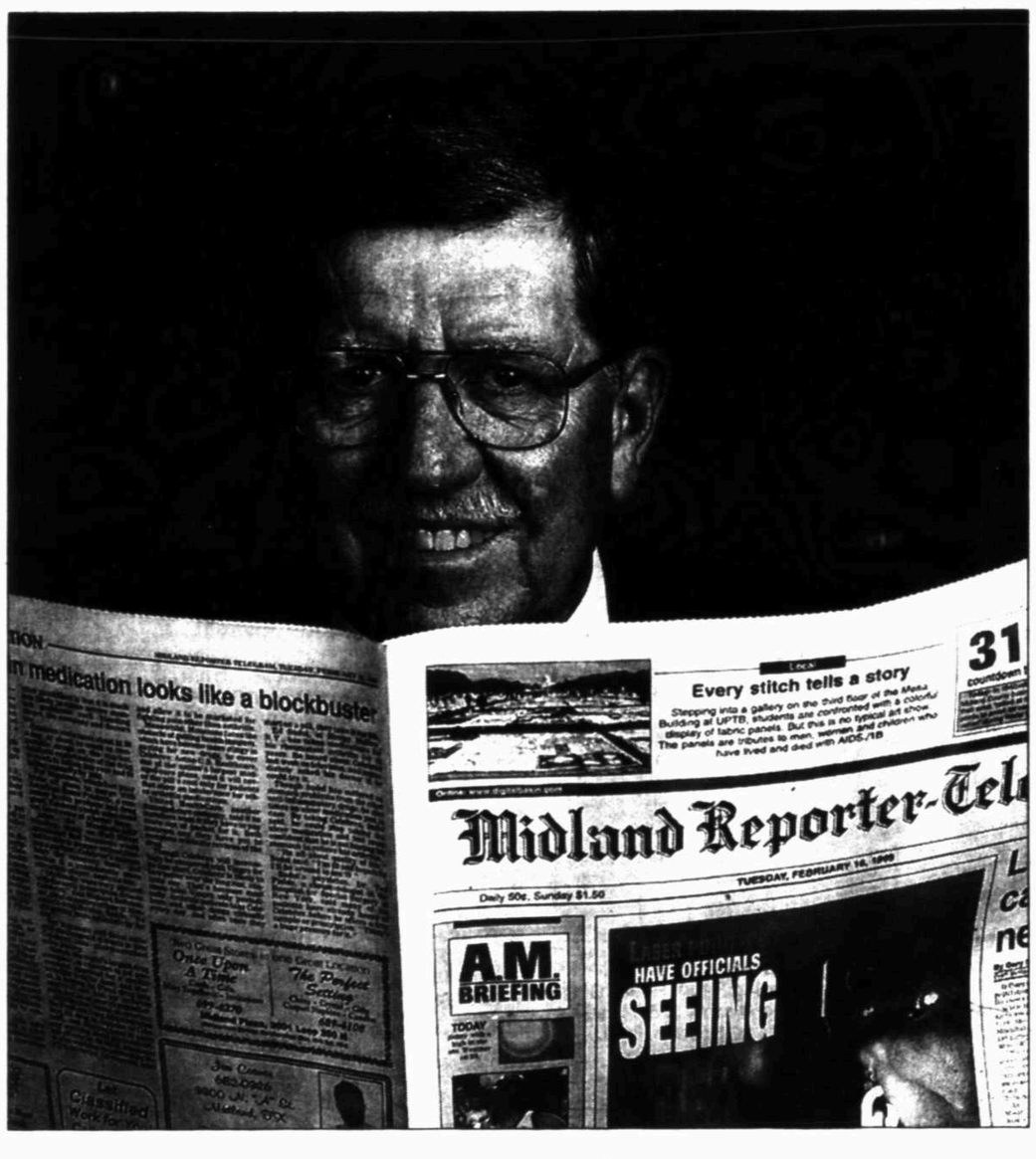
The meet introduced the COM divers to strong competition from several of the metro areas in Texas. For the most part, TAGS divers have to content themselves with facing teams from Lubbock and Amarillo.

"When you bring in competition from the rest of the state raises the level of the meet," Maxwell said. "Our kids responded very well."

GC Diving has established itself as the team to beat this weekend, and perhaps in TAGDA events over the next few months. Maxwell said that economic factors play a role in the success of that program.

"They always have a lot of kids to travel to all these meets and we really have to pick and choose where we go because of the money situation," Maxwell said.

The top two divers in each event in each age group will make the TAGDA all-state team, which may compete against a national team from Mexico before the end of the year. The COM divers will also compete in a national qualifying meet in Lubbock at the end of March.



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SPORTS SCOREBOARD

NBA Results

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	7	2	.778	—
Miami	6	3	.667	1
New York	5	3	.625	1 1/2
Philadelphia	4	5	.444	3
Boston	3	4	.429	3
Washington	3	4	.429	3
New Jersey	2	6	.250	4 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	6	3	.667	—
Indiana	6	3	.667	—
Cleveland	5	3	.625	1/2
Milwaukee	5	3	.625	1/2
Detroit	4	5	.444	2
Toronto	2	5	.286	3
Charlotte	1	7	.125	4 1/2
Chicago	1	7	.125	4 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	8	1	.889	—
Minnesota	6	2	.750	1 1/2
Houston	6	3	.667	2
San Antonio	4	5	.444	4
Vancouver	3	5	.375	4 1/2
Dallas	2	8	.200	6 1/2
Denver	1	8	.111	7

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	6	2	.750	—
Seattle	6	2	.750	—
L.A. Lakers	6	3	.667	1/2
Sacramento	5	3	.625	1
Phoenix	5	4	.556	1 1/2
Golden State	4	6	.400	3
L.A. Clippers	0	7	.000	5 1/2

Saturday's Games

Miami 81, Houston 71
Utah 110, Seattle 80
Atlanta 76, Philadelphia 69
Cleveland 89, New Jersey 84
Indiana 82, Milwaukee 80
Portland 90, Golden State 84
Dallas 105, L.A. Clippers 90

Sunday's Games

Boston at Washington, noon.
Chicago at New York, noon.
Detroit at San Antonio, noon.
Vancouver at Toronto, 2 p.m.
Houston at Orlando, 2:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Minnesota, 2:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Indiana, 5 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Seattle, 5 p.m.

Monday's Games

Philadelphia at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Denver, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Utah, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Phoenix, 8 p.m.

Heat 81, Rockets 71

HOUSTON (71): Pippen 2-10 4-6 10, Harrington 6-10 5-6 17, Olajuwon 6-11 4-4 16, Dickerson 4-13 0-0 9, Maloney 0-0 0-0 0, Price 1-4 0-0 2, Miller 3-5 0-0 6, Mobley 4-13 1-2 9, Bullard 0-1 0-0 0, Drew 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 27-70 14-18 71.

MIAMI (81): Majerle 1-7 2-2 4, Brown 10-14 4-6 24, Mourning 3-11 3-4 9, Walters 3-4 0-0 8, Hardaway 5-18 4-4 17, Porter 2-7 2-2 7, Edwards 1-5 0-0 2, Weatherspoon 4-8 2-2 10, Strickland 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 29-75 17-20 81.

Houston 15 22 9 25 — 71
Miami 19 18 23 21 — 81

3-Point Goals—Houston 3-12 (Pippen 2-5, Dickerson 1-3, Drew 0-1, Mobley 0-1, Price 0-2), Miami 6-17 (Hardaway 3-7, Walters 2-2, Porter 1-3, Majerle 0-5). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Houston 50 (Olajuwon 16), Miami 46 (Brown 15). Assists—Houston 11 (Price 4), Miami 21 (Hardaway 11). Total fouls—Houston 20, Miami 14. A—15,200 (15,200).

Jazz 110, SuperSonics 80

SEATTLE (80): Schrempf 3-7 2-4 9, Baker 6-13 1-2 13, Polynice 3-4 1-2 7, Lewis 0-1 0-0 0, Payton 3-13 0-0 7, Hawkins 5-12 3-3 14, Ellis 0-3 0-1 0, Norris 0-3 1-2 1, Williams 2-2 7-8 11, MacLean 3-7 0-0 7, Stepanis 3-6 0-0 6, Cotton 1-3 3-4 5. Totals 29-74 18-26 80.

UTAH (110): Russell 6-13 2-4 15, Malone 11-20 6-6 28, Ostertag 0-1 0-0 0, Hornacek 6-11 3-3 15, Stockton 4-5 0-0 9, Fuller 2-4 1-4 5, Eisley 4-7 2-2 11, Anderson 5-8 0-0 12, Foster 4-7 0-1 8, Vaughn 0-0 0-0 0, Keefe 3-4 1-1 7, King 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 45-82 15-21 110.

Seattle 16 29 15 20 — 80
Utah 31 24 23 32 — 110

3-Point Goals—Seattle 4-15 (Schrempf 1-1, MacLean 1-1, Payton 1-4, Hawkins 1-4, Ellis 0-1, Lewis 0-1, Norris 0-3), Utah 5-9 (Anderson 2-2, Stockton 1-1, Russell 1-2, Eisley 1-3, Hornacek 0-1). Fouled out—Williams. Rebounds—Seattle 42 (Hawkins 7), Utah 54 (Russell 8). Assists—Seattle 21 (Payton 7), Utah 34 (Eisley 7). Total fouls—Seattle 21, Utah 25. Technicals—Baker, Seattle coach Westphal, Polynice, Utah illegal Defense, Malone, Fuller. A—19,911 (19,911).

Hawks 76, 76ers 69

ATLANTA (76): Ellis 3-11 3-4 9, Henderson 5-10 2-2 12, Mutombo 4-8 0-2 8, Smith 5-7 3-3 14, Blaylock 5-15 0-0 13, Gray 0-3 0-0 0, West 0-0 0-0 0, Corbin 1-8 5-5 7, Long 3-5 7-10 13, Johnson 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 26-68 20-26 76.

PHILADELPHIA (69): Lynch 1-10 0-0 2, Ratliff 3-8 4-4 10, Geiger 4-14 0-0 8, Iverson 9-23 7-10 26, Snow 1-7 0-0 2, Benjamin 1-3 0-0 2, Grant 3-5 0-0 6, Hughes 3-8 4-6 10, McKie 0-2 1-2 1, Mohammed 1-1 0-1 2, Shaw 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 26-81 16-23 69.

Atlanta 21 24 15 16 — 76
Philadelphia18 15 14 22 — 69

3-Point Goals—Atlanta 4-8 (Blaylock 3-5, Smith 1-1, Gray 0-1, Ellis 0-1), Philadelphia 1-3 (Iverson 1-2, McKie 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Atlanta 57 (Mutombo 9), Philadelphia 53 (Ratliff 12). Assists—Atlanta 17 (Blaylock 7), Philadelphia 15 (Iverson 5). Total fouls—Atlanta 17, Philadelphia 19. Technicals—Grant. A—15,159 (20,444).

Nets 84, Cavaliers 69

NEW JERSEY (84): Burrell 2-5 0-0 5, Van Horn 8-16 5-6 21, Williams 1-3 0-0 2, Cassell 7-13 4-4 18, Kittles 8-23 3-3 19, McIlvaine 0-1 0-0 0, Murdock 3-7 0-0 7, Gatling 2-6 1-1 5, Evans 1-2 0-0 2, Seikaly 1-4 0-2 2, Jones 1-3 0-0 3, Gill 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 34-84 13-16 84.

CLEVELAND (69): Henderson 1-6 0-0 2, Kemp 10-19 4-6 24, Potapenko 2-9 2-4 6, Knight 2-7 8-8 12, Person 2-5 0-0 6, Anderson 5-9 9-11 19, Sura 3-5 1-2 7, Newman 2-4 3-4 7, Ferry 1-3 4-4 6, Lang 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 28-67 31-39 89.

New Jersey26 17 19 22 — 84
Cleveland 24 20 17 28 — 89

3-Point Goals—New Jersey 3-12 (Burrell 1-1, Murdock 1-2, Jones 1-3, Cassell 0-1, Kittles 0-5), Cleveland 2-7 (Person 2-5, Ferry 0-1, Newman 0-1). Fouled out—Cassell, Burrell. Rebounds—New Jersey 48 (Seikaly 6), Cleveland 52 (Kemp 11). Assists—New Jersey 21 (Murdock 8), Cleveland 24 (Knight 8). Total fouls—New Jersey 32, Cleveland 23. Technicals—Cassell, Nets coach Calipari, Williams, Potapenko. A—15,321 (20,562).

Pacers 82, Bucks 80

INDIANA (82): D.Davis 3-5 4-4 10, Mullin 4-6 1-2 9, Smits 4-10 0-0 8, Jackson 3-9 0-0 7, Miller 8-15 0-0 20, A.Davis 2-7 3-5 7, Rose 3-7 1-3 7, Perkins 2-6 0-0 5, Croshere 1-4 0-0 3, Best 3-6 0-0 6. Totals 33-75 9-14 82.

MILWAUKEE (80): Hill 2-6 2-6 6, Robinson 13-22 4-4 31, Traylor 2-4 0-0 4, Allen 3-10 0-0 7, Brandon 2-8 2-2 6, M.Curry 1-3 2-2 4, Johnson 0-0 0-0 0, D.Curry 4-7 0-0 9, Del Negro 2-7 0-0 5, Gilliam 3-7 2-4 8. Totals 32-74 12-18 80.

Indiana 24 21 23 14 — 82
Milwaukee18 27 23 12 — 80

3-Point Goals—Indiana 7-22 (Miller 4-8, Croshere 1-2, Perkins 1-3, Jackson 1-5, Rose 0-1, Best 0-1, Mullin 0-2), Milwaukee 4-12 (Robinson 1-1, D.Curry 1-2, Del Negro 1-4, Allen 1-5). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Indiana 48 (Miller, Mullin 6), Milwaukee 47 (Robinson 10). Assists—Indiana 19 (Jackson 7), Milwaukee 20 (Del Negro 6). Total fouls—Indiana 20, Milwaukee 19. A—18,173 (18,717).

NHL Results

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	29	14	13	71	176	121
New Jersey	31	20	7	69	171	147
Pittsburgh	30	17	7	67	172	148
N.Y. Rangers	22	27	7	51	156	158
N.Y. Islanders	18	33	7	43	138	174

Northeast Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	32	16	8	72	164	118
Toronto	32	20	4	68	181	168
Buffalo	27	19	10	64	152	120
Montreal	23	28	8	54	139	154
Boston	22	24	9	53	136	129

Southeast Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	26	22	10	62	152	148
Florida	21	21	15	57	142	147
Washington	23	28	5	51	141	147
Tampa Bay	12	40	5	29	117	210

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	31	23	4	66	171	143
St. Louis	22	23	10	54	152	144
Nashville	20	31	6	46	135	185
Chicago	16	34	8	40	128	184

Northwest Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	29	21	6	64	153	138
Edmonton	22	26	8	52	154	147
Calgary	20	28	9	49	145	166
Vancouver	18	31	7	43	141	177

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	35	10	8	78	158	106
Phoenix	29	17	10	68	145	124
Anaheim	23	25	9	55	150	146
San Jose	20	25	13	53	132	136
Los Angeles	21	31	5	47	134	153

Saturday's Games

Late game not included

Carolina 3, Tampa Bay 2
Washington 3, San Jose 1
Ottawa 4, Philadelphia 1
Toronto 3, Montreal 2, OT
N.Y. Islanders 3, New Jersey 2
Florida 7, Phoenix 1
Nashville 4, St. Louis 3
Los Angeles 2, Calgary 2, tie
Anaheim at Vancouver, (n)

Sunday's Games

Detroit at Buffalo, 2 p.m.
Boston at Chicago, 2 p.m.
Colorado at Dallas, 2 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Carolina, 4 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Edmonton, 7 p.m.

Hurricanes 3, Lightning 2

Carolina	0	1	2 — 3
Tampa Bay	1	1	0 — 2

First Period—1, Tampa Bay, Daigle 4 (Wilkie, Cullimore), 6:05 (pp).
Second Period—2, Tampa Bay, Kubina 5 (Hogue, Schwab), 1:31. 3, Carolina, O'Neill 11 (Gelinas, Pratt), 10:50.
Third Period—4, Carolina, Kapanen 16 (Roberts, Francis), 1:32. 5, Carolina, Roberts 11 (Kapanen, Francis), 15:34.
Shots on goal—Carolina 5-10-15—30. Tampa Bay 11-8-11—30. Power-play Opportunities—Carolina 0 of 6; Tampa Bay 1 of 5. Goalies—Carolina, Irbe 20-13-7 (30 shots-28 saves). Tampa Bay, Schwab 3-16-1 (30-27). A—10,464 (19,758).

Senators 4, Flyers 1

Philadelphia	1	0	0 — 1
Ottawa	0	1	3 — 4

First Period—1, Philadelphia, Zelepukin 11 (Therien, Brind'Amour), 7:42.
Second Period—2, Ottawa, Kravchuk 3 (Laukkenen, Yashin), 5:08 (pp).
Third Period—3, Ottawa, Bonk 12 (Arvedson, Laukkanen), 9:43. 4, Hossa 7 (Arvedson, Bonk), 17:07. 5, Ottawa, Dackell 11 (Yashin), 19:37 (en).
Shots on goal—Philadelphia 11-14-9—34. Ottawa 6-6-7—19. Power-play Opportunities—Philadelphia 0 of 6; Ottawa 1 of 3. Goalies—Philadelphia, Vanbiesbrouck 20-10-10 (18 shots-15 saves). Ottawa, Tugnutt 17-6-5 (34-33). A—18,500 (18,500).

Capitals 3, Sharks 1

San Jose	0	1	0 — 1
Washington	0	1	2 — 3

First Period—None.
Second Period—1, San Jose, Friesen 18 (Ricci), 11:57 (pp). 2, Washington, Gonchar 12 (Oates, Svejkovsky), 13:04 (pp).
Third Period—3, Washington, Gonchar 13 (Nikolishin, Konowalchuk), 11:14 (pp). 4, Washington, Black 3 (Reekie), 19:02 (en).
Shots on goal—San Jose 6-5-4—15. Washington 4-8-9—21. Power-play Opportunities—San Jose 1 of 7; Washington 2 of 4. Goalies—San Jose, Vernon 15-17-8 (20 shots-18 saves). Washington, Kolzig 20-22-2 (15-14). A—19,740 (19,740).

Islanders 3, Devils 2

N.Y. Islanders	1	0	2 — 3
New Jersey	2	0	0 — 2

First Period—1, New Jersey, Elias 9 (Arnott, Sykora), 1:00. 2, New York, Richter 5 (Janney, Donato), 1:55. 3, New Jersey, Sykora 20 (Elias, Arnott), 9:11.
Second Period—None.
Third Period—4, New York, Palffy 12 (Reichel, Watt), 7:40. 5, New York, Smolinski 10 (Jonsson), 17:01 (pp).
Shots on goal—New York 5-6-8—19. New Jersey 8-10-8—26. Power-play Opportunities—New York 1 of 4; New Jersey 0 of 4. Goalies—New York, Salo 16-19-5 (26 shots-24 saves). New Jersey, Brodeur 25-17-7 (19-16). A—19,040 (19,040).

Panthers 7, Coyotes 1

Phoenix	0	1	0 — 1
Florida	4	1	2 — 7

First Period—1, Florida, Mellanby 12 (Whitney, Niedermayer), :33. 2, Florida, Kozlov 10 (Dvorak, Carkner), 6:59. 3, Florida, Dvorak 10 (Kozlov, Boyle), 18:30. 4, Florida, Lindsay 9 (Kvasha, Warrener), 19:06.
Second Period—5, Florida, Lindsay 10 (Hicks, Warrener), 9:17. 6, Phoenix, Tocchet 21 (Roenick, Tverdovsky), 17:57 (pp).
Third Period—7, Florida, Svehla 7 (Whitney, Burke), 1:45 (pp). 8, Florida, Spacek 3 (Kozlov), 3:19 (sh).
Shots on goal—Phoenix 10-15-10—35. Florida 12-9-9—30. Power-play Opportunities—Phoenix 1 of 4; Florida 1 of 4. Goalies—Phoenix, Khabibulin 23-13-6 (12 shots-8 saves), Esche (20:00 second, 18-15). Florida, Burke 16-13-13 (35-34). A—19,250 (19,088).

Maple Leafs 3, Canadiens 2, OT

Montreal	1	0	1	0 — 2
Toronto	2	0	0	1 — 3

First Period—1, Toronto, Warriner 7 (Markov, D.King), 6:04. 2, Montreal, Thornton 5 (Recchi, Stevenson), 15:42. 3, Toronto, Sundin 20 (Thomas, Karpovtsev), 17:16.
Second Period—None.
Third Period—4, Montreal, Malakhov 10 (Recchi, Zholtok), 1:41 (pp).
Overtime—5, Toronto, Thomas 22 (Kohn, Sundin), 3:48.
Shots on goal—Montreal 6-10-6-2—24. Toronto 7-6-16-1—30. Power-play Opportunities—Montreal 1 of 5; Toronto 0 of 5. Goalies—Montreal, Hackett 17-13-6 (30 shots-27 saves). Toronto, Joseph 25-16-4 (23-20). A—18,800.

Predators 4, Blues 3

Nashville	2	1	1	4
St. Louis	2	0	1	3

First Period—1, Nashville, Heward 5 (Johnson, Berehowsky), 2:45 (pp). 2, St. Louis, Eastwood 7 (Mayers, Rheaume), 6:42. 3, Nashville, Kjellberg 10 (Ronning, Krivokrasov), 13:46. 4, St. Louis, Turgeon 20 (Demitra, MacInnis), 14:43.
Second Period—5, Nashville, Heward 6 (Johnson, Mowers), 10:24.
Third Period—6, Nashville, Slaney 1, 3:39. 7, St. Louis, Rheaume 8 (Eastwood), 19:56.
Shots on goal—Nashville 7-12-3—22. St. Louis 8-13-16—37. Power-play Opportunities—Nashville 1 of 5; St. Louis 0 of 2. Goalies—Nashville, Vokoun 8-13-3 (37 shots-34 saves). St. Louis, McLennan 11-13-4 (22-18). A—20,030 (19,260).

Kings 2, Flames 2

Los Angeles	1	1	0	0 — 2
Calgary	0	1	1	0 — 2

First Period—1, Los Angeles, Audette 10 (Blake, Jokinen), 13:11.
Second Period—2, Los Angeles, Jokinen 7 (Storr), 11:14 (pp). 3, Calgary, Housley 5 (Fleury, Morris), 15:47.
Third Period—4, Calgary, Fleury 29 (Morris), 9:48.
Overtime—None.
Shots on goal—Los Angeles 12-9-11-1—33. Calgary 8-9-6-4—27. Power-play Opportunities—Los Angeles 1 of 5; Calgary 0 of 3. Goalies—Los Angeles, Storr 10-10-2 (27 shots-25 saves). Calgary, Brathwaite 6-4-6 (33-31). A—16,758 (17,104).

WPHL

Eastern Division

Team	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
Shreveport	34	17	4	72	244	193
Lake Charles	32	18	4	68	218	182
Arkansas	31	20	5	67	225	202
Monroe	30	22	5	65	208	208
Alexandria	21	25	10	52	216	253
Tupelo	17	36	3	37	160	260

Central Division

Team	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
Waco	31	17	5	67	201	170
Corpus Christi	31	21	5	67	211	185
Central Texas	26	18	10	62	222	204
Fort Worth	25	19	8	58	159	178
Austin	22	23	9	53	170	206

Western Division

Team	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
Abilene	38	17	2	78	224	184
San Angelo	31	19	4	66	219	196
El Paso	30	23	3	63	202	179
Amarillo	25	23	6	56	200	210
Odessa	26	26	3	55	175	177
New Mexico	22	28	7	51	196	237

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a victory; one for a shootout loss. Shootout losses are separate from losses.

Saturday's Games

El Paso 4, Abilene 0
Lake Charles 2, Monroe 1
Waco 4, Amarillo 2
Corpus Christi 8, Tupelo 3
Austin 6, Alexandria 2
Central Texas 5, Arkansas 2

Sunday's Games

Fort Worth at Amarillo
Austin at Waco

Transactions

BASEBALL

American League

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with RHP Orel Hershiser on a minor-league contract.

National League

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Agreed to terms with INF Pat Meares on a one-year contract.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

NFL COACHES ASSOCIATION—Appointed Larry Kennan executive director for a five-year term.

HOCKEY

East Coast Hockey League

HUNTINGTON BLIZZARD—Traded F Kevin Paden to Peoria for F Joe Craigen.

PEORIA RIVERMEN—Waived LW Marc Terris.

United Hockey League

MOHAWK VALLEY PROWLERS—Traded C Mark Bultje and D Mike Hiebert to Saginaw for LW Domenic Chiasson and D Eric Kelly.

Western Professional Hockey League

WPHL—Suspended Fort Worth RW Martin Lamarche and RW Richie Walcott.

ALEXANDRIA WARTHOGS—Claimed LW Chris Johnston off waivers.

AMARILLO RATTLERS—Waived D Roland Monilaws.

ARKANSAS GLACIERCATS—Waived G Ron Liszewski.

MONROE MOCCASINS—Placed F Ken Blum on the suspended list.

COLLEGE

DICKINSON—Announced the resignation of Matt Howell, sports information director.

NORTHWESTERN STATE—Named Kevin Corless and Jack Curtis co-defensive coordinators, Scott Long defensive line coach, and Darrell Toussaint assistant football coach.

RUTGERS—Named Darrell Wilson running backs coach.

College Baseball

EAST

St. Mary's, Md. 11-12, Swarthmore 7-2

SOUTH

Ala.-Huntsville 13-5, SIU-Edwardsville 6-13
Anderson, S.C. 11-7, Limestone 6-3
Arkansas St. 8, Alabama 4
Auburn 5, Middle Tenn. 2
Auburn-Montgomery 10-13, Lipscomb 1-6
Barry 3, Florida Tech 1
Birmingham-Southern 5-9, Cumberland, Tenn. 1-2
Central Florida 9, Rollins 3
Charleston Southern 9-9, Wofford 3-3
Citadel 9, Tennessee 1
Coastal Carolina 9-5, George Washington 1-18
Connecticut Coll. 6, Skidmore 1
Elon 2-3, Catawba 0-4
Florida 6, Florida St. 5
Florida Atlantic 2-9, Bethune-Cookman 1-3
Fla. International 3, Notre Dame 2
Georgetown, Ky. 13, Ohio Valley 2
George Washington 18-1, Coastal Carolina 5-9
Georgia Southern 11, E. Kentucky 6
Georgia Tech 8, West Virginia 2
Lambuth 4-1, Shawnee St. 0-6
Lander 17-5, Armstrong Atlantic 7-11
Lee 4-9, LaGrange 8-0
Lincoln Memorial 10-7, Bellarmine 0-0
LSU 13, SW Louisiana 6
Louisiana Tech 13, LSU-Shreveport 4
Louisville 4, E. Michigan 1
McNeese St. 3, Ark.-Little Rock 2
Mercer 10, Florida A&M 0
Miami 12, James Madison 3
Middle Tenn. 5, Auburn 2
Millsaps 7, Oglethorpe 2
Mississippi St. 8, South Florida 2
Morehead St. 9, Indiana-Southeast 7
Murray St. 10, Saint Louis 0
Navy 9, Guilford 1
Newberry 17, Benedict 7
N.C. Wesleyan 5, Milsaps 1
North Alabama 7, Eckerd 2
Nova Southeastern 9, Webber 5, 21 innings, comp. susp. game
Nova Southeastern 6, Webber 2, 7 innings
Providence 5-1, Coll. of Charleston 4-0
St. John's 8, N.C. Wilmington 2
St. Leo 10, Wingate 6
Saint Louis 7, Murray St. 5
Samford 15, Tennessee Tech 3
Sam Houston 12, Centenary 6
Shippenburg at Lenoir-Rhyne, ppd., wet grounds
SE Louisiana 13, Southern U. 8
S. Illinois 10, Stetson 7
Southern Miss. 13, Tulane 6
Spring Hill 12, Loyola 4
Tenn.-Martin 13-7, Ind.-Pur.-Indpls. 2-3
Texas Southern 14-4, Alcorn St. 9-1
Troy St. 10-6, W. Illinois 1-1
VMI 11, Davidson 5
Wake Forest 8, Georgia 2
Warner Southern 13-1, Northwood 2-4
West Alabama 15-10, Kentucky St. 7-2
West Florida 9, Tampa 5
W. Carolina 5-8, Wright St. 4-5, 1st game, 13 innings

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas 10, Iowa St. 4
Baylor 7, Oklahoma 3
Cent. Oklahoma 14, Cameron 2
Gustav Adolphus 6, Concordia, Moor. 5
McMurry 8, Trinity 4
Metro St. 5-3, York, Neb. 0-0
New Mexico 19, E. New Mexico 2
Oral Roberts 15, Indiana St. 10
Regis 6, Bellevue 1
Rice 5, Nebraska 3
Southwestern, Texas 21, Austin Coll. 3
Texas 14, Missouri 2
Texas A&M 8-12, Texas-Arlington 0-0
Texas Christian 7, Lamar Cardinals 3
Texas-Pan American 5-4, SW Texas St. 1-1

FAR WEST

Arizona 4, Texas-San Antonio 2
Arizona St. 28, BYU 3
Cal St.-Fullerton 16, UNLV 6
Chapman 3, UC San Diego 2
CS Northridge 9, Washington 4
Lewis-Clark St. 5, Cal State-LA 0
Oklahoma St. 6, Loyola Marymount 2
Oregon St. 7, San Diego 6
Redlands 12-3, Whittier 2-11
Southern Cal 16, Long Beach St. 12
Stanford vs. California, ppd. rain
Texas Tech 13, UCLA 5
UC Santa Barbara 15, Santa Clara 7

TOURNAMENT

Coca-Cola Classic

First Round

Ala. Birmingham 13, Minnesota 6
South Alabama 11, Jacksonville 9

Florida Southern Invitational

Florida Southern 9, Delta St. 1
West Florida 9, Tampa 5

College Basketball

Men's Top 25

No. 1 DUKE 92, CLEMSON 65

CLEMSON (15-12): Jurkunas 1-2 0-0 3, McIntyre 5-19 4-4 16, Jamison 1-3 3-5 5, Wideman 2-5 2-5 6, Christie 5-8 1-3 12, Allenspach 2-2 0-0 4, Solomon 7-12 0-0 17, Braddick 0-1 2-2 2, Gilmore 0-3 0-0 0, Douglas 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 23-55 12-19 65.

DUKE (27-1): Carrawell 5-8 1-2 11, Domzalski 1-1 0-0 2, Brand 8-11 6-8 22, Avery 4-9 1-2 10, Langdon 5-16 4-4 17, Battier 5-8 5-6 17, James 1-4 0-2 2, Maggette 3-7 5-7 11, Burgess 0-0 0-0 0, J.Caldbeck 0-0 0-0 0, Simpson 0-0 0-0 0, Bryant 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 32-64 22-31 92.

Halftime—Duke 56, Clemson 35. 3-Point goals—Clemson 7-21 (Solomon 3-5, McIntyre 2-10, Jurkunas 1-2, Christie 1-4), Duke 6-25 (Langdon 3-10, Battier 2-5, Avery 1-5, Carrawell 0-1, James 0-2, Maggette 0-2). Fouled out—Jurkunas, Allenspach, Wideman, Maggette. Rebounds—Clemson 31 (Jamison 10), Duke 40 (Brand 9). Assists—Clemson 9 (McIntyre, Jamison 3), Duke 15 (Carrawell 7). Total fouls—Clemson 29, Duke 20. A—9,314.

No. 15 MIAMI 73, No. 2 CONNECTICUT 71

MIAMI (19-5): Salmons 1-2 0-0 2, James 6-18 4-4 16, Bland 6-8 3-5 16, Jennings 3-7 0-0 7, Hemsley 7-16 3-4 19, Simmons 0-2 2-2 2, Wimbley 3-4 0-0 6, Houston 0-3 3-4 3, Tyler 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 27-62 15-19 73.

CONNECTICUT (23-2): Freeman 5-6 5-6 15, Hamilton 7-22 3-4 19, Voskuhl 1-3 2-3 4, Moore 1-3 4-6 6, El-Amin 9-22 3-4 24, Jones 0-2 1-2 1, Klaiber 0-0 0-0 0, Mouring 1-4 0-0 2, Wane 0-1 0-0 0, Saunders 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 24-65 18-25 71.

Halftime—Connecticut 41, 35. 3-Point goals—Miami 4-8 (Hemsley 2-5, Bland 1-1, Jennings 1-1, Houston 0-1), Connecticut 5-18 (El-Amin 3-7, Hamilton 2-9, Moore 0-1, Mouring 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Miami 49 (Bland 14), Connecticut 34 (Freeman 8). Assists—Miami 13 (Jennings 5), Connecticut 10 (Moore 9). Total fouls—Miami 18, Connecticut 20. Technical—Connecticut bench. A—10,027.

ARKANSAS 74, NO. 6 KENTUCKY 70

KENTUCKY (21-7): Evans 1-2 2-2 4, Padgett 5-16 0-0 14, Bradley 0-1 1-4 1, Turner 1-3 1-3 3, Allison 3-5 5-6 12, Magloire 7-12 0-0 14, Prince 1-4 0-0 3, Hogan 3-5 0-0 7, Smith 4-8 0-1 10, Camara 1-1 0-1 2. Totals 26-57 9-17 70.

ARKANSAS (19-8): Jefferies 3-9 0-0 6, Walker 3-5 0-0 7, Hood 4-7 4-7 12, Reid 6-15 1-2 17, Bradley 7-16 0-0 17, Jennings 0-0 0-0 0, Gipson 2-6 0-0 4, Dean 2-5 0-0 4, Cleveland 3-5 0-0 7, Gilbert 0-0 0-0 0, Davenport 0-0 0-2 0. Totals 30-68 5-11 74.

Halftime—Arkansas 38, Kentucky 35. 3-point goals—Kentucky 9-18 (Padgett 4-8, Smith 2-5, Prince 1-1, Allison 1-2, Hogan 1-2), Arkansas 9-23 (Reid 4-6, Bradley 3-8, Cleveland 1-2, Walker 1-3, Dean 0-1, Jefferies 0-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Kentucky 39 (Magloire 12), Arkansas 39 (Hood 10). Assists—Kentucky 15 (Allison 6), Arkansas 20 (Jeffenes, Reid 5). Total fouls—Kentucky 15, Arkansas 16. A—20,198.

No. 8 ARIZONA 92, OREGON 86

OREGON (14-10): Scales 6-16 2-2 17, Smith 7-16 3-5 18, Carson 2-4 3-3 7, D.Wright 5-12 2-2 14, Brown 3-10 7-7 15, Harker 1-7 2-2 4, Rosemond 1-1 0-0 2, Jones 1-2 2-2 4, Christofferson 0-0 0-0 0, Hartenstein 2-3 1-1 5. Totals 28-71 22-24 86.

ARIZONA (20-4): M.Wright 6-8 7-9 19, Jefferson 4-11 8-8 18, Bramlett 7-12 8-13 22, Anderson 0-2 0-0 0, Terry 10-22 7-8 32, Douglas 0-1 0-0 0, Wilson 0-3 0-0 0, Edgerson 0-2 1-2 1. Totals 27-62 31-40 92.

Halftime—Arizona 45, Oregon 36. 3-Point goals—Oregon 8-27 (Scales 3-9, Wright 2-5, Brown 2-8, Smith 1-5). Arizona 7-17 (Terry 5-8, Jefferson 2-5, Anderson 0-1, Wilson 0-3). Fouled out—Carson, Brown. Rebounds—Oregon 43 (Smith 9), Arizona 37 (M.Wright 13). Assists—Oregon 22 (Scales, D.Wright 8), Arizona 16 (Terry 7). Total fouls—Oregon 32, Arizona 21. A—14,340.

No. 10 ST. JOHN'S 74, GEORGETOWN 66

ST. JOHN'S (22-6): Barkley 5-11 6-8 17, Thornton 3-10 2-2 8, Artest 1-11 4-8 6, Postell 5-11 6-6 18, Grant 7-12 5-7 19, Gray 0-2 2-2 2, Charles 0-0 1-2 1, Jessie 1-3 1-2 3, Richardson 0-1 0-1 0. Totals 22-61 27-38 74.

GEORGETOWN (13-13): Braswell 5-19 4-4 18, Perry 3-16 1-2 9, Burton 5-14 2-4 14, Watkins 2-6 2-2 6, Boumtje Boumtje 6-9 1-3 13, Kilpatrick 2-8 2-3 6, Tuoomou 0-0 0-0 0, Jackson 0-2 0-1 0, Berry 0-0 0-0 0, Gibson 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 23-75 12-19 66.

Halftime—St. John's 32, Georgetown 25. 3-Point goals—St. John's 3-12 (Postell 2-4, Barkley 1-3, Gray 0-1, Thornton 0-2, Artest 0-2), Georgetown 8-26 (Braswell 4-9, Burton 2-8, Perry 2-9). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—St. John's 53 (Postell 15), Georgetown 47 (Boumtje Boumtje 10). Assists—

West Texas Sports

Booster Clubs...

The **Midland Lee Softball Booster Club** meets the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Lee High cafeteria...

The **Midland Lee Basketball Booster Club** is meeting Feb. 22 in the Lee cafeteria at 7 p.m...

The **Midland Lee Soccer Booster Club** meets once monthly during regular school year and twice monthly during soccer season at 7 p.m. in the school library. Dates are 2/22, 3/1, 3/15, 4/12 and 5/3. For information call Debbie Butts at 520-0248...

The **Midland Lee Golf Booster Club** will meet on the second Tuesday of every month during the regular school year. Meetings will take place at 7 p.m. in the Lee Library. For more information, call Dan Pender at 689-0305...

The **Midland Lee Baseball Booster Club** will meet at 7 p.m. each Thursday at the Lee library...

The **Midland High Soccer Booster Club** will meet the first Monday of every month in Conference Room A. For more information, call Joe Willis at 570-4453 or Robert Winkler at 683-9585...

The **Midland High Softball Booster Club** will meet March 15 at 7 p.m. in Conference Room A in the principal's office. For more information call Bill Vallie at 685-1408 or Diane Harris at 520-8912...

Baseball...

If you are interested in coaching a 13-18 year old team in in the **Midland Junior Baseball Association**, applications are available at Stadium Sports on 2040 W. Cuthbert. Applications are being accepted for both Little League and AABC. For information, call Ronnie Lynch at 699-1405...

The **Midland Junior Baseball Association** will be holding late signups for spring baseball on Feb. 27 at Midland Park Mall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Late signups can also be made at Stadium Sports. Call Robert Thomas at 688-3422 for more information...

Softball...

Midland United Girls Fastpitch Softball is holding registration at Midland Park Mall on Feb. 27-28 from 10 a.m to 6 p.m. and on the same times at the MUGS complex in Ulmer Park on March 20-21. MUGS is for all girls ages four through 19, playing in six age divisions. March 23 is coach selections. March 25 is the player draw. Season starts on April 12. The Lizard Classic Tournament is April 30-May 1 for all divisions. The Scholarship Tournament is May 22-23 and the City Tournament is June 21-26. The All-Star Tournament is July 16-18. Bring a copy of birth certificate if you have never played MUGS. Fee is $35 for T-ball (ages 4-6) and $55 for Divisions I-IV (ages 7 through 19). Call 694-5302, 686-7025 or 699-5878 for more information...

Fastpitch umpires are needed to work high school softball games in West Texas. Find out more by contacting Mack at 520-5961 or Freddie at 694-5508...

The **Permian Basin Softball Umpires Association** is actively recruiting prospective slowpitch and fastpitch umpires for the upcoming 1999 softball season. For information, call Al Enriquez, 684-8481; Joe Guerra, 686-8445; Mack Gipson, 694-2837; or the PBASA Umpires building at 683-1803...

The **Midland Nightmares** 10-under girls fast-pitch competitive softball team is accepting new players for the 1999 roster. Interested girls must be born after 12/31/87. For more information, contact Jill Smith at 697-3985, Chris Whigham at 682-4564 or Daryl Franklin at 699-8079...

The **Midland Softball Association** is holding its spring organizational meeting Feb. 23 at the Holiday Inn. Registration fees for the spring session are $250 per team with $10 player fees. For more information, call 683-8741...

The **Canes First Tournament** is scheduled March 5-7 at Tommy Walker Field in Stanton. The entry fee is $110 with a four home run limit. For more information, call Mike Martinez at 756-2603 or Gabriel Gonzalez at 697-3605...

The **West Texas Heat '88** 10 and under competitive girls team is holding open workouts every Sunday beginning at 2 p.m. at the MUGS Complex. Any girl born after Dec. 31, 1987 is welcome to attend. For more information, call Jeanie Cherry at 682-1313, Steve Goree at 686-8006 or Tod McDaniel at 520-9090...

The **Mirage Classic men's ASA Class C Slow-Pitch Tournament** is scheduled for Hidalgo Park March 19-21. Entry fee is $110 for the double elimination tournament with the first 15 paid teams accepted. There is also a home run derby at $5 per person with the winner taking half the pot. For more information, call Delynnda Witte at 697-0288 or Richard Schneider at 689-2757...

Coahoma is seeking softball games for March 16 and April 1. All interested should contact Robert Royer at (915) 394-4535 or 684-6933...

The 17th annual **Permian Basin ASA Softball Umpires Association** Slowpitch Softball Tournament is April 10-11 at the Bill Williams Softball Complex. There is a Class A round robin, single elimination on Sunday and a Class C double elimination with the consolation bracket. Two Divisions of play with Men's Class A (6 home runs) and Men's Class C (1 home run). Entry fee is $110 per team and entry deadline is 5 p.m. on April 7. Call Al Enriquez at 684-8481 or Bonita Clark, 683-8741, for information...

The **Toros Softball Tournament** is March 12-14 at Hogan Park Field 7. Entry fee is $115 with 18 Class D teams only. Deadline is March 11. Call Johnny Lozano at 682-9722 or Rick Guttierrez at 687-2281 for information...

The **Spring '99 Tournament** for Class C and D teams is scheduled for March 5-7 at Hildago Park. Entry fee is $110. For more information, call 697-8167...

Midland Softball Association is holding its first ever **USSSA National and State Qualifying Tournament** March 27-28 at Bill Williams Softball Complex. Men's and women's slowpitch and Class B through E teams will compete for six state and two national berths in each class. The entry fee is $125 and due on March 24 by 6 p.m. For more information, call 683-8741 or 699-5559...

Tennis...

Clinics for ladies are being held at the Kimber-Lea Swim and Tennis Club. Beginners clinics are Tuesdays at 11 a.m., intermediate clinics Tuesdays at 9 a.m. and beginner-intermediate clinics Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call Luis Valdez at 689-2237 or 683-5360...

The **Club at Mission Dorado** is offering junior clinics for beginner, intermediate and advanced levels Tuesdays and Thursdays. Beginner and intermediate clinics run from 4:30-5:30 p.m. while advanced clinics run from 5:30-6:30 p.m. For more information, call Toby Curtis at (915) 563-4707...

USTA Leagues are now forming for adult men and women. League play begins in April. Call league coordinator Juanell Fort, 686-0277, for more information...

A **tennis rating clinic** will be held Feb. 27 from 10:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Midland College Tennis Center. The cost is $5 per person and anyone interested in playing USTA team tennis in the spring who has not been on a team or rated in the last two years is urged to attend. Leagues will be conducted from April through June for players at least 19 years of age. For more information, call Lance or Kathy Armstrong at 687-4046...

Basketball...

The boys and girls club of Midland is offering an **After School Youth Basketball Program** for both boys and girls in grades 3-8. The cost is $6 and a $3 membership is required. The program will be divided in three groups (3rd and 4th grades, 5th and 6th grades and 7th and 8th grades). For more information, call Halff Park Unit at 6835297, Taylor Park Unit at 683-0050 or NE/YMCA Unit at 682-8469....

El Paso's largest basketball tournament, the **Southwest Shoot-out,** will be held April 9-11. The tournament is for divisions 10-18 & under boys and Girls 12-16 & under girls. Entry fee is $100. For information call Bobby Rivera at 1-915-857-7700 or 1-915-852-2600...

The fourth annual **All-Star Classic** Men's Open basketball tournament is Feb. 20-21 in San Angelo. It is a double elimination, 5-on-5 format. Entry fee is $175 per team (10-player limit). First place pays $750 and second $250. To enter call Chris Cardenes at 1-915-486-9402...

Volleyball...

Registration is underway for **YMCA Youth Volleyball** through March 1. The league is for boys and girls in grades 3-8. Fee for the league is $25 for YMCA members and $38 for non-members. For more information, call 682-2551...

Miscellaneous...

The **Midland Wrestling Club** offers adult, high school, Olympic and freestyle wrestling. Call 685-0531 for information...

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-teens and competitive teams are all offered. For more information, contact Stephanie Barr at 694-2528...

The Alamo YMCA is offering **Martial Arts Classes**. Tae Kwon Do Classes are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:10-9:10 p.m. and Aikido Classes are Wednesdays from 8:10-9:10 p.m. and Saturday from 11-12 p.m.. Call 694-2528 for more information...

Citizens for Midland Skaters is a local group dedicated to raising funds for the establishment of a city park for skateboarding and in-line skating , If you would like to contribute to this project, please send your donation to Permian Basin Area Foundation/Skate Park Project, P.O. Box 10424, Midland, Texas, 79702. Donations are tax deductible. If you have questions, please call Pam Sledge at 685-3227...

The **Permian Basin Adult Chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes** is holding a fundraiser luncheon April 14 at The Club at Mission Dorado featuring Florida State football coach Bobby Bowden. Individual tickets may be purchased from the chapter for $35 apiece. Business tickets can be purchased at $1,000 for a table of 10, $600 for a table of eight and $300 for a table of six. For information, call Jim Cooke at 685-0873 or John Stanley at 689-8804...

Swimming...

Pre-competitive swimming is being offered at the Mabee Aquatic Center. The program will teach elementary age swimmers techniques of competitive swimming while improving their strokes. It is open to swimmers who can swim at least 25 yards of freestyle and backstroke. The cost is $40 per month on a year-round basis. For more information, call 684-7755...

COM Aquatics is holding water aerobics classes Monday through Saturday at Mabee Aquatic Center. Classes are at 6:15 a.m., 7:15 a.m., and 5:30 p.m. All classes are open to the public and swimming skills are not necessary. Deep and shallow water classes are offered. For information, call Beth Santilli at 684-7755...

The **Alamo YMCA Aquatics Program** is offering swimming lessons for all ages. Children are placed in classes according to age and ability. The Skip class, for children three months to three years is a parent participation class while the Pers classes are for children 3-5 and Progressive classes are for children 6 and up. Lessons are also offered for adults. Safety is taught in conjunction with the classes. Group and private lessons are available. For more information, call 694-2528...

The Alamo YMCA is offering **water aerobics**. Swimming ability is not necessary to participate. For more information, call 694-2528...

COM Aquatics - **Learn to Swim** year round lessons for both children (3 years of age or older) and adults wishing to learn to swim or improve technique. Private or group lessons (limit four students per instructor) are available. Children are grouped by age and ability. A session normally consists of eight 30-minute lessons. Please call 684-7755 for more details...

The **COM Masters Swim Team** is open to anyone 20-over. There are two Masters swim team workouts. You can choose from Mon.-Wed.-Fri or Tue.-Thurs.-Sat. at 6-7 a.m. at the COM pool. Call 684-7755 for more information...

COM Diving offers a full range of diving instruction from beginning lessons to elite team training and competition. All ages and ability levels are invited to participate. Diving lessons are offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 to 4:55 p.m. and from 5 to 5:25 p.m. For information, call 684-7755...

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Young drives length of court to lift Raiders over 'Huskers

Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Rayford Young drove the length of the court for a layup with 1.9 seconds left to lift Texas Tech to a 73-68 victory over Nebraska Saturday.

Young led all scorers with 25 points. Stan Bonewitz chipped in 19 points and James Ware added 12 points for the Red Raiders (13-14, 5-9 Big 12).

Venson Hamilton led Nebraska (17-10, 9-5) with 24 points. Larry Florence scored 14 points and Cookie Belcher added 12 points for the Cornhuskers.

Tech led by as many as 13 points in the first half and held a 39-27 halftime advantage.

Back-to-back 3-pointers by Bonewitz boosted the Raiders to a 54-39 lead with 11:21 left to play in the game before Nebraska mounted a charge.

The Huskers went on an 11-0 run and narrowed the gap to 54-50 after a basket by Troy Piatkowski with 8:19 remaining.

A steal and a dunk by Belcher pulled Nebraska within two points of the Red Raiders at 62-60 with 3:20 left. Nebraska took a 64-63 lead at the 2:29 mark after consecutive baskets by Florence and Hamilton.

Texas Tech pulled ahead 67-64 at the 1:22 mark after consecutive baskets by Bonetiz and Andy Ellis, but Nebraska seized the lead on a tip-in by Andy Markowski and two free throws by Chad Johnson with 7.9 seconds left, which put the Huskers up 68-67.

Then Cliff Owens inbounded the ball to Young, who drove the length of the court and sank a basket to put Tech up to stay. Owens hit a pair of free throws and Young also hit a pair of free throws, all with 1.9 seconds left, to seal the victory.

Texas 63, Texas A&M 54

COLLEGE STATION — Kris Clack scored 22 points and led a second-half charge as Texas defeated Texas A&M, giving the Longhorns at least a share of the Big 12 Conference championship.

The Longhorns (17-10, 12-2) have a two-game lead over the Oklahoma Sooners with two games to play and could clinch the crown Wednesday when they play at Baylor. Oklahoma (19-8, 10-4) lost to Kansas 60-50 Saturday.

Texas beat the Aggies (11-13, 4-10) for the 12th straight time.

Trailing 40-37 with 10:04 left in the game, the Longhorns finally broke through Texas A&M's variety of zone defenses with a 13-0 run led by Clack and William Clay. The pair combined for all 13 points in the take charge run.

Clack started it with a 3-point basket, Clay had a 3-pointer and Clack got another 3-pointer. Clay then hit a basket and two free throws, giving the Longhorns a 50-40 lead with 7:10 left in the game.

Colorado 73, Baylor 56

WACO — Kenny Price scored 23 points and Jamahl Mosely added 19 points and nine rebounds as Colorado cruised to a victory over Baylor.

En route to their first Big 12 road win of the season, the Buffaloes (14-13, 5-9 Big 12) used a 23-6 run

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midway through the first half to put the game out of reach early.

Price's 23 points included four three-pointers, and he also grabbed seven boards for the Buffaloes.

Baylor (6-21, 0-14) was led by 16 points from B.J. Sellers. It was the 14th straight loss for the Bears, who shot only 30 percent from the field, including a season-low 16 percent in the first half.

No. 24 New Mexico 81, Texas-El Paso 65

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Kenny Thomas hit 13 of 15 shots and tied his career-high with 31 points as No. 24 New Mexico beat Texas-El Paso.

Thomas, the Lobos' 6-foot-8, 250-pound senior center, made his final home game one to remember. He hit his first six shots, was 4-of-5 on 3-pointers, got his ninth double-double of the season with 10 rebounds. He also moved into second place on the school career scoring list with 1,864.

Rico Nelson scored 17 points and Brandon Wolfram had 15 for UTEP.

New Mexico (21-6, 8-4 WAC) consistently went to Thomas when it needed a basket or defensive stop and he delivered. He scored 14 of the Lobos' first 21 points and when UTEP (16-9, 8-4) made a run in the second half, it was Thomas who buried the Miners' rally.

Jarvis Mullahon's 3-pointer with 14:18 left got UTEP within 45-43. But Thomas muscled his way inside to roll in a basket, then blocked Mullahon's next shot on the defensive end to set up a 3-point play by New Mexico's Lamont Long.

Tulsa 77, Rice 47

TULSA, Okla. — Tulsa held Rice to one field goal in the first 13:14 and kept its hopes for an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament alive with a thrashing of the Owls.

Michael Ruffin, Tulsa's all-time leading rebounder and shot blocker, closed out his home career with 20 points and 11 rebounds, his 39th career double-double.

Eric Coley tied a career-high with 18 points and had eight rebounds while shutting down Rice's leading scorer Robert Johnson while the game was still in doubt.

Johnson led Rice with 16, the majority of those in the final minutes.

Southern Methodist 80, UNLV 78

LAS VEGAS — Chad Elsey's 3-pointer with under a second to play led Southern Methodist to an victory over UNLV.

The Mustangs (13-12, 7-5 Western Athletic) overcame a 13-point halftime deficit to sweep the season series with the Runnin' Rebels.

Jeryl Sasser led Southern Methodist with 20 points, six rebounds and six assists. Elsey finished the game with 13 points.

'Canes knock off No. 2 UConn

STORRS, Conn. (AP) — No. 15 Miami came up big on the road again, beating No. 2 Connecticut 73-71 Saturday as the Hurricanes finished 8-1 in the Big East on the road this season and won at Connecticut for the first time ever.

Tim James of Miami (18-6, 13-3) made two free throws with 1:40 left, the final points of the game, They came after the Huskies (23-2, 14-2) had scored eight straight points.

Richard Hamilton, again struggling from the field, missed a 3-pointer for UConn and Miami's Vernon Jennings missed a short jumper as the shot clock ran out.

After two timeouts the Huskies, who have clinched at least a tie for the Big East regular season title, ran their final play and it ended with Khalid El-Amin slipping and falling as he let a 3-point attempt go.

Johnny Hemsley finished with 19 points for the Hurricanes, who have won six straight and eight of nine. James and Mario Bland each had 16 points for Miami, which lost to Connecticut 70-68 in overtime earlier this season.

Local Sports

Stanton girls playoff

The Stanton girls basketball team will face Hale Center in a Region I Quarterfinal at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Seminole.

The Stanton Lady Buffaloes (20-9) advanced after a 38-29 win over Wall on Friday night. Hale Center comes into the game with a 25-3 record.

Lee softball places fourth

BRENHAM — The Midland Lee girls softball team finished fourth in the Brenham Tournament by splitting a pair of games Saturday.

The Lady Rebels opened the day with a pair of wins, beating Keller 6-2 and Pearland 2-1 before losing to Magnolia 1-0 and Tomball 1-0 in the third place game. Lee finished the tournament with a 4-4 record and is now 6-4 on the season.

Mandy Hocker was the winning pitcher against Keller while Brandi Row took the decision against Pearland. Hocker didn't receive any support in the last two games and absorbed the losses.

Lee returns to town to open the West Texas Classic Thursday at 8:30 p.m. against Greenwood at the Bill Williams Softball Complex.

Peece aces at GTCC

Les Peece had a hole-in-one at Green Tree Country Club's 153-yard No. 2 West hole. Peece used a 6 iron and witnesses were Gerald Brockman and Dave Leonard.

Andrews wins Abilene tourney

ABILENE — The Andrews' boys golf team rallied to a 285 Saturday for a seven shot win over Odessa Permian at the Abilene Invitational Goldf Tournament played a Maxwell Golf Course.

Brad Gibson's second day round of 68 earned him the top medalist honors as well.

Lubbock Coronado placed third with a 313 total. Lee's first team placed seventh in the varsity division, led by Justin Smith with a two-day total of 162.

Midland High followed in eighth place. Senior Matt Gerhard led the Bulldogs with a 155 total.

In the JV division, Permian took first place with a second day score of 310, followed by Midland Lee's second team with 323.

Team Standings — 1. Andrews 285—598; 2. Odessa Permian 310—605; 3. Lubbock Coronado 313—623; 4. (tie) Abilene Cooper 298—698; and Abilene Wylie 304—636. 6. San Angelo Central 314—648; 7. Midland Lee 307—647; 8. Midland High 310—648; 9. Borger 310—650; 10. Odessa High 315—660. Others: 13. Big Spring 324—670.

Medalists Standings — 1. Brad Gibson, Andrews, 68—145; 2. Austin Burk, Permian, 75—147; 3. Derrick Dixon, Borger, 76—151.

Area team results

1. Andrews (598) — Brad Gibson 68—145, Luke Varner 71—152, CCoy Ellison 71—156, Brock Varner 77—151, Dustin Sherrill 75—156.

2. Odessa Permian (605) — Austin Burk 75—147, Blake Doran 73—154, Jaryd Foreman 83—159, Chad Hanchey 74—152, Bryan Murray 79—157.

7. Midland Lee (647) — Omar Sanchez 81—165, Thomas Freeman 77—162, Ray Reyes 74—162, Justin Smith 75—159, Chad Wheeler 84—171.

8. Midland High (648) — Jason Lindgren 81—164, Matt Gerhard 77—155, Matt Davis 78—163, Micah Malouf 75—173, Daniel Campbell 80—172.

10. Odessa High (660) — Josh McCamm 81—176, Jamie Luna 75—153, Kyle Davis 80—158, Rick Leach 82—176, Justin Eckel 79—187.

Lee II (638) — Chris Washburn 80—157, Andrew McGregor 83—158, Tommy Fiorette 79—159, Jonathon Cotton 81—164, Anthony Moreno 84—167.

Buffs win practice game

LAMESA — Justin Cobb tipped in a basket with less than a second left in overtime to lift the Stanton Buffaloes past O'Donnell, 72-71, in a practice game for both teams.

Cobb finished with a game-high 24 points to lead the Buffaloes (15-5). Kyle Herm had 19 and Chad Smith added 15 for Stanton.

Stanton next plays the winner of the Van Horn-Sonora bi-district game, which takes place Tuesday in Fort Stockton. Stanton's next game would likely take place late in the week.

Stanton 72, O'Donnell 71, OT

O'Donnell (18-6): Bessire 2 0-0 4, Gutierrez 4 7-13 16, Montes 8 3-7 20, Sanchez 1 0-1 2, J. Villa 4 0-0 8, Olivan 4 0-0 10, Trevino 0 2-3 2, Je. Villa 0 1-2 1, Luera 4 0-3 8. **Totals 27 13-29 71.**

Stanton (15-5): Will Harris 1 0-0 2, Kyle Herm 5 7-10 19, Justin Cobb 10 4-5 24, Maurice Martinez 0 3-4 3, Blaine Smith 2 1-3 6, Jeremy Smith 0 0-1 0, Austin Kelley 0 0-0 0, James Jenkins 0 0-0 0, Jeremy Hull 0 1-2 1, Brady Cook 1 0-0 2, Chad Smith 6 3-3 15. **Totals 25 19-28 72.**

O'Donnell	11	16	18	17	9	—71
Stanton	15	14	9	24	10	—72

3-point goals: O 4 (Gutierrez 1, Montes 1, Olivan 2), S 3 (Herm 2, B. Smith). Total Fouls: O 27, S 26. Fouled Out: Kelly, Luera.

Coahoma beats Greenwood

COAHOMA — The Coahoma Lady Bulldog softball team, the defending Class 2A champions, defeated Greenwood 1-0 on Saturday as Amber Bingham pitched a no hitter with 10 strikeouts.

Coahoma only had three hits off Erin Smith, who took the loss. Kayla Smith had two of the three hits for the Lady Bulldogs.

The JV game was won by Coahoma 17-0 as Erin Stovall pitched a no hitter with five strikeouts. Amy Lange had two hits with a double. Taylor Sheppard added a double and four RBIs.

Lady Chap Softball

FORT WORTH — The Midland College softball team went 3-0 in the first day of the Cowtown Tournament on Friday.

The Lady Chaps posted wins over Vernon (9-1), Grayson County (7-2) and Connors State (7-2).

J.R. Chavira picked up two wins for Midland College, while Tonya Thompson picked up the other win.

Because of the late finish to the tournament, Saturday's results were not reported.

Friday's Results

Midland College 9, Vernon 1. WP — Tonya Thompson (7-0), four hitter. Hitting — Larren Wallace 2-for-3, 3 RBI; Andrea Rodriguez 2-for-3, 2 RBI.

Midland College 7, Grayson County 2. WP — J.R. Chavira (6-1). Hitting — Crystal Shelton 3-for-4, RBI; Wallace 2-4, HR.

Midland College 6, Connors State 4. WP — Chavira (7-1). Hitting — Wallace 2-4, 2 RBI.

Trinity Jr. High tennis

ODESSA — Amy Wilkinson of Trinity won the 7th grade girls singles title at the ECISD junior high tennis tournament Saturday.

Also from Trinity, Steven Lee got to the quarterfinals in the 9th grade boys singles competition, and the 7th grade boys doubles team of Luke Hawkins and Jay Bates also reached the quarters.

Goddard girls soccer

The Goddard girls soccer team completed the 8th grade season this week with a perfect 5-0 record.

For the season, Goddard scored 21 goals. Defensively, Goddard allowed just one goal.

Team Members: Lauren Lucas, Landry Holifield, Amee Huffman, Sandy Nelson, Claudia Castillo, Jacque Jackson, Melissa Tinslar, Amanda Martin, Sierra Ford, Adrienne Monroe, Kaycie Bertram, Melissa Ketter, Ashley Jones, Lauren Harpe, Raney Wood, Sara Pickering and Stephanie Byrd. The team is coached by Paul Lucas.

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Pirates sign Meares; Hershiser joins Tribe

Associated Press

■ **Spring Training**

Orel Hershiser and Pat Meares finally found homes Saturday for the upcoming season.

Meares, the free-agent shortstop who has spent his six-year career with Minnesota, agreed to a one-year contract with the Pirates worth $1.5 million.

The Meares' signing apparently clears the way for the Pirates to trade second baseman Tony Womack and outfielder Al Martin to Arizona for outfielder Bernard Gilkey and $5 million.

"We're just waiting to get approval," Arizona owner Jerry Colangelo said.

The commissioner's office must approve the plan to pay Gilkey's deferred salary as he has a $9 million annuity in his contract that will eventually pay him $25 million over 25 years.

Meares, 30, became a free agent in December, when Minnesota declined to tender him a contract. He made $2.5 million last season, hitting .260 with nine home runs and 70 RBIs in 149 games.

"The most important thing about Pat Meares is he's been a consistent major league shortstop for a number of years," Pirates GM Cam Bonifay said. "You know what you're going to get with him year in and year out, solid defensive play and decent offensive production for a middle infielder."

Hershiser, 40, signed a minor league contract with the Cleveland Indians, adding depth to their pitching staff.

The right-hander spent last season with the San Francisco Giants, posting a record of 11-10 with a 4.41 ERA in 34 starts. Before that, he pitched three seasons in Cleveland, compiling a record of 45-21.

"He doesn't have a job. He'll have to compete for one," Indians GM John Hart said. "But this gives us some protection and some depth for our staff."

In other baseball news:

— Kerry Wood began his second season with one goal in mind: finishing it.

"I want to stay healthy and finish the season. I'm 0-1 trying to finish the season," the Cubs' righthander said.

Wood's rookie season was full of memorable numbers. Thirteen wins, 233 strikeouts, including a major league record-tying 20 in a single game when he was just 20 years old.

But he missed the final month of last season because of a sprained ligament in his pitching elbow, before returning to pitch in Game 3 of the playoffs against Atlanta.

Wood, who pitched 166 2-3 innings last season — 52 more than his previous high in the minors — has been answering questions about his arm since last August.

"I just knew I was OK," he said. "I'm the only person in the world who knows my body and what my arm feels like.

"If I was really concerned about it, it probably would have gotten to me. I wasn't worried about it, I knew it would be OK and that's how I went about handling it."

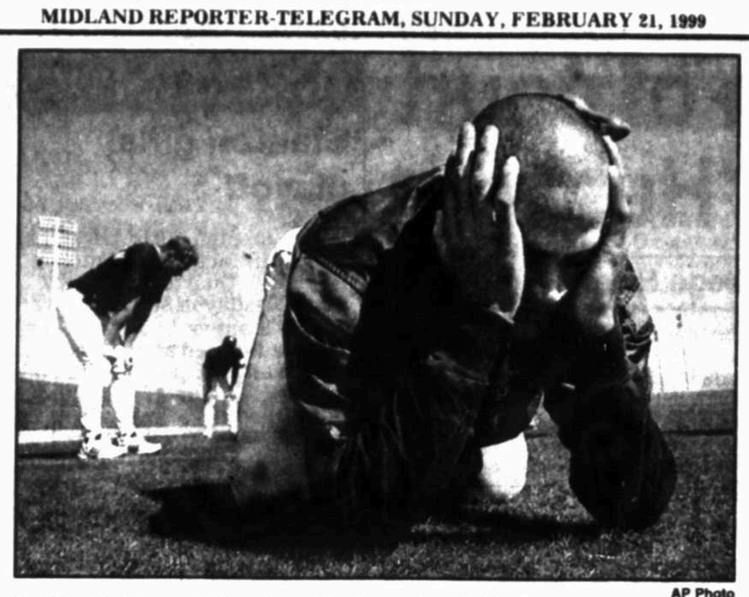
— Colorado Rockies owner Jerry McMorris met with star Larry Walker one day after Walker expressed concern about getting a contract extension.

The face-to-face meeting helped alleviate some of the anxiety, but McMorris admitted the Rockies are far from reaching a contract extension with the reigning NL batting champion.

— Owners won the final two salary arbitration cases of the year, finishing with an overwhelming 9-2 advantage over players.

Baltimore catcher Charles Johnson, who won in arbitration in 1998, will get a $300,000 raise to $3.6 million instead of his request for $5.1 million.

Minnesota outfielder Matt Lawton, who had asked for an 11-fold increase from $215,000 to $2.4 million, will instead get the team's offer of $1.6 million.



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Seattle Mariners pitcher Jose Paniagua holds his head as he and other pitchers and catchers try to catch their breath after a run near the end of their workout at spring training Saturday in Peoria, Ariz

Williams makes pitch to be top pick in draft

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams doesn't know if he'll be the first pick in the NFL draft. But the recording-setting running back from Texas believes he should be.

"I'm not going to say I'm the best, but there is no one better than me out there," Williams said Friday at the NFL Scouting Combine.

Williams and Kentucky quarterback Tim Couch are widely believed to be the expansion Cleveland Browns' top two prospects for the first overall pick in April.

Williams, the NCAA's all-time leading rusher with 6,279 yards, clearly wants to impress the Browns.

"I'll be on my knees doing this," Williams said, making a praying gesture. "Once you get to the top of your game, and you go on to the next level, it is always an honor to be taken No. 1."

In recent weeks, Couch has all but campaigned for the Browns to take him first. Williams took exception to Couch's lobbying after arriving at the combine.

"If you have to campaign like that to be taken ... ," Williams said. "Hopefully, my play and the way I carry myself speaks volumes for me. Hopefully, the Browns will see that and take me with the first pick."

About 300 NFL hopefuls will be participating in the combine before it ends Monday. The NFL supplies shorts, T-shirts, sweats and an itinerary packed with activity.

The schedule includes medical exams, seminars, interviews with team personnel, written tests and drills in the RCA Dome that gauge their potential to play in the league.

Browns Executive Vice President and Director Football Operations Dwight Clark said what happens at the combine will not sway the organization.

"I don't think the guys that are in the running are even working out here," Clark said. "Their individual workouts will determine it. The running around, it's all fine. But we do most of our grading from the game tapes."

Williams said he was measured at 5-foot-10, 244 pounds Friday. He plans on leaving Indianapolis on Saturday, and will not participate in any drills.

Along with being a football star, Williams plays baseball in the Texas Rangers organization. NFL teams are asking Williams about his baseball interests.

"Football comes first," he said. "Baseball is my hobby. Nobody is telling me not to play baseball."

Before meeting with officials from the Browns, Williams interviewed with coaches from the Kansas City Chiefs, New Orleans Saints, New York Giants and Indianapolis Colts.

SOCCER: MHS triumphs

(From 1C)

test dominated by MHS, especially with a 17-1 shot advantage in the first half, the only score the Bulldogs got in the opening 40 minutes was from Greg Hunter, who got a feed from Sam Bakke in the 33rd minute after constant pressure.

"I think at times it can be frustrating," said Pierce about missing out on scoring opportunities. "As we've entered the second half of the season, the guys have remained optimistic that as a long as we're creating chances we're eventually going to score. Where I think at the beginning of the year, we were feeling desperate. The team, mentally, has kind of made a change and have kind of committed themselves to putting their best foot forward in every game."

That commitment has equaled to three straight victories (two in district), and all coming by virtue of a shutout. Although Pierce said that his team is still working on trying to improve on getting better on the defensive side of the ball.

"We're trying to get all the bugs out," said Pierce about the Bulldogs' defense. "Both goal keepers have been playing well and Marcus Jackson, who plays sweeper for us, does a good job of communicating with the guys up front and making sure players are marked up, and that's helped us quite a bit."

An unassisted goal by Joe Entzminger in the 58th minute gave the Bulldogs all the scoring they needed on Saturday and kept the post-season hopes alive. Pierce said his team just needs to live by old cliche´ of "taking it one game at a time."

"In the first half of district play nobody blew us out," Pierce said. "Against Abilene High, we got outplayed and I thought we deserved the result that we got against them (3-0). We finished the first half knowing we can compete. Now, we just have to put the ball in the net.

"I think our think our chances are good. We just need to take one step at a time and we can't take anybody lightly. Our seniors knows what's at stake and they want to play some post-season soccer."

The next "big game" for MHS comes Thursday at Abilene Cooper.

Midland High 2, Odessa High 0

Odessa High	0	0	—0
Midland High	1	1	—2

First Half — 1. MHS, Greg Hunter (Sam Bakke), 33rd minute.

Second High — 2. MHS, Joe Entzminger (unassisted), 58th minute.

Shots: OHS 3, MHS 22. Corner kicks: OHS 6, MHS 9. Goalie Saves: OHS 6 (Alex Barrera 6), MHS 1 (J.P. Thompson). Fouls: OHS 7, MHS 7.

CLEMENS: Pitcher arrives

(From 1C)

to accept the trade to the Yankees. But it was major consideration.

"I've had a great deal of individual success in my career, and I feel very fortunate. ... But I haven't done it collectively. And each year that I am at home and see these guys celebrating, that's what I remember the most," Clemens said.

Clemens arrived in Tampa carrying a poem that his sister wrote after learning he was headed to the Yankees.

"It's from a sister to a brother," he said, declining to read it aloud. "It's really neat. It's about pinstripes, and the tradition, and Yankee Stadium. She knows how I carry that in my heart."

Noting he already knows most of his new teammates, Clemens doesn't anticipate having any problem blending into the clubhouse.

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Class 5A

Area

Midland High 88, El Paso Andress 69
Lubbock Coronado 67, El Paso Hanks 54
Copperas Cove 78, South Grand Prairie 50
Duncanville 54, L.D. Bell 40
Amarillo High 83, El Paso Franklin 37
Odessa High 81, El Paso Irvin 55
Mansfield 66, Irving MacArthur 31
Flower Mound Marcus 55, Temple 53

Regional Quarterfinals

Midland High (27-3) vs. Lubbock Coronado (27-5), 8 p.m., Tuesday, Scurry County Coliseum, Snyder
Copperas Cove (32-1) vs. Duncanville (24-9), 7 p.m., Tuesday, Waxahachie
Odessa High (24-7) vs. Amarillo High (26-7), 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Levelland
Mansfield (33-0) vs. Flower Mound Marcus (28-6), 7 p.m., Tuesday, Grapevine

Class 4A

Area

Canyon 93, Mountain View 14
Plainview 76, Clint 41
Cleburne 75, Saginaw Boswell 63
Granbury 79, Justin Northwest 31
Amarillo Palo Duro 89, El Paso Riverside 36
Hereford 58, El Paso Bowie 45
Stephenville 50, Wichita Falls Hirschi 44
Sweetwater 41, Weatherford 35

Region Quarterfinals

Canyon (31-0) vs. Plainview (25-7), 7 p.m., Tuesday, Hereford
Cleburne (24-10) vs. Granbury (30-4), 7 p.m., Tuesday, Wilkerson-Greines Activities, Fort Worth
Amarillo Palo Duro (28-6) vs. Hereford (24-11), 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, Plainview
Stephenville (29-5) vs. Sweetwater (26-4), 7 p.m., Tuesday, Cisco

Class 3A

Area

Perryton 74, Presidio 37
Shallowater 53, Seminole 40
Graham 61, Whitney 55
Merkel 50, West 40
Muleshoe 55, Denver City 53
Dimmitt 51, Slaton 50
Comanche 37, Abilene Wylie 35
Bowie 60, Clifton 50

Regional Quarterfinals

Perryton (23-5) vs. Shallowater (28-4), 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Canyon
Graham (22-6) vs. Merkel (27-6), 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Wichita Falls Hirschi
Muleshoe (15-14) vs. Dimmitt (21-9), 6 p.m., Tuesday, Levelland High
Comanche (22-9) vs. Bowie (28-3), 7 p.m., Tuesday Weatherford High School

Class 2A

Area

Hale Center 72, Eldorado 38
Stanton 38, Wall 29
Stratford 58, Albany 48
Idalou 56, Panhandle 46
Coahoma 58, Ozona 52
Farwell 57, Reagan County 34
Abernathy 42, Clarendon 30
Canadian 37, New Deal 36

Regional Quarterfinals

Hale Center (25-3) vs. Stanton (20-9), 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Seminole
Stratford (22-5) vs. Idalou (24-7), 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Randall High School
Coahoma (22-8) vs. Farwell (24-8), 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Lubbock Monterey
Abernathy (30-1) vs. Canadian (22-4), 6 p.m., Tuesday, Amarillo High

Class A

Area

Sterling City 45, Fort Hancock 37
Sudan 39, Fort Elliott 31
Smyer 59, Groom 48
Meadow 61, Guthrie 49
Garden City 58, Wink 44
Vega 65, Booker 44
Whiteface 80, Claude 63
Whitharral 37, Silverton 29

Regional Quarterfinals

Sterling City (14-14) vs. Sudan (28-2), 7 p.m., Tuesday, Seagraves
Smyer (24-6) vs. Meadow (24-7), 6:30 p.m., Monday, Levelland High
Garden City (26-2) vs. Vega (20-12), 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Plainview
Whiteface (26-7) vs. Whitharral (20-9), 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Lubbock Cooper

Rebels get big win against Mojo

Staff Report

ODESSA — The Midland Lee boys soccer team got its arguably its biggest win of this season Saturday, defeating Odessa Permian 2-0 at the Ratliff Soccer Complex.

As far as the district standings go, there is no arguing the importance of the win which puts Lee in a tie with Permian for the District 4-5A lead and puts the Rebels in a log jam of teams (Permian, Lee, Abilene High and San Angelo Central) with just two losses.

"It is the biggest win (of the season)," Lee coach John McCulloch said. "We are almost out of the toughest part of the schedule. Some of the other teams have their toughest part of the schedule coming up."

Lee (9-3 overall and 6-2 in 4-5A) plays Abilene High at home on Thursday before getting to the open date of its schedule. After that, the Rebels face Abilene Cooper and Odessa High before ending loop play with Central.

In this game, however, a Lee team showed up that played as well as it has this season. Lee is the first 4-5A team to shut out the Panthers this season. It was the Rebs' fifth shutout in six games.

More importantly, Lee had its first multiple goal game since beating Abilene Cooper on Feb. 7.

It was also a remarkable improvement for a team that was whipped Tuesday by Midland High.

"We went over what we were doing wrong in the Midland game, and they went out there and looked like a different team," McCulloch said. "They controlled the ball, took possession of the ball and did a good job.

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"We felt the loss to Permian last time didn't reflect how good a team we are. The game versus Midland didn't either. We were aware the last three games we didn't score any goals. In practice, we put our finger on what we needed to do on the field. They executed it today and played a good game."

Phillip Grentz scored his first goal in district play, thanks to a nice pass from Justin Smith in the last minute of the first half. Eric Mora scored the second goal with three minutes to play in the second half. Chris Oliver recorded the assist.

Keith Butts and Trey Lawson both saw time in goal to combine for the shutout.

Permian falls to 12-4 and 6-2.

Midland Lee boys 2, Odessa Permian 0.

First Half: 1. Lee Phillip Grentz (Justin Smith), 40th; Second half: 2. Lee, Eric Mora (Chris Oliver), 78th minute.

Shots: Lee 4, Permian 6. Saves: Lee, 7 (Keith Butts 3, Trey Lawson 4); Permian 5 (Chris Nelson 5). Corners: Lee 4, Permian 3. Fouls: Lee 16, Permian 15. Offsides: Lee 16, Permian 15. Cards: Yellow — PHS, Michael Strickland, Glen Wardlaw; Lee, Colter Marcum.

MHS girls break three-game skid

ODESSA — Two second half goals by Jill Knottek led the Midland High girls to a 3-0 win over Odessa High Saturday at the Ratliff Soccer Field.

The win moves the Lady Bulldogs to 9-7 overall and 4-4 in district play. It was the first win in district since defeating San Angelo Central on Feb. 2.

All three goals came in the second half, and after MHS coach Scott Hodkinson moved Knottek from her starting sweeper spot to midfield. It paid off two times.

"I felt like I could take chance. We have done it several times this year," Hodkinson said. "She played in the midfield last year and she was first team all-district. It it is not foreign ground. We also trust Kathleen (Coleman) back there (at sweeper). It is not like it is all or nothing back there."

Knottek's goals and the one by Shannon Miller got MHS on the scoreboard after a first half when team struggled. The Lady Bulldogs outshot OHS, 24-1. However until the second half, they had nothing to show for it.

"In first half, they were frustrating us," Hodkinson said. "We controlled the ball well but didn't create good scoring opportunities."

The MHS JV also won 10-0.

Midland High 3, Odessa High 0

Second Half: 1. MHS, Jill Knottek (unassisted), 50th minute; 2. MHS, Shannon Miller (Jessica Salgado), 58th; 3. MHS, Knottek (unassisted), 72nd.

Shots: OHS 1, MHS 24. Saves: OHS 15, MHS 1 (Catherine Wade 0). Corners: OHS 1, MHS 6. Fouls: OHS 6, MHS 12.

Other scores from around the district

Boys

San Angelo Central 4, Abilene Cooper 0. SAC goals: Chris Fuentes, Chris Smith, Dusty Brown, Michael Ammons. SAC Assists: Ammons, Michael Caracciolo, Brown. Central outshot Cooper 19-1.

Girls

San Angelo 3, Abilene Cooper 0. SAC Goals: Kelly Bragg, Kendra Speciale, Cynthia Rojas. SAC Assist: Krstin Baugh. Central scored all its goals in the second half.

Courier reaches first final in long time, sprains foot

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Jim Courier's happiness over reaching his first final in nearly a year was dampened Saturday by a sprained foot that has him questionable for the St. Jude Indoor championship.

Courier injured his left foot during the third set of a victory over John van Lottum and then played four more games before winning the semifinal, 7-6 (7-5), 4-6, 6-4.

"It's going to be a question of how much pain and discomfort he can handle," ATP Tour trainer Doug Spreen said about Courier's status for Sunday's final.

Courier will play No. 3 seed Tommy Haas, who reached his second final this year with a 6-3, 7-6 (7-4) victory over Todd Martin.

Courier won his last final in April at the U.S. Clay Court Championships and is trying to improve his ranking, now 69th.

"The big factor will be waking up tomorrow morning and seeing how it does tomorrow morning," said Courier, who qualified for his 36th career final.

"I'm pretty optimistic. I hope it's going to be fine with the proper treatment and proper help from our trainer. Hopefully, I'll be able to get out there and run tomorrow."

Not being able to play would be a disappointing end to a very good week for Courier. He had started the year winning only two of six matches but has won five this week, including upsets of fourth-seeded Michael Chang and No. 6 Mariano Puerta.

Van Lottum had his chances to reach what would have been his first-ever final. He blew six break points, including three set points in the first set as Courier battled back to force the tiebreaker.

MHS: Dawgs get ready

(From 1C)

answer on the other end that pulled the fans out of the seats.

"I've said it all year, and it's the same story. This team does what it has to do to win the game," said MHS coach Jack Stephenson. "I think you could be seeing the Class 3A state champion here. This game did them good and it did us good as we both get ready for the playoffs.

"We may have done a little better if we had really scouted them, but the difference was at the free throw line (MHS 17-of-27, Seminole 8-of-14). We were so much quicker than they were and that usually creates some fouls."

Tatum scored 13 of his 30 points in the fourth quarter to make the big difference.

"If the shots come and the team needs me to score 30, that's what I will do, but I would just as soon get rebounds and assists, if that's what it takes to win," Tatum said. "This isn't about me. It's about whether we win or lose."

Christian and Ogden have met many times before on the court.

"Since I was 12 and playing AAU ball, I've played against Chris. I knew coming in what he could do and I knew he would have his team fired up to play," Christian said. "We've talked trash to each other, but that only comes from my respect for his game and he has respect for mine. This was just West Texas basketball. We may not be the biggest players in the state, but we just go out there and get after it."

Ogden, too, was happy with the chance to play Midland High.

"This was really something else," he said. "This was above and beyond the intensity we have seen in the regular season. It was a spectator's game. Without a doubt, Midland High is the best in (Class) 5A. They're unbelievable. But for us to play them like we did will give us a lot of confidence in the playoffs."

MHS was a little road weary. The Bulldogs, now 28-3 on the season and winners of 14 straight, played El Paso Parkland on Friday night in Pecos.

The Bulldogs start the playoffs in the area round next Friday against the winner of the bi-district game between El Paso Hanks and El Paso Coronado. If Hanks wins, MHS will play in Monahans at 7:30 p.m. Friday. If Coronado wins, the Bulldogs will probably play in Alpine on Friday at 7:30 p.m. Hanks is considered the favorite.

NOTES: Tatum, Christian, Ogden and Clay are four of the 1,500 nominees nationwide for the McDonald's All-Star game. That team will be picked Monday on ESPN2. Seminole had a special presentation after the game for the four players... MHS' Brent Winter (eight points) twisted his right ankle in the game. He came back in to play some, but he is going to be sore today... MHS' Blake Johnston fouled out after scoring 11 points...

Midland High 80, Seminole 76

Midland High (28-3): Charles Tatum, 7-17 7-12 30; Jay Christian, 11-14 2-3 24; Blake Johnston, 3-6 5-6 11; Jesse Nicholson, 0-5 1-4 1; Brent Winter, 4-5 0-0 8; Randy Gardner, 0-0 0-0 0; Chris Oldham, 0-0 0-0 0; Steeve Sanon, 0-0 0-0 0; Ronnie Brewster, 2-4 2-2 6. **Totals: 27-51 17-27 80.**

Seminole (31-3): Juan Alvardo, 2-3 0-0 4; Chris Browning, 6-10 0-0 16; Caleb Clay, 7-17 0-1 15; Eric Sheets, 6-8 3-3 15; Felipe Hernandez, 6-10 2-4 14; Chris Ogden, 4-14 3-4 12; Adam Alaniz, 0-0 0-2 0. **Totals: 31-62 8-14 76.**

Midland High	12	28	16	24	—80
Seminole	13	25	19	19	—76

Three-Point Goals: MHS 5-17 (Tatum 5-12, Johnston 0-2, Nicholson 0-2, Winter 0-1); Seminole 6-21 (Alvardo 0-1, Browning 4-6, Clay 1-8, Sheets 0-1, Ogden 1-5). **Total Fouls:** MHS 14, Seminole 18. **Fouled Out:** Johnston (MHS); Sheets (Seminole). **Technical Fouls:** Seminole bench. **Rebounds:** MHS 31 (Christian 16); Seminole 28 (Ogden 14).

ROUT: Lee girls lead 4-5A

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record) is in everyone's mind," Lee coach Mike Simpson said. "I have said over and over, I don't want to go 11-1. I want to go 12-0. We have to win to do that."

When a team wins 7-1, it is not like there could be many tense moments, but in the beginning of this game, there was. Permian had tied the game in the fourth minute with a goal by Amber Christian.

Four minutes later, a shot by PHS' looked to certain to give the Lady Panthers a 2-1 lead, but April Rankin cleared the ball just in time. That was the last time the game was in doubt.

Continual pressure led to big Permian mistakes and three Lee goals in an 11-minute stretch of the first half. In the 16th minute, a Lee corner kick was headed into the Permian goal by Permian's Sarah Nelson. Then, PHS' fouls in the penalty box led to penalty kick goals by Johnson and Cassie Taylor.

In the 38th minute, Johnson again came up big, scoring off a nice pass from Erin Shryock. Johnson, who also scored in the second half, has 21 goals this season and eight in district play.

It was a breakout game for the Lee offense, which has produced lately but not to this extent. The midfield (Raffi Belizaire, Renee Bonin, Amy Rankin and Taylor) again gave Lee a huge advantage. Not only did the foursome combine for three goals (four including the own goal) and one assist but controlled the play for most of the match.

"It started slowly and didn't look pretty when it started, but we did a nice job of controlling the ball, made nice passes and opened nice breaks for shots," Simpson said.

Lee, which has won 19 of its last 20 district games, improved to 15-2 overall.

Permian, on the other hand, falls to 8-8 and 4-4 in district. The Lady Panthers are right in the middle of a playoff race with Midland High, Abilene High and Central, and the fact of the matter is a loss today will not affect the race much unless Abilene High or Central pulls off an upset later season.

"If we can win the next four outright, that will be good enough to get us in the playoffs. That was the goal for the whole year," Permian coach Kent Rivas said. "This game was a learning point for them. We has a bad workout yesterday, a really bad workout. It was too the point where we got back on the bus and went back early because we got nothing done. Hopefully, this shows the girls what practice can do."

Also, Permian gets a key cog back this week. Sophomore Kelly Wilson, the district's leading scorer, returns from a week-long stint with the Under-16 National team.

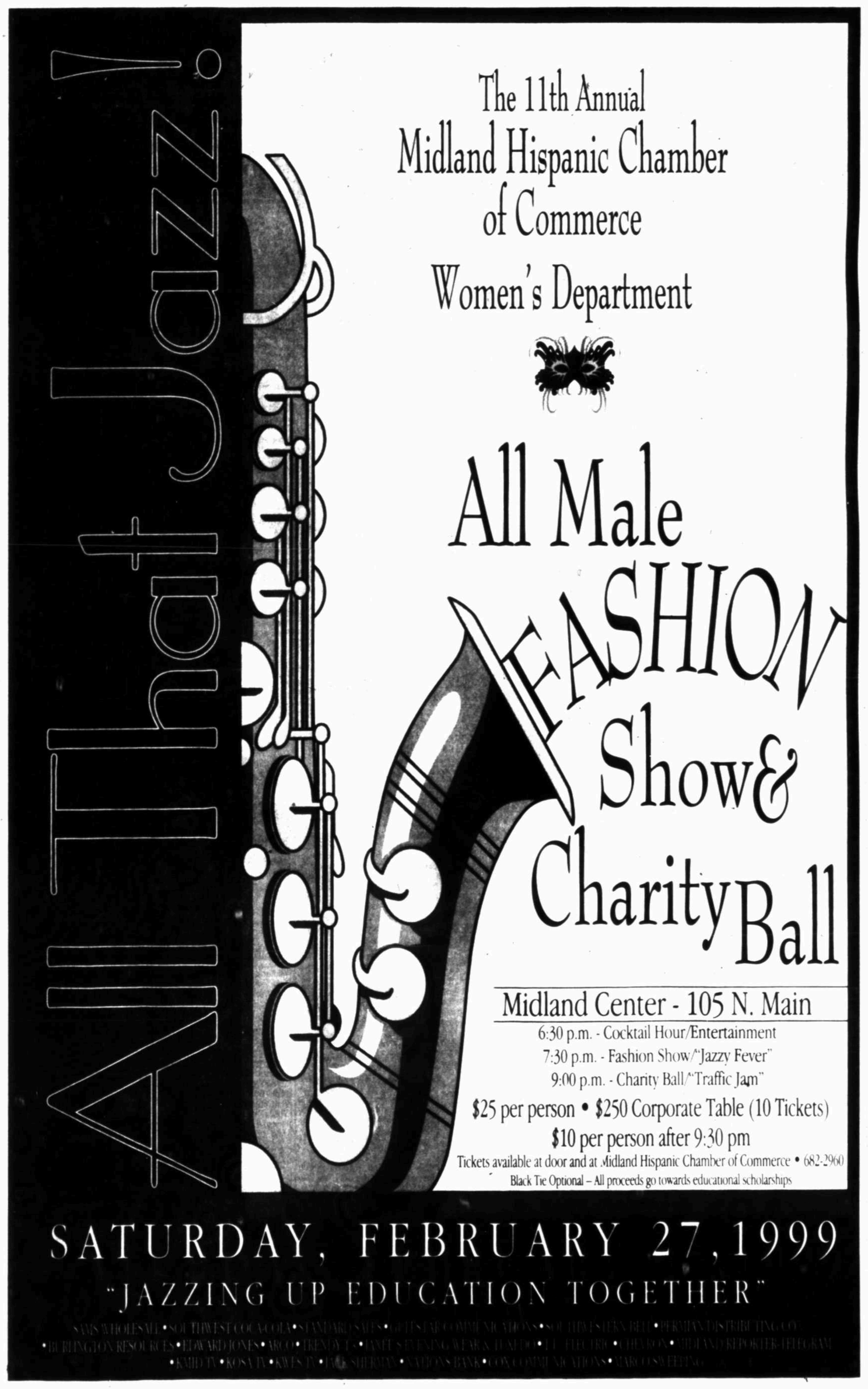
Midland Lee girls 7, Odessa Permian 1

Odessa Permian	1	0	—1
Midland Lee	5	2	—7

First Half: 1. Lee, Raffi Belizaire (unassisted), 2nd minute; 2. PHS, Amber Christian (Jill Brazell), 4th; 3. Lee, own goal (PHS defender heads corner kick into own net), 10th; 4. Lee, Linsey Johnson (penalty kick), 24th; 5. Lee, Cassie Taylor (penalty kick), 34th; 6. Lee, Johnson (Erin Shryock), 38th.

Second Half: 7. Lee, Johnson (unassisted), 65th; 8. Lee, Renee Bonin (Taylor), 71st.

Shots: PHS 6, Lee 15. Corners: PHS 3, Lee 6. Saves: PHS 0, Lee 2 (Brandice Zachry). Fouls: PHS 10, Lee 15. Offsides: PHS 0, Lee 2. Cards: None.



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The Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission/ Area Agency on Aging (AAA) and the Concho Valley Area Agency on Aging in collaboration with the Texas Department on Aging will hold a public hearing to solicit comments on the current and future needs of older Texas residing in both the Permian Basin and Concho Valley regions.
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1. Call the meeting to order.
2. Consider minutes of the previous meeting (February 11, 1999).
3. Consider the recommendation of the Steering Committee concerning the use of Urban Mobility Funds in the Midland-Odessa Urbanized Area.
4. Hear a report on the TxDOT Trade Fair held in Austin on February 22.
5. Discuss the draft 2000-2002 Transportation Improvement Program.
6. Discuss the purpose of the public meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 1, 1999 to include:
• Presentation of the proposed draft 2000-2002 Transportation Improvement Program
• Discussion of the development of the 2000-2025 Metrooolitan Transportation Plan and solicitation of ideas/projects for consideration.
7. Consider amending the MORTS Public Involvement Policy.
8. Hear a status report pertaining to the I-20 Corridor Study (MK Centennial representative)
9. Consider old business.
10. Consider new business.
11. Adjourn.

For more information, please contact Jerry Tschauner at 915/561-1061.

95 Public Notices

PUBLIC VEHICLE Auction to be held February 27th at 9 AM at Action Wrecker Service, 1109 S. Midland Dr. 64 Vehicles will be sold. For further information please call 697-8697.

110 Lodge Notices

Midland Masonic Lodge #623
1600 W. Wall
Reg. stated meetings 2nd & 4th Thurs. 7:30 pm.
Bert Bloodworth, WM
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689-7003
Reg. mtng. 3rd Thurs. each mo.
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Earl Selman, Pres.
Keith Hughes, Secty.

Acacia Masonic Lodge #1414
1000 Upland
Stated Communication, 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7:30 P.M.
Glenn Flippin, W.M.
Al Talbot, Sec.

CENTENNIAL LODGE #1448
1600 W. Wall
F.C. DEGREE 2/27/99.
Reg.stated meeting, 1st & 3rd, Sat. 8:30 am. Breakfast 7:30 am
Tom Burns, W/M (P.T.)
Bob Ellwood, Sec. 570-0328

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12/1/98
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20" long
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Jimmy & Michelle Chappell
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100 New Arrivals

Shorty Shorty

Look Who's FORTY
LAURA AAAAAAH!

115 Announcements

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WEST TEXAS Trail Riders Association Membership pot luck supper. February 27th, 6:00 pm. George & Opal Bentley 4- H Center @ 3400 S. HWY 18, Monahans, Texas. For Information, Call (915)943-4160 or 943-5848.

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150 Lost & Found

LOST: GRAY CAT, short hair, solid, steel gray color. 2800 block of Frontier, but may have hitched a ride across town. Please call 697-0221 or 686-8964.

FOUND by green love bird- flew into my yard. Call to identify. 686-7658.

FOUND- male cat Siamese mix- Saturday near Wal Mart. 694-2275 or 684-5287.

FOUND: MALE Rottweiler, off of County road 1130. Call to identify, 684-7781.

SMALL TAN DOG, male, found on Illinois St. Call to identify breed. 697-1303.

FOUND AT El Burrito- Big Springs Street. Small Yorkie mix male, to animal control- Saturday. 685-7420.

FOUND Tan/ White wire haired Terrier, neon collar, near Loop 250 & 191. 697-0176.

HELP OUR Kids Are Crying!!! Reward! Gold female Lab or Blonde Male Lab. Missing since 2/11. 689-3977.

↓FOUND↓

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FOUND: Yellow Lab cross, male, to good home if not claimed. Call 561-5363 or 697-0978.

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130 Personals

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ORDINANCE NO. 7815

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW CODE FOR THE CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS; ADOPTING A REVISION AND CODIFICATION OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING SUCH CODE; AND ORDERING PUBLICATION BY THE CITY SECRETARY

WHEREAS, the City of Midland has authority under its Charter and the Laws of the State of Texas, specifically including Chapter 53 of the Texas Local Government Code, to adopt and codify its civil and criminal ordinances and to adopt a civil and criminal code of ordinances, together with appropriate penalties for the violation thereof, which said code, when adopted, shall have the force and effect of an ordinance regularly enacted with the usual prerequisites of law; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Midland has caused its ordinances of a general and permanent nature to be compiled and revised by Municipal Code Corporation, and that same are embodied in a compilation and revision thereof known as "City Code of Midland, Texas";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS:

SECTION ONE. That the ordinances of the City of Midland, Texas, of a general and permanent nature as codified by Municipal Code Corporation are ordained as general ordinances and are adopted as "City Code of Midland, Texas."

SECTION TWO. That all the provisions of "City Code of Midland, Texas" shall be in force and effect on and after the effective date of this Ordinance and all of the provisions of the Code of the City of Midland, Texas, 1960, are hereby repealed from and after the effective date of this ordinance, except as hereinafter provided.

SECTION THREE. This ordinance and the new "City Code of Midland, Texas" only repeals prior ordinances which were codified or which evidence an intent to be codified prior to the effective date of this ordinance.

SECTION FOUR. That the repeal provided for in the preceding section of this ordinance shall not affect any offense or act committed or done or any penalty or forfeiture incurred or any contract or right established or accruing before the effective date of this ordinance.

SECTION FIVE. Nothing in this Code or the ordinance adopting this Code shall be construed to repeal or rescind the validity of any of the following:

1. Any ordinance promising or guaranteeing the payment of money by the city, authorizing the issuance of any bonds or certificates of obligation of the city, providing any evidence of the city's indebtedness, or establishing any contract, agreement, lease, deed, other instrument, or obligation assumed by the city or creating interest and sinking funds.

2. Any franchise, permit or license granted by any ordinance or resolution.

3. Any personnel regulation; any ordinance establishing salaries of the city officers and employees.

4. Any ordinance or resolution dedicating, naming establishing, locating, relocating, opening, paving widening, repairing, or vacating any street, alley or other public way in the city.

5. Any appropriation ordinance or any ordinance levying or imposing taxes.

6. Any ordinance providing for local improvements and assessing expenses therefore, including pro-rata ordinances.

7. Any ordinance dedicating or accepting any plat or subdivision in the city or the City's Extraterritorial jurisdiction.

8. Any ordinance establishing the official plat of the city.

9. Any zoning map, amendment or land use, rezoning or zoning ordinance.

10. Any ordinance annexing territory into the city or excluding territory from the city.

11. Any ordinance prescribing traffic regulations for specific locations, through streets, parking limitations, parking prohibitions, one-way traffic limitations on loads of vehicles or loading zones, not inconsistent with such Code.

12. Any subdivision ordinance.

13. Any ordinance creating special districts or assessing taxes therefor.

14. Any ordinance adopting the boundaries of the city.

15. Any ordinance or resolution declaring a structure substandard or dilapidated and ordering the removal of the structure and the filing of a lien for costs.

16. Any ordinance providing for vehicular stop signs.

17. Any ordinance providing for vehicular yield signs.

18. Any ordinance providing for speed limits for automobile traffic.

19. Any administrative ordinance or resolution of the city.

20. Any assessment ordinance of the city.

21. Any ordinance establishing a Fire Code, Building Code, Plumbing Code, Electrical Code, Mechanical Code, or building lines or setbacks.

22. Any ordinance establishing Zoning Districts, Zoning Planned Districts, Zoning and Specific Use Permits.

23. Any ordinance or resolution establishing the boundaries for City Council Member Districts.

24. Any ordinance relating to responding to an emergency or related to emergency action under the Texas Tort Claims Act.

25. Any ordinance establishing an Ethics Code.

All such ordinances and resolutions are hereby recognized as continuing in full force and effect to the same extent as if set out at length in this code. Such ordinances are on file in the Office of the City Secretary.

SECTION SIX. This Ordinance does not establish or create any non-conforming uses. This Ordinance shall not be construed as establishing or creating any non-conforming use that did not legally exist as a non-conforming use prior to the passage of this Ordinance.

SECTION SEVEN. Any and all additions or amendments to this code, when passed in such form as to indicate the intention of the City Council to make the same a part thereof, shall be deemed to be incorporated in such Code so that reference to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Midland shall be understood and intended to include such additions and amendments.

SECTION EIGHT. That a copy of "City Code of Midland, Texas," duly authenticated over the original signatures of the Mayor and City Secretary be filed in the Office of the City Secretary preserved in loose leaf form, or in such other form as the City Secretary may consider most expedient. It shall be the express duty of the City Secretary, or someone authorized by her, to insert in their designated places all amendments or ordinances which indicate the intentions of the City Council to make the same a part of such Code when the same have been printed or reprinted in page form, and to retract from such Code all provisions which may be, from time to time, repealed by the City Council. This copy of such Code shall be available for all persons desiring to examine the same and it shall be considered the official Code of Ordinances of Midland. Other official copies of said Code may be authenticated over the facsimile signatures of the Mayor and City Secretary.

SECTION NINE. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION TEN. That the City Secretary shall publish this entire ordinance in the official publication of the municipality. The City Secretary shall not publish the Code itself.

The above and foregoing ordinance was duly proposed, read in full and adopted on first reading, the 26th day of January, A.D., 1999; and passed to second reading on motion of Council member Cuevas, seconded by Council member Brooks, by the following vote:

Council members voting "AYE": Cuevas, Brooks, Wood, Burns, Simpson and Washburn

Council members voting "NAY": None

The above and foregoing ordinance was read in full and finally adopted by the following vote upon motion of Council member Brooks, seconded by Council member Cuevas, on the 9th day of February , A.D., 1999, at a regular meeting of the City Council:

Council members voting "AYE": Brooks, Cuevas, Wood, Brown, Simpson and Washburn

Council members voting "NAY": None

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 9th day of February, A.D., 1999.

Robt. E. Burns, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kay J. McCord, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Keith Strelcher, City Attorney

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FORD 1995 Crown Victoria LX. 63K miles, new tires and brakes, excellent condition. Under NADA value. $12,500. 694-2736.

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CADILLAC 1995 Concourse 4 door, warm seat, memory, CD, pearl white. $20,500. Please call 694-0584.

CADILLAC 1996 Seville STS black with neutral leather. Bose CD, moon roof, chrome wheels, 53K. $27,000 firm. 520-3148.

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BUICK 1986 Regal. 307 Engine, 48,000 original miles. Power windows & door locks. Clean. $3,000 or best offer. 520-7139.

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FORD 1993 Escort wagon, vacation special. NADA $4,650, our price $3,650. Pioneer Motor Company, 4600 West Wall, 522-1199.

FORD 1995 Thunderbird. Must sell! Excellent condition, hunter green with spoiler, tinted windows, loaded. 520-6447.

FORD 1995 Thunderbird. V8, Moon roof, 42,000 miles. Good condition. $10,495. 694-2162, 528-2580.

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LINCOLN 1988 Towncar. White, blue carriage top, mag wheels. All extras. Excellent condition. $3,750. 697-1307.

LINCOLN 1989 Continental, four door. Extra clean, 44K miles. Should sell for $7,500 but will take $5,875. Pioneer Motor Company, 4600 West Wall. 522-1199.

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PONTIAC 1997 Grand Prix, red, 4 door, GT Sports package, loaded, 44K miles. Very nice, $17,500. 561-5185 after 6 PM.

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CHEVROLET 1994 Lumina, gray with red pinstripe, tinted windows, power windows-locks, 60K miles. Excellent condition. $7,600. 520-8850.

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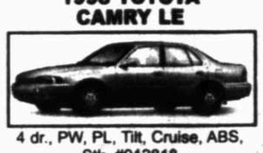

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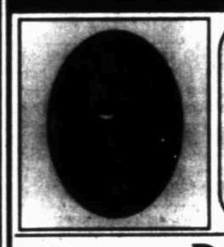

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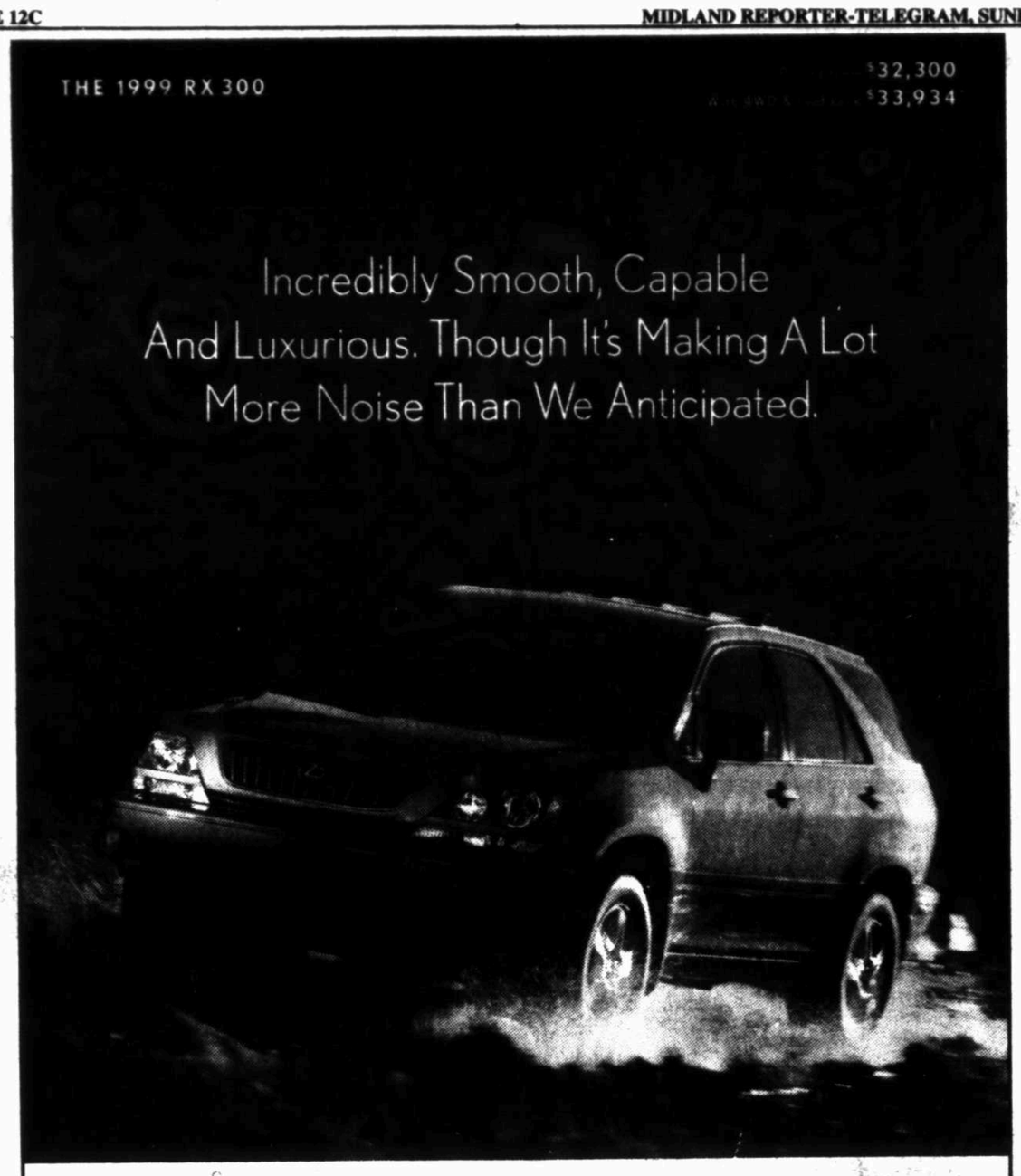

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NOW HIRING: Experienced fast food restaurant workers. All positions available. Salsa's Mexican Grill, 3601 Andrews Hwy, Odessa, 550-8226.

PART- TIME Bus Driver/ Maintenance person. CDL required. Only experienced need apply. 2100 Castleford Road or fax resume to 682-2478.

PART- TIME Truck Driver. Apply 300 S. Baird. Tuesday- Friday, 10:00- 4:00.

PIZZA DRIVERS wanted for relief and part time shifts. Great pay, flexible hours. Call 685-5032.

PROPERTY MANAGER
20K + FEE PAID
Elite apartment property is looking for an experienced apartment manager. Job is in the Lubbock area. Excellent pay & benefits! Please fax resumes to: **806-794-5869**

SELECT STAFF

FURNITURE MOVERS with experience. Heavy lifting and drivers license required. Leave name /number (915)553-1464.

REPRESENTATIVES Needed- sell Avon part time- full time. Great earnings. Call Verla 520-0119, Independent Rep.

RESTAURANT. Chinese Kitchen has immediate openings for kitchen help, counter help and dishwashers. Apply in person 2- 5 pm no phone calls. 4316 W. Illinois.

SALES. Alldredge Gardens. Full and part time reliable, hard working, nursery sales help needed. Duties required: working outdoors, lifting, loading, walking. Must have reliable transportation. Experience preferred but will train right person. Salary DOE. Apply in person 3300 Fairgrounds Road, Midland. EOE.

SHOGUN'S RESTAURANT is hiring Waitstaff, Trainees, Cooks, Cleaners, Cashiers. Experience helpful. Hard worker only. 570-6888.

310 General Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←
SPORTS MINDED INDIVIDUAL
I need 5 people to help me in my business. Earn $500 to $700 per week. Car necessary. Call: Jim at
520-5711

SUBWAY SANDWICHES at 1115 Andrews Hwy. now taking applications for evening help. Please apply in person 2- 5 pm.

TRANSPORT DRIVER Needed: Must have good driving record, willing to be on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Will be transporting Patients to and from facilities across Texas. Must pass drug testing. Apply in person at 3416 W. Wall, Suite 101, Midland, Texas. No hone calls please. Previous applicants need not apply.

→NEW TODAY←
TRUCK DRIVER/ Salesman needed. Apply at Bonnie Plant Farm, 3412 South County Rd. 1130, Midland, TX. Located off FM 307 and 1130 South, Greenwood area.

V.I.P Employment Services
686-9722
Light Industrial Placements

→NEW TODAY←
WAITSTAFF & Bartenders needed. Apply in person evenings only at The Press Box Sports Cafe, San Miguel Square.

WORK CLOTHES: Jeans- $5.00. Shirts- $1.25. T- Shirts- $3.00, gloves, coats, coveralls, 306 Secor, 620-8085.

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1-800-669-7943
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JOB COACH needed for surrounding areas. Dependable transportation, good writing skills. Some travel involved. Call 915-263-1617.

311 Medical Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←
Become a part of a quality healthcare team.
$1,500 Sign On Bonus
Full-time RN Positions
Labor & Delivery
Med/ Surg
Operating Room
Pediatrics
For more information please contact the Odessa Regional Hospital Human Resources Department at 915/334-8397 or stop by the office at the corner of 5th & Muskingum in Odessa. The Human Resources Department is open Monday through Friday 8 am- 5 pm. EOE.

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→NEW TODAY←
RN, LMSW, LPC, LMFT or Ph.D needed to perform On-call/ PRN Psychiatric Crisis Assessments. Above average communication skills and ability to work with a varied population is mandatory. Must be flexible and willing to join and contribute to an existing team of professionals. Comprehensive training provided. Call Nancy Scarpa, RN, at (915)684-8637.

→NEW TODAY←
LMSW/ LPC: full time positions in geriatric treatment program located in Uvalde, and other Texas locations. Prefer gerontology or psychiatric experience. To provide group therapy, case management, discharge planning and psychosocial histories. Patient population is high functioning. Must be willing to work in a team environment. Excellent pay/ benefits. Monday- Friday 8- 5, no calls! Relocation assistance available. Fax resume to: 1-281-397-6482.

NURSES' NEEDED!!! Referral bonus. Call Nursefinders, 570-8080.

311 Medical Help Wanted

* LAB
QUALITY ASSURANCE SUPERVISOR
Blood systems, a national blood bank organization, is seeking a personable team leader for our Lubbock office to review technical operations for compliance with applicable SOPS and Blood Systems regulatory guidelines. Responsibilities include identifying/ reporting problems and discrepancies as well as acting as consultant to our management team for compliance issues.

Requires a detail- oriented professional with a BA/ BS in a related field and certification as a Medical Technologist, SBB or equivalent. You must have 4 + years of progressively responsible experience in a lab, blood services or pharmaceutical manufacturing, a 1- year supervisory background and 1 year of demonstrated expertise in a QA- and FDA- regulated environment managing compliance inspection. Proven success writing technical procedures and developing/ administering training programs is essential, as is extensive knowledge of AABB, CLIA, CFR blood banking and biosafety and chemical havard requirements. The ability to observe/ review regional blood center documentation and work well with all staff levels is essential, as are excellent verbal/ written communication skills.

Relocation assistance available. Send resume by 3/ 15/ 99 to: Blood Systems, Attn:
Human Resources/ MB
6210 E. Oak St., Scottsdale, AZ., 85257
Fax: (602)675-5760
E- mail: jobs@bloodsystems.org
Job Hotline: (888) 892-7596
Pre- employment drug testing required
EOE M/ F/ D/ V.
BLOOD SYSTEMS

→NEW TODAY←
Memorial Hospital has the following full- time positions available:
Pharmacist
Current Texas Pharmacist license.
New grads welcome to apply.
Pharmacy Technician II
IV admixture certification preferred.
Nuclear Medicine Technologist
ARRT or N.M.T.C.B. registered or registry eligible in nuclear medicine and licensed by the state of Texas.
We are prepared to offer a competitive compensation package that includes health, life and dental insurance; paid retirement; and growth opportunities.
Memorial Hospital & Medical Center
Human Resources Department
2200 W. Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701
685-1538, Fax resume to (915)685-6934
EOE

→NEW TODAY←
TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER AT ODESSA
COORDINATOR, Medical Records Review (Licensed Vocational Nurse preferred with current Texas License). Two years of progressively responsible experience. Bachelor's degree in Business Administration or related. Experience may be substituted for the required education on a year-for-year basis. Applicable computer software experience required. Apply at 800 W. 4th Street, Odessa, TX. Human Resources Department.
TTUHSC is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action Employer

→NEW TODAY←
* NURSES
An Expanding West Texas Multi- Specialty Medical Center has immediate openings for LVN's with at least one year of clinical office experience. The Current needs include:
OB/ GYN,
Pediatrics & Urology.
Salary is commensurate to experience and a full benefit package is available. Only qualified applicants need apply to the **Personnel Office** of:
Malone & Hogan Clinic
1501 West 11th Place
Big Spring, Texas 79720
or fax resume to: 915-264-7019.

311 Medical Help Wanted

Saddleridge Lodge Assisted Living, a gracious retirement residence for active seniors in Midland, is seeking a Medication Aide and a CNA for full and part- time positions. If you are courteous, attentive and enjoy being part of a team, please stop by to fill out an employment application or mail or FAX your resume to:
Viola Adams
Saddleridge Lodge Assisted Living Community
1808 W. Loop 250 North
Midland, Texas 79705
FAX# (915)687-0355
EOE
Assisted Living License #323

CNA'S needed. All shifts. Go to work today! Apply in person, 3203 Sage, Midland. Good starting pay.

DENTAL ASSISTANT needed part time, Monday through Thursday afternoon. Experience helpful but not necessary. Send resumes to: Box P-6158, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

DENTAL ASSISTING. Lon Morris College, in association with local dentist, now accepting students for a class in dental assisting to begin March 8th. Enrollment limited. Call 683-5042.

FRONT DESK Physicians Clinic. Non smoking environment. Computer knowledgeable. 1 Year experience in medical facility. CPT, ICD-9, Medical Terminology a plus. Some weekend work required. Send resume to: Human Resources Dept., 4808 South County Road 1310, Odessa, Texas 79765.

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Up to $35/ hour
Toll Free-
877-259-5430

311 Medical Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←
HealthSouth, the nation's largest provider of rehabilitative health care and outpatient surgery services, has the following opportunities available:
Floor Maintenance Tech
Full- time Floor Maintenance Tech position available on the 3:30 pm to 12:30 am shift. General maintenance and floor maintenance experience preferred. Successful candidate will also be responsible for security while working and must be available to work every other weekend.
Patient Account Representative
Part- time position available in our Business Office. Must have insurance knowledge; basic computer skills; and be detail oriented and flexible. Previous medical experience preferred.
Therapy Tech
PRN Position available in our Therapy Services department. Previous inpatient or outpatient therapy tech experience preferred.
Candidates may apply in person (Monday- Sunday 8:00 am- 8:00 pm) or call (915)520-1607. Please forward resume to: HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Midland/ Odessa, 1800 Heritage Blvd., Midland, TX 79707. FAX: (915)520-1704, EOE.
HEALTHSOUTH

Medical Collections Clerk
Full- Time permanent Must have minimum of 2 years experience dealing with Insurance companies & EOB's. Pay $9- 11/ hour For appointment call:
DP PERSONNEL
682-0033 Never a fee!

NURSE. Terrace West Nursing Center has current openings for RN/ LVN. If interested, please come by in person. Terrace West Nursing Center, 2800 Midland Drive, Midland, TX 79707.

→NEW TODAY←
Registered Nurses
Memorial Hospital, Midland, Texas has immediate openings for experienced RN's in the following areas:

Medical/ Surgical	ICU/ CCU (12 hour shifts)
Oncology	Telemetry (12 hour shifts)
ER	E/ T Ostomy Case Manager
OR	

We are prepared to offer full/ part time RN's a competitive compensation and benefits package. For more information, please contact the Nurse Recruiter at (800) 833-2916 ext., 1568 or send resume to:
Memorial Hospital & Medical Center
Human Resources Dept.
2200 W. Illinois,
Midland, TX 79701
or fax resume to:
(915)685-6934
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER
E- mail:
jdillman@midlandmemorial.com
EOE

· LOOKING FOR DIRECTOR OF NURSING
Terrace Gardens, a long term care facility, has an opening for a Registered Nurse to direct our nursing department. Our nurses play an integral role in the care of our residents and in the environment of our center. If you are a person who likes to use your skills to the fullest and enjoy being part of a team, we want to talk with you. We offer a very competitive salary/ benefit package. If interested, please send a current resume or contact:
Peter O. Porras, Regional Director or
Leslie Stivason, RN, Regional Nurse Consultant
Terrace Gardens
2901 W. Ohio Midland, Texas 79701
Ph: (915)694-8831 Fax (915)694-5928
EOE

IMMEDIATE OPENING
Certified Nuclear Medicine Technologist or American Registry of Radiologic Technologist
Nuclear Medicine Technologist
Immediate Availability
Mon.-Fri. 8-5 Great Benefits
Excellent Working Environment
Fax Resume to:
Cardiology Associates
3514 21st
Lubbock, TX 79410
806-785-5131

→NEW TODAY←
CITY OF MIDLAND LAB TECHNICIAN
The City of Midland is seeking to perform varied laboratory work in a public health laboratory. Teat performed will include clinical chemistry, hematology and GC cultures. To be considered for this position applicants must have an Associates Degree plus three to five years of experience in the medical field. Registration as a Medical Technologist is preferred. Wages & Hours $1,800/ month Monday- Friday 8:00 am- 5:00 pm. Applications will be accepted through 3/ 4/ 99 at City of Midland, 300 N. Loraine, Room 120. EOE.

General Outpatient Psych Unit
San Angelo Area
LMSW OR LPC
LMSW or LPC wanted for new Partial Hospitalization Program in San Angelo, Texas. LMSW preferred. Experience working with SMI population desired. Would require relocation to San Angelo, Texas.
In addition to competitive salaries and quality benefits, UHS offers the excitement and opportunities of a dynamic, growing organization. For prompt, confidential consideration, please fax resume to: **(915) 947-2054.** Equal Opportunity Employer

311 Medical Help Wanted

NURSES UNLIMITED Managed Care, Inc. CNA's and Sitters needed for home health and institutional staffing. Contact Elaine Dansby or Natalie Lawson at 580-2060, Monday- Friday, 8:00- 5:00. EOE.

→NEW TODAY←
Our growth in West Texas Requires EXPERIENCED DENTAL ASSISTANTS and OFFICE STAFF Immediately
Be part of a winning team that pursues excellence in dental care and operates in a modern, sophisticated and professional environment. Benefits include good starting salary, continuing education, paid vacation and holidays, stock options, health and life insurance, and 401- K plan. Call in confidence. EOE
Monarch Dental Associates
(915)333-4901
(915)580-8592
Fax: (915)580-0091

PEDIATRIC DENTAL Office seeking Receptionist. Computer skills and insurance filing a must. Please send resumes to: The Kids Place, 4410 N. Midkiff, Suite D-1, Midland, TX 79705. No phone calls please.

RECEPTIONIST NEEDED in Doctors office. Insurance filing, computer skills, transcription, scheduling appointments, light bookkeeping. Experience preferred. Bring resume to: 1300 W. Wall.

→NEW TODAY←
RN: FULL time positions available in geriatric treatment program located in Uvalde, and other Texas locations. Prefer gerontology or psychiatric experience. Must love working with elderly. To provide patient education and lead patient group discussion. Must be bilingual and willing to work in a team environment. Excellent pay/ benefits. Monday- Friday 8- 5, no calls! Relocation assistance available. Fax resume to: 1-281-397-6482.

311 Medical Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←
RN'S/ LVN'S for staff relief. All shifts. Fax resume to 915-570-4390.

* NURSING
SunRise Healthcare Corp., a national leader in long- term, skilled and post acute care, is seeking CNA's and LVN's at SunRise Care and Rehabilitation of Stanton (formerly Stanton Care Center).
- **CNA**
- **LVN**

As a SunRise team member, you will join a staff where your contribution is important to participate in SunRise's liberal benefit package. Apply at SunRise Care and Rehabilitation of Stanton, 1100 W. Broadway, Stanton, TX., 79782. Call 915-756-2841. EOE/ AA.

312 Professional Help Wanted

BUSINESS MANAGER NEEDED
Accounting degree and/ or minimum of two years of accounting experience require. This position oversees all financial reporting, A/ P, A/ R, Payroll, GL. Cost coding, computer knowledge, and experience in the construction/ contracting field. Must possess a strong office background, and can work with little or no supervision. Those persons interested in a challenging and fulfilling career can apply in person at 1110 No. Grimes, Hobbs, NM. No phone calls please.

AUTOCAD DETAILER: Proficiency on Cad 13/ 14 required. Experience in detailing structural steel or architectural drawings preferred. Send resume in confidence to: Engineering Manager, P. O. Box 60335, Midland, TX., 79711-0335.

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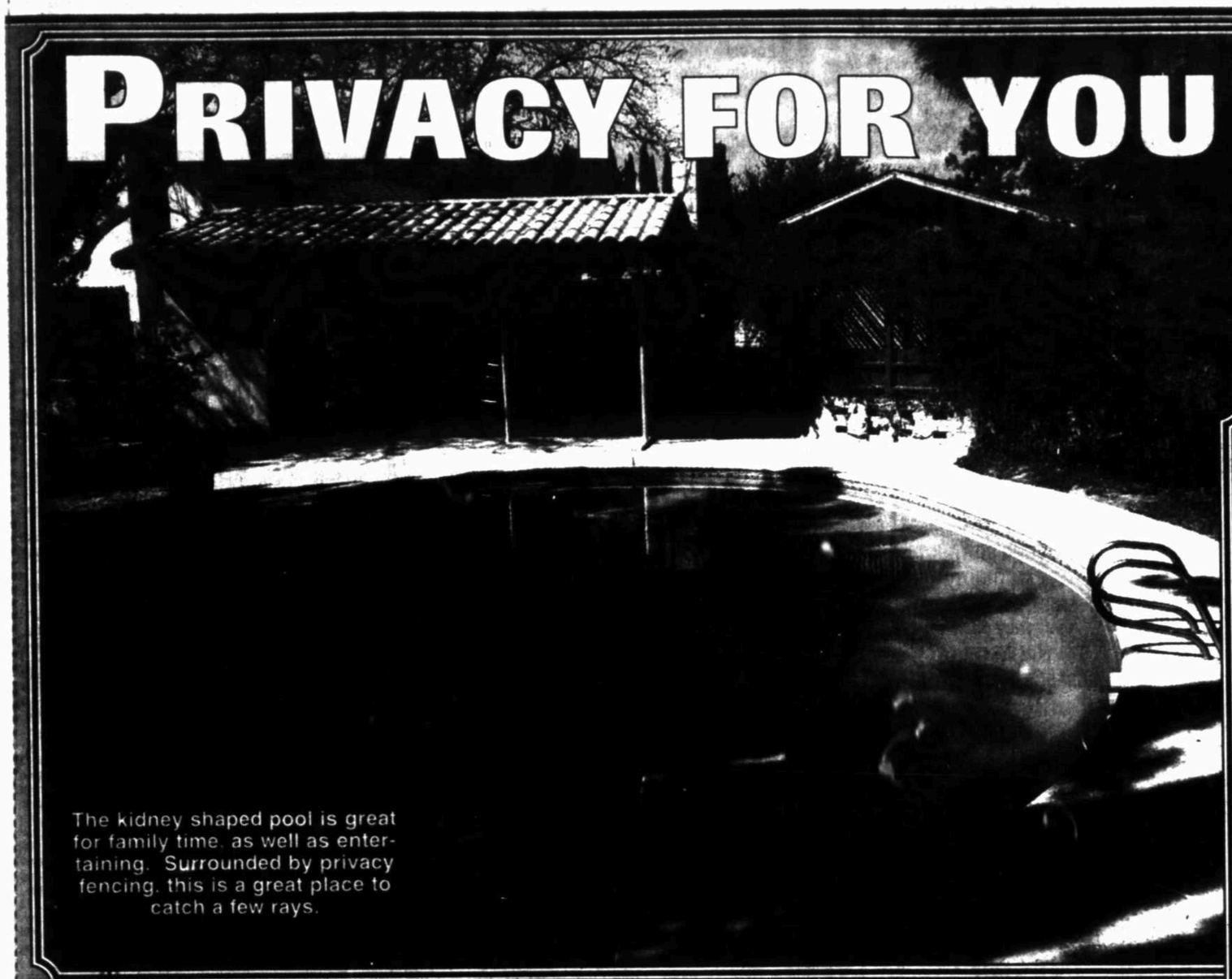
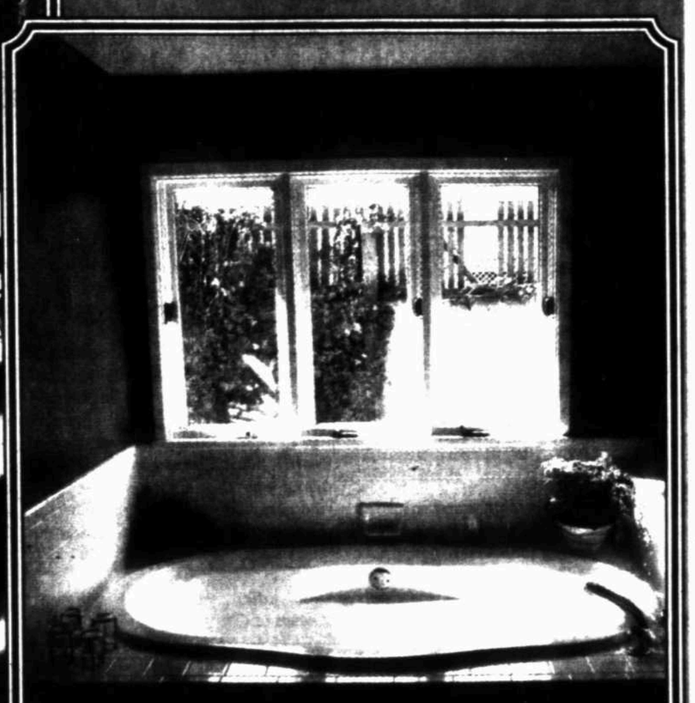


The kidney shaped pool is great for family time, as well as entertaining. Surrounded by privacy fencing, this is a great place to catch a few rays.

2011 COUNTRY CLUB



The master bath is huge and features a jacuzzi tub. A double fireplace peeks through the wall that the bath shares with the bedroom.

Photos by Brian Adamcik
Story and page design by Bobbie Scott

Unbelievable! This home has four patios, and privacy for the family. A brick patio is behind the den, a wood patio is behind one of the bedrooms, a covered tile patio is by the pool and the master bedroom has a stone patio. Recently added on to, this five bedroom home is a unique dwelling.

Located on a quiet, Old Midland street, this home has wonderful privacy features. The front of the house, with its circle drive, has a slatted planter placed in front of the dining room and kitchen. This provides privacy for these rooms as well as giving a clean look to the fron t of the home.

Just inside the door and to the left is the formal living. This room is bright, sunny and spacious. To the right is the open area that contains the den, living room and kitchen. The open design creates an enviornnment that is inviting and comfortable. The dining area is lit by a chandelier and a large window, which needs no curtains since the slatted planter provides all the privacy you need. Adjacent to this is the kitchen which is cozy and functional with tons of storage. Several open shelves are located in handy spots for easy access. The den is huge and has a fireplace with built-in shelving on the far wall. Large glass doors and windows face out onto a covered brick patio and towards the pool. About half of the den is part of the new addition which was added in 1994.

From the den, and down a short hallway is a bedroom with a bath. This room is long and has a wall of built-ins and two closets. The bath is pretty and can be entered from both the bedroom and the hall. In one of the bedroom's closets is a pleasant and unexpected surprise. A spiral staircase leads to the loft. The previous owners had the staircase built in the closet because they had small children. At the top of the stairs is a cozy little loft. This would be the perfect place for reading or hobbies. Built around an exiting tree, the loft is a private place — a quiet place for reflection. The loft looks over and shares the ceiling of the master bedroom.

After going downstairs and down the hall you enter the master suite. You'll have to see this yourself, it looks like a resort! A high vaulted ceiling with recessed lighting towers over the room. Large windows cover two walls. Privacy fencing removes the need for curtains. A tall stone fireplace dominates one wall, plus the room has a built-in entertainment center and a wetbar. The bathroom is like a spa retreat with a jacuzzi tub, shower, double vanities and an entertainment center. Also included is a bidet. Another nice surprise about the bedroom is that the fireplace peeks through the wall so one can enjoy the beauty and warmth of the fire while bathing. The closet is absolutely huge and features built-ins and a full-length mirror. Privacy fencing with beautiful vines is set outside the bath. Just outside the master bedroom is a stone patio for enjoying the outdoors.

Back at the foyer, you enter the children's wing. This wing just received new carpeting and new paint. The first bedroom is adorable with custom wall paper with airplanes, perfect for your little boy. The second room is sponge painted and has a large window. A bathroom with tile counters and floor is located across the hall from these rooms. At the end of the hall is the old master bedroom with a private bath with a shower. This room features built-in shelving and a private, covered wood patio.

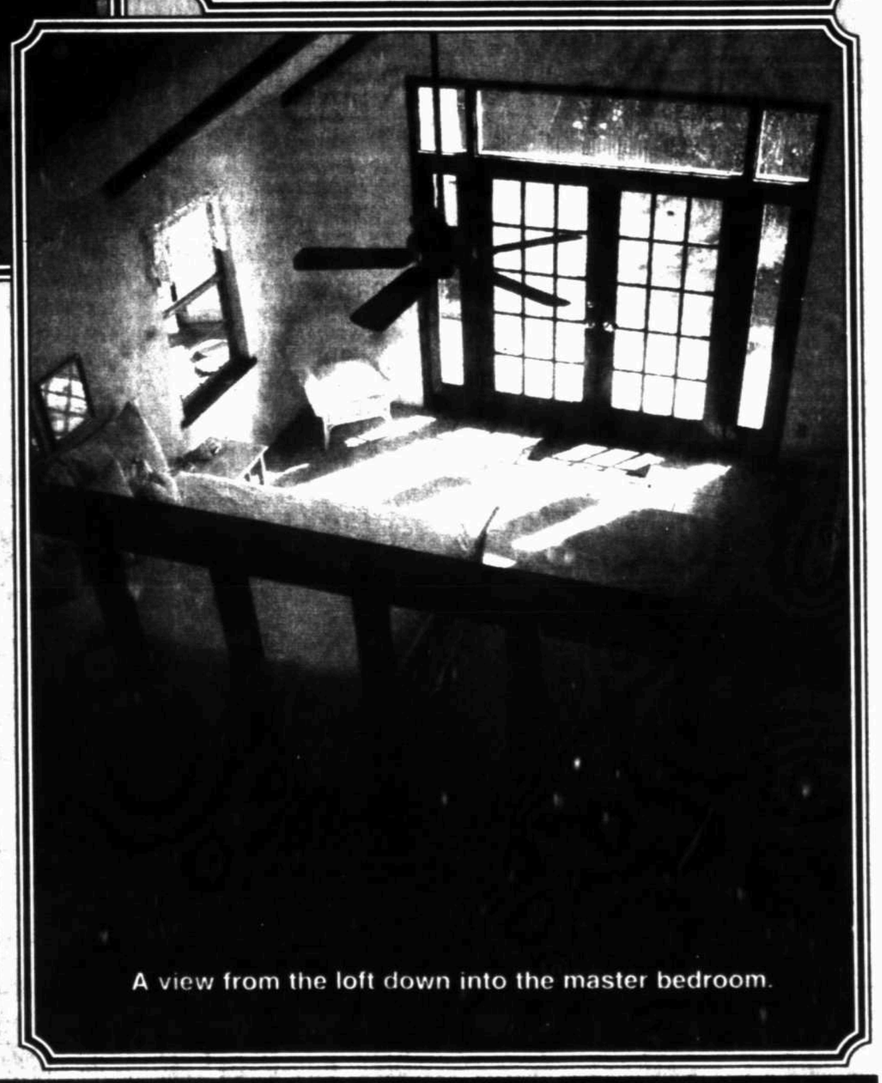
From this patio and across stepping stones adjoining the three patios, you come upon the fence surrounding the pool and cabana. The child safety fencing has built-in seats. The covered tile patio features a wet bar, celing fan, TV/Cable hookup and a misting device, a must for hot West Texas summers. The kidney shaped pool is a classic beauty and features a diving board.

The yard itself is gorgeous, surrounded by a variety of evergreens and other trees, and a lush green turf. Also in the back yard are the cabana and a workshop. The trees provide privacy for you and your family while you enjoy the out doors.

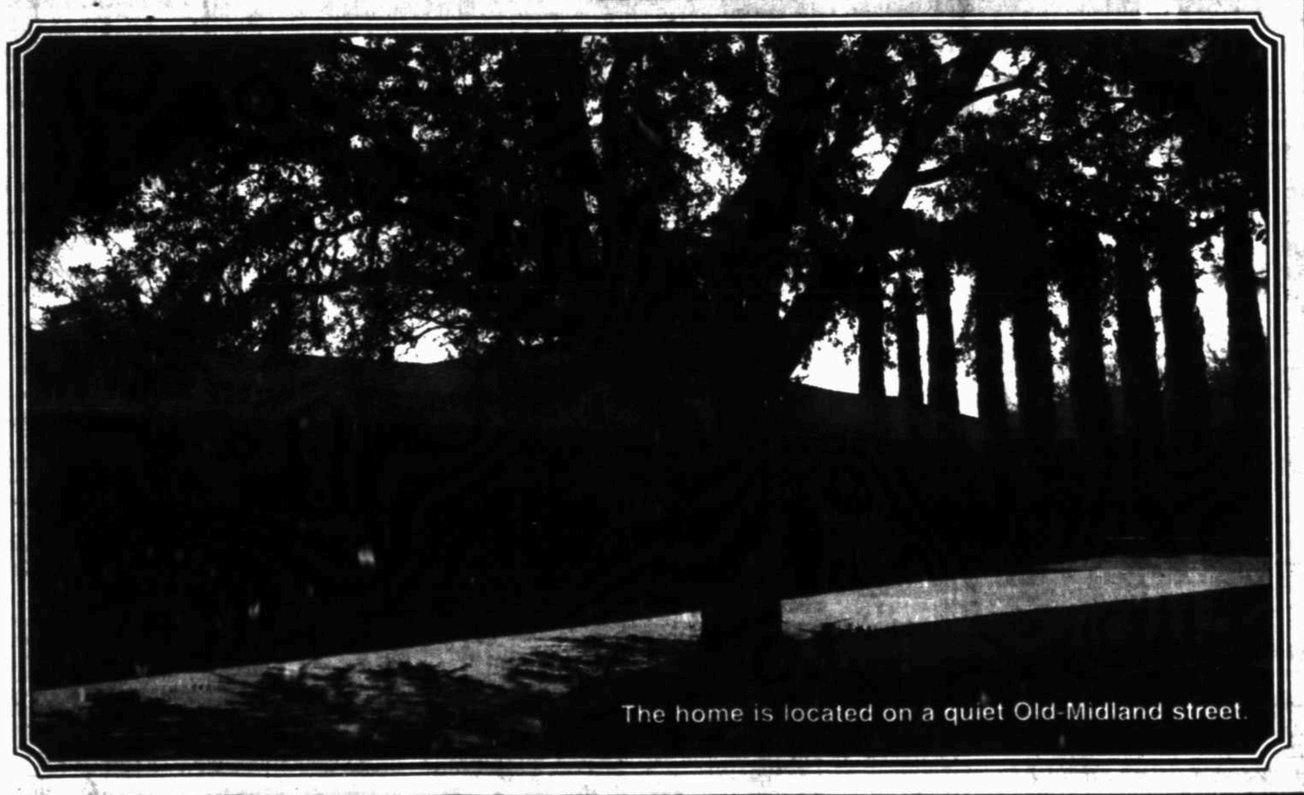
The home features a 2-car carport, sprinkler system, security lighting all around and 2 RO systems.

This truly functional and private home can be yours for $179,900. Please stop by today at the open house from 2:00 to 4:00 and see this great home, or call Brenda Laman of Century 21, Kay Sutton Realtors at 570-8200. This home may be perfect for you!

The kitchen opens to the den and dining room.



A view from the loft down into the master bedroom.



The home is located on a quiet Old-Midland street.

CHOOSING A MORTGAGE

You are buying your first home and are confused by the various types of loans available. Some of your friends tell you that an ARM would be best. Other friends insist that a fixed-rate loan is best. How do you decide on a mortgage plan?

Sutton

Your best would be to ask your real estate professional to help you with some basic planning. Factors that need to be taken into consideration include:

- Your down payment amount
- Your tax consequences
- Your career expectations

Most of today's mortgage options are variations on two basic types:

- Adjustable rate mortgages (ARM)
- Fixed-rate mortgages

Many home buyers prefer their mortgage payments to be stable; hence the popularity of the fixed-rate mortgage.

Those buyers who plan to stay in their homes for a short time (less than five years) typically care less about the long-term stability of the payment. For them, an ARM may be the way to go--especially if the margin between ARMs and fixed-rates is 1.5 to 2 percentage points.

The length of time buyers can cash in on the lower starting interest rates associated with ARMS varies greatly. Many ARMs have a three-year or a one-year starting rate. Some may carry six-month teaser rates as well.

After the initial interval, the lender adjusts the rate periodically, keeping it in line with prevailing mortgage interest rates. Most ARMs feature a cap on the amount the rate can increase (during the mortgage contract) in order to protect buyers during periods of turbulent interest rates.

Cash conservation is among the greatest benefits of an ARM to first-time buyers, especially those whose goal is to save cash in the first few years of ownership.

Buyers who plan to stay in their homes more than a few years and want to save money for expenses (such as children's college educations) may prefer the stability of a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage. Some select 10-15 year fixed-rates so they can be free of the mortgage obligation when children reach college age.

Your local Realtor can help you select the mortgage that best suits your needs.

(Story submitted by Kay Sutton, owner of CENTURY 21 Kay Sutton, Realtors)

WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO SELL?

Ask any Realtor when the best time to sell or buy a home and they will answer "Now is the best time". You may think this to be overly optimistic and that there is a season to sell a home. Real Estate is an industry of immediacy. Although many home buyers have in the past bought during the seasons of summer and fall it really had nothing to do with the actual season of the year. Instead their timing was due to children's school schedules. Many families will not uproot their children from the school but wait until school is out to move - or if absolutely necessary, do it during the mid-year school break. Also, many have leases to finish out so they do not have both rent and mortgage payments at the same time. It takes time to find the "right" house so even through buyers do not want to move until a certain date they will start looking moths before. Since the beginning of the 1990's, the predictable cycle of spring and fall selling seasons has begun to shift due to changes in traditional lifestyle of families and work habits. Many agents do as much business in December as they do in June - there may not be as many home buyers working the market but the ones that are will be serious about what they are looking for. So what is the best season to list your home for sale? Each of the seasons - spring, summer, fall and winter.

Pine

This article submitted by Norma Pine, Owner of Chaparral Realtors.

312 Professional Help Wanted

Geologist

EXPLORATION GEOLOGIST
For the Permian Basin

MEWBOURNE OIL COMPANY, a successful independent oil and gas exploration and production company, offers a challenging position for a highly motivated **Exploration Geologist** with a proven and consistent record. This position will be located in our **Midland, Texas** office.

Candidates will possess a BS or MS in Geology and will have a minimum of 10 years experience as a prospect generator with a strong recent background in the Southeastern New Mexico area. Must furnish references and record of exploration and development results.

Salary based upon qualifications and level of experience. Company paid benefits program. If you meet these qualifications and have an interest in this position, submit a detailed resume, including recent salary history to:

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Attn: Joe Odom
P.O. Box 8360
Tyler, TX 75711
Fax (903) 561-1870
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SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

ACCOUNTING INSTRUCTOR
ART INSTRUCTOR
CHEMISTRY INSTRUCTOR
(temporary position)
SPANISH INSTRUCTOR
SPEECH INSTRUCTOR

Levelland Campus full-time positions: Request position description and application packet from South Plains College, Human Resources Office, Maria Chapa, 1401 S. College Ave., Levelland, TX, 79336, (806) 894-9611, ext. 2177. Applications will be accepted until postition is filled. Application reviews will begin on April 1, 1999.

Complete employment listings and descriptions are available at our web site **www.spc.cc.tx.us** under "JOBS".

South Plains College reserves the right to extend the search or not offer position advertised. An Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Educational Institution.

312 Professional Help Wanted

FINANCIAL PLANNING

EQ Financial Consultants, Inc., a subsidiary of Equitable, a major financial services firm, offers an excellent opportunity in **Midland** to market financial products and services to business owners, individuals and professionals through a fee based financial planning approach.

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For consideration, send resume to: **T.J. Francis,** 3223 South Loop 289, Suite 260, Lubbock, TX 79423 or Fax toll free 1-877-386-8100.

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312 Professional Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

PLANT CONTROLLER
Andrews, Texas Area

Waste Control Specialists, LLC, seeks an experienced Accountant (BS/ BBA), with prior knowledge of, or experience with, job cost accounting. This person should be capable of working in this environment with limited supervision on technical accounting matters.

The position will report to the Finance Division in Pasadena, Texas and will be responsible for development and monitoring of a standard cost accounting system and job cost accouriting procedures to allow for properly reporting revenue and tracking costs on the percentage of completion method, where appropriate. Experience with accounting for Government contracting would be a plus, but is not required.

Compensation will be based on your qualifications.

Please submit your resume to:

Controller
Waste Control Specialists, LLC
PO Box 1937
Pasadena, Texas 77501

SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING INSTRUCTOR

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IS TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR:

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Graduation from an accreditted high school, plus three years of full- time experience as a Community Service Aide, or such related work as a social or financial service aide, manpower aide, community worker, community organizer or outreach person or experience with the Texas Workforce Commission. Fifteen semester hours from an accreditted college may substitute for each year of the required experience, or eighteen months of in-service experience in the Social Services Techanician Career Ladder,

For application please contact Mary at (915)366-3788 or pick up application at 2525 N. Grandview, Suite 600, Odessa, Texas. Applications due February 26, 1999 by 5:00 pm. WTO, INC.- CCMS is an equal opportunity employer. WTO, Inc. is a drug free work place. Drug testing is required.

Help you move into a new apartment, find your lost ferret, sell your car... *WE DO IT ALL!*
Call Classified today. 682-6222

312 Professional Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

COAHOMA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT FOR
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Position Title: Superintendent of Schools
Length of Work Year: 226 Days
Qualifications: Master's Degree and must have or be eligible for Texas Superintendent Certification
Experience: Superintendent or central office experience preferred
Salary: Negotiable- $65,000 minimum
Other benefits include house, car and insurance for family. (Multiple Year Contract)

Application Procedures: Send formal letter of application with resume, record of experience, copies of professional certificates, transcripts, statement of philosophy, a listing of five professional references with current addresses and telephone numbers to:

Mr. Bryan LaBeff, Executive Director
Coahoma ISD
Superintendent Search
P.O. Box 60580
Midland, TX 79711-0580

Application Deadline: April 9, 1999

The Coahoma Independent School District is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

No person shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any program or activity sponsored by the Coahoma Independent School District on any basis prohibited by applicable law, including but not limited to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age or disability.

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UTILITIES CHEMISTRY MANAGER
Salary Range $30,792- $47,544/ Year

Responsible for the supervision, planning, and administration of a chemistry management program, quality improvement plan, lab procedures, analysis and associated water treatment systems. Requires knowledge of boilers, steam, refrigeration, cooling towers, turbines and water treatment systems to include softeners, polishers, and demineralizers. Must be able to research technical subjects, apply findings, perform cost analyses, projections, and supervise lab technicians. Need excellent communication/ writing skills. Requires a B.S. in Engineering Technology/ Chemistry plus 2 years management experience and 4 years in utility plant operations. Experience may substitute for education. Good retirement and insurance benefits. Chosen applicant must pass a post- employment physical and respiratory training. If interested, please send resume with cover letter to: Sandy Ellis, Manager for Physical Plant Human Resources, Texas Tech University, Box 43142, Lubbock, Texas 79409-3142 or fax to (806)742-3881. AA/ EOE/ ADA.

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We pay a $2,000 one-time signing incentive to certified secondary teachers of composite science, mathematics, Spanish and reading. Elementary bilingual teachers and special education teachers for self-contained classrooms are also eligible for the $2,000. We will be in the Midland/ Odessa area on March 1st and 2nd for interviews. To schedule an interview call Doris Baker at 1-800-446-2757.

1998-99 salaries for teachers

Years	Bachelors	Masters
0 years experience	$30,050	$30,700
5 years experience	$30,665	$31,315
10 years experience	$33,768	$34,424
15 years experience	$37,013	$37,669
20 years experience	$40,852	$41,696

1998-99 salaries for principals/ asst. principals

Elementary Principals	starting at	$52,800
Middle school principals	starting at	$56,100
High school principals	starting at	$65,900
Elementary assistant principals	starting at	$40,200
Secondary assistant principals	starting at	$44,700

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WEST TEXAS OPPORTUNITIES, INC.
CHILD CARE MANAGEMENT SERVICES
IS TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR:

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST

Six months to one year bookkeeping experience: Computer knowledge and experience; Proficiency in use of an adding machine. High school diploma or GED required. The bookkeeper is responsible for entering billing and tracking client paperwork in the CCMS automated system. The bookkeeper will be directly supervised by the FMS/ System Administrator and the CCMS Director as needed.

For application please contact Mary at (915)366-3788 or pick up application at 2525 N. Grandview, Suite 600, Odessa, Texas. Applications due February 26, 1999 by 5:00 pm. WTO, INC.- CCMS is an equal opportunity employer. WTO, Inc. is a drug free work place. Drug testing is required.

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·DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Non-profit agency seeks experienced professional who will expand, coordinate, and implement short-jerm and long-term fundraising strategies. Responsible for all aspects of two major fund-raisers; preparation of grant proposals; writing, editing and creating development materials; donor database; quarterly agency newsletter; and direct donor development. Must possess excellent organizational, interpersonal, communication and computer skills. Bachelors Degree or equivalent experience. Please send resume' to:

Search Committee, Community & Senior Services
3301 Sinclair
Midland, TX 79707 or Fax to 689-6699.

SALARIED POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

- **Case Coordinator, Alpine and Fort Stockton**
- **MR Residential Home Supervisor, Midland**
- **Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP), Odessa**
- **Psychiatrist, Midland/ Odessa**
- **Community Service Aide (CSA), Odessa**

For details call our Job Line 915-570-3424 or submit application to: PERMIAN BASIN COMMUNITY CENTERS, 401 E Illinois, Suite 301, Midland, TX 79701. EOE.

ASSISTANT AUDITOR: Lubbock Bank seeking assistant auditor to assist in the continuous review of internal controls, operations, and compliance with bank policies and regulations. CPA required; computer proficient; excellent interpersonal skills; some travel; For appointment c. '1 (806)791-7294.

PART- TIME Music assistant at First United Methodist Church Midland. Help direct children, bells, brass. Desire music degree, keyboard ad computer skills a plus. Must have a heart for ministry. Salary commensurate with education and experience. Call Rev. Suzanne Cate. Minister of Music. 682-3701.

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Pump Operator I- IV
Utilities Department
Salary $7.86- $16.10 per hour (DOE)

General Description: Performs a variety of semiskilled technical, maintenance work in operation, repair, maintenance, and inspection of City water production systems.

Contact: Personnel Office
300 North Turner
Hobbs, New Mexico 88240
505-697-9230
505-397-9212 fax
EOE and Drug/ Smoke- free Workplace

TITLE EXPERIENCE NEEDED

South Plains Mortgage, an affiliate of a New York Stock Exchange Company is seeking an individual with title company experience. Knowledge of real estate land titles a plus. Great benefits, salary commensurate with experience. Send resume to:

200 N Lorraine
9th Floor
Midland, TX 79701
Attn: Personnel

DRILLING & PRODUCTION SUPERVISOR/ COORDINATOR

Established Permian Basin Independent needs Drilling & Production Supervisor/ Coordinator with 15 to 20 years experience. Petroleum Engineer with Permian Basin experience required. Please send resume with salary requirements in confidence to:

Box N-1097
c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram
P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

314 Clerical Help Wanted

CITY OF MIDLAND
MUNICIPAL COURT CASHIER

The City of Midland is seeking someone with one to three years of clerical or cashier experience to fill the position of Municipal Court Cashier. The person holding this position will be responsible for accepting monies from citizens for court violations, entering records into a computerized system and creating/ maintaining payment accounts. Assisting the public with court related inquires is also another responsibility of this position. Applicants must pass a typing test with a minimum of 40 words per minute to be considered. Wages & Hours $1,424/ month 8:00 am until 5:00 pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Rotating Thursdays 8:00 am until 7:00 pm. Applications will be accepted through 2/ 26/ 99 at City of Midland, 300 N. Loraine, Room 120. EOE.

312 Professional Help Wanted

Marketing Representative

Will develop and maintain relationships between community, referral sources and Desert Springs Medical Center. Provide leadership for the marketing process. Self-starter, highly motivated, excellent communication skills, the ability to effectively communicate with community leaders.

Good verbal and written skills. Knowledge of JCAHO, CHAMPUS, Medicare, Medicaid and managed care a plus. Public speaker, flexibility, negotiation and communication skills, creativity and diplomacy.

Three years experience in the healthcare industry preferred. EOE. Please send resume to: Attn: HR, 3300 S. FM 1788, Midland, Tx. 79706.

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ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

Associate Attorney position available in Odessa Texas. Primary areas are bankruptcy and personal injury. Must be currently licensed to practice in Texas. Inquires from newly licensed attorneys will be considered. This is an entry level position with potential for partnership. Starting salary is $30K, but negotiable depending on past experienced. Send cover letter and resume to

P.O. Box 484
Lubbock, TX 79408

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ESTIMATOR
PROJECT MANAGER

Employment opportunity in Amarillo, TX with Established building general contractor since 1948. Good opportunity for hard-working, energetic person that thrives on a teamwork atmosphere. Resume must include specific project experience and salary history. To RGS, P.O. Box 7038, Amarillo, TX 79114 or fax 806-355-2451.

GENERAL Superintendent for Multi family development in Midland. Must have experience in construction from undeveloped land through completion, including on- sites, off- sites, and ground- up wood frame construction of multi story structures. Competitive salary with benefits and immediate start. Fax resumes to ACTS Housing Developers, 972-745-2190.

PROJECT MANAGER. Established and growing environmental and construction services firm seeks motivated project manager to serve and expand existing client base. Environmental project management, field experience, and a desire to expand Permian Basin Area services are required. Geology and remediation experience a plus. Office location in Midland. Please send resume to Personnel Manager, Permian Basin Area at 13431 Cullen Blvd., Houston, TX 77047.

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Jacobs Electronics, Inc.
Attn: Human Resources

JACOBS ELECTRONICS
500 N. Baird St.
Midland, TX 79701
915-685-3345 x 3089
Fax: 915-687-5951
Email: jacobshr@caprok.net

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Chemical or Mechanical Engineer with 2 to 5 years experience. Will supervise 6 techs. Excellent opportunity with very stable company. Competitive salary and great benefits. Call

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314 Clerical Help Wanted

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Preferred Personnel
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Human Resources Department
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Lubbock, TX 79410
796-6673

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A Ministry of St. Mary Hospital & Lubbock Methodist Hospital System
EOE

312 Professional Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

LEGAL ASSISTANT

Large downtown law firm seeks experienced litigation legal assistant. Legal assistant certification required. Contract to perm position. Please send resume and salary requirements to:

Cotton, Bledsoe, Tighe & Dawson
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P.O. Box 2776
Midland, Texas 79702

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→NEW TODAY←

·DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

CENTERS for Children and Families seeks individual with working knowledge of and experience with non-profit organizations including media relations, grant writing, fund and volunteer development, community relations. Degree in communications/ marketing preferred. This position sits on agency management team and provides supervision. EOE, United Way agency. Send resume to:

Alane Edwards, Centers
600 N. Marienfeld, Ste. 253
Midland, 79701

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6 yrs. exp. Reservoir/Production Tech. MS Access/Excel & PA. OFM or DSS. Working knowledge of Economics/Well Workovers & Field Operations. $DOE. No fee.

LeeAnn Cody
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Mail or fax resume (including salary history) in confidence to:

Vice President, Personnel
401 Cottage
Abilene, KS 67410
Fax: 785-263-1789

Equal Opportunity Employer

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WEST TEXAS OPPORTUNITIES, INC.
CHILD CARE MANAGEMENT SERVICES
IS TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR:

CASE MANAGEMENT MONITORING CLERK

Types 45 words per minute; Telephone reception experience; High school diploma or GED; Knowledge of record- keeping and computer entry; 2 years clerical experience. Will be responsible for general clerical work for client services department, including monitoring client services and files, phone work for client services department, phone reception, inventory data entry and filing.

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312 Professional Help Wanted

OIL & GAS ACCOUNTING

Revenue accounting, JIB's, & Production Reporting (P1's & P2's) MUST have heavy oil & gas accounting experience. Degree a +. No Fee.

LeeAnn Cody
GLOBAL PERSONNEL
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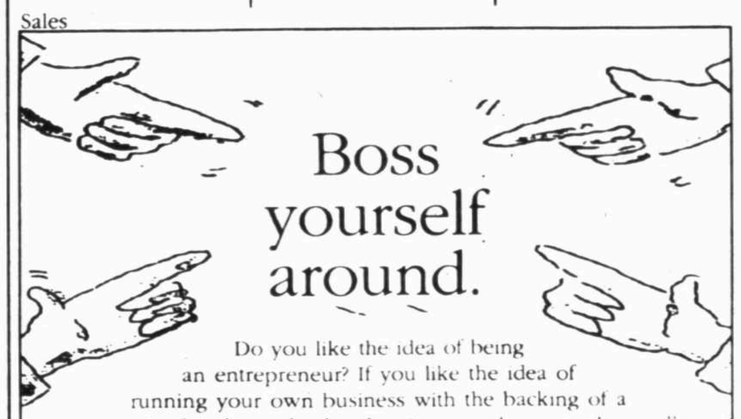

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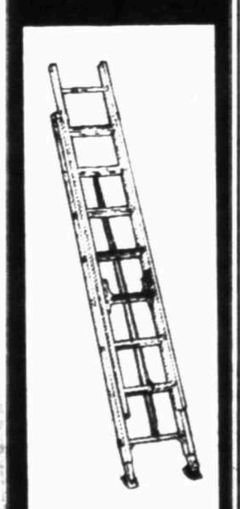

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335 Adult Care Needed

CARE GIVER. Caring dependable person to care for invalid woman on weekends. Call 697-6154.

336 Adult Care Providers

ONE LOVING family taking in the elderly for all their health care needs. For more information contact LaDonna, 683-7832.

ADULT IN-Home Caregiver for all your needs to the elderly or disabled. Call Lacy, 689-2491.

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INHOME CARE for all your in home health needs. Bathing, cooking, cleaning, running errands, etc. Give us a call for more information at 570-4475, ask for Tonya or Jackie.

340 Child Care Needed

SEEKING Live-In Nanny. Must have references. Monday-Friday. Please call Gilbert at 685-7404.

341 Child Care Providers

DO YOU need a reliable child care provider? I need a play mate for my 2.5 year old son. Call 684-6819.

CHRISTIAN MOM will keep children in my home Monday through Friday, 6 am to 6:30 pm. Morning and afternoon snacks provided. Lots of activities. 553-8121 and 522-7834.

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350 Business Opportunities

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MAJOR EXPANSION
9 year old company is setting up dealers to market our product. This is a no nonsense opportunity to be in your own business and make over 50% profit. Call:
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LOCAL BUSINESS for sale. Pine/ Hurricane. O/S. Owner financing. 580-5296.

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PRAYERFULLY considered. Established Christian bookstore/ art gallery/ frame shop. Priced right for the right person. 915-694-7800.

Attention Readers
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WANT TO SELL Your Business? We have buyers. Call Bennett & Associates, Business Brokers, 684-5209.

RESTAURANT
Well established restaurant in good location. Good growth potential. Equipment and lease space in excellent condition. Priced to sell!
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JODIE'S BBQ & Catering in San Angelo. Same location 29 years. Call John 915-949-5044.

NEED PARTNER to build barnyard furniture. I furnish materials- you furnish labor. Materials abundant. 697-4712.

LOCAL BUSINESSES for sale. Small and large. Some have low down payments and owner financing. Call for a free confidential interview- Sunbelt Business Brokers, 520-1515.

GOLD AND Silver. Earn $1,000 per day distributing tapes and brochures for one of the most talked about coin companies. No experience necessary. Leads provided. Prepare for Y2K. 1-800-775-0712, ext #5276.

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Great screen printing and advertising specialty company. Growing with plenty of potential Owner financing and training.
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24 Hours

PATENTED PRODUCT
Oil/ gas production device needs someone to market. Four years of use has proven worth. Owner wants to concentrate on his own oil production. HUGE POTENTIAL!
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→NEW TODAY←
AUTHORIZED Manufacturer of up- scale, high- end Products/ Licensed Nationally by Major Colleges & Universities, is now appointing Exclusive Distribution Rights for this Market. Prior Executive Management experience with some Sales & Marketing background is a requirement. Working Capital plus Inventory investment range of $37.5K. Minimum potential Annualized Earnings are $75,000! Frequently, Distributorships are home based. 1-800-673-4004.

RETAIL STORE for sale. 1998 Sales $170,000. Will sell $150,000 or best offer. Call 697-8506.

PRETZEL TIME
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435 Household Appliances
440 Firewood
450 Sporting Goods
460 Antiques & Arts
465 Collectibles
470 Musical Instruments
475 Crafts & Supplies
480 Cameras/Supplies
485 Electronics
490 Computers/Access.
495 FOR FREE

400 Auctions

→NEW TODAY←
TWO DAY AUCTION: Friday, February 26th, 10 am, 201 W. Washington, Midland. Restaurant equipment: Coke fountains, Vulcan Fry- o- lators, Wolf grill, cook stoves, pizza ovens. Kerry Fisher, Auctioneer, #12855. Saturday, February 27th, 10 am. Antiques & Interior Design: Blenko vases, bronzes, artwork, quilts, mirrors & frames, curio cabinet, cement patio table & stands, fabric, wallpaper, primitive furniture. Ricky Smith, Auctioneer, #10319. Call for more details, 570-9599.

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COULD IT BE YOU?
Congenial single black Christian female, 30, 5'5", full-figured, with dark hair/eyes, who enjoys movies, church activities and dining out, is hoping to spend time and share friendship with an understanding single black male, 40-50. Ad#.7141

VERY GOOD COMPANY
Easygoing single white female, 60, 5'7", slender, with blonde hair and brown eyes, is hoping to meet a handsome single white male, 55-65, whose interests include sports, traveling, dancing and socializing. Ad#.8301

MAKE IT POSSIBLE
Friendly single white female, 44, 5'7", 115lbs., with blonde hair and brown eyes, who enjoys movies, the beach, bowling and horseback riding, is ISO an humorous single white professional male, 38-53. Ad#.9084

YOUR HEART
Fun-loving single white female, 51, 5'5", 130lbs., brown hair/eyes, attractive, educated, enjoys painting, gardening, reading and more, seeking a flexible single white male, 48-58, non-smoker. Ad#.8097

IT'S NOT TOO LATE
Fun-loving single white female, 66, 5', enjoys country music and dancing, yard work, traveling and cooking. She would like to meet a single white male, 70-72, with similar interests. Ad#.7463

MEET THIS GREAT LADY
Outgoing, romantic, fun-loving single Hispanic female, 19, 5'3", 160lbs., with long blonde hair and green eyes, is seeking a single Hispanic male, 19-25, for friendship. She enjoys drawing, swimming, playing volleyball and spending time with friends. Ad#.7234

BE HER VALENTINE
Attractive, secure single white female, 39, 5'11", 140lbs., with long brown hair/eyes, who enjoys sports, dancing, billiards, the great outdoors and more, is ISO a trustworthy, handsome single white male, 32-52. Ad#.9741

FUN-LOVING
Humorous, divorced white female, 23, 5'6", 157lbs., with red hair and brown eyes, enjoys movies, the outdoors, skating, fishing and sports. She seeks an honest single white male, 21-35. Ad#.8831

RESPECTING
Fun-loving single black female, 25, 4'11", who enjoys movies, rythmn and blues music, dining out and shopping, seeks a single black male, 22-35. Ad#.8457

BE MY VALENTINE
Outgoing single white mom of two, 34, 5'11", 140lbs., with dark auburn hair and brown eyes, who enjoys amusement parks, seeks a single white male, 28-42, who enjoys children. Ad#.7738

STILL LOOKING
Single Hispanic mother of one, 25, 5'4", 200lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys movies, a variety of music, reading and more, would like to meet a single black male, 23-28. Ad#.7650

WHOLESOME
Single white mom of twins, 19, 5'4", 165lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, seeks a sincere single white male, 19-26, who enjoys movies, skiing, country music, fishing, dancing and family gatherings. Ad#.7073

CHECK IT OUT
Slender single white female, 18, 5'4", with brown eyes, is hoping to share friendship with a caring, considerate single white male, 18-23, preferably a muscular, blue-eyed blond. Ad#.9387

SHALL WE DANCE?
Secure single white female, 42, 5'3", slender, with curly red hair and green eyes, who enjoys reading, foreign travel, the theater, movies and music, would like to meet a compatible single white professional male, 38-47. Ad#.8412

ON FIRST INSTINCT
Self-employed single white mom of one, 40, 5'6", full-figured, with short brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys movies, dining out and trying new things, seeks an honest, fun-loving single white Christian male, 36-49. Ad#.8155

RESPECT IS FIRST
Athletic single black female, 18, 5'9", 135lbs., a college student, who enjoys singing, reading, the Internet and playing basketball, seeks a sweet, outgoing single black male, 19-24. Ad#.9119

LIGHT-HEARTED
Charming single white mom of one, 18, 5'6", 125lbs., with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys playing violin, flute and piano, seeks a fun-loving, compatible single white male, 19-26. Ad#.9556

FIND OUT TODAY
Happy single white mom of two, 23, 5'7", full-figured, with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys fishing, swimming, horseback riding and going to the lake, is looking for a single white male, 23-37. Ad#.9638

TIRED OF BEING ALONE
Hardworking single black mom, 33, who has a great sense of humor, is new to the area and looking for a hardworking single black male, 35-40, with inner qualities. Ad#.7413

JUST BE YOURSELF
Single Hispanic mom, 26, 5'2", 120lbs., with brown hair/eyes, a student, who likes reading and the outdoors, is looking for a responsible and honest single Hispanic male, 27-32. Ad#.9107

INTERESTED
Light-hearted divorced white mom of two, 33, 5'10", 150lbs., with red-dish-blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys the Dallas Cowboys, is seeking a compatible single white male, 30-40. Ad#.7941

LIMITLESS COMPASSION
Meet this single white female, 46, 5'7", 155lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys reading, movies and keeping active. If you're a single white male, 35-54, interested in a fun-loving lady, call now. Ad#.9965

DYNAMIC PERSONALITY
Established, well-spoken single white Christian professional female, 45, 5'7", 116lbs., with blondish-brown hair, an avid sports fan, is seeking a handsome, very humorous single white Christian professional male, 44-56. Ad#.7356

INTERESTED IN YOU
Single black Christian mom, 31, 5'7", 132lbs., who likes movies, romantic walks in the park and singing, is looking to meet a single white male, 35-45, who likes going to church. Ad#.9112

FRIENDS TO START
Outgoing single Hispanic mother of one, 20, 5'3", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, bicycling, movies, having fun and more, is seeking a single Hispanic male, 21-30. Ad#.9407

GOLDEN GIRL
Well-rounded, vivacious and conservative, this friendly single white female, 64, 5'2", with white hair, who enjoys movies, ceramics, walking, playing the organ, animals and more, is looking to meet a single white male, 65-75. Ad#.7167

DREAM GIRL
Single Hispanic female, 20, 5', 137lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys dogs, dining out, travel, summertime, the beach and more, is seeking an energetic, easygoing single Hispanic male, 22-26, with similar interests. Ad#.9398

INTRODUCE YOURSELF
To this full-figured, Baptist divorced black mother of two, 30, with red-dish-brown hair and brown eyes. She enjoys family activities, church, attending school, dining out, movies, dancing and seeks a single Hispanic male, 23-45. Ad#.7465

INDEPENDENT
Employed single Hispanic mom, 25, 5'6", with auburn hair and green eyes, is seeking a handsome single male, 26-36. Ad#.8124

NEW TO THE AREA
Is this cheerful single white male, 42, 5'11", 197lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys movies, a variety of music, snowboarding and more. If you're a similar single white female, 35-49, don't wait to call. Ad#.8277

BREAK THE ICE
Sincere single white female, 23, 5'5", 119lbs., with strawberry-blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys movies, a variety of music and more, is seeking an intelligent single white male, 23-31. Ad# 8167

LOVING LADY
Spend some time with this single white Christian mother, 46, 5'8", 118lbs., with blonde hair and hazel eyes. She enjoys nature, a variety of music, reading, church and seeks a single white Christian gentleman, 45-55. Ad#.7825

ONE OF A KIND
You'll be laughing with this humorous, well-educated single white female, 49, 5'5", 165lbs., a blue-eyed blonde, non-smoker. She enjoys outdoor activities, sports, children, dancing and seeks a single white male, 45-50. Ad#.7153

LOOK HERE
Single white female, 59, 5'8", who enjoys animals, movies and reading, is seeking a single white male, 60-68. Ad#.9586

SEEKS SIMILAR SOUL
Here's a good-natured, attractive, professional single white female, 60, 5'4", 145lbs., with a nurturing nature, who seeks companionship with a single white male, over 60. She enjoys reading, children, pets and genealogy. You'll have to talk to her. Ad#.7845

DESERVING
This single white mom, 48, 5'8", 135lbs., with brown hair and gray eyes, who is seeking a single white male, 45-55. Ad# 9866

GOOD DISPOSITION
Slender single white female, 26, 5'6", a blue-eyed blonde, who enjoys movies, hiking, horseback riding, camping and more, seeks a single white male, 25-32. Ad#.8600

COMMON BOND
Honest single white female, 41, 5'1", 108lbs., with green eyes, who is seeking a single white male, 35-45. Ad#.8960

GENUINE
I'm a single white female, 18, 4'11", with blonde hair and blue eyes, seeking a single white male, 18-24, to spend time with. Ad#.9412

CALL NOW
Single white female, 39, 5'1",104lbs., who enjoys live theatre, racquetball and staying active, is seeking a loving, easygoing single white male, 39-49. Ad#.8385

DESTINY
Single black female, 28, full-figured, who enjoys reading, romantic movies and more, is seeking a single black male, 30-48. Ad#.7710

PERFECT COMBINATION
Professional single white female, 43, 5'6", 134lbs., a blue-eyed brunette, who enjoys candlelit dinners, dancing, water and snow skiing, the outdoors, reading, music and more, is seeking a single white male, 35-48. Ad#.8478

ONE ON ONE
Single female, 27, 5'4", with dark hair/eyes, who enjoys music, movies and more, wants to meet an honest single white male, 25-35, who she can have a lot of fun with. Ad#.9656

CHECK IT OUT
Single white female, 35, 6', with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys fishing, camping and just having fun, is seeking a kind, easygoing single white male, 30-40. Ad#.7344

CALL NOW
Intelligent single black female, 32, 5'4", with light brown hair/eyes, is seeking a spontaneous, outgoing single male, 30-40. Ad#.9689

THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT
Get to know this outgoing, college-educated single white female, 26, 5'4", 135lbs., with auburn hair and brown eyes. She enjoys meeting all kinds of people and seeks a trustworthy, commitment-minded single male, 19-40. Ad#.9272

MAKE THE CONNECTION
Catholic single Hispanic mother, 23, 5'2", 125lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys music, dancing, movies, family activities, church and more, is seeking a sincere single Hispanic male, 24-35. Ad#.9404

GOLDEN GIRL
A green-eyed blonde, this friendly, self-employed single white female, 60, 5'5", a Lutheran, enjoys winter-time, family, foreign travel and seeks an adventuresome, sincere single white male, 57-70. Ad#.9419

SIMPLY THE BEST
Single white female, 20, 5'6", 120lbs., with blonde hair and blue eyes, is seeking a stable single male, 23-31, for a possible relationship. Ad#.9029

HONEST AND FAITHFUL
Get together with this divorced white mom of four, 33, 5'7", 135lbs., a vegetarian, who enjoys studying the Bible, singing and dancing. She seeks a family-oriented, mature single white male, 33-65, to share time with. Ad#.9061

GOAL-ORIENTED
She's earned two associate's degrees. A Catholic single Hispanic mother of four, 39, 4'11", with dark brown hair/eyes, who enjoys movies, music, dining out, travel, quiet times and more, she is seeking a Catholic single Hispanic male, 36-41. Ad#.7467

HIGH QUALITY
A blue-eyed blonde, this single white Christian mother of three, 47, 5'8", 118lbs., is seeking a loyal, educated, professional single white Christian male, 45-55, with integrity. She enjoys movies, sports, animals and more. Ad# 9525

RAY OF SUNSHINE
Why not call this attractive single white female, 47, 5'7", 117lbs., with blonde hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys art museums, long walks and various spectator sports? She'd love to hear from a single white male, 45-60, who has a positive attitude. Ad#.8429

GET TO KNOW ME
Reading, country music and spending time with her daughter are interests of this divorced Hispanic mom of two, 22, 5'2", with black hair and brown eyes. She is looking for a single Hispanic male, 22-34. Ad#.9212

ONE-MAN WOMAN
Single white mom, 49, 5'2", full-figured, with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys movies, walking her dog, dining out and more, is seeking an honest, romantic single white male, 45-60. Ad#.7854

SOUL MATES?
Attractive single white female, 48, 5'7", 118lbs., with blonde hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys long walks, singing and playing the piano, wants to meet a single white male, 44-54, who is true to himself and honest to those around him. Ad#.8782

UPBEAT
She's a single white female, 49, 117lbs., with blonde hair and hazel eyes. She's seeking a loving, compassionate single white male, 45-50. Ad#.8897

GIVE HER A CALL
This single black mom, 30, 5', with brown hair/eyes, is seeking a loving, easygoing single Hispanic/black male, 23-48. Ad#.9015

WHAT'S YOUR SIGN?
This single white female, 46, 5'10", full-figured, is seeking a single white male, 32-46, who would like to enjoy movies, music, Mythology and more with her. If you are ready for happiness, this is your call to make. Ad#.9251

A WINNER
Fun-loving single white female, 48, 5'4", 205lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys singing, reading and socializing, is seeking a single white male, 40-60. Ad# 8313

HOPES & DREAMS
Sweet single black mother of two, 23, 5'4", 140lbs., with black hair and brown eyes, enjoys movies, reading and sports. She seeks an open-minded, humorous single male, 20-32. Ad#.8087

LOVE TAKES TIME
Single Hispanic mom, 38, 5'2", who enjoys dancing, the outdoors and more, would like to meet an honest, dependable single Hispanic male, 38-45. Ad#.9413

MEANT TO BE
Get to know this single Hispanic mother of two, 37, with brown hair and eyes. She likes dining out and dancing till dawn. She'd like to meet a single Hispanic male, 30-45, for a possible relationship. Ad#.9201

MATE FOR LIFE
Single Hispanic mom of two, 27, petite, with long brown hair, who enjoys dancing and relaxing at home, is seeking a single Hispanic male, 21-38, to share life with. Ad#.7942

CATCH A RISING STAR
Single white female, 36, 5'4", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys reading, country music, horseback riding, the outdoors and more, is looking to meet a single white male, 30-44. Ad#.8763

ARE YOU THE ONE?
Camping, cuddling, sports, movies and horseback riding are interests of this single white female, 27, 6'2", with brown hair and hazel eyes. She'd like to hear from you if you're an honest, affectionate single white male, 25-38. Ad#.9602

MIDNIGHT TALKS
Happy, fun, single white female, 40, with auburn hair and blue eyes, who is slender and beautiful, enjoys music, dancing, dining out, long walks and quiet evenings. She is looking for a handsome, fun-loving single white male, 38-50. Ad#.8321

HELLO SUNSHINE
Professional single white mom of four, 38, 5'3", 105lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys music and movies, traveling, dining out, swimming and fishing, is looking for a single male, 30-45. Ad#.9917

ADORABLE
Here is a family-oriented single white female, 20, 5'4", with blonde hair and blue eyes, who likes skiing, dancing and carnivals. She seeks a fun, dependable single white male, 20-27. Ad#.9257

START A FRIENDSHIP TODAY
Single white female, 40, 5'3", 120lbs., with long blonde hair and blue eyes, would love to meet a single white male, 34-50, for a wonderful relationship. She enjoys cooking, movies and roller skating. Ad#.9769

COUNTRY LOVING
I'm a single white mother of three, 46, 5'6", with blonde hair and green eyes who enjoys horses, autumn, action movies, dancing and country life. If you're a single white male, 38-55, give me a call. Ad#.7665

ON MY OWN
This single white mom of three, 46, 5'7", with brown hair and green eyes, will not rest until she finds the single male, 35-55, of her dreams. She enjoys family times, the changing seasons and much more. Ad#.8170

SOUL MATES
Slender, professional single white Christian female, 48, with frosted blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys a variety of music, travel, dancing, theater and dining out, seeks a handsome, single white Christian male, 45-49. Ad#.7128

REACH FOR THE STARS
This fun-loving single black female, 20, 5'8", with brown hair and hazel eyes, a student, likes dancing, movies and walks in the park. She would like to find a compatible single male, 19-34, to have good times with. Ad#.8605

OPEN YOUR HEART TO ME
The fun never stops with this lovely and sweet single white female, 20, 5'8", 140lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys reading, movies, horseback riding and walks in the park. She is seeking a good-natured, sociable single white male, 20-24. Ad#.7242

QUALITY TIME TOGETHER
Professional single white female, 45, 5'7", 118lbs., with frosted blondo hair and hazel eyes, enjoys boating, picnics, nature walks, sports, the theater, singing and playing piano. She's looking for a stable, educated, true single white gentleman, 44-49. Ad#.8017

SHOW ME A GOOD TIME
I'm an enjoyable, outgoing single white mom, 18, 5'5", 120lbs., with red hair and baby blue eyes, who wants to spend time with a single white male, 18-21. I enjoy rollerblading, horseback riding, dancing and singing. Ad#.9544

'TIL WE MEET
Single white mom, 39, 5'6", with dark hair and blue eyes, who enjoys camping, flea markets, sports and dining out, is seeking a single white male, 33-42, with similar interests, for friendship first. Ad#.8909

COUNTRY GAL
Are you a one woman single white male, 35-55? Meet this single white female, 46, 5'7", with brown hair and green eyes. She is an animal lover, who enjoys rodeos, country dancing and shooting pool. Ad#.7670

TRULY BLESSED
This professional single white Christian female, 45, 5'7", slender, with blonde hair and green eyes, loves helping people, movies and most music. She seeks a professional single white male, 44-48, who is a true gentleman. Ad#.7664

A LOT OF LOVE TO GIVE
Kind, loving, single black female, 25, 6', full-figured, who enjoys picnics in the park, music, building snowmen and reading, is seeking a single black male, 21-35, with similar interests. Ad#.8298

GOOD INTENTIONS
Contact this independent single white mom, 34, 5'11", 134lbs., with dark auburn hair and brown eyes, who knows just what she wants in life. She's searching for an honest, sincere and trustworthy single white male, 29-43. Ad#.7726

LOOK HERE
She's a single white female 46, 5'7", with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys the outdoors and all sports. She's seeking a single white male, 35-52, who is a good guy. Ad# 8427

ON THE RIGHT TRACK
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OLD FASHIONED
Professional, green-eyed brunette single white mother, 46, 5'7", who enjoys country music, dancing, rodeos, bowling and camping, seeks a sincere single white male, 35-55. Ad#.8054

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Single white female, 19, 5'4", 128lbs., with long blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys sports and baseball, is seeking a fun-loving single male, 18-25. Ad#.8102

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LOVE IS ON THE WAY
Single Hispanic mom, 31, 5'3", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys music, movies and family time, seeks a single Hispanic male, 29-43, who likes children. Ad#.8207

A COMMON INTEREST
Share your goals and dreams with this hardworking, honest single white female, 20, 5'4", with blonde hair and brown eyes. She's into reading, going to school and seeks a single white male, 18-27, who won't play any games. Ad#.8446

THE SPECIAL ONE
Single white mom, 28, 5'6", 130lbs., with blonde hair and blue eyes, enjoys dancing, reading and trips to the lake. She seeks a single white male, 25-35, for friendship first. Ad#.8188

FRIENDS FIRST
Single white female, 35, 5'7", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys camping, biking, traveling, hiking and walking in the woods, is seeking an easygoing single white male, 36-50, for friendship first. Ad#.8213

A HOMEBODY
Single white female, 19, with brown hair/eyes, a smoker, is seeking a caring single white male, 18-27, who enjoys living life to the fullest. Ad#.7310

MAKE EACH MOMENT COUNT
Spontaneity and romance are appreciated by this single white female, 34, 5'3", full-figured, with brown hair and blue eyes, who seeks a good-natured single white male, 28-38. She likes swimming, biking and going for long walks. What about you? Ad# 9279

STAND BESIDE HER!
Working in the yard, walking, reading and sharing time with her grandchildren are what makes her happy! She's a single white female, 50, 5'2", 145lbs., with frosted hair and green eyes, who is waiting to hear from a loving, single white male, 45-52. Ad# 9093

GOAL SETTER
Single black female, 23, who enjoys swimming, reading, watching movies and writing, is seeking a single male, 20-30. Ad#.7252

I'LL BE HERE
Single Hispanic female, 18, 5'4", 118lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, enjoys shopping and socializing with friends. She is seeking a single Hispanic male, 18-28. Ad#.7831

TAKE NOTICE
This single Hispanic mom, 31, 5'4", with long reddish-brown hair and brown eyes, likes watching football, playing softball and being with her kids. She seeks a single Hispanic male, 29-43. Ad# 8236

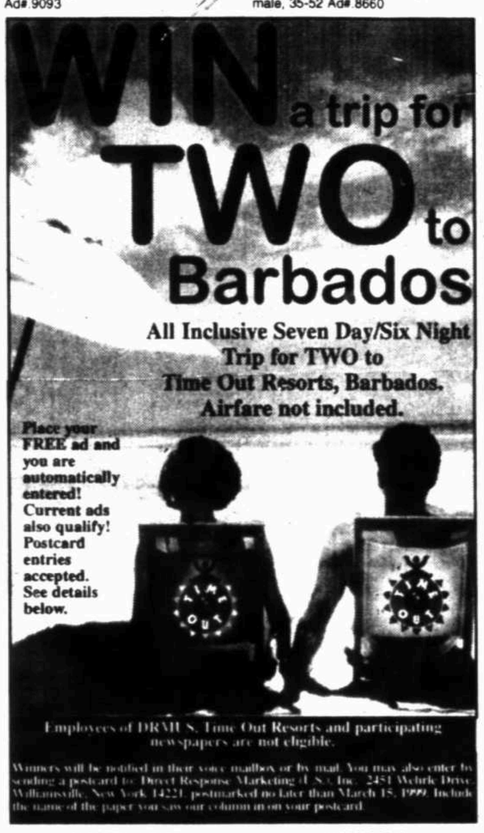
I'M YOUR LADY
Attractive single Hispanic female, 66, 5'7", 145lbs., is interested in meeting a single Hispanic male, 69-70, for a possible relationship. She enjoys dining out, the theatre, movies and good conversation. Ad#.8914

WELL-ROUNDED
Single white female, 45, 5'6", with dirty blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys reading, crafts, dining out and more, is seeking a single white male, 40-50. Ad# 7067

GIVING
Caring single white female, 40, with dark hair and hazel eyes, likes cooking, flea markets and crafts. She seeks a sincere single male, 25-60, for a possible relationship. Ad# 9843

A REAL ZING
Athletic single white mom, 43, 5'8", with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys tennis, yard work, reading, dining out, dancing and spending time with her daughter...is looking for a single white male, 35-55, who shares similar interests. Ad#.8805

NEVER A DULL MOMENT
Reserved single white female, 46, 5'7", with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys country music and dancing, horseback riding, football and camping, is seeking a single white male, 35-52 Ad#.8660



WONDERFUL HEART
True love is hard to find, that's why you should meet this Christian woman, 49, who always tries to find the good in people and situations. She searches to meet a tall, dark and handsome single white Christian male, 44-54, with a zest for life. Ad# 8492

HERE SHE IS...
She's a single white Christian mom, 40, 5'7", interested in meeting a single white Christian male, 38-50, who enjoys dancing, country music, good conversation and the great outdoors. Ad#.7076

LET'S MINGLE
Slender, classy single white mom, 48, 5'8", who enjoys taking nature walks, animals and just having fun, seeking single white male, 45-60. Ad# 8861

SHY AT FIRST
Here's a college-bound, cheerful single white female, 19, 5'6", 165lbs. with brown hair/eyes, who is looking to meet a single white male, 18-25. Ad#.7032

LET'S MEET
I'm a single Hispanic mom, 20, 4'10", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys reading, movies and more. I'm seeking a single male, 25-30. Ad# 8115

CALL NOW!
She would like to meet a single Hispanic male, 19-24. Is that you? If so, call this single Hispanic mom of one, 19, 5'4", 110lbs., with brown hair/eyes. Ad#.8734

AND THE WINNER IS
Cheerful single Hispanic female, 20, 5'5", slim, with brown hair/eyes, enjoys reading, running, basketball, comedy films, dancing and seeks an honest, humorous single Hispanic male, 20-26. Ad# 8421

TOUCHED BY AN ANGEL
Blessed with a great personality, this sweet single white mother of two, 30, 5'3", 106lbs., with brown hair, is looking to meet a single male, 31-47, non-drinker. She enjoys dancing, family times, horseback riding, country music and more. Ad#.9402

BE PART OF MY TOMORROW
Are you a single male, 38-48, who enjoys the outdoors and traveling? If so, then you could be the perfect match for this single white Christian female, 46, 5'7", who's waiting patiently to hear from you. Ad# 9504

HERE SHE IS
Freckle-face single white female, 39, with blonde hair and green eyes, is in search of a single white male, 35-55. Ad#.7501

GET THE PICTURE?
Single black female, 25, 5'5", medium build, with black hair and brown eyes, enjoys long walks, movies and sports, is in search of a single male, 25-35, who enjoy children. Ad# 9834

LOVE TAKES TIME
Single white female, 43, 4'11", with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys traveling, fishing and movies, is seeking a single white male, 38-50, who enjoys dancing, country music, good conversation and the great outdoors. Ad#.7208

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JUST BELIEVE
Single Hispanic female, 55, petite, with dark brown hair, non-smoker, is looking to share interests and friendship with a friendly single white male, 48-57, who enjoys gardening and reading. Ad# 9565

AMAZING GRACE
Single white Christian female, 29, 5'4", 135lbs., with reddish-brown hair and brown eyes, who enjoys reading, Christian music, swimming, camping and the outdoors, seeks a single black Christian male, 27-38. Ad#.8587

WHOLESOME
Friendly, outgoing and honest single white female, 46, 5'7", 175lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, enjoys dancing, fishing, bicycling, camping and having fun with a compatible single white male, 37-50, non-drinking, non-smoker. Ad#.8517

THE FINER INTERESTS
Single white female, 48, 5'8", 117lbs., with blonde hair and green eyes, enjoys skiing, playing the piano, helping people, art museums, theater and walks. She is seeking a single white male, 45-53. Ad#.8552

FAMILY VALUES
Single white mom of one, 23, 5'7", with blonde hair and green eyes, enjoys reading, writing, animals, romance movies, and more. She is seeking a single white male, 18-28. Ad#.9840

NO SILENCE HERE
Divorced white female, 36, 5'1", 145lbs., with blonde hair and blue eyes, is seeking a single white male, 35-48, who enjoys swimming, softball games, talking, laughing and reading. Ad# 9305

AND YOU?
Employed single white mom of one, 20, 5'5", 200lbs., with reddish-brown hair and green eyes, is seeking a single white male, 20-25, who likes children, and enjoys country music, fishing, basketball, and beach walks. Ad#.7734

COMMITMENT-MINDED
Single white mom of one, 22, 5'3", 125lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys skiing, horseback riding, sports and concerts, seeks a caring, honest single white male, 22-35. Ad#.7041

BE KIND TO MY HEART
Fun-loving single white female, 46, 5'7", with blue eyes, who enjoys music, dancing, quiet evenings at home, cooking and movies, is looking for a passionate single white male, 44-55, for friendship. Ad# 7054

APPRECIATES HONESTY
Single white female, 37, 5'7", with blonde hair and green eyes, is seeking a single white male, 25-50. I'm easygoing and outgoing, who enjoys children, a variety of music, the outdoors, traveling and reading. Ad#.7542

BASIC PLEASURES
Single Hispanic mom of one, 22, 5'4", 120lbs., who enjoys sports, movies and dining out, is seeking a single Hispanic male, 22-26. Ad# 8636

HAS EVERYTHING BUT YOU
Single Hispanic female, 49, 5'1", who enjoys all sports, dancing and evenings home with that special someone. She hopes to meet a single white male, 36-50. Ad# 7874

A MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN
This petite single white female, 50, with hazel eyes and dark hair, is an animal lover, who is looking for a single white male, 50-60, to share interests with. Ad#.7609

BLUE-EYED BLONDE
Single white mom, 31, 5'4", likes sports, swimming and animals. She wants to meet an active single white Christian male, 28-41, who likes kids. Ad#.8504

NEW IN TOWN
Single Hispanic female, 21, 5'4", 120lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys charity work and the outdoors, is seeking an outgoing, exciting single white male, 21-25. Ad# 7156

DESIRES OF THE HEART
Spontaneous single white female 57, 5'6", slender build, brown hair, blue eyes, smoker, enjoys country drives, sightseeing, dancing and traveling, seeks a single white male, 50-65, for friendship first. Ad# 8976

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CHEMISTRY & MAGIC
Sincere, caring single black male, 31, 6", with dark eyes, enjoys weightlifting, football, movies and outdoor activities. His choice will be a compatible single white female, 25-38, who is attractive and affectionate. Ad# 9584

WARM-HEARTED
Single white male, 27, with hazel eyes, who enjoys movies, yard work, football and miniature golf, seeks a nice, respectful single white female 27-30. Ad# 9820

WELCOME TO OUR WORLD
Single white dad of two, 26, 6', 210lbs., with dark hair and blue eyes, who enjoys movies, camping and family events, seeks a family-oriented, caring single female, 20-30. Ad# 9684

HERE HE IS
He relates well with people, loves country music and is an all-around happy-go-lucky guy. Contact this single white male, 24, 5'9", slim, with brown hair and green eyes. He wants to meet a sweet, caring single white female, 18-30. Ad# 8198

ON THE LEVEL
Single Hispanic dad of one, 22, 5'10", 160lbs., who enjoys fishing, camping, boating and dancing, seeks an interesting, caring single white female, 22-29, for nice times together. Ad# 8258

HEARTS AND FLOWERS
Meet this handsome single black male, 22, 6', slim, with dark hair/eyes. He wants to meet a friendly, outgoing, attractive single white female, 19-35, to share friendship and fun. Ad# 8757

YOUR LUCKY DAY
He's single, he's handsome and he's looking for you. Call this outgoing, hardworking single Hispanic male, 32, 5'7", with dark hair/eyes. He enjoys sports, music and wants to share friendship with a beautiful single Hispanic female, 23-40. Ad# 9470

FOLLOW YOUR HEART
Kind-hearted divorced white dad of two, 38, 5'11", with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys reading Stephen King novels, football, movies and horses, seeks a special single female, 18-42, for quality times together. Ad# 7324

MARRIAGE-MINDED
Good-hearted single white male, 32, is looking to meet a nice, friendly single white Christian female, with good morals. Ad# 8704

WORTH A TRY
Single Hispanic male, 19, 6'2", with black hair and brown eyes, who enjoys playing basketball and spending time with friends, would like to meet a single female, 25-35. Ad# 7935

ENTIRELY YOURS
Swimming, basketball and fishing rank high with this sincere, outgoing single black male, 21, 6'4", with black hair and brown eyes. Call him if you're a single Hispanic female, 18-30. Ad# 8032

DESERVING
Single white male, 20, 6'4", 228lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys sports, the outdoors and more, is seeking a single white female, 18-24. Ad# 8765

MAKE THE MOVE
Single white male, 65, 5'9", 160lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys traveling, dining out and movies, is seeking a positive, educated single white female, 45-58. Ad# 7070

LISTEN TO MY MESSAGE
I'm a single white male, 25, 6'6", 260lbs., with dark brown hair and hazel eyes, seeking a single white female, 18-40. My hobbies include working on cars, the outdoors, picnics at the lake and more. Ad# 8360

YOU MIGHT BE THE ONE
This fun-loving single black male, 30, 5'10", 175lbs., wants to spend time with a fun-loving, outgoing single female, 19-40, who enjoys dining out, basketball, track and going to a beach. Ad#

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NICE 2 bedroom duplex, 208 A Mitchell. $375/ monthly $200/ deposit. Appliances. No Pets. 570-7465.

GOOD SELECTION: 3 bedroom brick houses and duplexes. $495 to $850/-month. Williams & Associates. 694-9663.

4404-A THOMASON, 3 Bedroom, 2 bath duplex, appliances, fireplace, washer/ dryer hookups, one car garage with opener, small yard, no pets. $575 + deposit. 699-6258.

2001 SANDS. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, $695 monthly, $500 deposit, with references. 520-3529, 687-0924.

THREE BEDROOM, two bath, two car garage, $795 monthly plus deposit. 3408 Sinclair. Call 699-0671.

4308 PARKDALE. 3 Bedrooms, 1 3/4 baths, garage. $650 monthly, $300 deposit. Available March 1st. 697-6078.

DUPLEX 1 bedroom, all appliances, yard, storage, $300/ monthly. 4800 block of Harvard. 520-8903.

625 Houses Unfurnished

1 BEDROOM house, close to "A" Street, stove and refrigerator furnished, no pets please. Call 682-0706.

FOUR BEDROOM, 2.5 baths, two car garage, Lee School district, near Greentree Subdivision. $1,250 monthly plus $1,000 deposit. Call 686-7095.

SEVERAL nice homes & apartments, $250-$725. Jeannie Printz, Agent 684-8202.

THREE Bedroom, two bath, Duplex one car garage with opener. Directly across from Anson Jones Elementary. $575 monthly, $400 deposit, water paid. Aztec Realty 520-7653.

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2 BEDROOM Unfurnished house. $250 monthly, $150 deposit. 404 Estes. 683-5574.

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- Large 1 Bedrooms
- 2BR/2BA Townhomes
- 2BR/2BA Flat *new carpet, remodeled*

(No Deposit For Senior Citizens)

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4700 Boulder 520-0998

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1302 KENTUCKY-1BR, 1BA, 1 living area.....$300 mo.

2703 BARKLEY-3BR, 1BA, evap. cooling, cute and in a great location.....$375 mo.

*602 HOWARD -3BR, 1BA, carport, evap. cooling, fresh paint, refrigerator & range.....$425 mo.

1304 KENTUCKY-3BR, 2BA, central heat/air, inside utility room, lots of parking.....$525 mo.

*LIDDON PL #61-2BR, 1.5BA, covered parking, all bills paid, pool and laundry.....$560 mo.

4314 VERSAILLES-3BR, 2BA, 2 living, storage, no appliances, central air.....$600 mo.

*5114 STOREY-3BR, 2BA, 2 car, storage bldg., front court yard, smoke and pet free.....$775 mo.

2115 MARCIE LN.-3BR, 2BA, 2 car, quiet cul-de-sac, pets ok.....$800 mo.

5113 CONCHO-3BR, 2BA, 2 car, bonus room, inside utility, spacious floor plan.....$775 mo.

2600 DORA-3BR, 2BA, Covered patio, inside utility, spacious floor plan.....$875 mo.

801 KANSAS-4BR, 2.5BA, 3 living, 1 car, large kitchen, brick floors.....$900 mo.

4005 CRESTGATE-4BR, 3BA, 3 liv, 2 car, light and bright, over 3000 sq. ft.....$1,400 mo.

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682-9495

640 Condo Townhome Unfurn.

LUXURY New Orleans style townhome, low maintenance in nice area, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, double garage with hot tub, new carpet and paint. Short to long leases available. $1,100 plus deposit. 3200 Dentcrest. 699-4500. 683-1011 ask for Tim or Jeff. Available March 1st.

NEW TODAY

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650 Mobile Homes Furnished

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2 BEDROOM, 1 bath, with appliances and washer/ dryer, Greenwood District, Please call 684-5920.

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2 BEDROOM, 1 bath, trees, lawn, quiet area, close in. 520-6640, 520-0642.

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MOVE IN special! $59.00 monthly- 2 years. Large lots, security fence, paved streets, etc. 550-7505.

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665 Bus. Prop./ Office Rentals

NOW LEASING Midkiff at Franklin Plaza- 3241 Franklin, Office/ Shop combinations $625 monthly. 697-6447 or 687-2915.

667 Commercial Property

FOR LEASE: 3201 West Front, ideal for auto, industrial, etc. With over head doors. 1,900 square feet and up. 912 South Garfield, retail space, high traffic with excellent exposure. Call Carl, Stephenson Realty, 570-0127.

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NEW TODAY

FOR LEASE: 2203 "B" & 2215 "N" Big Spring Street location. Amazingly spacious with two skylighted atria. Call Shari Hamilton, Chaparrel Realtors. 686-7000.

BUILDING FOR lease, 3001 W. Industrial, Office: refrigerated 40' by 25', shop 40' by 60', Heater Insulated, 3 overhead door 12' by 16' fenced yard, Call 683-6276.

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NEW TODAY

FOR LEASE: 1706 West Texas, medical clinic/ office. Available 03/ 15, Call Shari Hamilton, Chaparral Realtors, 686-7000.

668 Retail/ Stores

RETAIL SPACE: 970 SQ. FT. Good location, 2300 N. Big Springs, Sutie B. 683-5639.

670 Warehouses/ Storage for Rent

WAREHOUSE. 10,000 Sq Ft plus 1,000 Sq Ft office space available. 18 Ft side wall, fenced yard between Midland-Odessa. Call Jim Martin, 563-0067.

WAREHOUSE. 20,000 Sq Ft plus office space available. RR siding, dock high, 27' side wall height. Call Jim Martin, 563-0067.

675 Recreation Resort

RUIDOSO Rentals nightly. Cabins, condos, some hot tubs. Century 21, Aspen Realty. 800-657-8980.

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DEL RIO, TX, lease for company/ large group. Borders Lake Amistad. Deer, hogs, birds, with utilities. (830)895-4045.

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9,600 ACRES Minerals under 80 Sections (3/16ths undivided of 51,200 Acres). Partially in Elsinore Field. South Pecos County, Texas. Call (972)931-2332.

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*OPEN HOUSE
1:30- 3:00 pm
4500 Westminster
4 bdrm, 3 bath,
Beautiful Tile,
Sprinkler System.
Agent: LaVene Hale
Tom Sorrells, Realtors
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OPEN HOUSE
2 TO 4
4508 Amistad
$71,500
3 Bdrm, 2 Bth,
2 Living Areas.
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Sunday 2 - 5
8 Suffolk
Saddle Club Estates
4 bedrooms 3.5 bath
$239,000 684-6983

BY OWNER: 4504 Amistad, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living, Greathouse/ Abel/ Lee schools. Ready to move in. $76,500. Call 458-3558. Open house, Sunday 2- 5 pm.

OPEN HOUSES
2:00- 4:00 PM

5700 Heartland
4 Bedroom, 3 Bath
$224,900

3202 N. "I" Street
3 Bedroom, 2 Bath
$85,900

3514 Stanolind
5 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath
$99,900

4962 Rustic Trail
4 Bedroom, 3 Bath
$164,500

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Family & horse lovers paradise! 1.5 miles West of Wal-Mart. 3,400 Sq Ft. 4 Bedrooms, 2.5 baths, open floor plan, formal living, dining, family, game & study, breakfast nook, jacuzzi tub & fireplace in master bedroom, loads of extras! 3.15 Acres, 2 corrals, pipe fences, 2 wells, storage shed. SAVE $15,600... Leave your agent in her office! For Sale By Owner. 4316 North County Rd. 1241. Asking $269,900. Phone 699-2110.

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3 - 4:30 pm
4007 Livingston
2 bdrm, 2 bath, brick,
2 car garage,
fireplace. $59,500
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Tom Sorrells, Realtors
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TOWNHOME just listed, 2/2/2 in Plantation Hills w/formal dining/den. LISA B.....$79,900
JUST LISTED- 3/2/2, recent HVAC, storm windows, wkshop, Hyde Pk. ANNA.....$69,000
"D" IS FOR DELIGHTFUL-non-qualifying on "D" ST.-3/2/2, nice. LINDA.....$69,000
4 OR 5 bedrooms, 2 bath, lg. living, west side, recent HVAC, cov. patio. ANNA.....$33,000
FOUND! IN FAIRMONT! A perfect 3/2/2 & formal dining. See with DENE.....$90,000
A "SUPERIOR" FIND in Hyde Pk. 3/2/2, move-in ready. See it with LINDA.....$78,000
CUPCAKE CUTE! 3/2/1, walk to K-mart. Pro decorated, lg. bkyd. Call ANNA.....$47,000
FIT FOR ROYALTY New construction townhouse in Trinity. Call LINDA.....$162,500
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LOOKING FOR LOW UTILITIES? Energy efficient custom. 3/2/2. LYNN.....$78,000
STICKS & STONES built this 4/2/2, basement, quaint & charming, call ANNA.....$79,000
SPIC & SPAN! 3/2/2, lg. utility, formal dining. Get redy to move! Call LINDA.....$69,900
IN CRESTVIEW 3/1, nice & clean w/ref. air. So affordable to begin. Call DENE.....$32,500
HAS POND! 2/2, 2-carport, 2-firpl, 2-liv, formal dining, wkshop, cov. patio. ANNA.....$39,900
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TWO'SIES 2/2/2 townhouse, splendid condition, LHS area. See it with LINDA.....$73,500
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THE WHOLE ENCHILDADA! House & furniture!! 3/2, 2-liv, carport. LISA K.....$65,000
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OWNER FINANCE & UNDER $20,000!! 2-bed, lg. living, 1-bath. LISA K.....$19,500
BE OUTSTANDING in your field! 4/2/2, acreage & xtras. Gardendale. DENE.....$139,900
COUNTRY TO THE CORE in thecity! 2.40 ac, 3/2, 2-liv, much new. LINDA.....$83,500
CAN'T BE WITH'EM OR WITHOUT'EM? Duplex will do! Call LISA K.....$18,500
SPLASH-DOWN in stanton! pool, shop. 3 or 4 bedrooms. Splendid! LYNN.....$79,500
BE "CRAZY" in a 17x20 incredible shop! 3/2 near Loop. See it with LINDA.....$65,000
PERFECT FOR NAIL SALON/SMALL BEAUTY SHOP Be the boss! ANNA.....$39,800
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GREENWOOD 4-BEDROOM new construction, 1 ac, ECR 109. DENE.....$129,000
E C/R 105-3/2/2, sprinkler system, in excellent condition. See it with DENE.....$72,500
GREENWOOD- call- LISA BUESCHER and RAYCHEL ELLIS
JUST GOTTA BUILD! 1-3 ac lots, custom new construction.....LISA BUESCHER
5BR, 5 ACRES 3 bath, 4.98 ac, abve-ground pool, office, basement, RAYCHEL.....$203,000
PRICE REDUCED! 3/2, apprx 2300 sq ft,tile/berber, 3-AC RAYCHEL.....$110,000
REDUCED 3/2/2, hardwood floors, 5-ac, POOL... RAYCHEL.....$114,900

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ZONED COMM'L Andrews Hwy, between hospitals, great site. Just call ANNA.....Offers
1, 2, OR 3 COMM'L LOTS, 2 of the lots have buildings, work magic here!.....Call LINDA
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1 pm - 5 pm

1106 McDonald.3 Bedroom, 2 bath, sequestered master, sunroom, lots built-ins, kitchen, breakfast room. Fireplace, 2 car garage. $86,000. 522-1981

OPEN HOUSE! 11- 4. Just Reduced! $94,500. Gorgeous 2 year new house, Northwest Midland. Amenities! 2502 Idlewilde. 699-0334. Realtors: Earn 3% Commission on sale! Will consider all offers!

OPEN HOUSE
2:00- 4:00
2513 W. Shandon
New on Market!!

Fabulous! Formal living room & dining, cozy den, 3 superb bedrooms, darling kitchen & breakfast nook, versatile utility room, gorgeous backyard, cinder block fence. Immaculate! Walk to Fannin Elementary. $106,500.

The Hatfield's Re/Max of Midland

OPEN HOUSE
1:30- 3:30 Sunday

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Northgate area North of Loop, Close to Wal-Mart!

Lots of new- New tile, new carpet, new paint, cul-de-sac. Big backyard! Come see for yourself! All this for $77,900

Hosted by Gloria Youngblood and Trichelle Barber

Century 21

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2- 4 pm 5200 Pinion Ct.

Beautiful 3 Bedroom, 2 bath in quiet cul du sac. Reduced $75,000. Must sell. 520-4212.

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1 to 2:30

10 Amherst Court 5 bd. 2.5 ba.
OWNER WANTS OFFERS!

3 to 4:30

3712 Casady Ct.-4 bd. 3.5 ba.
Trinity Meadows location for only $109,000.00. Come by!

Langston REALTORS 563-7300

NEW TODAY

OPEN HOUSE: 2:00- 4:00, 3516 Pinemont. 4 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Spacious Kitchen 1,999 Square feet, $109,000.

710 Open Houses

SUNDAY 2- 4. 3218 Elma. Lovely 3 bedroom townhouse. Totally upgraded. $74,500. Williams & Assoc. 694-9663.

Open

OPEN HOUSE
2 TO 4
3325 SHANDON
$69,900
Shown by Linda Fieseler
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OPEN HOUSE
1 - 3 pm

BY OWNER: 2801 Maxwell. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2 living areas, formal dining, sprinkler system, RV parking. Near Emerson & Goddard Jr. High

$115,900, Call 697-4695.

OPEN HOUSE
1 - 3 PM
3312 Edgemont

3 Bedrooms, 2 Bath, Fairmont Park. $87,000 or Qualifying Assumption 689-7326

Open

2 pm - 4 pm
1106 Sparks
$58,000
(1 block west of Garfield on Princeton)

OPEN FAMILY Plan. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage. Large master with his and hers bath. $88,000. 4209 Gleneagles. Open Sunday 2- 3:30 pm. Don Harvey Realtors.

720 Homes for Sale

FANNIN- By Owner. Updated 4 bedroom, 2 bath, with big backyard on quiet block. $89,000 with $1,000 decorating allowance. 686-8892.

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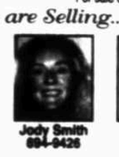
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1210 Carpenter-3/3/3LA-Corner lot - Big house - Nice	$75,000

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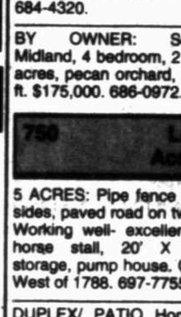

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KEY To Abbreviations

Bdrm.	Bedroom
Ba.	Bath
Kit.	Kitchen
Dbl.	Double
A/C	Air conditioning
Mst. Bdrm.	Master Bdrm.
Gar.	Garage
Bldg.	Building
Cond.	Condition
N-QA	Non-Qualifying Assumable
QA.	Qualifying Assumable
Ac.	Acre
3/2/2	Bdrm./Ba./Gar.

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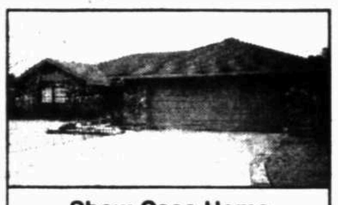

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CRANSTON	Great New Graham: 4 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Pick Colors Now!	$	188,900
COUNTRY CLUB	Lovely Old Midland: 5 bd-4 ba-2 liv-Mstr.Bdrm Wing w/Loft	$	179,900
STERLING	Great New Graham: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Pick Colors	$	165,000
RUSTIC TR	On the Course: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Skylights-Separate Formal Dining	$	162,500
GULF	UNDER CONTRACT		
LANHAM	Very Nice Townhome: 3 bd-3 ba-1 liv-Surrounds Lovely In-Ground Pool	$	160,000
WINCHESTER	Townhome: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Cul-de-Sac Close to Midland College	$	155,000
CULPEPER	Heated Pool: 4 or 5 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Seq.Bdrm-Great Closet Space	$	149,900
STERLING CT	Wonderful Graham: 4 bd-3 ba-1 liv-Shutters/Miniblinds-Pick Colors	$	149,500
WEDGWOOD	UNDER CONTRACT		
CANTERBURY	NEW LISTING	$	147,500
	Beautiful Secluded Area: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Large Private Bdrms-Private Patio		
TEAKWOOD	NEW LISTING	$	145,000
	Lots Redone Recently: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Seq.Bedroom for Guests		
HEATHER	REDUCED ! 4 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Hobby Room + Bonus Room	$	144,900
McCLINTIC	"New Look" in "Old Midland" 4 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Pretty Pool	$	144,900
WOODHAVEN	Trinity Meadows: 4 bd-3 ba-2 gar-Recent Tile Flooring	$	144,900
GREENRIDGE	Beautiful Morris Home: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Plantation Shutters	$	144,500
WHITMAN	New Whitehead: 4 bd-2.5 ba-3 liv-Game Room	$	139,500
McCLINTIC	NEW LISTING	$	139,500
	Patio Style Home: 4 bd-3.5 ba-1 liv-Much Recent-Bedroom/Office		
WHITMAN	By Whitehead: 4 bd-2 ba-3 liv-Can be 5 BR	$	138,950
DARTMOUTH	Beautiful: 4 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Corian Countertops-Solar Tube Lighting	$	135,000
METZ PL	Much Recent Updating: 4 bd-3 ba-3 liv-Office Area off Large Bedroom	$	134,900
METZ PL	Wonderful: 4 bd-3 ba-1 liv-Enc.Patio w/Hot Tub	$	134,000
LOCKHEED	Patio Home! 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Updated-Bonus Rm	$	131,000
CRISTA LN	New Canton Home: 4 bd-2.5 ba-1 liv-Many Extras-Ready to Move Into	$	129,900
HUMBLE	UNDER CONTRACT		
WHITMAN	UNDER CONTRACT		
WHITMAN	New Whitehead: 4 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Roomy Plan	$	125,950
ST ANDREWS	Fresh/Fresh/Fresh: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Even Restained All Woodwork!	$	124,900
ANN	Quiet Country Living-Great Access: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Corner Acreage-Great View	$	124,500
CROWLEY	UNDER CONTRACT		
TATTENHAM	Quiet Country Living Close to Town: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Barn & Stalls	$	120,000
WHITMAN	Whitehead New: 3 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Good Plan	$	118,675
PRINCETON	Spacious! 4 bd-3 ba-3 liv-Tuck Away Those Teenagers	$	117,000
GODFREY	New Patio Home: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Great Amenities	$	117,000
GODFREY	New Hoffman Patio Home: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Colors	$	117,000
WHITMAN	UNDER CONTRACT		
ARROYO	Light/Bright in Skyline Addition: 4 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Double Fireplace-Pool	$	116,500
WHITMAN	New Whitehead: 4 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Room to Grow	$	110,500
BOULDER	Redone Charmer: 4 bd-3 ba-3 liv-Cute as a Button	$	110,000
DAVENTRY	NEW LISTING	$	110,000
	Unique Home-Lots of Space: 4 bd-3.5 ba-3 liv-Loft Sitting Room		
SUNBURST	Mint Condition! 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Fresh/Clean/Ready to Move Into	$	109,900
WHITMAN	New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Huge Private Bedroom	$	105,500
HYDE PARK	Great Drive-Up! 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Mature Trees!	$	99,900
NOEL	UNDER CONTRACT		
McCLINTIC	UNDER CONTRACT		
STUTZ	Wonderful Home: 4 bd-2.5 ba-1 liv-Seq.Bdrm-Many Recent Updates	$	95,000
BOULDER	NEW LISTING	$	94,900
	Looks Can Be Deceiving: 4 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Darling-Recent Ceramic Tile		
LOCKHEED	Roomy with Lots of Personality: 4 bd-2. 5 ba-2 liv-Colorful	$	94,900
WARD	Glassed Atrium: 3 bd-2 ba-1 Extra Large Living-Workshop/Storage	$	92,500
MARK LN	Water Well! 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pool Size Backyard	$	89,900
PINE	UNDER CONTRACT		
GODFREY	NEW LISTING	$	89,900
	Seq.Bedroom w/Bath: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Nice Kitchen w/Tile Floors		
FAIRHAVEN	Open Plan: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Large Suite-Style Bedroom	$	88,750
RIO GRANDE	New Whitehead: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Model Home	$	88,446
RIO GRANDE	UNDER CONTRACT		
WHITNEY	UNDER CONTRACT		
GLENEAGLES	NEW LISTING	$	84,900
	Sequestered Bedroom w/Bath: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Island in Kitchen		
METZ	NEW LISTING	$	83,500
	Great Backyard: 4 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Circle Drive		
KANSAS	A Doll House: 3 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-2 story-Upstair Bdrm Balcony	$	83,500
CASPER	Whitehead New: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Could be 4 BR	$	81,500
SPENCE	UNDER CONTRACT		
LEHIGH	Nice Home: 3 bd 2 ba- 1 liv-Trash Compactor-Skyline Terrace Addition	$	79,900
RICHARDSON (Odessa)	Sunken Liv.Area: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Seq. Bdrm-Workshop	$	78,900
MICHIGAN	UNDER CONTRACT		
SPENCE	By Whitehead: 2 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Huge Bdrm w/Bath	$	76,244
RIO GRANDE	Whitehead New: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Open Plan	$	76,244
MOSS (Odessa)	Perfect Distance from Town: 3 bd-1.75 ba-2 liv-Many Extras-Approx 1 Ac	$	75,000
CASPER	New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick all Options	$	74,744
DORA	Cute/Clean: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Great Access-Fresh Paint/Wallpaper Touches	$	74,500
GERALDINE	Lovely: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Large Sequestered Bedroom	$	72,500
TREVINO	Whitehead New: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick all Options	$	71,900
W. GOLF COURSE	UNDER CONTRACT		
SPENCE	By Whitehead: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Can be 3 Bdrm	$	70,225
RIO GRANDE	New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Options Available	$	70,225
WHITTLE WAY	NEW LISTING	$	69,950
	Lovely Townhome w/Many Improvements: 3 bd-2.5 ba-1 liv-Light & Bright		
TREVINO	New Whitehead: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Great for Retirees	$	68,225
CASPER	By Whitehead: 3 ba-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Colors	$	68,225
PLEASANT	Very Clean: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Attractive Fireplace	$	67,900
LEDDY	Hurry! 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Hot Tub-Nice Home	$	67,000
NEELY	Cul-de-Sac! 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-One Bdrm Has Super Bath	$	67,000
SPENCE	Whitehead New: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Carefree Plan	$	66,704
GRAHAM	New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Make it Yours	$	65,704
HUGHES	UNDER CONTRACT		
SHANDON	Nice Fannin Area Home: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Rec.Ext.Paint-Lots of Storage	$	64,900
GRAHAM	By Whitehead: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Convenient Plan	$	64,704
MCDONALD	Pretty: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Much Updating-Open/Bright	$	64,000
BOULDER	Two Story Townhome: 3 bd-2.5 ba-1 liv-Seq.Dwnstair Bdrm	$	63,000
REEVES	Personality Plus! 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Lots of Updating-Sprinkler	$	62,500
DOUGLAS	Great Home: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Recent A/C Unit	$	58,000
GOLF COURSE	Nice & Roomy: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Large Rooms-Everything Updated	$	55,900
BELAIRE	Fresh Interior Paint: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Finished Conversion=2nd Liv/Plyrm/Bdrm	$	55,000
ROOSEVELT	Specially Renovated Duplex-Compact	$	53,000
PARKDALE	UNDER CONTRACT		
N. D	Wonderful: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Old Fashioned "Texas" Neighborhood	$	52,000
STOREY	NEW LISTING	$	49,900
	Great Starter Home: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Recently Updated-Corner Lot		
WILLOWOOD	What A Deal! 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Gar.Office=Heat/AC+Computer PhoneLine	$	49,900
EISENHOWER	Large: 3 bd-2 ba-3 liv-Builtins!-Apprx 10x20' Shop	$	49,900
PUEBLO	Great First Home: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Recent Carpet & Vinyl	$	49,900
THOMASON	Cute: 3 bd-1.5 ba-2 liv-Ask About H.I.P. Financing	$	48,000
HARLOWE	Fresh Paint & Tile: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Clean & Ready to Move Into!	$	47,000
LOUISIANA	Nice Area: 2 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Come See to Visualize Potential	$	46,900
MITCHELL	Five Duplexes: Each Side=2 bd-1 ba-Buy One or All	$	44,750 ea
BOWIE	You + TLC = Home! 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Roofing approx 6 mo.old-Carpet Installed 12/98	$	43,900
WESTBEND (Odessa)	Much Recent Incl. Foundation: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Cent. AC/Heat	$	39,900
WAVERLY	UNDER CONTRACT		
BRUNSON	Investment or Beginner: 1 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Call to See	$	25,000
BRUNSON	Investment Potential: 1 bd-1 b-1 liv-Poss. Starter	$	25,000
MULBERRY	Updated! Cute/Clean: 2 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Storage Room-Fenced Yard	$	25,000
MONTY	UNDER CONTRACT		
SCHAUBAUER	NEW LISTING	$	24,500
	Condo in Sutton Place: 2 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Double ovens 1 Carport		

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RIDGEBORO	Beautiful ! 4 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Open/Airy	$	212,000
CRANSTON	Pretty New Graham: 4 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Light/Bright-Shutters	$	188,900
CRANSTON	Wow! 4 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Pick Colors Now!	$	188,900
STERLING	Great New Home: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Pick Colors	$	165,000
STERLING	Light & Bright: 4 bd-3 ba-1 liv-Shutters/Miniblinds-Pick Colors	$	149,500

HOFFMAN CONSTRUCTION

GODFREY	New Patio Home: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Great Amenities	$	117,000
GODFREY	Fabulous New Patio Home: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Colors	$	117,000

JAMES MORRIS

WEST WIND CT	Fabulous Home: 5 bd-4.5 ba-3 liv-Spectacular Golf Course View!	$	425,000

FRED NOBLES

CRANSTON	Fantastic New! 4 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Just Completed!	$	205,000

WHITEHEAD CONSTRUCTION

WHITMAN	New Whitehead: 4 bd-2.5 ba-3 liv-Game Room	$	139,500
WHITMAN	By Whitehead: 4 bd-2 ba-3 liv-Can be 5 BR	$	138,950
WHITMAN	New Whitehead: 4 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Roofmy Plan	$	125,950
WHITMAN	Whitehead New: 3 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Good Plan	$	118,675
WHITMAN	New Whitehead: 4 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Room to Grow	$	110,500
WHITMAN	New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Huge Privacy Bedroom	$	105,500
CASPER	Whitehead New: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Could be 4 BR	$	81,500
SPENCE	By Whitehead: 2 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Private Bedroom is Large	$	76,244
RIO GRANDE	Whitehead New: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Open Plan	$	76,244
CASPER	New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick all Options	$	74,744
FLOYD	Whitehead New: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Plan Yours Now	$	74,244
SPENCE	By Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Your Amenities	$	73,900
TREVINO	Whitehead New: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick all Options	$	71,900
SPENCE	By Whitehead: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Can be 3 Bdrm	$	70,225
RIO GRANDE	New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Options Avail	$	70,225
TREVINO	New Whitehead: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Great for Retirees	$	68,225
CASPER	By Whitehead: 3 ba-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Colors	$	68,225
SPENCE	Whitehead New: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Carefree Plan	$	66,704
GRAHAM	New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Make it Yours	$	65,704
GRAHAM	By Whitehead: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Convenient Plan	$	64,704

SUBURBAN LISTINGS

E. CO RD 110	Wow! 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Pool-Barn/Stable/Shop-Greenwood Schools	$	275,000
ROBIN	Melody Acres: 4 bd-3 ba-3 liv-Wonderful Lary Resale-Town & Country Quiet	$	209,900
E. CO RD 97	UNDER CONTRACT		
S. CO RD 1218	Near Air Strip: 3 bd-2.5 ba-1 liv-Mstr=Fpl/Jacuzzi	$	143,500
S. FM 1788	Large 5-Bay Wrkshp: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Great Metro Access	$	125,000
ANN	Quiet Country Living-Great Access: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Corner Acreage-Great View	$	124,500
TATTENHAM	Quiet Country Living Close to Town: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Barn & Stalls	$	120,000
E. CO RD 110	NEW LISTING	$	117,000
	Ready for Horses! 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Approx 2.25 Ac-Barn-7 Stalls-Lighted Arena-Steed Run		
E. CO RD 124	Ridge Heights: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Barn/Tackroom-Approx 1.33 Ac	$	114,900
E. CO RD 145	NEW LISTING	$	45,000
	Near Town: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Approx 2.29 Ac -Room for Horses & Gardening		

COMMERCIAL

JASMINE	Zoned IPI	$	10,000
JASMINE	Zoned IPI	$	25,000
E. HWY 80	Approx 1.47 Ac-Service Rd Frontage-Easy Access/Great Visibility	$	35,000
FLORIDA	NEW LISTING	$	55,000
	Can Be Car Lot/Retail/ServiceStation-Good Location-Lots of Traffic		
KENTUCKY	Zoned C-3	$	108,000
MICHIGAN	Office Building-Lighted/Paved Parking-Meeting Room	$	175,000
FRONT	Zoned LI/RR Spur	$	450,000

LOTS & LAND

HAMBY	12 Lots	$	1,500 ea
TREVINO	NEW LISTING	$	2,500
	One Residential Lot - Single Family Detached - Fairway Park Addition		
WALNUT LN	2 Blocks	$	3,500 ea
ALAMO DR	2 Lots	$	4,500 ea
GARDEN LN	2 Blocks	$	4,500 ea
BOWIE DR	1 Lot	$	4,500
FLOYD CT	Residential Lot in Fairway Park	$	5,000
W. 87th (Odessa)	Residential Lot - Approx .53 Acre - Golf Course Lot	$	8,000
S. CR 1122	20 Lots	$	10,000 ac
	Reata Ranch Estates - 2.5 Ac to 4.04 Ac - Residential - May be Sold Individually		
S. CR 1204	Apprx 2 Ac	$	11,900
W. CR 123	Apprx .66 Ac	$	19,500
CHERRYWOOD	Corner Lot	$	25,000
E. CR 1090	Greenwood	$	34,400
WHITMAN	+/-11 Ac	$	130,000
W. CR 2950	Martin Co	$	220,000
I-20	22+Acres	$	285,000
COWDEN ADDN	10 Lots	$	400,000
PARKLEA ADDN	12 Lots	$	450,000
E.LOOP 250 N	Apprx 640Ac	$	1,248,000
E. LOOP 250 N	+/-65 Ac	$	1,300,000

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New Listing on the Golf Course - 4 bedrooms, 4 full baths, 2 living areas. Lots of new! $186,500. Shown by Diana Wright.

OPEN HOUSE

OPEN 3:00-4:30
4506 CIMMARON
Spotless 3-2-2 with 2 living areas. Berber carpet in den. Super nice. $69,500. Shown by Lee Denny.

OPEN HOUSE

OPEN 1:30-3:00
4403 WOODHOLLOW
Rasnick's best floor plan in Briarwood. 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths. Immaculate and ready to move in!

OPEN HOUSE

2206 NEELY
Two story Colonial beauty. 5+ bedrooms, 4.5 baths, 3 living areas. Brick floors, pool and cabana. House Beautiful! Shown by Sharon Hyde.

NEW LISTINGS

NEELY-Classic Colonial! Two story, 5+/bd 4.5/ba 3/la. Brick floors great pool $199,500
CASTLEFORD-Spacious 4/bd 3/ba 2/la. New roof, tile flooring, great pool! $190,000
WOODHOLLOW-Immaculate 4/bd 3/ba 2/la 3/gar in Briarwood. ..... REDUCED!! $182,900
DRIFTWOOD-Immaculate 4/bd 4/ba 2/la on Golf Course. Pristine! $186,500
MEADOWBROOK-Large 4/bd 2.5/ba, open floorplan, great for entertaining $126,000
KING RICHARDS ROW-Lovely 4/bd 2.5/ba with formal dining & 2 living areas $124,900
GLENEAGLES-Great 3/bd 2/ba 2/living area home across from Parker Elem $107,500
DENTCREST-Lovely 3/bd 2/ba with lots of new. Light and bright and ready to sell $84,500
SHANDON-Immaculate and totally updated! 4/bd 2/ba in Fannin area $79,900
STANTON-SIXTH ST.-3/bd 2/ba-Excellent condition, quiet neighborhood ..... REDUCED!! $76,800
CIMMARON-Darling 3/bd 2/bd 2/la in great shape, fireplace, berber carpet $69,500
PRINCETON-Great family home with 3/bd 2/ba 2/car garage, storage building in back $59,900
DOUGLAS-In Odessa - Nice large 3/bd 2/ba 2/la with over 1800 sqft ..... REDUCED!! $49,900

SENSATIONAL HOMES OVER $100,000

CR 1130-Hill country charm-4/bd 2/ba 3/la indoor pool & recreation room on 5.8 acres $290,000
S HWY 349 - 31.2 ac land with 2 houses $250,000
HWY 176-ANDREWS-Cowboys paradise,3/bd 2/bd on 16.92 acres, arena, 250 trees $205,000
CHERRYWOOD-Fantastic custom Graham home, 4/bd + study 3/ba, Briarwood $174,500
S CO RD 1130 - Lots of new in this 3 br/2 ba/2 la/2 fp & 3 car gar - 5.22 ac ..... REDUCED! $155,000
E CO RD 120 - 2 story office bldg. Corner Rankin Hwy. $150,000
W CO RD 56 - Superior 3 br/2 ba/2 la/2 car gar, huge workshop, 3 ac. ..... REDUCED! $139,500
GODFREY-Super condition! 4/bd 3/ba 2/la, formal dining. Hot tub ..... SOLD
HOLLOWAY-Museum area, two story with 4/bd 3.5/ba + apartment/office& workshop ..... SOLD
SHANDON-Fabulous 5 bedroom, 3/ba 2/la, Lots of tile, super kitchen, ... REDUCED!! $125,000
FANNIN-4/bd 2.5/ba Large family home in established Fannin neighborhood $112,500
MOSS-Townhouse with pool, 3/bd 2.25 bath, lots of updating, great features $110,000
CRESTMONT-Perfect! 3/bd 2/ba 2/la. Brightest gem in Fairmont ..... REDUCED!! $109,500

TERRIFIC VALUES UNDER $100,000

AUBURN - 4/br 2/ba, located on cul-de-sac, great landscaping ..... SOLD
ST ANDREWS-Great floorplan, looks like new! 3/bd 2/ba in Fairmont $94,800
MICHIGAN - Old Midland charm. Lots of sq. footage, Berber carpet, 10X24' OS $89,900
BATES- 4 /bd 2/ba, 2/la, Super nice older home. Off Andrews Hwy near Loop $89,500
S CR 1130-No better value under 90K-3/bd 2ba. on 1.25 acres ..... SOLD
PROVIDENCE-3/bd 2/ba 2/living areas-Great value, clean, open, pretty yard ..... UC
MICHIGAN-Beautiful Austin Stone 3/bd 2/ba 2/la, home warranty recent a/c & roof ..... SOLD
PRINCETON-Lovely Old Midland 2/bd 2/ba 2/gar. Convenient locale $79,500
FANNIN-Neat and loved. 3/bd 2/ ba 2 car garage, fireplace $78,950
MISSION CT-Super neat 2/bd 2/ba townhome. Refrigerator remains $69,500
DOUGLAS DR. Spacious 2/bd 2/ba in established area. Charming home.New a/c $69,900
STOREY-Charming 3/bd 2/ba 2 car garage, 2 patios, large lot ..... REDUCED! $61,900
PRINCETON- 3/bd 2/ba 2/car garage, enclosed patio could be gameroom/2nd living $54,900
S CR 1220-Spacious 3/bd on 2 acres. South on Midkiff to W CR 118, north 1 mi ..... SOLD
ERIE-4/bd 2/ba Could be 3/bd 2 living areas. Very nice curb appeal $52,000
KANSAS - Neat & clean 3/bd 2/ba with huge covered patio $49,900
CEDAR SPRING-Nice 3/bd 2/ba 2/la, water softener with R/O. Lots of space $47,900
STOREY-Inexpensive "Old Midland" 3/bd 2/ba ..... SOLD
MADERA - Odessa- 3/bd 1/ba new roof, siding, thermo windows, large backyard $45,000
BAIRD-3 br/2 ba/2 car garage $41,000
TRAVIS-Large 2/bd 2/ba plus office or second living area, high ceilings, fireplace $39,900
DEVONIAN-Complete remodel, new carpet, paint, 3/bd 1.5/ba Ready to move in $39,000
MORGAN WAY-Large 4/bd 2.5/ba Nice large house for the money ..... UC
KENTUCKY - 4 br/2 ba converted duplex ..... UC
SPRAYBERRY-Under construction, complete remodel-2/bd 1.5/ba w/20X30 workshop $32,000
HOLLOWAY - 2 br/1 ba, with exceptional potential. Great investment! $27,500
CR 143- 2/bd 2/ba mobile home is great area on 2 acres. Owner finance available ..... UC
CANYON-Solid starter home. 2/bd 1/ba 1/garage ..... SOLD
CEDAR SPRING-Great starter home. New carpet & interior paint, large trees ..... SOLD
LIDDON-Lovely townhouse, completely remodeled 2/bd with covered brick patio $29,500
MARIANA-Great investment opportunity. 4 duplexes w/2 br/ ba ..... $22,260 to $24,380
E CR 140-Mobile home lots, some w/ septic & water well Starting at ..... $8,000-$14,000

COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES & VACANT LOTS

COMMERCIAL-8th St. in Odessa-Great visability $180,000
COMMERCIAL - Andrews Hwy - super office bldg, 4 units or 1 large ..... REDUCED!! $140,000
COMMERCIAL - Lot on Big Spring $150,000
E CO RD 120 - Office bldg w/ parking $150,000
10 ACRES - Middle of Greentree North $150,000
MEDICAL/OFFICE BUILDING -Approx 4975' one story office in "Old Town" $110,000
E. HIGHWAY 80 - (3.47 acres) $13,000
E. HIGHWAY 80 - (3.0 acres) - $12,000
TEJAS - 1 Lot on 2.5 acres, Ranch Estates- ..... REDUCED!! $5,500
LOTS OF LOTS - within your budget! ..... $600-$8,000
W. SHANDON - One lot $2,950
W. SHANDON - Three lots ea. $2,100-2,800
LOTS - Several lots near Big Spring St. from $995-$2,950 call for info. .....
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OPEN HOUSE

OPEN 2:00-3:00
3701 CEDAR SPRINGS
Super house for first time home buyers. Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living areas, reverse osmosis, water softener, corner lot. $47,900. Shown by Eula Heine.

5100 KING RICHARDS ROW - $124,900
- Four bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2 living areas
- Beautiful home in Green Hill Terrace
- Over 2500 sq. ft. in Lee High School District

Listed by Lee Denny 694-4637

2101 W. Wadley, Suite 36 Plaza Oaks Center, Midland, Texas 79705

Patti McClung
Broker/Associate
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4008 Cynthia: Custom Spanish Hacienda close to city. Many great amenities..... $149,900

1205 W. Tennessee: Precious 2 BR cottage with hardwood floors..... $49,500

Saddle Club East Lots: Only a few remaining. Choose yours ..... today!

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LOOP 250 NORTH: Loop Frontage, fenced, 2 BR home, 40x60 horse barn, many out buildings, 180 acres, great water $800,000
6815 ISLAND CIRCLE: Greentree North, on the course, 4BR, 3BA, 2LA, 2 DN, pool, & spa, 5 car garage, beautiful decor $295,000
3000 TEALWOOD: Townhome, 2BR/2.5BA, 3 car gar., wetbar $145,000
3406 OAKMONT: Fairmont, 4BR/3BA, 2LA, 2DN, across from park $119,900
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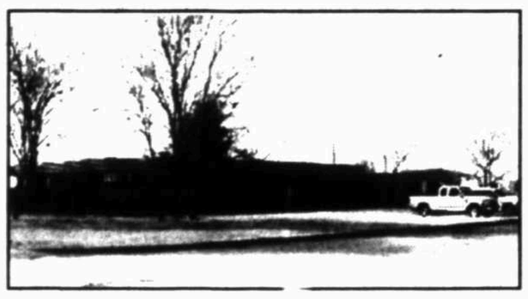

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30 X 50 METAL BUILDING and small house. .78 Acre. Rankin Highway. Cash only. 687-3730.

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NEW LISTINGS

RIDGLEA...Cute 3 bedroom home with 2 living areas in very desirable area has such potential! Large trees front and back. Home needs a buyer to complete some renovations. Call Anita for more details $84,900

WYDEWOOD....Super drive-up appeal is a major plus for this 3 bedroom home on quiet cul-de-sac. Beautiful paneled family room, huge pantry/storage area off laundry room, covered back patio with dog run. Large trees and lots of landscaping! Call Anita for more $78,000

WYDEWOOD.....Right out of "House Beautiful", this immaculate 4 bedroom home has soaring ceilings, many skylights and is life and brite. Beautiful berber carpet and tile throughout. Unique wall treatments, many updates and gorgeous landscaping. This one is ready for immediate move-in! $84,500

4315 GREENBRIAR - OPEN TODAY, 2-4PM!....Spacious and open 4 bedroom home has huge living area overlooking kitchen, sequestered bedroom for guests or teen, sunroom, large master with oversized closet. Pool-sized yard has playgym under large trees. Call Anita for more! $88,000

GREEN TREE COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES...This one is a knockout! This 2 story Spanish style beauty has 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, gorgeous tiled atrium, inground pool with arbor sitting on the 15th fairway of Green Tree golf course. Wow!! $149,900

FANNIN TERRACE....Great location on spacious corner lot, this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home has 2 living areas plus a garden room overlooking landscaped back yard, updates include fresh exterior paint and replaced carpeting. Don't miss this one! $72,900

KIMBER LEA!....This home located on a beautiful tree-filled street has 3 bedrooms with sequestered master, 3.5 baths and 2 living areas plus formal dining. Lovely tile flooring, spacious rooms, 2 back yards with easy maintenance. This home is one of a kind! Fresh interior paint and carpet. Just ask Anita $86,900

CRESTGATE...Spotless 4 bedroom beauty in Crestgate has 3 full baths, formal dining, wet bar in den, sequestered guest suite, courtyard patio in back, oversized garage and lots of storage. Large trees give wonderful drive-up appeal. Call Anita for more! $116,500

BRIARWOOD...JUST REDUCED!....Spacious 4 bedroom home in coveted Briarwood. Large kitchen, formal dining room, sequestered master, 3 car garage, custom built-ins and large trees. Call Anita for more! $137,500

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ALL THIS CAN BE YOURS You can own this TROY HUNT new construction in Grassland Estates. Elegant 5 BD, 3 1/2 BA home. Study/office, formals, and den. Too many extras to list! $215,000

3 BEDROOMS

SEASONED WITH LOVE AND CARE Beautiful "Old Midland" home has 3 BD, 2.5 BA. Formal living, den, spacious kitchen, plus lush landscaping $132,500

NEW LISTING Beautiful 3 BD, 2 BA home with formal living, den, formal dining, inground pool, and hot tub $114,900

COUNTRY...PURE & SIMPLE 2 story a-frame house on 2.5 acres with pasture. 3 BD, 2 BA, open floor plan downstairs. Large garage and shop facilities... $94,900

THE SEARCH IS ENDED You can now settle into this 3 BD, 2 BA home. Den, study/office, and formal dining. Don't miss out on the special interior design features $92,900

THE MEANING OF CONVENIENCE 3 BD, 3 BA home in "Old Midland" is close to downtown. 2 LA, office setup, lots of square footage, and recent updating $77,500

WAITING FOR A BARGAIN? Then head straight for this 3 BD, 2 BA home. Formal living, bonus room, and convenient location near Greenwood Schools. $69,900

MILEAGE SAVING LOCATION 3 BD, 2 BA home is close to schools and shopping. Formal living; den; breakfast nook; central HVAC; open patio; workshop; rear parking for boat, 2nd vehicle, etc. So much for so little! $39,900

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2-4PM
#3 Edinburgh @ Pecan Acres....$369,000
#14 Edinburgh @ Pecan Acres..$236,500
2513 W. Shandon.....$106,500
4315 Greenbriar.....$89,000
3006 Phillip Place.....$79,900

2-5PM
4600 Meadowwood Ct.....$142,900
3103 Princeton Avenue.....$66,000

3-4:30PM
2405 Flare.....$79,900

NEW LISTINGS:
4845 Rustic Trail.....$299,900
#14 Edinburgh.....$236,500
3800 Wedgewood.....$280,000
2301 North L.....$215,000
5506 Hathaway.....$186,000
1304 Daventry.....$184,900
5516 Ashwood.....$179,900
4501 Cherrywood.....$169,900
5515 New Castle.....$159,900
81 Autustine, Odessa.....$155,000
2603 Spartan.....$139,900
4713 Melville.....$132,500
2511 Terrace.....$114,900
2513 W. Shandon.....$106,500
3902 Douglas.....$79,900
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Island Drive.....Reduced $415,000
SPECTACULAR Mark Payne custom. Five bedroom plus study. Pool & yard on well. Shows like new with a fabulous view! Call Donna Pehl 697-0490.

Rustic Trail.....$399,900
Builder's own home in Greentree. Spacious living in 4BD, 4BA, steam shower in master. Fabulous built-in TV wall, 5 car garage with workshop. Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

Saddle Club Dr.....$398,000
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Oriole.....$397,000
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Edinburgh @ Pecan Acres.....$369,000
Gorgeous 4BR, 3 1/2BA, study, 3 car garage, horse barn on 2 1/2 acres. Stunning professional decor. Absolutely beautiful. Ask for joyce brickey 682-3191.

Rustic Trail - Green Tree North.....$299,900
Absolutely STUNNING custom-built home on the course overlooking the ponds! Enjoy fabulous views from bedroom upstairs & downstairs! 4 bedrooms, 3 living areas, 2 dining areas & 3 fireplaces! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Grassiands-5719 Hillcrest.....Reduced $284,900
5 bedrooms, 4 baths, 3 liv., 4 car garage - custom one owner. Call Jo.

Wedgewood.....$280,000
A super large yard - 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, workshop, pool, xtra carport for toys - like boats. Mary Jo Drury 684-4268.

Chris-Trinity Estates-Great Value.....$279,000
4 bedrooms + study or 5 bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths. Call Jo.

Fairwood.....$269,000
Henry Nickolson custom, 3 full baths, 2 half baths, 3 car garage, many, many lavish extras. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Abney Ct.....$258,000
Stunning home, 3 1/2 baths, 4 car garage, hardwood floors, extra built-ins, backyard pool & spa, located on 1 1/2 lots. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Drexel Ct.....$238,500
Absolutely gorgeous 4 bdrm, 2 story home has 2 LA's + a gameroom, fireplaces in both master & family room. Way too many extras to mention. Mark Payne - built - Call Anita.

Trinity Meadows.....$224,900
Stunning Drive-up appeal! 5 bedrooms, 3 1/2 ba., 4 living areas, formal, den, game, sunroom. Open kitchen, beautiful decor! Circle drive under oak trees. - Denise at 697-1799. MCAD Says Over 4000 sq. ft.

Courtney Ct.....$220,000
Absolute stunner - study/playroom, designer interior, large lot, child-safe cul-de-sac. Super neighborhood. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Sunrise Ct.....Reduced $209,900
Gorgeous home with wonderful view of 6th green-Greentree North. 4BR, 2LA, 3 baths, formal dining, double fireplace, 3 car garage. A/C rep 98, roof 97, carpet & paint 97. Call Janie Petree 682-1995.

Devlin.....$208,000
5 bedrooms plus a study/office, 3 1/2 BA, formal living, den, formal dining, jacuzzi-type tub, and zoned heat & A/C. Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

Cherrywood.....$207,500
Fabulous new construction by Mike Jackson located in Briarwood. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, corner lot. Choose your colors now. Call Sam for floor plan!

Devlin.....$199,900
4 Bd, 3.5BA, 2LA Keith Antilley home. Security System and so many extras. Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

Devlin.....$197,500
Call Marilyn Jo Smith to find out the details on this Keith Antilley home.

Stanford Ct.....$197,500
Beautiful new family home in quiet, old-fashioned neighborhood. 4 BR's, 3 baths, 1 LA, formal dining - Meadowland Estates. Call Janie Petree 682-1995.

Carrington Ct.....$196,000
Pristine condition - tremendous kitchen, extra built-ins, 3 car garage, cul-de-sac location, fantastic neighborhood. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Teakwood In Greentree C.C.....
Picture perfect, this 4BR/ 3 BA or 3 BR w/lovely study. Looks like a house beautiful magazine layout in every room. Call Joyce Brickey 682-3191 for all the bells & whistles. It's loaded!

Grassland-New Construction.....$188,500
Another showstopper by Troy Hunt! Enjoy soaring ceilings, walls of windows, 4 bedrooms PLUS a study! Tiled walkways, 3.5 baths, formal living & dining, plantation shutters and 3 car garage! Just Stunning! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Hathaway.....$186,000
LIKE NEW with a yard put in! 4 bed, 3 1/2 bath, 3 car garage in pretty Grassland Estates. Beautiful formal living & dining. Big kitchen open to inviting den. Denise at 697-1799.

Grassland.....$183,800
Keith Antilley is building another one! 4BD, 3.5BA, 2 LA, and so much more! Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

Grassiands.....$179,900
New Listing - 4 bedroom, 3 bedroom, 2 living - cul-de-sac, wonderful buy - call Jo Braden 683-1425.

Daventry Place.....$179,900
Beautiful 4BD, 3.5 BA home with formal living/dining area, game rom, bonus room, water softener, R/O, and 2-car garage. Call Marilyn Jo Smith at 684-0377.

Centerview.....$179,900
A lovely home. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths in excellent condition. Call Mary Jo Drury 684-4268.

"Old Midland"-DON'T MISS THIS!.....$179,900
Fabulous 4 bedroom located on Princeton, tons of windows overlooking gorgeous yard with pool. Call Deborah 520-2112. Decorating allowance too!

Cypress Ct-Green Tree Country Club.....$176,900
You won't believe the SPACE in this huge, huge home on the course! 4 bed, 3.5 baths, 2 living plus 2 dining! Double fireplace, high ceilings, gourmet kitchen & tile galore! Unbelievable price for the footage! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Daventry.....Reduced $175,000
Huge home, perfect for large family or entertaining. Recent tile in den, wood floors, living rm. Fabulous kitchen. Call Sam.

Wood hollow-Briarwood Estates.....$174,900
FIVE (count them!) 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 living areas, 2 dining areas & 3 car garage in this lovely home! Just next door to the neighborhood park & pool too! Oversized cul-de-sac lot boasts huge back yard! Wow! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Colemen.....$174,900
4 bedrooms, sec. master plus adjoining office. Immaculate, quality, shutters, tile floors. Please call Jo Braden 683-1425.

Highland Ct.....Reduced! Offers! $173,000
Beautiful 11 month old 4 bedroom, 3 full bath, 2 living area home on cul-de-sac. Den plus gameroom, sequestered master and in-law plan. 3 garage. Hurry! Sandy Scott 686-8323 or 694-0370.

Cherrywood-Great Location.....$169,900
This FABULOUS Briarwood home boasts 3 full baths, 3 living areas, 2 dining areas...all with soaring ceilings! Add beautiful crown molding, ceramic tile, windows galore, plantation shutters and absolutely lovely yards on a corner lot! What a great buy! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Castleford-Pristine & Perfect.....$169,900
You may taste when you see this SPECTACULAR home nestled in a quiet cove of Saddle Club 3/1 4 oversized bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 living plus 2 dining! 2 fireplaces, security system, fabulous patios...WOW! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Lenoxwood-New Listing.....$169,900
Gorgeous home has 4 BD, 3 BA, formal living, formal dining, den, and wonderful kitchen with breakfast bar and island. Incentives for buyer! Call 689-0144 and let Marilyn Jo Smith show you this beautiful home.

Hillcrest.....$169,900
4 bedroom, 2 living, 3 baths, 3 car garage. Wonderful. Call Jo.

Cherrywood-Reduced.....$164,500
Brishwood -Beautiful Kahler Resale! Four large bedrooms, three baths, one living area. High ceilings, built-ins, great closets, three car garage. Call Sam House at 682-8820.

Greenridge.....Reduced $162,900
4 bedroom, 3 baths, 1-living area. WOW! Super custom cul-de-sac, large lot, spacious kitchen, tile floor, large utility, approx 200' sq./work area in garage, gorgeous homes with many upgrades. Call Ruth 682-7884 or 697-1217.

Polo Park-Southampton.....$161,900
4 bedrooms, 3 bath. Immaculate Call Jo.

Mimosa-First Time On.....$161,500
Custom home, 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 3 car garage, cul-de-sac. Gorgeous! Must see! Call Ruth Young at 697-1217.

Co. Rd. 1244.....Reduced $160,000
Gutted & remodeled & addition 4 BD, 3 1/2 baths, 2.2 acres. Have to see to believe. Denise 697-1799 or as-is price.

Newcastle.....$159,900
Pretty 4BD, 2.5 BA home in Polo Park. Light and bright home is well decorated. Oversized 3 car garage with shop area. Call Marilyn Jo Smith at 684-0377 to view this lovely home.

Castleford-Reduced.....$159,800
impressive, elegant, and surprisingly warm & inviting, 4 bed, 2 LA, 3 1/2 BA in Saddle Club South, 2 1/2 fireplaces, enormous country kitchen, call Denise 697-1799.

Hillsboro-New Listing.....$159,900
Custom home, lots of tile, light & bright, 2 liv. areas, call Clemmie.

Teakwood Trace.....$159,000
4 BD, 3.5 BA, 2 story home with formals, study/office, and balcony. Covered patio and hot tub outside. Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

Teakwood.....$154,900
4BR, 3 BA, low maintenance home. Formals, family room, landscaping & ample storage. Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

Woodhaven.....$154,900
Versatile plan for 5 bedrooms or 4 plus an office. 3 full baths and 3-car garage. Delightful home in beautiful condition. Call Marilyn Jo Smith TODAY!

Woodhaven-New Listing.....$151,500
Beautiful 4 BD, 1 LA or 3 BD, 2LA home in Trinity Meadows. 3 BA, sequestered master, water softener and R/O, and completely updated. Charming courtyard with goldfish pond! Call Marilyn Jo Smith at 689-0144 to view this wonderful home.

Shady Oak Ct.....$148,900
Spectacular & original 4 bedroom in Green Tree S. has 3 LA's inc. gorgeous atrium, inground pool and arbor. Located on the 15th fairway. Call Anita.

Brighton-Impeccable.....$146,900
Smashing...sequestered master suite with fireplace is enormous! Kids wing - 3 fabulous bedrooms with 2 full baths. High ceiling, wall of windows. Lots of sunlight flow thru family room, plus stunning formal dining. Call to see Larry or Debbie Hatfield 684-0369.

Tallahatchie.....$146,500
Drive by and call to see this pretty 4 bedroom, 4 bath, 1.10 acres, 2 water wells and a large house in back, seller is accepting offers! Call Lavonne 694-0444.

Sentinel-5 Bedroom-Open-Light & Bright - New Listing.....$147,500
Trees, pool, near park. Great house. Please call Jo 683-1425.

Stultz.....$144,900
4 BD, 3 BA, formal living, den, game room, formal dining, plus fabulous in-ground game pool! Call 682-8820 and let Marilyn Jo Smith show you this wonderful home.

Goldenrod, Gardendale (W. Co. Rd. 30).....$143,900
Nestled among the pines! 4 BR, 2 1/2 BA, 2 Liv., formal dining. Over 200 trees! Located on 2.498 acres. Inground pool. Call Joe! Oldham at 682-8820 or 689-9696 to see this lovely home today!!

Redbud-Fabulous Floorplan.....$142,500
This beautiful 4 bedroom home in Briarwood has lg. kitchen, formal dining, 3 car garage, custom built-ins and large trees. Call Anita!

Humble-Old Midland Beauty.....$141,000
Space to spare in this elegantly updated 4 bedroom home! 3 spacious living, 3 baths & wonderfully landscaped low maintenance yards! Circle drive, oversized porch, water softener and new roof (Jan. 99)! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Spartan-Extraordinary Workshop.....$139,900
Wonderful custom home offers formal dining, spacious updated kitchen w/built-in desk, high ceilings, tile galore, sequestered master w/fabulous bath, jacuzzi tub, 2 car garage plus workshop w/3 car garage, office and the works! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Stoneleigh.....Reduced $139,900
Wonderful 4 bedroom, Polo Park, sequestered master, formal dining, great! Please call Jo Braden 683-1425.

Sugarmill-Construction.....$139,900
Love at first sight when you see this DREAMHOME by Kahler! Superb quality throughout this spacious 4 bed. Hurry to pick your own carpet, paint, tile and cabinets! Soaring ceilings, walls of windows, WOW! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Rosewood.....$137,500
Fantastic in Briarwood, 4 BR, 2 living areas, 3 full baths - shows like new - shutters, gas cooktop - it's great. Call Donna 697-0490 or 682-8820.

Crestview-New Listing.....$135,000
Incredible price for area! 4 BD, 3 baths, dream kitchen! Walk to club house & Scherbauer. Call Denise 697-1799.

500 E. Co. Rd. 140-New Listing.....$135,000
3 liv. areas, in-ground pool, lots of storage sheds, will lease with option to buy, call Clemmie.

Melville.....$132,500
A super Bob Tinney - great floor plan - 4 bed, 2.5 baths. Mary Jo Drury 684-4268.

King Richards Row.....$131,500
WOW! What a wonderful floor plan - open kitchen with 4 bedrooms and 3 full baths. Take a Look - Lots of tile! Just call Deborah to see this or other plans available 520-2112.

Polo Parkway.....Reduced $131,000
Spic N Span with open den, RO, security, kitchen island with Jenaire grill, crown molding, etc., 4BR, 2BA. Clayton Alexander 682-9494.

Co. Rd. 100-Greenwood.....$129,900
Just 3 years new and BETTER THAN EVER! 4 bedrooms, sunken living & tile, tile, tile! Gourmet kitchen, large yard, soaring ceilings, wall insets and numerous special features in this Davis resale! DIVINE! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Lassahine.....Reduced $129,900
Newly decorated, 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, formal dining, plantation shutters, brick flooring - must see. Call Sandy Scott 686-8323 or 684-0370.

Crestwood.....$128,900
Popular Robert Graham plan. 4 bedrooms, two and a half baths and immaculate condition. Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

King Richards Row.....$126,900
Immaculate 4 bedroom Kahler built home has wonderful kitchen w/huge built-in china cabinet/desk, berber carpet, large rooms, lite, brite and beautiful! Call Anita.

Sherwood.....$123,500
4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, brand new roof for you. Whitewash cabinets & tiled floors, sprinkler system, blinds throughout too! Call Deborah 520-2112

10901 E. Co. Rd. 109-New Listing.....$121,900
Behind Greenwood Schools, Light & bright, better than new, call Clemmie.

Golf Course.....$121,800
Must see inside! Over 3900sf. Two huge living areas, 4 BRs, 3 1/2 BAs, new kit is gorgeous, extremely lg. den w/raised ceilings, pretty FP & 4 skylights. Call Joyce 682-3191.

Moller Addition-Drastically Reduced!.....$119,900
Extra ordinary fine! Incredible, separate living quarters is mind boggling, seeing is believing! Enormous bedrooms & baths, tons of kitchen cabinets, charming formal living & dining area, sunlight dances thru the windows, den with fireplace. To see today call Larry or Debbie Hatfield 684-0369.

Crestgate.....$116,500
4BR's, 3 full baths, immaculate w/sequestered guest wing, separate formal, courtyard patio. Hurry! Call Anita.

Moller-WORKSHOP.....Just Reduced $113,500
4 bedroom, 2 living, immaculate, workshop. Please call Jo Braden 683-1425.

Dyer Circle.....$112,500
A super home located on a cul-de-sac. 4 bedrooms, beautiful backyard. Mary Jo Drury 684-4268.

King Richards Row-Reduced.....$109,900
Outstanding Kahler resale in IMMACULATE condition! 4 spacious bed, 2 dining, wonderful closets & plantation shutters! Luscious landscaping & oversized wood deck complete with trellis! HURRY! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Dorset.....$109,900
Beautiful spacious 4 or 5 bedroom in excellent condition with 2 1/2 baths - not in flood plain. Hurry to view. Call Sandy Scott 686-8323, 684-0370.

Goddard.....Reduced! $109,900
4 bed, 3 1/2 baths, 2 car gar, 2 carport, swimming pool, garden room, tile floors, totally updated, great location, walk to school. Seller will pay $1,000 of buyer's closing costs, new carpet, master bath, counter tops. Hurry! Call Ruth Young 682-7884 or 697-1217.

Fairfax Ct.....$109,500
Wonderful cul-de-sac location. Great plan with huge bedrooms and lots & lots of windows! Beautiful yard with mature trees. Call Billie 697-5545.

Emerson-Pretty Pool.....$105,000
Pretty 4 bedrooms, 2 car garage rear entry, 2 car carport, huge den, formal dining, cul-de-sac, walk to Emerson. Call Ruth Young 682-7884 or 697-1217.

Gleneagles.....$101,900
4 bedrooms, formal dining, 1 living, tile floors. Great Place. Call Jo Braden 683-1425.

Teakwood.....Reduced $99,900
Great Price & area, great property, 4 bedrooms, huge living area, good size yard, wide driveway, 2 car garage. New Paint. Recent upgrades. Must See! Call Ruth Young 682-7884 or 697-1217.

Stanclind.....Reduced $99,900
5 bdrms, large kitchen, sequestered mstr bdrm with fireplace. Call Clemmie.

Stanolind.....$99,700
Great floorplan, big bedrooms, formal living & dining, great price for over 2700 sq. ft. home! Always call Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Shandon-New Listing.....$98,900
Fannin School, pool, workshop, decking, please call Jo Braden 683-1425.

Bedford.....$97,500
4BD, 2BA, formal living area, and den. Covered patio, workshop, and an auto sprinkler with separate water well. 1-car attached garage and 2-car detached. Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

Guthbert.....$96,500
Very nice 4BR, 3 bath, 2 LA's, plus sunroom, 2 CG. Lots of Room! Call Jane Petree 682-1995.

Windsor.....$95,500
4 bedroom, 2 living areas, sequestered master bdrm, Call Clemmie.

Keenland-Country In City.....Reduced $89,900
This property has been recently updated with all new carpet and paint, extra room has been converted back to a two car garage. .63 acres. Call Lavonne 694-0444.

Greenbrier.....$89,000
4Bd home w/country kitchen overlooking huge family room w/2 sitting areas. Seq. 4th bdrm, garden room, office & bonus room. Please call Anita!

Abbey Pl.....$84,500
Immaculate - well cared for, great drive up - 4/2 has soaring ceilings, skylites galore and many updates. Mint condition! Call Anita!

Culver.....Reduced $79,900
Mom will love the country kitchen, dad the workshop & the kids their huge bedrooms, with over 3000 sq. ft. What's not to love. Call Vicky.

Wilshire Park-If you rent you can afford this.....$49,900
4 bedrooms, 2 liv., 2 baths, workshop, tile floor in kitchen. Extra insulation, ref. air cond., much new in this home. Call Ruth Young 682-7884 or Larry Hatfield 684-0369.

Harlowe Drive.....$49,900
Cute 4BR, 2 liv. areas. Much UPGRADE throughout. Enclosed sunroom, RV parking in rear. In great condition. Call Joel Oldham @ 682-8820 or 689-9696 for an appointment.

Leisure-BIG WORKSHOP.....Reduced! $49,900
So Much updating! 4 bedrooms, 2 living areas, tile floor in kitchen & den, 35x12 workshop w/elec. Carpet has been replaced. Must See! Call Ruth Young at 682-7884 or 697-1217.

3 OR LESS BEDROOMS

Racquet Club.....
A super deluxe home located in Racquet Club South. This is a real beauty. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, beautiful beam ceiling. Call Mary Jo 684-4268.

Grassland...Sophisticated Patio Home, Exclusive Area.....$209,000
3 generous bedrooms with seq. master, tremendous closets, spectacular kitchen, dazzling with sunlight, this smashing living areas plus formal dining. 3 car garage. To see today call Larry or Debbie at 684-0369.

Oaklawn.....$165,000
Large "Old Midland" jewel. Large UPGRADE wood floors. Call Sam House for more info.

Augustine.....$155,000
Gorgeous garden home epitomizes style, flair & good taste. Loaded with all the Bells & Whistles. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Greenbree Country Club.....Reduced $147,000
Builder's home feature rich, Bright open floor plan w/gorgeous master suite bath. Includes Country Club Membership. Careful it's loaded! Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Meadowwood Ct.....$142,900
Great 2 BR, 2 bath, 1 LA Patio home, great location, lots of amenities - must see. Call Jane Petree 682-1995.

Knights Place-New Listing.....$137,900
Loads of tile, 2 liv. areas, formal dining, call Clemmie.

Castleford.....$137,500
Outstanding finish work & ceilings UPGRADE huge rooms, great built-ins, 2 1/2 baths, lovely landscaping - exceptional one owner custom with 2 living areas, formal dining area. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Lanham.....$136,900
Gorgeous TH 2 yrs old. Fantastic UPGRADE living areas, 2 1/2 baths. Call Billie 697-5545.

Country Club.....$132,500
3BD, 2.5BA, 2LA, & beautiful landscaping. You will love it. Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

Meadowbrook.....$124,500
Large patio home priced to sell. Call Clemmie.

Fields.....Reduced $119,000
One of the prettiest houses SOLD ght & bright. Mary Jo Drury 684-4268 - 3 bedrooms, 2.5 bat

Terrace.....$114,900
Beautiful 3 BD, 2 BA home with formal living, den, formal dining, inground pool and hot tub outside. Call Marilyn Jo Smith at 684-0377 to get a personal showing of this beautiful home.

Seaboard-Moller-1st Time Ever On Market.....$109,900
Lots of large rooms - even has a hobby/office - don't miss this one, carpet allowance. Powder room too! Deborah 520-2112.

Devonshire.....$102,500
One of the best buys in Saddle Club South - 3 BD, plus a study. Call Mary Jo Drury at 684-4268.

Western-Enormous Backyard...plus pool.....$99,000
Sequestered master bedroom, master bath -double vanities, separate tub & shower & great closets. Walls of windows, brighter living area, cozy family room w/fireplace plus gameroom. Tons of space. Ask for Larry or Debbie Hatfield 684-0369.

Daventry Pl.....$97,500
Lovely 2 story 3 BD, 2 1/2 bath w/master down, updated carpet, tile, vinyl & inside/out paint. Great family home in prestigious Saddle Club South. Call Cheryl at 682-8820, 689-4800.

Briarwick-Patio Home.....Reduced $97,500
3/2 - low maintenance, wet bar, large master suite! Plus formal dining...Please call Donna 682-8820, ext. 158.

Moss.....$93,000
Immaculate low maintenance patio home - open floorplan, saltillo tile, beige carpet, freshly painted, super storage. Hurry! Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Wydewood.....$92,900
READY TO MOVE? Then see this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with den, study/office & formal dining. It's a winner!! Call Marilyn Jo Smith 682-8820.

St. Andrews.....$89,900
Picture pretty, formal dining, great UPGRADE landscaped yard. Call Clemmie.

#6 Marinor Ct. - Fannin School.....$89,900
Take a look inside this spacious home! New paint & carpet are SUPER! Nice cul-de-sac location has trees galore, front courtyard, brick fencing & large patio! Picture windows, 2 dining areas, high ceilings! Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Mark Lane.....Reduced $88,000
Bonus room off breakfast area UPGRADE bedrooms, huge living area, house out back for teenagers. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Wedgewood.....$89,000
2 bedroom low maintenance townhome near Trinity - extremely private. Soaring ceilings, lots of extras - just call Deborah 520-2112. Don't miss this one.

Stanolind.....$88,500
Beautiful 3 BR, 2 bath. Formal dining, family room with FP. Large split fenced backyard. Corner lot & landscaped. For an appointment to see, call Joel Oldham at 689-9696.

Chuck Cove.....$85,000
Outstanding curb appeal, formal dining, separate tub & shoer in master, enclosed patio with tile flooring, corner lot. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Fannin.....$85,000
You will never have to drive the kids to school again - if you lived in this Fannin cutie - sunroom w/new Berber carpet - lots of new. Call Deborah 520-2112.

Joy Dr.-Shows Like A Model Home!.....Reduced $84,000
Picture Perfect 3 bed plus sitting area in master, 2 living areas with fireplace, large bedrooms. Lovely yard. Walk to school. Call Ruth Young 682-7884.

Russell-New Listing.....$82,500
New to Market, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, formal dining, large living room, large master bdrm, fabulous closets, 2 car garage. Call Sam 699-2163.

Huntington.....$82,500
Large three bedroom, two bathroom home with two living areas and a two car garage. Home needs a little TLC and the price reflects this. Call Kirk French for more information. $7,000 Decorating Allowance!!

Graves.....Reduced $82,000
Wonderful house in ODESSA, located near the mall - call for a list of the amenities, Clemmie.

Wydewood-$3,000 Decorating Allowance.....$80,000
Big Big Big Rooms! Two story UPGRADE ground floor, 3 BR, 2.5 BA, one LA, large kitchen w/island, breakfast area. Oversized 2 car garage. Call Sam House 682-8820.

Wydewood.....70's
Large courtyard at front entry. 3 bed, 2 bath, different floor plan. Call Ruth Young at 682-7884.

Douglas-Close to Schools.....$79,900
Enjoy lots of footage in this nicely kept 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with 2 dining areas! Sequestered master suite, mirrored formal dining room, soaring ceilings and updated carpet are added extras! Great trees too! Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Wydewood Addition-New Listing.....$79,900
Impressive courtyard, 3 generous bedrooms, 2 full baths, sizeable den w/fireplace, very functional kitchen, great storage. Ask for Larry or Debbie 684-0369.

Norwood.....$79,900
Great updated patio home, 2 baths, lifetime siding, saltillo tile, 2 car garage. Call Sam for appointment 682-8820.

Maxwell-Great Kitchen, OWNER WILL LOOK AT OFFERS.....$79,900
Close to Midland College - super home with 3 large bedrooms, two baths. Call Mary Jo 684-4268. Will Lease.

Debbie Cove.....$78,000
Super drive-up appeal! 3/2 on quiet cul-de-sac w/gorgeous landscaping & lg trees, has paneled fam rm. Huge pantry. Call Anita!

Brazos-May Be Non-Qualifying Assumption.....$77,900
Just Listed - 3 bedroom, 2 bath UPGRADE large bedrooms, separate formal dining. Pretty living room with cozy fireplace. Call Ruth Young at 697-1217.

College.....$77,900
"Museum" area cottage, 2 BR, 1-1/2 BA, 2 living areas, sunroom, converted garage into an office with loads of storage room. Please call Joel Oldham @ 682-8820 or 689-9696 to see today!!!

Placid.....$77,500
Cul-de-sac, walk to schools, great home. Huge master bedroom, huge den with corner fireplace, close to Bonham, Alamo & YMCA. Clean with neutral decor. Call Ruth Young 697-1217.

W. Scharbauer Dr.....$74,500
3 bedroom townhome located in Prestigious area. Beautiful atrium, tiled floors - all this for only $74,500. Call Deborah 520-2112.

Bedford.....$74,500
Open floorplan, 2 large living areas, formal dining, big master, situated on corner lot with mature landscape. Always call Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Permian Court.....$74,500
Nice family home with sec SOLD droom, 3 BR's, 2 baths, 1 LA, 2 CG. Call Jane Petree 682-

Sparks.....$74,500
3BR-3 bath, 2 car garage, swimm UPGRADE deck has its own private yard! 2 spacious living areas, separated by double French doors. formal dining room. Great FP. Call joyce brickey 682-3191.

W. Dengar.....$72,900
3 bedroom home on tree-lined street has recently replaced carpet & vinyl. Exterior fresh paint. Pretty corner lot. Don't miss. Call Anita Noles.

N. & S. Street.....$72,500
3 BD, 3BA home in "Old Midland". Second living area is great game room or office. Excellent kitchen with large pantry. Plenty of square footage. Recent updating. Great location + Decorating Allowance. Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

San Antonio-New Listing.....$72,500
3 bedrooms, immaculate, so special. Please call Jo.

San Antonio.....$72,500
3 bedrooms with pretty covered patio! Tiled floors too! Call Deborah 520-2112.

Stanolind.....$71,500
Updated and well maintained three bedroom, two bath home with large living area and close to Lee High School. Spacious backyard is great for pets. Call Kirk French.

Shell - Allowance.....Reduced $69,900
Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 3 living areas or could be 4 bedroom. Seller w/allow $6,200 for new Heat/Air & carpet. Call Sandy Scott 686-8323 or 684-0370.

Haynes.....Reduced! $69,900
Great starter home close to schools & shopping - 3 BR, 2 baths, 2 LA, fireplace, 2 car garage, storage house or workshop, 7' wood fence, AC & heating replaced '96 - Call Janie Petree 682-1995. Recent Paint.

Princeton.....$66,000
Darling 3BR, 2BA, 2 living, refrigerator, water softener, shed/workshop, above ground pool. Established neighborhood. Near Shopping. Call Joel Oldham to see at 682-8820 or 689-9696. Open House today 2-5PM.

Preston.....Reduced $65,000
Darling 3 bedroom townhouse - updated, large master closet, 2 car garage, FP & more. Call Sam for appointment.

Louisiana.....Reduced $64,900
Non-qualifying assumption!! This three bedroom home has two bathrooms, a formal dining room, and a two car garage. Call Kirk to see at 682-8820.

Humble-Wedgewood Park - Reduced.....$64,500
Don't miss this great WORKSHOP, in-ground jacuzzi, waterfall and divided yard! Great 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living, home on landscaped corner lot! Sprinkler system, 2 cg & some recent paint! Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Pasadena-Tons of Space.....$59,900
Exceptional SPACE in nice neighborhood! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, formal living, huge den, bonus room for office or relaxing! Nice kitchen, quaint accents, nicely updated and corner lot! Close to schools! Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.

3608 Shell.....Reduced $59,900
3 bedroom, 2 living, sunroom, trees. Please call Jo 683-1425.

Stanton.....$59,900
Darling inside & out! Country kitch UPGRADE living area, seq. master, light & bright, great storage, great location! Call Larry or Debbie 684-0369.

Upland Street.....$58,950
Cute 3BR, 2 BA with 2 liv. areas. Large backyard. Open kitchen with breakfast bar. Water well for yard. Call Joel Oldham @ 682-8820 or 689-9696 for an appointment.

3616 Tampico.....$57,900
Lovely Townhouse, corner lot, great UPGRADE Clemmie

Crockett.....$56,900
This is your home! Many, many updates - kitchen, bath, tile flooring, 20x24 workshop with office, super nice! Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

702 Alpine.....Reduced $56,900
Wonderful Dellwood 3 bed - country kitchen, large utility, trees. Call Jo 683-1425.

Louisiana-Newly Painted Interior.....Reduced $56,900
Over 1700 sq. ft. in the great 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in convenient location. Call Sandy Scott 686-8323 or 684-0370.

Kansas...Own & Earn Duplex.....$55,000
Live in one side, rent the other! Coveted Old Midland location by MHS - Side A-2/2, Side B-2/1, plus guest house in back! Investors welcome! Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Shadylane-Updated To The Max.....$54,900
This dollhouse is SIMPLY UNBEATABLE! High ceilings, gourmet kitchen, 2 large livingplus formal dining! Lots of space & lots of style! Ceramic tile and wood floors give this the feel of casual elegance! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Eisenhower-Recently Updated.....$54,900
Enjoy SOARING ceilings in this oversized living area with cozy fireplace! The new paint, ceramic tile, and carpet are DIVINE! Large living area opens to formal dining! 2 car garage & nice yards! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Bowie.....$52,000
Neat as a pin and ready for new owners. Move into this spotless 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 living room home. Great price, nice size home in good condition. Call Sam.

Crenshaw.....$52,000
Spacious 3/2 in quiet, established neighborhood has large living area w/corner fireplace, indoor utility, 2 full baths, no bkyd neighbors. Call Anita!

Ric-SPECTACULAR HOME.....$50,000
You won't find a prettier 3BR, 2BA in this price range. Backyard is lovely. Sprinkler system. Call joyce brickey 682-3191.

Dewberry-Recently Updated.....$49,900
Expect a PLEASANT surprize UPGRADE walk into this wonderfully redone dollhouse! New 2-tone paint, berber carpet & ceramic tile look great! Very spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath with garage! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Leisure-Updated.....$49,900
Tiled kitchen overlooks tiled family room with fireplace. Plus hard to find 4 great bedrooms, ref. air, huge workshop, must see to believe. Call Ruth Young 682-7884 or Larry Hatfield 684-0369.

Ruby-Workshop.....Reduced! $45,900
Spotless home - includes study, newer windows, porch, sprinkler system, plus wonderful shop with bath. Call Donna Pehl 682-8820, Ext 158.

Nobles-Reduced to Sell.....$45,900
Was a Beast. Now A Beauty! 3E UPGRADE cent make-over, please come see me, Clayton Alexander 682-9494.

Wilshire.....$45,000
Recent carpet and interior paint. 3 bdrms, 2 baths, large kitchen, 2 living areas, great neighborhood. Priced to sell. Call Sam.

Bentwood.....$45,000
Fixer upper - but well worth the price. 3BR, 2 bath, FP, large lot. Lots of potential. Clayton Alexander 682-9494.

Brooks Dr.....$44,500
Cute 3 BR, 1.5 bath with fireplace, cozy kitchen and lg. dining area. Call for more! Anita.

Harlowe.....$42,900
2 bedroom, 1 bath, loads of updating, picture pretty, call Clemmie.

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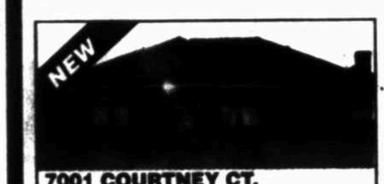
4113 FAIRWOOD
- Incredible Bill Brown
- Adaptable floor plan
- Five bedrooms, 3.2 baths and 3 living areas
- Three car garage

Offered at $337,000
Call Jon Short at 682-9495

5301 RIDGEFIELD
- Fabulous Green Tree North with 5 bedrooms
- Study off master bedroom
- Beautiful sports pool
- Updated decor, versatile plan

Offered at $243,500
Call Pat Paxton at 682-9495



7001 COURTNEY CT.
- Custom built
- 5 BR or 4BR + office & 3 baths
- Beautiful formals - cozy den w/FP
- Green Tree North

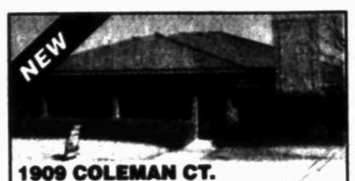
Offered at $212,000
Call Beverly Dwyer at 685-0400

2904 SENTINEL
- 3 fireplaces
- Parquet & brick flooring
- Huge master suite
- Updated baths & kitchen

Offered at $180,000
Call Jon Short at 682-9495

4605 TEAKWOOD TRACE
- 4BR/3BA/2LA + office
- Circular drive, great landscape & curbed beds
- Master has enormous closets
- Plantation shutters

Offered at $165,500
Call Jana Tucker at 682-9495



1909 COLEMAN CT.
- Great price, great area, great house
- Seq. master complete w/study
- Kitchen is great w/large center island
- Adjacent family room is open to kitchen/breakfast area

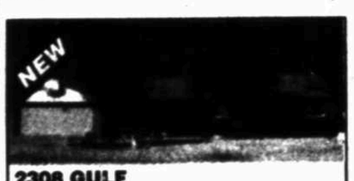
Offered at $155,500
Call Pat Paxton at 682-9495

901 PINE CT.
- Custom built Wallace TH
- Quiet cul-de-sac
- Big front kitchen
- Tree-shaded patio

Offered at $138,500
Call Pat Paxton at 682-9495

4900 FOXBORO
- Sharp! Sharp! Sharp! 4BR/3BA floor plan
- Kitchen/breakfast area overlooks LA
- Wonderful security system
- 8x10 outside storage

Offered at $136,000
Call Pat Paxton at 682-9495

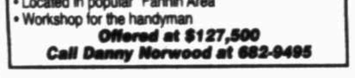


2308 GULF
- 4 spacious bedrooms withbuilt-ins
- Lots of new updates
- Located in popular "Fannin Area"
- Workshop for the handyman

Offered at $127,500
Call Danny Norwood at 682-9495

4406 WARD
- Very spacious patio home
- Three berooms, 2.5 baths, large living area
- Huge master bedroom with fabulous closets
- Side and back area for pet, RV or boat

Offered at $120,000
Corp Call Any Agent



4508 FAIRBANKS
- 4BR w/lots of recent updating
- Master bedroom sequestered w/bath & 2 closets
- Spacious backyard w/extrea large patio
- Garage has large floored attic

Offered at $118,500
Call Pat Paxton at 682-9495

3804 CRESTGATE PLACE
- Spacius home with 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 living areas
- Great light and bright colors
- Skylights, wet bar and AHS warranty
- New dishwasher, sink, wooden blinds

Offered at $114,900
Call Jerry Holt at 685-0400

1409 GOLF COURSE
- Sophisticated patio home
- Open plan, high ceilings, skylights
- Lovely atrium, patios and low maintenance landscaping
- Saltillo tile throughout except bedrooms

Offered at $99,900
Call Patti McClung at 682-9495

2600 DORA
- Open plan, spacious living and dining.
- Lots of windows, but very private
- 3BR/2BA
- Charming courtyard entry

Offered at $79,900
Call Jane Wolf at 682-9495

3308 PROVIDENCE
- Great location, appealing floor plan
- Roof, Berber carpet, storm doors and fresh paint last 1-5 yrs.
- 3BR/2BA/2LA/2-car garage & formal dining area
- Bright kitchen/breakfast area & nice paneled den w/FP

Offered at $79,500
Call Les Carnes at 685-0400

4607 DEBBIE COVE
- Wonderful plan, vaulted ceilings, light and bright
- Bonus home office, formal dining room
- Low maintenance lot
- Quiet cul-de-sac location

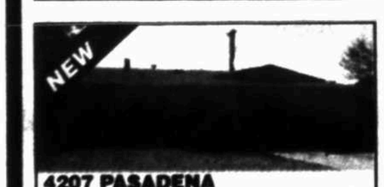
Offered at $77,900
Call Suzi Knight at 685-0400

708 STOREY
- Updated & remodeled
- Hardwood floors, new tile floors
- Decorator colors
- Great landscaping

Offered at $65,000
Call Patti Wallace at 685-0400

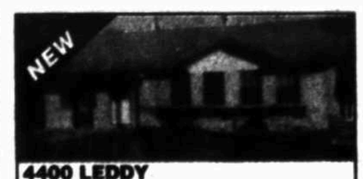
3500 W. MICHIGAN
- Cute and clean as a whistle
- Updated kitchen
- Corner lot with automatic sprinker system in the front
- Fresh outside pain

Offered at $59,750
Call Donna Omar at 685-0400



4207 PASADENA
- Vinyl siding and storm windows
- Cinder block fence
- New carpet with HVAC system
- Close to elementary school

Offered at $59,000
Call Pat Paxton at 682-9495



4400 LEDDY
- Yard allowance to go with water well
- New A/C & heater '98
- Metal patio cover & block fence new '98
- Vinyl siding and a shop outback

Offered at $55,900
Call Sandy Hanson at 682-9495

OPEN 1-2:30

3500 W. MICHIGAN Donna Omar 59,750
Absolute doll house! Pride of ownership shows throughout. Please come by.

3223 ELMA Les Carnes 75,900
Nice & spacious 3BR/2.5 BA TH on quiet cul-de-sac w/2 car garage. North off Aspen.

4607 DEBBIE COVE Suzi Knight/Nonnie Simpson 77,900
3/2/1 doll house - SO MUCH updating. Bonus/home office. Light & bright. Move-in condition.

2308 GULF Danny Norwood 127,500
Super new listing in "Fannin" w/4BR/3LA and lots of new!

216 BLACKBERRY Karen Mason 289,000
Fabulous 4BR/4.5BA home on 3+ acres within city limites. Excellence everywhere!

OPEN 1-3

3303 WARD Sandra Kile 82,500
Gently lived in one-owner home. Formals, den, FP, 3BR/2.5BA.

OPEN 1:30-3

811 DEVONIAN Wanda Cannon 38,900
Absolutely precious 3BR home with many delightful updates.

6306 DRIFTWOOD Kathy Crowley 149,900
It's a Miracle. Approx. 3030 sq. ft. for this low price. A Green Tree beauty for the pickietst buyers.

OPEN 2-3:30

4479 HACKBERRY Dana Chandler 147,500
Seller will finance. Low maintenance home on golf course can be 4BR/3BA.

OPEN 2:30-4

4813 NEELY Danny Norwood 77,500
Sensational new listing in popular area w/a great floor plan! You'll love it!

4816 TIMBER LANE Hubert Schmidt 113,000
Plenty of light to brighten your life in this 2 yr. old Kahler home. 3BR/2BA w/patio that extends to LA.

4812 TIMBER LANE Donna Omar 114,000
Better than new! Gorgeous kitchen, large master suite and beautiful living area!

OPEN 3-4

401 EDGEWOOD Karen Mason 49,900
Outstanding buy in excellent condition! Spacious living area, great kitchen, huge master.

OPEN 3-4:30

3308 PROVIDENCE Les Carnes 79,500
Attractive 3BR/2BA w/great floor plan and 2LA. Wood grain paneled den & kitchen cabinets.

OPEN 3:30-5

3533 HYDE PARK Kathy Crowley 83,900
Fabulous fireplace "to die for" in large den, high ceilings, bay window, tons of storage.

2505 LEARMONT Wanda Cannon 129,000
Plantation Hills - wonderful updated large 4BR. Plenty of storage.

$200,000 AND UP...THE CITY'S MOST EXTENSIVE SELECTION OF HOMES IN THE UPPER PRICE RANGES, CALL US!

BLUEBIRD LN-Extraordinary in every beautiful detail, 4BR/5BA on 3+ acres, pool, 5 fireplaces, fabulous formals, exceptional "great room", sunroom, gorgeous landscaping and terraces, private, secluded drive ..... CALL
SADDLE CLUB ESTATES-Incredible space, style, appointments. 5BR/9BA, formals + study + den + playroom. Gorgeous newer pool, lavish landscaping and trees. Owner Agent 650,000
CARDINAL LANE-The most wonderful suburban home ever! Unbelievable amenities, great space, 10 ac 495,000
WINCHESTER CT-Incredible TH - indoor pool in fabulous living area; 4BR/6BA; MBR w/library, stunning studio, office. 3FP, 5 garages, absolutely wonderful 495,000
FAIRWOOD-Absolutely stünning 5/4/3 with 3-car garage and 3FP's. Pool & the list goes on! Wonderful 460,000
TRINITY-Simply beautiful! One of a kind 5BR in Trinity Estates on beautiful lot 400,000
TATTENHAM CORNER-Most exciting home on mkt! 5BR/6BA, acreage, pool, incredible style, quality. Owner Agent 395,000
RUSTIC TRAIL-G.T. North. Excellent view of course & lakes. Great floor plan. 2-story, large rooms, 2BR up, two down, 2LA, 2FP, 3-car garage, workshop, M.R. Lary quality 365,000
CITATION-Incredible Saddle Cub North TH! Pool, spacious formals, huge den, 2BR tuest house. Lovely 345,000
FAIRWOOD-Wonderful Bill Brown resale. Spacious, like new 5/3+/3. Den, gameroom & formals. Must see this fabulous home. Ready to move into today 337,000
OAKLAWN PARK-A fabulous, luxurious condominium in a very special setting. Pool, 2BR/2BA plus a wonderful guest house 335,000
LAKES-Lovely custom 2-story in gated subdivision. Fantastic lake view, North of Saddle Club Estates 329,900
CRESCENT PLACE-Fabulous Crescent Place home with great space, wonderful updating, sparkling pool 325,000
CHOATE-Lovely and spacious in Trinity Estates 4 bedroms, 2 bonus rooms, sparkling pool, beautiful yard 310,000
BLACKBERRY-Beautiful 1 yr old 4/4.5 home on 3 acres. The best of two worlds. City home in county setting 289,000
SOLOMON-4BR/3.5BA w/playroom, wonderful 2-story home on 4 acres in town 280,500
BAYBROOK-4BR/3+BA, gourmet kitchen, seq. master, Bill Brown construction, light & bright, ready for you! 278,000
L-Old Midland remodeled beauty, unique custom design, wonderful detail 276,000
SINCLAIR-Gorgeous remodeled 2-story in Old Midland, 4 or 5BR/3BA/3LA/2-car garage & 2-car carport 275,000
RIDGEFIELD-The "Perfect" 5BR complete w/great sports pool and spa 243,500
RUSTIC TRAIL-Spacious 4BR/3.5BA/3 garage and 3 super living areas plus newer pool, gorgeous golf course view 239,750
SINCLAIR-Outstanding TH, luxurious mstr w/2BA, gorgeous formals, den, high ceilings, lush landscaping 235,000
PINEHURST-One of Saddle Club Easts' loveliest! Wood floors, 4BR/3BA, 3FP, 3 garage, seq. master, perfect! 225,000
HATHAWAY-lovely home in Grassland. 4BR/3BA w/3LA. 2 large yards. Don't miss LA attached to garage 224,000

What's going on at Langstons? 2/11 TO 2/17

NEW LISTINGS	14
UNDER CONTRACT TRANSACTIONS	12
CLOSINGS	10
TOTAL LISTINGS	36

FENWAY-TH under construction. Excellent plan, light & open. 3rd garage w/room for workshop 223,000
DEVLIN-Customized one-owner home w/fantastic amenities! Fabulous 4Br in popular Grassland 217,500
STONECREST-Fabulous custom home located on quiet cul-de-sac. 4BR/3BA/2LA/3-car garage. Large backyard 214,500
COURTYNET CT-Gorgeous custom in Green Tree North. 5BR/3BA, pretty formals w/FP in den. 3 years young 212,000
SHADY BEND CT.-Impeccable home in Green Tree North w/tons of space, charm and appeal 210,000
SPRINGFIELD-This is it for lovely decor, light spaciousness, gorgeous decor, B. Brown quality! 4/3.5/3 garage 207,000
SINCLAIR-Stunning 3/3/2 TH+ beautifully maintained & updated. Lush landscaping. It's fabulous 205,000

$100,000-$200,000...A WONDERFUL GROUP OF BEAUTIFUL HOMES, YOU'LL WANT TO SEE!

LOS ALAMITOS-Smashing custom built 4/3.5/3. This is a beautiful, spacious home. Don't miss it 198,500
BOYD-Wonderful location w/lots of new, 4BR, gourmet kitchen, great pool. Lovely 2-story 189,500
GREENRIDGE-The perfect 4BR home inside & out in Grassland Estates. Great yard 185,000
SENTINEL-Incredible! 4BR/4BA + 3LA, parquet & brick flooring, 3FP + updated gourmet kitchen 180,000
STANOLIND-Fabulous 4/3/2 in "Old Midland". Totally redone. Master suite is unbelievable! 178,500
RUSTIC TRAIL-Fabulous contemporary 4BR on course. Lots of new & redo! 178,500
BASSWOOD CIRCLE-Such a great plan. $3,000 carpet allowance w/acceptable offer, incredible condition 174,900
NORTHFIELD-Exceptional 4/3 with 2 living, formal dining, lots of updating, gorgeous landscaping, 3 car garage 174,900
TRINITY MEADOWS-Wonderful 5BR/2LA w/pool in Trinity Meadows 174,000
OAKWOOD-Big beautiful TH in Green Tree Oaks. 3BR/2.5BA, music, study, 2FP Smashing 172,900
WOODHAVEN-Spacious & sensational - totally redone home in coveted Trinity Meadows 169,900
GREENRIDGE-Outstanding custom home in Grasslands. Gorgeous decor, beautiful landscaping 169,000
COLEMAN CT.-Classy 4BR w/plantation shutters throughout + 3-car garage 169,000
TEAKWOOD TRACE-Immaculate 4/3/2LA PLUS office, formal dining, huge closets, plantation shutters, circle drive 165,500
KINGSTON-Custom built in Polo Park. 3BR/2.5BA w/2 wonderful living areas. 3-car garage 159,900
NORTH H-Spacious & bright 3BR/2LA, recent updates, a gem with great pool & workshop. You'll love it! 159,500
PRINCETON-Updated & spacious 'ts of new in "Old Midland" 4/4/4LA, pool and deck 159,500
COLEMAN-Terrific 4BR + study and 2LAs in tip-top condition 155,500
GOLF COURSE-Distinctive architecture + peaceful landscaping. 3BR/3BA. Bogulios limestone floors & FP 153,900
CROWLEY-4 year old 4BR/2BA/2LA resale in excellent condition 149,900
DRIFTWOOD-A 4BDR, 3BA, 3 car garage Green Tree Beauty priced for quick sale 149,900
CAROL LANE-Country living in the city w/space galore, horse stable, workshop. Mint condition 149,900
STANOLIND-4BR in Fannin! Great plan, popular neighborhood, wonderful updating 149,500
HACKBERRY-3 BR + study or hobby room on golf course, lush landscaping, large dining. Seller financing 147,500
LAFAYETTE-New Orleans style 2-story TH, secluded area with brick paved streets 145,000
HAYNES-Terrific 4BR/3BA/3LA with pool. Minimum yard maintenance, great for entertaining 144,900
FOXBORO-Meadowpark. 3/2 w/2 dining/2LA, sparkling pool. Low maintenance yard on quiet cul-de-sac 143,500
WOODHAVEN-Trinity Meadows 4BR - great plan + home warranty 143,000
VALLEY-Just perfect! Large beautiful 4/2.5/2 PLUS fabulous gameroom. Gorgeous backyard & patio 139,900
PINE CT.-Custom Wallace TH at end of cul-de-sac. Nice! 138,500
DRIFTWOOD-Stupendous! Wonderful Condition! Pool, spa, workshop, 4BR and the list goes on! 137,000
DUKES-Beautiful red brick in Polo Park, 3BR/2.5BA with 2LA 136,900
FOXBORO-Sharp! Sharp! Sharp! 4BR/3BA w/kitchen overlooking LA. Hurry! Hurry! 136,000
AMHURST-Super 5/2.5/2 with den, fireplace, living, brick patio w/fountain, beautiful landscape 135,000
STUTZ-Generous 4BR, one-owner home, beautiful landscaping, numerous custom features 132,750
PINE-Ready right away! Completely updated Wallace TH, beautiful kitchen, great plan, a must see! 132,000
LAFAYETTE PL-Beautiful escape in Midland. 3BR/2.5BA, New Orleans style TH. Must see this one 130,000
HARVARD-Old Midland w/fabulous charm, incredible great room, spacious master, guest quarters 130,000
BRUNSON-Museum area columned 2-story home 3/3.5/2LA w/pool & hot tub, hardwood floors, jacuzzi tub 130,000
BRADFORD CT.-Custom bit 3/2 in Polo Park like new w/all the bells & whistles. Great built-ins, storage & more 129,900
GREENBRIAR-Wonderful 2-story traditional. Formals and huge country kitchen. Big trees - lush yard 129,900
ARROYO-Immaculate 4BR, light & bright home that is in immaculate condition 129,500
BRIGHTON PL-Exceptional 3/2 w/2LA, formal dining, great kitchen, seq. master, gorgeous landscaping 129,000
GULF-4BR beauty in "Fannin Area" with tons of space, storage & updates 127,500
SPRING MEADOW #6-TH 3/2/1LA, very nice master bedroom downstairs 125,900
GULF-Immaculate well-cared for home in "Fannin" areawith all the updating done! 124,900
HUMBLE-Spacious 4BR in a great location. Lots of upgrades, water well, shop & storage house - Offering home warranty 120,900
WARD-Picture perfect patio home with big, bright rooms! 120,000
FAIRVIEW LANE-Seller will look at any offer. Also offering 2% towards buyer's CC or paint allow 120,000
BEDFORD-Charming Old Midland 4BR great location, updated kitchen 119,900
ROSEMONT-4BR Fairmont Park home. Cute, cute, cute. Robert Graham resale 119,900
FAIRBANKS-Cute as a button 4BR/2BA w/lots of recent updates! Don't Delay! 118,500
CRESTGATE-Spacious 4BR/3BA/2LA home in Crestgage 114,900
CRESTGATE-Very clean 4BR home w/large gameroom plus LR, den & FD 114,500
TIMBER LANE-Better than new! 1.5 yr old Kahler resale with fabulous kitchen, large master and small yd 114,000
TIMBER LANE-Like new Kahler construction home with 3BR/2BA. Spacious and beautiful 113,000
BOYD-MaMar beauty. Touch of old with a new facelift! This house is beautiful. 3/3. 112,000
GLENEAGLES-1998 model TH w/a maintenance free yard. 3BR/3BA 110,000
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ST. ANDREWS-1998 model TH w/a maintenance free yard. 3BR/3BA 110,000
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BELLECHASSE-Super great low maintenance 3BR home in Plantation Hills. Big rooms, neat as pin 109,900
CASADY CT-4BR/3.5BA/2LA plus computer/sewing room. Check this price! In Trinity Meadows 109,000
PINEMONT-Darling 3BR in popular Fairmont addition! Seq. MBR w/sitting area 105,500
BEDFORD-Charming "Old Midland" home with quality updating, hardwood floors & pretty landscaping 105,000
NORTH L-Beautiful home located in mature area. 4BR/3BA w/3 large LAs. Charming inside & out 105,000
HERMITAGE-Super home on cul-de-sac. Fantastic pool, 3BR w/seq. master 104,900

UNDER $100,000...SMART BUYS...LOVELY HOMES...PERFECT FOR YOU!

GOLF COURSE-Sophisticated patio home, your own retreat, quiet & serene, high ceilings, Saltillo tile 99,900
NEELY-"Old Midland" charming, unique, tri-level. Study, workshop, gorgeous yd. Many updates 99,500
METZ-Don't miss this well priced 4BR, 2BA on Cul-de-sac. Lots of room to roam 98,000
DENGAR-Well maintained 4/2.5, spacious rooms. Hurry 98,000
MERRILL-Lots of extras in Northwood 3/2 home, great TV room or office, 2 yr old W&D & refrig to stay 96,000
NORTHRUP-Unique home across from Midland Christian School. 3BR/2BA 94,500
NOEL-Snappy 3BR townhouse - perfect for low maintenance buyer! 92,500
OHIO-The charm of Old Midland w/complete remodeling and addition. Stunning 89,900
DOUGLAS-Well maintained home in mature area. 3BR/2BA with a lot of extras 89,500
GREEN TREE BLVD.-Green Tree Country Club 3BR TH. Loft as open den. Living room w/wet bar 89,500
VENTURA-Just right 2BR TH, new carpet, beautiful doors, easy care for you! 88,500
MERRILL-Huge seq master. Neat floor plan w/vaulted ceilings in den. Close to Parker 87,000
SEABOARD-Extra nice 3BR, recent remodel included a huge living area, formal dining & lots of built-ins 85,000
ST ANDREWS-Great house, great location, great price. 3/2 with formal dining - don't wait 85,000
KANSAS-Great space, great price, great condition. Beautifully redone 84,900
NEELY-Very special low maintenance home, charming, immaculate, ready for you 84,900
HYDE PARK-Nice home in LHS area. Must see to appreciate 83,900
SHANDON-3BR/2BA sunny, spacious rooms, separate office or study - RV or boat parking in rear 82,900
WARD-Well-cared for one-owner home. 3BR/2.5BA, family friendly floor plan 82,500
CIMMARON-Updating in baths, heating/cooling sys, wood fence & added storm windows. Must see 79,900
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BOOMER BLUES

O-O-dessa, O-h-h, Yes!

By Myra Lee Salcedo

I wrote a column about the lack of smaller independent art-house films in Midland and expected to get a big response. And I did get a big response, from a few people, but it had nothing to do with movies. It appears that by employing what I thought was a cute pet name for Odessa, I committed a faux pas. Having often heard people — from Odessa as well as Midland — put an "H" in front of Odessa, I thought it was a hokey, but fun nickname. Ah, ignorance was bliss.

Salcedo

First thing Monday morning an Odessan called my editor to tell her he was offended. We both shrugged our shoulders and wondered why. She is new to the area, but I have lived in Midland 17 years, and I just didn't get it. Two other veteran reporters shrugged and said they thought "Hodessa" was a hokey moniker, one that was associated with the fact that Odessa is just a tad farther to the west, more akin to cowboys and hoedowns. Then one of the youngest reporters popped in an enlightened us. It appears that there is an altogether different connotation than anyone suspected, including the folks who read my column before it was published.

My only consolation is that I was in good company (with people over age 25).

Those of us who grew up knowing Santa said: "Ho, ho, ho," aren't reduced to snickers when someone writes the word "ho." We tend to forget — that in today's vernacular — it borders on profanity. In other words, were the author Larry King to write his musical "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" today, it might be called "The Best Little Ho House in Texas." Would the correct way to write that be 'Ho' house with apostrophes for the letters missing? Does anyone know? Does anyone want to know?

So, there you have it. "Ho" is not just for hoedown anymore.

Suffice to say that everyone I've asked younger than 25 immediately caught the connotation of the word in question. A few, who grew up in Odessa, even claim the word was given to a particular few streets in the city to label an area of ill repute. Well, I didn't mean it that way and I apologize to our readers, and especially to our neighbors in the West. Mea culpa.

For the record, I drive to Odessa several times a month to see doctors, shop and eat, go to movies and theater performances. My husband, and both of my children have performed at the Globe Theater and UTPB is where my husband and I both earned degrees.

I have always given Odessa extra brownie points for being forward-thinking in many aspects, including in starting a downtown revitalization project long before Midland and for electing a gutsy female mayor years ago who stood right up to the microphone on national television during the "Friday Night Lights" debacle and announced: "There's a whole lot more to Odessa than just football!" (or words to that effect.)

It's been small consolation that a lot of other people didn't "get" the nickname connotation and that one former radio announcer told me he had stated an even worse gaffe once, on the air. His mistake was completely innocent, a mere slip of the tongue.

Intended or not, we journalists have the responsibility of being in the know. Writing about this now will emphasize the mistake for anyone who might have been fortunate enough to miss it the first time around. But I am in the business where we publicly own up to our mistakes. (If this were true for all businesses, signboards would be up all around town proclaiming things like "We neglected to get Myra Salcedo's dry cleaning ready today as promised. We regret the error." "We accidentally put onions in Jane Doe's hamburger after she specifically requested 'no onions,' we apologize," or "We are sorry we left John Smith on hold for 15 minutes than accidentally disconnected him when transferring his call.") Mistakes happen. I just managed to make one in front of a few close friends (about 25,000). It wasn't a small one in my book. So, I am coming clean with it.

A Midland high school teacher (who called to say she attended the long-awaited Midland screening of

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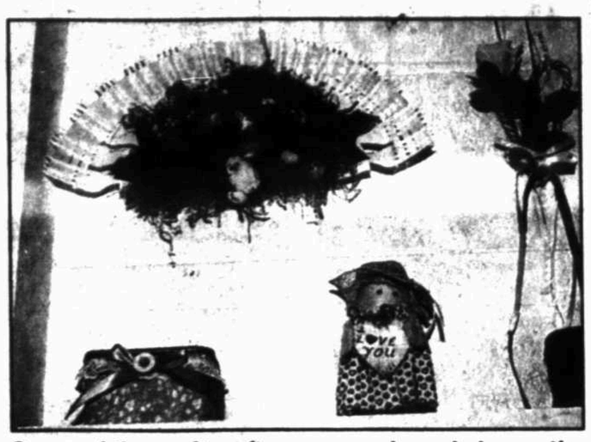
Some of the crafts, often seasonal, made by participants in the VAN crafts classes are hanging on a wall. Helen Morlang, right, shows a construction paper bird she made during a craft session.

If you have a love and a good 'feel' for making crafts, perfect sight is secondary. An organization serving the visually impaired is offering craft classes every other Wednesday morning.

Crafts & Camaraderie

By Linda Anderson
Staff writer

Question: What do you get when you combine toilet tissue tubes, empty soup cans, paper bags, paper clips, paper plates and plastic forks?

Answer: If you are clients of VAN, Serving the Visually Impaired, lead by instructor Doris Kinser, you get earrings, decorations, ornaments and other fun and lively crafts made by hand.

VAN offers crafts classes every-other Wednesday morning, and Ms. Kinser has been the crafts teacher for about a year and a half, she said. "I had been doing it (teaching crafts) for over a year previously at Hillcrest (Manor) and Langtry (Village). I migrated over here" to VAN.

Elaine Keel, program coordinator for Van, said, "There's no end to her ingenuity," as she displayed some of the crafts Ms. Kinser and her students have created.

IMPAIRED VISION doesn't stop the clients from going to the crafts classes, Ms. Kinser said. "They do (crafts) by feel. I try to find things they can do by feeling — bright colors, dark colors, big pieces. They like to string beads on pipe cleaners; they can't string them on a string."

Only two of the regular crafts students have no vision at all, she added. The rest have sight that is limited, but most can still see some colors or shapes or light and dark. "Most can see some," Ms. Kinser said. "They help each other," and volunteers also attend the classes, offering help where it is needed.

"The hardest part for the volunteers is (letting) them do it for themselves."

But do it themselves, they do. And they are very proud of their craftsmanship. Some of the students plan their week around the crafts class, blocking out Wednesday morning from all other appointments and reserving the time for the class.

CRAFTS THEY make tend to follow the seasons and times of the year. At one recent crafts class, students were making love birds and decorated paper hearts to hang on a tree. Ms. Kinser said that the idea is to decorate the tree to suit the holiday or the season.

Last year, the group made decorations for VAN's Christmas tree, she said, starting several months ahead. "They get to take everything home that they make. They didn't like it because I kept the ornaments (through the holiday season), I labeled them, (and after the holidays) we had an 'undecorating tree party,' " she said with a laugh.

About 15 or 20 students attend the classes each week, Ms. Kinser said.

Gladys Walden is one of the most faithful. "I have been coming to Visual Aids (VAN) for 10 years; to crafts from the beginning. Mamie Martin recommended the organization to me in '89 when I was diagnosed with macular degeneration," she said, adding that not only were she and Ms. Martin, who founded VAN, co-workers at the former Grammer Murphey store, but they lived close enough to be almost-neighbors.

Ms. Walden is a big fan of VAN. The administration "put up with me for 10 years," she said with a smile. "You never forget those things."

She enjoys making crafts, any crafts. "It doesn't matter, just so we are making something," she said.

She has even been the inspiration for at least one of the crafts the class made. "My granddaughter gave me a beautiful bracelet made out of safety pins," Ms. Walden said. "I brought it to Visual Aids and we followed up (and made) beautiful necklaces and bracelets out of safety pins."

HELEN MORLANG, a client and volunteer of VAN — and the mother of executive director Barbara Scott — moved to Midland about three years ago from Yuma, Ariz. On a recent Wednesday, she was wearing earrings made from paper clips that she had made in Yuma before moving here. The local crafts students made some earrings

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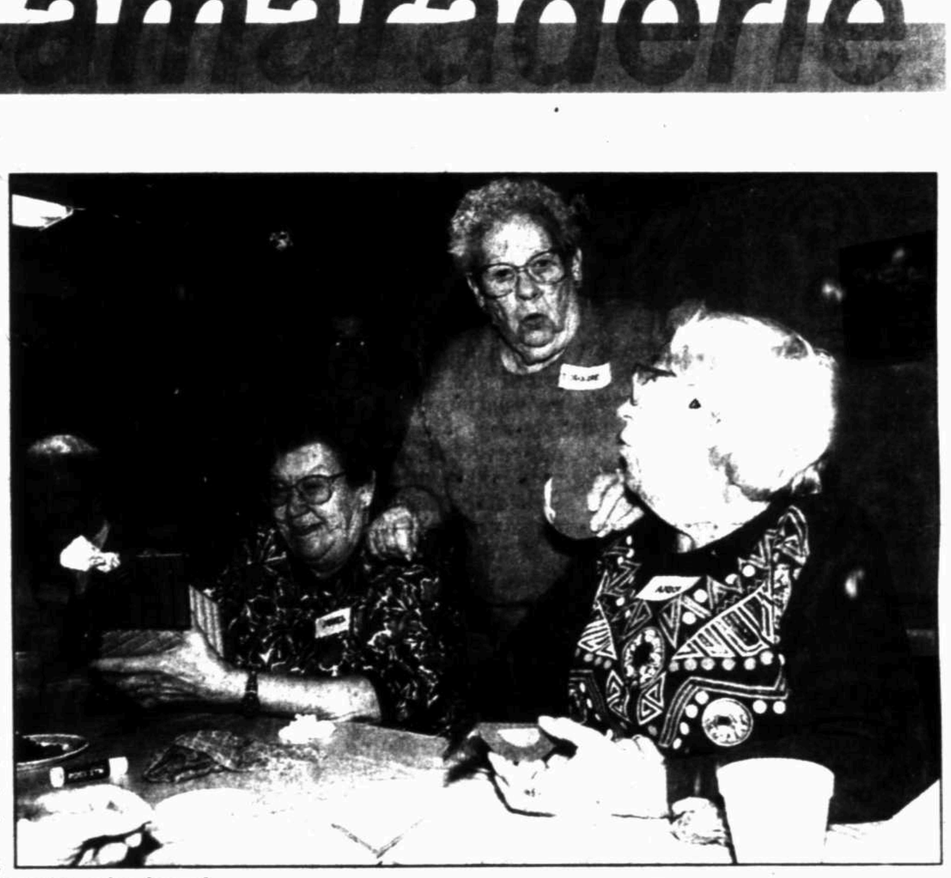

Crafts makers and assistants, above (left to right), include Jewel Keller, Lorene Sprawls, and Anna Johnston. Doris Kinser, left, craft trainer, assists participants with detail work.

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TRAVEL

'Private Ryan' brings crowds to Normandy

By Jocelyn Noveck
Associated Press

A tourist uses binoculars to look along Omaha Beach during a D-Day commemorative ceremony in a June 6 file photo. Normandy has always been a tourist spot with its grand churches and scenic vistas. Now the movie "Saving Private Ryan" has tourists storming Omaha Beach. A German couple sits inside the cemetery in La Cambe, Normandy, a site not on the "Ryan" tour.

AP Photos

LA CAMBE, France — On a recent bright and brisk Sunday afternoon in Normandy, tourists curious about World War II were out in force.

They examined the German bunkers and the craters left at Pointe du Hoc overlooking Omaha beach, where so many lost their lives on D-Day. At Arromanches, they peered out at remnants of the artificial harbor built to receive Allied troops and their equipment.

And they wandered silently through the American cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer, where thousands of white crosses in perfect rows, punctuated by the occasional Jewish star, decorate a bluff over the beach.

But it was a different story here in La Cambe, at the huge cemetery run by the German War Graves Commission. At midday, only five people were in the cemetery — about one for every 4,000 German soldiers buried there.

Normandy has always been a hot tourist spot, with its grazing cows, grand churches, great cheese and Calvados — and of course its historic sites. Nowadays, it's even hotter than usual, thanks to Steven Spielberg's hit movie "Saving Private Ryan."

The epic war film, containing some of the most graphic battle scenes ever filmed, has brought busloads of new tourists — mostly Americans, but some Europeans, too — to the beaches and cemeteries on the northern coast of France.

They always come to the American cemetery, featured in the beginning and end of Spielberg's film. Often, someone ventures to ask how to find the grave of Capt. Miller — the film's fictional main character.

But the craze, which has led to special "Private Ryan" package tours, hasn't affected the graveyards where German soldiers lie.

There are five German cemeteries in Normandy, the biggest at La Cambe with 21,400 graves. There are only about 10,000 graves at the U.S. cemetery — 61 percent of the bodies were sent home in accordance with their family's wishes.

Some 140,000 visitors pass through each year, says Lucien Tisserand, manager of the La Cambe cemetery. At the American cemetery, by contrast, 1.5 million visited last year. Unlike his American counterparts, Tisserand says he's noticed no increase since "Private Ryan" was released.

La Cambe has a different feel than the American cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer. Instead of pristine white crosses and stars, the graves are marked by small, flat plaques. Here and there, small groups of black cement crosses jut out from the ground.

Many tombstones are engraved with four or more names. Under a huge mound in the center, 296 are buried in a mass grave.

In all war graveyards, tragically, many of the dead are anonymous. In the American cemetery, those graves are marked: "Here Rests in Honored Glory a Comrade in Arms Known but to God."

For the German unknown, the inscriptions are more concise: "Eine Deutsche Soldat (A German Soldier)," the graves say. Or: "Zwei Deutsche Soldaten (Two German Soldiers").

A small information center at the front of the cemetery contains a book where visitors can jot down their thoughts. The scrawled comments are not only in German but also in French, Dutch and English.

"I was an American soldier with the 10th Infantry," writes John M. Chandler of Oak Ridge, Tenn. "It's too bad. I was lucky. I'm sorry for the loved ones left alone."

"No one wins a war," scribbles Howard Leeman of Leeds, England. "Only sadness on all sides."

The Keetons of Tulsa, Okla., are concise: "A thoughtful peace display," they write.

To emphasize the peace theme, a Garden of Peace has been built between the graveyard and the nearby road, filled with 1,000 trees.

Galaxy Tours in Wayne, Pa., specializes in historical tours of battle sites for veterans and their families. Its president, Col. Hal Ryder, says he makes it a point when he can to take groups to a German graveyard like La Cambe.

"One thing you find out quickly is that veterans respect each other, no matter what," Ryder says.

"They are mature people, and they realize these were fighting men — just like they were."

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HAVE YOU HEARD?

Catholic school celebrates Mardi Gras with dinner, dance

By Marilyn McKnight Harrison

To celebrate Mardi Gras, St. Ann's School continued its tradition of holding a dinner-dance just prior, to the beginning of the Lenten season.

McKnight-Harrison

The sixth annual event, which serves as a fund-raiser for the school's Endowment Fund, was held a recent Saturday night at Midland Country Club. The festivities included both live and silent auctions, Cajun cuisine, and dancing to the music of The Pictures.

The club was wonderfully decorated throughout in the traditional Mardi Gras colors of green, purple and gold. The menu consisted of jambalaya, red beans and rice, crab cakes, etiouffe, sticky chicken, prime rib and desserts.

Both of the auctions were most successful, according to Patty (Mrs. Tim) Hodgens, who was general chairman for the event. The live auction attracted particular interest, as it consisted of class projects created by the schoolchildren at St. Ann's. Among the auction items were a Puppet Theater, a stained glass rendering of Noah's Ark, painted planter pots, and of course, the sixth grade's traditional quilt project, to name just a few.

Among those assisting Patty with the event were Peggy (Mrs. Charles) Kuss, who was in charge of decorations, and Paula (Mrs. Bob) Howard and Beth (Mrs. Gregg) Santilli, who chaired the live and silent auctions, respectively.

Among those seen at the festive gathering were Ann and Bill Kleine with their daughters, Kathy and Emily; Rachel and Gene Abbott, Carol and Gene Shumate, Sarah and Mike Abbott, Shailete and John Abbott, Jan and Tom Matchus, Leann and Bob Weidner, Karen and Dan Bertleson, Shelley and Pat Worrell, Allison and David Eyler, Cynthia and Mark Hoffmann, and Jackie and Tom Ingram.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE Midland Community Theatre on the beginning of its 54th year of offering live theatre to the citizens of West Texas on the successful opening of its first show of the 1999 season.

The Rogers and Hammerstein musical, "Carousel," opened on Feb. 5 to a packed house and is scheduled to run through March 7.

The festive Opening Night party was catered by H-E-B, with a hot dog menu carrying out the play's carnival theme. Spearheaded by Gail (Mrs. Dave) Theobald, members of Act IX, MCT's ladies auxiliary, created the stunning decor in the theatre lobby. An antique porcelain carousel horse provided by Bill Schammel and the large carousel horse from MCT's Prop Department were the centerpiece of decorations. The chandeliers were elegantly decorated with yards of navy tulle and accented with flowing multi-colored ribbons and gossamer stars.

Among those seen at the first performance were Myrna and Dr. Bart Mayron, Mae and Ken Dawson, Trenna and Tommy White, Alathea and Jim Blischke, Henrietta and Kirk Miller, Suzanne Martin, Betty King, Dorothy and Homer Nancy, and Peggy and Donnie Hall.

CELEBRATING FOUNDERS' DAY, members of the Midland Alumnae Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta met recently at the Racquet Club for a luncheon.

The business meeting, which preceded lunch, was highlighted by the announcement of Marion (Mrs. Cadell) Liedtke as the Theta of the Year and the election of officers, with Judy (Mrs. Michael J.) Canon as president. In keeping with the tradition established by Chan Driscoll, Jere (Mrs. Bus) Hubbard was in charge of the ritual ceremony.

The luncheon tables were adorned with the sorority's colors of black and gold, and menu cards with "kites flying high" marked each place. The elegant luncheon featured Macadamia Nut Encrusted Chicken Breast with Chardonnay Citrus Butter on a Bed of Rice with Broccoli and White Chocolate Mousse in a Praline Basket served with Raspberry Coutis.

Among other luncheongoers were Sarah (Mrs. David) Grimes, Michele Brock, Elaine (Mrs. Fred) Gist, Betty (Mrs. Jack) Sappington, Ann (Mrs. Lloyd) Ugland and Marilyn (Mrs. Bruno) Hanson.

THE MIDLAND JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB is celebrating its 30th year as a service organization this spring. Plans are in the works for a luncheon meeting at Green Tree Country Club on April 8 to mark the occasion.

There will be a fashion show by Machelle's at BeDazzle and recognition of the club's contributions to the community.

JWC member Paula Albertson emphasizes that the club wishes to contact as many of the past members as possible to invite them to the celebration. She may be contacted at 689-9549, or this columnist, a charter member of the organization, would be delighted to hear from former members in hopes of making plans for a grand reunion at the event.

Marilyn McKnight Harrison is social columnist for the Reporter-Telegram.

Spring break scams target unsuspecting college students

By Brenda D. Farrell
For The Associated Press

Attention all college students: If a spring break vacation package sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

That's the bottom-line advice Chris DeSessa gives his students and his clients when asked whether he thinks a tour operator's price is a good deal or a rip-off.

DeSessa, who is both a professor of travel-tourism management at Johnson & Wales University in Providence, R.I., and a travel agent at Church Travel, one of New England's oldest and most reputable travel agencies, says college students are easy targets for disreputable tour operators.

"Students have high hopes for an unforgettable spring break, and they yearn for warm beach destinations, like Florida and the Caribbean," DeSessa says. "Combine that with the fact that most of them have limited budgets and very little experience in buying travel packages, and you can see why they are often the victims of spring break travel scams."

Most bogus offers are marketed two ways — through direct mail and over the telephone. Many of the scam offers DeSessa has seen recently feature an offer of a cruise to Nassau in the Bahamas.

"Beware of any inexpensive-sounding trip that includes a Nassau cruise," he says. "When you read the fine print, you'll see that it's really only a half-day cruise, and there are no cabins. Really, nothing more than a glorified ferry ride."

DeSessa also recalls one bogus tour operator, now defunct, that used to extract more money from the passengers after they had boarded the plane.

"Someone from the tour company would come on board and tell everyone that they needed to pay more money, or the plane wouldn't take off," he says.

There are also several documented cases of travelers who were stranded at their destinations — the chartered flights they took never came to bring them home, forcing them to pay for expensive one-way return flights on commercial airlines.

Tips:

- Request all of the trip details in writing. These include total cost (taxes, fees and charges, too), restrictions, cancellation penalties, and the exact names of airlines and hotels.
- Never give credit card information over the phone to a company or person with whom you are not familiar.
- Make sure your trip has a guaranteed departure and a guaranteed price.
- Avoid booking a trip with a company that sells directly through student representatives, rather than a travel agent.

ODESSA: Be sure to stress 'O'

(From 1E)

"Shakespeare in Love" in Midland when the film broke) also didn't get the meaning of the word. "I work with teen-agers all day. I know their meaning of 'ho,' and I should have put two and two together (when reading the column) but I didn't," she said.

WELL, I'M AROUND young adults most of the day who usually clue me in on most things, but I missed the boat on this one. Now that I've caught the boat, so to speak, you sure won't catch me hanging off of the boat shouting, "Land, Ho!," "Westward, Ho!" or swinging from the mast singing "Yo, ho, ho, and a bottle of rum," lest I be mistaken for singing about more than a toddy. Fortunately, I don't work as a chemist and won't have to bring up "Ho" (an abbreviation for metallic chemical element holmium) in the course of a workday. My husband will have to watch himself when he works in the garden and yells: "Bring me a hoe," and we'll have to remind the mild-mannered, God-fearing Ed Todd to consider the company he's keeping before he announces he is about "to wrestle up a passel of hoes," hoe cakes that is (and if you want to know the difference between hoe cakes, corn bread and corn pone, you'll have to get that directly from Ed. He explained the intricacies of the ingredients to to me but it went in one ear and out the other).

All I can say is that I did live up to one of the dictionary definitions of "ho" which is: "To call or cry to attract attention to."

I do believe I unwittingly accomplished that.

Oh, and (when speaking), I will certainly always emphasize the "oh" in "oh-oh-oh-Dessa."

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CRAFTS: Joy is in creating

(From 1E)

just like them.

Ms. Morlang enjoys the crafts classes and has regretted having to miss some of them. "I would have liked to have been here when they made the spooky stuff for Halloween!" she said.

Once class starts, the voices and laughter fill the room, as clients and volunteers join forces to create the crafts.

VOLUNTEER ANN PAYNE helped a client glue her construction paper love bird and made sure she had everything she needed to make her decorated heart. "You've got a paper heart?" she asked, helping the client with her love bird. "You're doing wonderful, Mary. Now hold it until it dries."

A little further down the table, Ms. Kinser and Ms. Walden were sharing a laugh. "One thing at a time, Doris!" Ms. Walden said, laughing.

VOLUNTEERS MOVED up and down the room, helping out where they were needed. And everyone was having a good time.

"It's fun to watch the ladies," said Ms. Scott, executive director, as she stood out of the way of all the activity that is a high point in many of these clients' week.

Ms. Walden spoke for many of VAN's clients when she summed it up this way: "I feel like I belong to this organization because I need them and they need me."

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Movies dumbing down? Don't believe it just yet

Jay Carr
Times News Service

ovies dumbing down? 't you believe it. To say movies belong to "The erboy," "There's Some- g About Mary," and mageddon" is like saying soup is about carrots. e, there are carrots in the But soup is also about the ns, potatoes, celery, and be a nice piece of chicken mering alongside the car- The old year ended and new year has begun with a e of movies that unflinch- y focuses on serious sub- matter, and in complex s. Three are drawn from alled real life: "A Civil on," "The Thin Red Line," "Hilary and Jackie." fliction," the fourth and test of the lot, comes from vel by Russell Banks. Not eck of dream-factory fluff le lot.

ost remarkable, perhaps, at two — "A Civil Action" "The Thin Red Line" — e from big Hollywood stu- the former from Disney, latter from 20th Century- "A Civil Action" is a , sad, heavy film, without eat resolutions Hollywood lly appends to its legal lers. It could hardly have otherwise, given its ise to be an essentially ual account of the land- k Woburn toxic pollution It isn't a star trip for John olta as attorney Jan chtmann, who represent- ight Woburn families ming that toxic wastes ed into their well water gave their children emia.

AVOLTA AND Robert all earn their star billing. olta proves he can be a acter actor as well as a con. Duvall is an actor's r as his wily adversary, ing everything subtle, sive, economical, even he plays Mephistopheles. bold inversion of the e of God giving Adam ouch of life on the ceiling Michelangelo's Sistine el, Duvall slides a $20 bill ss a bench to Travolta, ng him to imagine six es after it if he'll call it a uit then and there.

e real case wasn't a thing urtroom histrionics. Nei- is the film. If anything, it icates the frustrations untered by the plaintiffs in g to get their story told in t, and not being allowed to. t gives "A Civil Action" its ht and resonance and an connection, however, its marquee players. It's actors playing the par- especially Kathleen Quin- s Anne Anderson, James dolfini's Al Love, and d Thornton's Richard ero. They don't say much. y don't have to. All, in r own ways, suggest reposies of grief and anger and , looking for redress, ng enough to stand up to fact that life — as reflect- n this film — almost never plies storybook endings.

The Thin Red Line" pretty kly answers the question of ther Terrence Malick can direct a film after an ence of 25 years. He can. narkably, it's very much of ece with his last film, 1978's ys of Heaven," in its view n Edenic paradise spoiled umans, from which Malick intains a detachment t makes his film risk m enervated and even te. Because it's about a orically important ld War II battle, it was vitably compared to ven Spielberg's "Saving vate Ryan."

ut the films are as intrinlly different as their pective theaters of war — ope and Asia. Spielg's D-Day film has a ch stronger narrative and more overall coheness than Malick's film James Jones's novel ut the Battle of Guadalal. (Ironically, it was ing a Guadalcanal naval le that five Sullivan hers were killed. The mise of "Ryan" arises n their deaths.)

he big risk Malick takes hallenging audiences to emble the film from the rly three hours of age he provides. Some of s lovely, but frankly nomoric. Glimpses of ick's romanticized Pacific island would better have served his theme of despoilment than what becomes his excessive focus on the island's flora and fauna. The real Battle of Guadalcanal lasted six months. It must have been more gritty and grueling than it seems here. While Malick's decision to intersperse the combat scenes with reveries of individual soldiers imparts a welcome interiority to what usually is a genre of externals, the effect is to atomize the film even further. "The Thin Red Line" is a noble effort, but it isn't the film "Saving Private Ryan" is."Saving Private Ryan" is an instant classic that deserves every award it gets.

The film that comes closest to a traditional Hollywood model is "Hilary and Jackie," the biofilm about the late cellist Jacqueline du Pre and her sister Hilary. Unfortunately, it perpetuates one of Hollywood's worst habits, depicting genius as unstable and therefore somehow suspect, especially if the genius is a woman. That being said, the film avoids the genius crack-up cliches when Jackie's behavior becomes erratic and finally hysterical before she's diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, the degenerative nerve disease that prematurely ended her career and shortened her life.

The memoir on which the film is based, by her siblings — sister Hilary, brother Piers — has been controversial. Some have accused Hilary of meanspirited payback in her depiction of Jackie as willful, demanding, selfish, and disruptive. It climaxes with Jackie bolting from a concert tour, showing up at Hilary's house, and demanding that Hilary share her husband with Jackie. Although she was not only one of the stars of the '60s, but one of British culture's breaths of fresh air, Jackie is depicted as driven by competitiveness and tortured by ambivalence toward her career. What's less present are the buoyant spirit and intense physicality with which she played.

WHAT MAKES an interesting but sometimes questionable film so riveting are the performances of Emily Watson as Jackie and Rachel Griffiths as the quieter but no less storm-tossed Hilary, who chose marriage and country life after Jackie's cello-playing eclipsed Hilary's musicianship on the flute. Griffiths has the more difficult assignment because so much of what goes on with Hilary is internalized. But Watson is astonishing in a real high-wire act, sans net. She's even more jolting than she was in "Breaking the Waves" when it comes to believably conveying raw emotion.

Women seldom get the chance to play tempestuous sexuality to the extent that she plays it. One wishes it had been less equated with hysteria. Obviously, Watson has studied du Pre's videos. I attended several of du Pre's concerts, and marveled at Watson's ability to capture du Pre's body language, directness, and confident attack. I wish there had been more screen time devoted to her music-making. As it is, one scene is exhilarating. At a recording session, du Pre and her husband, pianist Daniel Barenboim, start improvising their own riffs on Beethoven. What I'll never forget is the expression of alert ecstasy on Watson's face as she matches her husband, stride for stride, telling him with her flashing eyes that she'll go anywhere he goes — and does.

While "A Civil Action," "The Thin Red Line," and "Hilary and Jackie" are governed by the particulars of the real-life stories they tell, "Affliction" comes entirely from fiction. Yet as the best fiction does, "Affliction" makes contact with deep truths not available to real-life-based films. In this case, Banks, and now filmmaker Paul Schrader, bares the sociopathology of male bonding. Nick Nolte deserves at least an Oscar nomination for his performance as a tortured cop, struggling to take control of his soul, or at least keep from reverting to the patterns of violence transmitted by his brutish alcoholic father.

The latter, played by James Coburn in the performance of a lifetime as if the father had just stumbled out of a cave, has literally allowed his wife (and the mother of Nolte's cop) to freeze to death after a lifetime of metaphorically freezing her heart. The question is whether Nolte's cop named Wade, who seems to lose ground with each demeaning year in his New Hampshire town, can pull his life together or will backslide once he's drawn into the gravitational field of his father's joyless rural house. The subject of male violence is meat and drink to Schrader, who has studied it since "Taxi Driver" and "Mishima," and here takes full advantage of the world specified by Banks.

WHEN SISSY Spacek, as the sweet woman with whom Wade is trying to launch his first successful relationship, walks into the old house you think of as a lair, your hackles rise. One woman died loveless here. Will she be the second? You want to tell her to run. That's how primal and dread-filled Wade's world is. It's frozen, wintry, bleak, short on light. "Affliction" exists in a world of ancient archetypes. It's a grim fairytale, laser-beam accurate in its skewering of the mechanisms that keep men enslaved by self-destructive patterns masquerading as manly virtues. So. War, toxic waste, sibling rivalry, domestic violence. No mindless escapism here.

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1 Best Supporting Actress Nominees

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3 Best Actress Nominees

MONTENEGRO ☐ PALTROW ☐ WATSON ☐ STREEP ☐ BLANCHETT ☐

4 Best Actor Nominees

MCKELLEN ☐ NORTON ☐ BENIGNI ☐ HANKS ☐ NOLTE ☐

5 Best Director Nominees

SPIELBERG ☐ BENIGNI ☐ WEIR ☐ MALICK ☐ MADDEN ☐

6 Cinematography

- A Civil Action ☐
- Saving Private Ryan ☐
- Shakespeare in Love ☐
- The Thin Red Line ☐
- Elizabeth ☐

7 Best Animated Short Film

- Bunny ☐
- The Canterbury Tales ☐
- Jolly Roger ☐
- More ☐
- When Life Departs ☐

8 Best Picture

Shakespeare in Love ☐
Gwyneth Paltrow and Joseph Fiennes find love.

The Thin Red Line ☐
Nick Nolte before the battle of Guadalcanal.

Life is Beautiful ☐
Roberto Benigi directs and stars in this Holocaust film.

Elizabeth ☐
Cate Blanchett makes the transformation from princess to queen.

Saving Private Ryan ☐
Tom Hanks leads the charge, receiving a best actor nod for the WWII film finding favor with audiences.

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ENGAGEMENTS

TOOFANIAN-MORSE

Maryam Toofanian and former Midlander Michael Scott Morse, both of Dallas, are planning to be married April 17 in the home of the bride-to-be in Dallas. Parents of the bride-elect are Dr. and Mrs. Ali Toofanian of Dallas. The future bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Morse of Midland and Fort Collins, Colo.

Miss Toofanian is a 1992 graduate of the Hockaday School, a 1996 graduate of Southern Methodist University, where she graduated with distinction, and a 1998 graduate of the University of North Texas, where she earned a master of science degree. She is a member of Alpha Chi Omega, The Slipper Club of Dallas and the Order of Omega honor society. She is a consultant with Andersen Consulting. Her fiance graduated from Midland High School in 1991 and from Texas Tech University in 1995. He is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon and is a systems analyst/consultant with KPMG.

Maryam Toofanian and Michael Scott Morse

SMITH-BROWN

Brent and Debbie Blaylock of Burkburnett announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebekah Jean Smith, to Jason Paul Brown. The future bridegroom is the son of Laura Steele of Midland, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Orval Steele of Midland. The wedding is planned for March 13 the First Baptist Church in Burkburnett.

Miss Smith, who is also the daughter of Hubert Smith of Cleburne, is the granddaughter of Caroline J. (Yeager) Sherman of Burkburnett, Dos and June Blaylock of Wichita Falls and the late Francis R. Sherman and the late H.O. and Hattie Mae Smith. She graduated from Burkburnett High School and earned a bachelor of business administration degree in finance from Midwestern State University. She is a staff accountant with ARI Inc. in Carrollton. Her fiance graduated from Lee High School and earned a bachelor of applied arts and sciences degree from Midwestern State University. He is a Web designer with CSI Control Systems International Inc. in Carrollton.

Rebekah Jean Smith and Jason Paul Brown

McWHORTER-WELCH

Mr. and Mrs. Steve McWhorter of Hereford announce the engagement of their daughter, Lezly Faye, to Cody Jim Welch, son of Bill and Juanette Welch of Midland. The couple plan to marry June 26 at the First United Methodist Church in Hereford.

Miss McWhorter graduated from Hereford High School in 1993 and earned a degree in English from Texas Tech University in 1997. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. She is an English teacher at Monterey High School in Lubbock and is working toward a master's degree in counseling from Texas Tech. Her fiance is a 1992 graduate of Lee High School and a 1996 magna cum laude graduate of Texas Tech, where he earned a degree in biology and was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He is a second-year medical student at Texas Tech University School of Medicine in Lubbock.

Lezly Faye McWhorter and Cody Jim Welch

RIGTRUP-O'BRIEN

Chari Lynn Rigtrup of Midland and Mark William O'Brien of Fort Worth are planning to be married 11 a.m. March 6 at Stockyard Chapel in Fort Worth. Parents of the bride-elect are Brent and Patricia Rigtrup of Midland. The future bridegroom is the son of William and Linda O'Brien of Tulsa, Okla.

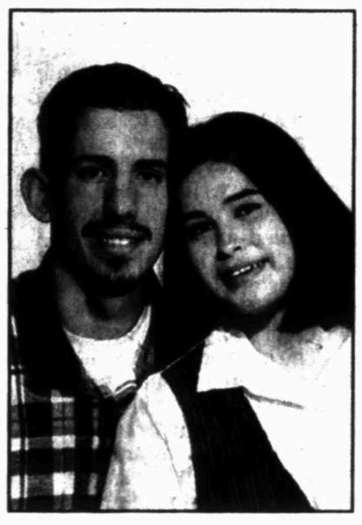
Miss Rigtrup, a 1989 graduate of Lee High School, attended Brigham Young University. She is employed with Conoco Inc. Her fiance is a 1987 graduate of Nathan Hale High School in Tulsa and a 1991 graduate of the University of Tulsa. He is employed with Crosstimbers Oil Company.

Chari Lynn Rigtrup and Mark William O'Brien

GUTIERREZ-SWANSON

Patricia J. Gutierrez of Socorro, N.M., and Travis J. Swanson of Midland are planning to be married 1 p.m. March 13 at San Miguel Mission in Socorro. Parents of the bride-elect are Manuel and Barbara Gutierrez of Socorro. The future bridegroom is the son of Jackie and Stella Swanson of Midland.

Miss Gutierrez is a 1997 graduate of Socorro High School and a student at New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology. Her fiance graduated from Lee High School in 1996, and is also a student at New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology. He is employed with Energitic, Materials Research and Testing Center and is a member of AICHE.



Patricia J. Gutierrez and Travis J. Swanson

HOLLIS-MOORE

Sandy Rae Hollis of Midland and Michael Lynn Moore of Odessa are planning a 1 p.m. March 6 wedding at Lutheran Church of the Risen Lord in Odessa. Parents of the bride-to-be are Charles and Paula Hollis of Midland. The future bridegroom is the son of John and Sandra Moore of Odessa.

Miss Hollis is a 1992 graduate of Midland High School and a student at Odessa College School of Nursing, where she is scheduled to graduate in December. She is employed with Memorial Hospital and Medical Center's Emergency Department. Her fiance graduated from Odessa High School and attends OC. He plans to graduate in December with a degree in business. He is employed with Southwestern Electric Supply.

Sandy Rae Hollis and Michael Lynn Moore

Socialite diary: 'Art of being a woman'

By Cara Anna
N.Y. Times News Service

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Lesley Friedman is a self-made woman. She created a temporary-lawyer business in New York, sold it and became a multimillionaire, then retired early and moved to Palm Beach, Fla., four years ago.

Then she took a look at herself.

She never had the time before, she says. She and other women at the law firm had purposely dressed conservatively, even matronly. She got manicures when she remembered to, and she let her naturally curly hair be. Makeup and styling really didn't make a difference, she thought.

"Sometimes on dates, I would wear my business suit," she says.

She was too busy to bother. "I had the attitude of, 'This is me, successful and smart. People are going to like me no matter how I look.' "

She never married. When she retired, she realized that the young, natural look starts to go in the mid-30s. And if she was going to take the trouble to correct it, she figured, wouldn't it be nice to have someone around to admire the work?

SO, A YEAR and a half ago, she got started. She lost 25 pounds on a variety of diets and hired a New York fashion consultant at $100 an hour. She shipped her entire wardrobe by UPS to New York, and the consultant threw almost everything out. Friedman, nervous, learned to get used to low-cut necklines and tight pants. For the first time in her life, she teetered on stiletto heels.

As she changed she tackled dating, to a degree (73 blind dates in one year) that The Wall Street Journal ran a front-page feature story about her new "job." She got hundreds of calls, some very odd, but also a book deal. The topic: "How I'm using my business skills to find a mate." There's talk of a movie, and if that comes about she wouldn't mind Meg Ryan in the lead role.

She's finding, though, that her transformation is neither complete nor permanent, and it certainly isn't cheap. It takes hours of maintenance, and last week she was willing to demonstrate.

With classical music playing softly and a vanilla aromatherapy candle flickering, she lies back in a chair at Deborah Koepper's Palm Beach salon and waits for her newest treatment, a light electric current that is supposed to tone the facial muscles — at $75 a pop.

Friedman is refreshingly open. The only thing she keeps quiet about is where she gets waxed.

"When I was younger, I didn't care about this s—-," she says. "But when things started happening to me, it got really bothersome."

Friedman lives alone in Palm Beach and travels often to New York or California, where she grew up in a Los Angeles suburb and skipped dating to study.

When in town, she spends her days working out at Mar-a-Lago, visiting the salon, dating, going to parties, working on her book and wondering if she started all of this a little too late.

Friedman won't quite reveal her age. "That's like asking a man about his net worth," she says. She only admits to 37 and told The Wall Street Journal she only admits to 39.

Size is easier. She is a 6 or 8 on top and a 8 to 10 on the bottom, and she still wants to lose another 10 pounds.

With the weight loss and the straightened and colored hair and the dental work and the contact lenses, she looks nothing like her driver's license photo anymore.

She walks into the salon in slim black pants and a peach-colored scarf around her neck one day, and the next she comes in wearing a lime-colored tank minidress. "I wouldn't have worn this dress before," she says.

Her New York fashion consultant, Sheila Grant, remembers meeting Friedman with her "sacky" dresses and her "long, kind of bushy" hair. "She had no real sense of fashion or style, to be honest about it," Grant says. "As much as she was sort of reluctant, it was a very exciting process."

Grant, a tall blonde who admits to having had a face lift at 47, is used to seeing women like Friedman. "Many, many women wake up at age 40 and say, 'My God, I don't have a life.' It's a panic button. For Leslie, she had made all this money and was wonderful and independent, but she wanted a personal life."

After dumping most of Friedman's clothes, Grant took her on a three-day shopping spree for a 77-piece fall and winter wardrobe, and even went with her to the hairdresser. In that first year, Friedman spent into the six-figure range on clothes alone.

Grant would dress her for her dates, and the two still talk nearly every other day. Last week, Friedman needed to a buy a coat for a romantic weekend in the Hamptons, and Grant described what she needed over the phone.

At first, Friedman thought the clothes were too young, too sexy. "I want to be taken very seriously, for my brains," she says. But she squeezed into the 3-inch stilettos and the strapless cocktail dresses just the same.

"I still fiddle," she says, "but I try not to do it in public."

HER SEASONAL wardrobes are bought to mix and match. For one season, she says, they bought four pairs of tight pants, three cashmere turtleneck sweaters and four blazers. The spring corner of her walk-in closet is full of lime greens and peaches, which go well with her skin tone, and the usual black and white.

Grant taught her to wear long jackets ("You're hippy"), high heels with pants and low-cut tops ("I have a good chest"). Friedman used to buy what was trendy or cute. Now she gets what flatters her body shape, and when it doesn't she has learned to use a tailor.

She shops at Luca Luca, Escada, Celine, and Armani, but she can walk just as easily into Ann Taylor, Banana Republic and the Gap. "You can find a copy of an Armani at Ann Taylor," Friedman says. And she goes to Nine West for "great knockoffs."

ABOUT ACCESSORIES, she knew zip. "I didn't understand you don't take a purse like this out at night," she says, pointing to her beige Charles Jourdan bag. She went to Books-A-Million and bought a book on how to tie a scarf, and packs about 15 scarves when she travels.

"This is how the French women do it," she says, as she gets a pedicure. "They spend a fortune on accessories, and clothes-wise they have just a few pieces."

She switches chairs, tissue paper stuffed between her toes, to get her blow dry and manicure done simultaneously. At 11 a.m., two hours after walking into the salon, the blow dry is over and the base coat is on. "I'm going to be here three hours today," she says, marveling at the time. "It's ridiculous. But I'm not gonna cut back."

She grabs a phone. Usually she checks her messages, or chats, or plans what clothes she will pack for an upcoming trip.

"Someone is flying to New York for a date? Wow, it must be nice!" Deborah Koepper says to Friedman, preparing her for makeup.

She dabs on concealer — "She had the facial yesterday, so her face is nice and plump and moisturized" — and peach-colored blush, to show off Friedman's eyes.

All Friedman will have to do the rest of the day, Koepper says, is touch up her lipstick. And she's right — lipstick is usually the only makeup Friedman carries in her purse.

Some of the items for her weekend getaway are already laid out on the table in her living room. Among the jewelry is a copy of Chic Simple's What Should I Wear? She's more confident in her judgment now, but a little help is nice.

She is, of course, not finished with her changes. "She's not willing to accept any imperfections now," Grant says. They consult about getting her "undereyes" done.

"I kind of feel like this is my creative expression," Friedman explains. "Before, I was doing nothing, just being casual. But this is sort of the art of being a woman."

THE FACIAL
Cost: $135 per session
How often: Every two weeks
(Another $75 buys a 15-minute session using electrical current to tone up the face muscles)

THE PEDICURE
Cost: $38 per session
How often: Every two weeks
(Toe polish color is Fine Red Wine)

THE MANICURE
Cost: $18 per session
How often: Every week
(Nail color is Bashful Beige)

THE BLOW-DRY
Cost: $40-$45 per session
How often: Twice a week
(If she's careful, a blow dry can last a week)

THE MAKEUP
Cost: $50 per session
How often: About twice a week
(The finishing touch is the lip lacquer, to make her lips look wet. "Men don't like to kiss it, though, because it gets on them," she says)

THE CLOSET
Cost: $100-an-hour fashion consultations; for clothes, budget is not an issue
How often: Spring, summer, fall and winter
(When she started, Friedman shipped her entire wardrobe by UPS to her fashion consultant in New York for a critique — and almost everything was thrown out)

THE WORKOUT
Cost: $75,000-a-year membership
How often: An hour, four or five times a week
(40 minutes of bike or treadmill, 20 minutes of Nautilus or free weights)

THE HAIR STRAIGHTENING
Cost:
How often: Every three or four months
(Two weeks later, she gets her naturally brown hair colored)

THE WAXING
Cost: Unknown
How often: Once a week
("Just say it's mysterious")

THE RULES

- A few weeks ago, she stopped drinking coffee
- She drinks three liters of water a day
- She is on a high-protein, low-carbohydrate diet — three eggs and toast for breakfast, meat and salads for lunch and dinner
- She snacks on fruit or sliced turkey
- She counts every calorie ("I'm very disciplined — I have to be. It's the only way to keep the weight off")

HEWETT-WILLIAMS

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gene Hewett of Midland announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Elizabeth Hewett of Dallas, to Jonathan Graham Williams, also of Dallas. The future bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Williams of Austin, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Helvenston and Mrs. J.T. Williams of Longview and the late J.T. Williams. The wedding is planned for 7 p.m. April 17 at Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Dallas.

Miss Hewett, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clinton Lovejoy of Midland and the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vernon Hewett, is a 1991 graduate of Midland High School and a 1995 graduate of Texas Tech University, where she earned a bachelor of business administration degree in marketing. She is a member of Chi Omega sorority.

Her fiance graduated from Lake Highlands High School in Dallas in 1991 and from the University of Oklahoma in 1995 with a bachelor of business administration degree in finance. He is a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. Both are employed with Fidelity Investments in Dallas.

Heather Elizabeth Hewett and Jonathan Graham Williams

Medical conditions illustrated in 3D

N.Y. Times News Service

ATLANTA — ADAM Internet Health has acquired a library of videos that can be used to illustrate — in three-dimensional animation — various medical conditions as they appear inside the body.

The announcement of the purchase from an Austrailian development company came from the Atlanta-based company.

ADAM's use of the Net is aimed at exploiting the growing use of "streaming" technology that lets computer users download and watch video, said Robert S. Cramer Jr., ADAM's chairman and chief executive.

The company also depends on increasing use of broadband technologies like digital subscriber lines and cable modems.

But ADAM also will work CNN Newsource Sales, a Time Warner company, to distribute the new video content to television stations, which can use it to illustrate health and medical news coverage.

ADAM recently announced a change of its name to reflect its new Net-reliant strategy.

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WEDDINGS

McGAVRAN-HOERSTER

FREDERICKSBURG — Catherine Anne McGavran of Midland became the bride of Kenneth Harold Hoerster of Memphis, Tenn., 6:30 p.m. Jan. 9 at Zion Lutheran Church in Fredericksburg. Tim Walker Sr. and Erich Scaefer officiated.

Parents of the bride are Dr. and Mrs. William McGavran of Midland. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hoerster of Midland.

Melissa McGavran was her sister's honor attendant. Other attendants for the bride were Stephanie Jackson, Amy Berger, and Shawnna Hill Boren.

Brian Gamble served as honor attendant for the bridegroom, who also was attended by his brother, Ric Hoerster, and Chip Miller and Richard Hood. Ushers were Jason Berger, Tommy Moore and Greg Anderson.

Following a wedding trip to St. Lucia, the couple lives in Memphis.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Harold Hoerster

LAPPEN-CHATHAM

Alisha Marie Lappen of Midland became the bride of Christopher Lee Chatham, also of Midland, at 1 p.m. Jan. 27 in Midland. Justice of the Peace David Cobos officiated.

Parents of the bride are Alex Lappen of Midland and Paula Lappen of Amarillo. The bridegroom is the son of Richard and Tina Chatham of Midland.

Paula Lappen was her daughter's honor attendant. Richard Chatham served his son as honor attendant.

The bride attended Lee High School.

Following a wedding trip to Amarillo, the couple lives in Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Lee Chatham

MORGAN-ALVAREZ

Jennifer Noel Morgan and Adrian Alvarez, both of Midland, were married 7 p.m. Jan. 30 at Grassland Estates Clubhouse in Midland. Dr. Sid Van Camp officiated.

Parents of the bride are Barry and Carol Morgan of Midland. The bridegroom is the son of Manuel and Adelinda Marquez of Colorado City.

Allison Morgan was her sister's honor attendant. Timothy Marquez served his brother as honor attendant.

The couple lives in Midland. They plan to honeymoon in San Antonio in March.

Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Alvarez

ANNIVERSARY

Couple marks 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Chamberlain celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a dinner Feb. 19 at a local restaurant. Hosts were family and friends.

The couple was married Feb. 19, 1949, in Ingersoll, Ontario, Canada. They have six children — Bonnie Ward of Snyder; Belinda Moore of Midland; Christine NuChurch of Durham, N.C.; Mark Chamberlain of Dallas; Gordon Chamberlain of Washington state; and the late Roy Chamberlain Jr. — as well as 18 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

The couple lived in Snyder before moving to Midland in 1973. Chamberlain is retired from Southwestern Bell Telephone.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Chamberlain

Nature's blaze of beauty...

Red Rock Canyon located just off Las Vegas' well-beaten path

By Eric Noland
N.Y. Times News Service

LAS VEGAS — It gleams brilliantly in red, causing all who encounter it to stare, as if mesmerized by an open flame.

No, this is not some neon monstrosity, promising "shrimp cocktail, $1.99" in front of a casino on the Las Vegas strip.

Rather, the setting sun provides the wattage, a freak of geology the dramatic blaze of color.

Red Rock Canyon, while only a few miles away from the man-made gorge of electric light that is Las Vegas Boulevard, offers a stark contrast to the frenetic rhythms of the strip — and an alternative to Nevada visitors who don't get a surge of adrenaline pondering laws of probability.

The canyon, a national conservation area administered by the Bureau of Land Management, teems with desert history and crawls with current-day escapists.

It lies directly west of the city, in a crook of the Spring Mountains, which were aptly named. More than 40 springs and catch basins gurgle forth in this 197,000-acre desert oasis. Not surprisingly, long before modern dams and aqueducts, life clung resolutely to these hills: American Indians more than 1,000 years ago, then Spanish adventurers in search of gold, operators of a stagecoach route in the 1800s, later wealthy ranch recluses such as Howard Hughes.

Today, it has been claimed by those in search of back-country recreation or simple reflection. During a three-day visit in mid-January, I encountered walkers, joggers, bicyclists, rock-climbers, hikers and horseback riders. I found families spreading out picnic lunches atop great sandstone boulders and couples — perhaps as an antidote to the scrupulous climate control of the casinos — sunning themselves on rocks like lizards.

Some of the payoffs can be quite unexpected. After two days spent hiking deep into ravines and riding a horse high onto a ridge, I decided to check out a children's hike and a wheelchair-accessible path. I was stunned by the rewards: a petroglyph (ancient Indian carving on a rock) and a pictograph (ancient painting on rock).

The canyon area is like that — full of surprises.

One of the first is its proximity to Las Vegas. The drive is all of 24 miles from the heart of the strip, requiring about 35 minutes because of the creep through massive freeway construction at the 15/95 interchange north of town.

So much of the drive is spent in suburbs or suburbs-in-the-making that you'll probably wonder if you've taken a wrong turn somewhere. But about five miles past the last bulldozer on West Charleston Boulevard (which becomes Highway 159 and follows the old stage route), the luminescent red of the canyon comes into view.

The details of how this place came into existence are as jumbled as the geology itself. To simplify, cracks and crusts and thrusts and plates violently rearranged themselves many millions of years ago, such that red sandstone, tan sandstone and gray limestone marbled the area like a cake.

THE EFFECT is dazzling. The most dramatic sight is a towering swath of red sandstone that faces southwest, just inside the park entrance (daily fee is $5 for vehicles, $2 for motorcycles). The scene is particularly dramatic in the late afternoon, as the setting sun fires the rock face.

A 13-mile scenic driving loop courses through the park, but most of the visitors seem to linger here, no matter how tight their sightseeing schedules.

There are multiple ways to explore Red Rock Canyon. I chatted variously with backpackers, rock-climbers, bicyclists and one rather masochistic jogger: staggered with fatigue after running trails, she took the briefest of breaks before taking on the scenic drive itself. Because it is so close to the housing tracts of west Las Vegas, tourists don't exactly have the place to themselves.

Given the history of the region, horseback and foot transit seemed the most appropriate methods of exploration.

The Red Rock Canyon Riding Stables offer a half-dozen or so trail rides from a makeshift corral area just down Highway 159 from the park entrance. On the phone, the reservations clerk had piqued my interest with her description of the Fossil Ridge ride. "You'll climb up the side of a mountain, where you'll see some fish fossils, some caves and some unusual rock formations," she said.

I embarked early one morning with my guide, Gary Plumlee, a former history major at Oklahoma State University who briefly worked the rodeo circuit before settling here.

We saw no fish fossils. We saw no caves. We saw no particularly unusual rock formations. But we did climb up the side of a mountain. The view from the top of the ridge was so impressive that I really didn't mind much that this ride fell so short of its billing.

The ridge commanded most of the park area, and the panorama had my attention wandering. Plumlee frequently snapped me back to my senses with his unique running commentary.

"Don't be afraid to give Red a kick to get him to keep up," he said. "He's like a kid or a woman — he'll do whatever he can get away with."

We passed a jumble of sun-baked boulders. "If you come back in summer, that would be a good place to find rattlesnakes — if you were looking for them."

We ultimately returned to the valley floor, where some padding seemed to be added to the ride to get it up to its one-hour, 15-minute promise: We passed by the lot where I'd parked my car, past a cluster of trash dumpsters, around the lower corral, left at an idle backhoe, around the empty industrial wire spools ...

Unless you're keen on getting astride a horse — or you'd like to take in some dramatic views without having to do the walking yourself — this recreational option can't be recommended. It's a bit pricey (my ride was $69, the popular rim canyon ride is $89) and, obviously, it doesn't always deliver on such promises as fossils and caves.

Hiking in Red Rock Canyon proved to be much more gratifying.

At the park visitor's center, just past the fee-payment kiosk, you can pick up a free flier that includes a map and detailed directions to no fewer than 23 hikes. The trailhead parking areas are well-marked along the scenic drive.

One of the most popular starting points is Sandstone Quarry, perhaps because of the eye-catching confluence of red and tan sandstone. A rock face near the parking lot is dramatically two-toned, and exploration opportunities abound.

During my midweek visit, I found most of the hiking trails to be infrequently traveled. Because the park is so easily accessed from the Las Vegas strip, it gets a great number of visitors, but most arrive in gambler's garb and don't venture more than 100 or so feet off the road.

When I set out for the base of Turtlehead Peak, for example, I didn't see another soul after I was a quarter-mile up the trail.

The trail was rated strenuous, and it wasn't long before it began living up to its billing. At one point, it skirted a ravine that climbed toward the Turtlehead Peak saddle. The view from here was spectacular, the scenic loop drive through the park just a faint squiggle on the desert floor below. Then the trail dropped down into the ravine itself.

There were no switchbacks to ease the ascent. Heck, after a while there was no trail, just a scramble over rocks, roughly approximating a climb up the Monte Carlo's fire escape. After an earthquake.

No self-respecting Spanish soldier of fortune would put himself through this, unless it had been verified that one of the Seven Cities of Cibola was at the summit.

More moderate alternatives are the hike from Sandstone Quarry to Calico Tanks or the hike from White Rock Springs to Keystone Thrust Fault.

The latter requires a drive up an undeveloped and extremely rocky road, such that in the parking area at the end of the road you find only trucks, four-wheel drive vehicles and rental cars. The hike's payoff is a convergence of red, tan and gray rock in a small canyon, but this sight is probably best viewed in the morning. By afternoon, the clash of colors is muted by the long shadows of Hogback Ridge.

On the second half of the scenic drive, few cars seem to stop, perhaps because their occupants spent most of their allotted time at that gash of red rock just past the visitor's center. But this portion of the route, along the base of the richly textured Spring Mountains, should not be overlooked.

It was here that I found the pleasant surprises in the children's walk and the wheelchair path. Both are found along a road spur to Willow Springs.

The Children's Discovery Trail is seven-tenths of a mile round trip and presents only gentle climbing. It might be wise to stop at the visitor's center first so you'll be able to respond to the inevitable questions. One instant, for example, you're walking amid tan rocks, and the next you're traversing bright-red dirt. The trail is immaculately maintained, with rocks fashioned into stair steps for some climbs, and your little explorers will find a flowing creek and a waterfall that was just a dribble down a cliff face when I visited.

BUT THE REAL highlight is the petroglyph. It's impossible to miss, since archeology students who are examining it have constructed a barricade around it to prevent current-day social Neanderthals from defacing it. Carved into a rock face is a stick figure, about 24 inches tall, which appears to be raising its arms above its head, as if to signal some alarm. (Avoid the shrimp cocktail?)

The wheelchair route, meanwhile, is at the Willow Springs picnic area. About 100 feet of concrete pathway has been constructed, taking in a pictograph and an agave roasting pit — a Jacuzzi-sized earthen mound where ancient residents used to cook rabbit, tortoise and bighorn sheep.

A sharp eye will spot the pictograph, which is about eight feet off the ground on the wall of a rock shelter, directly above a sign urging visitors to leave it alone. Six palm prints are visible. Archeologists believe they were made 800 years ago by Anasazi Indians who dipped their hands into a homemade paint and pressed them to the rock.

Red Rock Canyon certainly will let you feel as if you're a long way from the Vegas strip. If you let it.

On my first day, as I walked out of a canyon toward Sandstone Quarry, I encountered three balky hikers, one of whom asked, in evident annoyance, "Is there anything to see up there?" At the time, we were standing in a dry creek bed, surrounded by red and tan canyon sides, radiant in the late-afternoon sun, with yucca, manzanita and scrub oak providing accents of greenery.

I wanted to say, "Look around you."

But didn't. Obviously, in Red Rock Canyon, discovery, appreciation and a sense of wonder are only accomplished on an intensely individual level.

If you go:

By Eric Noland
N.Y. Times News Service

GETTING THERE: Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area lies directly west of the Las Vegas Strip. Quickest route: I-15 north, I-95 north, exit Summerlin Parkway, exit Buffalo Drive. Left on Buffalo Drive, right on West Charleston Boulevard. Proceed 10 miles to the park entrance on the right. The drive is 24 miles from the heart of the strip and requires about 35 minutes.

ACTIVITIES: Park hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. A full-service visitor's center, including gift shop, lies just inside the entrance. Brochures are available detailing 23 hikes in the area; two of the hikes are wheelchair-accessible. The park occasionally conducts naturalist-guided hikes, walks and talks for which there is no charge. Reservations may be made through the visitor's center: (702) 363-1922. There is a 13-mile scenic driving loop through the park. There is no entrance fee to the park for bicyclists or walkers. Backpackers must obtain back-country camping permits from the visitor's center. Horseback riding is available through Red Rock Canyon Riding Stables: (702) 387-2457.

COSTS: Park admission is $5 daily for vehicles, $2 for motorcycles. Horseback rides range from $15 for half-hour children's rides to $89 for a two-hour canyon rim ride. The stables also offer a sunset trail ride with barbecue dinner for $139 per person.

NEW! LIFESTYLE GUIDELINES

The deadline for all items to be published in the Lifestyle pages is 2 p.m. Friday, the week before said item is to be published.

AROUND TOWN

Items submitted for the Around Town column will be published at least once; more than once if space allows. The Around Town column is published Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. Deadline for all Around Town items is 2 p.m. each Friday for items which will be published the following week, beginning on Monday. The space is free of charge and is offered on a first-come/first-serve basis.

CLUB NEWS/ LUNCHEONS/FASHION SHOWS

Deadline for all Club News items, luncheons and fashion shows (which are published in Sunday newspapers) is 2 p.m. Friday, 10 days before the item will appear.

MILESTONE EVENTS

The Reporter-Telegram publishes announcements of such milestone events as engagements, weddings and wedding anniversaries, and quinceneras, bar mitzvahs and bat mitzvahs of charge.

Deadline to have an announcement published in the Sunday paper — including wedding engagement and anniversary announcements — is 2 p.m. 10 days prior to the publication date.

■ **Engagement announcements:** There is no limit as to how early in advance of the wedding an engagement can be announced. However, engagements should be published in the paper no later than two weeks before the wedding date.

■ **Wedding announcements:** Wedding announcements must be published up to six weeks after the event. Names of no more than 25 attendants for the bride and 25 attendants for the bridegroom will be published. Cities of residence for wedding attendants will no longer be published. Relationships will be published only for brothers and sisters, parents (or grandparents) or children of the wedding couple. For those wishing to list more, advertising space may be purchased.

■ **Wedding anniversaries:** Anniversary announcements — 25th or higher — are also accepted for publication up to six weeks after the anniversary date or celebration.

■ **Pageants:** 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, engagement and anniversary announcements, but are not required.

A portrait of the bride-elect or engaged couple may be submitted with engagement announcements.

Portrait photographs of the bride only or of the wedding couple may be submitted with wedding announcements.

A different photo must be submitted for engagement and wedding announcements.

Anniversary photos should be current.

Vertical photos are preferred. Both black and white, and color studio quality portraits are acceptable from wallet size up to 8x10. Polaroid shots are not accepted.

Photos can be picked up from Carol Ramirez in the Editorial Department after publication, or a self-addressed, stamped envelope can be enclosed for the photo to be returned by mail.

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JUNIOR FUND GAME
NORTH-SOUTH:
FLIGHT A:
1. Norma James, Joe Salman
2. Ann Servatius, Belle Harris
3., 4. and 5. Tie: Leonora Slusher, Jimmie Penn, Deborah Brookins, Marie Morris, Becky and Lyle Kinsey
FLIGHT B:
1. Ann Servatius, Belle Harris
2. Sally Whiteley, Babe Griffin
3. Betty Moudy, Fena Berry
4. James Simpson, R. englert
EAST-WEST:
FLIGHT A:
1. Marianne and Buf Slay
2. Gloria Crites, Ron Neumann
3. Helen South, Dixie Giford
4. Aggie Anguish, Jimmie Branch
FLIGHT B:
1. Marian Sims, Jimmy Cox
2. B.J. Filley, Herb Wales
3. Helen Wise, Tim Vick
4. Mary Renton, Ken Hill

TUESDAY
FLIGHT A:
1. Lib French, Jerry Williamson
2. Flo Curry, Betty Sheeler
3. Frances Levin, Bob Stuart
4. Gloria Crites, Ron Neumann
FLIGHT B:
1. Kathryn Gesell, Sue Marshall
2. Corrinne Recer, Mildred Stuart
3. Janet Stoltz, Marsha Swanson
4. Sadie Hudson, Frances Mills

WEDNESDAY
FLIGHT A:
1. and 2. Tie: Sue Gardiner, Jimmie Penn, Leonora Slusher, Deborah Brookins
3. Flo Curry, Betty Reeves
4. Tommie Strack, Aggie Anguish
FLIGHT B:
1. Babe Griffin, Joe Brittain
2. Jimmie Branch, Jimmy Cox
3. Norma James, James Simpson
4. Mary Renton, Ken Hill

THURSDAY
1. Joyce Mitchell, Mary Anne Ochs
2. Corrinne Recer, Helen Owen
3. Dixie Gifford, Bitsy Loewenstein
4. Snookye Howard, Dorothy Lloyd
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1. Helen South, Belle Harris
2. Jeanne Gilles, Fay Carey
3. Norma James, James Simpson
4. Terri Tedford, Nancy Harris

FRIDAY
JUNIOR FUND GAME
FLIGHT A:
1. Mary Hammond, Janet Stoltz
2. Betty Sheeler, Jerry Williamson
3. Aggie Anguish, Tommie Strack
4. Jane Myers, Leonora Slusher
FLIGHT B:
1. Ricki Perry, Vangie Lindsey
2. Helen Owen, Debbie Kemp
3. Nancy Harris, Terri Tedford
4. Frances Levin, Laura Williams

SATURDAY
FLIGHT A:
1. Gloria Crites, Betty Reeves
2. Sue Gardiner, Aggie Anguish
3. Belle Harris, Ann Servatius
4. Deborah Brookins, R. Englert
FLIGHT B:
1. Ann Servatius, Belle Harris
2. Deborah Brookins, R. Englert
3. Kathryn Gesell, Joe Brittain
4. Mary Renton, Ken Hill

SUNDAY
1. Corrinne Recer, Dixie Gifford
2. Betty Reeves, Laura Williams
3. Becky and Lyle Kinsey
4. Babe Griffin, Frances Levin

New handbags show 'utility chic'

By Anne-Marie Schiro
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — Look, Ma, no hands! With utility chic ruling many runways for spring, designers draped bags across the chest messenger style, on belts spanning the waist or hugging the hips. It's a style that leaves the hands free. Now the body and belt bags are coming into stores.

Trussardi's small double-bag belt in yellow or purple leather, and a hot-pink satin hip-belt bag from Frou by Paige Novick are available at Henri Bendel.

Barneys New York has leather Burberry messenger bags and nylon ones by Prada; Prada belt bags in leather with a cell phone holder and in nylon with a neat rectangular purse or pouch. Prada also has two leather belts, one with two zippered flat pockets and one with a small change purse.

Fashion show planned

Midland Woman's Club will host a fund-raising fashion show, "A Spring Style Show by Ginny's Collection," beginning at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 26 at the clubhouse in Hogan Park. Tickets are $15 each; cost of the luncheon is included in the ticket price. Tickets may be purchased from any board member of the club or by calling 694-5583 by Feb. 23. The public is invited to attend. Chairman is Mrs. W.L. Tinsley. Models will be Mrs. Bentley Anderson, Mrs. J.R. Cox, Mrs. E.J. Gardner, Dorothy Perkins, Mrs. A.K. Watson and Mrs. Tinsley.

GRACIE BONDS STAPLES

Television 'blooper' led to new career for former Miss America

By Gracie Bonds Staples
N.Y. Times News Service

As a child, she dreamed of playing the violin at Carnegie Hall and sometimes practiced five hours a day. But by age 16, Gretchen Carlson says, she knew that the world was so much bigger than music. She could become a lawyer, for instance. And so with the same fervor with which she pursued her musical aspiration, she went off to Stanford University to pursue that dream.

Bonds Staples

But then her mother decided that Carlson could also be Miss America. Carlson soon warmed to the idea, dropped out of college for a year to prepare, and, in 1989, became the first classical violinist to win the coveted title.

Of course, how the Minnesota native ended up moving to Fort-Worth Dallas last December to anchor the weekend news at KXAS/Channel 5 is a whole other story.

It all began during her reign as Miss America. Carlson thought she was doing a live video conference with 5,000 engineers who were going to explain the workings of a satellite named for Miss America.

Suddenly, actor Gary Collins and his wife, former Miss America Mary Ann Mobley, were called off the set, leaving Carlson to do all the talking with the help of cue cards, some of which were out of order, upside down or missing words.

The producers "were pretending to try to help me, but it was all a joke," she says, laughing.

There was no video conference with engineers, Carlson later found out. Instead, she was the target of TV's "Bloopers and Practical Jokes." But, she apparently pulled off the situation with finesse.

An agent who saw the segment called her and asked if she was interested in a TV career.

"That one experience," she says, "scooted me over here instead of law school."

But though the 32-year-old Carlson's route to television news was admittedly circuitous, she says there's a connection between her early years in music, her reign as Miss America and her news work.

"When that red light goes on," she says, referring to the TV camera's on-air cue, "it's the same exact feeling I got when I walked on stage: You're on."

Carlson now has 10 years of television news experience, having worked at stations in the Twin Cities; Richmond, Va.; and most recently, as an anchor at WOIO in Cleveland. At the urging of her former Cleveland boss, KXAS news director Kimberly Godwin-Webb, Carlson joined Channel 5 as a reporter and weekend news anchor opposite Calvin Hughes.

Godwin-Webb describes Carlson as a "true professional who comes to work to win. She is a real go-getter who believes in teamwork and works hard to get great stories on the air."

Carlson says her typical day at Channel 5 begins around 2:30 p.m. and ends sometime after 10. The day always begins with making a list of things to do, including finding time to work out.

"I'm highly organized. It's one of my better traits," she says. "Actually, I'm probably overly organized. The first thing I do when I wake up is write a list. As a reporter, I need to be on top of things. I keep a list beside my bed."

TV news reporting, she says, is about communicating with people and getting them to tell their story.

"I report three days a week," Carlson says. "That's why I took this job. As the main anchor, my reporting was not utilized in Cleveland, but I have the best of both worlds here. I get to report and anchor the news."

But Carlson, who recently married Casey Close, a baseball agent with International Management Group, says she isn't in Texas just for the work. She wants to become part of the community.

"Every day, I wake up and I try to do the best job I can," she says. "But I also want to be involved in the community. I want to work with kids, talk to them about the importance of education and introduce them to music."

Spoken like a beauty queen.

Gracie Bonds Staples is a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

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DEAR ABBY

Woman in need of medical care saved by a bark

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: When I read the letter about the importance of keeping one's medical information readily available in case of an emergency, I was reminded of an incident that happened to me.

Van Buren

My name is Maxine, and one of my dogs is named Maxwell. We both answer to the name of "Max."

I am a diabetic and have had several kidney stones removed. One night I awoke in terrible pain but was unable to get up and call someone.

Both of my dogs knew something was wrong. My collie went to the front window and barked incessantly, until the neighbor across the street woke up and realized something was wrong because I never let the dogs bark without getting up to see what they are barking at.

My little dog, "Max," climbed up on the bed and licked the cold sweat off my arms.

My neighbor called my daughter and told her something must be wrong because my dog was barking for so long.

My daughter arrived within 15 minutes. She found me unconscious and called an ambulance.

The technician asked her if I was taking any medication and she said yes — that it was on the kitchen counter.

He rushed to the kitchen, grabbed the small bottles, put them in a plastic bag, and away we raced to the hospital.

About a half-hour later, the technician came out with a big grin on his face and told her he didn't think it was her mother's medicine.

The label read: "For Max, for scratching his back and biting his tail."

We have laughed about it ever since, but I now wear a diabetic bracelet with all the information on it.

My doctor told me later I was lucky because the dogs probably saved my life. If I hadn't had immediate attention, I could have died of uremic poisoning.

I learned the hard way to have everything written down, to carry the information in my wallet, and also to post it on the refrigerator. — MAXINE L. VAN TORNHOUT, ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.

DEAR "MAX" and "MAX" (I'm all maxed out here): I'm pleased your story had a happy ending, and that you're still around to pamper and praise your canine heroes.

As amusing as the story is, it's a graphic reminder that medical information should be kept readily available, because the need for it can strike with little or no warning.

DEAR ABBY: I'm confused about the answers to the following questions, and hope you'll supply me with the correct answers.

When a man and woman have become divorced:

1. Are his and her brothers and sisters still his and her brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law?
2. Are his and her parents still his and her mother-in-law and father-in-law?
3. Are his and her parents still their children's grandparents?
4. Are his siblings' children still her nieces and nephews?
5. Are his or her siblings' children still cousins to his or her children?
6. Are his and her brothers and sisters still the divorced man's and woman's children's aunts and uncles? —FRANCES B., RICHMOND, VA.

DEAR FRANCES B.: After divorce, the "in-laws" become "ex" in-laws, but the blood relationships remain.

Therefore, the grandparents are still grandparents, the aunts and uncles are still aunts and uncles, and the children are still cousins.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have been dating for almost a year, but I recently moved 2,000 miles away. We decided to stay together because we really love each other. I know he is the one I want to marry.

The problem is that he says he's going to move here to be with me, but he doesn't know when he will be able to let go of our old hometown.

His mother died almost four years ago and is buried in the town cemetery, and he doesn't know if he can leave her.

What should I do? Should I move back to be with him, or wait it out and see how long it will take him to come here? I am very confused. Please help. — LOST IN ARIZONA

DEAR LOST: Your boyfriend's roots in that town go deeper than his mother. He may be having second thoughts about continuing your relationship. You must decide if he's worth waiting for, or whether you should return home to join him in his graveside vigil.

Everybody has a problem. What's yours? Get it off your chest by writing to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. For a personal reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Abigail Van Buren's column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

Setbacks have to be faced in order to be overcome

By Barbara Meltz
N.Y. Times News Service

In the moments after Ben Flaim opened the oh-so-thin letter from Dartmouth College that told him he had not been accepted, he remembers being hit with a second disappointment.

"The first thing my mom said was, 'Don't worry, it's not the end of the world' ," says Flaim. "To me, it was a big deal, a very big deal, and here she was discounting my feelings."

Flaim is now a very happy junior at Boston University. That he remembers his mother's words three years later highlights a developmental need that often escapes parents: A child who experiences disappointment can't get past it unless she has the chance to face it. Our first job is to acknowledge the loss, not try to cheer her up.

"When you don't validate feelings, you negate them. It comes across as a lack of understanding: 'Mom doesn't get it,' " says developmental psychologist John Dacey of Boston College.

This is true for any age child, for any disappointment, but the advice is especially relevant for parents of high school seniors. With some time yet before college envelopes arrive, Harvard developmental psychologist Janine Bempechat urges parents to set the stage for the possibility of disappointment.

It's not that you need to be a pessimist — "I don't think you're going to get in" — because a child hears that as, "Dad doesn't believe in me.' But, says Bempechat, "You could say, 'This is a great thing to try for, but you'll still be the same great person even if it doesn't work out.' "

THAT REALITY DOSE is as important for parents as children.

"Sometimes the problem for the child isn't her own disappointment, but the parent's," says Karen Levin Coburn, assistant vice chancellor for students at Washington University in St. Louis. She urges parents not to be overly invested in any one college, or for that matter, in anything a child strives for, from private school to a slot on a sports team.

"It's a terrible burden when a child thinks he has failed you," says Coburn. She is author of "Letting Go: A Parent's Guide to Understanding the College Years" (Harper Perennial).

For a teen, rejection from your first choice is more than a horrible disappointment. "He truly thinks his life is ruined," says psychologist Frances K. Grossman of Boston University. Dacey says, "He feels like a nonperson, a nobody."

Our first instinct is to take that pain away and let them know they are still a somebody. That's an important message, but not just yet, says Grossman.

"Starting when they are young, we tend to shield them from disappointment. We distract them, we make something not happen. That's a disservice," says Grossman. "It doesn't give them the coping skills they need for life's daily disappointments."

Begin the training early. "If a 4-year-old isn't invited to a birthday party, instead of saying, 'We'll go skating that day and have a better time than all those kids,' acknowledge that it feels lousy. Help her to sit with the feelings and digest them: 'You're disappointed, aren't you?' "

Even if that's all you say, you have done something important: established credibility. You're saying to your child, "I know how this feels, I understand you."

Unfortunately, many parents are afraid to do this. "They think if they support a child's feelings, she'll think it really is a catastrophe and not get beyond it. But kids don't work that way, according to Dacey; they need to experience the present before they can look to the future. There's also a difference between saying, "Yes, you're right, this is as bad as you think it is," and, "I can understand how you feel."

"It's subtle, but they hear it," Dacey says.

THE MORE you tolerate your child's sadness, the more you enable them to, too. There are pitfalls, though. Empathize but not to the point of taking over the disappointment. "Don't go on and on about how awful you feel," says Coburn. "You rob him of his right to feel badly." If you have a pattern of overreacting, he may not even tell you he's upset. "Your response can be frightening or just plain aggravating," she says.

This doesn't mean you can't be honest. "It's OK to share your disappointment as long as you do it in a way that also shows how you're coping," says Grossman. In the case of a college rejection, for instance, she might say, " 'I was hoping you could go there because it's where I went, so I'm sad. But I'll get over it and help you figure out the next step.' "

The way we handle our disappointments is critical, says Bempechat, who is author of "Against All Odds: How 'At-Risk' Students Exceed Expectations" (Jossey-Bass). "We're helping a child develop a coping repertoire," she says. "Whether we lash out in anger or sit with a cup of tea and talk develops a different mind-set in our children."

Dacey tells parents to be prepared to stay in the empathy mode longer than we expect. "It takes as long as it takes," he says, two hours or two days. "Don't be in a rush." If you have been impatient in the past with a child who you think is too easily crushed by setbacks, this strategy may enable him to move on more quickly.

A good rule of thumb is to wait until he's no longer furious or crying. Crying, Dacey adds, is something parents should encourage, even for boys.

"Tears are literally loaded with adrenaline. The crying expels the excess adrenaline so you can think clearly again," he says. Physical activity helps, too.

Once she's calm, encourage her to talk: "How are you feeling?" "What are you thinking?" "I know you're not ready to talk now, but whenever you are, I'm ready to listen." Be prepared for some pretty strong, even dramatic answers, including from young children: "My life is ruined!" "I'll never have friends!" "I'll never go to college!"

Whatever the feelings, rephrase them without judgment: "You're worried no one likes you, huh?"

The last step is to empower a child by helping him see he has choices still available. "Sometimes this requires a new way of thinking about something," says Dacey, whose newest book, "Understanding Creativity" (Jossey-Bass), covers that subject.

Start with general comments: "OK, let's dust ourselves off and figure out options." Leave it to him to come up with actual solutions, though. "As soon as you say, 'I always liked your safety school better,' he'll discard the idea," says Coburn.

On the other hand, you can float ideas, as long as they are only suggestions: "What about visiting that school again?" The more thoughts on the table, the more in control a child begins to feel. With college, for instance, Coburn says, "Talk through the pros and cons of second vs. third choice so a child feels like she can go someplace else not by default but by choice."

For Ben Flaim, two things helped him almost immediately. After he read his rejection letter, he took the train from his home in Queens, N.Y., back to school in Manhattan to tell his guidance counselor. "The hour alone on the train gave me time to think," he says. Once there, the guidance counselor called Dartmouth to ask what had been his downfall. It was his SATs.

"Having a concrete reason helped," Flaim says.

Dacey endorses calling the school. "Let's say you learn enrollment is up 25 percent this year, as it is at BC, and that in a different year, you might have gotten in. That can take the sting out of rejection and even give you options: Maybe you want to reapply next year," he says.

Within a week after his rejection, Flaim was accepted at BU, his safety school. In hindsight, he says it was the best thing that happened. "At BU, I could major in English and minor in music. I couldn't have done that at Dartmouth," he says.

As good as things have worked out and as supportive as his parents were about BU, there's one thing that nags at Flaim: "I was worried I wouldn't get into any college, I had no idea what would happen to me, and here were my parents being really calm, saying I'd get in somewhere. That took pressure off me so it was helpful, but if they had just said, 'I understand why you're so upset,' that would have made it easier."

DEALING WITH DISAPPOINTMENT

- Nonverbal messages can be very supportive: a pat on the back, a hug, a sympathetic facial expression.
- Don't take it personally if your child gets on the phone with his best friend to talk about his disappointment before he talks to you. Anything that helps him process it is valuable.
- If you have a history of being judgmental or unsympathetic, tell a child of any age: "I know last time you were disappointed I wasn't very supportive. I hope you'll try me again next time; I'm going to try to do better."
- Relate setbacks you experienced as a child. Talk about what happened and how bad you felt, but don't moralize unless your child asks you, "So what did you learn?"
- Whether you agree or disagree with your child's reaction to a setback doesn't matter; the feelings are real to him.

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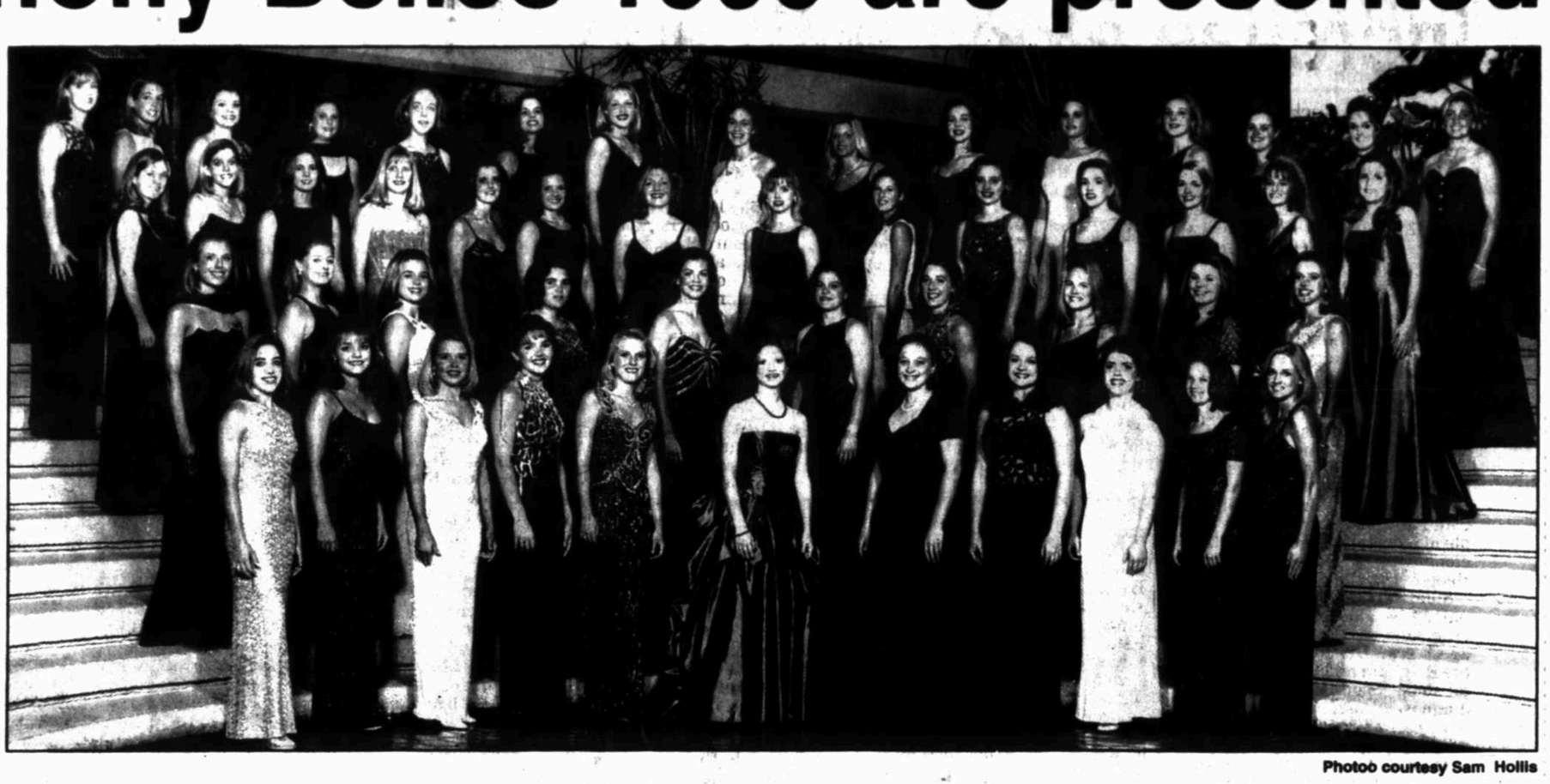

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Senior Belles for 1999 are: (bottom row from left) Jenny Turner, Lindsay Martin, Alison Austin, Dee Frazier; Allison Miller, LaShanda Epting, Sarah Scharbauer, Cassie Coker, Tenille McDonald, Garen Hover and Megan Connell; (second row from bottom, from left) Meredith Henthorn, Christina Sellars, Melanie Robinson, Catherine Faught, Jordan Braun, Emily Boyd, Laura Brinker, Shel Goree, Lara Griffith and Meryl McClung; (third row from bottom, from left) Megan Hawkes, Anna Koch, Laura Rambo, Meredith Simmons, Caroline Coleman, Leslie Macferran, April Brown, Lindsay Cates, Jennifer Hochman, Jenni Crawford, Kimberly Beal, Lauren Henderson, Emily Rucker and Tawney Foy; (top row, from left) Julia Elledge, Stephanie Hofer, Tyra Lindquist, Lyndsi Burr, Kristen Barr, Elizabeth Canon, Toffee Wilson, Katy Kelly, Amy Johnson, Sara Holland, Thais Watson, Clarissa Leonard, Kristen Faudree, Serena Duffin and Lauren Van Stavern.

Staff Reports

Midland-Odessa Symphony and Chorale presented its Senior Belles for 1999 Feb. 19.

This year's Belles are:

■ **Allison Kay Austin,** 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael D. Austin. A four-year academic letterman at Lee High School, she has been a cheerleader for four years, and is a member of Peer Assistance Leadership and Service (PALS). She plans to major in science at Texas A&M University.

■ **Kristen Michelle Barr,** 18, is the daughter of Beverly and Richard Barr. She is a three-year member of the LHS Honor Band, where she plays clarinet, and was a Midland West Rotary Club Student of the Week. She also was selected to the All-State Band. She plans to attend the University of Michigan and major in music performance.

■ **Kimberly Elizabeth Beal,** 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Beal, has won state and district art awards, received the 1998 Lady Top Gun Award and played junior varsity volleyball and basketball for Trinity School. She plans to major in architecture at Texas Tech University.

■ **Amy Doris Bell,** 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bell, is a Texas Qualifier to the 1998 American Quarter Horse Youth Association World Championship Show. She attends Trinity School, where she is a member of the choir and the varsity girls' basketball team. She plans to attend Texas Christian University.

■ **Emily Kathryn Boyd,** 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Crosby Boyd. A student at Midland High School, she is student council secretary and senior Howdy Week queen, and has been listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students for three years. She plans to major in social work at Baylor University.

■ **Jordan Katherine Braun,** 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Braun, is a senior at MHS, where she is senior class secretary, four-year academic letterman and two-year varsity golf letterman. She plans to major in architecture/engineering at the University of Oklahoma, Texas Tech or Texas A&M.

■ **Laura Marie Brinker,** 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Brinker, attends MHS, where she is a two-year varsity cheerleader, member of the National Honor Society and three-year academic letterman. She plans to attend TCU or Texas Tech and major in speech pathology.

■ **April Elizabeth Brown,** 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Brown, is a student at MHS. She is a delegate of the Model Organization of American States, member of the National Honor Society and sports editor of the MHS newspaper. She wants to major in pre-law or psychology at the University of Texas or Texas A&M.

■ **Lyndsi Kaye Burr,** 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Burr, is a four-year letterman in the LHS school band, where she plays clarinet. She also is a Texas Scholar and a member of Drug Free Youth in Texas (D-Fy-It). She plans to major in hospital administration and minor in psychology at Texas Tech.

■ **Elizabeth Ann Canon,** 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Jackson Canon. A student at MHS, she is a three-year academic letterman, member of National Honor Society and debate and mock trial teams, and a varsity golf letterman. She plans to study communications in college.

■ **Lyndsay Beth Cates,** 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cates, attends MHS, where she is a member of the National Honor Society and the yearbook staff, and has earned academic letters. She wants to major in international business and Spanish at Richmond International University in London.

■ **Cassandra Lee Coker,** 17, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Dean A. Watson, attends MHS. An academic letterman and a member of the National Honor Society, she also has been involved with Midland Community Theatre and Pickwick Players for six years (two years as an officer) and toured with the group in Russia, Ireland and New York. She plans to major in theater/dance and marketing at the University of North Texas.

■ **Caroline Virginia Coleman,** 18, daughter of Nancy Doss Coleman and Robert B. Coleman, is a student at MHS. She is a member of Texas Scholars and MHS debate team, and is opinion editor for the school newspaper. She plans to major in public relations.

■ **Megan Lynn Connell,** 18, is the daughter of Max and Noreen Connell. She was 1998 Homecoming Queen at MHS, and a member of student council cabinet. She also was named 1998 Downtown Lion's Club Queen. She plans to major in dietetics at TCU.

■ **Jennifer Elise Crawford,** 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Alexander (Rusty) Crawford III. A student at Midland Christian High School, she is varsity volleyball co-captain, member of the National Honor Society and a four-year academic letterman. She was chosen First Team on the All-State Volleyball Team, First Team All-District. She plans to major in education and speech pathology at Abilene Christian University.

■ **Serena Machelle Duffin,** 17, is the daughter of Sonia Duffin and Michael Duffin. She attends Trinity School, and has been listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students, is active in Big Brothers/Big Sisters and is on the youth advisory council. She plans to attend the University of San Diego and major in pre-law.

■ **Julia Kristen Elledge,** 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wayne Elledge, is a student at LHS, where she is a member of the National Honor Society, a Texas Scholar and a three-year academic letterman. She plans to attend UT and major in elementary education for the emotionally disturbed.

■ **LaShanda Dawn Epting,** 19, daughter of Dwain and Jan Epting, is a student at LHS. She is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students, is a four-year member of D-Fy-It and served on the D-Fy-It board for two years. She plans to attend Texas Tech and major in interior design.

■ **Kristen Jane Faudree,** 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Faudree and a student at Trinity School. She is a member of National Spanish Honor Society, was a foreign exchange student to Spain her junior year, and is vice-president of the Trinity Spanish Club. She plans to major in international relations and Spanish.

■ **Catherine Elaine Faught,** 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse A. Faught Jr., is a student at MHS, where she is a Texas Scholar and has been listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students for two years. She has had 16 years of studio dance instruction, with nine years of national competition. She plans to attend Texas A&M or Texas Tech and major in medicine or advertising.

■ **Courtney Lynn Feavel,** 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David L. Feavel. A student at LHS, she is a four-year member of National Honor Society, a three-year member of the golf team and a four-year academic letterman. She plans to attend Texas A&M.

■ **Tawney Constance Foy,** 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Foy and a student at MHS, is a two-year basketball letterman, a member of PALS and has been listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students for two years. She plans to major in business administration at UT.

■ **April DeeLynn Frazier,** 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Greg D. Frazier. A student at LHS, she is president of student council, a two-year letterman on the varsity girls' basketball team and a 1998 Homecoming Court Duchess. She plans to attend Texas Tech and major in elementary education.

■ **Shel Goree,** 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Goree. She attends MHS, where she is a member of National Honor Society, listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students and editor of the MHS newspaper. She plans to major in child psychology or advertising at Texas A&M or the University of Mississippi.

■ **Lara Jane Griffith,** 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Riley, is president of student council at MHS, and has received the Principal's Leadership Award. She is a Big Sister with Big Brothers/Big Sisters. She wants to major in communications at South West Texas University.

■ **Megan Moores Hawkes,** 18, is the daughter of Mary Helen Phillips and Tom Hawkes. A student at MHS, she is a member of National Honor Society, listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students and an All-American Scholar. She plans to major in business and Spanish at UT.

■ **Lauren Lisabeth Henderson,** 17, is the daughter of Ron and Rosemary Henderson. She is a student council representative at MHS, is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students and is a volunteer for Casa de Amigos. She plans to attend UT or TCU and major in fashion merchandising.

■ **Meredith Allyson Henthorn,** 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Henthorn and a student at LHS, where she is a member of student council cabinet, a three-year member of Dixie Dolls where she also serves as secretary, and a Texas Scholar. She plans to attend TCU or Texas Tech and major in fashion merchandising.

■ **Jennifer Michelle Hochman,** 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hochman, has been a varsity cheerleader at MHS for two years, as well as varsity cheerleader corresponding captain and Midland Morning Lions Club Sweetheart. She wants to major in communications at UT or Texas A&M.

■ **Stephanie Hofer,** 18, is the daughter of Steve and Janie Hofer and a student at LHS, where she is a member of National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society and two-year captain of the varsity tennis team. She plans to attend Baylor or the University of California at Los Angeles and major in psychology.

■ **Sara Michele Holland,** 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Holland, is treasurer of National Honor Society at MHS. She is recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution Citizen Award and a member of the North A and Tennessee Church of Christ. She wants to major in meteorology at Texas A&M.

■ **Thressa Garen Hover,** 17, is the daughter of Anne and George Hover. A three-year member of Honor Council at Trinity School, she is a prefect and a National Merit Commended Scholar. She wants to attend the University of Notre Dame, Wake Forest or the University of the South.

■ **Amy Lee Johnson,** 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vince Johnson. She is a member of the student council cabinet at MHS, a member of PALS and was chosen Lions Club Ambassador and Student of the Week. She plans to major in business and marketing at the University of Alabama.

■ **Kathryn Elizabeth Kelly,** 18, is the daughter of Jane Ann Kelly and Tom Kelly. She has been president of her junior and senior classes at MHS, is a three-year member of National Honor Society and a two-year member of the MHS Homecoming Court. She wants to major in public relations at Baylor.

■ **Anna Layne Koch,** 17, is the daughter of David and Barbara Koch. She attends MHS, where she is a Texas Scholar, member of student council cabinet, and is active in Young Life and Teen Community Bible Study. She plans to attend TCU or Texas Tech and major in public relations.

■ **Clarissa Anne Leonard,** 17, is the daughter of Margaret Leonard and Guy Leonard. She is a four-year academic letterman at MHS, a member of the National Honor Society and is co-captain of the varsity basketball team. She plans to major in pre-med at UT.

■ **Tyra Marie Lindquist,** 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry S. Lindquist and a student at LHS. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society and was a Midland Morning Lions Club Student of the Week and Midland Morning Lions Club Princess. She plans to major in biochemistry and optometry at Texas A&M or Baylor.

■ **Leslie Claire Macferran,** 17, is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Macferran Jr. She is a member of student council cabinet at MHS, and was representative to the student council state convention. She is a member of Spirit Wind choir of Northwest Texas and is a four-year academic letterman. She wants to major in biology at Texas A&M.

■ **Lindsay Kay Martin,** 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Martin. A student at MHS, she is captain of varsity cheerleaders, is ranked in the top 1 percent of her class and is an all-honors student, and is 1999 Miss Teen of America. She plans to attend UT's honors program and pursue a career in politics.

■ **Alexis Rae McCallum,** 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin H. McCallum, is a four-year academic letterman at MHS, where she also is a three-year varsity soccer letterman. She is a peer minister at St. Ann's Catholic Church, and plans to attend the University of Dallas and major in pre-med.

■ **Meryl Banae McClung,** 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neill McClung, is a three-year member of the MHS varsity tennis team, member of National Honor Society and a National English Merit Award winner. She plans to attend UT or Texas Tech and major in pre-law.

■ **Tenille Markay McDonald,** 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry McDonald. She was 1998-99 Homecoming Queen at Midland Christian School, and is a member of National Honor Society and Golf Course Road Church of Christ Youth Group. She plans to attend ACU.

■ **Allison Nicole Miller,** 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Miller. A cheerleader at LHS, she is a member of National Honor Society, a Texas Scholar, board member for D-Fy-It and member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She plans to major in nursing and physical training at UT or Stephen F. Austin University.

■ **Laura Ann Rambo,** 18, daughter of Dennis and Jane Rambo, is a student at MHS, where she is a member of National Honor Society, listed four years in Who's Who Among American High School Students and received the Outstanding Student award for piano. She has taken piano lessons for 12 years. She plans to attend Texas A&M and major in civil engineering.

■ **Melanie Denise Robinson,** 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Robinson, attends LHS, where she is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students, is a three-year member of Dixie Dolls drill team and a Texas Scholar. She plans to major in nursing at Texas Tech or Texas A&M.

■ **Emily Bennett Rucker,** 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Hurta. She is active in Young Life and the youth group of First Baptist Church. She is a student at MHS, where she is a member of the newspaper and yearbook staff. She plans to attend Southwest Texas University or Texas Tech and major in public relations.

■ **Sarah Anne Scharbauer,** 17, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Scharbauer. A student at MHS, she is a member of National Honor Society, editor of the yearbook and a varsity cheerleader. She plans to major in psychology at TCU or Southern Methodist University.

■ **Christina Renee Sellars,** 17, is the daughter of Lynn Boyd and Donald Mack Sellars. She is an officer in the LHS orchestra and a member of StrictLee Strings, executive director of student council and an All-American Scholar. She wants to major in marine biology at Texas A&M University at Corpus Christi.

■ **Meredith Lee Simmons,** 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Simmons, attends LHS, where she is a National Merit Commended Scholar, three-year letterman of the varsity swim team and secretary of the National Honor Society. She plans to attend Texas Tech, Southwestern University or Trinity University and major in engineering or business.

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Sleeping problems can increase along with age

By Richard A. Knox
N.Y. Times News Service

Like most people with his condition, Frank Tosti, who is 67, had no idea why he constantly felt so logey that he was in danger of dozing off in the middle of a business conversation.

But when he drifted onto the highway median strip at 65 miles per hour one day, Tosti's wife insisted he get help. Two nights in a sleep laboratory revealed the problem.

"They found out I was waking up 53 times an hour, although I didn't know it," he recalls. "That didn't leave me much time for sleep."

Tosti's problem is sleep apnea — momentary cessation of breathing while asleep. It's among the most common reasons why many people of a certain age discover they can no longer take a good night's sleep for granted.

Sleep disorders are rampant among the elderly. "All sleep disorders increase in prevalence with age," says Dr. John Winkelman, the Brigham and Women's Hospital sleep specialist in Boston who diagnosed Tosti's problem. More than half of people over 65 have persistent trouble sleeping, a proportion that rises to two of every three in nursing homes, according to a National Institutes of Health report on the problem.

A report to Congress last year by the National Center on Sleep Disorders Research decried an "epidemic of more than 40 million undiagnosed and untreated, or misdiagnosed and mistreated, chronically ill sleep-disorders victims."

BUT IT'S NOT just "disorders" that are to blame. Researchers have found that normal, healthy elders with no identifiable disorders sleep less, wake earlier, have more nocturnal wakefulness, and spend less time in deep sleep than younger adults.

"We've found some fascinating changes in older people," says Dr. Charles A. Czeisler, director of the Circadian, Neuroendocrine and Sleep Disorders Section at Brigham and Women's. "As we get older, the range of times in which we can sleep soundly is much narrower. That's probably why older shift workers have so much more difficulty sleeping during the daytime."

Dr. Sanford H. Auerbach, director of the sleep disorders center at Boston Medical Center, notes that these changes often arise in middle age. "As we age, we become more intolerant of sleep deprivation. The whole sleep system is a little more delicate," Auerbach says.

In addition, starting in middle age, "people can't sleep late any more. Their clock just won't allow it," he says. "So if they want to catch up on their sleep, they have to go to bed earlier."

The good news is that some of the most common sleep disorders can be successfully treated — but only if they are recognized and properly diagnosed. Unfortunately, specialists say, many physicians don't know much about sleep problems.

"The diagnosis and treatment of sleep disorders in primary-care medicine today is essentially zero," the National Center on Sleep Disorders Research said in its report. Winkelman notes that medical schools devote an average of only one hour in their four-year curricula to the subject.

Moreover, many people think nothing can be done about their their difficulty getting to sleep, their poor-quality sleep, or their too-early awakening. "People think it's just part of growing old," Auerbach says. "Patients don't even complain to their primary care physicians sometimes, thinking there's nothing that can help them." Or they make matters worse by practicing poor sleep habits or resorting to over-the-counter nostrums that give rise to other problems.

DOCTORS' SUCCESSES in treating sleep apnea and another leading cause of sleeplessness, called "restless legs syndrome," are antidotes to despair.

Sleep apnea, which afflicts more men than women, can interrupt sleep hundreds of times a night because breathing is blocked by narrowing or collapse of the air passages at the back of the throat. A rapid buildup of carbon dioxide in the blood sets off alarms in the brain so conscious breathing can take over. Like Tosti, most apnea victims don't remember waking, because it takes three to five minutes of wakefulness to establish a lasting memory.

The problem ceased when Tosti began a nightly treatment called CPAP, for "continuous positive air pressure." At bedtime, the Taunton man puts on a plastic mask attached to a device that gently forces air into his nose, keeping his airways open. It has made all the difference.

"I sleep a solid six hours a night and wake up bright-eyed and bushy-tailed," the real estate broker says.

Melvin Clifford, a 61-year-old retired school guidance counselor, is another CPAP success story. "I feel invigorated in the morning now," Clifford says, "whereas before I'd drag myself through the day."

Not every sleep apnea sufferer needs CPAP. Some can be helped by weight loss, avoidance of alcohol within six hours of bedtime, or even such expedients as sewing a tennis ball into the back of their pajama tops to prevent them from sleeping on their backs.

Another man, 65-year-old Edmund Teixeira, a retired school principal and coach, had a double dose of sleeping trouble. In addition to sleep apnea, Teixeira had a severe case of restless legs syndrome, or RLS — an irresistable urge to move the legs during the night that makes sleep impossible. In addition to the restless movement, patients often describe the syndrome with words like achy, crampy, creepy-crawly, worms crawling under my skin, and heebie-jeebies.

The cause of RLS is probably in the nervous system, but beyond that no one knows if it originates in the lower brain, the spinal cord, or the peripheral nerves in the legs. Whatever the cause, Teixeira and other victims testify that it's a maddening malady that can ruin everyday life.

"For a period of 18 months, it was a nightmare," he says. "My legs would start bouncing like mad. I could not go to sleep. People said, 'You're retired, you can sleep late.' But I'm a diabetic, I need physical activity. I need to get up and play golf with friends. It gets to the point where you'd do anything to get to sleep."

TEIXEIRA'S PROBLEM was tamed, as many patients' are, with low doses of l-dopa (Sinemet) and pramipexole (Mirapex), drugs designed for people with Parkinson's disease, another movement disorder that is thought to have nothing to do with RLS. For individuals in whom those drugs don't work, doctors sometimes prescribe benzodiazepine sedatives, opioids such as codeine, or anticonvulsants such as gabapentin (Neurontin).

With faithful use of his CPAP face mask for apnea and medication for his restless legs, Teixeira says, "I feel that I've turned the corner. Lately I've been sleeping right through the night."

Patients like Teixeira, Clifford, and Tosti are relatively easy cases, the kind about which Winkelman says, "You get to feel good about yourself as a doctor because usually you can produce tremendous relief for people."

Other victims of sleeplessness pose more challenges, but that doesn't mean they can't be helped.

For instance, about one-third of chronic insomnia is rooted in depressive mood disorders that can range in severity from mild to severe, and affect women more often than men. Antidepressants can often improve their sleep, specialists say.

Menopause often gives rise to sleep problems in women. Winkelman recently saw a 60-year-old woman who has not slept normally since she underwent menopause a decade ago. "No one knows why this occurs," he says. "Somehow estrogen is related to a number of functions — mood, memory, sleep, and so on. We're investigating menopause-related sleep disturbance and how much hormone replacement helps or does not help sleep problems."

A broad array of age-related medical problems can also wreck sleep: arthritis and other painful conditions; prostate enlargment; heart and lung disease that can cause shortness of breath; the "heartburn" caused when stomach acid leaks into the esophagus or food tube; Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

Unfortunately, the medications to treat these and other problems can themselves interfere with sleep — a factor to which doctors and patients should be alert whenever sleep is an issue.

Obviously, some sleep problems are more amenable to treatment than others, depending on the underlying cause. But almost always, careful dissection of the problem can lead to helpful treatment, specialists say.

"You've got to make a diagnosis of sleep disorders," Winkelman says. "Unfortunately, many physicians will just tell people, 'Oh, drink a glass of wine,' or 'Take a hot bath,' or 'Here's a sleeping pill'."

And often, of course, the sleep deprived will go to the drugstore and buy one or more over-the-counter sleep aids. Bad idea, sleep specialists say. They usually contain antihistamines such as benadryl, which can cause or aggravate constipation, urinary retention, tachycardia (a racing heart beat) and confusion.

As for alcohol, another favorite sleep aid, its short sedative effect wears off in a few hours, leaving users stranded on the shores of sleeplessness — and it's a diuretic to boot, requiring noctural trips to the bathroom.

Prescription sleeping pills, or "hypnotics" as they're called, can be useful for short periods when unusual stress or bereavement is an issue. But better for the long run, doctors say, are antidepressants in carefully modulated doses. Doctors prescribe well-tested drugs such as trazodone (Desyrel), amitriptyline (Elavil), and doxepin (Sinequan) for their mildly sedating, rather than their antidepressant, effects. And unlike other sedatives, they don't pose the risk of addiction.

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Sleep problems can be helped

N.Y. Times News Service

Anyone battling a sleep problem — but especially elders — should begin by practicing good "sleep hygiene."

"This has nothing to do with flossing your teeth, but with habits and behaviors that prepare you for sleep and facilitate optimal sleep quality," says Dr. John Winkelman of Brigham and Women's Hospital.

These habits may sound obvious, but sufferers dismiss them at their peril. They include:

Regular bedtime. Recent science backs up your mother. Elders are less flexible about shifting schedules, and their inner clocks are set about an hour earlier than young adults', predisposing them to awaken earlier than they may want to.

Many make matters worse, says sleep researcher Charles A. Czeisler, by exposing themselves to light in the early morning, which resets their circadian clocks to an earlier hour. Those who want to sleep later, he says, should "avoid early-morning light exposure and increase exposure to light in the evening."

Be careful with caffeine and alcohol. Caffeine after noon and alcohol within six hours of bedtime are "two major culprits" in sleeplessness, says Dr. Sanford Auerbach of Boston Medical Center. "Caffeine can be a much bigger issue in the elderly." Limiting liquid intake in the evening will also reduce the chance that a full bladder will disrupt sleep.

Follow the Goldilocks rule. Be sure everything is just right: Not too hot, not too cold; not too firm, not too soft; not too bright, or noisy either. And reserve the bedroom for sleeping or sex.

If you can't sleep, don't fret in bed. "If you're not sleepy, you shouldn't be in bed," Winkelman advises. "If you're not asleep after 20 or 30 minutes, you should get up and do something distracting. After that, anxiety and clock-watching is only going to increase."

Where to learn more:

- American Sleep Disorders Association, 1610 14th Street NW, Suite 300, Rochester, Minn. 55901. Website: http://www.asda.org
- American Sleep Apnea Association, 2025 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Suite 905, Washington, D.C. 20006. Telephone: 202-293-3650. Website: http://www.sleepapnea.org
- Restless Legs Syndrome Foundation, P.O. Box 7050, Department CP, Rochester, Minn. 55903-7050. Website: http://www.rls.org

Azira, designer for BCBG, 'gets act together'

By A. Scott Walton
N.Y. Times News Service

Max Azria designs like a man fighting for respect. If his next cold weather collection for BCBG doesn't win it for him, nothing will.

Customers might notice that BCBG keeps rising in price, but that's principally because Azria's designs are becoming increasingly complex, luxurious, intelligent and desirable.

Though bulky, his hand-knit sweaters and sweater dresses accentuate the physique.

Though militaristic in style, his suits made the runway-weary models look dainty and sweet.

Though disparate, colors like cream and green and blue look unified thanks to Azria's deft hand.

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Young at heart

Older couple proves that romance has no age limit

By Steve Carney
N.Y. Times News Service

LOS ANGELES — Whenever they're together, their hands instinctively, unconsciously reach for each other.

Their eyes flash when they talk about the spark at their first meeting, 20 months ago. And they've been inseparable ever since.

Imagine what this giddy couple will be like in another year or so — say, when he's 90 and she's 87.

"We sleep together. I love the idea of him holding me in his arms, and loving me," Florence Alexander said of her gentleman friend, Sam Rothman.

"We needed each other," he added. "I thank God for sending me a companion."

The two met after they lost their spouses and each moved into the Jewish Home for the Aging in the L.A. suburb of Reseda. The center is the largest residential care facility for the elderly in the West.

Rothman and Alexander are proof that puppy love isn't just for pups, contrary to the assumptions of people half their age. Or a quarter their age. And older Americans are showing that passionate glances aren't dimmed by fading eyesight, and minor aches and pains are no obstacle to romantic embraces.

A recent survey by the National Council on the Aging revealed that nearly half of all Americans 60 or older have sex at least once a month, and the figure is 80 percent among those with partners — whether married or involved in another relationship.

"It is as though we don't think our parents ever had sex," said Dr. Robert Butler of the International Longevity Center in New York. "In the minds of so many people, old age and sickness go together, which is unfortunate."

THE SURVEY, published in September, showed that 30 percent of seniors with partners said sex is as physically satisfying as it was in their 40s, while 31 percent said it's even more satisfying now.

And 39 percent of all seniors said they want sex more often than they're getting it.

"No matter how old you are, or where you are in your life, you need companionship," said Valica Boudry, a spokeswoman at the home for seniors. "The sort of stance we take on it is if people have interest in it, as long as they're cognitively alert and aren't being taken advantage of, it isn't any of our business. They're adults. They're adults and this is their home."

Though they maintain their own rooms and respect each other's space, Rothman and Alexander share every meal, spend evenings watching movies and often take trips together.

"When we go to Las Vegas, I tell them I need a room for me and my girlfriend," Rothman said. So they get a standard room, with two double beds.

"We don't use (both) beds," Alexander cut in.

But the couple also stressed they have no interest in marriage.

"What would marriage do for us that we don't have now," except cut into Social Security benefits? Rothman asked.

"We are committed emotionally," Alexander said. "Can a piece of paper make it any different how you feel?"

"Yes, at this stage of the game ... Wait, can you get pregnant?" Rothman asked, shooting a glance at her.

"I'll try," she said, smiling.

Rothman, a former newspaper typesetter, now must wear a hearing aid after 60 years of working around deafening printing presses from Miami to Los Angeles.

Visitors must shout to make themselves understood. But when Alexander speaks to him in a normal tone, every word gets through.

"When he sees me somewhere, he always comes over — no matter who is around — and kisses me right on the mouth. I love it," Alexander said.

"I'm grateful I have a fine woman like that," Rothman said.

"Thank you, baby," she said, gazing at her octogenarian beau, impeccably dressed in his French blue shirt, pale gray suit, and complementary tie and suspenders.

Born in Warsaw, Poland, Rothman came to the United States at age 13 and moved to Detroit. The only family he has left are Alexander's children and in-laws, who have adopted him.

"I'm so lucky to have found a companion, a lover, a family," said Rothman, who gives a prayer of thanks for Alexander every night before bed.

"The biggest disease in this world is loneliness," he said. "If you're lucky enough to meet someone — to talk to, to watch television with — God bless you."

"We're not lonely, because we have one another," added Alexander, a lifelong kindergarten teacher who moved to Los Angeles from Detroit in 1935. She and Rothman never met there.

But she calls their meeting in Reseda "ba-sheret," a Hebrew term for "God meant it to be."

"I feel very blessed and happy that I have someone who cares about me a lot," she said. "We make a great couple."

OLDER PEOPLE — women especially — often have a hard time finding an opposite-sex companion.

At age 65, there are about 150 women for every 100 men, according to Butler of the International Longevity Center. And because women live longer, and men seek younger women, "it's a double-whammy."

"They do have to be aggressive when they want to find someone," he said, and mentioned "the casserole brigade" — the onslaught of women who bring food to comfort and socialize with recently widowed older men they know.

Dr. Loren G. Lispon, chief of the University of Southern California's division of geriatric medicine, said he's "seen situations in retirement housing where some of the older men are hounded to death, almost, by women."

ONE OF THE MAIN obstacles to relationships among seniors is the memory of a dead spouse.

"It's hard psychologically — are you being disloyal to your mate? You have to overcome that," Lispon said. And sometimes the guilt or suspicion about a relationship comes from children who ask "Is she after his money, is he after her money, what is this all about? — When it's probably much more innocent, about companionship and affection."

Rothman and Alexander were not looking for a companion when they came to the Jewish Home's Eisenberg Village campus.

Rothman had cared for his wife, Sally, for years after Alzheimer's disease made him a stranger to her. When she died March 16, 1997, he moved from their house in Sherman Oaks to the seniors home.

"God sent me here. Otherwise I'd have been all alone in the world, in a seven-room house with a bunch of fruit trees," he said.

But when he arrived, "I was very lonely, depressed. I never met anybody here that interested me. "I used to go to my room and sit in my rocker all day long," gazing at a picture of Sally he kept above the television.

"I used to look at it and I'd start crying," he said. "I stayed in my room crying practically every day. I couldn't eat, I lost weight."

After three months of that, he spotted Florence Alexander in the dining room.

Of course he remembers the date: June 23, 1997.

Already widowed once at age 37, Alexander lost her second husband, Norman, about 10 years ago. It was her first day at Eisenberg Village.

"I just sat down," she said. "Our eyes met and he moved over, and we've been friends and lovers ever since."

"When we first met, it was just a friendly situation," Rothman said. "Then we got closer and closer."

And when did they fall in love?

"You don't realize it," Rothman said. "It just grows and grows. It's just something that happens over time."

"We're very, very fortunate to have found each other," she said.

Once seniors do hook up, they face other challenges to courtship and sex.

Arthritis and other infirmities common to old age can can cause difficulties, not to mention erectile impotency or lubrication problems. But the Aging Council survey showed that 63 percent of sexually active seniors were able to perform consistently.

Yet when they do occur, such obstacles to intercourse don't necessarily deter intimacy.

James E. Birren, director of the Anna and Harry Borun Center for Gerontological Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles, said some married couples get closer as they age, even if they're less sexually active. They may spend more time together, talk more and engage in other activities more often.

"THEY ARE MUCH closer as a couple, but the physical aspect of sex has dropped off," he said. "Some of these people are more content with their later life, but it no longer has to involve sex. Young people may have physical sex, but it may not be intimate sex."

"In your youth, it's sex that draws you," Rothman said. "At this stage of the game, it's a different kind of love entirely. It's not just looking for sex. You look more for companionship. It brings you closer together and you become like one."

Lispon, of USC, said an older person starting a relationship after 10 years alone "acts no differently than a teenybopper in her first relationship. Our bodies may be decaying, but our spirit remains the same."

When asked about what attracted them to each other, Rothman and Alexander mention reasons ranging from their loneliness after losing their spouses to the undefinable "chemical attraction" they said they felt when they first laid eyes on each other.

"I think he's nice looking. He dresses beautifully. He's very affectionate. I love when he hugs me and when he kisses me," Alexander said. "I'm 86 years old, and I love being cuddled and held and kissed. Who doesn't?

"Sam is so ... Sam," she said, turning to stroke his hand and gaze at him like a schoolgirl. "I love you."

"Well, thanks! That goes double for me."

Johnson's style shows attract celebrities

By A. Scott Walton
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — Credit Betsey Johnson for this: attracting more celebrities to her fall/winter runway show than any other designer has so far this Fashion Week. In the crushing crowd Johnson gathered at a cavernous Mercedes-Benz dealership, the notables included: Aerosmith front man Steven Tyler, his bride and three of his daughters; Blondie lead singer Debbie Harry; Jurassic rocker Lou Reed; comedic actor Damon Wayans; and "The Practice" star Dylan McDermott.

As for Johnson's clothes? Credit denied. If there's a market for the depressed, disheveled and disturbed looks she sent down the runway, those shoppers should seek counseling. In her press notes, Johnson said she designed with a mythical "Seven Sisters" in mind, and she divided her show accordingly. Austerity, morbidity, infancy, lasciviousness, homelessness, feminism and ego were the themes. Perhaps reining in the excessive angst of her fall/winter collection in time for the retail season should be Johnson's assignment.

Blass out to pasture? Will 2000 be the year that Bill Blass calls it quits? The designer hinted in the affirmative in a report in Women's Wear Daily.

Blass, who suffered a mild stroke in September, has enjoyed a career that's lasted more than half a century. At 76, Blass said, "I'm not sure I find fashion as stimulating as I once did."

The sole owner of his company, which caters mainly to rich, mature women, Blass said he would "sell it" if he follows through with tentative plans to bow out of the business next year.

Rhonda Sargent

Ladies Association meeting is planned

Staff Reports

Midland Country Club Ladies Association will meet Feb. 26 at the club. Social time will be 11:15 a.m. with luncheon to follow at 11:45 a.m.

Rhonda Sargent, a speaker on fashion, modeling and self-improvements from the Kim Dawson Agency, will present a program on "Fashion '99 Forecast and Trends."

Ms. Sargent has performed on television broadcasts, and in commercials and industrials.

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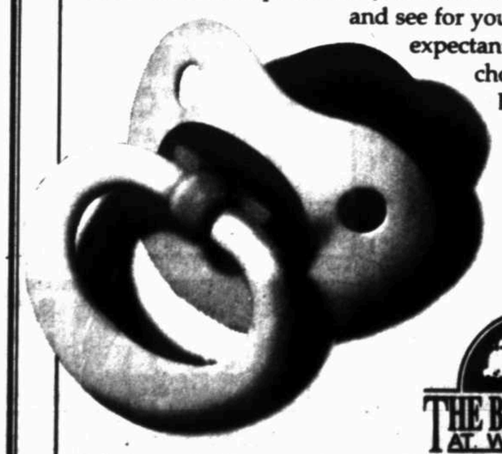

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Club News

YUCCA GARDEN CLUB

Yucca Garden Club met in the home of Virginia Gilbert. Jean Shows presided; 15 members attended. Mary Crosby gave the treasurer's report. Anna McMann gave a committee report. Mrs. Gilbert reported on the Woman's Club. Mickey Hewitt read correspondence.

Virginia Manusos welcomed Andra Chamberlin, Master Gardener, who gave a program on butterfly gardening. Hostesses were Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Crosby and Mrs. Billye Neuhardt.

EN AMIE REVIEW CLUB

En Amie Review Club met for luncheon and program at Green Tree Country Club. Jane George gave a musical program on "As Time Goes By." Eva Dean Bennett is a new member.

Guests were Carmen Martin, Patty Galbraith and Claudette Bowman. Hostesses were Sally Whitely, chairman; Charlene Michaelson, Martha Burkett, Mary Chauncey and Betty Simpson.

ALTRUSA

Altrusa International Inc. of Midland met at First United Methodist Church with Francine Weaver presiding. Carol Kullman led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Altrusa Collect.

New officers elected were Mary Gillam, president; Dovie St. Peters, vice president; JoAnn Posada, second vice president; Ruth Price, secretary; Robin Reynolds, treasurer; Thelma Gardner and Lois Carter, directors for 1999; and Betty McMullan, Ruth Davis and Ms. Kullman, directors for 2000. Woman of the Year banquet and Great American Clean Up were discussed.

PRECEPTOR ETA UPSILON CHAPTER, BSP

Preceptor Eta Upsilon chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Peggy Brown, with Beverly Acker presiding. Genell Emerson and Dovie St. Peters gave reports. Peggy Brown discussed plans to entertain another chapter. Virginia Earhart gave the treasurer's report. Donna Snyder reported on the Valentine Dance. Thank-you note from Cel Wiginton, chapter Sweetheart, was read.

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Winter ending; Can flower shows be far behind?

By Jerry Morris
N.Y. Times News Service

Sure signs of spring are the many flower shows blossoming around the country. And two of the best shows, the largest and the oldest, are in Boston and Philadelphia, respectively. It's time to sow your travel plans to greet spring.

The New England Spring Flower Show in Boston is the third largest in the world and will have a theme of Artistry in the Garden with 40 landscaped gardens on display. The show at the Bayside Expo Center, March 13 to 21, also will feature a number of special events and presentations. For information on the 128th gardening showcase, call 617-536-9280. Among displays will be one with favorite scenes from the classic children's stories by Beatrix Potter of "Peter Rabbit and Friends"; another, a "living" room of furnishings made from living plant material, will have some technological surprises; and a third display will be an "inspirational garden" that might have inspired composers of 19th-century music.

Call the Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau (888-SEE BOSTON) for information on hotel packages to the show. Adult tickets are $16 weekends, $14 weekdays, with discounted weekday tickets available at Stop & Shop.

The Philadelphia Flower Show, March 7-14, is the largest single destination event in the city. The Philadelphia show, the largest in the world, is almost twice the size of the Boston show, its theme will be "Design on Nature ... The Art of Gardening," recognizing the idealized natural visions of 19th-century American Romantics. It will be held at the Pennsylvania Convention Center and also will feature special presentations, Tea Time, and even a gardener's playstation.

Among displays will be 12 "micro" gardens, and four settings inspired by the formal gardens of the National Trust for Historic Preservation — one of the gardens captures the elaborate magnificence of the Kykuit gardens at the Rockefeller Mansion along the Hudson River.

Since Philadelphia's show is downtown, visitors can receive free same day reentry, allowing them to explore the city, then return to the show. The show is $18 weekends, $16 weekdays. The city goes all out for Flower Show Week and offers a free Bouquet Book filled with discounts and special events (available at the show or by calling 215-988-8899). For information on hotel packages that include show tickets, call 800-380-4683.

Both shows feature extensive displays of products and plants to purchase. For out-of-town visitors to these shows, when calling for hotel packages ask about any discounted transportation deals. American Airlines has a $99 companion fare from anywhere in the continental United States.

GARDEN WEEK

America's largest open house, Historic Garden Week in Virginia, will be April 17-24. The 66th annual garden week is the oldest and largest statewide house and garden tour event in the nation. Three dozen separate tours are scheduled on various days during the week from the commonwealth's Atlantic shoreline to its highlands.

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FLOWERING IDEAS

Visitors will have the rare opportunity to view the interiors and gardens of some of America's most beautiful private residences during the 52d annual Festival of Houses and Gardens, March 18-April 17, in Charleston, S.C. More than 150 homes and gardens are included, and there will be 11 neighborhood tours (each offered twice). Since tickets are limited and many tours sell out before the day of the event, advance reservations are encouraged. Tickets are $35 per event and can be obtained by calling 843-722-3405.

New Bern, N.C., will have its annual Historic Homes and Gardens Tour on April 9-10. The Hats Off to Spring tour includes 14 homes, two gardens, and 11 churches.

A Friday evening walking tour with architectural specialists will point out landmarks such as the 1895 City Hall and the birthplace of Pepsi-Cola. Tickets for the homes tour are $13.50 in advance, $15 on the days of the tours. For tickets, write to Historic Homes Tour, PO Box 207, New Bern, NC 28563. For information, call 252-638-8558.

Knoxville, Tenn., will hold its annual Dogwood Arts Festival, April 9-25. The festival, which draws some 350,000 people to East Tennessee each spring, features more than 100 public and private gardens open for viewing and 60 miles of blooming Dogwood Trails. For information on the festival, call 800-DOGWOOD or 423-637-4561. For package tours, call 888-400-8955.

Another dazzling display of flowers can be seen during the annual Daffodil Festival on Nantucket. This year's festival is April 23-25 and features more than 3 million yellow, orange, white, and pale pink daffodils along the roadsides, in gardens, and in window boxes.

An annual feature is the antique- and classic-car parade that features blossom-bedecked vehicles. Since rooms are limited on the island, advance reservations are recommended.

Call the Visitors Service for information at 508-228-0925. For an official guide to Nantucket, call 508-228-1700. Nantucket is now served by two high-speed ferries, cutting the trip down from 2-1/2 hours to about an hour (call the Hy-Line at 508-778-2600 or the Steamship Authority at 508-771-4000).

Also in Massachusetts, the town of Brewster on Cape Cod will hold its annual Brewster in Bloom festival on April 29-May 2, featuring a crafts fair and daffodil parade.

Old Sturbridge Village, the 1830s New England village, will hold a Garden Planning Symposium on March 6, focusing on heirloom varieties and 19th-century garden styles. Garden Planning Workshops are set for March 7. For information, call 508-347-3362.

Another place to head for garden planning workshops is the Disney Institute at Walt Disney World in Florida. "We're going a step further to appeal to not only the garden hobbyist but the serious gardener as well," said Kristin Ptegas, program manager for the institute's gardening classes. For information, call 800-496-6337.

GARDEN TOURS

The Secret and Spectacular Gardens of Holland is a May 3-11 tour from the Horticultural Society of New York. All participants in the tour, which includes an insider's look at the world's largest flower auction, receive membership in the Dutch Garden Society. For information, call 800-595-CITY.

The gardens of England, including a visit to the famed Chelsea Flower Show, are featured in a 10-day tour leaving May 18 from Lucas & Randall. For information, call 800-505-2505

The Massachusetts Horticultural Society is offering tours to Historic Garden Week in Virginia, April 17-22, and the Hampton Court Flower Show and Royal Gardens in London, July 4-14. For information, call the society at 617-536-9280, ext. 223.

The Connecticut State Museum of Natural History is sponsoring a guided Wildflower Hiking tour in the Alps July 11-19, the Historic Gardens of Virginia April 29-May 6, and a tour to catch the solar eclipse in Turkey, Aug. 6-18. For information on these tours, call 860-486-4460.

GARDEN ART

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From Botany to Bouquets: Flowers in Northern Art offers 61 works by some of the greatest still-life artists of the 16th and 17th centuries. These Dutch and Flemish flower paintings, watercolors, manuscripts, and books are on view at the National Gallery of Art's West Building Dutch Cabinet Galleries in Washington through May 31. For information, call 202-737-4215.

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Y2K problem hits credit cards early

By Harry Shattuck
Hearst News Service

You browse through a small shop on the island of Gibraltar, select a souvenir and hand your credit card to the cashier.

He utters a thank-you, places the card through a swipe machine for verification, then frowns and gives the card back.

"Sorry, your card is expired," he says.

"But it was just renewed through 2001," you explain.

He shrugs. And politely asks you to pay cash or return your purchase.

Some travelers to foreign countries have experienced such an uncomfortable situation over the past few weeks. Primarily in small establishments off the beaten path. And especially when a credit card — or ATM card — carries an expiration date beyond 1999.

And we thought all that Y2K talk was baloney.

What's happening is this:

Computer programmers have commonly used the last two digits, rather than all four, to represent the year. With these programs, the first two digits are presumed to be 19. Thus, 99 is programmed as 1999. But 00 is programmed as 1900, not 2000.

While most businesses in the United States already have addressed changes required to advance computer systems into the next millennium, a small minority of merchants in other countries has been slow to respond. Not every card-swipe machine is outfitted with new software. And if the machine reads the expiration date as being in 1900, not 2000 ... you guessed it: Your card has been invalid for 99 years. Or so the merchant is led to believe.

The State Department is concerned enough to issue an announcement a few weeks ago that reads in part, "U.S. citizens abroad should not assume that credit cards, ATM machines, international banking transactions, etc., will operate normally in all locations throughout the world."

But a cooperative effort by major credit card companies is dedicated to limiting international traveler inconveniences. And, says John McCarthy, vice president of Visa International's 2000 Project, "Our data shows that more than 99.4 percent of merchants worldwide have accepted 2000-expiration cards without a problem.

"We are monitoring this situation closely. We want cardholders to feel confident in using their cards. Visa, American Express, MasterCard and other companies recognized some time ago that this was a potential problem. We established a Payment Card Council and got together and discussed the issue. We've traveled all over the world since 1996 working with merchants (on the necessary changes)."

It's a massive undertaking. "We've got 15 million locations worldwide directly connected to Visa," says McCarthy. "We've been in contact with each of them. We created 300,000 test cards with expiration dates in 2000."

Rest assured that the vast majority of businesses overseas — and certainly all major airlines, hotels and other leading travel-service providers — will gladly accept our credit cards. You'll likely encounter few if any problems at the most popular destinations. And card companies will continue to address any trouble spots; they certainly don't want us resorting to cash payments.

But what do we do if a merchant rejects a credit card that we know is valid? McCarthy urges travelers to ask for a voice authorization. "All merchants have telephone numbers they can call to check expiration dates," he says. "Then the transaction can be completed."

That's assuming the cardholder and merchant can overcome any language barrier.

I recommend that any international traveler also formulate a backup plan for spending and exchanging money, especially when venturing beyond large cities, resort areas and other regions accustomed to dealing with tourists. Take a few travelers checks (though I experienced occasional difficulty cashing these last year in small European towns except at banks). And carry enough cash (securely) in case you get in a pinch.

If you do encounter a problem, inform the card-issuer when you return home so that it can take steps to protect subsequent travelers.

The State Department announcement can be accessed in full on the Internet at travel.state.gov.

Websites help virtual visitors plan real trips to Boston

By Roger Petterson
Associated Press

Fresh seafood, a lot of history and plenty of urban delights await travelers in Boston, and you can plan your visit with a lot of help from the World Wide Web. You'll find extensive links to information by clicking on the "Tourism info" button at Boston Online (www.boston-online.com/index.html).

But for the best reading, click on Boston Online's "Wicked Good Guides." There's trivia, including the differences between Boston and New York bagels (Boston's are smaller and softer). And a section on "Bizarro Boston" has disasters, crime and history "they didn't teach you in school."

The Other Boston (ftp.std.com/NE/other) will lead you to some out-of-the-ordinary spots, including the galleries, bookstores and pubs of Jamaica Plain, or Stonybrook Reservation forest that nestles within city limits.

Day trips, museums and sights for your kids are listed at the Visitor's Pocket Guide (www.pocketguide.com/BOS.htm).

You'll find a long list of links to Boston-related Web sites at Metropolitan Boston (www.ll.mit.edu:80/Links/metroboston.html) including one for the Boston Marathon, coming up on April 19.

Don't forget the USS Constitution (www.ussconstitutionmuseum.org).

Boston Visitors Information Guide (www.visitorsinfo.com/Boston.html) has interactive help for finding a hotel room, in addition to other tourist information. A list of links to the city's major hotels is maintained at Boston Hotel Guide (www.usahotelguide.com/states/massachusetts/boston).

The restaurant guide at Bostondine.com (www.bostondine.com) provides news on new restaurants, as well as guides to help you pick a place to eat according to neighborhood, price and specialty.

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Hardwood Music • Percussion 1:00 & 2:00 & 3:00
Black Gold Trio • Country 2:00 & 3:00
Tommy Pool & Homer Watson Classic Rock 4:15 & 5:15
Samantha Morrison Piano/Variety 12:15 & 1:15
Jim Love & Anne Fielder • Piano 2:30 & 3:30 & 4:30

Westin Hotel opens Ronald Reagan Suite

By Todd S. Purdum
N.Y. Times News Service

'Bedtime for Bonzo' In a Presidential Suite

For his eight years as president, Ronald Reagan almost never stayed anyplace else in Los Angeles but the Westin Century Plaza Hotel and Tower.

Reagan's 88th birthday was Feb. 6, and the hotel took the occasion to formally rename its renovated presidential suite in his honor.

From now on, the 8,000-square-foot suite, which occupies the entire 30th floor of the tower building, will be known as the Ronald Reagan Suite, and it comes equipped with floor-to-ceiling windows, a wraparound balcony, two whirlpool baths and its own butler — all for just $5,400 a night.

The tower was built in 1984 with security in mind — the suite has reinforced concrete walls, bulletproof glass, access to a rooftop helipad and its own elevator.

The most personal touch is the Reagan memorabilia, with more than 40 gilt-framed photographs chronicling his life, including one of him happily tossing a paper airplane from the suite's balcony. Guests will also have a private videotape library of Reagan's films, including "Kings Row," "Brother Rat" and, for late-night viewing, "Bedtime for Bonzo."

The Westin Century Plaza is at 2025 Avenue of the Stars in Century City, next to Beverly Hills; (800) 228-3000, fax (310) 551-3355.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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The "Birds in Art" exhibit at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., closes Feb. 28. Included in the exhibit are at far left, "Odd Man Out," a watercolor by Joe Garcia; at left, a black walnut sculpture by John Sharp; below, "Firebird," acrylic, by Cynthia Fjelstad; below center, "Champion," oil by Patricia Pepin; at bottom right, "African Crowned Cranes/Victoria Falls," oil by Guy Coheleach; at bottom left, "Egret in Flight," acrylic by Lewis Cisle.

Birds in Art

By Georgia Temple

Through the centuries, birds have held in their spell such poets as John Keats who said of the nightingale, "Thou wast not born for death, immortal Bird! No hungry generations tread thee down; the voice I hear this passing night was heard in ancient days by emperor and clown."

These mysterious feathered creatures soar to the heavens while leaving earth-bound man behind. No other animal travels faster than birds, yet, not all fly. Some, like the nightingale, haunt man through their song. Others beguile through their vivid coloring. Regardless of their attributes, they have inspired poets, painters, sculptors and composers.

"Birds themselves are graceful; they're beautiful to look at; they have beautiful colors," said Danny Holeva, curator at the Museum of the Southwest, referring specifically to those represented in the "Birds in Art" exhibition at the facility. "They are in natural settings, and to see what an artist does with this thing of beauty, it's fascinating."

For the juried exhibition's creator, the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum, Wausau, Wis., the show has become, after 22 years, a rite of fall. The 1998 show drew more than 800 entries from artists in Canada, the United States, Sweden, the Netherlands and Asia. The touring branch of that exhibit closes at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., Feb. 28. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Since "Birds in Art" opened here, Holeva said, "A steady flow of traffic" has gone "through our galleries. I've seen lots of people that take the time to not only look at the work and read what we have written, but they're also taking the time to look and see which of these birds have been identified as having been viewed in Midland by Midland naturalists."

Around 9,700 kinds of birds inhabit the globe. The bee hummingbird, around two inches long, is the smallest. The largest is a flightless bird, the male African ostrich, which walks or runs using its wings for balance. The highest flyer is the bar-headed goose, some of whose flocks clear the Himalaya in Asia at an altitude of more than 25,000 feet.

The touring portion of "Birds in Art," which includes 60 works, features around 75 vari

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Story by Georgia Temple
Design by Missy Hallmark

Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Joyce Nichols Lewis

"TWO-TIMER"
By FRAN and LOU SABIN

ACROSS

1 "Lost Horizon" religious
5 His passes are off the mark
11 Took steps
16 Burger beginner
19 Bristol's river
20 Give a lift
21 Doone of Exmoor
22 Galleon gold
23 Astro ender
24 Pepe le Pew's pelf?
26 Early Tinseltown studio
27 Lookers
29 Short shows
30 Bugs, to Elmer
32 Place for an ace
33 Fire sign
35 Ljubljana native
36 Ditch
39 Black Bears' town
41 Short cut?
42 Tune
44 Quick fixer-upper?
46 Mongol housing
48 Baba and MacGraw
51 Wing it?
53 Man on the roof, perhaps
55 "— Lighthouse": Woolf
57 Fed
58 "— the mornin'!"
60 Schwarzenegger role
62 Yorkshire university
64 Lt. Tasha of "Star Trek: TNG"
65 Composer Satie
67 Cut and splice
69 Improve, perhaps
70 Alfonso's queen
71 Relevant
74 Gathers evidence
76 Settler of 1620
78 — king
79 Wimple wearers
81 Half-pint
82 Perfect closure
83 Barbecue nibble
84 Short reptiles?
86 Aussie city
88 Chopper blade
92 Short cuts
94 Bucks in the news
96 Pentateuch
98 Guileful
99 Of the ear
100 Dermatologist's concern
102 King of Crete
104 — whiz!
105 Drive down
108 Jean of "Upstairs, Downstairs"
110 Cook County city
112 Ice T and Ice Cube
115 Proportion
117 Showed satisfaction
120 Fish bowls
121 Section near the Bois de Boulogne
123 Barnacle Bill, for one
124 Dean's partner in song
125 Underwater migration?
129 Acapulco agreement
130 Kindergarten song starter
131 Mountain nymph
132 Pelt shelter
133 Sculptor Nadelman
134 "Surprise!"
135 Novices
136 Correction unit?
137 Fret and stew: Abbr.

DOWN

1 Holdings
2 Be of use
3 Mickey's mouth?
4 Pollen holder
5 "Manon" composer
6 Ham's haven
7 — -chef
8 Guys "to die for"
9 Umiak paddler
10 Parsonage
11 Clerical garment
12 Pen's pal?
13 Mission leader?
14 Marx's coauthor
15 Evil spirit
16 "Equus" actor?
17 Alan or Adam
18 Bullwinkle, for one
25 Seek to date
28 In any way
31 Lake Geneva resort
34 Sign on
37 Henhouse sign-off?
38 Good sign
40 Mink's kin
42 Sternward
43 UN agency
45 Two-time Pulitzer author
47 Conformist's tee shot?
49 Man from Mashhad
50 "Fade!"
52 Wordsworth work
54 Highway tracker
56 Arcaro in the irons
59 Madagascar money
61 Gymnastic move
63 — wind
66 Habituate
68 Principle
71 "The knockout of the ages": Life
72 Role for Kevin
73 Peter's favorite drink?
75 Thurmond of The Hill
77 Blush or flush
80 Theater drop
85 Ping maker
87 Baseball great Speaker
89 Woods bloomer?
90 Paul Bunyan's cook
91 Bakery staple
93 — Flow, Scotland
95 Tijuana wrap
97 Buck or Bull, e.g.
101 Phoenician goddess
103 Jaeger
106 Dry red wine
107 Religious house
109 Snake, on occasion
111 Van Gogh masterpiece
112 Srinagar noble
113 Jordan's only seaport
114 Olympic weapon
116 Actor Milo
118 Red dye
119 Towels off
122 Putter's problem
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127 NFL highlights
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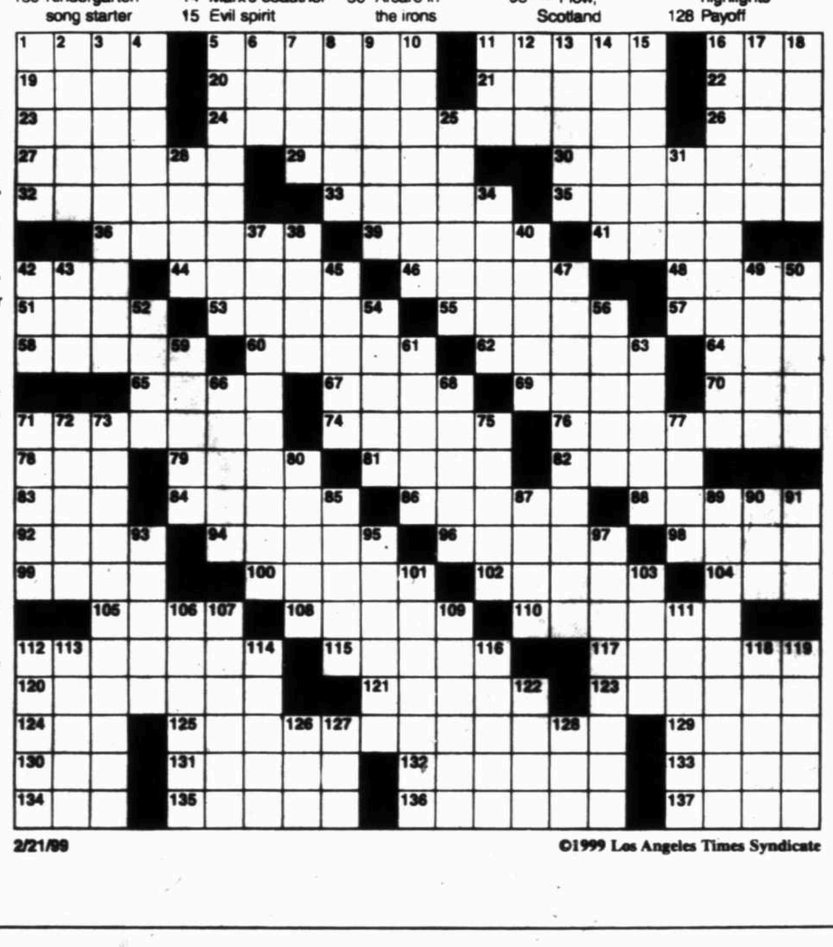

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Jacqueline Bigar's Stars

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Feb. 21, 1999:
You have unusual appeal this year; your style and mannerisms charm others. You gain financially, through your interpersonal skills and your artistic and creative abilities. Communicating effectively is very important. Your impressions could often be different than the realities with which you are presented.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Pressure becomes intense and confusing at times. A friend simply has different ideas than you do. Others seek you out, wanting to talk to you. How much you want to share could be another question. Follow your instincts and intuition. Tonight: Treat yourself well.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You are full of personality and happiness. A friendship builds. You get an important message. Caring is heightened, but you could be overly sensitive. A parent or boss might be acting strangely, mainly because he isn't sure of himself. Tonight: You want it? You got it!
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You might not be altogether thrilled with your plans and news that surrounds them. Allow more friendship into your life. A relationship could be gaining momentum. Your ability to express yourself allows others to see the true you. Tonight: Take some time just for you.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Another pays you a compliment. You could be thrilled by a conversation, a get-together and an ensuing friendship. Deal with events day to day. A partner is evasive and sometimes confused, especially over funds. Discussions won't clear up a problem. Tonight: Where the gang is.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Recognize that others look to you for insight. However, you want to climb off the pedestal and get on with life. Make plans for a day trip; you'll love getting away from it all. You might be on overload, and a new setting will prove refreshing. Escape home and responsibilities. Tonight: The star of the show.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Accept a special invitation, even if it is a bit offbeat. You enjoy yourself enormously with this person. Your energy levels are off; consider a different diet and exercise program. You recharge a relationship because of talks, doing and sharing. Tonight: Continue the bonding process.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Close relating clouds your perspective, but you might not care. You see a relationship in a whole different light. Allow more understanding and insight. Talk about work with a trusted friend who means a lot to you. Together, you make quite a team. Tonight: Dinner out.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You mellow out and feel much better than you have in a long while. Be careful with a co-worker or friend made in the course of your daily travels. You could find more of a connection than you realized. Also, be aware that feelings might run deeper on his end than on yours. Tonight: For two.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Clear up errands and get a couple of important projects done. Listen, discuss and be more sensitive to another's energy. Teaming up helps you get much more done than you thought. Don't leave anything to chance. Communicate! Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Your creativity comes out when with a child or loved one. You could be labeled a big flirt today. Laughter and lightness surround you as long as you are comfortable. You pull the money wild card; remember it could go either way. Enjoyment needs to be your highest priority. Tonight: Get into the moment.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Security becomes an unusually important issue. Let others give you feedback. Your point of view is important to a family member. How you deliver a message impacts how it is received. Take time for the niceties of life, even if you don't, normally. Tonight: Take in a favorite TV show.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Communicate and get together with others. Your lightness and flexibility energizes friends and family. Don't hesitate to make an extra effort or spend a little more. Others respond to your efforts in a big way. Plan a late lunch or movie. Tonight: Do what you do best: socialize.

Goren Bridge

WITH OMAR SHARIF & TANNAH HIRSCH

THE TOUCH OF A MASTER

Both vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ A K 10 9 7 3
♡ 10 6 5
◇ A K 10
♣ 3

WEST
♠ J 8 6 2
♡ 9
◇ J 9 8 7
♣ A 9 6 4

EAST
♠ 4
♡ J 7 4 2
◇ 6 4 3
♣ Q J 10 8 7

SOUTH
♠ Q 5
♡ A K Q 8 3
◇ Q 5 2
♣ K 5 2

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♠	Pass	2♡	Pass
3◇	Pass	3♡	Pass
4♡	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♡	Pass	6NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Seven of ◇

Looking at just the North-South cards, it might seem that 13 tricks should be easy once the defenders failed to take the ace of clubs at trick one. However, when you need only 12 there is no need to get careless. Watch one of the world's great technicians, Sami Kehela of Toronto, at work.

Note that, despite the eight-card fits in both majors, Kehela elected to play in six no trump. In that contract, if one suit broke poorly, the slam might still be brought home if the other broke well. And there was an additional chance. Can you spot it?

West led a diamond, won in dummy. A heart was led to the king fetching the nine. When West showed out on the ace, discarding a club, declarer unblocked the ten of hearts from the table. Declarer then crossed to the remaining high diamond to lead a heart, taking the marked finesse of the eight, and cashed out the suit. On these tricks West parted with two diamonds and another club, and declarer carefully discarded two spades from the North hand, keeping that seemingly useless three of clubs.

When declarer now played off the queen of diamonds, West was forced to hold all four spades and so had to blank the ace of clubs. Not blessed with second sight, Kehela continued with the queen of spades and a spade to the king. East's discard was a blow, but not the death knell. The carefully preserved three of clubs was led from dummy to the king and ace, and West was forced to lead away from the jack of spades into the table's A 10 tenace. Six no trump, bid and made.

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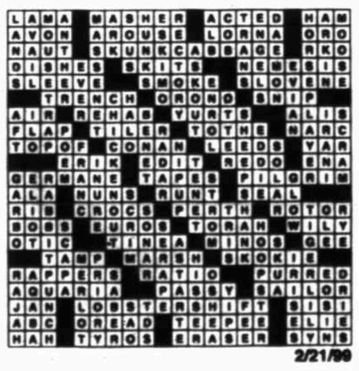

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FEBRUARY 21-27, 1999

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

American Airpower Heritage Museum: EXHIBIT: Navajo Code Talkers of World War II. EXHIBITION: The American Airpower Heritage Museum is internationally recognized for its collection of authentic World War II artifacts and memorabilia. The museum currently has five permanent exhibits, highlighting five different phases of World War II, in the main gallery and two permanent exhibits in the hangar. Take an on-line tour of the museum at http://www.avdigest.com/aahm/aahm.html, 9600 Wright Dr., Midland International Airport, Hours: Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 12-5 p.m., call 563-1000, Admission charged. Group and student discounts available with prior reservation.

Arts Assembly of Midland: EXHIBIT: Art in the Park, features four unique sculptures on display through June at Windlands Park, 1000 W. Dengar, 687-1149. Free.

The Brigl Collection: EXHIBIT: Selected works by William A. Brigl, by appointment, 1701 N. Garfield, 683-8445. Free.

The Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin: CLASS: Adventures in Art for students ages 6-12, 2:30-4:30 p.m., one Sunday per month. Next class on March 14 features a study of the Renaissance. Tuition charged. Museum open Tuesday-Saturday 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Sunday 2:00-5:00 p.m. 4909 E. University, Odessa. 550-3811. Exhibits are free.

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: EXHIBIT: Light Dreams: Holography, Image and Illusion, exhibit for children, through May 2, Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri, Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5 p.m. 683-2882. Free.

Globe Theatre: MUSICAL COMEDY: Gilbert & Sullivan's "The Gondoliers," 2:30 p.m., 2308 Shakespeare Rd., Odessa, 915-332-1586 or 580-3177. Admission charged.

Marian Blakemore Planetarium: SKY SHOW: In Search of New Worlds, 3 p.m. and 4 p.m., 1705 W. Missouri, 683-2882. Admission charged, free for Museum of the Southwest members.

Midland College: EXHIBIT: Etchings by Anna Marie Pavlik, through Feb. 26, McCormick Gallery, Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield, Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m., call 685-4500. Free.

Midland Community Theatre: MUSICAL: "Carousel," through March 7, 2 p.m., Davis Theatre I, 2000 W. Wadley, 682-4111 or 570-4011. Admission charged.

Midland County Historical Museum: EXHIBIT: La Salle Shipwreck Excavation, 301 W. Missouri, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 2-5 p.m., call 682-2931 or 688-8947. Free.

Midland County Historical Society: HISTORIC HOME: Z. Taylor Brown-Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland, 213 N. Weatherford, guided tours give fine capsule of Midland County History - open by appointment, call 682-2931. Free. Also available for rental for weddings and other special occasions.

Museum of the Southwest: EXHIBIT: Un/Familiar: Contemporary Artist Series 1999, featuring the works of Phyllis Stapler of Albuquerque, New Mexico, through February 28, Here and Now Gallery. EXHIBIT: MISD Social Studies Tour, through February 28. EXHIBIT: Birds In Art 1998, a traveling exhibit from Leigh Yawley Woodson Art Museum of Wausau, Wisconsin, features 60 works by internationally renowned artists using diverse media, through February 28. EXHIBIT: Oil Patch Dreams: Images of the Petroleum Industry in American Art, features 60 works from American artists (1901-1991) including Norman Rockwell, Andy Warhol, Thomas Hart Benton and others, capturing the impact of oil on the 20th century, through March 14. EXHIBIT: Taos Founders, featuring works from the Taos Society of Artists which portray the beauty of the Southwest and its unique inhabitants, through October 17, Hogan Gallery. EXHIBIT: Sculpture selections from the Museum's collection, through January 2000, Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri, Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5 p.m. 683-2882. Free.

Odessa Art Association: EXHIBIT: 41st annual Permian Basin Art Exhibition continues through March 28, Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University, San Miguel Square, Odessa, 915-362-7988. Free.

Odessa College: LRC, 201 W. University, Mon.-Thurs. 7:45 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri. 7:45 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. & Sun. 2-5 p.m., call 915 335-6646. Free.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum: 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. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5., call 683-4403. Admission charged.

Permian Playhouse: PERFORMANCE: "Snoopy, A Musical," presented by The Kaleidoscope Company, 2:30 p.m., 310 W. 42nd St., Odessa, 550-5456. Admission charged.

The Presidential Museum: 10 a.m. -5 p.m. 622 N. Lee, Odessa, 800 862-7123. 1351. Admission charged.

University of Texas of the Permian Basin: EXHIBIT: NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, through March 5. Gallery hours are Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 1-5 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m., Third Floor Gallery, 4901 E. University, Odessa, call 552-2806. Free.

White Pool House: TRAVELING EXHIBIT: Reach for the Sky. Tuesday, 12-3 p.m., Wednesday-Saturday 10-3 p.m. 112 E. Murphy St, Odessa, 915 333-4072. Free.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

The Haley Library and History Center: EXHIBITS: Permanent collections including paintings, bronzes, firearms and artifacts that exhibit pioneer settlement of the Great Southwest, spur collections, saddles from ranching pioneer families, and archival collections including photographs of turn of the century ranch life. The library houses 30,000 volumes on settlement of the region and the cattle industry. 1805 W. Indiana. Open Mon-Fri 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 682-5785. Free.

Midland Fine Arts Center: EXHIBIT: First Annual Arts Center Youth Competition, Grades K-12, all home schools, Mon-Fri 3:30-6:30 p.m., through Feb. 26, 921 W. Wadley, 687-4924. Free.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Midland Community Theatre: CLASS: Winter Theatre School, K-12th grades, through March 5, 2000 W. Wadley, 682-2544. Tuition charged.

Midland County Public Library: PRESCHOOL STORY TIME: Transportation series, with stories this week featuring trucks, for ages 3 to 5. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10:00-10:30 a.m., Childrenís Department, 301 W. Missouri, 688-8991. Free.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

First Presbyterian Church: CONCERT: Lenten Luncheon Concert Series 1999, featuring the music of Marjory Jennings, flute, and Rebecca Sawyer, keyboard, 12:05-12:35 p.m., 800 W. Texas, 684-7821. Child care available with reservation. Lunch available in Lynn Hall half hour before and after performance. Free admission to concert, charge for lunch.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Gallery 1114: EXHIBIT: Recycled Thoughts, works of Abilene artist Clint Hamilton, through April 3. Meet the artist at the opening reception on Saturday, February 27, 7-9 p.m. Gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday or by appointment, 1114 N. Big Spring St., 685-9944. Free.

Midland College: EXHIBIT: West Texas College Art faculty exhibit, through March 31, McCormick Gallery, Allison Fine Arts Bldg., Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield, 685-4500. Free.

Midland Community Theatre: MUSICAL: "Carousel," through March 7, 8 p.m., Davis Theatre I, 2000 W. Wadley, 682-4111 or 570-4011. Admission charged.

Tumbleweed Chapter of the Smocking Arts Guild of America: CLASSES: Kay Guiles teaches a series of lessons on heirloom sewing and smocking, through Saturday. Class times: 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, 9 a.m.-noon and 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Saturday, St. Stephenís Catholic Church, 4601 Neely. Call 687-0320 or 685-3889 to register. Fee charged.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Globe Theatre: MUSICAL COMEDY: Gilbert & Sullivan's "The Gondoliers," 7:30 p.m., 2308 Shakespeare Rd., Odessa, 915-332-1586 or 580-3177. Admission charged.

Marian Blakemore Planetarium: SKY SHOW: In Search of New Worlds, every Friday 8 p.m. except holiday weekends. Telescope viewing available following sky show, weather permitting. Telescopes set up in Haley Park behind the Planetarium until 10:30 p.m. 1705 W. Missouri, 683-2882. Admission charged, free for Museum of the Southwest members.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

American Airpower Heritage Museum: EXHIBIT OPENING: Tuskegee Airmen, third part of the multicultural traveling exhibit entitled "North America: United for Victory" exhibit opens at 2:30, followed by a lecture, 9600 Wright Dr., Midland International Airport, 563-1000. Admission free from 2-5 p.m.

American Heart Association: GALA: "Hippies and Harleys," 8 p.m., Hilton Midland and Towers, 117 W. Wall, 520-7041. Admission charged.

Globe Theatre: MUSICAL COMEDY: Gilbert & Sullivan's "The Gondoliers," final performance 7:30 p.m., 2308 Shakespeare Rd., Odessa, 915-332-1586 or 580-3177. Admission charged.

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Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce: FASHION SHOW & CHARITY BALL: Annual scholarship fund-raiser, 6:30 p.m. cocktails and entertainment, 7:30 p.m. all male fashion show, 9:00 p.m. charity ball, Midland Center, 105 N. Main, 682-2960. Admission charged.

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rt museum attendance rising in U.S.

udith H. Dobrzynski
Times News Service

here was any doubt that rican art museums were riencing a boom, it is no er in question. The annual ey of visitors to art exhibi- in North America, Europe Australia by The Art News- r, a widely read London- d international monthly, ludes that "the keenest exhi- n visitors" in 1998 were "the ricans by far."

at is the same verdict The Newspaper reached after its survey, and Anna Somers s, the editor, said that the between U.S. museumgoers heir counterparts in other tries seemed to be widening. e most popular exhibition year was "Monet in the 20th ury" at the Museum of Fine in Boston, which counted 92 visitors during a three- th run that ended on Dec. 27. the reclusive author J.D. ger made the trip from his Hampshire home to the eum, if the museum guards say they spotted him can be ved. (Robert Redford was itely there; he called ahead got a museum escort.)

ght behind "Monet" came e Private Collection of Edgar as," a trove of works by es, Cezanne, Manet and oth- hat the Metropolitan Muse- of Art said drew 528,267 peo-

rhaps surprisingly, "Van h's van Goghs" at the onal Gallery of Art in Wash- on came in third, even gh admission was free, as it all shows at the federally nced National Gallery. A et to the Monet show in on cost $17.50 on weekends $15 during the week.

Van Gogh's van Goghs," with fficial count of 480,496 visi- was on view for two fewer ks than the Monet show, how- . It did draw the highest age number of daily visi- pulling 5,339 a day versus for Monet.

all, 21 exhibitions in the ed States lured more than 00 visitors each into muse- , including those in Min- olis, Brooklyn, St. Louis and adelphia, the survey found. ross the Atlantic, only seven shows in Europe had more 200,000 viewers each, in tion to "Treasures of Mount s," a display of religious acts that was on view for ly a year at the Museum of ntine Culture in Salonika, ce, and that also topped the ey for Europe, for 1997, n the city was designated the pean cultural capital. All it had 675,208 visitors, ding 189,108 in 1998.

Aside from the Mount Athos exhibit, the biggest draw in Europe was a Gauguin show at the Foundation Pierre Gianadda in Matigny, Switzerland; it counted 379,260 visitors. A Magritte exhibition at the Musee des Beaux-Arts in Brussels was next with 302,204.

"The museum plays an incredible role in American cities: it's a focal point, a place for entertainment, for shopping," Ms. Cocks said, explaining the attendance gap. "I don't think any European museum has that same presence."

Paul DiMaggio, chairman of the sociology department at Princeton University and an expert on public participation in the arts, agreed. "Art museums in the United States have really made it in the last 15 to 20 years," he said. "It is the only art form that has dramatically increased attendance of people of every kind, not just the intellectual elite. It is the great arts institution success story of the last 20 years."

The Art Newspaper's museum attendance survey is the best that exists, but it is not perfect. Museums report their own attendance numbers and counting methods vary. Some use individual ticket sales as a measure; others, like the Metropolitan, station people with clickers at the door of a show to count. Museums that miss deadlines or submit estimates are not on the list, Ms. Cocks said.

The Museum of Modern Art in New York, the Art Institute of Chicago and the Hirshhorn Museum in Washington, for example, are noticeably absent from the 1998 report, but they had shows that would have ranked high. At the Art Institute, "Mary Cassatt: Modern Woman" attracted 341,651 visitors, museum figures show. The Modern counted 337,000 viewers of its Pierre Bonnard retrospective. Two exhibits at the Hirshhorn, of works by Kiki Smith and by Carlos Alfonzo, had official counts of more than 200,000 visitors.

Museum directors also complain that comparisons are somewhat unfair because some exhibits are up for longer periods than others.

Even so, the newspaper's report reflects trends, and museums in the United States are surely getting more and more crowded. The number of exhibits claiming more than 200,000 viewers in the United States has jumped to 21 in 1998 (or 25, if the four missing from The Art Newspaper are counted) from 14 in 1996 and 18 in 1997. General attendance in this country is climbing, too, far faster than it is in Europe.

Population differences notwithstanding, nearly everyone credits the success of American museums to marketing. "American museums are better at getting their message out," said Malcolm Rogers, a Briton who became director of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston four years ago. Ms. Cocks, of The Art Newspaper, agreed. "It's the marketing that can bring another 100,000 people to a show," she said.

Anecdotally, museum advertising seems to be up, though no industry statistics exist and museums refuse to disclose their ad spending. "No question, almost every museum across the board is doing more advertising than five years ago," said Elizabeth Addison, the deputy director for marketing and communications at the Modern.

Advertising is not even half the story, though. It is now de rigueur for museums to promote their big exhibitions by arranging discount packages at hotels, planning related musical and other performing arts events, offering special meals at their own or nearby restaurants and, of course, selling related items in their shops.

Sometimes they do more. For its Bonnard show the Modern offered promotional packages that in addition to admission to the exhibit included tickets to a Broadway show, a tour of Lincoln Center or a French wine tasting, sometimes in combination with a meal.

The Museum of Fine Arts in Boston wrapped three buses in a blowup of Monet's "Waterlilies, 1907" and offered free shuttle service to the museum from downtown and the Back Bay section. More than 100,000 people took advantage, the museum reported. As exhibitions become events, news media coverage grows, adding to the hoopla.

"We're about reaching people, and it was the biggest marketing effort in our history," Rogers of the Boston museum said, "and we believe it pays off." For the museum, the bonus comes from sales revenues, 16,000 new members (up 20 percent, to a record 96,000) and what Rogers called "building momentum," so people will return for its next show and for the permanent collection, too.

Sometimes, though, reality doesn't quite match the hope. Last summer the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum installed "The Art of the Motorcycle" in its Frank Lloyd Wright spiral, and for a while so many bikers, and even nonbikers, showed up that the museum said it expected more than 500,000 people. Not quite: the final total was 301,037. A spokesman now says the half-million mark was "a miscalculation, not an actual projection of the museum," but an estimate based on "a few daily averages" and the heat of the moment.

The purists who denounced the Guggenheim for pandering to crowds can no doubt take heart from the fact that, according to reported figures, traditional exhibitions like the Metropolitan's Degas collection and "Delacroix: The Late Works" at the Philadelphia Museum of Art outdrew the motorcycles. The blockbuster phenomenon has always prompted worries that museums would cater too much to popular taste, producing show after show of Picasso, the Impressionists or subjects that are the equivalent of easy-listening radio.

Still, in 1998 other shows, like "China: 5,000 Years" at the Guggenheim and Mughal carpets at the Metropolitan, did well. Ms. Cocks said that "the odd Old Master is beginning to pull forward," too. But as the numbers show, there was no denying the widespread appeal of artists like van Gogh and especially Monet, who after several record blockbusters in different cities and in different years, is now considered the museum world's box-office champion. At the Royal Academy in London, where "Monet in the 20th Century" is now on view, officials are considering keeping the doors open 24-hours a day to meet demand.

(HIBIT: 'Birds in Art' at museum

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, said Holeva, who expected nd a dozen or so to be ed by Midland bird watch- He was wrong.

ver 25 have been identi- " Holeva said. "I was sur- d because there's a number rds you wouldn't expect to n our area, but they have spotted."

dland bird watcher Sara St. , who helped Holeva identi- ose birds that have been ed here, called the exhibit ulous. I told as many people could to go see it."

e compared the experience alking through the exhibit tifying birds to "going bird hing. Every picture I came very sculpture I came to, it so much fun to identify the in it. It was fun to look at it think, 'Do I know if this is e Midland County check

am fairly familiar with the but there were several birds to look" up "to remind elf if they had ever been on heck list, like the Trum- r Swan, for instance. It's a tiful bronze."

s. St. Clair compared her to the exhibition to a quest, h is what around 1,400 fifth lers from the Midland Inde- lent School District have doing as well at the muse-

/ith the 'Birds in Art' exhibit e's an activity sheet for fam- , and the kids have been g the activity sheet," Holeva said.

A scavenger hunt is included on the list.

"They have been looking for the painting and the title from a small view, a close up of the painting," Holeva said. "And there's an activity where they look for design elements, one where they guess the eating habits of certain birds, and 'The Lawn Party,' the Eberhard, gives them a space where they can write a story about the painting."

The response from the students has been positive.

"The kids have loved it," Holeva said. "It's fun and something that they can readily identify. I think they've learned about birds in Midland as well as birds around the world through art. Imagine that."

Georgia Temple is the Arts & Entertainment writer for the Reporter-Telegram.

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Today

✔ Show auditions

Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave., will hold auditions for "Dancing at Lughnasa" at 7 p.m. today and Monday.

The show will run April 9-24. Roles are available for three men and five women. The production will be directed by Tim Jebsen, executive director of MCT. The play is rated PG and will be presented in Davis Theatre I.

The play won the 1992 Tony Award winner for Best Play. For more information or for scripts call the theater's business office 682-2544.

✔ Exhibit to close

"Oil Patch Dreams" closes March 14 at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

"Oil Patch Dreams: Images of the Petroleum Industry in American Art," features 60 works from American artists (1901-1991) including Norman Rockwell, Andy Warhol and Thomas Hart Benton.

This exhibit captures the impact of oil on the 20th century. Public viewing hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

✔ Exhibit on display

An exhibit by Merle Burleson Taylor is hanging at Midland Community Theater. Most of the paintings are landscapes, and reflect the artist's love of natural forms and color. The artist uses palette knives to apply most of the oil paint, and often combines other media such as ink, acrylics and pastel when painting with watercolor.

Ms. Taylor retired from MISD in 1993, after 25 years as art teacher at Lee High School. Since retirement, she has served as president of Midland Arts Association in 1996, Fall Show Chairman in 1998 and has attended numerous art related workshops.

The art will be on display through March 7.

✔ Play presented

ODESSA — The Globe Theatre presents Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Gondoliers," in a 2:30 p.m. today and 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

This operetta, one of 14 written by the duo, is a 19th century spoof of English royalty set in Italy.

Directing the production is guest director Bob Kuhn of Indianapolis. Kuhn was contacted about the Odessa show by friends Carlene and Tim Wadley, who have volunteered their directing talents to several Globe productions.

For reservations call the Globe, (915) 332-1586 or 580-3177 for reservations.

✔ 'Snoopy a Musical'

ODESSA — The Kaleidoscope Company of the Permian Basin presents "Snoopy a Musical" 2:30 pm. today, Feb. 27 and 28.

Charlie Brown, Lucy and the gang will appear as Snoopy muddles his way to the meaning of life. Linus is back in the pumpkin patch, Lucy, the doctor, is in, and Woodstock falls in love.

The Kaleidoscope Company is the teen acting troupe of the Playhouse. Tickets are $6 each. For more information call (915) 362-2329.

✔ Glass exhibition

ODESSA — Now on display at the Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin, 4909 E. University, is the exhibition "Vessels: A National Glass Invitational."

This exhibition features the work of 20 glass artists of the American contemporary glass movement. The exhibition includes giant as well as diminutive vessels. These works of art are the result of physically as well as technically difficult creative labor. The exhibition runs through April 3.

Installed in the adjacent gallery is "Revelations," marble and limestone sculpture by Vincent Leggiadro of Port Chester, N.Y.

Both exhibitions are sponsored by: Odessa Council for the Arts and Humanities and The Connoisseurs.

Hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday 2 p.m.- 5 p.m.

For more information, call the Museum at 550-3811.

Monday

✔ Paintings displayed

Aimee Bourgue Sanchez's oil paintings are on display at Midland American Bank through February. She also has one of her paintings on display at Bank One this month.

Ms. Sanchez is a member of the Midland Art Association and the Midland Palette Club.

✔ Oils on display

Original oils by Midland artist Sharon V. Ross Jackson are on display at the Midland Country Club through March 1.

Mrs. Jackson is a professional portrait artist, juried member of Oil Painters of America and American Society of Portrait Artists, and her romantic-realistic works are in collections in 17 countries.

Mrs. Jackson, was born and raised in Midland and has spent most of her adult life in Dallas and Houston.

✔ Auditions held

ODESSA — The Globe Theatre will hold auditions for William Shakespeare's, "Much Ado About Nothing," at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday.

Directing the production is Cori Bollman.

The show will be presented April 15-24 for school children and to the public April 16-18 and 23-24. For more information call the Globe, 580-3177 or (915) 332-1586..

✔ Performance set

ODESSA — Reed Boyd performs at Chelsea Street Pub in the City Music Mall Monday through Saturday.

Entertainment starts at 9 p.m. There is no cover charge. Patrons should use the outside entrance after mall hours.

Tuesday

✔ Band to perform

The Air Force Band of the West performs at Midland College's Chaparral Center at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

The free concert is sponsored by MC and the Midland Reporter-Telegram. Free tickets are available at Joanne's Gifts, 3211 W. Wadley Ave., No. 11-A; Jones Piano-Organ-Clocks, 428 Andrews Highway; Memories Unique, D-1, Midland Park Mall, near Sears; the Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Ave.; Chaparral Center, Entrance 3; and Stanton Drug, 201 N. St. Peter, Stanton. The free concert is presented by the Reporter-Telegram and MC.

To request tickets by mail or for group tickets call 687-8876.

✔ Story time program

"Transportation" is the focus Tuesday and Wednesday for The "Read to Me" preschool story time program at the Midland County Public Library, 301 W. Missouri Ave.

The free program for ages 3 through 5 is held from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday and Wednesdays by the Children's Department of the library.

Weekly hours at the library are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Wednesday

✔ First recital today

First Presbyterian Church of Midland, 800 W. Texas Ave., presents the first in the annual Lenten Luncheon Recital Series today at 12:05 p.m.

Performing will be Marjory Jennings, flute, and Rebecca Sawyer, keyboard.

Ms. Jennings, a member of the Midland-Odessa Symphony, is well-known throughout the Permian Basin as a teacher and performer. Ms. Sawyer is on staff at First Presbyterian Church.

The series features a half-hour recital with lunch available 30 minutes before and after each performance. Admission is free to all recitals. Lunch is available for $4.

Remaining concerts features The Lone Star Brass, March 3; Gregory Pysh, tenor, and Ms. Sawyer, March 10; The Midland High School Choir, March 17; and Robert Poer, organ, March 24.

✔ Schedule announced

ODESSA — The Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 East University, has announced the following schedule for the Brown Bag Video series: Wednesday, Cezanne: Portraits of an Artist; March 3, Pierre Bonnard: Portrait of an Artist; March 10, Matisse: Portrait of an Artist; March 17, Cubism and Nonobjective Art Surrealism; and March 24, Picasso: Portrait of an Artist.

Brown Bag Videos are held on Wednesdays from noon-1 p.m. Coffee and ice will be provided. Soft drinks will be available for 50 cents.

For more information, call the Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin at 550-3811.

✔ Live entertainment

The Press Box, 3303 N. Midkiff Road, presents live entertainment today with Luscious Funk at 8:30 p.m.

Also performing at the establishment will be the comedy and musical act Taxi and Danny's Kicking Machine at 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday followed by Cadillac Voodoo Choir at 10:30 p.m., and Burt Herrin on Saturday for his CD release engagement party.

Thursday

✔ Organists to meet

The West Texas Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Midland College Library, Room 217B.

This meeting will be an opportunity for everyone to explore the Internet and to discover the variety of musical resources that are available on it.

The public is welcome. For more information contact Jack Martin (915) 345-2686.

✔ Sewing classes

The Tumbleweed Chapter of the Smocking Arts Guild of America and the Arts Assembly of Midland presents nationally acclaimed sewing designer, author and columnist Kay Guiles for heirloom sewing and smocking classes in Midland Thursday through Saturday.

Ms. Guiles, the owner and designer of Kay Guiles Designs, a line of heirloom patterns for girls and smocking plates, as well as the author of " New Ideas for Heirloom Sewing," and "The Creative Yoke Dress."

Ms. Guiles will present five separate three-hour classes: Delicate Details, Creative Hems, Smocking Matters, Heirloom Explorations and Time Savers.

Classes are open to all interested persons; however class size is limited. For more information regarding these classes please contact Ellen Boyd at 687-0320 or Marsha Thomas at 685-3889.

Friday

✔ Presentation set

Lee High School Choral Department presents "Eighth Annual Madrigal Dinner" Friday and Saturday at Greentree Country Club.

For more information call 689-1619.

✔ Poetry gathering

ALPINE — Bards, yarn-spinning and minstrels will gather under the West Texas skies during the 13th annual Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering, Friday through Feb. 28 at Sul Ross State University.

Three days of fun and entertainment begin with the traditional chuck wagon breakfast on Friday morning at Poet's Grove, ending with a celebrity roping at the

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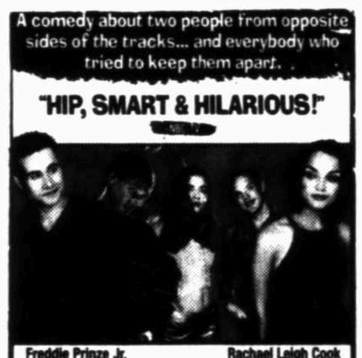

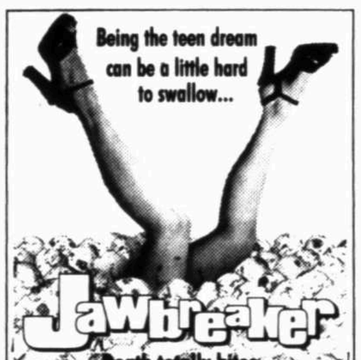

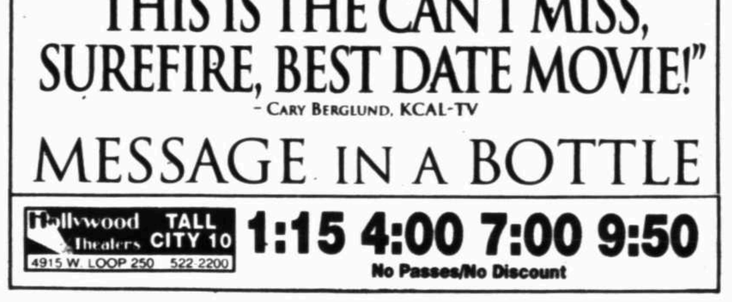

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Annual retreat

FORT DAVIS — Texas Mountain Trail Writers will hold its annual retreat here Friday through Feb. 28.

The weekend will begin its activities on Friday afternoon with one of the presenters, Leon Metz of El Paso signing books 3-5 p.m. at Hotel Limpia. There will be a reception for both Metz and the other presenter, Robert Spiegel of Albuquerque, N.M., 6-8 p.m. at the hotel.

Breakfast will be served 8 a.m. Saturday at The Drugstore. The men will speak until noon at the Victorian Rose Bed and Breakfast assembly area.

Spiegel will present "Writing a Winning Book Proposal" and "Succeeding with Magazines." He brings more than 25 years experience in publishing and writing to his workshops. Metz has been published since 1966 and writes historical westerns. He has also hosted programs on "The History Channel." Metz will speak on historical research.

Also expected at the retreat is author, Doris Rangel of Victoria, a member of the Trail Writers, who has just published another novel, "Prenuptial Agreement."

For more information, such as registration fees and accommodations, contact Texas Mountain Trail Writers, c/o HCR 74, Box 110, Fort Davis, Texas 79734, phone-915-426-3739; E-mail: lagdvsmt@.overland.net. Or, call Bob Miles at 915-426-2467.

Saturday

Work featured

Gallery 1114 will be featuring the work of Abilene artist, Clinton Hamilton. The show will include mostly collage and/or assemblage work from the 20th Century Icon Series.

The public is invited to meet the artist at the opening reception 7-9 p.m. Saturday at the gallery.

Hamilton, a graduate of Southern Methodist University, started his career in New York in the art department of Bonwit Teller and Tiffany's creating displays and window designs. He was a friend of Andy Warhol and helped Warhol get his first job as a window dresser at Bonwit Teller.

Gallery 1114 is located at 1114 N. Big Spring St. in Midland. The shows runs Thursday through April 3.

'Heart Beat '99'

The American Heart Association's "Heart Beat '99" charity fund-raiser is set for 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday at the Midland Hilton Grand Ballroom.

The evening's theme is "Hippies and Harleys;" the dress will be the guest version of the "Biker" theme or casual. "Heart Beat '99" festivities include a buffet dinner, cocktails, dancing to "The Daddios" band from Dallas, a silent auction and a benefit trunk showing by Midland Gallery and Edelman Fine Arts, Ltd. New York.

Tickets to "Heart Beat '99' can be purchased through the Permian Basin American Heart Association at 520-7041.

The benefit trunk showing of art will be open to the public 2-6 p.m. at no charge. The art show will also be open to "Heart Beat" revelers from 8 p.m. to midnight.

The trunk showing features one of a kind artwork from all over the word and will be available for sale with a percentage of the profits to benefit the American Heart Association. Prices range from $200 to $20,000.

Live broadcast

Richard Strauss' "Elektra" will be broadcast live from the stage of the Metropolitan Opera House Saturday.

The broadcast will open with a pre-curtain feature at 12:30 p.m. Central Time over the Texaco-Metropolitan Opera Radio Network and will be followed at 1 p.m. by the opera, which is performed without intermission. It will be heard locally over KCRS.

The title role will be sung by Gabriele Schnaut, with Deborah Voigt as Chrysothemis, Hanna Schwarz as Klytamnestra, Kenneth Riegel as Aegisth and American baritone Monte Pederson in his Met broadcast debut as Orest. James Levine will conduct. the announcer for the broadcast will be Peter Allen.

The pre-curtain feature will begin with tributes to two artists who died in 1998, soprano Leonie Rysanek and baritone Hermann Prey.

Bus chartered

ODESSA — The Presidential Museum will charter a bus to Lubbock to see John Davidson in "Bully — An Adventure with Teddy Roosevelt" on Saturday.

For reservations and information call the Presidential Museum

Walker to perform

ODESSA — Clay Walker performs at the Ector County Coliseum 7 p.m. March 11. Special guest will be Robert Earl Keen.

Tickets, priced at $19.50 plus service charge, are on sale at all central ticket locations: Endless Horizons, CD Warehouse, Sound Design, Dan's Music and Video, and Wacked Out World.

Walker will be supporting his current album, "Clay Walker Greatest Hits," which includes "If I Could Make a Living," "Hypnotize the Moon," "Who Needs You Baby," "Rumor Has It" and "You're Beginning to Get To Me."

(915) 332-7123.

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Poetry contest

The Poetry Society of Texas has announced its annual poetry contest for students from first grade through college. Home-schooled students are also eligible to enter.

Entries must be received by April 1. There is no entry fee. Winners will receive engraved plaques, and their winning poems will be published in a book of Texas student award winners of 1999.

List of contents and complete rules and instructions for entering have been sent to area schools and colleges and are available in the children's department and the reference department of the Midland County Library.

For additional information about the contests, rules or the poetry society call 520-4679.

Photo contest

The International Library of Photography has announced that more than $56,000 will be awarded this year in the International Open Amateur Photography Contest.

The deadline for the contest is Feb. 28. The contest is open to everyone and entry is free.

"Any photographer, whether previously published or not, can be a winner," stated Jeffrey Bryan, contest director. "Photographers from the Midland area have successfully competed in past competitions."

Every photograph entered also has a chance to be published in an album.

To enter, send one photograph in only one of the following categories: people, travel, pets, children, sports, nature, action, humor, portraiture, or other. The photo may be a color or black-and-white print (unmounted), 8-by-10 inches or smaller. All entries must include the photographer's name and address on the back, as well as the category and the title of the photo.

Photos cannot be returned. Photographs should be sent to: The International Library of Photography, Suite 350-9002, 10045 Red Run Blvd., Owings Mills, Md. 21117. Entries must be postmarked by Feb. 28.

The International Library of Photography is an organization dedicated to bringing the work of amateur photographers to the public's attention.

Poetry contest

Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum is now accepting poems for entry in its new Poetic Achievement Awards national contest. A grand prize of $1,000 and 34 other cash prizes will be awarded. There is no entry fee.

Poets may enter one poem only, 20 lines or fewer, on any subject, and in any style.

Contest closes Feb. 28, but poets are asked to send their work as soon as possible. Poems entered in the contest are considered for publication in the Fall 1999 Poetic Voices of America edition, a hardcover anthology to be published in September, 1999. Anthology purchase may be required to ensure publication, but is not required to enter or win the contest. Prize winners will be announced on April 30.

Poems should be sent to Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum, Dept. M, 609 Main Street, Sistersville, WV 26175.

Visit our website where you can submit your poems electronically: http://www.tinplace.com/sparrow or SPFpoetryWaol.com

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Concert schedule

Community Concerts has announced its 1999-2000 schedule of family musical entertainment. The "Season of the Century" features five musical ensembles who styles range from New Orleans jazz to Celtic song and dance to classics with a young-person's twist.

Season tickets officially go on sale March 1, but program details and ticket forms and information are now available by phoning the Community Concerts at 620-0033.

All concerts will be held in Midland High School Auditorium, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Jamboree show

The Lee High School Band & Booster Club's second annual Robert E. Lee Jamboree show is set for March 20 and 21 at Kingsway Mall.

The show is open to all media: antiques, arts, collectibles, crafts, and retail vendors. Local entertainment will be presented throughout the day.

Vendor applications are being taken now. call 520-7637 for more information and an application.

Jazz Party

The West Texas Jazz Society will present Collaboration, The WTJD West Texas Jazz Party, by combining the 33rd Annual Jazz Party and the 18th Annual Midland Jazz Classic. The event is set for 8 p.m.-12 a.m. May 20-22 at the Midland Hilton.

Invited musicians on piano are Johnny Varro and Ralph Sutton; bass, Lybb Seaton and Keter Betts; drums, Joe Ascione and Jake Hanna; guitar, Bucky Pizzarelli; cornet/trumpet, Ed Polcer and Randy Sandke; reeds, Harry Allen, Jim Galloway and Ken Peplowski; trombone, Bill Watrous and Dan Barrett; and vocals, Rebecca Kilgore.

Reserved patron seating for WTJS members, $150/seat and non-members, $175/seat. Please mail checks to The West Texas Jazz Society, 6417 Desoto, Odessa, 79762, or call 800-458-2878 for more information. For room reservations contact the Midland Hilton, (800) 722-6131

This event is made possible, in part, by generous support from the following organizations: the Abell-Hanger Foundation and Continental Airlines.

✔ Featured artist

ODESSA — Judy Carmichael will be the featured artist at the West Texas Jazz Society's concert March 4 at Odessa Country Club. Show time is 8 p.m.

She specializes in works by early jazz composers including Scott Joplin, Fats Waller and James P. Johnson and is also a mainstream jazz pianist. She has been featured on CBS Sunday Morning and Entertainment Tonight.

Admission March 4 is free to WTJS members and $15 for non-members. Reserved seating is $10 extra. The concert is co-sponsored by Abell-Hanger Foundation. For more information call 563-1701 or 682-4283.

Workshop set

Artist Kathleen Cook will present a "Still Life in Pastel" workshop at the Midland Fine Arts Center March 10-12.

Advance registration fee is $175. Ms. Cook is the juror for the Midland Arts Association Spring Juried Art Exhibition, set for the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., from March 12 to April 10. An opening reception for the show is set for 7 to 9 p.m. March 12. Cash awards of $2,500 will be presented at that time by the juror.

Ms. Cook is an elected signature member of the Pastel Society of America.

The three-day workshop will focus on creating mood, developing a personal point of view, using still life as a metaphor and making stronger compositions. A special emphasis will be placed on drawing accuracy and seeing color values. Technical information on applying pastel to a variety of surfaces will be included. Students will work from several studio set-ups. The workshop is designed for the beginner and the advanced artists.

Workshop co-chairs are Marie Marinovich and Doris Spires. For more information on the workshop, call Ms. Marinovich, 699-7136.

Art show, sale

The 21st Annual Haley Library Art Show and Sale is set for March 26.

This year's show features artists that are familiar to all who anticipate this annual event including Cyrus Asfary, Carolyn Anderson, Gerald Baciar, Dan Bodelson and Guy Coheleach. A complete list of almost 50 exhibitors will be sent with the invitation to the show and sale that will be mailed the second week in March.

Those wishing to receive an invitation to attend this year's show and sale are asked to contact the Haley Library and History Center at 682-5785.

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Flower trail

TYLER — Plans are under way for the 1999 Azalea and Spring Flower Trail March 14-April 4 in Tyler. This annual celebration features seven miles of home gardens filled with colorful azaleas, dogwoods, tulips, wisteria and redbuds.

The seven-mile driving tour will begin at 500 S. Broadway (Highway 69/Business Route) and East Houston Street. From there, drivers can follow the posted Azalea Trail signs as they tour some of Tyler's most attractive residential areas.

1999 Azalea Trail events include an Art and Crafts Fair, Tyler Heritage on Tour, Azalea Trail 10K and Fun Run, McClendon House Tour, Azalea Quilt Show and Sale, Texas Blues Festival, Porcelain Show and Art and Bloom.

Beginning on March 19 visitors may obtain tourist literature 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Visitors Information Center located in the Blackstone Building at 315 N. Broadway. For a complimentary visitor guide please call (800) 235-5712.

Show registration

SAN ANTONIO — Registration is now in progress for the 37th annual Starving Artist Art Show set for April 3-4.

Artist and craftsmen who wish to participate may send a request for an application by mail, together with a self-addressed stamped business size envelope to The Starving Artist Art Show office, 508 De La Villita, San Antonio, Texas 78205.

All entries should be original art work and handmade crafts. No commercial items will be allowed. Approximately 750 applicants are expected to participate. The show will take place in La Villita and part of the river walk. There will be no price limit on art work sold.

All monies derived from the show will benefit the Little Church and its ministry of feeding the less fortunate on the city throughout the year.

OSCAR BALLOT

The Oscar nominees have been announced. Can pick the winners? Watch for your ballot on 3E in today's Reporter-Telegram and online at digitalbasin.com, along with information on Midland going to the movies.

Readers' picks

We want to hear from you. We are looking for movie fans who want to add their opinions to Reviews & Previews. To qualify, send us a mini-commentary, preferably no more than 50 words each, about one or more of the following: favorite video; favorite actor; favorite actress; or a movie now showing here. Send your comments, name, address, and telephone number (email address and photo of yourself if you want) to Reviews & Previews editors Missy Hallmark and Georgia Temple. By mail: Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, Texas 79702. By facsimile: (915) 570-7650. By email: mhal@basinlink.com.

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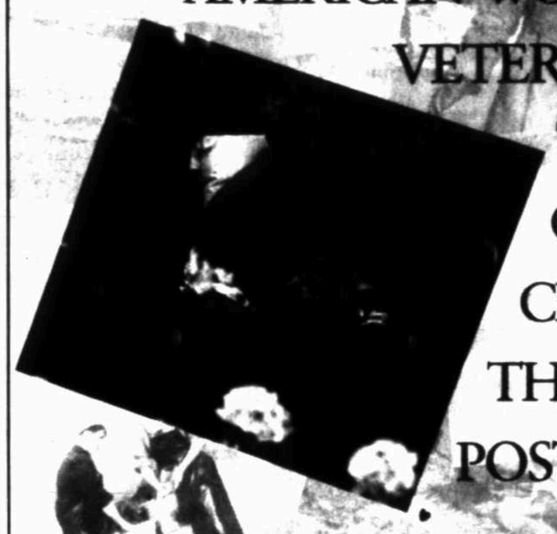

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The remembrance of Laura Frost Smith was not just another war story. At age 105, she was one of the oldest known American veterans of what was called "The Great War." It marked the first time women were allowed to officially serve in the U.S. military, although they could never achieve the rank or pay equal to that of men.

As a nurse, Laura was stationed on the Western Front in 1918. Very few women veterans of that era survive, and many of their stories were never told. This one could have been lost, too, except for the efforts of Seattle Post-Intelligencer reporter Carol Smith, who happens to be Laura's granddaughter.

Just months before her death, Laura shared the memories of the "mud and blood" of serving in that war. She could not even vote when she enlisted, but her service—and that of other women—helped earn that right and other important opportunities for women in the generations that have followed. The resulting feature, "Witness To War," has generated a tremendous response from readers. Laura's life has touched thousands of people in Seattle and across the country, where other papers published the piece. A story of one woman's courage from long ago is now timeless.

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Spotlight

"All That Jazz" 11th anuall all male fashion show

Imagine an evening of elegance set against a backdrop of evening gowns, tuxedos, fashion runways and camera flashes. New York City perhaps? Guess again. One need not travel to the "city that never sleeps" for an exciting fashion experience. Thanks to the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Women's Department, Midlanders are afforded the opportunity to attend a who's who community social featuring the latest fashion trends, and an educational scholarship fund raising charity ball all in one evening.

For the past 11 years the annual "All Male Fashion Show and Charity Ball" has served as the MHCC's primary scholarship fund-raising vehicle. To date, the combined efforts of the Women's Department, event sponsors and volunteers, has provided hundreds of students in pursuit of higher education with over $45,000 in scholarship grants. Scholarship applications are available at the MHCC office, Midland College, Coleman, Greenwood, Midland and Lee High Schools.

The MHCC has dedicated a considerable amount of time and resources to ensure that Midland enjoys one of the most highly trained and educated workforce pools in the state. The MHCC education committee has worked hard to create opportunities and incentives that encourage our youth to stay in school, and pursue a college education.

This year, the 11th Annual All Male Fashion, "All That Jazz," boasts a Mardi Gras theme and promises to deliver its traditional "punch" of fun and entertainment. The event is scheduled for Saturday, February 27,1999 at the Midland Center, and commences with a cocktail and social hour from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. The fashion show begins at 7:30 p.m. with what has become the traditional opening choreographed dance by the models. Performing the evening's emcee duties are MHCC Chairman of the Board Jerry Morales, and Dolores Cano, Assistant Principal at De Zavala Elementary School. Models will be presenting fashions from Adventure Sports, Dillards, The Gap, Janee's Evening Wear, and Luskey's Western Wear. The charity ball kicks off at 9:00 p.m. and will feature dance music from the coverband "Traffic Jam." This year's models and their sponsors are: Frank Baldazo, Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.; Raul Benavides, Edward Jones/Headway Specialties; Junior Brown, Marcom Sweeping; Gary Bryant, Sam's Wholesale; Ernest Calderon, Gulf Star Communications; Michael Elphick, Janee's Evening Wear; Valentin Gomez, Burlington Resources; Juan Jimenez, Sam's Wholesale; Jeff Kush, Big 2 News; Michael Lucio, Permian Distributing Co.; Frank Medrano, NationsBank; Charlie Moore, Cox Communications; Charlie Morgan, TU Electric; Gilbert Rendon, Standard Sales; Jessie Saldara, News Center 7; Ed Todd, Midland Reporter Telegram; Tim Whalen, ARCO; Ruben Vargas Jr., Trendy T's; Juan Vela, Gulf Star Communications; Michael Viallalva, Chevron; Mike Young, Jack Sherman Automotive; Greg Williams, Southwest Coca-Cola; and Mike Adkins, NewsWest 9. The Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce wishes to thank all those who have made the "All Male Fashion Show" the great success that it is today. Participation in the "All Male Fashion Show," whether it be through sponsorships, in kind services, or attendance, has been and continues to be a wise investment in our youth. Tickets are $25 per person and are available at the MHCC office or at the door. Corporate tables are still available for $250 and can be reserved at (915) 682-2960.

Of Events

Hispanic Business Is Good Business....

Spanish Station Breaks Top Three

As the millennium draws near, it becomes readily apparent how the Hispanic population boom is forever changing the complexion of the consumer market, and how successful businesses are rapidly changing to accommodate. A prime example is the emersion of KQLM Latino Mix, a 100 % Spanish format radio station, and their recent jump to the overall #2 ranking in the entire Permian Basin. KQLM has become a force to contend with even among non-Spanish format stations. The MHCC recently recognized KQLM at the quarterly mixer with the Notable Achievement Award for Excellence in Media Broadcasting.

Odessa based and family owned, KQLM began broadcasting on March 11, 1996, with a unique format consisting of music from the Mexican genre, Norteno Rejional, Baladas Internacionales, and contemporary pop from Latin America and Europe. The bold and innovative venture into an untried format eventually paid off as news of the pioneer station spread throughout the state. One hundred thousand watts of a true International Latino mix soon revolutionized the airwaves.

The music transcended physical borders and was transformed into KQLM's trademark Latino "beat."

KQLM's service to the community does not stop there however. The station management and staff consider themselves true friends of the community. The station often goes beyond its capacity to entertain and D.J.s and staff stand ready to assist their listeners in every way. Be it a referral to a newcomer or the lending a friendly ear. Station manager Pete Almanza conveys KQLM's deep appreciation to its listeners and to the commercial establishments that have helped make "Latino Mix" a great success.

The MHCC congratulates and thanks KQLM for all their past achievements and contributions.

DECA Convention

The Distributive Education Clubs of America, (DECA), recently held their annual area convention at the Holiday Inn Center on February 1st and 2nd. The selection of Midland as their convention site was the result of a convention bid submitted by the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Convention and Tourism Committee. The end result was a convention of over 300 students from San Angelo, Brownwood, El Paso, Lubbock, Midland, and Odessa Conventions are a boost to the economy as they infuse outside dollars into the local economy by generating revenue from lodging, shopping and dining.

ART

The Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce congratulates long time friend, community activist and artist Manuel "Manny" Ribera on his selection as one of the artists whose work will be exibeted at the Midland Arts Association 1999 Spring Show. The opening reception for the spring show is scheduled for Friday, March 12, 1999, from 12:00 p.m. until 7:00p.m. at the Museum of the Southwest.

You can visit www.mannyriberaart.com to view Manny's art on the internet. The Hispanic Cultural Center of Midland is offering free art lessons to students grades 7 through 12 on Tuesdays from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Casa De Amigos. Mr. Ribera will be conducting the sessions. For more information contact Norma Chavez at 686-7763.

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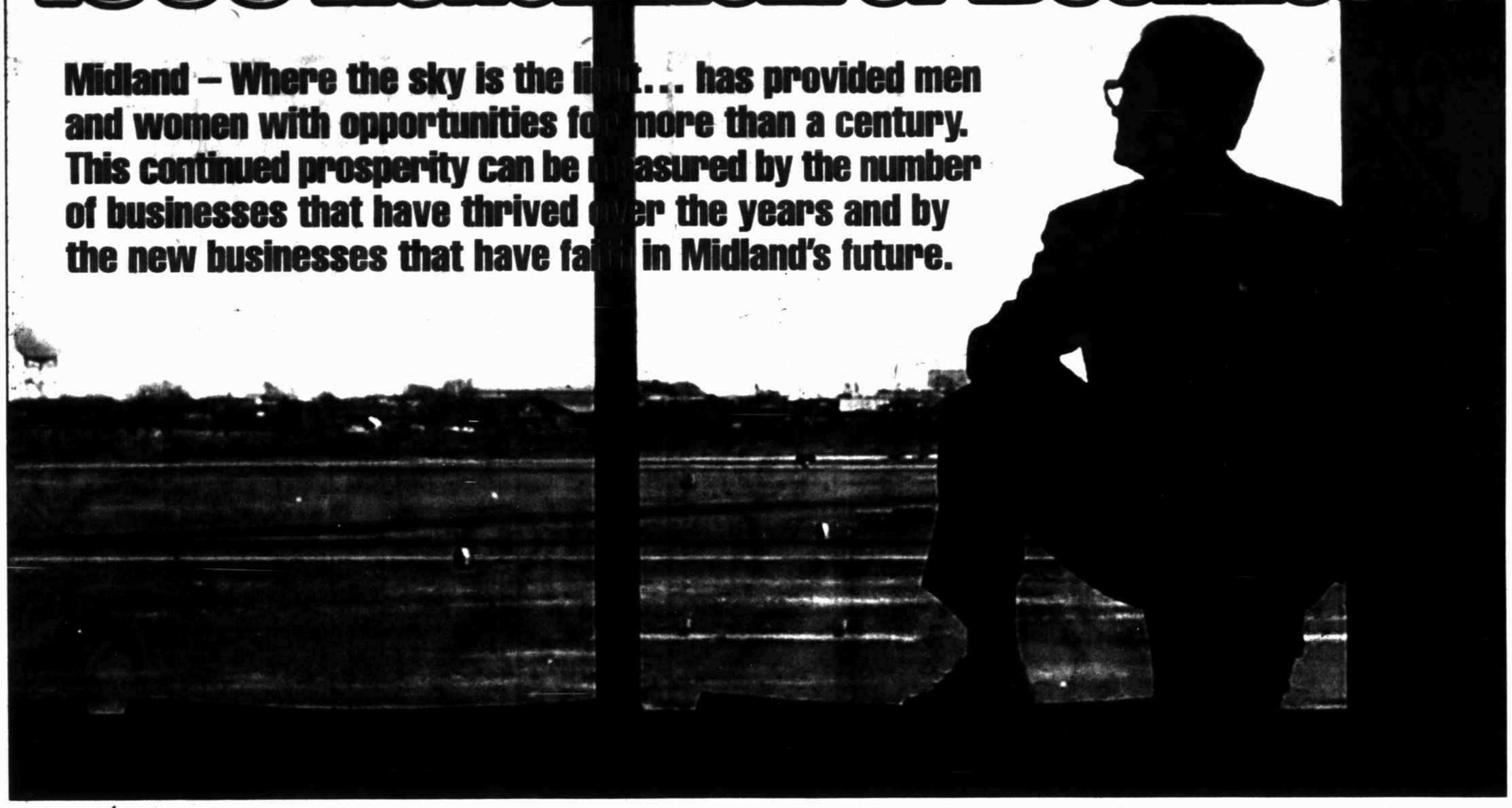

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Ceramics workshop

An artist recognized for her expertise in 17th century English slipware pottery will present a free workshop at Midland College Feb. 22-24.

Irma Starr reproduces the Bumap Collection of English slipware for the Nelson-Atkin's Museum of Art Museum Shop in Kansas City, Missouri and travels nationwide to give workshops and lectures on slipware.

Starr received a bachelor of fine arts degree from Kansas City Art Institute. She has taught at Anderson Ranch in Colorado, the Archie Bray Foundation in Helena, Montana, the Pewabic Pottery in Detroit, Michigan, the Mint Museum in North Carolina, Plimoth Plantation and more than 30 other universities and art centers around the country. She is working on a book and has already produced a video about English slipware.

At her Kansas City studio, she creates large jars, 32-inch commemorative plates, cradles, salt kegs and posset pots, which reflect her dedication to researching and experimenting with the slipware technique.

The Midland College workshop is participatory although observers are welcome, according to Carol Bailey, MC art instructor. People interested in the workshop should contact Bailey at 685-4662 for more information about how to register and what supplies are needed.

Scholarships available

The following are scholarship opportunities available to Midland College graduates who are transferring to four-year colleges and universities. All transferring scholarships require that you graduate this spring with an associate's degree and participate in spring commencement on Friday, May 14.

The deadline for all scholarships is 5 p.m. April 1 unless otherwise stated. Applications are available at the Scholarship Bulletin Board in the foyer of the Scharbauer Student Center.

Abell-Hangar Endowed Scholarship for UTPB or Sul Ross—amount of award varies, but will not exceed $650 a semester, renewable for two years or four semesters.

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All scholarships are available at the Midland College Financial Aid Office. Please direct any questions to the Scholarship Specialist, Latisha Williams 685-4693.

Holiman Ranch riding club

An organizational meeting for a Holiman Ranch Riding Club will be 6 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 23, at the Midland College Holiman Wagon Wheel Ranch Education Center located at the intersection of Highway 349 and FM 2401—35 miles south of Interstate 20 on the Rankin Highway and 21 miles north of Rankin. Anyone interested in joining this Riding Club is invited to attend. For more information, call 535-2422.

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Retraining Opportunites

Nursing, EMS list entrance requirements

Nurses can expect jobs after completing program

While Midland's oil economy may be faltering, Midland College offers training in many professions that continue to thrive.

The college's vocational nursing program trains students in a profession that continues to need new employees. All the graduates of MC's program are employed, and in general the pay ranges between $10 and $14 an hour, according to program director Susan Jones.

"Vocational nursing is a good program for retraining because in one year students are ready to become full-fledged professionals," Jones said.

And, nurses are in demand nationwide, which makes nursing a "highly mobile" profession, Jones said.

In MC's one-year certificate program, students are trained to provide bedside nursing care. Graduates are then qualified to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nursing. With that license, graduates can work in a number of settings including in doctors' offices, hospitals, schools, prisons, home health, rehabilitation and nursing homes.

While the program offers quick training for available jobs, Jones reminds potential students of two things: program space is limited to about 30 students and this year's new class will start in June instead of August.

The program will accept a new class May 14, but Jones emphasized students need to start the application process now.

To be considered for entrance into the program, students must:

—**Complete and submit an application to the vocational nursing program.** Applications may be obtained from office in the Davidson Family Health Science Building, or call 685-4601to have an application mailed.

—**Pass the nursing entrance test (NET)** with a composite score of at least 50 percent and at least a 45 percent on the math section by May 1.

The NET is offered each Thursday in the in the Testing Center, and an appointment is necessary to take the test. Because vocational nursing is a certificate program, vocational nursing students are exempt from taking the TASP test, normally required for all Texas college students.

Students may get sample questions to help prepare for the NET test from Carolyn Bloodworth in the Health Sciences admissions office.

—**Provide two official high school and college transcripts** or proof of GED.

Selection to the program is made by points, and the 30 students with the highest number of points are admitted into the program.

Vocational nursing classes start in June for those students who need anatomy and physiology and medical terminology. Those students will complete that course work and take their first nursing course during the first and second summer sessions.

In August, the entire class begins a two-semester schedule that Jones describes as "intense."

Course work includes basic nursing skills, pharmacology, medical, surgical nursing, gerontology, mental health and leadership. At the same time, students are getting clinical experience at many local health care facilites.

Clinical sites include hospitals, nursing homes, rehabilitation hospitals, home health care, nursing homes and psychiatric hospitals.

As part of their training, vocational nursing students practice taking the vital signs of children.

> *"Vocational nursing is a good program because in one year students are ready to become full-fledged professionals.*
>
> *—Susan Jones*
> *Vocational nursing director*

EMS program waiting lists mean students should apply early for fall

Emergency Medical Services education has become even more popular in the past two years, and many more students are applying to take the class than there are slots available.

Waiting lists have become necessary and applications of students who have not been accepted are being rolled over to following semesters.

Students interested in a career in emergency medical services are invited to apply for the emergency medical technician (EMT) courses available in the fall, spring and summer semesters.

Admission requirements are:

—Taking the Nursing Entrance Test (NET);

—Turning in a Health Sciences application to EMSV program;

Submitting a copy of your high school transcript, GED certificate or college transcript, whichever is more recent;

The NET test score will be used to accept the top 25 students with the highest scores to enter the EMT program in the fall and spring semesters. The top 15 students with the highest NET scores will be accepted in the summer. Students applying for the EMT course in summer 1999 will not be required to take a NET test.

The EMT certification is the the only prerequisite for applying for the paramedic class. All EMT students who successfully completed the course may then apply for the paramedic course that begins each spring.

For more information, call Gary Roberts, EMS director, 685-4593.

Continuing ed sets new courses to begin after spring break

The following continuing education courses begin in the next several weeks at Midland College. For registration information, call 685-4518.

Concealed Handgun Certification will be 6-10 p.m., Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays, March 16-19 and time to be arranged at the shooting range on Saturday, March 20. Judge James FitzGerald will be the instructor.

Step Aerobics will be 5:30-6:15 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, March 15-May 5. Debby Sevin is the instructor.

Computer & You will be 9-11:20 a.m., Mondays through Thursdays, March 15-25. Tina Mocksfield is the instructor.**

Country & Western Dance II will be 7:45-9:15 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, March 15-March 31. Barbara Elliott is the instructor.

Internet will be 6-8:20 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, March 15-25. Pillar Wilson is the instructor.*

Keyboarding will be 6-8:20 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, March 15-25. Barbara Coe is the instructor.*

Microsoft Office 97 will be 2-4:20 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, March 15-25. Tina Mocksfield is the instructor.**

Quicken for Investments will be 11:30 a.m.-1:50 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, March 15-25. Robbie Ca.m.pbell is the instructor.*

Real Estate-Law of Contracts 321 will be 6-10 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays, March 15-March 25. Sandy Hicks is the instructor.

Stained Glass II will be 7-9 p.m., Mondays, March 15-April 26. Joyce Low is the instructor.

Tummy Trimmers will be 6:15-6:45 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, March 15-May 5. Debby Sevin is the instructor.

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Fly Fishing will be 6-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 16-25. Michael Morgan is the instructor.

Oldies But Goodies-How to Create a Family Heritage Album will be 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays, March 16-30. Narda Poe is the instructor.

Stained Glass II will be 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays, March 16-April 27. Joyce Low is the instructor.

Water Pond Design will be 4-6 p.m., Wednesdays, March 17-April 7. Sharon Thames is the instructor.

Back Massage for Couples will be 7-10 p.m., Thursdays, March 18. Katherine Allen is the instructor.

Cake Decorating-Easter Cookie Blossom Project Class will be 7-9:30 p.m., Thursdays, March 18-25. Pat Fisher is the instructor.

Microsoft Excel will be 6-9 p.m., Friday, March 19, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, March 20 and 1-6 p.m., Sunday, March 21. Chris Cunningham is the instructor.*

Hunter Ed will be 6-9 p.m., Friday, March 19, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, March 20, and 2-5 p.m., Sunday, March 21. Wayne Ransbottom is the instructor.

Introduction to Landmark Seisworks will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Fridays, March 19-26. Christy Reed is the instructor.

Microsoft Works will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, March 19. Melody Johnston is the instructor.*

Basic Education for Activity Professionals will be 9 a.m.-6 p.m., selected Saturdays and Sundays, March 20- June 20. Paula Rowan is the instructor.

Child Development-Music and Creative Movement will be 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, March 20. Donna Field is the instructor.

CPR for Health Care Professionals will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, March 20. Gary Roberts is the instructor.

ADD and Depression will be 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, March 20. Ron Meyer is the instructor.

Medic First Aid and CPR will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, March 20. Alfred Bersosa is the instructor.

Real Estate Mandatory Continuing Education will be 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, March 20 and 21. Donna Gore is the instructor.

Water Pond Design will be 1-5 p.m., Saturdays, March 20-27. Sharon Thames is the instructor.

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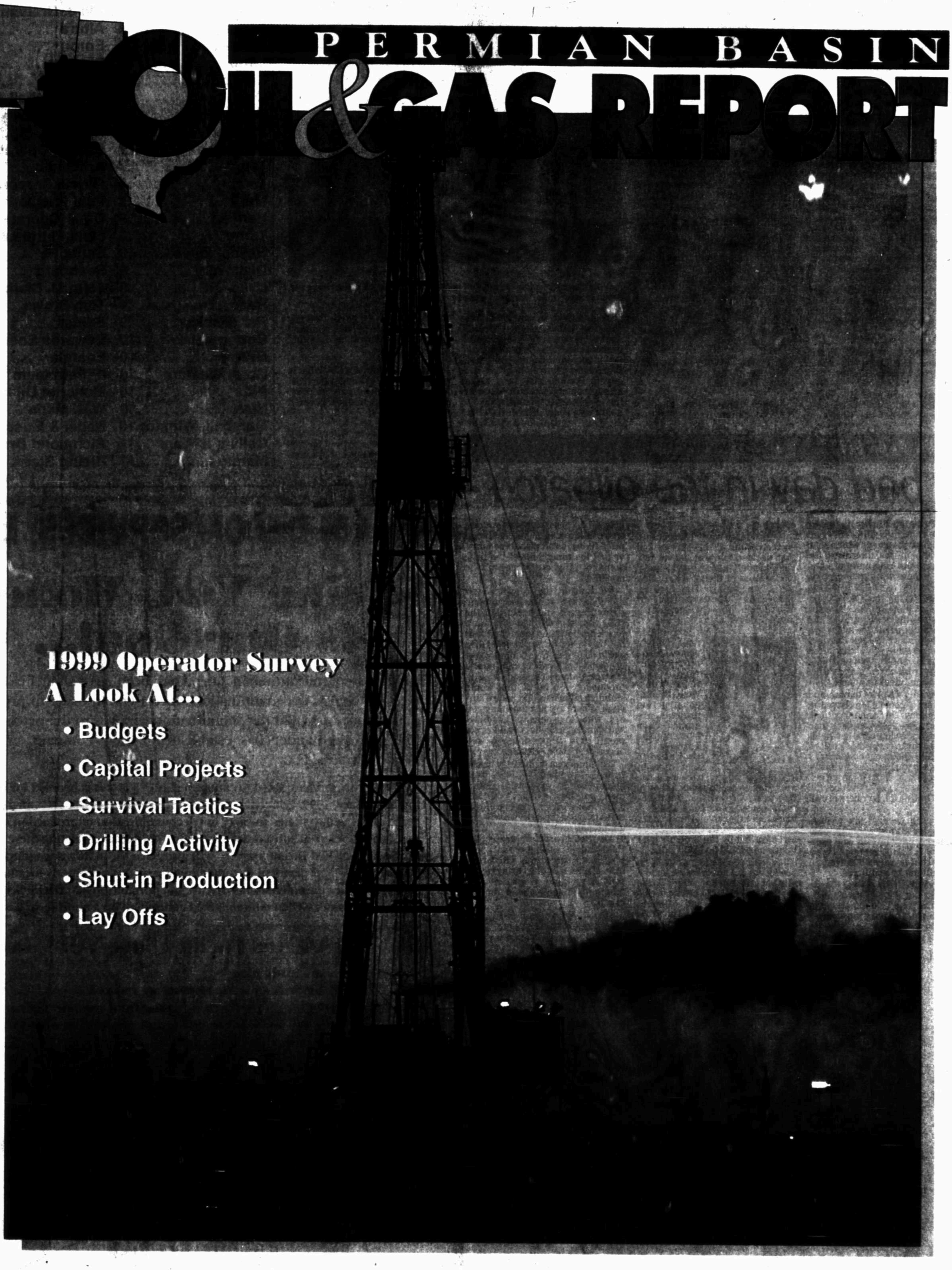

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OUTLOOK '99/ An environment of low price

Dealing with a low-price crisis

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

As usual, the 1999 Outlook questions involved most of the things one would want to know about the operations of an oil and gas operator, from production and drilling to seismic, personnel, budgets, capital projects, oil prices and natural gas.

This year, however, questions were framed within the context of low oil prices. How are they impacting your company and your operations? Here are the questions we asked, and our analysis and summation of the responses:

PRODUCTION -Have you shut in wells, if so will would shut in more. What is the critical posted price for your operations?

Nearly every operator has shut-in some production, but apparently nothing radical at this moment, unless one considers Texaco's Mabee CO2 project which was turned off. However, the number of wells shut in could increase in the future as many wells begin to face serious workovers and repairs. Expensive repairs or workovers are the main criteria used by most operators for shutting in a well.

"If it goes down and cannot pay for repairs in 90 days, it stays down," says Danny Kellum, Vice President of U.S. Operations for Pioneer Natural Resources. Because there are so many variables affecting the economics of each well - production, sour or sweet, corrosion and chemicals, water cut, et. - operators say there is no such thing as a critical posted price where all production is shut in.

PERSONNEL — Have you had to reduce staff since November 1997? If so, by how many?

Operators are sensitive about giving information about employee cuts when they don't have to, making it difficult to get an exact number of layoffs in the Permian Basin. But, most companies have had some layoffs, ranging from a few as one to as many as 165. Other other oil companies may be looking at possible cuts down the road if conditions don't improve. While layoffs in the Permian Basin are severe, they don't appear as severe as they could have been.

One company that is taking a long term view is Henry Petroleum. President Dennis Johnson says Henry will cut whatever it must, to avoid layoffs. "We have made a long term commitment to our employees."

DRILLING — How many wells will you drill this year? How does this compare to 1998. Was the final number of wells drilled in 1999 revised downward?

Drilling this year will be minimal. Many operators don't even have a drilling budget. Those that do have drilling budgets have slashed the number of wells to be drilled by anywhere from 50 to 75 percent.

Ray Westhall Operating at Loco Hills in New Mexico drilled 12 wells last year, but will not drill any this year. Chi Energy will drill 75 percent fewer wells than it did last year. Operator Paul Friemal has put his entire 1999 capital budget into operations. Pioneer Natural Resources had an original budget of $185 million for the Permian Basin last year, that finally got cranked back to $75 million after two adjustments. This year the capital budget will be even lower. Pioneer currently has three rigs running in the Spraberry, compared to 22 this time last year. And, those wells are not even being completed.

SEISMIC — Will you shoot any 3-D seismic this year? Did you shoot any in 1998?

Surprisingly, despite the low rig count, many companies are still involved in some seismic shooting. Others, such as Texaco, are still processing data acquired in shoots last year. Marathon says it is involved in shoots throughout the Basin. Titan notes that it is engaged on one fairly large shoot, and Enron notes that it is investing in some 2-D seismic shoots to hold down costs. Pioneer, Collins & Ware and Rising Star are involved in a large Spraberry shoot, which has been in planning for over a year, involves a pooling of deep acreage.

CAPITAL BUDGETS — What is your total capital budget for 1999. How does this compare to 1998. Was your 1998 budget revised downward?

Capital budgets where they exist are a mere shadow of former budgets. The average reduction would probably be 50 percent of

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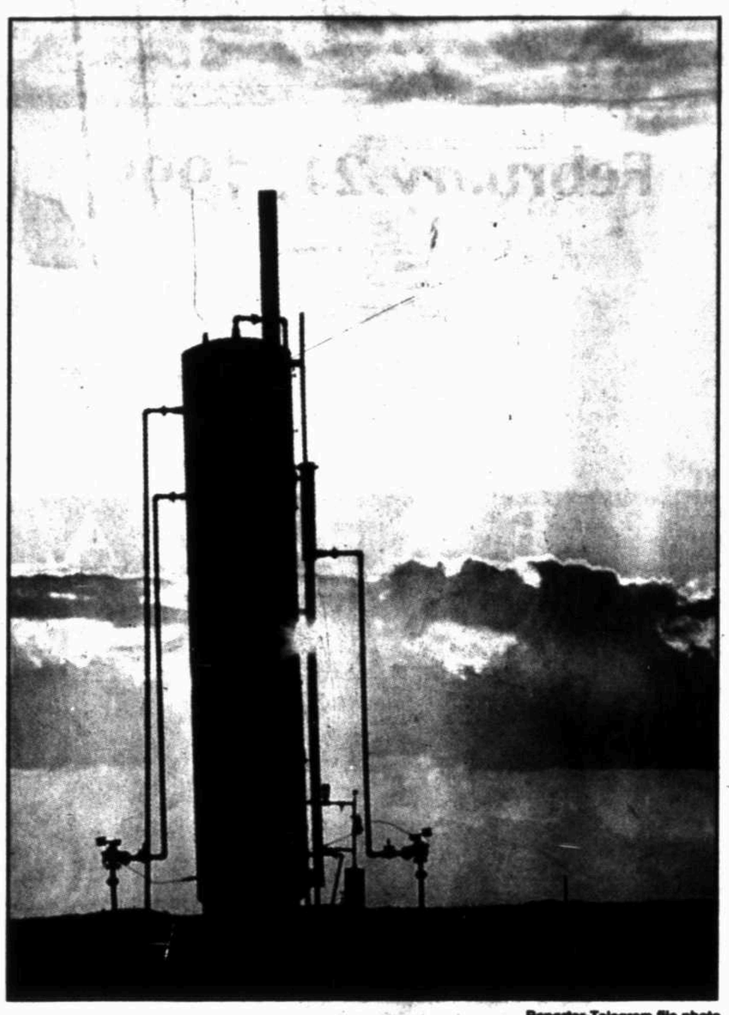

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A separator blocks the setting sun near Lamesa. Low oil prices have put Basin leases under constant economic scrutiny.

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A bad day in the oilpatch

The Permian Basin Oil Report Outlook Edition is different from most industry surveys which send out questionnaires, then distill the responses into raw numbers and translate them into clever graphs, and pie charts to reflect trends.

The Oil & Gas Report, is interested in all that, but we are more interested in the mood, attitude and opinions of the people we interview. That's why we report our answers in the narrative. One can often learn more about what is really going on from three quotes than from a page full of numbers.

That is why we print quotes, and make a set of conclusions based on our questions. Our annual outlook edition is more of a discussion than a survey, and by the time one reads it from cover to cover there will be no mistake about what oil and gas operators in the Permian Basin are doing to deal with the oil price crisis. The intensity of the mood, the reasons behind the numbers are all revealed.

This year we had six writers working for almost a month, calling every operator in the Burmass Oil & Gas Directory. It is a process that involved hundreds of calls, call-backs and faxes.

The results are in. I wish it were different, but it's not. As if this is news to anyone, It's a bad day in the oilpatch! And it may get worse, that's the bottom line of our 1999 survey of oil and gas producers and operators.

We pondered how we might soften the results of this survey, but then decided that was not our job. We'll just tell the facts and leave it to Chamber of Commerce to find the silver lining. The fact is: Everything will be down in the Permian Basin this year, and not by just a little bit.

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Budgets and drilling generally will be only half what they were last year. Capital construction projects are almost non existent. The advance of technology that brought us where we are today has been stopped dead in its tracks. Growth and profit, for most companies, have taken a back seat to survival. Hundreds of jobs have been lost in the Basin already, and by the time it's over thousands could be lost.

It's not because Permian Basin producers are not creative, innovative or efficient operators. To the contrary, they are the most creative, innovative and efficient operators in the world. The problem is: Oil prices are just too low.

Oil prices may be low because of geopolitical considerations, market share manipulation, international price-fixing, a soft global economy, or just too much oil and too little demand. Maybe it's one, maybe it's all.

No matter the reason, over many decades it has been demonstrated again and again that the U.S. domestic oil industry, more particularly the independent sector, has virtually no power to alter world oil prices. U.S. political powers could, but have virtually no will to wage a win-or-lose battle for U.S. producers — a battle that would stabilize oil prices and insure survival. There are just too many voters who love cheap gasoline. National security is a valid argument, but impossible to sell because of cheap gasoline.

The American oil industry has no friends. No allies. We have been abandoned by our own countrymen, our own leaders. We will either hang on and get out of this mess by ourselves. Or, we will die, unnoticed, one by one in West Texas, Southeast New Mexico, the Panhandle, Oklahoma, and Louisiana. And nobody will care — at least until they start bringing the body bags home from the wars fought to defend cheap foreign crude.

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OUTLOOK '99/Budgets generally off by half

MARATHON

Ken Toma says Marathon has shut in a few wells across the Basin, and could shut in more depending on economic performance of the well. "We don't have a single posted price at which performance becomes critical. It depends on a lot of variables." He said the company had no employee cuts so far.

Capital budget for 1999 is off 25 percent from the $95 million unrevised budget of 1998, and is subject to change.

Toma says Marathon will favor gas projects and will drill 40-50 wells this year, providing prices don't go softer. He said the drilling would not be concentrated in the Yates field or any other field, but would be scattered all over the Basin. The company drilled 50 wells last year. Outside of drilling most other capital projects have been put on hold. Toma said Marathon is currently involved in several scatter 3-D shoots in West Texas and New Mexico.

"The global economy is a big driver for oil prices. We are being very cautious and feel we will have to learn to operate in our current environment."

If the Yates field is excluded, Toma says Marathon, is about 50-50 balanced with oil and gas. "Natural gas has been a big economic help and even at today's prices, the Yates field is still economical."

CHEVRON

Bob Howard, manager Permian Profit Center, says Chevron has shut in about 700 bopd of production. Most of it has been in marginal wells with an extremely high water cut. More wells could be shut in later, depending on a scheduled Marginal Well Review conducted by the company.

"We are not shutting down any wells that are economical, but many wells fall into the uneconomical category very quickly at today's prices. And, even if prices were to rebound tomorrow, we would not bring some wells back on production."

Chevron did not have any employment cuts in 1998. Some had been planned for 1999, but those have now been put on hold until the partnership with Arco-Permian is finalized.

Also up in the air is the 1999 capital budget. Chevron had planned to spend $46 million this year, down from $73 million in 1998, but the formation of the new partnership will make much of that subject to review.

"We still have some good prospects and development wells to drill," said Howard, making our program almost void of high risk exploration. But we do have some delineation wells planned.

Last year the company drilled 27 oil wells and 12 gas. Plans for this year included 16 oil and 17 gas. Howard said Chevron acreage had pretty much been covered by 3-D, and the company was still processing seismic from last year.

He said there would be no new capital projects other than maintenance. "We have pegged $5 million of our 1999 budget for maintenance projects." There are no plans to expand two CO2 pilots, and a pilot steam project in the McElroy will be shut down this year. "This steam project was research, and we have extracted about all the information we can at this point."

Chevron is gearing up to live with low prices for the long haul, and that was part of the reason behind the partnership with Arco Permian.

He said Chevron produces 60 percent oil and 40 percent gas, and is looking to move more to gas.

TITAN RESOURCES L.P.

Bill White, Titan Chief Financial Officer, says the company has voluntarily shut in a minimal number of wells (less than 100), but is considering additional wells.

"We are making sure we don't lose any production," said White. "But, when a well loads up with water or sands up and production is temporarily restricted, we have elected not to workover until price improves."

He said the critical posted price is function of many things — whether or not it is sour crude, the amount of chemicals required, daily production, water cut. "It is tough to say when a well becomes uneconomical, but with a $6 lifting cost, 1/8 royalty and taxes tough to say WTI becomes uneconomical very quickly.

Our lifting cost, G&A and taxes generally averages $6, deduct 80 cents for royalty and you have $3.20 per barrel to pay debt and make a profit. If you deduct $3-4 for sour crude, it can turn into a loss.

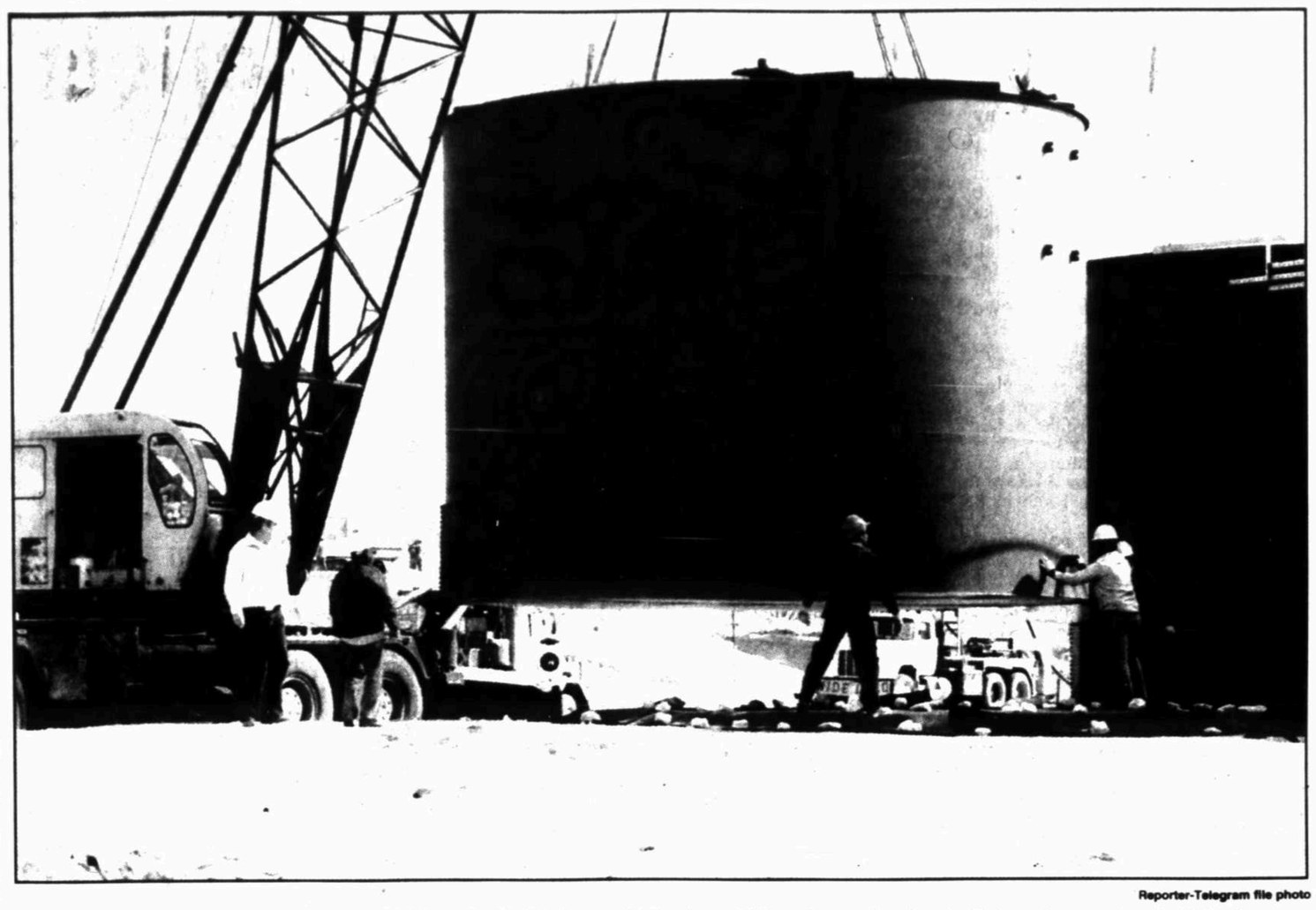
Titan has laid off only three people in West Texas so far, but has laid off 18 on the Gulf Coast as the result of consolidation of two acquisitions made a year ago, and not because of low oil prices. "At this point, if things don't change, we are in pretty good shape," said White.

Titan is still working on its 1999 capital budget. It spent $54 million last year, which was down from $100. This year it will be less than $54 million.

The company participated in 50 wells last year, and will drill some wells this year, but no definite number has been established. "We also had 12 workover rigs working last year and that is down to two."

No additional capital projects are planned, but Titan will continue to shoot 3-D seismic. White said two seismic shoots, one fairly substantial, are planned for this year.

Titan is looking for oil prices to remain soft for the next 18 months, barring anything unforeseen. "We think it will trade in a fairly narrow range, about $1.50 on either side of $12.50. We think natural gas prices could fall 20-30 cents this spring before it firms back up in late summer or early fall." He said the company is currently balanced 65 percent for natural gas.



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A new storage tank capable of holding 1,000 barrels of oil is lowered into place. CO2 and waterflood projects have been put on hold for the year.

UPR

With a heavy gas well inventory UPR has not been subjected to many of the problems of oil operators. Bob Wittman, GM West Texas Business Units, says the company operates 1,600 wells in the basin, but produces only about 1,000 barrels of oil. We are about 95 percent balanced for natural gas here in the basin, but 57-43 for gas nationwide.

Wittman says the company conducts an economic review each quarter and periodically shuts in wells.

UPR has had two staff reductions, totaling 135, that primarily affected the Fort Worth office, and now has a voluntary early retirement plan in effect. The sale of UPR gathering and processing assets to Duke Energy involves 100 jobs in the Permian Basin, but it is not known if there will be employee cuts associated with the sale. .

The company spent $49 million for capital projects in the Permian Basin last year and will spend about half that this year. Company-wide, upstream spending last year was $1.1 billion, and will be about $500 million this year.

UPR presently has two rigs running in the Permian Basin — one in Midland County and one in Ozona. Wittman says that is subject to change up or down, but he would like to keep both rigs running all year.

The most active driller in the nation for several years, UPR once drilled almost a well a day in the Basin. Last year it drilled 70 wells, keeping six rigs busy until the middle of the year, when the number dropped to zero. No definite number of wells have been set for 1999.

The company has no 3-D seismic projects planned for 1999, and since it is selling its gathering and processing business to Duke Energy has no construction or upgrade projects planned.

The company is using $13.50 per barrel in planning 1999 financials. Wittman says the low oil price environment is pretty much a supply and demand problem. "Asia is flat on its back and we have 80 degree weather in February," said Wittman.

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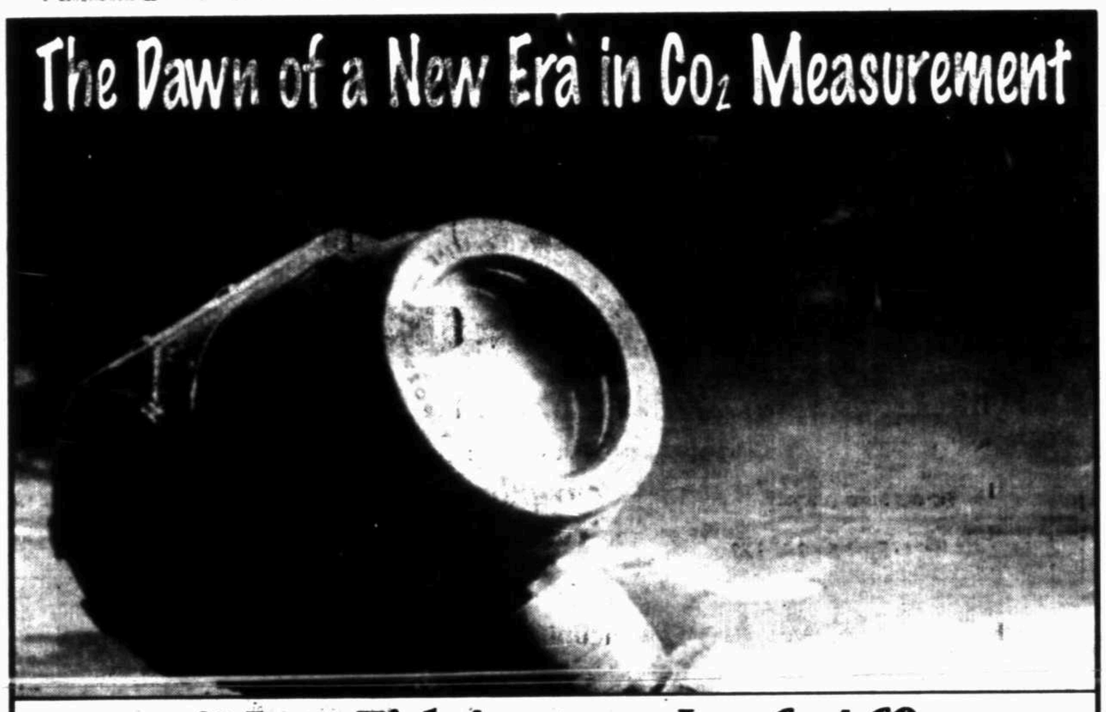

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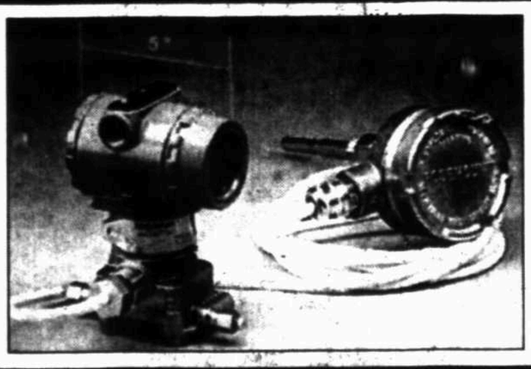

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OUTLOOK '99/ Numerous Basin wells shut in

COSTILLA

Mike Grella, president of Costilla, says his company has not been hit has hard by the low price environment as some for two reasons: Most of the oil is hedged at $16.50 and about 70 percent of company production is natural gas.

A deal to buy a large package of properties from Pioneer Natural Resources is still on hold as the two companies look for ways to make it move forward in a low-cost environment. Grella says the deal, which will alter activity plans for both Costilla and Pioneer, will probably be consummated. "We will get the financing somewhere, probably from private sources, and finalize the deal this year."

The company is reviewing approximately 80 wells to determine if they should be shut in. If a well fails and it is not a very good well, we are likely to shut it in.

Costilla did have a net loss of 24 positions in December, 14 of which were in Midland.

With a 70 percent balance for natural gas, and plans to reach 80 percent by year-end, Costilla will put most of its 1999 focus on South Texas, where prolific gas pays are found from 3,000 to 17,000 feet. Nearly all the focus will be in the deep South Texas gas play. "The Permian Basin does not have any deep gas plays and that is one thing that could revitalize the area," said Grella.

Presently the company is looking at a capital budget of $100 million, about $20 million over last year. Most of it will be for drilling, but the company will build several pipelines in South Texas, in the Speaks and Sealy fields. It is also involved in the shooting of 35 square miles of 3-D seismic in New Mexico.

VISTA RESOURCES

Steve Gray, president, says Vista Resource has shut in more than 50 wells in the last year. That is about 10 percent of the company's total wells, and 200 bopd. "That was done on $12 oil and we may have to shut in even more," says Gray. "Anything south of a $13 to $15 Nymex price becomes critical."

The only staff reductions were the result of a merger with Midland Resources last October, in which 12 employees were laid off because of consolidation. But no employees have been laid off as a result of the low price environment.

Capital budget for 1999 was set at $11 million, based on $15 Nymex forecast, but if prices remain what they are, will probably cut by half, said Gray. "The company had also budgeted 20 wells for the year, but it now looks like 10 to 12 for the year, and we will shoot no seismic." Vista Resources drilled 20 wells last year.

"We have pulled back to workovers and remedial, and we have no capital projects planned. However, we will finish one waterflood project started last year, and that will account for part of our 12 wells.

"We think oil prices are a self-correcting problem. People stop drilling, production goes down, prices go up 'Ve think low prices will last through 1999, then will start picking up. Most banks are using $13 for financial planning for the rest of the year."

The company is balanced two-thirds for oil and one third gas. "I wish were balanced 50-50 for natural gas, because it has cushioned the oil price drop."

HENRY PETROLEUM

Dennis Johnson, president of Henry Petroleum, has shut in some uneconomieal wells but is not sure of the exact number. He says more wells will probably be shut in as they come due for major repairs or workovers. He said there are too many variables to set a critical posted price.

Johnson said Henry Petroleum was making its people the No. 1 priority. "We are not overspending and we are keeping investment dollars so that we can avoid layoffs. It is too easy to fire people in an environment like this. Henry has made the decision to invest in our people." Johnson said he wished more of the industry would have a long-term commitment to employees.

Still the company has capital budget of approximately $30 million, which is a significant increase over the 1998 budget that was trimmed by $6 million.

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Drilling plans for 1999 include 10 to 20 development wells and four exploration wells, mostly in two enhanced recovery projects. Henry will also participate in three 3-D shoots, two of which are a carryover from last year.

"We think oil prices will increase in less than one year, but feel the reason prices are down is because Saudi Arabia and Nymex make it too easy to manipulate oil futures prices."

Johnson says the company likes both oil and gas is about 35 percent balanced for natural gas.

ABEL M.D. CO.

Midland-based M.D. Abel responded to the low oil prices by curtailing production. They haven't shut in any wells and don't anticipate having to do so in 1999. According to president, Joe Abel, they are trying to "time the market, which is hard to do." The posted price makes stripper wells uneconomical to operate at this time.

The capital budget of $400,000 for 1999 is below 1998's budget, but not considerably so. In 1998, the budget was revised downward by not drilling as previously planned. When oil prices dropped last November, M.D. Abel stopped any kind of exploration even if it meant forfeiting leases. However, there is the possibility of participating in exploratory drilling with partners this year. "The main area I'm looking at drilling is natural gas." About 50 percent of M.D. Abel drilling involves partners. Abel remarks, "Compared to '98, I'm sure we'll do less."

In 1998, M.D. Abel shot 3-D seismic data that is being processed now. They may also purchase 3-D seismic that has already been shot in an area of interest. Their goal this year is to maintain current wells. M.D. Abel primarily focuses on natural gas, but is not opposed to exploring for oil. "I think any company that is going to survive is going to have to have a balance on both (oil and gas)," said Abel.

"If the Asian economy comes back around and demands increases, it'll go up." Abel commented in reference to oil prices, "1999 will be fairly flat, maybe go to $12. For 2000, who knows?" In the meantime, Abel is keeping his staff to a minimum to reduce costs. In addition to attributing low oil prices to the Asian economy dropping so quickly, Abel points out that "countries that produce oil for hard currency are basically giving it away, like Russia."

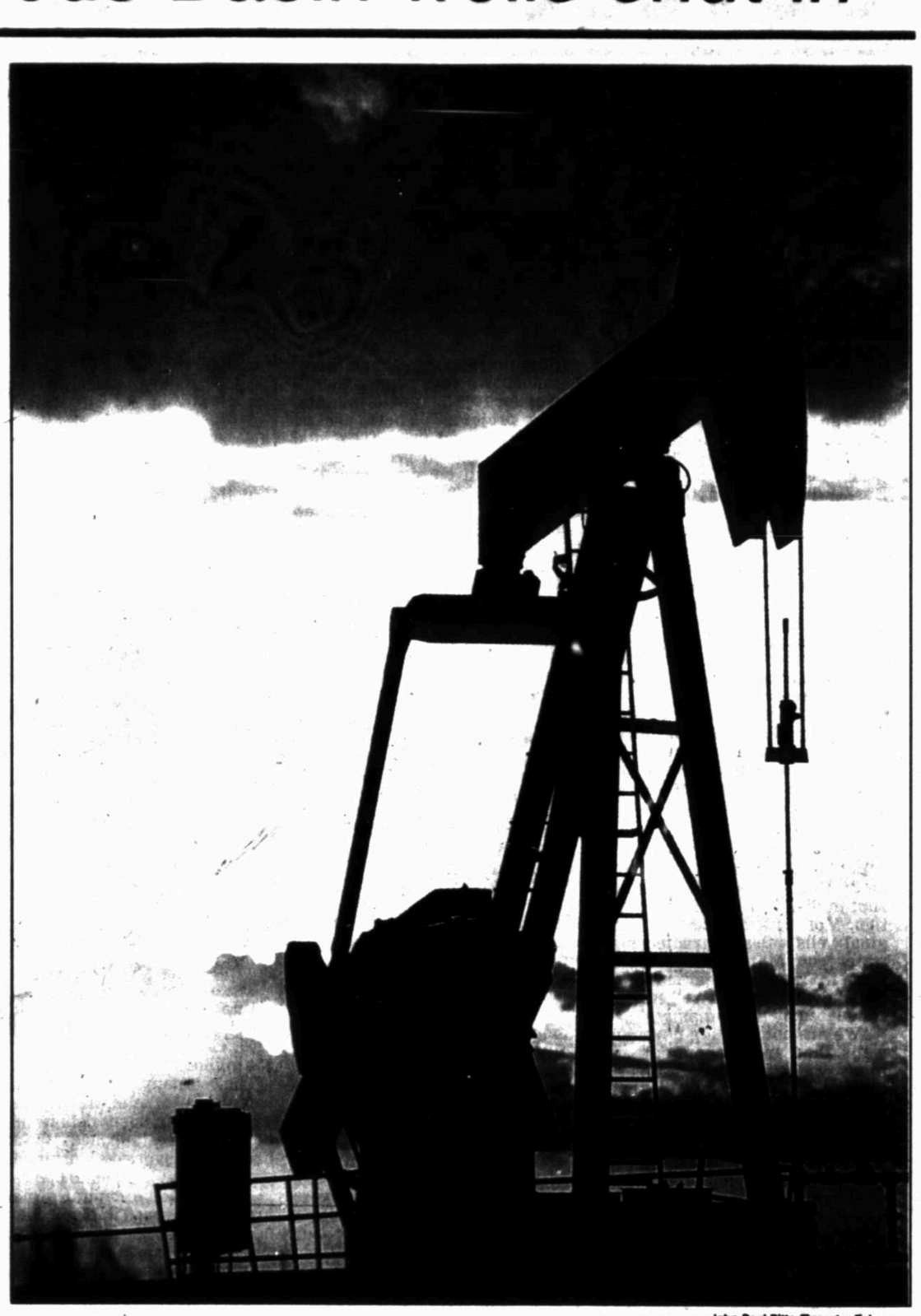
LAGUNA PETROLEUM

Drilling isn't in the picture for Laguna Petroleum in 1999, according to George Conly, COB. "We're in the acquisition and producing business. We drill some development wells, but we don't explore. And we won't be drilling in 1999." In reference to a capital budget, Conly said, "We don't really have one. We're not that big, we just do what we can."

Laguna Petroleum has shut in some wells since oil prices dropped last year and may have to shut in more depending on the price of oil. Conly said prices wouldn't have to drop much farther before it becomes uneconomical for Laguna to operate. Currently, 70 percent of Laguna's production is sour crude.

Operating as efficiently as possible is Laguna's main strategy for getting through the low oil price times. Laguna focuses primarily on oil rather than gas, and Conly doesn't anticipate that changing despite dropping oil prices.

Concerning when oil prices might go up, Conly said, "I don't see anything at the moment that would make me think that it's going to go up because we've got too much of it worldwide. The price is dependent upon supply and demand, and right now, we have too much supply compared to the demand. I just don't see anything that looks like that's going to change very much."



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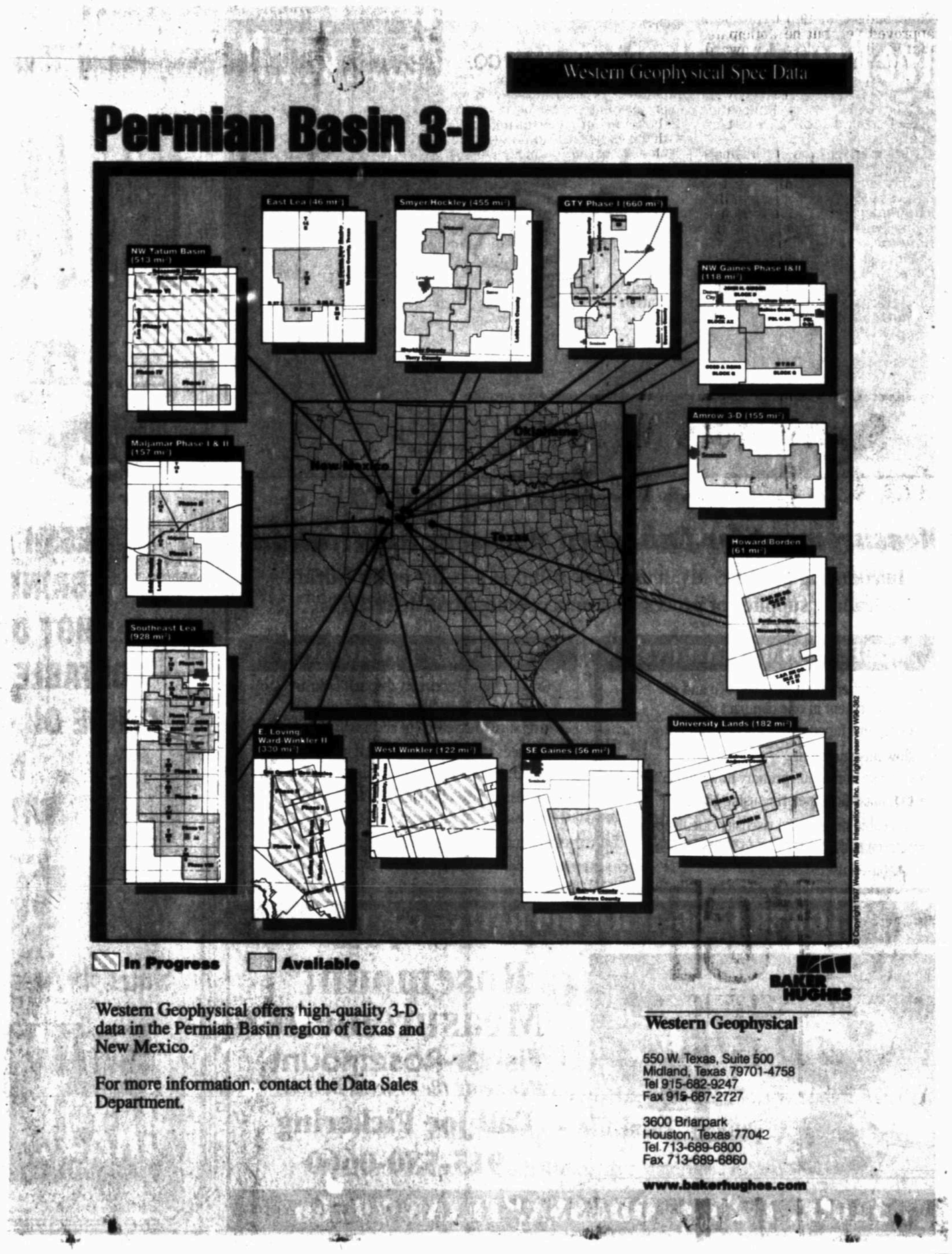
A large percentage of Basin operators are reporting shut-in wells. More could follow falling economics.



OUTLOOK '99/ More wells could be shut in

A&B OIL CO.

Current oil prices severely affected the oil production and drilling activity of A&B Oil. Seventy-five percent of their wells were shut-in when oil prices dropped in 1998. However, there are no plans to shut in more wells in 1999. Larry Bryant, president of A&B Oil, said that sour crude, which makes up about 50 percent of their wells, is more affected by the dropping oil prices.

In 1998, A&B participated in a partnership, drilling one new development well. This year, they anticipate a couple of new wells with partners.

In partnership, they shot 3-D seismic data in 1998. It is not certain whether or not A&B will be involved in shooting 3-D seismic in 1999.

To avoid laying off employees, the company is using the furlough system. This system keeps everyone working to some extent. A&B has cut its budget by 25 percent. Bryant noted that when the posted price of oil goes below $10, it becomes uneconomical to operate. To maintain operation, Bryant said they just keep their costs as low as possible, hoping that oil prices rise in the next six months. A&B focuses primarily on oil production with approximately 20 percent natural gas. Bryant said that they are leaning more toward natural gas now that posted oil prices are so low.

In stride with the growing concern among oil companies that the U.S. government is unconcerned about their possible demise, Bryant responded, "The oil industry for some reason is not recognized by our government. We are so dependent more and more on other countries for oil." He also said he believes OPEC is in disarray, and the Middle East countries will have to cut oil production in order for the price to increase.

FINA

Don Tiffin believes that supply and demand, and the perception of supply and demand currently have the greatest impact on oil prices. He comments, "Crude is now traded on the commodities market. Perceptions drive commodities. Sometimes they're based on fact, sometimes they're not."

Fina has shut-in 1 to 2 percent of their wells since oil prices started dropping. They hope to keep that number low in 1999. The majority of their oil production is sour crude.

According to Tiffin, the 1998 capital budget was about $5 million. Their budget for 1999 hasn't been approved yet, but he anticipates that it will be revised downward. Last year, Fina drilled 12 wells in West Texas. They don't expect to drill here at all this year. As well, they haven't done any exploration in the Permian Basin in the last few years.

Fina manages to keep business running during the low oil prices mainly by monitoring operating costs as closely as possible. Tiffin said Fina primarily focuses on oil in the Permian Basin, but at this time most of the money they're spending is on gas along the Gulf Coast.

As for the future of oil prices, Tiffin suggests that the market seemed to bottom out on Dec. 10, and right now there's a gentle upward trend that he hopes would continue.

LAKEWOOD EXPLORATION

By using a rotation method, Lakewood Exploration is trying to limit the number of wells that have to be shut in at any given period. Gary Jones, manager of Lakewood, explained, "We are currently rotating by shutting in all marginal wells for the limit of the time the lease will allow. We'll produce them for thirty days and then shut them back in. We've been doing that since last summer with up to 12 different wells." Jones further explains that different leases require different production periods that control how long a well may be shut-in. They plan to continue rotating those 12 wells this year, as needed.

Lakewood Exploration has only sweet crude production. Several of their wells have already become uneconomical to operate in today's market. To compensate, they've reduced staff by 25 percent and cut back on any nonessentials like geological library services.

'The oil industry for some reason is not recognized by our government. We are so dependent more and more on other countries for oil.'
— Larry Bryant, president, A&B Oil Co.

According to Jones, Lakewood Exploration drilled two wells last year and participated in four more. But without a capital budget this year, they don't anticipate drilling at all. Lakewood Exploration won't be shooting 3-D seismic in 1999, although all of their wells in the past 10 years have been off 3-D.

Historically, their focus has been primarily on oil, but Jones noted that right now they're trying to generate some gas projects. Responding to what needs to happen for oil prices to go up, Jones said, "The demand in Asia needs to increase. Saudi Arabia needs to take more of a leading role in cutting back production. Although no one can predict what will happen, we hope the price will rebound by this time next year."

LARIO OIL & GAS CO.

In June, Lario will be closing its exploration office in Midland. However, they anticipate continuing to do business on a consulting basis with the exploration manager and geologist currently working out of that office. One employee noted that Lario has had an office in Midland for approximately 48 years, with their last 25 years in the current location. Lario's production field office in Odessa continues to operate with no anticipation of closing.

According to a company representative, Lario has shut in one or two wells since oil prices dropped last year. If the price doesn't change, they will probably shut in more wells. With every lease being different, Lario looks at the economical stability of each well individually. Lario operates from Garden City up past Andrews. Primarily, they produce sweet crude in those areas.

Lario's capital budget remains about the same this year as last, due mainly to a gas play in Ector County. Normally, Lario's gas/oil ratio is fairly even. Considering the price of oil, they're focusing more on gas when possible. Although they've participated in some 3-D seismic in the past, Lario does not plan to shoot 3-D in the Permian Basin this year.

To stay afloat during low oil prices, one company representative said Lario shuts in the uneconomical wells, avoids anything that requires capital budget, and puts off what can be put off regarding projects.

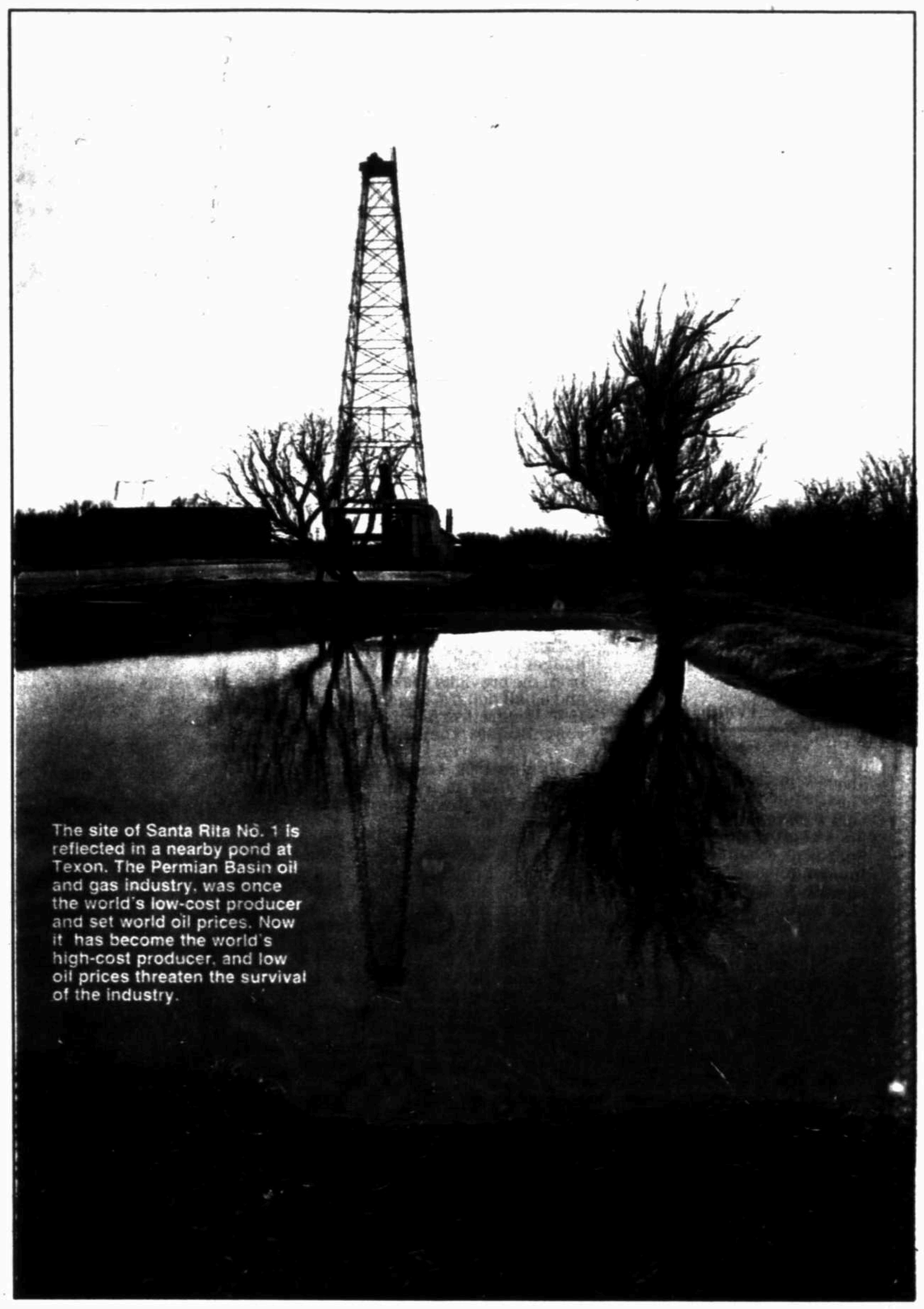
OXY USA INC.

Although it is still uncertain how existing oil prices will affect Oxy USA in 1999, they shut in 60 wells when oil prices dropped in 1998. According to their general manager, Conrad Joseph, they have not determined if they'll have to shut in any wells this year, but it seems likely if low prices continue. About two-thirds of Oxy USA production is sour crude.

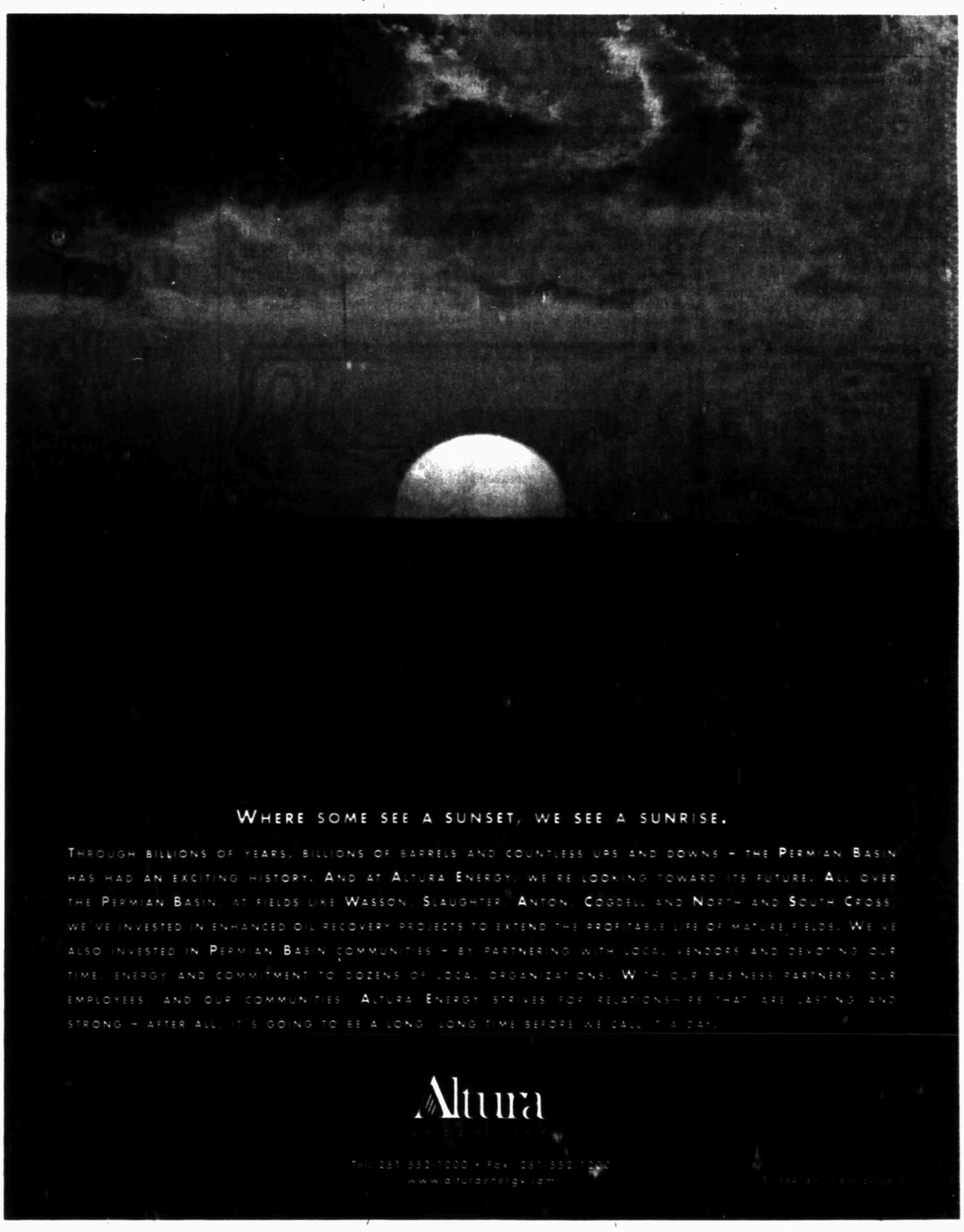
Their capital budget for 1999 of $5 million is actually an 80 percent reduction from the previous year. In 1998, Oxy USA revised the budget downward in all areas including drilling plans, which was down by 20 percent. Joseph said it is uncertain whether they will be drilling wells in 1999. If they do, the wells will not be exploratory. Last year, Oxy USA drilled 23 developmental wells, mostly with partners. Joseph notes that while they did shoot 3-D seismic last year, they do not anticipate shooting any this year.

Financially, wells become uneconomical for operation at different rates depending upon the property or lease, said Joseph. They are preparing for the long term low price environment by reducing costs and increasing efficiencies. Oxy USA has not had to reduce staff to keep costs down.

Oxy USA focuses pretty evenly on both gas and oil. However, their recent focus has been weighted toward gas in response to the low price of oil.



The site of Santa Rita No. 1 is reflected in a nearby pond at Texon. The Permian Basin oil and gas industry, was once the world's low-cost producer and set world oil prices. Now it has become the world's high-cost producer, and low oil prices threaten the survival of the industry.



OUTLOOK '99/ Natural gas focus increases

Solar-powered metering is checked on a line in the Permian Basin. Natural gas is saving the day for many Permian Basin oil and gas producers. Those producers not already highly balanced for natural gas report they are increasing their focus in that direction.

ORYX ENERGY CO.

Today's market requires monitoring oil prices almost daily, said Robert Marshall of Oryx Energy. Since oil prices started diving last summer, Oryx has shut in 253 wells. It's production of sour vs. sweet crude is about even. Determinations for shutting in more wells this year will be made based on oil prices and the actual lease for each project.

Oryx reduced staff by about 40 percent in the last year. The reduction was the result of the combination of dropping oil prices and the merger of Oryx with Kerr-McGee.

Marshall said the capital budget for 1998 was about $25 million then reduced to $15 million over the summer. The budget reduction would have been greater except that the majority of their projects were scheduled before oil prices started dropping. "We front-end loaded our program. We had done a lot before summer" Marshall said. Limke said Oryx drilled eight wells in 1998.

'We're just cutting costs. That's about all you can do ... cut costs until such time that you have to start thinking about employees.'

— Robert Landreth

A $20 million capital budget for 1999 is only possible because of a focus on gas production in New Mexico. Marshall said, "We are opportunistic in this business whether it's gas or oil projects that become available." Other capital projects for 1999 include electrification, salt water disposal wells and facilities in the Indian Basin field.

Oryx strategies for survival include cutting capital spending, reducing developmental work previously planned, reducing staff dramatically, as well as the merger with Kerr-McGee, which reportedly saved a $100 million. Discussing long-term views of low oil prices, Marshall said, "Analysts say it's here to stay for a while. The Wall Street Journal isn't very optimistic. We hope it gets higher but we're gearing up to survive in an $11 to $12 world."

ROBERT LANDRETH

Last December, Robert Landreth put a full-page ad in the Midland Reporter-Telegram encouraging people throughout the industry to shut in some production. The hope was that taking some oil off the market would have a small influence on the price. Following his own advice, Landreth has shut in 30 percent of his production. According to Landreth, "Half of that is shut-in because it's uneconomic, and the other half of the 30 percent is shut-in because we were trying to make an effort to take some oil off the market." At this point, Landreth does not anticipate having to shut in more wells as long as the prices stay where they are now.

Roughly 15 percent of Robert Landreth production is uneconomic at current prices with another 15 percent heavily leaning that way. Of the 60 active wells Landreth operates, about 45 are sour crude.

Landreth didn't have a capital budget for 1998, which was down from the previous year by a billion and a half dollars. In both 1996 and 1997, Landreth drilled 5 wells each year. By 1998, they didn't drill at all. They aren't anticipating drilling in 1999. Landreth will be participating in a couple of gas wells in New Mexico that they are not operating.

In dealing with the low price environment, Landreth said, "We're just cutting costs. That's about all you can do ... cut costs until such time that you have to start thinking about employees. I hope that we don't have to cut to that point."

Responding to how long oil prices will be low, Landreth said, "Most analysts are saying that these low prices may be with us for a while. The way I see the fundamentals of the business, I think there is a possibility of these low prices being with us for a good while."

Landreth notes that he is working cooperatively with other oilmen looking for solutions, but "it's an uphill battle all the way."

PARALLEL PETROLEUM CO.

According to Larry Oldham of Parallel, they've had to shut in fewer than 10 wells so far, despite low oil prices. "We will shut in the marginal wells," Oldham said. He explained that any marginal wells that have operating problems and go down, will stay down. Most of Parallel Petroleum's production is sweet crude with only three sour crude wells.

As with most oil companies, Parallel's current capital budget dropped considerably from 1998. Last year's capital budget was more than $16 million, although that was revised down somewhat when oil prices dropped. This year the budget has been cut to somewhere in the range of $3 to $4 million. Seventy-five percent of 1998's capital budget was primarily focused on 3-D seismic, while the other 25% percent went to drilling expenses. Parallel has no plans for shooting 3-D seismic this year.

Oldham anticipates that Parallel will either drill or participate in about 12 to 15 wells. Ninety percent of those will be gas wells. Drilling for 1999 is about half in comparison to 1998.

Oldham believes that low prices have already brought the oil industry to a standstill. He said, "We consume 16 million barrels of oil a day in the U.S. and half of that is imported. We have OPEC overproducing to gain market share and OPEC has done a good job of eliminating non-OPEC high cost production by overproducing. Once they have eliminated high cost production, at some point in time, OPEC has got to cut production and bring the price back up. There's not anything politically acceptable in my opinion that's going to help oil and gas independents. I just don't see how we're going to get any major help that will change the price. The only thing that could be done is the implementation of an import fee, but I don't think that will be done."

In an effort to survive during the low oil price environment, Oldham recommends protecting your cash, cutting operating costs, and eliminating capital expenditures on noncash flow projects. Parallel's focus is currently on shallow high-impact gas prospects because the price of gas has not dropped as much as oil. Parallel Petroleum has not had to reduce staff as of yet.

On a final note, Oldham said, "We've just got to survive. That's the bottom line. Things will get better ... we just don't know when."

CRISIS:Hard year appears on horizon

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last year.

Nearly all capital projects other than drilling — waterfloods, CO2, gas plants, pipelines, etc., — have been put on hold, according to operators.

OIL PRICES — Are you taking a long term (one year or longer) view of low oil prices? Do you have an opinion about the cause of low oil prices?

Hardly anyone is taking a short term view of low oil prices. The general consensus is that the low price environment will be with us for at least a year, maybe longer.

However, there is not consensus as to the reason behind the oil price crash, views are divided between economics and politics.

"The global economy is a big driver in low oil prices," say Ken Toma of Marathon. Dennis Johnson at Henry Petroleum notes: "Saudi Arabia and Nymex make it too easy to manipulate oil prices." Thane Akins, with Omar Operating Co. believes low oil prices are the result of a joint agreement between the U.S. State Dept. and Arab countries. He said the agreement calls for: The Arab countries to get a larger market share, by eliminating competition in the U.S. with over production, and the U.S. to get very healthy economy.

"There is just to much oil on the markets. There is a glut, a slow world economy and there seems to be no light at the end of the tunnel for years to come," said Don DeCarlo of Santa Fe.

NATURAL GAS — How is your production balanced for natural gas and oil? Are you now focusing more on natural gas?

One thing is certain. Conditions would be much worse if not for the fact that natural gas prices have remained stable and above $1.50 during all of the low-cost oil environment. Most oil companies have some natural gas production, and more than a few operators are counting on it provide cash flow, when oil is not. Those highly balanced for natural gas are not doing as badly as those with mostly an oil portfolio. Those that have the finances want to become more balanced for natural gas this year.

Costilla, now 70 percent balanced for gas, said it hoped to achieve 80 percent this year. The company has an extensive deep gas drilling program in South Texas. Clayton Williams acknowledges that he is now back in the gas business, and has a significant play going in East Texas. For some Permian Basin operators casinghead gas is all that is keeping the bills paid and the doors open.

There is little optimism, and as 1999 develops it appears to be a hard year for Permian Basin oil and gas operators.

Dominon Res. buys San Juan Partners

RICHMOND, Virginia (Bloomberg) — Dominion Resources Inc., owner of Virginia's largest electric utility, said it agreed to buy closely held San Juan Partners LLC, increasing its North American gas reserves by about 15 percent.

Financial terms weren't disclosed. Dominion acquired gas wells in New Mexico, a trust that owns New Mexican coal fields from which gas is removed, and several gas sales and marketing contracts.

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OUTLOOK '99/ Projects almost non-existent

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Funding for capital projects such as gas plants, CO2 recoveries and waterfloods is almost non-existent in 1999. No new CO2 projects are planned for the Basin, which is known as the CO2 capitol of the world.

PATTERSON PETROLEUM CO.

The continued drop in oil prices since last November has caused the laying off of at least 1,000 Patterson employees working in drilling and a few on the petroleum side. Cloyce Talbot, president of Patterson Petroleum, warned, "There will be more coming if things don't change."

In any given two-to-three-week period, Patterson has shut in 30 to 40 wells. Talbot said they've been able to get all but 8 to 10 up and running to some degree. "We've rotated some, depending on what the price is doing and whether they're sweet or sour barrels." Shutting in more wells is directly related to what the price of oil is each day, according to Talbot.. "It's really borderline right now whether you make any money or not." Talbot said it will become uneconomical to operate if the price goes below $9 dollars. Currently, 70 percent of Patterson oil production is sweet crude.

Patterson Petroleum's capital budget for 1998 was $4 to $5 million. Their expected capital budget for 1999 is between $3 and $5 million, depending upon fluctuation in oil prices. They operated the drilling of 10 to 15 wells last year and expect to be involved in six to 10 wells this year. Patterson is looking at one 3-D seismic opportunity in 1999, although they didn't shoot any 3-D seismic in 1998.

Concerning the length of low oil prices, Talbot comments, "I never dreamed it would stay this low this long. I don't think there's as much surplus crude oil in the world as people perceive." At Patterson Petroleum, surviving during low oil prices has resulted in a 10% percent salary cut across the board and laying off employees.

Previously, Patterson has been more focused on oil than gas. However, Talbot said, "Right now, you'd like to focus on both because gas prices are higher than oil. So, we're looking more for gas than oil."

TEMA

Formerly known as ATAPCO (American Trading and Production Corp.), Tema is one of the few oil companies in the Permian Basin with a higher capital budget for 1999 than for 1998. The 1998 budget did have to be restructured downward when oil prices dropped last November. The recent budget increased because of the company's restructuring at the end of last year.

Since oil prices dropped last year, Tema has shut in 25 wells with 200 wells currently operating. Bob Van Husen, of the Midland office, said they don't anticipate shutting in more wells this year. He believes that their sour oil production is currently uneconomical, with sweet oil production becoming economical at $5 to $6 per gallon. In 1998, Tema drilled three operating wells, but no exploratory wells. According to Van Husen, six wells are in the budget for drilling in West Texas this year.

Tema recently purchased 160 acres for a small waterflood project. It is a secondary recovery project with five wells as an expansion of an existing waterflood.

Van Husen anticipates up to two years of low oil prices. In order to survive in such a market, Tema will shut down wells as needed and trim overhead costs wherever necessary, including personnel. In response to the possibility of raising oil prices, Van Husen said, "I think we're going to have to reinstate allowables, in conjunction with some sort of import limit on oil, in my opinion. Saudi Arabia can supply the world's demands with the rest of us not even being in the business. So, we need to make a national policy decision on whether we want Saudi Arabia to be our oil supplier."

Tema's gas to oil ratio is about 50/50. They are focusing more on natural gas now that oil prices are so low.

Van Husen is unsure as to how he feels about government intervention within the oil industry. "I'm torn there. As an independent businessman, I don't necessarily want the government interference. However, I don't see us surviving without some change and I don't know where the middle ground is."

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OUTLOOK '99/ Drilling will be lower than '98

YATES PETROLEUM CORP.

In response to dropping oil prices, Yates Petroleum leans toward coal-bed methane drilling. John Yates Jr. said, "Coal-bed methane drilling is easier. You don't need all the service companies or special equipment. The cost of accessing those reserves is much less for gas." According to Yates Jr., the coal-bed methane drilling will be near the Powder river in Wyoming.

As well, Yates Petroleum is committed to quite a bit of development drilling in the Pience Basin. Other projects include minimal gas drilling in Abo, which Yates Jr. describes as "development type, not wildcatting," and some Morrow drilling mostly in Eddy and Lea counties. Compared to previous years, Yates Jr. stresses that the company is not as active, but taking it slow. "A lot will be contingent upon how long this low oil price hangs in there. We do a lot on cash flow and we're not going to borrow money."

Yates Petroleum staff has been reduced in a small way. Their capital budget is down by 40 percent. Yates Jr. said "we're only going to drill the better prospects." In 1998, they drilled about 30 wells, not including any coal-bed methane drilling. This year, according to Yates Jr., the estimate is about 100 coal-bed methane wells and six to 12 oil wells. They're using 3-D seismic that was previously acquired, although they may shoot one 3-D in the Pience Basin this year.

The bulk of Yates Petroleum leases are state and federal. Yates Jr. finds unrealistic government requirements discouraging. "For example, in Carlsbad, the federal government tries to make us paint caliche to make it look better. We like to call it 'designer dirt'." Yates Jr. said that sometimes it seems like the federal government is trying to hold them back with such ridiculous requirements. While he appreciates the two year moratorium on not being required to plug wells, Yates Jr. still feels like the state "dogs us a lot, trying to get us to plug wells."

In reference to the oil market, Yates Jr. discussed how producers can't continue to give their product away. He said there are so many middlemen, like the government, refiners, etc., that the oil producers realize a very small percentage of the sale by the time it gets to the consumer. Yates Jr. also said "the market forces would correct more quickly if the middlemen didn't have their hands out, especially the government with all its taxes. We have to take the risks and there are no guarantees. We do all the work, and the government just waits for the checks."

Overall, Yates Petroleum is focusing on gas at this time because the prices are not as severe as oil, although Yates Jr. pointed out "they're still real weak."

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> — John Yates Jr., Yates Petroleum

MERIT ENERGY CO.

Merit Energy Co., headquartered in Dallas, will drill 11 wells in the Permian Basin in 1999, said Todd Flott, regional manager for Merit.

None of the wells will be exploratory in the Permian Basin, he said.

After oil prices crashed in November 1997, Merit shut in perhaps 15 to 20 wells, he said. But the company also "began shifting a lot of its focus from oil to gas.

During 1999, Merit will have a number of waterflood projects, noted Flott.

"Merit is taking a long-term view of the oil price problem," said Flott. "I think you have to. We are looking at a number of opportunities that Merit may can get into.

"We pride ourselves on our low operating costs," Flott said.

In the past, Merit has been balanced with about 60 percent of its production coming from oil and 40 percent gas. Now it has a much heavier concentration on gas, Flott.

HANSON CORP.

B.M. Hanson, president of Hanson Corp., said the corporation has not shut in wells since the oil price crash in November 1997 and does not plan to do so, but he did note that if the posted price were to drop to $7 per barrel it would become uneconomical for Hanson to operate.

For 1999, Hanson said, the company will drill one exploratory and two development wells. Hanson did not shoot 3-D seismic data in 1998 and will not this year, he said.

Hanson also said the company does not have any capital projects other than exploration, but that the company anticipates low oil prices for the foreseeable future and is reducing spending to survive the oil price downturn.

Hanson also blamed the low oil prices on the fact that there is "too much oil worldwide."

TREND EXPLORATION ONE, L.L.C.

Scott Dufford, managing partner for Trend Exploration One, L.L.C., said the company has not shut in any wells yet because of the low price of oil, but doing so has been contemplated.

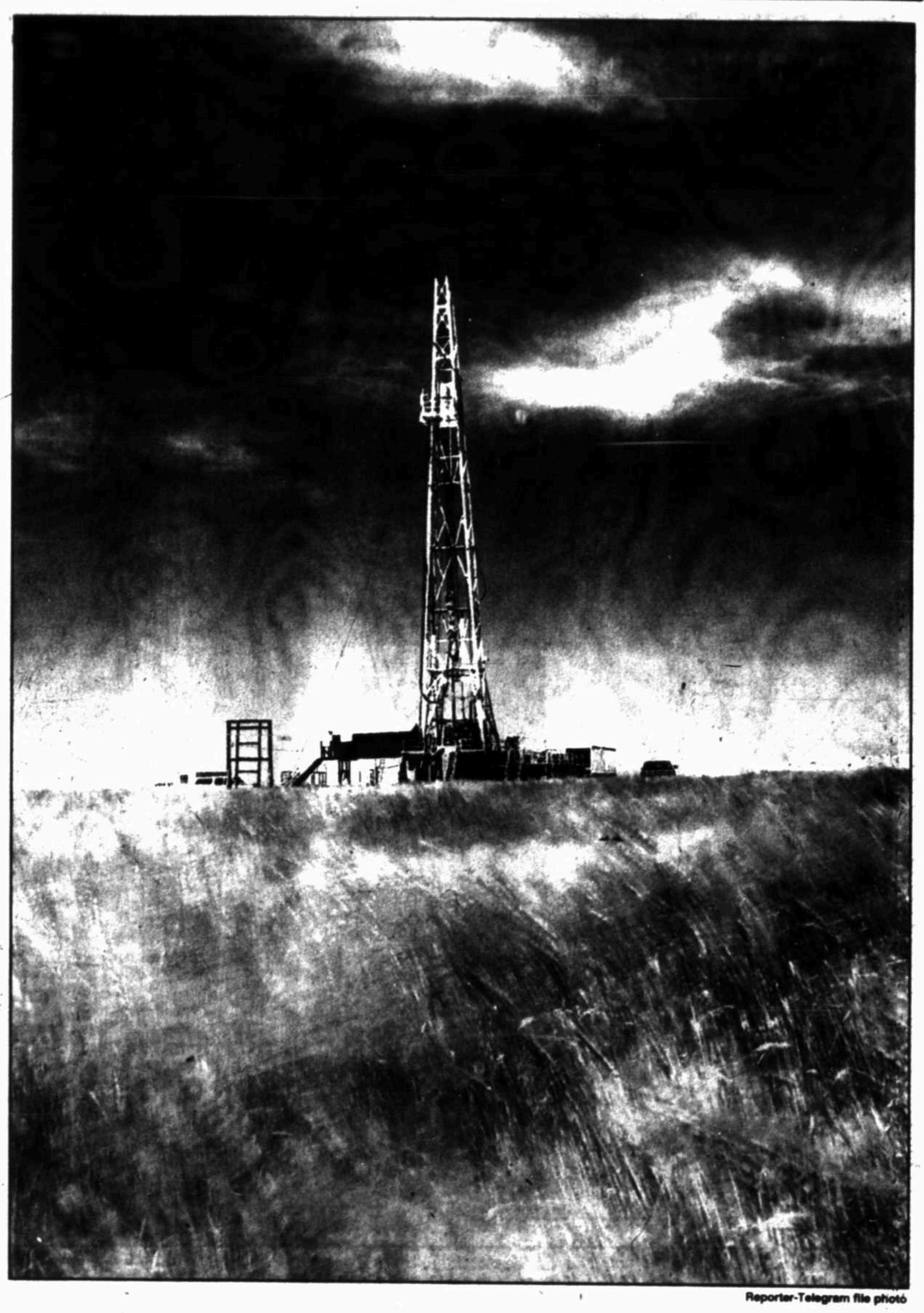
He noted that the company is a low-cost operator and can stand some low prices as long as the posted price doesn't drop below about $9 a barrel.

Trend has done some cost reduction with salaries, said Dufford, but he said "we're still trying to carry on an exploration program."

Dufford said Trend's capital budget will be 50 percent less than it has been in the past and that where in the past the company has drilled one to two wells a month, during 1999 the company will "spend more on leasing and 3-D seismic than on drilling. We will spend more on exploration than on drilling."

Dufford also said he believes that the low oil prices are "something that's definitely out of our control." Although he would not speculate on the reason for the low prices, he added, "There may be something to the notion prices are artificially being kept down."

Legislation introduced in the Texas Legislature to assist the oil industry through severance tax relief will help the oil industry overall, said Dufford, but not Trend Exploration because the company has no stripper well production.



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A drilling rig graces a grassy pasture. Drilling in the Permian Basin in 1999 will be less than half of what it was in 1998. Last year was also a down period for drilling as many companies revised plans downward.

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OUTLOOK '99/More layoffs may happen

HEYCO, HARVEY E. YATES CO.

Following the oil price crash in November 1997, HEYCO, Harvey E. Yates Co., headquartered in Roswell, N.M., shut in a number of wells and may shut in even more, said Steve Yates, vice president.

Yates said that if the posted price of oil drops below $9 it will be uneconomical for the company to operate.

Although HEYCO, Harvey E. Yates Co. has not reduced the size of its staff from November 1998 levels, he said the company revised its 1998 drilling program downward and that the budget for 1999 will be lower.

Although the company did not shoot 3-D seismic data last year, Yates said HEYCO has plans to shoot 3-D seismic during 1999. The company also is planning a pipeline project this year, Yates said.

He said the company is now focusing more on natural gas, and its production is balanced at 50-50 between oil and natural gas.

The company also is diversifying to survive the low oil prices that Yates expects to continue for months.

DISCOVERY OPERATING INC.

Don Sparks, president of Discovery Operating Inc., said that Discovery has shut in wells since the price crunch began and "will shut in additional wells should the posted price stay low."

The low price is also controlling Discovery's exploration and development programs. For 1999, Discovery plans to drill only one exploratory well and three developmental wells, but Sparks observed that such a drilling program was less than what the company performed in 1998.

Sparks also said he anticipates continued low oil prices for several more months and observed that "I believe this government is involved with certain foreign governments to keep prices low to help Asian economics."

Despite the plummeting oil price, Discovery has not had to reduce its staff from November 1998 levels to this point, said Sparks, and the company's production is now balanced 65 percent to gas and 35 percent to oil.

During 1999, Sparks said, Discovery plans no waterflood, CO2, gathering systems, gas plants or other capital projects.

DYAD PETROLEUM CO.

Although DYAD Petroleum Co. drilled no wells during 1998 after the price fall, Tom Dyches, noted that the company is "presently working on a large gas prospect in Colorado."

Dyches also said that during 1999 DYAD will drill one wildcat in the Permian Basin and one or two development wells.

He also indicated the company shut in some wells and reduced production on others because of the low price. "More will be shut in if the price is below $9," said Dyches.

Dyches said he expects low oil prices to continue for eight months to a year more.

> **'If we don't get relief in the next 90 days, the infrastructure of the domestic oil industry will deteriorate very rapidly.'**
> — Charles Read, president, Read & stevens

However, DYAD has not had to reduce staff levels from November 1998 to the present.

Dyches noted that DYAD did not shoot 3-D seismic data during 1998 and will not this year either.

READ & STEVENS INC.

Charles Read, president of Read & Stevens, headquartered in Hobbs, N.M., said the company shut in about 25 wells after the price crash — mainly marginal wells. He said the company does not expect to shut in any more wells at the present time.

Read & Stevens also reduced its staff by about 15 percent as a result of the lower oil prices "and we may make other reductions," Read said.

During 1999, the company has a drilling budget of about $2 million, which represents about a 75 percent reduction from earlier levels. Read noted that all of that reduction is directly related to the price of oil.

In 1999, the company will drill four developmental wells, but no exploratory wells. Two years ago, he said, Read & Stevens drilled 25 wells and operated with a $16 million budget. The oil price collapse reduced the company's drilling program to eight wells in 1998 and further curtailed production this year.

"We're just drilling wells that we have expiring leases on," Read said, "or wells that are committed to a development program (that) are offset by drainage."

The company probably will shoot a couple of 3-D seismic projects in 1999, but it has terminated all secondary and tertiary projects because they are unprofitable, Read said.

For the immediate future, Read said, "We're just looking ahead 90 days at a time or a maximum of a year."

He said he believes the low prices are because of an oversupply of oil, excessive U.S. imports, and other countries producing more oil.

The low oil prices, he said, are injuring the domestic oil industry. "If we don't get relief in the next 90 days," he said, "the infrastructure of the domestic oil industry will deteriorate very rapidly."

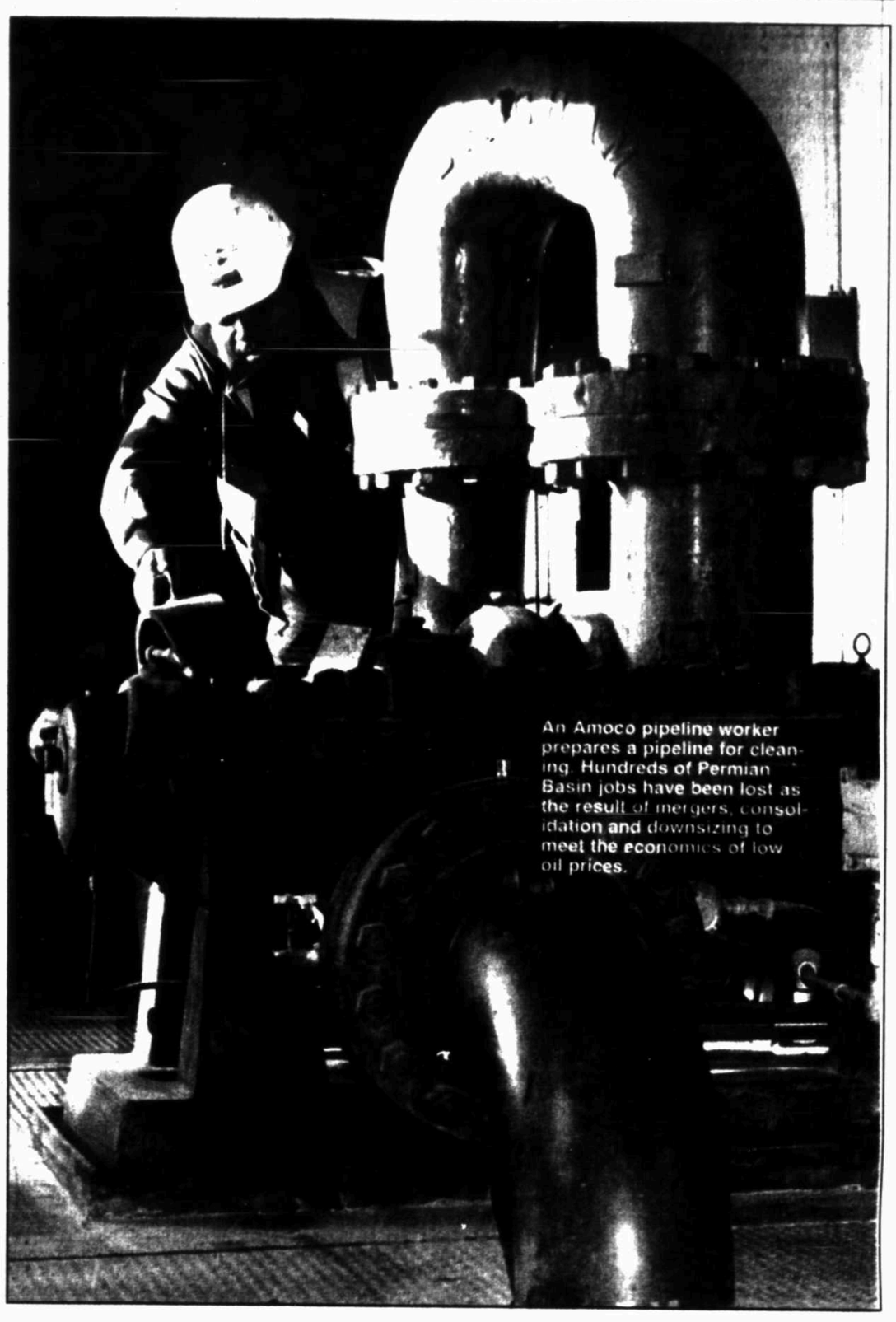
R.C. BANKS

R.C. Banks' plans revolve around keeping costs as low as possible, so they have no plans to drill any new wells or to start any capital projects in 1999. That could change, the company's president, R.C. Banks said, if the price of oil rises to approximately $14 per barrel. But at current prices, "There's no way to make money with all the risks you have to take. You're better off settling for what little money you can get now instead of putting it in the ground (in drilling)," Banks said.

The company has shut in one well since prices dropped. While it is difficult to pay pumpers when oil prices are low, "If we shut in wells, there is concern about ever getting them back (to production)." However, it is difficult to justify the expense of pulling a well when it develops a problem.

As for shifting the company's focus toward the more-profitable gas wells, Banks said his company was not big enough to do that easily. "That's for the big guys to do," Banks said. "We do have some gas possibilities in Kansas, but we can't justify spending money on them right now."

While the price outlook over the next two years seems bleak, Banks indicated a belief that the long-term prospects seem good. "Right now, unfortunately, we are subsidizing Mr. Clinton's strong economy with cheap energy prices," said Banks. "If I had my assets in the marketplace instead of in the ground, I'd be a lot happier."



An Amoco pipeline worker prepares a pipeline for cleaning. Hundreds of Permian Basin jobs have been lost as the result of mergers, consolidation and downsizing to meet the economics of low oil prices.

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OUTLOOK '99/ Many repairs being deferred

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Lease work in 1999 will be at a minimum. Operators report most repairs, environmental and cosmetic work will go on the back burner.

COTTON VALLEY

Not repairing parted rods, tubing breaks or other well problems accounts for the 20 wells that Cotton Valley has shut in since the summer of 1998. "As wells go down, it's uneconomical to fix them at $9 per barrel," reported Eugene Soltero, the firm's CEO. The shut-in count for 1999 depends on how many more wells need work.

The company has a drilling budget for 1999 of approximately $4 million, which would appear to be down 20 percent from last years's budget of $5. However, Soltero reported that they only spent $2 million in 1998, and they may not spend this year's entire budget either.

Exactly how much they'll drill this year depends more on freeing up funds than on the price of oil. "We have a line of credit for a waterflood project," said Soltero, with 17 wells currently on the agenda. The company plans no advances until prices come back up.

One way Cotton Valley has reduced overhead is by cutting their work force from 47 employees to six over the last year. They've done that by outsourcing such functions as engineering and accounting. They have no plans to shoot any 3-D seismic in 1999, nor did they shoot any in 1998.

Buying and selling used equipment has helped the company's bottom line over the last nine months. Which is good because, "We're not getting the job done on oil production."

The company is looking for the right gas deal, and possibly for a merger partner.

"Even though prices are down, we have a lot of proven, undeveloped reserves and a good balance sheet," said Soltero. "Because we are a publicly traded company, we're a good merger candidate for a private company wanting to go public through the back door." He added that they are too heavily concentrated in oil, with about 70 oil and 30 percent gas production. "It's a challenge to change that."

Soltero attributed low prices to a confluence of a number of factors, any one of which would probably have had little effect. "This low price will be driven by inertia for probably the next 23 months. The Asian crisis, two warm winters in a row followed by mild summers (in most of the world), first production responses from redevelopment projects in some of the former Soviet republics and widespread cheating on production quotas by members of OPEC," are the main factors.

According to Soltero, oil tankers with a full load of crude have only one way to get their product to a refinery, which is to sell it at a severe price discount. That leads to further panic selling followed by more low prices.

GRIFFIN PETROLEUM

Because of their good balance sheet-they have no debt, and Griffin Petroleum has increased their capital budget for 1999 over 1998. Company President David Griffin said his firm is trying to raise money for some acquisitions and drilling projects totaling approximately $10 million, which is up from their 1998 goal.

Six wells are planned, half of which will be exploratory and half developmental. That number is the same as last year's.

One 3-D seismic shoot is planned for this year. "Actually, this was planned for last year and we didn't get it done," said Griffin. As for capital projects such as waterfloods, Griffin is looking to buy some but not build any this year.

As for how the company is surviving at $9 oil, Griffin said, "We've always been a low-cost operator, so we're really not doing anything differently from usual." They are actually acquiring oil and gas properties now, so as to be ready with more reserves whenever the price goes back to a more profitable level. Griffin felt that his company could make some profit with oil as low as $5 per barrel.

The company would like to move more toward gas. While there are no immediate prospects, they do have some long-term gas projects on the horizon. Griffin said their current balance is 75 percent oil and 25 percent gas.

They expect oil to be cheap for at least the rest of this year. "It comes down to simple market fundamentals," said Griffin. "There is too much oil for the demand." The decreased demand resulting from the Asian downturn has meant demand has not met expectations, so there is too much supply, Griffin said.

GREAT WESTERN DRILLING CO.

Last year saw Great Western shut in 22 wells, with about 20 more expected for this year if prices do not improve, said Operations Manager Dennis Hendrix. As with most companies, they shut in wells rather than service them.

Their capital budget for 1999 is $2.5 million, down 50 percent from 1998's figure. "Last year our drilling activity was down some," said Hendrix. It would have been reduced more, but they did most of their drilling in first quarter, before the effect of the price drop began to take hold. Hendrix noted that they had budgeted $7 million for drilling last year and spent approximately $5 million. That amount allowed them to drill three operated wells (they had interest in some nonoperated drilling). This year, plans call for drilling one or two exploratory wells in the San Juan basin, as they try to expand gas production.

Finding gas will also be the objective of their one planned 3-D seismic shoot for 1999, in Lea County, N.M. There are no capital projects such as waterfloods or gas plants planned.

Hendrix said the company is surviving these times by eliminating discretionary spending at the lease level. "If we do have to pull a well, we leave it," he said, echoing those who can't afford repairs. While they have not reduced staff as yet, it has been discussed. He believes the company could survive on prices as low as $7 per barrel.

With an oil/gas balance of 65-35, they plan to focus more on gas in the San Juan Basin and in South Texas. "We're going to limit our capital expense on oil to lease commitments or on nonoperated properties where we don't control the budget," said Hendrix.

Hendrix explains the low prices by saying he believes OPEC has been unable to reduce production as demand has fallen. "No country wants to risk losing market share by cutting their own production." The one country that could really effect a change, Saudi Arabia, "seems prepared to keep prices where they are. They might even be willing to increase production if demand rises, to maintain low prices for a while longer," Hendrix mused.

PITTS ENERGY

One way to cut costs during this low price crisis is for the president of the company to retire. Pitts Energy President Jerry Pitts planned to do just that this month, after 43 years in the oil and gas business, turning the company over to his sons.

Already, the company has shut in approximately 10 wells, which Pitts estimated at 10 percent of their well count. As with most producers, they just don't fix wells that need service. That means the number they will shut in for 1999 depends on which ones need repairs.

The company has not reduced other staff because they have relatively few employees already, although Pitts indicated that "compensation has been reduced."

No capital expenditures are in the 1999 budget, either for drilling or plant construction. Pitts said, "We need to do some workovers on some properties we bought, but we can't justify doing it at these prices."

They will do no 3-D seismic in 1999, noting that they rarely use 3-D anyway.

With overall lifting costs estimated at $5.25 per barrel, there is no room for expenditures of any kind, even office supplies. "We need a new fax machine, but we're not buying one right now," Pitts said. The company is also working with all its vendors including electricity suppliers, asking for rate reductions.

Pitts Energy has benefited from the fact that they began switching more to gas production as early as the last quarter of 1996 and continuing into 1997. They also reinvested at auctions, moves which Pitts said "saved our necks." That investment has put them at an oil-to-gas ratio of approximately 60-40.

Even shifting to gas has not helped the bottom line as much as it could, Pitts noted, because "we are importing so much Canadian natural gas," keeping that price low as well.

Predicting how long prices will last is impossible, said Pitts. "I've only been in this business 43 years, I can't predict what's going to happen." People enjoy low gasoline prices, and politicians are not inclined to do anything about it, he said.

"It's not a level playing field," he continued. Foreign oil and gas interests appear to be forcing a lot of U.S. companies out of business, especially those operating stripper wells, so that the foreign interests can get control of the marketplace.

"It's frightening, what's happening to our community," because of the price crisis. "The government is looking into financial aid for the steel industry, when we're in exactly the same situation."

Pitts noted that he is postponing dental work done right now, until oil prices improve. It appears that, in this economy, even dentists are not drilling very much.

HMH OPERATORS

One producer still having wells serviced is HMH Operators. Vice President Bob Morris indicated that, while they have thought about shutting wells in when they need work, they have not done that so far. Even that has its economic reasons, however.

"The problem is, the pumper needs to be paid," said Morris. "If we shut in three of the four wells on a lease, the pumper still needs to be paid. We can't quit paying him three-fourths of his pay." That would mean a well shutdown would save them some electricity (for running the pump) and some repair costs. Also, if a well stays out of production very long, it would have to be extensively worked over before it could produce again, so a shutdown now only adds costs down the road.

Because his company produces mostly sour crude, which sells for $2.50 to $3 less than West Texas Intermediate, they are already in the red on most wells at this price.

With no projects on the horizon, they will shoot no 3-D seismic data, nor did they do any in 1998.

HMH is holding costs down by eliminating all capital projects for 1999, including drilling and other projects. This will cause them to lose some unexplored leases on which they would have drilled if the price were better. The company also reduced staff by letting a field superintendent go.

"We're basically hunkering down right now," Morris said. "I don't know how much longer we can last like it is. Sometimes I think we'd be better off if we gave our leases to others and retired from the business."

The company is focusing more on natural gas now. Unfortunately, they sold all their previous gas production in 1998 and are now 100 percent in oil. "We've got to go to work on gas prospects and see what we can do." Morris said. In 1997, HMH also sold what Morris called "easily our best oil lease," for which they got "a helluva price." He noted that the company that bought the field might not be so happy now.

As for the future, Morris said short term prospects look bleak, but the price always comes back up. "The question is, how long will it take to recover, and will I be around to enjoy it when it does?"

MARSHALL & WINSTON INC.

"We have shut in all the wells we can," said Marshall and Winston president William Marshall. The company has shut in six wells that were losing money. They plan to service wells only in order to hold leases.

This year's plans include five gas wells in Edwards County. Marshall indicated that the company's drilling budget for 1999 is about half what it was last year. While they did shoot some 3-D seismic last year, they plan none for 1999.

Three years ago Marshall and Winston began a shift toward natural gas. "We saw gas prices holding steady," Marshall explained. "Because natural gas is cheaper to produce, it is still profitable (at low prices)." The company is balanced at 65 percent gas.

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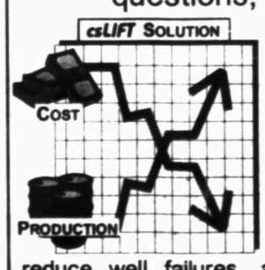

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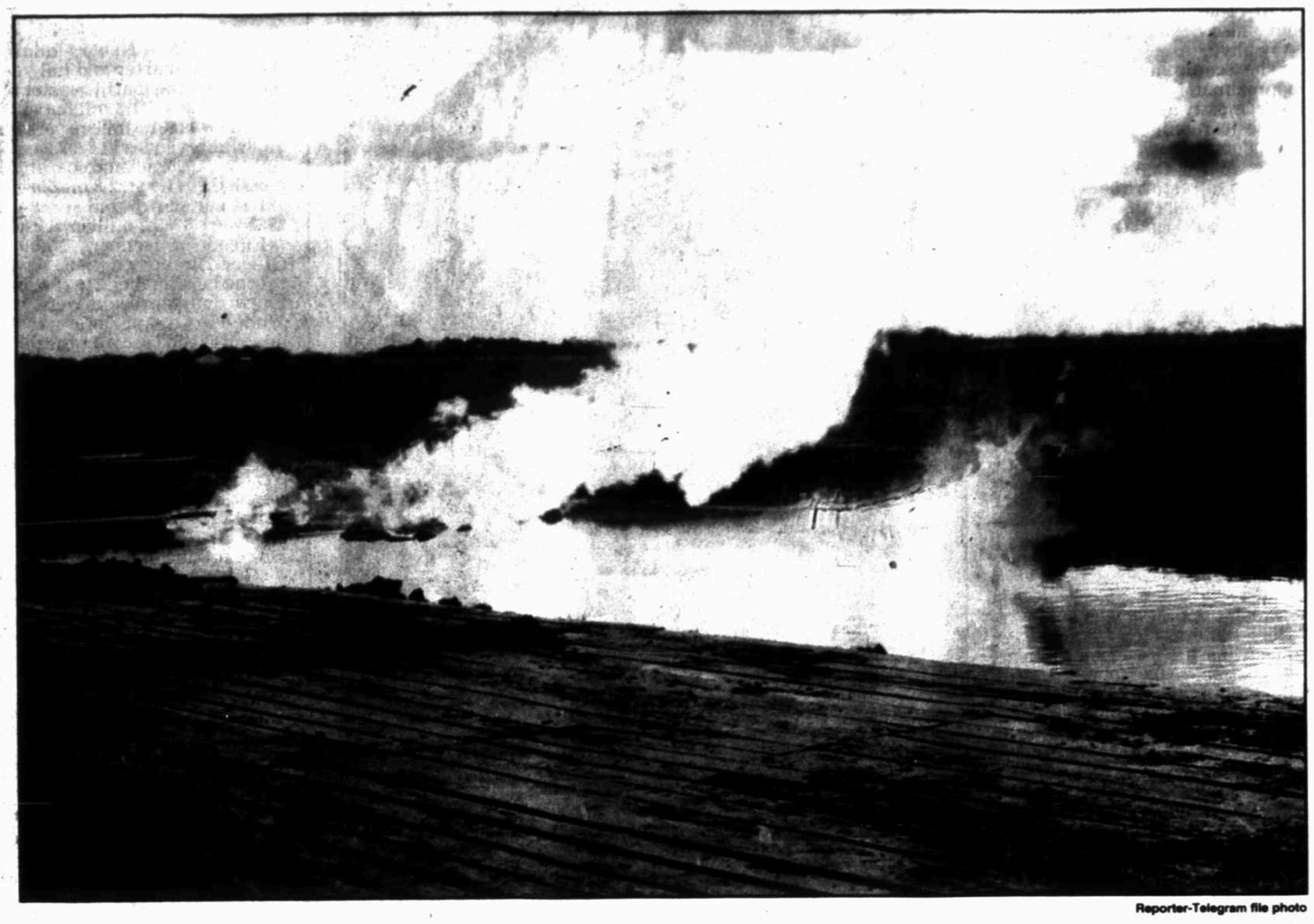
OUTLOOK '99/ Gas plays help cash flows



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A gas well, drilled in the Yegua sands of South Texas and belonging to Parallel Petroleum of Midland, presents a sizable flare. Gas plays outside the Permian Basin area have substantially improved the cash flow of some Basin operators.

COLLINS & WARE

The recent $100,000,000 acquisition of a gas field in South Texas has helped Collins and Ware drop its oil-to-gas balance from 75 percent oil to 45 percent oil, and add 20 employees in the process. Company president Ted Ware said the main reason his company bought the field was that it was a good deal. The fact that it shifted them more to gas, on which the price is at a more profitable level than that of oil, is a bonus.

The oil price downturn has had its effect on Collins and Ware. Collins said many wells that develop problems are shut in rather than repaired, although they take each on a case-by-case basis. "If we need to keep a well operating in order to hold a lease, we'll repair it. Otherwise, we might shut it in."

While they plan some drilling activity, Collins said the exact number is yet to be determined. They expect to drill some gas wells in the Devonian formation in Midland County. A 3-D seismic project started in October of 1998 will be finished this summer, after which the company will decide where and how many wells to drill. Collins said all wells would have at least some developmental aspect to them.

Other capital projects include a jet fuel pipeline being built in Ohio by a Collins and Ware subsidiary and the possibility of a waterflood in North Dakota. Collins said the waterflood is not likely to be done this year at current prices.

Collins indicated that current oil prices make production unprofitable. The company's recent shift to 55 percent gas, which is still profitable, has helped their bottom line.

As for the future, Collins is hopeful for gas as well as oil. "There are a lot of electric plants, largely gas-fired, coming online soon. That, combined with the fact that we can't import much gas, should boost prices." Regarding oil, he feels that low prices have delayed enough development projects around the globe that production declines will begin to take care of the oil glut, possibly improving prices by the end of the year. He is also hopeful that OPEC, and Saudi Arabia in particular, will themselves feel the need for higher prices soon, causing them to cut production enough to push prices up. He believes that even OPEC countries are hurting at these prices.

MARALO INC.

Over the last year, Maralo has shut in 25 wells — approximately 10 percent of their wells, because of low oil prices, according to Production Manager Dick Lowery. When a well goes down, the decision is made as to whether it is producing enough to make repair cost effective. Lowery says they have shut in other wells because they were producing mostly water, making the operating costs too high to justify continuing production. For 1999, Maralo plans to continue that vein of thinking, only doing those repairs necessary to sustain a lease.

The company's drilling plans for 1999 are much the same-drilling only what is necessary to keep a lease. Lowery estimates one or two wells, at a budget of approximately $1.2 million. They drilled six wells in 1998, which does reflect a reduction from the year's original budget. "We saw prices coming down, so we made the decision last summer to drill only where it was absolutely necessary," said Lowery. Were oil prices to recover in the next six months, their drilling budget could increase accordingly.

With little drilling in the works, no 3-D seismic is planned either, although Lowery states that they have done quite a bit of 3-D in past years.

Regarding other capital spending, Maralo plans to drill a new injection well in one of their three waterfloods this year.

Noting that their staff was already lean, Lowery said they have removed only a few from the payroll.

Being an established company with no debt is helping Maralo weather the storm, said Lowery. They have cut expenses wherever possible and curtailed higher cost production. The company is also moving more toward gas. Currently, their oil/gas balance is 60-40.

While Lowery expects oil prices to stay low for the remainder of the year, he doesn't see them staying down forever. "Whenever prices are high, people think they'll stay that way from then on. When prices are low, they think the same way. Neither is true."

PLAINS PETROLEUM

Low prices have forced Plain Petroleum to shut in a number of wells, a trend that will continue for 1999. District Manager Jim Sutherland said well servicing decisions are made based on a well's profitability and on economies of scale. Many times the company can save money doing several at once.

Plains has no capital spending planned in the Permian Basin for this year, focusing more on natural gas plays in the Rocky Mountains and the mid-continent areas. There is no 3-D seismic on the books. They have not reduced staff.

Sutherland said the company is balanced at approximately 90 percent gas, which is where they have been since 1995. Their only oil production is in the Permian Basin, both Texas and New Mexico.

AUTRY STEPHENS

Autry C. Stephens plans to drill 50 developmental wells this year, with a capital budget of approximately $20 million. Most wells will be within a 100-mile radius of Midland, largely in the Sprayberry formation. The company drilled about 40 wells last year, said Greg Pace, the company's Acquisition and Reservoir Engineer. No 3-D seismic will be used for these wells, nor did the company shoot any in 1998. They have no other capital expenditures in the budget for 1999.

They have shut in 50 to 100 wells over the last year, said Pace. Some were shut in because they were losing money and some because they needed service that would have been unprofitable at current price levels.

Pace said the company is doing everything possible to insure profitability, from shutting in unprofitable wells to finding production opportunities that have been bypassed. Part of insuring profitability is to keep the staff as lean as possible and still maintain a presence in the industry, said Pace.

Natural gas is becoming an increasingly important part of the balance sheet. While the company is now set at 60 percent oil, Pace said gas projects get the closest looks.

The downturn in the Asian economy and an attempt by some OPEC nations to force high-cost producers out of business are the main causes for the current low prices, Pace believes. He also noted that if prices stay at $12 on the NYMEX, where they have been for a while, continuing to operate would be very difficult.

QUAY VALLEY INC.

Ray Sharp, president of Quay Valley, Inc., is not bashful about his opinions. He was recently quoted in The Dallas Morning News; in front of his building is a small pumpjack that serves as a sort of weather vane, symbolizing how the winds are blowing in the oil patch. The pumpjack is currently shut in due to low oil prices. The company has also shut in some producing wells for the same reason, Sharp indicated.

Sharp's thoughts on the reasons for the price decline assign much of the blame to our own government, starting with the lack of any energy policy in the 25 years since the oil embargo. There is a reason that there is no policy, said Sharp. "To discuss oil policy in Washington is political suicide. Many representatives have told me this."

He feels the oil industry is the most highly taxed segment of the U.S. economy. The irony is that many of those very tax dollars are going to subsidize Persian Gulf countries "to keep prices low. Any time you keep $70 billion worth of iron in the Persian Gulf and make payroll of all the troops — the taxpayer foots the bill. So enjoy low pump prices." The EPA, OSHA and other regulatory agencies with costly rules and regulations have caused the shut-in of many marginal wells, Sharp said. Foreign ownership of Texas' Gulf Coast refineries, with nationalized companies subsidized by governments such as Venezuela, are another problem he noted.

Any benefit in shifting to natural gas is mitigated by the fact that "the Bush Administration made a deal with Canada to ship natural gas to northeastern states and California. They now have completed a pipeline to Chicago. Cheap gas from Canada, cheap oil from foreign countries, no domestic energy policy — how do you fight this?" asked Sharp. Quay Valley is currently configured at 30 percent gas and 70 percent oil.

The company is reacting to the low prices in several ways. They have shut in unprofitable wells, they have reduced the use of seismic companies, pulling unit crews, chemicals, pumping rods, tubing and other hardware. No drilling is planned for 1999, and the 1998 budget was reduced by terminating a CO_2 project and drilling program. They have also postponed re-entry of wells and workover projects. Sharp lists a number of projects on hold, including a good waterflood project, a good CO_2 possibility, some drilling and re-entry plans — all suspended until prices come back up.

Breaking down average lifting costs for sweet oil and for sour, Sharp said, "We are 98 cents per barrel away from producing sweet oil and 60 cents away from producing sour oil economically." He expects prices to stay low for two to two and a half years.

In the 1960s, comic strip character Pogo said, "We have met the enemy and he is us," which parodied the famous declaration of Commodore Perry, "We have met the enemy and he is ours." In Sharp's view, one enemy appears to be our own leaders.

POGO PRODUCING CO.

Cheap oil prices have led Pogo Producing to reduce its drilling budget by 60 percent from 1998, said Jerry Cooper, senior vice president and Western Division manager. The 1998 budget was revised downward late in the year, as it became obvious prices were going to stay low.

Cooper said the company plans to drill 15 wells in 1999, four of which will be exploratory and the rest developmental. The emphasis in these wells will be on gas.

Pogo has shut in a number of wells, mostly unprofitable marginal units. Some were shut in as they needed repair while others were shut in because they were too costly to pump. Lease requirements have dictated the location of some drilling and caused some wells to be kept open which might otherwise have been shut in. They plan to continue evaluating the economy of wells to see if any others need to be shut in.

"Like everyone else, we are looking for gas prospects due to economics," Cooper said, but it must actually be a good prospect. Even if they postpone drilling for now, Pogo is trying to position itself to be ready to go as soon as prices improve. They are currently balanced at 60 percent oil, 40 percent gas.

In addition to a reduced drilling budget, Pogo has reduced, though not eliminated, their 3-D seismic plans for 1999. They have also put any other projects such as waterfloods on hold. Cooper indicated that one thing they do not plan to do is to reduce staff.

B & B PRODUCERS, INC.

Cheap oil has led B & B Producers, Inc. to shut in 15 wells over the last year, 13 because it was uneconomical to service them and two others because they were not cost-effective to operate, said owner Bill Tidwell.

He listed no capital expenditures for 1999 for drilling or other projects. With no drilling, there are also no plans for 3-D seismic shoots. The company also did little in 1998, revising that year's capital budget downward when it was obvious that low prices were going to linger. "We haven't had much going on for the last couple of years," Tidwell said.

While admitting to taking a long-term view of low prices, Tidwell said, "A year (at these prices) is too long — a lot of people can't survive that." With an already small payroll and no debt, B & B Producers is better poised than most to stay afloat, Tidwell noted.

B & B currently sits at 90 percent oil to 10 percent gas, with no plans to "spread out" into more gas production.

The Saudis, who produce eight to nine million barrels of oil per day, could cut their production by about two million and the price problem would fix itself "real fast," Tidwell said. But, "Whatever they do and say, so goes the oil business."

Tidwell also expressed frustration at what he perceives as lack of support at the state level. "We who marched in Austin (in January) hoped the governor would at least make an appearance," said Tidwell, realizing that little can actually be done at the state level to improve the producer's lot.

MAYNE & MERTZ, INC.

For the last several years, Mayne & Mertz has been shifting their focus not only to natural gas, but to the less risky fields of the Louisiana Gulf Coast, said company President Taylor Mayne. That shift, along with dependable 3-D seismic data, has allowed them to budget approximately $5 million to drill 15-18 exploratory gas wells in 1999. "These are high-quality, low-risk gas exploratory projects," Mayne said, explaining that none of the wells will be drilled simply to satisfy lease requirements. "These wildcats have been substantiated by 3-D seismic data."

The company plans one shoot this year, after shooting 330 square miles in 1998. Mayne reports that the company did not reduce their drilling budget last year, again because of the reduced risk of 3-D and the fact that they expected all projects to produce enough to be profitable even at low crude prices.

Mayne & Mertz is watching every expense in an effort to save money. They have not reduced staff, but they have shut in approximately 25 percent of wells. Most of the shut-ins have occurred as wells needed service.

Mayne noted that, while they have not reduced staff, they pay pumpers by the well, so that shutting in wells has the effect of reducing the amount they pay contract pumpers.

The current gas to oil balance of 60-40 is a result of the company's gradual shift over several years. Mayne said that this year's mild winter has contributed even more to the already existing oil glut, keeping the price of gas down along with that of oil.

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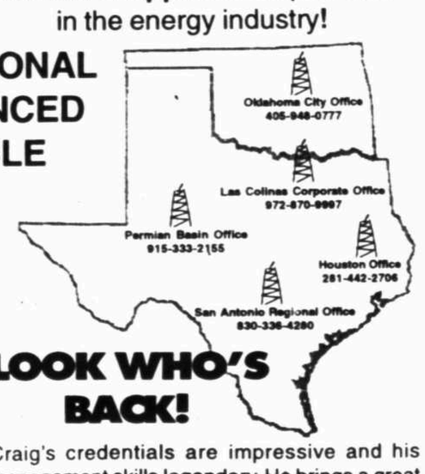

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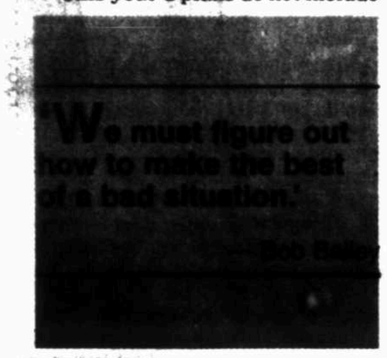
OUTLOOK '99/ Stacked rigs

MCDONNOLD PRODUCING, INC.

McDonnold Producing plans to postpone shutting in any wells that are mechanically capable of producing. However, they are not likely to spend any money to restore to production wells that go down because of mechanical failures.

The company has not reduced staff, but its office lease runs out in August of this year. If they must close the office at the end of that lease, they would have to reduce staff at that point.

This year's plans do not include



the starting of any new wells. The company may be required to complete a well begun last year. The capital budget for 1999 is being reduced almost constantly.

With no new drilling, the company will not do any 3-D seismic this year, either, unless oil and/or gas prices skyrocket.

Company President M. McDonnold Jr. voiced this opinion about the low oil and gas prices. "Washington's cheap fuel regardless of the costs (to American taxpayers) energy policy neglects the obvious fact that our national security requires that we protect our domestic sources as well as our foreign sources of crude oil."

TRANS-REPUBLIC RESOURCES (formerly R F. Bailey Oil & Gas)

"Our capital budget is essentially zero," said Bob Bailey, president of Trans-Republic Resources. The company was formerly known as R.F. Bailey Oil and Gas. "We're going to spend just what we have to because we can't afford to lose leases." He added that they plan to buy part ownership of a gas gathering system in order to give more to the bottom line.

The capital budget 1998 was revised downward, basically by stopping all optional activity for the last five months of the year. Staff reductions and salary cuts have also helped Trans-Republic stay alive.

The company has shut in approximately five wells in the last year, mostly as it became unprofitable to repair them. However, abandoning wells comes with a price. When the company goes back in to restart the wells, "It's just like a house that's been abandoned. You'll find things that are broken and things that are missing. It costs more to bring them back on line than to try to limp along" doing what repairs can be done now.

Bailey is looking at every expenditure to see if it can be reduced. He is talking with suppliers including the electric company and the landlord to try to get the best price possible. "Our lifting costs are approximately $5.30 per barrel. We are currently selling assets at a loss," he said. With the bulk of the company's wells producing less than five barrels per day, reducing electric costs by timers and price breaks is vital.

Currently balanced at 60 percent oil and 40 percent gas, reservewise, Bailey is concerned even about gas prices. "If the winter stays mild, prices could drop to $1.25 mcf in the spring," he said, then added, "Right now, our decision has been to stop spending on anything, because we don't have any cash flow."

"The major producers are running the small guys out of business," said Bailey. He believes that the current price situation is happening with the approval, if not the participation, of Washington leadership.

Iraq is also part of the problem, Bailey feels. "While we were bombing Iraq, we were importing their oil. This is an injustice to the American oil industry, to bomb the country and at the same time to pay to bring in the lifeblood of the country," keeping our own prices low.

Turning to statewide officials, Bailey noted that, "The domestic oil and gas industry is in trouble. We elected George Bush to address our problems. If he has abandoned the domestic oil and gas industry, we need to know that now, before he asks for money to run for president."

Until some help comes along, "We must figure out how to make the best of a bad situation."

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Blocks hang, ready to work again when oil prices rebound. Approximately 75 percent of the rigs in the Permian Basin are stacked, and the rig count continues to drop.

MCCLURE OIL CO, INC.

"Our capital budget for 1999 is not a set amount," said Donny McClure, president of McClure Oil Co, Inc. Their drilling plans are made on a project-by-project basis, determined by the substance of the project itself.

For 1999, they have four developmental oil wells planned. "If the relationship of crude prices to finding-costs reaches a more favorable level, we would consider drilling more wells," McClure said.

Last year, McClure indicated the company focused more on exploration. Last year began with a moderate amount of drilling planned and finished in what McClure called a "terminate" mode. This year they are turning more to developmental projects.

Even though the planned wells are for oil, McClure is trying to focus more on gas. McClure described the company's current oil to gas balance this way: "We're drowning in oil."

The company shot some 3-D seismic last year and is still evaluating those results. No 3-D is planned for 1999.

While they have not shut any wells in as yet, McClure said they are trying to minimize costs in as many areas as possible including their drilling plans.

Nabors reflects on U.S. worldwide drilling results

HOUSTON — Nabors Industries says its operating results for the fourth quarter and full year ending December 31, 1998. Net income for the fourth quarter of 1998 was $21.0 million or $0.20 per share versus $41.3 million or $0.37 per share in 1997. Operating income was $31.5 million versus $64.2 million in the prior year period, with revenues at $208.2 million versus $302.8 million. For the full year 1998, net and operating income were $125.0 million ($1.16 per share) and $182.3 million, respectively, versus $136.0 million ($1.24 per share) and $195.3 million. Revenues for the full year 1998 were $968.2 million versus $1,115 million in 1997.

Eugene M. Isenberg, Nabors' Chairman and Chief Executive Officer commented on the results. "Although 1998 represented the second best financial performance in the Company's history, our fourth quarter results were well below the average for the year. While our Alaskan, International and Canadian units all achieved or approached record results in operating income, they also experienced a deteriorating market outlook by the end of the year. Our US Lower 48 unit was the first, and most severely, impacted by the steadily weakening market, followed by our offshore platform and jackup workover rigs in the Gulf of Mexico.

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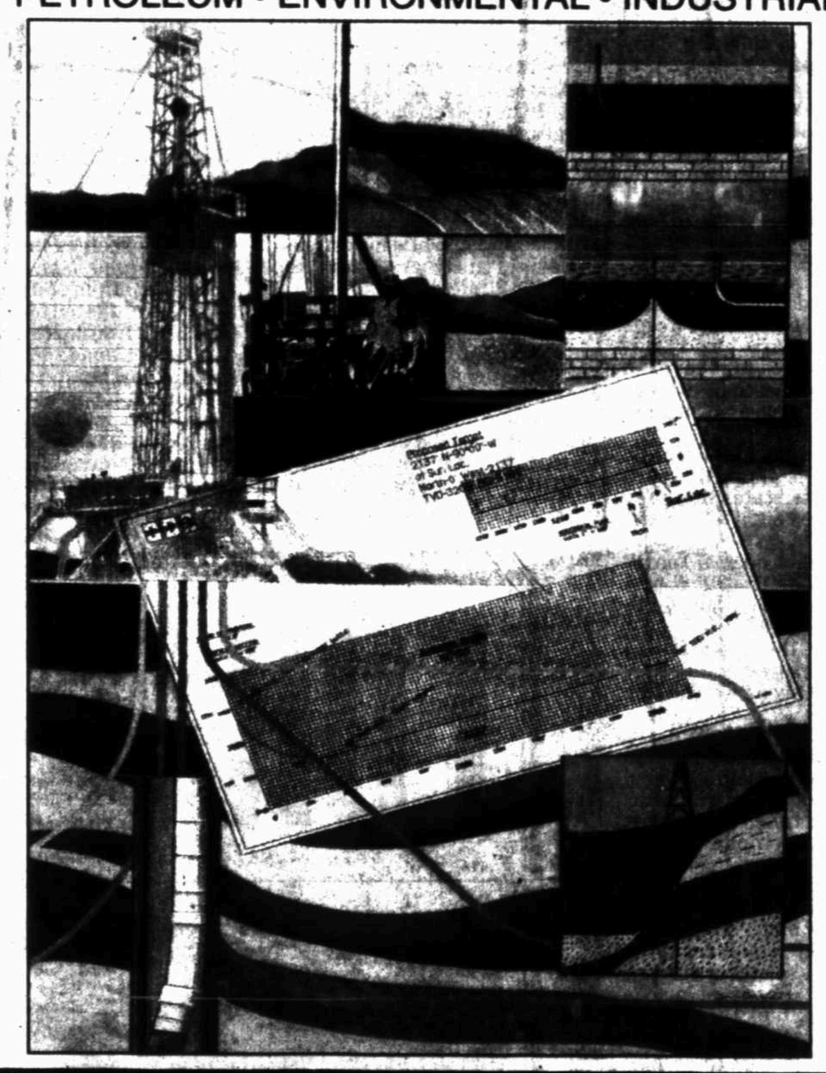

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OUTLOOK '99/*Some seismic still being shot*

BILL J. GRAHAM OIL AND GAS CORP.

The Bill J. Graham Oil and Gas Corporation plans to drill three gas wells that are actual opportunities — not simply to hold a lease, according to company president Bill D. Graham. The capital budget for those wells amounts to approximately $1.2 million. Last year the company cancelled plans for two wells, reducing their 1998 budget by $600,000.

Graham expects to do one 3-D seismic shoot in Pecos County this year. They did no 3-D seismic last year.

They have shut in 23 percent of producing wells, closing wells that were not economically feasible to operate or to repair. Staff has been reduced by not replacing one employee who left.

Graham believes the state of Texas has done all it can to help the oil and gas industry by cutting the ad valorem tax. He feels the federal government must help now, but has little hope. "The nation feels it needs cheap energy, so we will get no benefit from the (federal) government," Graham said.

A consolidation of currently fragmented lobbying efforts on the part of the energy industry might help get the message across, he said. "Right now, there are no less than 43 oil and gas trade associations. We need one organization to go to Washington. We need one voice. We need them all to at least network together," Graham said

While 22 percent of Graham's wells are gas, they provide 60 percent of the income. He is shifting more toward gas by closing unprofitable oil wells and concentrating any drilling efforts on gas. In fact, "If we drill a well and hit oil (instead of gas), we shoot the geologist," he joked.

ALTURA

Altura could be deeply impacted by low oil prices, because it is strictly an oil company with no natural gas assets. Also, much of the Permian Basin oil production is from higher cost CO2 recovery projects.

While Altura monitors marginal wells continually, the Permian Basin company has very few wells shut-in as a result of low oil prices. Altura says each well is judged on its on economics.

Altura officials say the downturn in prices has resulted so far on one staff reduction of 104 employees at all levels of the company. Twenty of the reductions were in Houston and the rest in West Texas.

Altura does not release budget numbers, but notes that there will be a "steep decline" in spending in 1999. The company says it does not know how many wells will be drilled in 1999 because it has not finalized budgets for the year. Altura shot one 3-D seismic project in the Midland Farms last year and will shoot the Levelland and Cogdell units this year.

In other capital projects, no grass roots CO2 floods are planned in 1999, but follow up facility work is scheduled to continue at South Cross and Bennett Ranch where CO2 floods were installed last year, and pressure maintenance is planned for T-Star.

Altura says it is taking all action possible to conserve and manage cash flow including reductions in capital spending and aggressive cost-cutting. The company says it is making near-term decisions, while looking at low oil prices for the next 12-18 months, but also has planning to reflect price improvement.

Altura feels that weather and global economics, including the soft markets in Asia and South America, are the primary reasons behind current oil prices.

ENRON

With the company being 75 percent balanced for natural gas, Enron Vice President Bill Thomas says no wells have been shut-in and there are no current plants to shut in wells. "We are not in the same crunch as others with a high balance for oil. We look for natural gas and we will keep on looking for natural gas."

Opportunity driven, Thomas says Enron will look at wells one at a time, and will have a budget of about $50 million for seismic, land and drilling.

That is a budget that is about the same as last year and will allow the company to drill 50 to 60 wells. Thomas said Enron revised its budget downward at the end of last year, after deciding not to drill some oil prospects. Trying to do things a little cheaper, he said Enron would shoot some 2-D this year.

Said Thomas: "Enron is not bullish on oil prices, but we are bullish on gas prices. We look for natural gas prices to continue stronger this year." Because of natural gas prices, Enron has cut no employees thus far, and has no plans at this point to make cuts.

TEXACO

Rich Schneider, Permian Asset Manager in Midland, says Texaco has shut in about 500 bopd, and may shut in more. The company is looking very closely at its CO2 projects. It has already turned off the Mabee CO2 Recovery Project, which produces 6,300 bopd, and shut off others.

Texaco recently announced that it would eliminate 146 in the Permian Basin.

The budget for this year is still unsettled, but will be a significant reduction from its 1997 budget. "It will be $100 million less," said Schneider.

Schneider said Texaco would have a moderate level of drilling, but it would be very selective. He expects to have three rigs running this year. The company is in the process of participating in one big 3-D seismic shoot, and has no major capital projects planned.

Schneider said Texaco is taking a long term view of oil prices. "It was hoped in 1998 that it would be a short-term situation, but we are now looking to the longer term."

Natural gas is helping carry the day some, but the company is still more skewed for oil. "We are balanced less than half for natural gas, but it is enough to give us a decent portfolio."

PIONEER

Danny Kellum, Vice President of Operations for Pioneer Natural Resources, says Pioneer's budget has not been fully finalized, but it will be extremely low, compared to previous years.

"At this point it looks like we may have a budget of $100 million split between the U.S., Argentina and Canada." He said it would be very skinny for the Permian Basin.

That is a radical come down from the original 1998 budget that was $185 million for the Permian Basin and $500 million company-wide. That was the optimistic budget, but as the year wore on and prices dropped lower, Pioneer cranked the budget back two or three times and the $185 million set for the Basin ended up at $75 million.

Pioneer has shut in only a handful of wells, based on a survival formula initiated 60 days ago. That formula is this: Any well that goes down and cannot pay for its repairs within 90 days is not put back on pump.

The company had two employee cut in 1998 that trimmed the Midland ranks to 75 people. The company just closed its Oklahoma office and is in the process of closing its Houston office.

The company currently has three rigs running in Spraberry, as the result of a contract with FWA, but the wells are being drilled and pipe set only. They are not being completed. In January of 1998 the company had 22 rigs running in the Basin. "At today's oil prices almost any wells is uneconomical to drill and complete," said Kellum.

Pioneer is committed to a partnership with Collins & Ware and Rising Star that involves a large shoot in the Spraberry. The shoot, which has been in planning for more than a year, involves a pooling of deep acreage.

No other capital projects planned. Pioneer was involved with DOE on a project in the Spraberry, but that has now been postponed.

Kellum says the expectation is for a low price oil environment for the next year to 18 months. "There is no magic wand for survival. Everyone has a different plan. As we move forward and put together our survival plan our long life reserves in the Hugoton and Spraberry will be tested."

RAY WESTHALL, OPERATING INC.

This operating company, located in Loco Hills, New Mexico, has shut-in wells and may shut-in additional wells.

Randy Harris, spokesman for the company, said 30 percent of the wells are unprofitable at $15, 20 percent at $12 and nothing is profitable below $10.

The operating company is small, but says it has had to initiate a 10 percent salary cut and lay off three employees.

The 1998 drilling budget was revised downward and the company has no drilling budget for 1999. "We drilled 12 wells in 1998, but we will drill zero wells in 1999," said Harris. That means the company will not participate in any seismic shoot, and will also cancel a waterflood project in 1999.

"Our view," said Harris, "is that the present downturn in oil prices is not caused by a glut, but is politically motivated. For that reason we are taking a long term view of low oil prices. We anticipate low prices for an undetermined length of time."

APEX ROYALTIES

Gary Stoltz, vice president, says the company has non-operated interests only. Still the company will participate with partners and spend in excess of $1 million in 1999, which is slightly higher than 1998.

With interests generally off Louisiana, the company has two exploratory wells and one development well planned. Some seismic was shot in 1998, but none is planned for this year. Neither will be company be involved in any other capital project.

Stoltz says the company plans to watch expenses and look for natural gas opportunities in 1999. The company is presently 50-50 balanced for natural gas and oil.

He feels low prices are diven by the Saudis, but thinks we could see some price relief by the end of the year.

CHI OPERATING INC.

— Bill Bergman says his company has shut-in wells and will probably have to shut-in more. "Each well is different, but the majority are uneconomical at $1. to $12 per barrel.

The company has not had to lay off any personnel and has a 1999 budget of $2.4 million, about the same as 1998 which was not revised downward. He said the company would drill 12 wells this year, and about half will be exploratory. This is 75 percent less than last year. "A lot of our plans will depend on natural gas prices," said Bergman. No seismic or other capital projects are planned for 1999.

The company is now 80 percent balanced for natural gas, and Bergman says the company will hang on by continuing to focus on natural gas.

"We feel oil prices will be low for the next one to two years," said Bergman. He feels prices remain low because it is politically popular.

APACHE CORP. PERMIAN BASIN

Permian Basin Production Manager Jon Hale says the company has had to shut-in some wells, and may have to shut in addtional wells if the price of oil continues falling. He said the company may not be able to produce any wells if the price falls below $7 per barrel.

Despite shutting-in wells, Hale says the company had not had to reduce staff at this time, even though the capital budget is one-third from the 1998 budget which was revised downward by two-thirds.

Drilling plans for the year are still unsettled, because some partners are not approving waterflood projects as planned. "If we do any drilling it will be only about one quarter fo what we did last year." At the moment no waterflood or CO2 projects are on the boards, and the workover budget is about one-third of last year.

The company is in the process of processing some 1998 seismic, but no new seismic will be shot this year.

Hale says low oil prices are expected to continue at least through the year, but could recover some in 2000. Low oil prices, he said, could create new opportunities for some producers. He said Apache will survive the downturn by cutting costs at every level, including reducing fuel and power cost and eliminating failures. "We will not leave any stone unturned to cut costs."

Also, the company revenue stream is currently two-thirds oil and one-third gas, and Hale says the company will work to increase that in 1999.

He attributes low oil prices to the Asian economic collapse, Iraq production and a general over supply of oil on the world market

CHISOS OPERATING INC

— Has not had to shut-in wells and does not anticipate shutting-in wells, even though a posted price of $8.50 to $9.00 per barrel makes most of its well uneconomical.

President, Buddy Sipes, said the company will spend about $500,000 this year (about the same as last year) to participate in 2-3 wells. One will be exploratory.

No seismic was shot in 1998, and none will be shot this year. Sipes says low oil prices are the result of oversupply, and make take three years to get back to $15.

The company is 70 percent balanced for natural gas and will continue to focus on natural gas to get through the downturn.

Pioneer Natural Resources reports $643 million loss

DALLAS--Pioneer Natural Resources Company has announced financial and operating results for the fourth quarter and twelve months ended December 31, 1998.

Pioneer reported a fourth quarter net loss of $643 million or $6.41 per share. These results include $592 million of previously announced after-tax charges including non-cash property impairments of $307 million, a non-cash deferred tax valuation allowance of $271 million, both related to low commodity prices, and reorganization and other expenses of $14 million. Cash flow from operations for the fourth quarter was $48 million.

Fourth quarter liquids sales increased 6% to average 83,943 barrels per day (BPD) compared to the prior year quarter. Oil sales averaged 54,839 BPD and natural gas liquids sales averaged 29,104 BPD. Fourth quarter natural gas sales increased 35% to 492 million cubic feet per day (MMCFPD). Realized price for oil in the fourth quarter declined 32% to $12.22 per barrel compared to the prior year quarter, and realized price for natural gas liquids declined 41% to $7.35 per barrel. Fourth quarter realized price for natural gas declined 23% to $1.67 per thousand cubic feet (mcf).

For the year-ended December 31, 1998, the net loss was $746 million or $7.46 per share, and cash flow from operations was $314 million. Oil sales for the year averaged 59,052 BPD and natural gas liquids sales averaged 29,231 BPD. Natural gas sales for 1998 were 504 MMCFPD. Realized prices for oil and natural gas liquids were $13.08 and $8.90 per barrel, respectively. Realized price for natural gas was $1.82 per mcf. Hedging activities enhanced 1998 revenues by approximately $29 million.

As a result of low commodity pricing, proved reserve estimates declined by over 85 million barrels oil equivalent (BOE) of oil and gas reserves at year-end 1998. With a $6 decline in the oil price used to determine reserves, Pioneer's long-lived oil reserves were significantly impacted. Total proved reserves were 677 million barrels oil equivalent (MMBOE) calculated on the basis prescribed by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC case). The Company also calculated proved reserves utilizing supplemental pricing representative of market consensus at year-end as defined below (supplemental case). The supplemental case year-end proved reserves were 764 MMBOE, essentially equivalent to proved reserves at year-end 1997, indicating 108% reserve replacement during 1998. -0- T

Scott Sheffield, President and CEO, stated, "In spite of the low commodity-price environment, we are moving forward with our financial strategy to reduce debt, further reduce overhead and operating costs, and hedge to protect future cash flow. Our 1999 operating strategy is focused on enhancing our existing core assets through natural gas development drilling combined with selective core-area acquisitions. Our exploration plans include a comprehensive prospect evaluation and the drilling of three or four exploratory wells."

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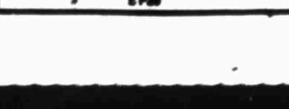

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OUTLOOK '99/ CO2 projects go on hold for '99

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Projects such as the Cedar Lake Unit in Gaines County, in which 126 wells were drilled and 20 new water and oil storage tanks and128 miles of fluid gathering and injection pipelines were installed, will not likely be seen in the Permian Basin again until oil prices return to the $20 range.

ARKLAND PRODUCTION CO.

Arkland has shut-in some production. Mark Dehlinger, says every well has a different set of economics, but $9 is the ball park posted price to shut-in wells. So far the company has had no layoffs.

The company plans two wells this year, but the 1999 budget is undetermined. Dehlinger says it will definitely be less than 1998, which was revised downward. No seismic or other capital projects are in the works.

He says excess supply and low demand are probably behind the crash in oil prices, and Arkland will cope by cutting lease operating costs. The fact that the company has 50 percent gas production will help some.

O'NEILL PROPERTIES LTD.

O'Neill Properties has shut-in some wells and will shut-in additional wells as the cost of production or decrease in oil prices continue. Bob Johnson, engineer says the company will find it hard to operate if oil prices continue below $15.

The company has reduced staff by two, and has a capital budget for much smaller than 1998. This year the company will participate in only three to four gas wells, about half what it did last year.

No other capital projects are planned, but the company may participate in a seismic shoot. It is presently 50-50 balanced for oil and gas, and will increase it's gas focus.

Johnson says the company view is that low oil prices will persist for another year or two, and to get by "we will just not fix anything that breaks."

PAUL FRIEMEL & ASSOCIATES INC

Paul Friemel says he has had to shut-in about 20 percent of his wells and this has resulted in laying off some contract pumpers and a reduction in pumper fees.

To keep his wells pumping, Friemel has put his entire 1999 budget into operations and has a capital budget of zero, but he may install a marginal gas gathering system.

With most of this production in oil, he says he can't take a long term view of low oil prices. "If something doesn't happen this year, I won't be here next year. I'll have to shut down."

He says low oil prices are pure politics, based purely on what the federal government needs to do to keep the economy high, and it is time the government returned some of the petroleum taxes to the producer. He suggests a 10 cent per gallon reduction of the federal gasoline tax, be applied to the price of a barrel of oil and paid to the producer. "This could add $2 to $8 to the price of a barrel of oil."

OMAR OPERATING CO.

Thane Akins, engineering consultant to Omar, says one well has been shut-in and two more may be shut-in if something doesn't change. He says a $9 posted price makes some wells unprofitable.

While some employees have been reduced from five days a week to four-days work week, Akins says no one has been layed off.

The 1998 Capital Budget was trimmed, and the capital budget for 1999 is zero. That means the company will do no drilling this year or any other projects this year.

Akins says the company is taking a long term view of oil prices, and expects them to remain low throughout the year or longer. To survive the price drought, he says everyone has taken a pay cut, and nearly all expenses have been eliminated. "We are just playing it month to month," said Akins.

He says he believes the low oil prices are the result of a joint agreement between the U.S. State Dept. and Arab countires. The agreement calls for: The Arab countries to get a larger market share, by eliminating competion in the U.S. with over production, and the U.S. to get very healthy economy. "It looks good for the president if the economy is good, and we put the U.S. fleet in the Persian Gulf to make sure all is well."

LYNX PETROLEUM CONSULTANTS

Lynx has shut-in wells and will probably shut in more, says Gary Fonay. The company has also had to layoff three employees.

> **'If something doesn't happen this year, I won't be here next year. I'll have to shut down.'**
>
> — Paul Friemel

Fonay says he had no capital budget or drilling plans for 1999, but would buy producing properties if he could find some for the right price. He had intended to drill three wells in 1998, but had to cancel.

He sees low prices at least through 1999 and said he will try to survive with fewer staff, lower expenses and salaries, and an increased focus on natural gas. Company production is presently 75 percent oil and 25 percent natural gas.

Fonay said he thought over supply and a lack of cooperation within OPEC was the reason for low oil prices.

SANTA FE ENERGY RESOURCES INC.

Like most independents Santa Fe Energy says it has had to shut-in production, and may have to shut-in more.

Don DeCarlo, production mangager, says a posted $6 or $7 posted price is the critical point for the company. But so far the company has not made any employee cuts.

Company wide the budget has been cut almost in half from $300 million to $170 million, still modest production growth is expected. Worldwide oil production grew 34 percent last year, mainly on the strength of internationall projects, and Santa Fe will continue its commitment to international projects, but the Permian Basin will still get over one-eighth of the budget. At the moment that amount is approximately $20 million, which is much lower than the trimmed down 1998 budget.

DeCarlo says the company will drill 15-20 wells, with 3-4 four wildcats and the remainder developoment. This is about one-third what the company did in 1998. While Santa Fe has been a heavy participant in Permian Basin seismic shoots in the past, it will do not shooting this year. The only other capital project planned for this year is a gas gathering system.

Another factor expected to impact Santa Fe in 1999 is the pending merger with Snyder Oil & Gas, which is expected to take place in the second quarter of this year. The merger of the two companies into Santa Fe Snyder Corp. will create a company with good possibilities, even in today's low price market.

Santa Fe expects oil prices to remain low for sometime to come. "It's a tough call," said DeCarlo, "It could be years." He said the company would continue to work on its cost structure and increase its focus on natural gas, which now accounts for 40 percent of revenues.

"There is just to much oil on the markets. There is a glut, a slow world economy and there seems to be no light at the end of the tunnel for years to come."

SEABOARD OIL CO.

Gary Gilliam, president, said the company is shutting in some wells when they need repair, but he still hasn't had to cut personnel.

The company drilled three development wells last year, but will drill none this year. Because of the low price environment, the company did not participate in any seismic last year and will do the same this year.

He said the company is not spending any money that it does not have to and has no capital budget for 1999. Despite low prices Gilliam says the company will keep its focus on oil.

JOHN M. CLARK, INC.

Roger Clark says the company has shut in wells and may have to shut in more if prices go lower, but no employees have been laid off.

The operating budget will be about the same as last year, but no new wells are planned for 1999. The 1998 drilling was primarily reentries. No seismic or additional capital projects are planned.

Clark blames the oil price downturn on a soft asian market, and the weather, and says the company is expecting prices to stay low for at least the remainder of the year.

The company was balanced 65 percent to 35 percent for natural gas in 1998, and is expecting to become balanced 80-20 in 1999. "Gas has been our main focus all along."

ABRAXAS

Abraxas began shutting in wells just recently. "Basically, we cut them back rather than produce them all the time," said Engineer Jeff Marshall. The company has not had any staff reductions due to the low oil-price environment. "We were already operating lean and we haven't had to shut in enough to reduce staff."

Abraxas has greatly reduced its budget for 1999, as compared to 1998, said Marshall. "One of the things we are doing is working almost entirely on gas wells. We have a couple of projects going that, if they work out, we will probably have more wells to do, which would increase our capital budget." As for drilling, the company has plans for only about three wells, down considerably from last year, noted Marshall. The company is moving into horizontal drilling, a new area for Abraxas.

The company's strategy for survival is simple: "Shut in some uneconomic wells and cut every penny we can. Don't do cosmetic work that can be done later."

BROTHERS PRODUCING

"We definitely have the policy that if it breaks or goes down we don't fix it as long as the lease is maintained," said Kyle McGraw, vice president.

"I don't know that we've actually turned anything off that is running, but when it quits running or goes down with a rod part, we just leave it off."

In order to survive these low prices, Brothers is doing as little as possible, although a couple of projects already in the mill during 1998 will be completed. "But we are making no plans for future projects."

"You know, looking down at $15 oil, we thought it was awful, but looking up at $15 oil, it doesn't look so bad."

McGraw said he was hopeful that prices will rebound this year. "I actually think something, possibly political, will occur or something will cause it to go back up. "Rarely does the price stay steady. Whenever the experts start predicting whatever they are predicting, it is probably going to do the opposite of that. It's a cyclical business."

Brothers is primarily involved in oil. "On a new project we are more interested in looking at gas than oil, but gas prices are weakening by the day, too.

"But there are more important things than this business. Everything on earth is temporary, anyway."

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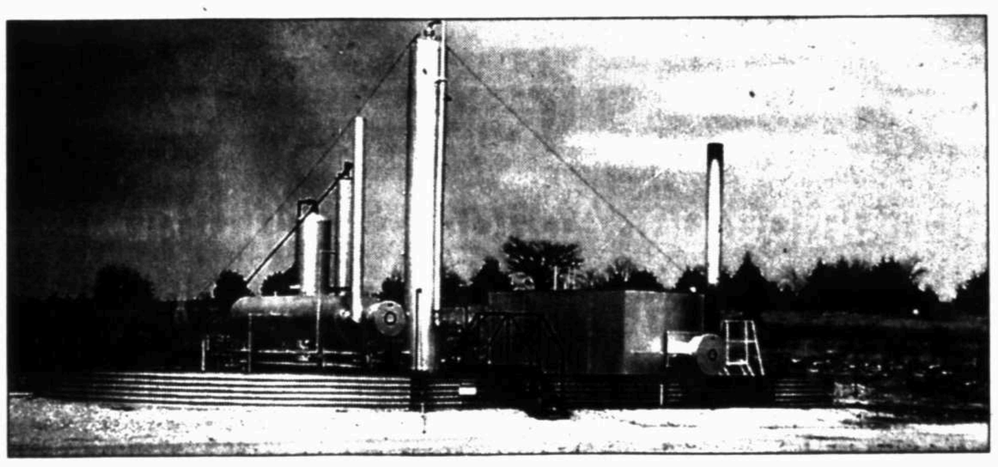

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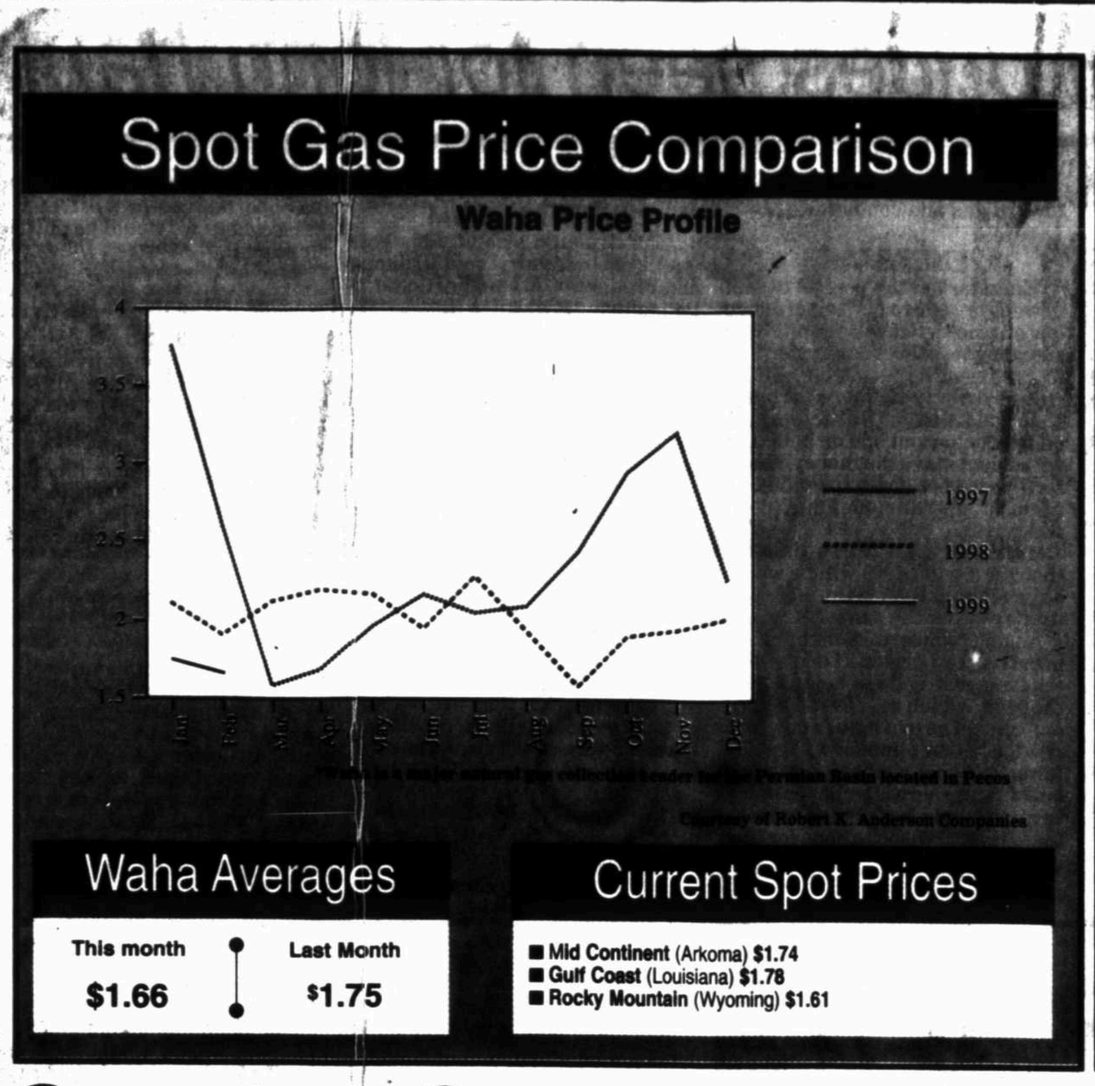

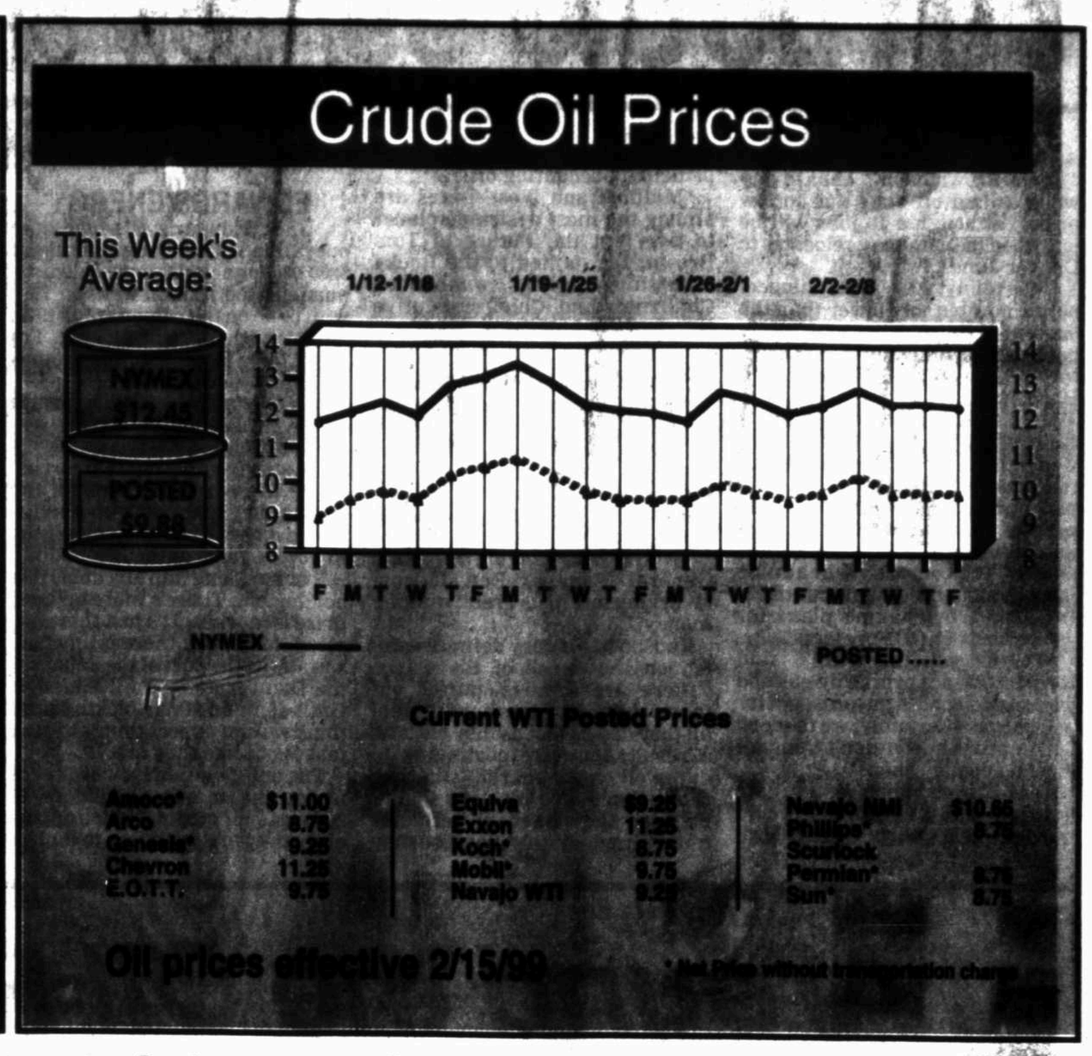

Caspian Sea caught in multi-national tug of war

ZUGDIDI, Georgia — Legally, the oil sits in a murky void. Landlocked bodies of water such as the Caspian are not governed by international law, and there are no universally recognized principles for determining boundaries on its seabed.

Before 1991, all of the surrounding lands except Iran were part of the Soviet Union, and had no need to establish separate claims to the seabed. The Soviet collapse, followed by massive oil and natural gas discoveries, changed everything — and led to a mad scramble for drilling rights.

On one side are the Russians and Iranians, respectively at the northern and southern ends of the sea. Moscow and Teheran want joint sharing of revenues by all five Caspian nations, even though their own offshore areas appear to contain no oil. Among the current oil producers, only Turkmenistan supports Moscow and Teheran on the ownership issue.

On the other side are oil-rich Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan, which have called for a formal division of the seabed according to the Caspian states' respective national borders. Further complicating the picture is an accord reached by Russia and Kazakhstan last month that divides fishing rights in the northern Caspian — but not oil — between the two countries.

In a joint statement, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Boris Pastukhov and his Iranian counterpart, Morteza Sarmadi, declared that "the 1921 and 1940 agreements signed by Iran and the former Soviet Union stand as valid." These agreements require "the consensus of all five littoral states" on the Caspian for any new legal division of the seabed, effectively permitting Iran and Russia to veto unfavorable boundaries.

Russia and Iran have 210 million inhabitants, huge standing armies and governments that exert significant influence on the global stage.

The three oil-producing nations have a combined population of less than 30 million, insignificant military forces and — because of estimated oil and gas reserves second only to those on the Persian Gulf — a cast of new overseas friends and backers led by the United States.

The result, in the seabed and pipeline controversies alike, is the threat of growing friction in the region between the Caspian basin's two local superpowers and their long-standing rival in the West.

The joint Russian-Iranian communique reads as a thinly veiled warning to the Clinton Administration. The statement "specifically ruled out interference by any outside party, as a mediator or otherwise, in drawing up the Caspian legal regime."

U.S. involvement in the region "is leading the matter toward open confrontation with Russia," Russian Deputy Energy Minister Valery Garipov warned in April.

Most of the nations and major firms with significant stakes in the outcome give lip service to the principle that "multiple pipelines are the ideal," as a Chevron executive put it. Yet in practice, most have committed themselves to specific routes, with far-reaching economic and security implications.

Chevron, as a partner in the Caspian Pipeline Consortium with Kazakhstan, supports a $2 billion Russian route from Kazakhstan to Novorossiysk that is already under construction — a step that puts the San Francisco firm at odds with Washington.

The United States government and a majority of American oil firms have thrown their weight behind the longest and most expensive proposed pipeline, a 1,030-mile, $3 billion conduit across Azerbaijan, Georgia and Turkey, from Baku on the Caspian Sea to the Turkish port of Ceyhan on the Mediterranean.

Azerbaijan is also publicly committed to the Ceyhan MEP system, which would tentatively be joined to a proposed $2 billion pipeline under the Caspian carrying oil from Turkmenistan and Kazakhstan.

The Ceyhan MEP is expected to cost 50 percent more than the proposed new Russian system. But advocates point out that it would avoid the narrow and crowded shipping lanes on the Bosporus strait between the Black Sea and the Mediterranean, where oil spills would bring disaster to the most heavily populated area of Turkey.

Washington formally launched its "Caspian Sea Initiative," authorizing the U.S. Export-Import Bank and two other federal agencies to support 65 energy projects in the region. All are tied to the Baku-Ceyhan route.

Next year, the new Western Pipeline from Baku to the Georgian Black Sea port of Supsa goes into operation. Like the proposed Ceyhan route, it bypasses Russia entirely, for reasons that that have as much to do with international gamesmanship as they do with money or technical feasibility.

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OUTLOOK '99/ Low oil prices seen for long haul

TOM BROWN INC.

Tom Brown hasn't shut in any wells or laid off staff due to low prices, although a 10 jobs will be lost when the company relocates to Denver June 1.

"Certainly it is pretty uneconomic now but any lower than the current level and we will really have to start thinking," said Director of Investor Relations Jack Harper.

He added that the company's capital budget is down for 1999, as well as drilling. What drilling will take place will be about 80 percent-plus development and perhaps 10 percent exploratory. The total number of wells will be between 65 and 75. The company will also be involved in a limited amount of 3-D seismic, but has no plans for waterfloods or CO2 projects.

"To tell you the truth," said Harper, "we are primarily gas and we feel good about the prospect for natural gas. Certainly, we think oil will improve but we don't thing we have a good on when."

Tom Brown announced in late January that the company would move its headquarters from Midland to Denver, leaving only the principal accounting office.

"Midland and West Texas are among the most desirable places to live, but the future of Tom Brown, Inc. is tied to the Rocky Mountain region," announced Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Donald Evans.

EDMAR COMPANY LLC.

Edmar has shut in about 15 wells so far, but has not been forced to reduce staff. With current low prices, drilling activity and budget are uncertain and there are no capital projects or 3-D seismic shoots planned.

"We're just hanging in," said General Manager Don Judson. "Working interests aren't making money."

Judson has a very definite opinion on the cause of the crisis. "There are some countries out there whose dictators have to steal all they can as fast as they can. As a result, they are continuing to dump oil on the market and they really don't care what it's sold at because they have to get their money immediately, because they may be thrown out in six months."

EDWARDS ENERGY

Jack Edwards is a one-man operation with a budget of about $200,000 for acquisitions. Edwards participated in four wells in 1998 with none on the calendar for 1999. "We're not going to be drilling. I'm going to be looking at gas property acquisitions."

"Gas seems to be holding pretty steady. Oil seems to be more vulnerable."

To survive the current crisis, Edwards says he is "dieting and hoping they don't pick up his furniture and car while living off the ill-gotten gains of the last boom.

"I'm not going into any debt, just holding on. There's more oil than there is market. It's just that simple. I don't think there is any conspiracy on the part of the Saudis or the Democrats or the Kennedys. Until demand starts picking up, I think we can expect things to stay just about like they are.

The only solution Edwards sees is for the major producers to restrict their output, "which apparently they are not going to do."

Edwards Energy is weighted toward gas and condensate.

ENERSTAR

Enerstar has not yet had to shut in wells or reduce personnel due to low oil prices, but will definitely be spending less this year, according to President Ernest Angelo. "We will be drilling no more than one well," said Angelo. "In fact we cancelled one, or put one on hold that we already have the money raised for. We're not going to drill it, or at least it's an indefinite postponement.

"1998 was a lot worse than we thought it was. 1999 will be worse psychologically but actually they're about the same."

Angelo is uncertain on the cause of current low prices. "I don't think the facts justify them being where they are, which means its beyond our control as to whether they will change. I don't think it will go any lower, at least we have bottomed out. I think there is a chance it will turn around, but I don't think there is any reason to hope for that at the moment."

IP PETROLEUM

IP Petroleum's capital budget is still "up in the air," said Drilling and Production Manager Richard Pendelton. "It's still in flux, but it will be down from 1998."

According to Mike Vaughn, exploration manager, the company plans to drill or participate in 5 to 10 wells in 1999, with the majority of those being exploration. No capital projects or 3-D seismic shoots are planned.

"We are certainly hanging in there," said Vaughn. "We're looking at the long-term, trying to survive." As part of its survival strategy, the company is focusing on the Gulf Coast and Gulf of Mexico region. "We still plan on keeping a presence in West Texas, but too much production, and the prices being what they are — that is what's causing us to cut back. We can't get the prices at what we believe is commercial."

Currently, IP is balanced about 2/3 in gas and 1/3 oil. "Of course," noted Vaughn, "in West Texas it tends to be a little heavier on the oil, and certainly if we could find gas opportunities in West Texas, that is where we would be putting our capital."

MONCRIEF OIL INTERESTS

Although the company has yet to shut in any wells or see any staff reductions, Dewey Thornton with Moncrief says they will probably spend less in 1999 than in 1998. "We're just sitting and watching the oil prices," said Moncrief. The company has, in the past, focused on gas and plans to continue that strategy.

W.H. MUNN OPERATING CO.

"We have not shut in any wells," said JoAnn Weatherred. Weatherred also noted the company had not had staff reductions. While the company does not have a capital budget established for the year, there are no capital projects, drilling or 3-D seismic shoots planned. "We're just trying to make it."

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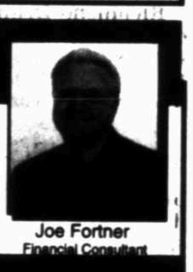

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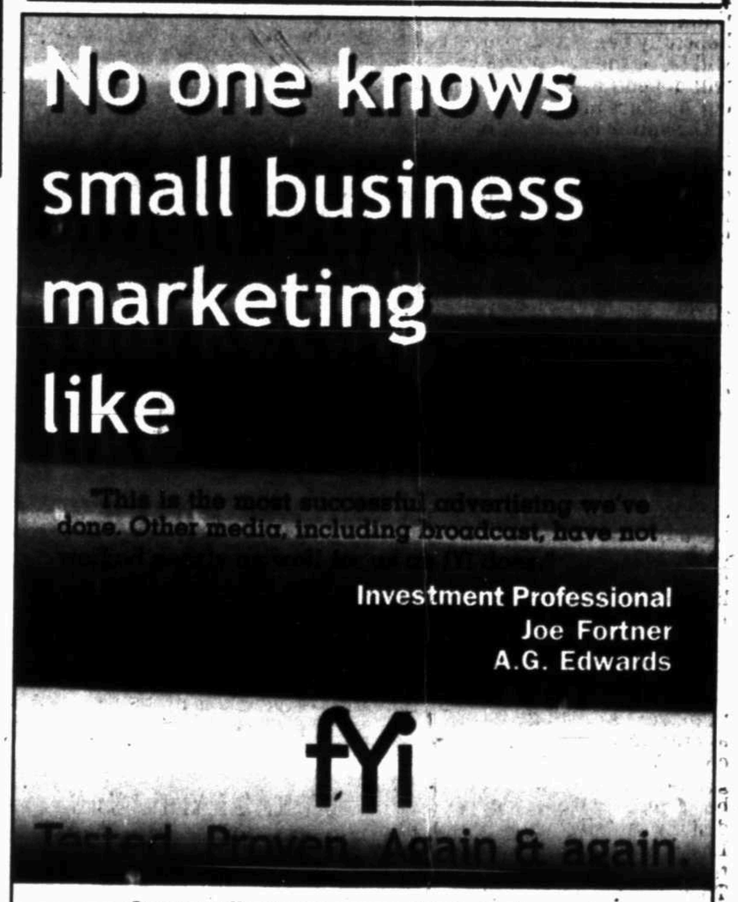

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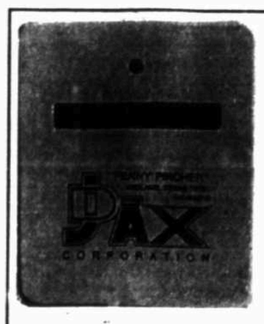

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NADEL & GUSSMAN

Nadel & Gussman is a rarity in the industry these days. Although they have shut in an average of about 15 percent of their wells, they have recently been hiring and expect gas drilling to be up over 1992 and acquisitions to be "significantly up" over 1998, with capital spending accordingly up on both. The firm participated in 11 wells last year and expects to do 15 in 1999.

Due to low oil prices, the company focused 100 percent of its drilling in 1998 on natural gas and will continue that policy this year, according to Scott Germann, exploration manager and partner.

"As far as acquisitions, though," said Germann, "we're looking at anything economic in oil or gas."

RICHMOND DRILLING

To the question of whether any wells had been shut in due to low oil prices, Gordon Reigle replied, "You betcha'. One in Ector and 3 in Andrews counties." The company has no set budget but expects to spend less in 1999, with no drilling planned. The biggest change brought about by the current crisis, according to Reigle, is the lack of money for projects.

"We tried to get the money together. We were going to drill in Oklahoma and just couldn't get it together. That's about $20,000 in lease costs that I will have to write off. We would have liked to drill and wanted to drill and couldn't get the money. I have seen projects come through my office, and I offered to take a quarter and they didn't make it. And these were gut cinch, stuff you could see on the ground and so shallow you could drill it with a water well rig, and they couldn't get the money. Ours was a gas well in an area proven productive and with all types of subsurface control."

Reigle also owns four machine shops out of state. "A usual month would be $100,000, and we're down to about $45,000. In talking to customers, there is work to be done but no money to pay for it with.

"I had a well with collapsed casing, and I had approval of all partners to do the work, and when the prices went down they called me and said, 'don't do it.' So the work hasn't been done yet."

Reigle feels strongly that taxes are killing the industry. "We ought to get rid of the sales tax for oil people. If you could do a project or job for five or seven percent less, there is an incentive, and that puts people to work.

Richmond Drilling has mostly oil production but is leaning more toward gas. "I am trying to buy more, trying to buy the stuff the majors don't want any more."

RISING STAR

Although no specific budget has been established for 1999, President and CEO Mike Grahamm says the company expects to spend considerably more this year than in 1998.

"We just closed on a large Permian Basin property, so we hope to expand quite a bit this year.

Rising Star expects to participate in 6 to 10 wildcats, mostly in the third and fourth quarter, and perhaps five to 10 development wells. "That (development) is down pretty significantly," noted Grahamm.

A 350-square-mile 3-D seismic shoot centered in southeast Midland County, is within 70 miles of completion, said Grahamm, and the company expects to add another 150 square miles to the survey. Although Rising Star is operator for the shoot, Collins & Ware is a joint interest partner.

"We are buying, so we are lucky. We're trying to get ahead right now (during these low prices). I think we feel like it (prices) will hopefully begin to improve, but it will be at the end of the year. It will depend a lot on how patient our bankers are."

Grahamm has a relatively original take on the reason behind low oil prices. "I think it has a low to do with the traders in New York, rather than actual supply numbers. I think traders generally work on emotions, so I don't have a solution on how to educate the people on Wall Street, unfortunately.

Rising Star is leaning more toward gas in the current price environment, with a balance of about 50-50.

RICK G. ROBERTS

"I sold out all of my production," said Rick Roberts. "I don't operate anything. It's a combination of timing and prices. I got tired of messing with it and it didn't look like there was any future in it, so I got out."

SAGE ENERGY CO.

Terrell Downing, exploration manager, says Sage has shut in approximately 3 wells due to the current economic crisis. No budget has been set, but spending will be down. "We have reduced drilling in West Texas quite a bit. Last year we drilled three, and this year we aren't drilling any." There are no plans for 3-D or capital projects either. "We anticipate low prices for at least the next 12 to 18 months," said Downing, with cost reduction their method of surviving. "Our balance in West Texas is heavily weighted in oil, about 95% oil, and we are trying to shift that to way more heavy in gas."

Reporter-Telegram file photo

Cougar Drilling, now a part of FWA/JSM, drills a deep Pecos County well for Baytech. Basin operators say a deep gas play could help revive Permian Basin.

SAHARA OPERATING CO.

"Prices have affected us, but our drilling activity level can expect to be about the same," said Rob McAlpine.

Staff also has not been affected by the crisis. "It's just my brother and I. I've been trying to run him off for years, but Mom won't let me."

McAlpine has a definite theory on the story behind the low prices. "The Saudi Arabians were upset and in wonderment why operators were drilling offshore when they had all the oil needed. Their attitude was 'you don't need to do frontier exploration. We have all the oil you need,' so they decided to make frontier drilling uneconomic. They don't care about us. They are waging war on foreign deepwater frontier exploration, such as offshore Africa and the North Sea. They don't like that because their attitude is 'we have plenty of oil.' At the same time that they are making frontier oil uneconomic, they are inviting back the majors with a clear message. 'If you want to be invited to the party, you better have plenty of money.' They are giving the majors plenty of reason t cancel all the expensive exploration. They really don't care about us.

'This isn't the first time we've been to the barbecue. We've been thrown on the grill before.'

— Rob McAlpine

"Right now, we just have to survive because, frankly, I don't know how to do anything else for a living.

"It's a very difficult time in the oilfield. I think we are clearly not producing our wells at capacity right now. Fortunately, if you are in the oil business you have so much risk in what you do in drilling and exploration that in the other aspects of our business we are generally very conservative people. So a lot of us have avoided debt, and if you have avoided debt you are in good shape.

"This isn't the first time we've been to the barbecue. We've been thrown on the grill before. I'm just glad they finished that new airport in time to fly everybody out of town."

McAlpine doesn't believe the severance tax relief is going to provide much relief. "The biggest burden on us is property taxes because producers are property-rich entities. From my point of view, an income tax is preferable to taxing us on properties. Law firms don't own property. A lot of businesses relative to us are escaping taxes because they don't own any property. We can't be the gravy train for everybody. Property taxes hurt us more than any particular item."

Time is the only solution to the current crisis, he added. "I don't think we have any control over prices. Cheap oil is so good for so many people, I think we have to take care of ourselves. The only solution is tighten up our belts and get through it."

TEXAS HYDROGEN ENERGY CORP.

Low prices haven't hit personnel yet at Texas Hydrogen Energy. "We've had to reduce our overhead for sure," said Mary Friemel, "and our pumpers' fees."

The company also has no plans for drilling, 3-D seismic shoots or capital projects. Ms. Friemel expects low prices to be around for awhile. "I predict another year. It depends on what happens in the Middle East, on who loses their temper."

Paul Friemel, president of Texas Hydrogen Energy, believes the low prices have been caused by collusion between the majors and the Saudis, "but I think they are getting fed up with it. I heard they are getting ready to raise the price of their crude to the U.S."

He also has a possible solution. Friemel says gasoline faces an extraordinarily high rate of taxation. He proposes that the taxes be reduced by 10 cents per gallon, giving money back to the consumer to use elsewhere and thereby improving the economy. He then suggests that the 10 cents per gallon, multiplied by the number of gallons from a barrel of oil, be applied to the price of a barrel of crude. "It won't solve the problem, but it's the best price increase we have seen yet. If we reduce the severance tax, that's another 40 cents and would get many of the wells in the Permian Basin back to running again. Of course, the big-time help is we are going to have to get somebody to get politicians out of the oil price and let supply and demand take control.

"Right now supply and demand is being handled by the politicians."

THOMPSON PETROLEUM CO.

While Thompson Petroleum (J. Cleo Thompson) are shutting wells in, District Superintendent Jeff Birkelback says it's not as many as some other companies. There have been no staff reductions due to low oil prices. The company does not establish an annual capital budget because it is privately owned. Any wells drilled will probably be exploratory.

"All of our wells last year were exploratory, and this year will probably be the same. We didn't do much, though, in 1998." Thompson does have one 3-D seismic shoot scheduled but no capital projects such as waterfloods or CO2 floods. Birkelback feels that one primary reason behind the current crisis is the depressed Asian market.

PERMIAN RESOURCES INC.

Randy Bruno said his company's answer to making it during these hard times is to "invest in bailing wire."

He's only half joking. Permian Resources operates 600 stripper wells, which are balanced 95% oil/5% gas. Like many other companies in the basin, Permian is cutting costs wherever they can be cut, and spending the least amount that is possible.

"We do as much work in-house as we can, and outsource as little as possible. We'll do things like fix a pumping unit ourselves, or drive a truck to make deliveries ourselves.we're working with as few vendors as possible," said Bruno, president.

Permian Resources has no plans to drill in 1999, which is the same as last year. It will spend about $500,000 on workovers again this year, and does not plan on shooting any 3-D seismic. Bruno said they are looking to make some natural gas acquisitions this year.

The company has laid off 14 people in the last six months, and it has shut in about 10% of its production. If prices remain low, Bruno said they will probably shut in another 10%.

He also thinks we're in for two to three years of low oil prices. "I'm pessimistic - I have to think that way," said Bruno. "We will probably see oil prices go up to $14-$15 per barrel in two years.

Like most basin operators, Bruno said that a decrease in demand with an increase in supply has helped cause the current industry crisis.

U.S. RIG COUNT

	This Wk.	Last Wk.	Last Year
USA Land	428	445	828
USA Offshore	101	101	134
Canada	353	354	509
U.S. Directional	144	155	244
U.S. Horizontal	35	32	68
U.S. Gas	422	443	593
U.S. Oil	119	122	389

This information updated January 29, 1998

PERMIAN BASIN

TEXAS

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Coke	00
Concho	00
Crockett	01
Irion	00
Kimble	00
McCullough	01
Menard	00
Reagan	03
Runnels	00
Schleicher	01
Sutton	03
Terrell	00
Tom Green	00
Upton	02

DIST. #8

Andrews	00
Brewster	00
Crane	01
Culberson	00
Ector	01
Glasscock	02
Howard	00
Hudspeth	00
Jeff Davis	00
Loving	00
Martin	03
Midland	07
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Ward	01
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DIST. #8A

Bailey	00
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Dickens	00
Floyd	00
Gaines	03
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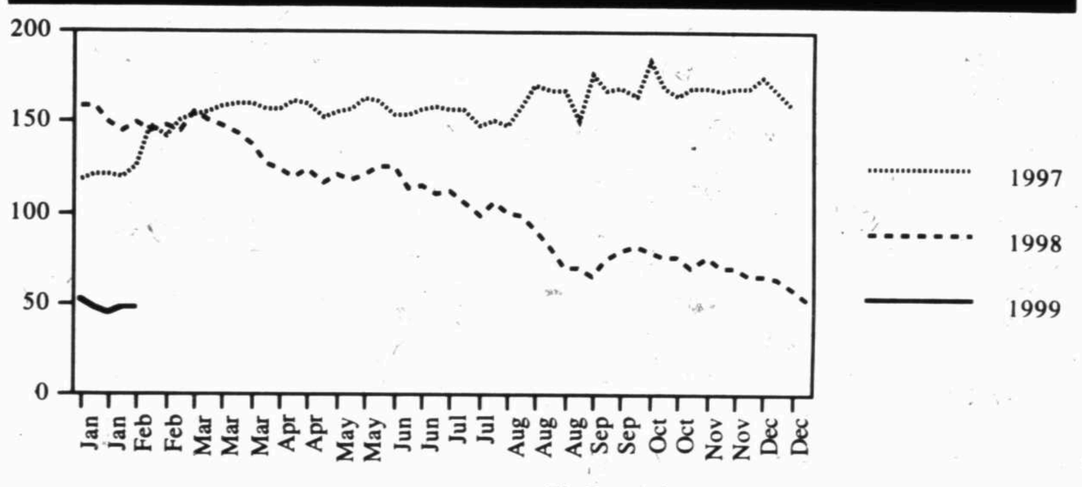

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OUTLOOK '99/ Layoffs mark Basin downturn

MARSHALL R. YOUNG OIL CO.

Marshall R. Young joins many other companies with a realistic look at where prices may end up in a year or two.

"We're bearish in our outlook over the next two years. I think we will see sub $16 oil. This year I think we'll average $13 - $14 NYMEX pricing," said George M. Young, Jr., vice president of operations.

Marshall R. Young has restricted production in the basin, cutting back output by 50% for certain leases due to low oil prices.

Young said that the industry is close to a break-even point on many wells being uneconomical to operate. "We're pretty close to there. It depends, but with the trend we're seeing in oil prices now, if it got down as low as $6, that would make it uneconomical."

The Fort-Worth based company said it has made some staff reductions, and that it's capital budget is virtually non-existent for West Texas. It may drill one exploratory well this year, down from 18 in '97 and 6 in '98. It also will not spend money on any 3-D projects this year, and will do a few workovers to increase production.

Young said the company is more oriented toward gas prospects than oil prospects now, but its overall makeup is 80% oil/20% gas.

He attributes the slump in prices to the lack of demand on world-wide basis.

KIDD OIL & GAS

Kidd Oil & Gas has no drilling planned in the Permian Basin for 1999 (unless prices should go back up), which is down from drilling a few wells both last year and in 1997.

The company has not shut in any wells yet, but the possibility is there. Barron Kidd, family partner, said they have to take each well on its own merits, which depends on the well's rate, whether it is sweet or sour, how much water there is, etc.

The company has no waterfloods planned for this year, but 3-D seismic is a slight possibility. "If we had compelling reasons for doing it, it's possible that we could do some shooting," said Kidd.

Kidd Oil & Gas has been focused the past few years on natural gas, and has a good mix of properties. It is also active in the Utah area.

Kidd's long-term opinion is that the industry is in for low prices for a couple of years. "Two things have to happen -there has to be an increase in consumption and the lack of exploration has to be felt, and I don't think these will happen in a hurry," said Kidd.

He attributes the economic downturn in the market to the oversupply of oil, the decline in Asian consumption, and the lack of curtailed production in high-rate producing countries. Said Kidd, "As long as Saudi Arabia is interested in market share and consumption is down, priceswill stay low."

KEVIN BUTLER & ASSOCIATES

When it comes to profitable oil and gas production, maybe Dorothy and Toto had it figured out a long time ago. There's no place like Kansas, at least for Kevin Butler and Associates.

The company is maintaining an active presence there, where it is able to lift oil and gas out of the ground less expensively than in the Permian Basin. This is helping Butler and Assoc. to make a large gas property and pipeline acquisition, as well as drill up to 10 shallow gas wells in Kansas this year.

The company has curtailed its West Texas and New Mexico production somewhat by shutting in about 15% of its wells in these areas. "We're pretty close to the break-even point at $9/barrel oil. As workover problems come up, we make a decision about whether or not to shut the well in," said Kevin Butler, president.

He said they have also had to reduce their staff by about 15 people, seven here and eight in Kansas. Additionally, the company has reduced its capital spending for the year, and has put one planned waterflood on hold.

"I think we're in for another 12 months of low oil prices; I don't think it will go up much," said Butler. He said he's also concerned with the weather's effect on gas prices, because the country is in the warmest cyclical year in history.

When asked what the company is doing to survive during low prices, Butler laughed and said one thing he is doing is"importing coffee from Mexico — really."

KAISER-FRANCIS OIL CO.

With an 80% gas/20% oil mix of production, Kaiser-Francis Oil is able to weather low oil prices better than some companies.

"Although the gas price is low now because of warm weather, it is more stable than oil, because none (except a little bit from Canada and Mexico) is being imported, we have more control over gas," said Milt Griffin, operations engineer.

'We've reduced our expenses and slowed production so we don't give away too much oil at $9/barrel.'

— Milt Griffin

Kaiser-Francis had reduced oil production in the Permian Basin and Rockies district by about 25%. Most of its production in the basin has only been slowed down, such as pumping wells two days a week instead of seven.

"We've reduced our expenses and slowed production so we don't give away too much oil at $9/barrel," said Griffin.

Although each lease has to be looked at individually, Griffin said that the company is getting pretty close to the price at which it becomes uneconomical to operate wells, because it is close to the break-even point.

He also said that Kaiser-Francis tries to hold on to stripper wells and hold losses to a minimum, and that the company will be able to operate this way for at least another year.

The company has not made any staff reductions, but it is not hiring personnel either. It does not plan on doing any drilling in the Permian Basin in 1999, down from the three oil wells and one gas well drilled in '98.

Kaiser-Francis participated in some 3-D seismic last year, but doesn't have any plans for shoots this year.

Griffin's long-term view of oil prices is that he expects them to stay through the end of this year, and he attributes the low prices to an oversupply of oil caused partially by the slowdown in the Asian economies and from big OPEC countries which haven't reduced production.

ERDE EXPLORATION CO.

Erde Exploration is headed up by Doyle Snow, who spends the majority of his time as a landman consultant, and he said that since a landman does work when a property is either bought or sold, his work load has actually gone up recently.

"I get involved with the due diligence phase, acquisitions, divestitures.so my work load has gone up since November,"said Snow. "By being diverse, you get in on both ends of it."

He said Erde has done some wildcatting in the past, and was a very active company years ago, but he is no longer looking at wildcatting.

Snow said it appears that oil prices will stay low through the end of the year.

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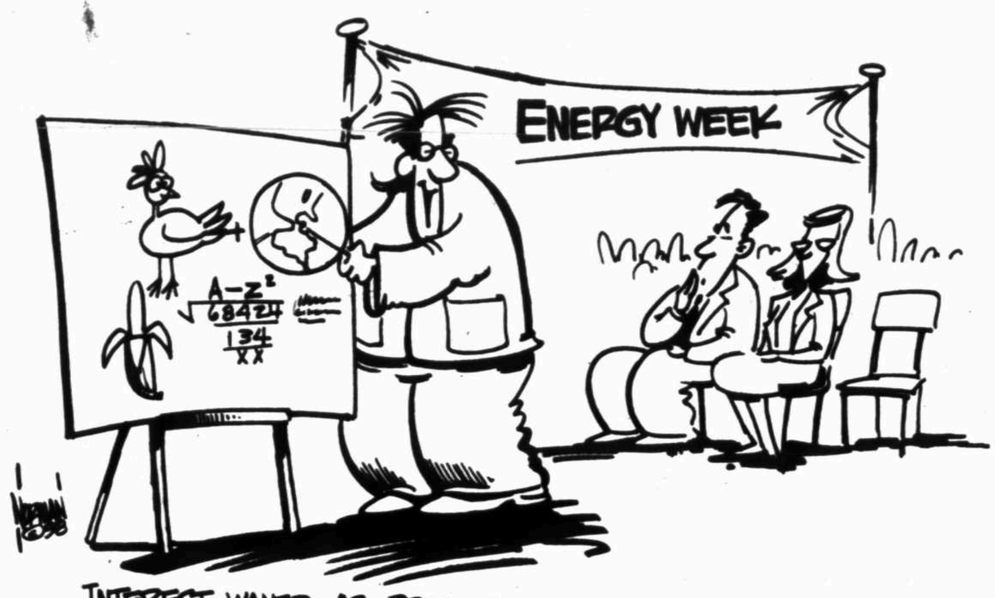

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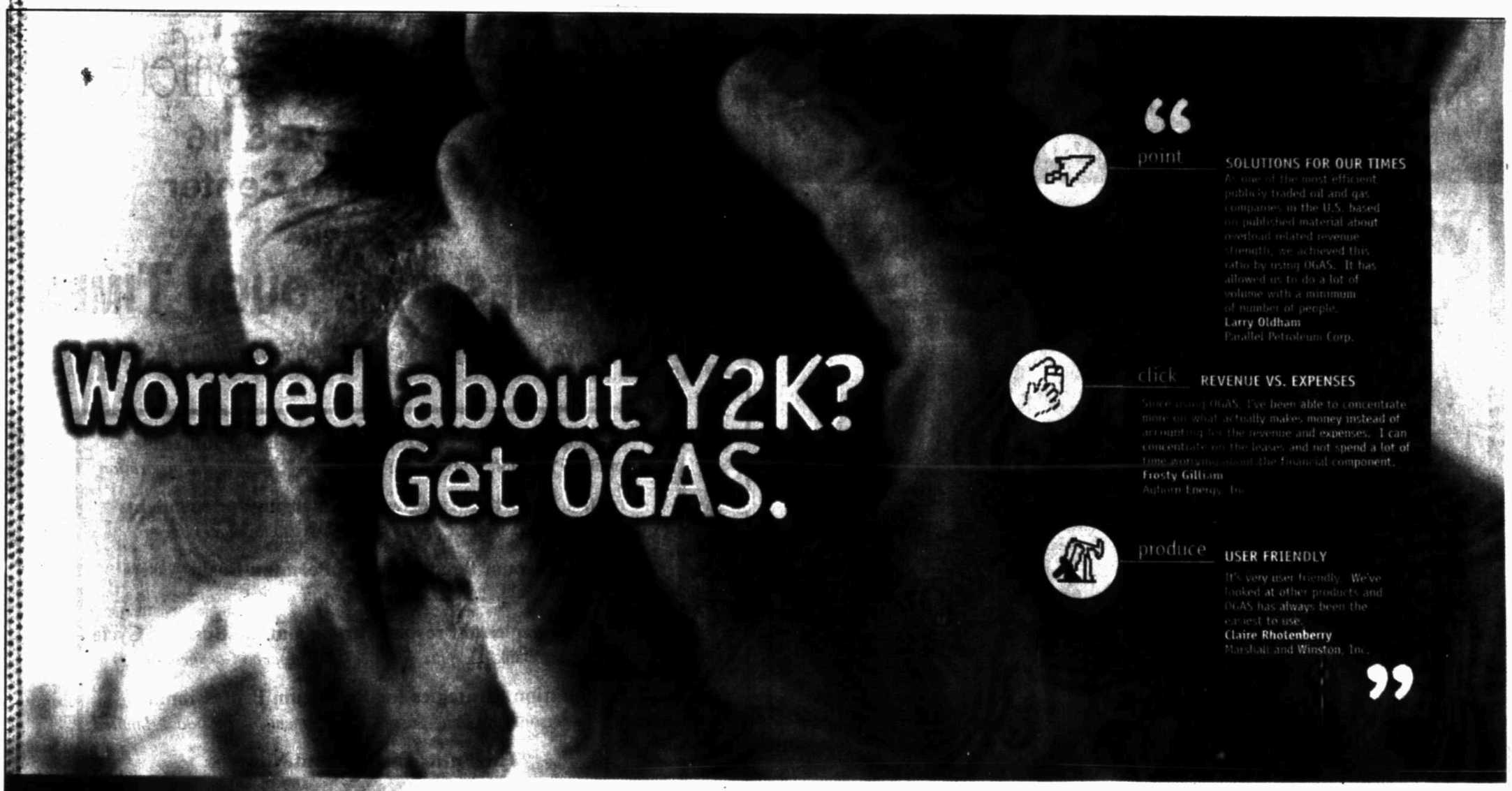

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OUTLOOK '99/ Many think low prices political

DEVON ENERGY CORP.

Contrary to common measures being taken by many companies in the basin right now, Devon Energy is not shutting in any wells and has not had any lay-offs. It has, however, cut back capital spending significantly, because it is noteconomical to start new projects at these low prices, said Vince White, director of investor relations.

The price where it might become uneconomical to operate for Devon is subjective, but a good average might be a field posting of $8.50. However, with operating costs versus cost of commodity, a $6 breakeven price is more likely.

Devon has a budget of $17 million for capital spending, which includes $7 million for developmental and recompetion drilling, and $7 million for exploration.

These amounts are down from prior years, when in 1997 Devon spent $70 million, which included drilling 174 wells, and in 1998 it spent $40 million, which included drilling 154 wells.

Devon has a $500,000 geophysical budget, which will include some 3-D seismic activity. Company-wide, Devon has an energy production mix that is 70% gas and 30% oil. In the basin it is a 5/8 oil, 3/8 gas split.

"We are definitely anticipating low prices for months, and would expect '99 to average under $15/barrel. We don't expect $9 oil for years, but for internal planning purposes, we don't expect it to reach $20 in the next few years," said White.

White attributes continued low prices to a lack of discipline by OPEC members to curtail production, which has increased oil in storage to record levels. Fortunately for Devon, planning for such conditions is paying off.

"We're profitable at these price levels because we plan for pricing volatility long-term so that we don't have to scale back short-term. We have only scaled back spending on new projects, not existing production," said White.

DAKOTA RESOURCES INC.

Dakota Resources' philosophy right now could be "if we can do it ourselves, we will" according to Pam Morphew, vice president.

"We're not spending money right now; our people in the field are not spending without approval. Our pumpers are roustabouts.we're doing more with less money to make do,"said Morphew.

Morphew herself is an example of that philosophy. A petroleum engineer with many years spent in the banking industry, in just the past three months she has come back over to her husband's company and is doing "a lot of accounting work."

The value she adds to the company is her diversity, since she can take care of the accounting and do some of the engineering and other technical work as well. This move was prompted when the company's accountant left last fall and was not replaced.

Other than this attrition, Dakota has let one part-time person go in recent months. The company has shut some wells in to further cut costs, and as wells go down, they are reviewing them to see if it's economical to keep production going.

Dakota has no drilling or big capital projects planned, but it is looking at buying producing properties. The company does not plan any 3-D shoots, and its production is tipped heavily toward oil, with about an 85%/15% split.

Morphew thinks it will be at least two years before oil prices recover significantly, and with market fluctuations she expects $9 - $11 oil for awhile. With prices at $9 oil now, Morphew says the company is very close to the break-even point, and things could get ugly if it goes lower.

"At $6 oil, West Texas is virtually non-productive. If it gets down that low, a lot of companies will get out."

YUCCA ENERGY INC.

Yucca Energy has continued to produce most of its Permian Basin properties, while only shutting in about 3 to 5% of its wells. Any future shut-ins will be on a case-by-case basis, as work that may be done is evaluated for cost efficiency.

Yucca has not had to lay anyone off and doesn't intend to, either. The company plans on drilling at least two wells this year, both developmental, one each of oil and gas. If prices go up, Yucca may double wells drilled to four.

Although the company has done 3-D in the past, it will not be shooting any this year, and, other than drilling, will have almost no other capital expenditures. The production of the company is heavier in oil, 85%, than gas, 15%.

Yucca has always tried to operate in a conservative mode, but Jim Yates, vice president, said that the company as a whole is trying to "tighten its belt." He also said that it would be hard to predict how oil prices will turn out for the rest of the year.

"Oil prices have always been so unstable that no one can make good predictions. It looks bleak now but that could change in six months. And we hope it goes up," said Yates.

Yates' opinion about the cause of the oil excess is that he questions whether it is caused by political reasons or by the efficiency of technology, and if it is the efficiency of the technology, then that speaks to the long term. If it's political, things could change.

PHILLIPS PETROLEUM CO.

Measures taken to reduce cost are not unique to small independents, but to large companies as well. Phillips Petroleum is taking several measures to weather low oil prices.

The company has cut back production by shutting in about 150 wells, which is less than 10%. Additional wells could be shut in, depending on what oil prices do. Phillips has also made a few personnel cuts in the Permian Basin, an 8 to 9% employee reduction of less than 20 people.

When asked at what price does is become uneconomical to operate, Mark Tompkins, Phillips' southwest region manager, said that at $9 oil it isn't even close to being uneconomical for them. The company is still making budget revisions for 1999, but capital spending will be down thisyear over last year.

"A lot of new oil projects are not economic, so we won't spend as much capital. Our drilling budget is a function of where we end up on our capital spending, but a number of gas wells are planned for this year," said Tompkins. This drilling activity would be a reduction over drilling last year.

Phillips has two possible 3-D shoots planned for this year, but the expense has to be justified. It will not initiate any new waterfloods this year, instead trying to optimize existing floods.

It has a healthy 50%-50% mix of oil and gas properties in the Permian Basin, and is very active right now in the San Juan Basin of New Mexico, where drilling rigs are at 100% utilization.

Tompkins' personal thoughts about how long low oil prices will last is that in 12 months we're looking at $12 - $13 oil, but there are no crystal balls for forecasting. "This time last year I wouldn't have thought that we'd be at $9 oil," said Tompkins. He said the OPEC meeting in March should say a lot.

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CRW CORPORATION

CRW Corp. has several drilling prospects for 1999 but will not be spending any money on drilling. "We can't spend $500,000 to $600,000 to drill a well and expect it to pay out at $9 oil," said Jane Giles, finance and accounting vice president. "Things are very bad right now, because it's not feasible at current pricing to go out and do anything. We're already below joint-interest billings."

CRW has already shut in about half of its wells and has no plans to shut in any more. The company has only had to let one person go, and is trying to maintain without laying anyone else off by cutting expenses and making do.

There is no capital budget for 1999, which is a continued trend from a prior 60% capital spending reduction in 1998 from 1997's budget. The company's production is made up of mostly oil production, but it does have some gas properties.

Giles said it concerns her that "the U.S. is practically 100% dependent on foreign oil. The oil industry has been ruined here with taxes, no tax incentives and all of the environmental restrictions placed on it."

Giles also expects to see continued low oil prices. "As long as OPEC is in control and can open the floodgates we won't see any change. We can't open our floodgates at $9 oil; everything's more expensive here than in other countries."

ZIA ENERGY INC.

Zia Energy is very active in Lea County, New Mexico, so its energy make-up is much heavier in gas, 75-80% of properties, than oil, 20-25% of properties.

Right now, one of Zia's biggest concerns is renegotiating gas contracts with the purchaser. "Two or three months ago, we were selling gas at $1.80 to $1.90, and the purchaser just cancelled our contract. Now we're trying to renegotiate our contracts with the few purchasers available, and we're looking at contracts around $1.38," said Scott Nelson, family partner.

The company has not had to reduce its staff yet, and it hasn't shut in any wells. The company can survive at 80 cents per MCF gas, and it hasn't reached that level.

The money Zia spends this year will hopefully be in acquiring more properties. "If we can't find properties, we'll spend our money on drilling," said Nelson. The company drilled one well in '97, and planned to drill two in '98, but cancelled those plans due to low prices.

CAL-MON OIL CO.

"The world has not put a face to this oil crisis. As an industry, we're a commodity, and our commodity is one of the basic building blocks of a civilized world. As long as the cost (of energy) is low, people don't care where it comes from," said David Overton, vice president of Cal-Mon Oil Co.

And there is not nearly enough of it coming from the Permian Basin at the right price to suit most residents here, including Overton.

"Our activity and attitude is based on what the price (of oil or gas) is, and as it is now, we can justify very little."

This has caused Cal-Mon to cut back on activity and maintain what it has. Overton said the company is in a stewardship mode, focused on producing properties, and it is not even looking at drilling this year. Last year Cal-Mon invested in the drilling of three or four wells.

One positive for the company is that it is evenly balanced between both oil and gas investments.

CALLAWAY PRODUCTION CO., INC.

Callaway Production has shut in about 30% of its oil production for now, especially in the case of non-competitive reserves, according to Fred Callaway, president.

The company will be doing a minimal amount of drilling in 1999. "The industry is so tight right now that it depends on the nature of the prospect. I see one deal every six months that might be drillable at todayis prices, said Callaway.

This trend toward minimal spending follows the same trend started in 1998, when the company spent as little as possible on capital projects. Callaway also has no plans to shoot 3-D seismic this year.

Don't look for these plans to change anytime soon, according to Callaway is take on future oil prices. "I anticipate low oil prices for a couple of years. There is no movement in countries that export oil to curtail production. We have an oversupply of oil," said Callaway.

LEWIS B. BURLESON, INC.

Lewis B. Burleson, Inc. plans to drill two wells this year, one developmental well in two weeks and one exploratory later on. This is actually an increase in drilling over last year, when the company drilled one out of three planned wells.

Steve Burleson, vice president, said that they have shut in 3% of their wells this year, and that if oil dips down to $5/barrel, it would be uneconomical for them to continue to operate the remaining wells.

The company has not made any staff reductions, but it has reduced its capital budget in 1999 about 50% over last year's budget. "We would like to use some of our money to acquire additional properties," said Burleson.

Additionally, Burleson, Inc. does not plan any 3-D seismic activity this year, and no significant capital projects. Its production has always been pretty well balanced, with 50% oil/50% gas.

"The last five to eight years, there has been so much gas in storage, and this winter there's more than ever. The demand is not there to support it,"said Burleson.

The situation reminds him of a quote he heard recently, that "a recession is when someone else loses his job; a depression is when you lose yours."

Unfortunately, more Midlanders may be feeling depressed as the year progresses, because Burleson joins a majority of similar producers in the basin who think that oil prices will stay down at least several more months.

"Prices will stay low at least until fall, and it might be a year past that. If oil prices rebound this fall, the market will be back to stability. If not, we could have another year of this. If they shut in the North Sea, we won't have a problem," said Burleson.

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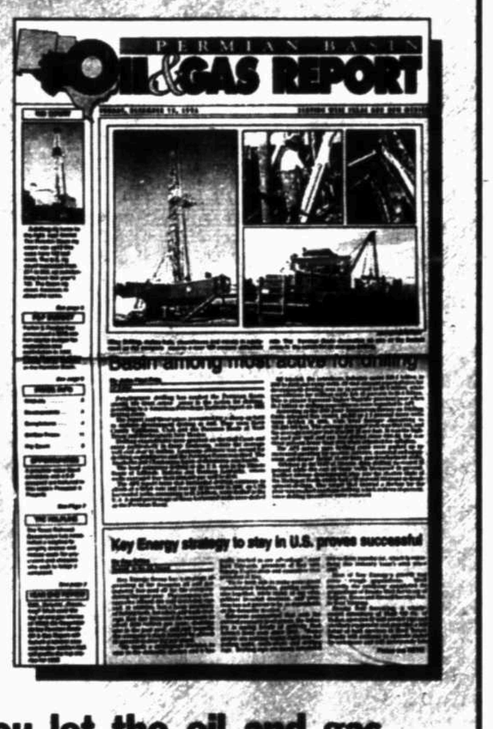

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OUTLOOK '99/ Natural gas focus will increase

SPIRIT 76

Spirit 76 has shut in a few wells and looking to shut in more this year based on individual economic performances.

In 1998 the company laid off half-dozen employees, but is not anticipating any in 1999, " says Gary Dupriest, asset manager for the Permian and Rocky Mountain regions. The company has 148 employees in the Permian Basin with 50 percent in Midland.

While the company had a robust program in 1998, spending $50 million, or $25 million more than the original budget, 1999 will not be so robust.

"We did not revise the budget downward in 1998, but upward, because we we wereable to bring forward a couple of projects," said Dupriest.

"This year's budget will be fluid and significantly reduced because of economics.

Spirit 76 participated in 80 wells last year, and will reduce that this year. Dupriest does not even have a ball park number for wells in 1999.

The company participated in 200 square miles of seismic in 1998, but has no plans for this year. Also, it does not have any capital projects planned.

"We feel oil prices will remain low for at lease the remainder of the year," said Dupriest. "There is just more supply than demand."

Spirit is 65 percent balanced for natural gas, and the focus in Midland is on natural gas.

EXXON

Exxon is well positioned in the Permian Basin to withstand sustained low oil prices, because its philosophy has always been to take the long-term view to pricing cycles seen in the industry, said Bob Davis, Exxon USA spokesman.

Exxon has shut in some wells, but it is a small percentage compared to overall production numbers, and decisions about shutting properties in are dictated by the production out of the well.

"We have maintained a good level of activity in the basin, and have not done much cutting back. We have made some adjustments because of low prices, maybe putting off workover projects that were planned, but we are definitely maintaining an active presence," said Davis.

Exxon has about 150 field personnel in ten major field units in the Permian Basin, and has not made any employee reductions.

The company has two large capital spending EOR projects that are up and running the first quarter of this year. One is a major CO2 injection project in Sharon Ridge (Snyder Field), which is a $40 to $50 million project that Exxon operates. The other one is the multi-million dollar East Vealmoor depressurization project, which is becoming operational in conjunction with the Sharon Ridge project.

Exxon does agree with the industry consensus that low oil prices will be around for awhile. "We do take a longer term view on low oil prices, and we think the price will be soft for the foreseeable future," said Davis.

"There are a lot of factors involved with the sustained drop in pricing, including warmer than usual temperatures in winter, general storage inventories (supplies) are up, and the weakened demand for energy in Asian countries. All these factors are having a depressing effect on oil pricing."

DEVELOPMENT WELLS

SOUTHEAST NEW MEXICO

Chaves County

McKay Oil Corp
Remmele B Fed #12-Y
Pecos Slope; T6S, R22E, Sec 27; 1740 FNL 2350 FWL; 24 miles NW or Roswell; Rot 3000 Abo; API #30-05-63916

Lea County

David H. Arrington Oil & Gas
Yellow Humpy#1
Diamond; T16S, R36E, Sec 15; 2310 FSL 1479 FWL; 1/2 miles S of Lovington; Rot 12030 Strawn; API #30-025-34568
Enron Oil & Gas Co
Brinninstool 4 St #2
Johnson Ranch; T24S, R33E, SEc 4; 660 FSL 1890 FWL; 8.5 miles NW of Ochoa; Rot 14,200 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-34571

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Crockett County

Union Pacific Resources Company
Friend "C" #5
Ozona, East (Ellenburger)-D; GC&SF RR Co/J.T. Gurley Sur, A-4280, Blk OP, Sec 2; 2300 FSL 990 FEL of lse; 2300 FSL 1700 FWL of survey; 1.5 miles SE of Ozona; obj: 9000; permit #473303; API #42-015-38036
Enron Oil & Gas Company
Powell "5" #2
M.P.I. (Ellenburger)-D; J Bonta Sur, A-3570, Blk BB, sec 56; 2100 FNL 660 FWL of lse; 2100 FNL 660 FWL of survey; 16 miles S of Big Lake; obj: 8500; permit #482580; API #42-105-38241

Sutton County

Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas Corp
Leo H. McMillan 108 #15
Sawyer (Canyon)-D; TWNG RR Co/E.W. Wall Sur, A-909, Blk 14, Sec 108; 500 FNL 1902 FEL of lse; 500 FNL 1902 FEL of survey; 15 miles SE of Sonora; obj: 5500; permit #482606; Api #42-435-34921
Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas Corp
Leo H. Mcmillan 108 #14
Sawyer (Canyon)-D; TWNG RR Co./E.W. Wall Sur, A-890, Blk 14, Sec 108; 500 FSL 1980 FWL of lse; 500 FSL 1980 FWL of survey; 15 miles SE of Sonora; obj: 5500; permit #482605; API #42-435-34923

TEXAS RRCD 8

Midland County

Henry Petroleum
Pegasus Spraberry Unit #130W
Pegasus (Spraberry)-recompletion; T&P RR Co sur, A-302, Blk 40, T4S, Sec 19; 3380 FNL 4700 FWL of lse; 660 FEl 1980 FSL of survey; 27 miles SW of Midland; obj: 10386; permit #482539; API #42-329-01025

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Gaines County

Apache Corp
Monty #4
G-M-K, West (San Andres)-D; W.T. R.R. Co/B. Haybeck Sur, A-2217, Blk 9; Sec 92; 1020 FSL 330 FWL of lse; 1020 FSL 330 FWl of survey; 7.7 miles SSE of Seagraves; obj: 65000; permit #482511; Api #42-165-35389

Terry County

Santa Fe Energy Resources
O.D.C. -47- Gas Unit #4
W Wellman (Yates)-recompletion; J.H. Gibson/R.E. Shiplett Sur, A-1584, Blk DD, Sec 47; 1250 FWL 1980 FNL of lse; 1250 FWl 1980 FNL of Survey; 3 miles W of Wellman; obj: 3550; permit #482525; Api #42-445-102545

COMPLETIONS

SOUTHEAST NEW MEXICO

Eddy County

ARCO Permian
Washington "33" State #11
Artesia; T17S, R28E, Sec 33; 1650 FNL 1650 FEL; EL 3669 GL; TD 4100, PBTD 4059; production is through treated perfs 2484-2914; IPP 1 BOPD, 58 MCFD; API #30-015-30193
SDX Resources
Artesia Unit #83
Artesia; T17S, R28E, Sec 36; 2630 FSL 1510 FWL; EL 3681 GL; TD 3080, PBTD 3049; production is through treated, fractured perfs 2394-2765; IPP 36 BOPD, 10 MCFD; API #30-015-30182
Marbob Energy Corp
Burch Keely Unit #287
GB-Jackson; T17S, R29E, Sec 23; 1295 FSL 1980 FEL; EL 3584 GL; TD 4775, PBTD 4730; production is through treated perfs 4065-4445; IPP 43 BOPD, 49 MCFD; API #30-015-30167
Marbob Energy Corp
Birdie Federal #5
Loco Hills; T17S, R30E, Sec 17; 2080 FNL 330 FEL; EL 3674 GL; TD 4850, PBTD 4710; production is through treated perfs 4280-4552; IPP 26 BOPD, 83 MCFD; API #30-015-30371
Yates Petroleum Corp
Spring ART Federal #1
NE Springs; T20S, R26E, SEc 23; 710 FSL 1750 FWL; EL 3275 GL; TD 10500, PBTD 9900; production is through fractured, treated perfs 9280-9287; IPF 139 MCFD; API #30-015-29825
Santa Fe Energy Resources
Roaring Springs 14 Federal #6
S Dagger Draw; T21S, R32E, Sec 14; 2310 FSL 800 FWL; EL 3803 GL; TD 8000, PBTD 7853; production is through treated perfs 7427-7816; IPP 42 BOPD, 1099 MCFD; API #30-015-30347
Penwell Energy Inc
FH "29" Fed Com #2
S Carlsbad Morrow; T23S, R26E, Sec 29; EL 3344 GL; TD 12008; D&A; API #30-015-30223

Lea County

Ocean Energy Inc
Mazama State #1
N Echol Devonian; T10S, R37E, Sec 21; 2130 FNL 1650 FEL; EL 3950 GL; TD 12184; P&A; API#30-025-34501
Ray Westall
Fist Full of Dollars #1
Querecho Plains; T18S, R32E, Sec 34; 2310 FSL 330 FWL; EL 3695 GL; TD 7225; re-entry of Marbob Energy Corp, P&A; production is through treated perfs 6952-7042; IPP 8 BOPD, 50 MCFD; API #30-025-33644
Ray Westall
Tonto Federal #1
Tonto; T19S, R32E, Sec 12; 1980 FSL 1980 FEL; EL 3650 GL; TD 7650; re-entry of Mitchell Energy Corp. Federal SB #1) production is through perfs 7446-7476; IPP 2 BOPD, 30 MCFD; API #30-025-25984
John H. Hendrix Corp
State 35 #1
South Cas; T20S, R37E, Sec 35; 660 FSL 660 FEL; EL 3471 GL; TD 8000, PBTD 7954; re-entry of Conoco, P&A); production through treated perfs 7641-7741; IPP 27 BOPD, 18 MCFD; API #30-025-28852
Titan Resources
Warlick A #2
Wantz; T21S, R37E, Sec 19; 1810 FSL 760 FEL; EL 3498 GL; TD 7200, PBTD 7146; production is through treated perfs 6896-7104; IPP 25 BOPD, 51 MCFD; API #30-025-34504
Gruy Petroleum Management
Citgo "AS" State #4
Jalmat; T24S, R36E, Sec 2; 330 FNL 330 FWL; EL 3373 GL; TD 3783, PBTD 3242; production is through treated perfs 3073-3203; IPP 3 BOPD, 116 MCFD; API #30-025-34486
Gruy Pet Management
Elliott Federal #6
Rhodes; T26S, R37E, Sec 17; 1650 FSL 660 FEL; EL 2976 GL; TD 4025, PBTD 3295; production is through treated perfs 2934-3201; IPP 2.32 BOPD, 98 MCFD: API #30-025-34452

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Crockett County

Pioneer Natural Resources
#4 R McMillan 36
Hung-Baggett, W (Strawn gas); GC&SF RR Co. Sur, Blk KL, Sec 36; 712 FSL 980 FEl; EL 2274 GL; contr: FWA Drilling; TD 9192, PBTD 98155; production is through treated perfs 8658-8687; IPCAOF 614 MCFD

Irion County

Anadarko Petroleum
#3403
Ketchun Mt. (Clearfork oil); H&TC RR Co. Sur, A-1028, Blk 14, Sec 34; 660 FNL 669 FEL; 17 miles W of Mertzon; EL 2567; Contr: Cleere Drilling; TD 4491, PBTD 4449; production is through treated perfs 4189-4262; IPP 5 BOPD

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Andrews County

Minihan Oil & Gas Corp
Superior University -26- #1
Embar (5600) Ut Sur, Blk 11, Sec 26; 600 FNL 990 FWL of lse; 18 miles SW of Andrews; EL 3277 GL; TD 8359, PBTD 5900; production is through treated perfs 5700-5760; IPP 17 BOPD; 16 MCFD; permit #482403; API #42-003-33518

TEXAS RRCD 8A

Garza County

Brothers Production Co
4JK #3303
Dover (Strawn); G.E. Lockhart Sur, Blk 30, Sec 33; 200 FWL 2533 FNL of lse; 12 miles S of Post; EL 2416 GL; TD 8298, PBTD 8122; production is through treated perfs 7805-7818; PB; IPP 5 BOPD, 1 MCFD; permit #481915; API #42-169-32865

Kent County

Johnson Royalties Inc.
D.P. Strayhorn #8
Fullerville, NE (San Andres); H&GN RR Co/IW. Boren Sur, Blk 5, Sec 22; 1200 FSL 335 FEL of lse; 2 miles s of Polar; EL 2364 GL; TD 2474; Contr: J.C. Wells; production is through treated perfs 2346-2352; IPP 18 BOPD, TSTM Gas; permit #478357; API #42-263-31648

Scurry County

Pennzoil Exploration
SACROC Unit #147-13
Kelly-Snyder; H&TD Sur, Blk 97, Sec 294; 19100 FNL 17050 FEL of Unit. 4.3 miles SE of Snyder; EL 2431 GL; TD 7020, PBTD 6997; contr: Bandera Drilling; production is through treated perfs 6622-6627, 6644-6648, 6654-6660, 6692-6702, 6713-6752, 6755-5778, 6782-68189, 6822-6833, 6837-6870, 6876-6892, 6896-6909, 6915-6944; IPP 33 BOPD, 93 MCFD; permit #472713; API #42-415-33678

Nabors to acquire Bayard Drilling

HOUSTON (BUSINESS WIRE) — Nabors Industries Inc. and Bayard Drilling Technologies announced that the board of directors of both companies have agreed to a revision in the exchange ratio under the terms of the Oct. 19, 1998 merger agreement. Pursuant to the amended merger agreement, each of the approximately 18.2 million shares of Bayard will now be exchanged for 0.3375 shares of Nabors and $ 0.30 per share in cash. The previous exchange ratio was 0.375 shares of Nabors and $0.30 per share in cash. The downturn in the U.S. land drilling business has significantly impacted Bayard's operating results. On the other hand, Nabors has been less affected by the current industry conditions due to size and diversification. Following the merger, significant consolidation savings are expected to be realized from reduced operating and overhead costs, as well as lower depreciation. The merger will still be accounted for under the purchase method and is expected to close early in the second quarter. It is subject to the approval of Bayard's shareholders and the customary regulatory approvals.

The Bayard board of directors still feels that the merger of Bayard into Nabors is in the best interest of their shareholders and provides the superior alternative in the current depressed industry conditions. The combination ensures Bayard shareholders the survivability of their interest and enhances the long-term outlook with increased flexibility and continued exposure to the sector with a larger more diversified operation and a more liquid stock. The Bayard directors recommend the approval of the transaction. A revised proxy is being filed with the SEC and is expected to be available for mailing within a matter of days.

Shell releases fourth quarter results

HOUSTON (PRNewswire) — Shell Oil Company reported fourth quarter net income excluding special items of $59 million, a decrease of $397 million from the same quarter of 1997. Net income for the full year of 1998 excluding special items totaled $730 million, decreasing $1,160 million from the comparable 1997 period, President Jack E. Little announced .

"Lower crude oil and natural gas prices were the primary contributors to the significant decline in earnings from operations compared to 1997. Overall in 1998, average prices for crude oil have been at their lowest levels during the past two decades, and the prospects for 1999 look to be about the same," Little said.

Additionally, industry conditions throughout 1998 depressed financial performance in the downstream gas business, while generally higher industry refined products inventories resulted in lower refining margins year-to-year. Excess industry capacity coupled with the effect of reduced Asian demand caused lower chemical margins and income.

As a result of the expectation that prices will remain at or near current low levels for the foreseeable future and due to the specific economic and industry conditions which have triggered strategic decisions to sell certain assets, noncash writedowns were recorded in the fourth quarter of 1998 as previously announced. These writedowns, which totaled $2,448 million, consisted of investments in oil and gas producing assets, mainly in Shell Oil's onshore oil interests, chemical assets that are part of a planned divestiture, and certain downstream gas assets. Additional special items reduced net income by $84 million, including employee severance costs, environmental provisions and litigation reserve charges, partly offset by favorable tax benefits.

Including special items, Shell Oil incurred a net loss of $2,473 million for the fourth quarter of 1998, compared to net income of $577 million during the same period in 1997. For the full-year 1998, special items reduced net income $2,457 million, resulting in a net loss in 1998 of $1,727 million, compared to net income of $2,104 million in 1997.

Operating cash flow totaled $460 million for the fourth quarter of 1998 and $2,029 million for the full year as compared to $809 million and $3,321 million in the respective 1997 periods. The operating cash flow shortfall in 1998 compared to 1997 is related to lower earnings.

'Lower crude oil and natural gas prices were the primary contributor to the significant decline in earnings compared to 1997.'

— Jack E. Little, President

Oil and gas exploration and production, as a result of special noncash writedowns of $1,595 million related to oil and gas producing property, incurred a loss in the fourth quarter of 1998 totaling $1,571 million, and for the full year 1998, a loss of $1,166 million. Excluding all special items in the comparable periods, adjusted net income for the fourth quarter of 1998 was $44 million, a decrease of $288 million compared to the same 1997 period. For the year 1998, adjusted net income totaled $351 million, down $880 million.

Lower prices for crude oil and natural gas were the primary causes of the earnings decline in both 1998 periods compared to the year 1997. For the fourth quarter of 1998, Shell Oil's domestic crude oil prices averaged $10.28 per barrel, down $6.91 per barrel, while natural gas prices averaged $1.91 per thousand cubic feet, down $1.04 from the same 1997 period. For the full year of 1998, Shell Oil's average domestic crude oil prices were 34 percent lower, and natural gas prices were 19 percent lower than in the same 1997 periods. In addition to these lower prices, costs were higher including increases for property restoration.

Domestic production of crude oil in the fourth quarter of 1998 averaged 418,000 barrels per day, a decrease of 14,000 barrels per day from the same period in 1997, due mainly to temporary curtailment of production at the Auger platform. For the full year of 1998, domestic crude oil production increased 7 percent over 1997, averaging 439,000 barrels per day. Natural gas production at 1,919 million cubic feet per day was up 6 percent for the full year of 1998 over 1997. New and increased crude oil and natural gas production in the deepwater Gulf of Mexico was partially offset by normal declines and property sales elsewhere.

In the deepwater Gulf of Mexico, construction of the Ursa tension leg platform was completed, and installation commenced. Also, during the quarter, the third subsea well at Mensa was completed, bringing Mensa production to approximately 280 million cubic feet of gas per day. Deepwater production is expected to continue growing strongly in 1999, as new developments at Ursa, Macaroni and Angus are brought on stream.

Burlington Resources breaks even, holds Basin spending

Burlington Resources Inc., a company that explores for and produces oil and natural gas in the U.S., Egypt, and Algeria, broke even in the fourth quarter, beating analyst estimates amid low oil and gas prices.

In the Permian Basin, Burlington has had no layoffs and is holding fast on a capital budget of about $50 million. The company expects to drill about 20-25 wells in the Basin, and will shoot about 20 square miles of Wolfcamp. Spokesman John Cararrara, says the company is able to keep Basin projects going because it is 82 percent balanced for natural gas.

The company said it will cut capital spending on exploration and development, primarily in the Gulf of Mexico, by 32 percent to $750 million from $1.1 billion in 1998. Larger rivals, such as Texaco Inc. and Atlantic Richfield Co., are also cutting spending to withstand a prolonged price slump.

"This is going to be one of the few exploration and production companies that doesn't post a loss," said David Garcia, senior vice president of equity research at Everen Securities Inc. "Part of that is that they have a high proportion of natural gas and a relatively low-cost asset base."

Burlington's reserves are 80 percent natural gas and 20 percent oil.

While earnings beat expectations, they were far lower than in the fourth quarter of 1997. That's because oil prices averaged 35 percent less and natural gas prices averaged 26 percent less in the 1998 quarter, slashing revenue.

In 1997's fourth quarter, a charge of $71 million, or 40 cents a share, resulted in net income of $37 million, or 20 cents. The charge was related to Burlington's merger with Louisiana Land & Exploration Co.

Burlington shares fell 7/8 to 33 7/16.

Burlington said oil production fell to 78,800 barrels a day in the fourth quarter from 84,400 a year ago. Natural-gas sales rose slightly to an average of 1.65 billion cubic feet a day from 1.62 billion a year ago.

The average price of oil on the New York Mercantile Exchange during the quarter fell to $12.92 a barrel from $19.94 in a year ago. Natural-gas prices fell to $2.15 a thousand cubic feet from $2.91 a year earlier.

The amount Burlington received for oil in the fourth quarter fell 36 percent to $11.72 a barrel from $18.43 a year ago. Burlington said it was paid $2.02 a thousand cubic feet for natural gas, down 20 percent from $2.53 a year ago.

'Our fourth quarter and 1998 results are disappointing but not surprising given the commodity pricing environment we have experienced.'

— Bobby Shackouls, Chief Executive Officer

"Our fourth quarter and 1998 results are disappointing, but not surprising, given the commodity pricing environment we have experienced," Chief Executive Bobby Shackouls said in a statement.

Burlington said it added 959 billion cubic feet of natural-gas equivalent to its worldwide reserves, including its first reserves in Algeria, at a cost of $1.10 per thousand cubic feet of gas equivalent. The company said its year-end reserves stood at 8.02 trillion cubic feet of natural-gas equivalent, up 1 percent from 7.94 trillion at year-end 1997.

Burlington said last month it has as much as $2.5 billion to buy properties or companies that have fallen in value because of low oil prices.

WILDCATS

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SOUTHEAST NEW MEXICO

Lea County

Xeric Oil & Gas Corp
Mooney #1
Wildcat; T20S, R38E, Sec 13; 1980 FSL 330 FEL; 4 miles SE of Nadine; 1980 FSL 330 FEL; Rot 8000 Abo; API #30-025-34569
Xeric Oil & Gas Corp
Paige #1
Wildcat; T20S, R38E, Sec 13; 660 fSL 330 FEL; 4miles SE of Nadine; Rot 8000 Abo; API #30-025-34570
Enron Oil & Gas Co
Triste Draw 34 St #2
Wildcat; T24S, R33E, Sec 34; 660 FSL 1883 FEL; 7 miles SW of Ochoa; Rot 14200 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-34572

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Irion County

Pioneer Natural Resources
#1 Sugg 36
Wolfcamp discovery; H&TC RR Co. Sur, A-963, Blk 1, Sec 36; 1358 FNL 1178 FWL; 5 miles NW of Mertzon; EL 2647 GL; Contr: FWA Drilling; TD 7611, PBTD 7020; production is through perfs 6590-6651; IPF 24 BOPD, 250 MCFD

Reagan County

TMBR/Sharp Drilling Inc.
North Creek 10 #1
Wildcat-D; C.B. Carlton Sur, A-50, Blk A, Sec 10; 473 FWl 2024 FSL of lse; 473 FWL 727 FSL of survey; 18 miles N of Big Lake; obj: 10100; permit #482522; API #42-383-34985

Tom Green County

Dallas Production Inc.
#1 Runion
Strawn discovery; A.J. Taylor Sur, A-8037; 1800 FNL 1800 FEl; EL 1983 GL; contr: Cleere Drilling; TD 5514, PBTD 5509; production is through treated perfs 5493-5505; IPF 140 BOPD, 65 MCFD

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Pecos County

Synergy Oil & Gas Inc
Mona Lehn State #2
Wildcat-D; T&ST L RR Co/H.G. Stokes, Jr. Sur,A-6848; Sec 24; 10 miles SE of Imperial; 660 FNL 1000 FWL of lse; 1980 FSL 1000 FWl of survey; obj: 5000; permit #582568; API #42-371-36895

TEXAS RRCD 8A

Scurry County

Sharp Image Energy Inc
NE Ira "C" #4
Wildcat-field transfer; H&TC RR Co/D Kross Sur, A-2046; Blk 97;Sec 137; 614 FEL 1252 FNL of lse; 1434 FSL 1953 FEL of survey; 1.5 miles NE of Ira; obj: 7500; permit #482531; API #42-415-33696

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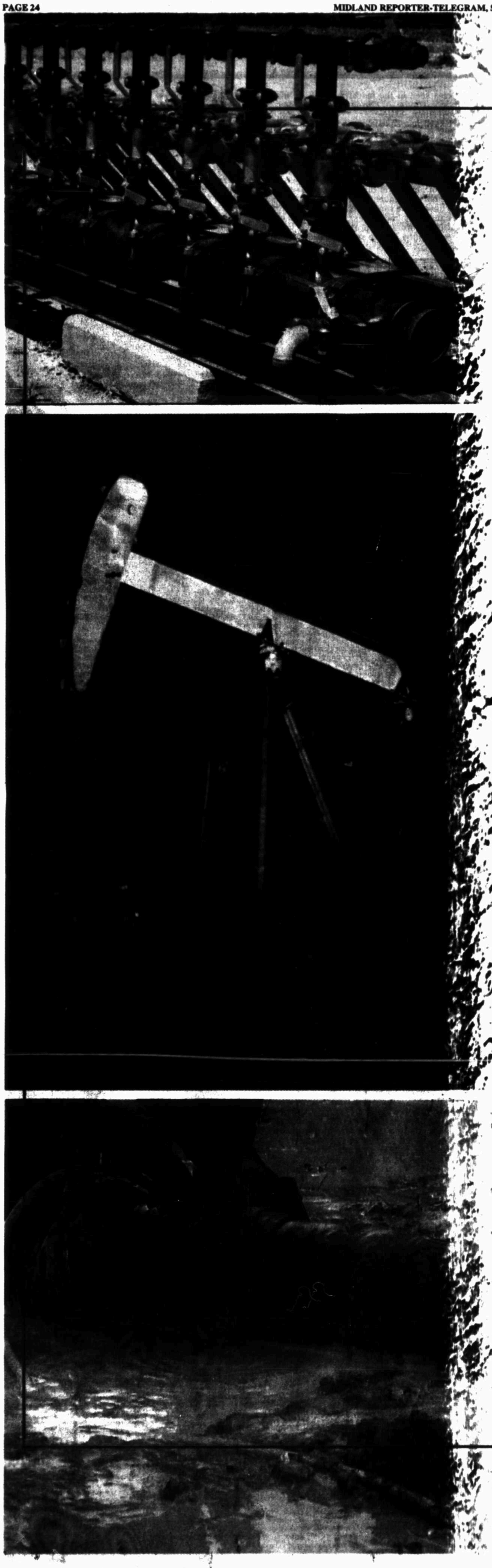

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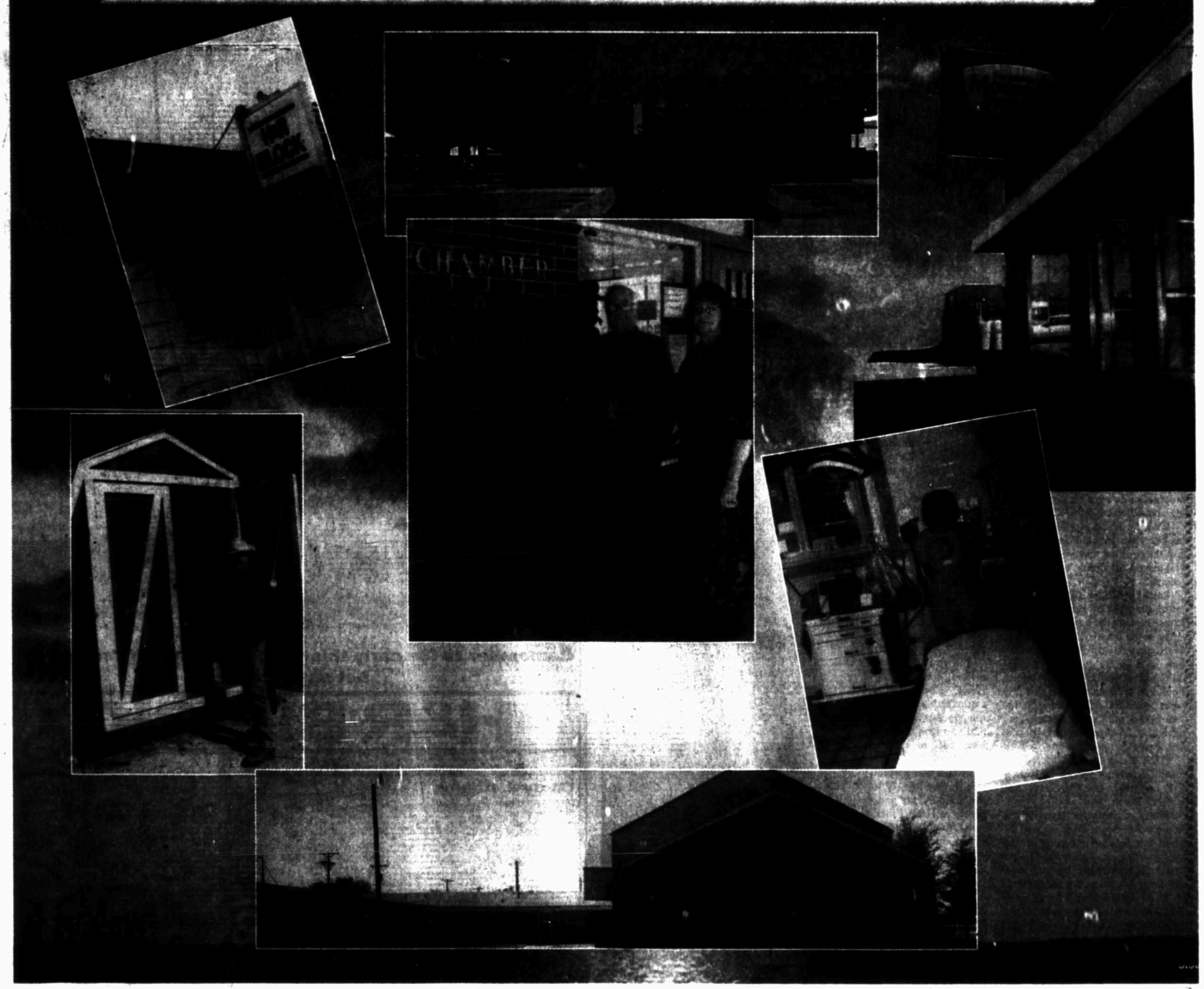

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Big Spring banks range from giant Norwest to locally owned State National

By Johnnye Montgomery

BIG SPRING — Howard County's 31,000 or so citizens have a considerable choice in banking, with four banks and a branch of a Lubbock bank in Big Spring and one in Coahoma, as well as one state and seven federal credit unions.

The banks range from the giant Norwest, which recently merged with Wells Fargo, to the historic, locally owned State National, with its roots firmly in Howard County.

Here are highlights of their history, their operations, and their presidents' views on last year and this year, the prospects for Y2K, and the state of their community.

STATE NATIONAL BANK OF BIG SPRING

The oldest bank in Big Spring was chartered in 1909 as The First State Bank of Big Spring. It converted to a national bank charter in 1924 as The State National Bank of Big Spring, and has operated continually to this day, with the only closing being the banking holiday mandated by the federal government during the Depression. Even so, it reopened without having to take on new owners or additional capital.

Jim Purcell, president and CEO, said State National's primary focus continues to be Big Spring and the surrounding area, a focus that has served the bank very well.

This is not to imply, however, that you'll find officers ensconced behind roll-top desks hand-posting to ledgers. State National was written up by the Wall Street Journal after being named by the Dallas-based Money Page's "Top Ten Internet Banks." The bank was also voted "Best Internet Banking Website in Texas" by the Independent Bankers Association of Texas.

Purcell said that bank customers can do anything from checking and bill paying to exporting their banking history to Quicken or Microsoft Money. They also can reorder checks, do a stop payment order, or, if they're a small business, arrange to have the bank make the payroll online. And while they're at it, they can check the weather in the Big Spring area.

According to the WSJ article, State National started out with the idea of serving as an Internet access provider. But soon it became apparent that other ISPs could do the job more cost-effectively, and State National could better fulfill its original intent to serve the community by developing a Web site to publicize local affairs.

When the Web site gained favor with local Internet users, the bank added a home page and offered online banking. The bank presently serves almost 1,000 online customers, including depository accounts with Big Spring Independent School District, Howard County and the city of Big Spring, who use its small business "cash manager" features to save time in managing funds.

Purcell said that while many home bankers use the service only to check their balances and to transfer funds, there are others who have taken so well to the concept that they never set foot in the bank any more. This ability to bank in Big Spring without actually being physically in Big Spring has inadvertently cast State National into the role of international banker for its customers who have transferred out of the country.

"We have customers in Australia, and also in England," he explained.

Yet with all this, Purcell said State National sees itself primarily as a community bank.

"In order for us to do well, our customers have to do well. In the 1950s, we experienced low commodity prices and dry weather. When the 1980s rolled around, we had difficulties for agriculture, and we had the oil bust. This past year was a dry year, but with crop insurance benefits our farmers came out fairly well, considering. Although we don't do much direct lending in the oil and gas business, it does affect our customers."

FIRST BANK OF WEST TEXAS

J. Robert Scott, chairman of the board of First Bank of West Texas, comes from a financial family. On the wall of the Big Spring branch hangs a framed copy of a $10 bill signed by his grandfather, John M. Scott, and his father was an Andrew Mellon employee. Scott's son, John, is president of First Bank of West Texas in Coahoma.

Scott said the bank started out as the Coahoma State Bank in 1961, and was bought out in 1992 by Western Bank Shares, which soon afterward opened a branch in Big Spring, acquired the First State Bank of Loraine, and opened a branch in Abilene as well. Scott said the bank had enjoyed substantial growth

"When we bought the Co[illegible]ma bank, it had about $13 milli[illegible]n in deposits, and today we have about $60 million in deposits."

When asked about 1998, Scott said, "All I can say is, thank goodness it's over.

"We did some cleanup, and because of that, we didn't have a very good year.

"But our farmers are all paid out, and if you can say a farmer's in good shape, they're in good shape. We've got quality customers, and we have a good working partnership with them, and that's one of the reasons we've grown the way we have."

Scott, formerly a Pecos banker who moved to Big Spring with the purchase of the Coahoma bank, has been active on the Moore Development Board, the United Way, and other community betterment organizations, serving as president both of the Moore Board and United Way.

He said that as a community banker, he's saddened and concerned by the state of the energy market.

"We have several good sized operators, and they're in a bind. They're not in trouble, they have plenty of assets, but they're in a cash-flow bind and it's going to continue into 1999. We have a manufacturer here who's doing very well, putting out a premium product, but the oil industry isn't buying. This is how the community goes. If the oil industry doesn't do well, it creates a problem for the manufacturer, and for service people. Some of our service people are retiring, some are changing professions, and that's sad."

He said that some of the community's financial troubles don't originate with agriculture or the price of oil.

"Washington controls much of what happens in our economy. Our ability to make good loans is becoming more and more restricted. (Recently) I had a 7 percent security called, and I replaced it with a 6.32 percent — quite a drop in yield. We've had to drop our CD rates from the 6 percent range into the high 4s, and that's going to hurt people — especially our senior citizens.

"One thing that worries me as much as anything is that a bank used to operate at a 1 1/2 to 2 percent margin, and now costs have gone up so that we're operating at a 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 percent margin."

Yet, all worries aside, Scott said the community's response to the bank's presence is still gratifying.

"We're running out of room here, and we're putting in an addition, replacing our old ATMs. We do a lot of drive-through business, but we still get an awful lot of foot traffic in here. We know all our customers by their first names, and we enjoy our relationships with them," he said.

AMERICAN STATE BANK OF LUBBOCK

Robert C. Fry, president of American State Bank of Lubbock, said this one is an old bank, established in the 1956 as Security National Bank, and later sold to Security National Bank of Abilene. It was bought in February 1998 by American State Bank of Lubbock.

The change in ownership and name has really made little difference to the citizens of Howard County, Fry said, since the bank's basic philosophy has always been, and continues to be to take care of the needs of the people of the community.

"We do agricultural loans, real estate loans, automobile financing, and such, as a full service bank," said Fry, while emphasizing that in order to best serve the community, financial institutions must always look both to the future and to the world.

"Banking wise, 1998 was a fairly decent year. But when you take the agriculture and energy dollars out of this area, it really hurts. We're trying to stay with our people, and just take care of their needs more than anything else.

"At some point, energy prices are going to go back up, and at some point the farmers are going to make a crop."

Fry said he's seen and admired the way people prepare during the good years for the lean ones.

"Big Spring is a healthy community. The majority of the folks here have lived here all their lives. Yes, there are some people having trouble, but they seem to know how to adjust their lifestyles to accommodate their income. We've seen this in the past, and we continue to see it in these hard times.

American Bank, like all the other banks in the area, has worked with Moore Development to lend to companies brought into the area. The bank employees are urged to contribute to United Way, and to be proactive citizens.

In order to stay in the game, Fry said American State will continue to bring on new products.

"We've seen tremendous change in financial services, and we're probably going to see a lot more of that in the future."

NORWEST BANK

First National Bank, forerunner of the present-day Norwest, was originally chartered in Big Spring in 1890, but was closed briefly during the Depression and reopened in 1934 as a hybrid with West Texas National Bank, and underwent several changes after that, according to Joe Pickle's history of early Big Spring, "Getting Started."

Norwest acquired the institution in 1995 and changed the name. The name will again be changed to reflect the merger of the two giants, Norwest and Wells Fargo.

Mark Odle, managing officer of Big Spring's Norwest location, said that in keeping with the bank's long history in the area, customer loyalty is strong in Big Spring.

"We have a lot of people who have done their banking here for virtually their entire lives, and they've adapted very easily to the changes we have made."

Among the physical changes are a remodeling of the bank's lobby several years ago, with the installation of soundproof cubicles, the placement of furniture and offices to make banking personnel immediately accessible and an arrangement of seating groups for the comfort of customers who may be waiting to transact banking business or to meet someone.

There are other areas that can be closed off for privacy, but the main intent, Odle said, is to make all bankers not only visible, but very accessible.

Odle said that on the whole, 1998 gets mixed reviews as far as he's concerned.

"Like most of West Texas, we're in an oil-and-gas and agriculture-based economy, and it turned out to be a very tough year. Oil and gas prices have hurt the service industries badly, and cash flow was hurt. The dryland cotton situation was a disaster, but fortunately, crop insurance has helped, and we hope there won't be a lot of people too adversely affected.

"During the drought, the farmers and ranchers had to feed cattle, and the cattle prices were down as well, so the market was really affected.

"Declining CD rates and (Treasury) bills and corresponding bank-side CD rates have affected our customers. Our profitability was squeezed. Yet, for the bank, net earnings were above what they were the year before."

Odle said the major change this year will be the assumption of the Wells Fargo name, and the conversion of the bank's ATM system, which will enhance the present system considerably.

"Overall, as far as here in Big Spring, we'll continue to place the emphasis on making loans to serve this community. The bank focuses on commercial and agricultural lending, and we put a lot of emphasis on the retail side. We also strive to make a complete customer of each individual, offering them a spectrum of services.

Odle said early in 1998, the bank had seen a lot of interest in home equity loans, but that had dropped dramatically.

"At first we had a lot of people come in requesting home equity loans and information about home equity loans, but a lot of them weren't really sure what they were. That has shaken out, and now we have people coming in, using (home equity lending) for what it was intended. These loans have turned out to be a very good product, but overall, marketwise, it's still very competitive."

Odle said the public's reception to the prospect of the name change has been favorable.

"We do look forward to it, because it's going to enable us to use the best of the old Norwest and the old Wells Fargo."

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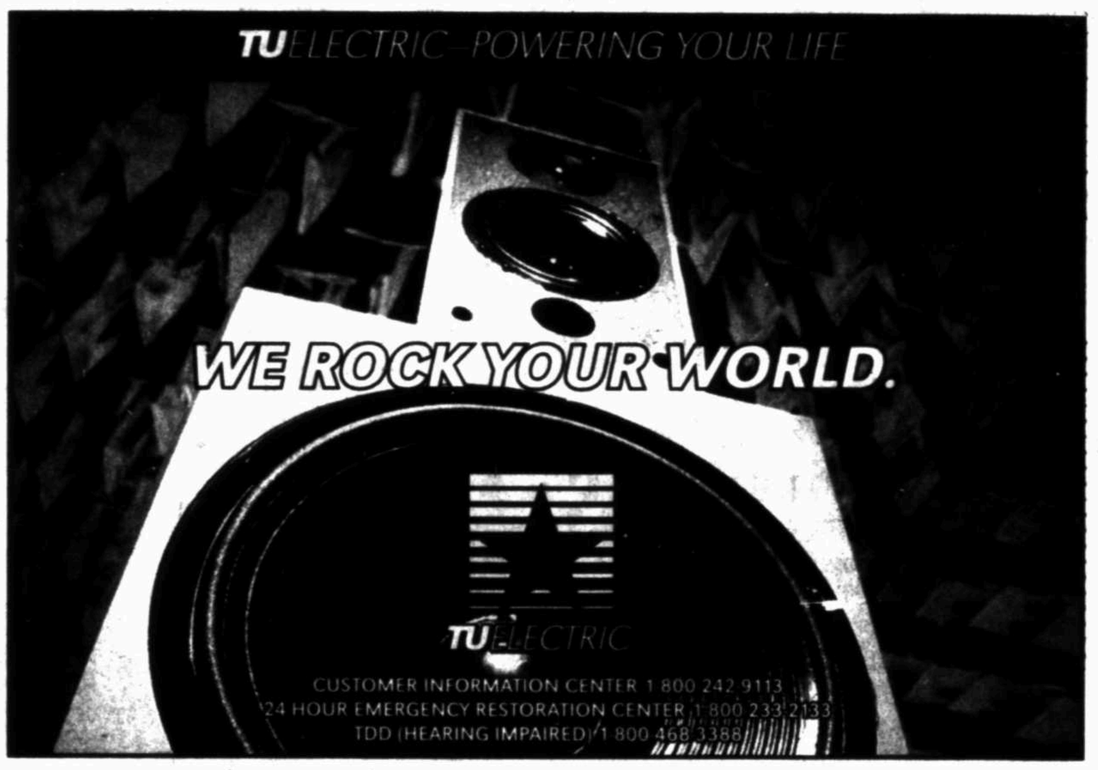

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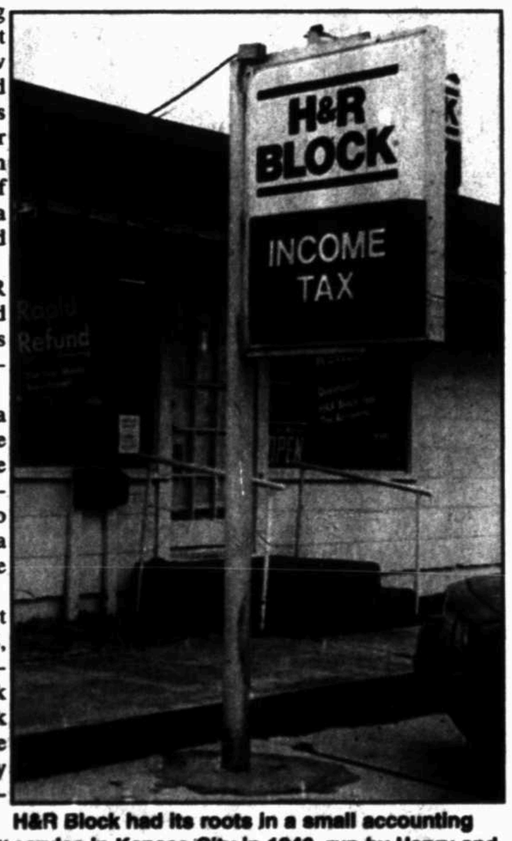

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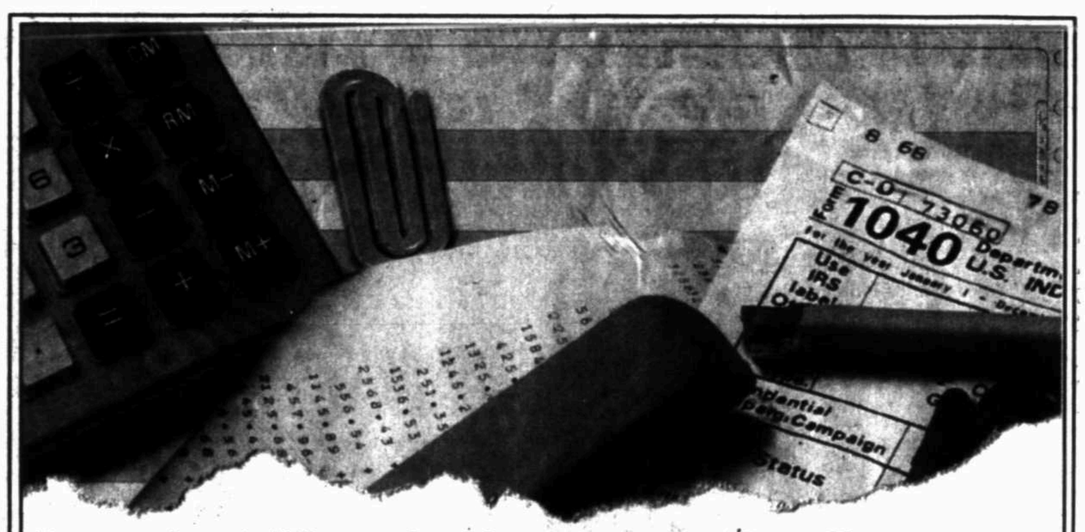

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Patients from many West Texas communities come to Big Spring for treatment

By Johnnye Montgomery

BIG SPRING — Patients from other West Texas communities and Eastern New Mexico came to Big Spring to seek treatment at Malone-Hogan clinic, the VA Hospital and Big Spring State Hospital.

Although health care facilities have risen in cities all around it, Big Spring's hospitals still are alive and well and growing stronger all the time, offering help at an acute-care hospital with 153 beds, the VA Medial Center with 249 beds, the state hospital, which can accommodate 220 and the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. There is also five private clinics, four nursing or convalescent homes, three retirement communities, three chiropractic centers and eight home health care services.

The medical community consists of 38 medical doctors, 11 dentists, six optometrists and seven chiropractors.

Big Spring's acute-care facility, **Scenic Mountain Medical Center**, is owned by Community Health Systems of Brentwood Tenn., but its historical connections lead back to 1938, when two local doctors, Malone and Hogan, borrowed the money from the First National Bank of Big Spring to buy an existing eight-bed hospital.

According to the Howard County Centennial history book, they tossed a coin to see whose name would come first in the hospital name and Malone won. The Malone and Hogan Clinic-Hospital became known throughout the Permian Basin for its diagnostic services.

In 1951, the partners, realizing that the needs of the community had outgrown their ability to serve them alone, turned the administration of the hospital over to a foundation, which in 1970 petitioned for the creation of a county hospital authority.

As demands for health care continued to grow, the hospital was forced to expand. Meanwhile, the aging facilities required more and more maintenance and repair. By the time the 1970s rolled around, 166 of the hospital's 186 beds were substandard according to Texas Health Department standards.

Finally, in 1973, the Howard County Hospital Authority board bowed to the realization that the job of health care in the old plant had outgrown their capabilities. They had heard of new investor-owned corporations, formed to build or replace old hospitals in communities where needs had outstripped facilities and to infuse them with funding and management know-how. The board contacted Hospital Corporation of America, based in Nashville, and struck an agreement for a new hospital.

According to the Howard County history, 8,000 visitors crowded the corridors at the new Malone-Hogan Hospital's open house near Scenic Mountain on March 16, 1975.

Four years ago, Community Health Systems of Brentwood bought the hospital and renamed it Scenic Mountain Medical Center, although many people still refer to it as Malone-Hogan. The adjacent clinic still bears the Malone-Hogan name, although it is owned by Covenant Health Systems of Lubbock.

With 153 licensed beds, Scenic Mountain Medical Center today has a $1 million renovated obstetrics unit with labor, delivery, recovery and postpartum areas, a new transitional care unit and a medical-surgical floor.

Scenic Mountain offers full relocation services, physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy, as well as a full-service radiology department with mammography and a spiral CT unit. The center also provides all inpatient and outpatient services, and ancillary services such as respiratory therapy, inpatient and outpatient operating and recovery rooms and outpatient GI and catheterization labs.

Spokeswoman Amber Rich said the focus of health care is increasingly on prevention, with emphasis on the holistic welfare and comfort of the patient.

"You'll see more insurance covering preventive cancer screens, mammograms, pap tests and such, and as far as prenatal care goes, one dollar spent will save $11 later.

"We have developed a home health department, with the idea that the patient can recuperate more completely and economically at home, and be more comfortable," she said.

Last year the hospital added new orthopedic equipment, a satellite clinic in Snyder, a radiology school, a Web site, and developed a diabetes team to work with diabetic patients in the area.

It also recruited 15 families to Big Spring, including four physicians; paid out more than $3 million in capital expenditures and more than $10 million in salaries and benefits. Scenic Mountain employs 362.

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The **Veteran's Administration Medical Center** opened in 1950 after an extensive process that began in late 1944 with a "Veterans Hospital Committee" that invited the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the city and the county to join in applying to the Veterans Administration for a hospital.

Johnnye Montgomery

Big Spring area residents can seek medical care at Scenic Mountain Medical Hospital with 153 beds, the VA Medial Center with 249 beds, Big Spring State Hospital, which can accommodate 220, and the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. There is also five private clinics, four nursing or convalescent homes, three retirement communities, three chiropractic centers and eight home health care services.

According to Howard County's history book, the main criteria in determining the location of the veterans hospital were water, utilities and a suitable site, with determination of the veteran population to be served calculated by taking 15 percent of the population of the catchment area according to the 1940 census, plus 13.7 percent of 1944 population.

The committee sent in its application and the community got to work. Citizens wrote letters and made phone calls, called in favors, and sent telegrams. Final approval was received July 9, 1945, and the VA hospital was built on 31 acres bordered on the south by Farm Road 700 and on the east by U.S. Highway 87. Although still in its original location, those first veterans to receive care there would hardly recognize it now.

Today, the medical center is in the final stages of completion on its $4 million renovation, which will increase the total area of the first floor to about 12,000 square feet to allow for new surgical and outpatient clinics in addition to primary care. On the second floor, five operating rooms have been added for endoscopy, gastrourology, ophthalmology, orthopedics, and minor procedures, as well as a surgery recovery and holding area.

Another addition, perhaps less visible, is the installation of fiber optic networks, which will facilitate computer imaging and networking.

The center also has contracted with a satellite training company to deliver 10 hours of hospital training each working day, thus saving the cost of sending staff members out of town for training updates, and enabling more extensive skill development.

The center for years has operated a transportation network for veterans in outlying areas, with volunteers busing patients back and forth, but now, in increasing numbers, the health care comes to them — or at least to their home towns.

Cary D. Brown, director of the medical center, said the hospital has completed implementation of six community-based outpatient clinics in Abilene, Fort Stockton, Odessa, San Angelo, Stamford and Hobbs, New Mexico.

"These clinics have improved access to care and we're looking forward to another productive year providing quality health care to our veteran," Brown said.

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The Texas Legislature authorized construction of the **Big Spring State Hospital** in 1937 after lawmakers after guarantees were made of land to be donated by the city, and a promise made by Dora Roberts that if the hospital was located in Big Spring it would have a permanent water supply, according to the Howard County history.

The hospital, built on 577 acres of land two miles northwest of the city, opened June 1, 1939, with about 400 patients. A hospital Web site states that during the late 1950s there were more than 1,100 patients housed in the facility.

During the 1960s, mental health care at the hospital began to focus on community-based programming and innovations in psychiatric treatment, with transitional living programs for patients and other innovative and compassionate techniques.

In the 1970s, when the national focus turned toward more patient discharges, BSSH took a proactive step to prepare them. It went from a strictly medical model of care to a more holistic model, with multidisciplinary treatment teams providing psychiatric, physical and social therapies.

In the 1990s, the hospital began to re-center the focus of care toward the patient, the family and the community," according to its Web site.

In 1998, state hospital CEO, Edward Moughon, collaborated with the leadership of Big Spring, the VA Medical Center and state officials to pave the way for the transfer of land from the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation (TDMHMR) to be used as the site of the new Veteran's Administration nursing home.

Last year the hospital also entered a partnership with seven VA hospitals in the Southwest Veterans Integrated Services Network, based in Phoenix, to provide care to veterans with intermediate to longer-term psychiatric care needs. This partnership could ultimately save taxpayers the cost of building additional VA facilities and hiring staff to treat those veterans in need of MHMR treatment.

Also in 1998, the state hospital became the first in the TDMHMR system to be validated on Quality Systems Oversight clinical process monitoring instruments. Moughon and other staff members led and participated in statewide initiatives to review and improve the automated information management system, the revision of clinical process monitoring instruments and setting up a client information data base.

This year the hospital will hold strategic planning meetings with MHMR centers within the service area to improve services. This hospital will host a regional training session for county judges, to include an update of hospital services related to mental health.

The hospital will build a new house for Buddy, the hospital's therapy dog and other animals that are certified as therapy animals. This building will be paid for by money raised by the hospital's volunteers.

Additionally, several of the oldest buildings will be reroofed, semi-private bathrooms will be added to its two main patient care buildings, and elevators will be installed.

The hospital plans to expand its forensic program to include evaluation services to local and regional courts, thus allowing area judges to order psychiatric, psychological and other evaluations at BSSH in order to establish facts about "ability to proceed," based on clinical findings and recommendations.

In 1999, the hospital also plans to pursue an expansion of its service area to include up to 21 additional counties in the Texas Panhandle, which would provide psychiatric hospital services for persons living nearer to Big Spring than to any other state psychiatric hospital, thus resulting in shorter travel distance for those patients and their families.

Finally, as a part of the statewide planning process, Moughon is considering the addition of day treatment services, extended-stay geriatric services and long-term residential programs for adults and adolescents.

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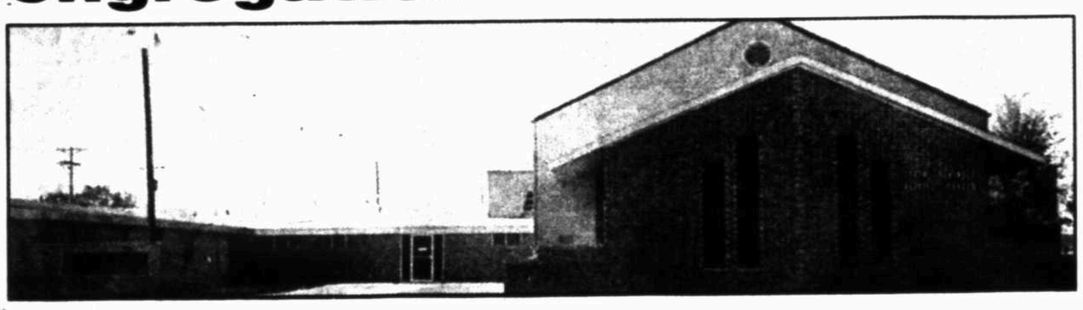
South Seminole Baptist Church: A diverse congregation



The members of South Seminole Baptist Church are very involved in Kairos, which is the Walk to Emmaus for prisoners. We have been visiting county inmates for almost 20 years, sharing the scriptures and talking with Gaines County inmates, and we've baptized many inmates who have received Christ by faith.

Gospel of John, quote.

That's where we've come from. We're experiencing a miracle growth cycle, but it's because of having a spiritual foundation-not because of a high-gloss ad campaign. We have a billboard that points people to come to our church. Where we are in this moment, growth brings growing pains. A significant growing pain is that we've run out of space to do what we want to do in order to reach people. We're in the process of seriously considering a proposal of our building committee that has been established about 14 months, to build new facilities to tie onto our existing facility that will take our us into the next 50 years.

Women in positions of leadership? Controversal. Deacons are laypersons, in most Baptist churches men. The role-every Baptist church is autonomous and independent with no national criteria or dictates. We associate by choice and cooperate, but we aren't bound by directives. We have conventions, but our roles are diverse. In some Baptist churches, the Deacon is the leader, and sometimes the single authority in the life of the church, and in that role, they become more like a Biblical elder. Our deacons are more servant-oriented and they don't normally make decisions in the church, but in a crisis, they are invited to help in the decision making process. That doesn't mean that with the next pastor they won't be. We're independent, we make our decisions and we form our own policies, but we are extremely cooperative. We are affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas and with the Southern Baptist Convention. We call ourselves members but you're not a member because you never join. We affiliate and relate to the other 5000 plus churches in the Texas Convention and with the 40,000 plus churches in the Southern Baptist Convention.

As far as the outlook of our church is concerned, we are a diverse bunch of people. Sometimes churches can look like families where everyone looks like the dad or the mom, but we aren't that kind of church. We have oilfield workers, school teachers, ranchers, administrators, one-income and two-income families, single parents. At one time last year we had over 30 children in our church coming every week who had no fathers. Yet they never felt ostricized. We have older people, younger people, farmers and farmhands worshipping together. I think it's a very healthy composition. We have independent businessmen who started from scratch at the same time as people working for minimum wage. When the body comes together there's no haves and have nots, no distinction. We share and help each other. We're a laid back, casual congregation. Any given Sunday I'm one of maybe ten men to wear a tie. On our billboard down on Main Street, it says in big letters, "It's not what you wear, it's why you're there," and we have a banner stretched across the outside of our church that says our theme, "Where lives are changing." If we had to live under a sound bite, that would be it.

Change is an ongoing, active process that is directed by God's spirit. I believe that we are in a spiral of spiritual health which results in a miracle growth and I don't believe that will stop any time soon.

At the same time, you can see that we have our attention on the people. The members of this church are very involved in Kairos, which is the walk to emmaus for prisoners, we have been visiting county inmates for almost 20 years, sharing the scriptures and talking with Gaines County inmates, and we've baptized many inmates who have received Christ by faith. We even on occasion through the graciousness of our sheriff had inmates who have their noses clean with a good record come here and share in our Bible study. They are welcomed here. There's a spiritual health here.

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Diverse government, decreasing property tax rate make Big Spring more than just pretty view

By Johnnye Montgomery

BIG SPRING — Big Spring is the only city in the Permian Basin with a hillside view.

This city of 23,000 looks over the convergence of four geologic regions, and standing at the top of Scenic Mountain in Big Spring State Park and looking northeast, you can see them all. There's more to Big Spring than just the view. The property tax rate has decreased over the years, and Big Spring has held the line the last five years at $0.655 per $100 evaluation, and the plan is to keep it that low, or lower.

City government elected officials and hired personnel are of diverse ethnicity and gender, and are nearly all homegrown. The police force has 66 employees, including 22 civilians. There are 50 fire protection employees and 16 EMS professionals.

Big Spring has a spring-fed lake, a state park, and a golf course that keeps getting better all the time, a historic amphitheater and two children's parks built cooperatively by city and prison inmate labor and thousands of volunteers.

The city also has 150 miles of water lines and 140 miles of sewer lines, most of them laid soon after Big Spring's incorporation in 1907, which makes life very interesting for Gary Fuqua and Emma Bogard, Big Spring's city manager and assistant city manager.

"The city of Big Spring has a square mile area of almost 19 square miles, which is about twice as large as most cities our size," Fuqua said. "We have a lot of cast iron water pipes that lasted for about 70 years, but are now very brittle."

Fuqua said the water line replacement project was instituted by a previous administration, which added a special work crew to identify problem areas for the first replacements.

"We have a budget of about $300,000 per year for water main replacements, and year before last, we received a grant for an additional $300,000 to aid with the replacements."

Ms. Bogard, who became assistant city manager in 1995, oversees the city's personnel, streets, sanitation, landfill, compost, parks, swimming pool and golf course, airpark and cemetery. An initial goal was to pave the unpaved streets of Big Spring.

"We have 171 miles of paved streets and 18 1/2 miles of unpaved streets," she explained. "We attempt to do more than 20 miles of seal coat each year, and on the unpaved streets, we must put on a double coating. This is a big help to those residents who have lived with all the dust and the mud when it rains."

She said the City Council has approved a new type of seal coating, and that the streets department, supervised by Jesse Barker, is now concentrating on one district at a time, thus saving on time and labor.

"I really appreciate the council's allowing us to work this way," she said. "The county also helped us a great deal with the seal coating."

The city is also replacing antiquated sanitation trucks, using inmate labor to rebuild Dumpsters at the rate of 10 to 12 a week, and implementing recycling programs as fast as possible, with paper and cardboard, steel cans and waste wood products all being recycled under the direction of department head Howard Shivers.

One program of note is Big Spring's vermiculture project, which feeds shredded paper, and food scraps to a herd of earthworms, who then give back rich, rich castings to be packaged and sold to the area's gardening enthusiasts.

"We encourage people to bring us their food scraps," Ms. Bogard said. "And we need to market our compost better, because it's really wonderful, rich dirt."

Last year was a good year for the children of Big Spring, with the building of KidZone in Comanche Trail Park on Big Spring's south side, and Dr. Morgan Park on the north side. Labor for both parks was furnished jointly by the city, by prison inmates and by thousands of volunteers, directed by Parks Department head, Becky Crane. KidZone is now complete with the addition of restrooms. The building of Dr. Morgan Park's restrooms is scheduled for this year.

Ms. Bogard said the municipal golf course improvements, scheduled for this year, is to be paid for out of profits from green fees.

"For the first time last year, we actually made money at the golf course, and the general fund didn't have to subsidize it," she said. "We promised golfers when we raised the rates that we would upgrade the greens and do other improvements, and we've hired a consultant to help us with those improvements."

Big Spring's McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark also saw tremendous improvement in 1998 under the direction of Nelda Reagan, including a $700,000 runway rehabilitation, new parking areas, and the beginning of the removal of an underground fuel farm, which is a vestige of the days when the park was Webb Air Force Base. The removal will be completed this year.

An airpark layout plan, in the final stages of completion, will be presented to the Texas Department of Transportation and the FAA for approval, before a request for a global positioning satellite approach system. Airpark has also applied for an automatic weather system.

Fuqua said that's it for starters, but other issues abound at the airpark.

"We need to get funding for a runway lighting system. The lighting system we have now is the old Air Force military system, and it's beginning to give us some problems. We've hired a consultant who had done a preliminary study, and we hope to get it designated as one of TXDOT's capital improvement projects."

Another item on the agenda for Airpark is the Hangar 25 restoration project, established in 1995, to turn a former Army Air Force Bombardier School hangar into a museum to house military memorabilia. To fund the project, a Hangar 25 committee applied for and received funding from the Texas Department of Transportation for 80 percent of the $500,000 estimated cost, with Big Spring volunteers and city employees to raise the remaining 20 percent. The Big Spring people staged a "USO" show, a fly-in, bake sales and other fundraisers, and have received donations by the Dora Roberts Foundation and numerous local businesses.

With the hangar restoration now complete, the committee is now searching and negotiating for memorabilia, including old planes.

Other Big Spring works in progress include the Beal's Creek project, an effort in conjunction with the Army Corps of Engineers to alleviate flooding in Big Spring's downtown area by adding drainage and building a retention pond along the railroad tracks west of town.

Fuqua said the Beal's Creek project was begun in a previous administration with a bond issue. The project ran into trouble in the early stages when soil contamination was discovered along the railroad, and disposal costs shot the budget skyrocketing.

"The last thing we wanted to do was to go back to the citizens of Big Spring and ask for more funding, so we worked out a credit for the use of our landfill, and took some other creative measures so that we'll be able to finish the job without costing the citizens any more."

Feel good naturally, with a little help from the friends at Big Spring Health Food Center

There's something about Big Spring Health Food Center that just feels good. Maybe it's the smiles and the friendliness of Betty, Mindy and Marisa. Maybe it's the wonderful smell of herbs. Or maybe it's just the general atmosphere of the little shop where they care enough to pay close attention to what you need, and what you expect to accomplish when you buy a supplement or a product.

People have been buying their natural foods, vitamins, herbs and such at Big Spring Health Food Center for long enough now that Betty Coffee has customers who are the children and even the grandchildren of the store's first customers, who learned about living a healthful lifestyle from her mother, Eva Nall.

Glowing with health-Mindy Sedberry, Eva Nall, Betty Coffey and Marisa Smith are good examples of a healthy lifestyle.

Ms. Nall had worked for 22 years as a Bookkeeper for Cunningham Johnson in Big Spring, shopping for her health food needs in Lubbock, Midland, and Abilene, when she finally decided that Big Spring needed a source for natural supplements and foods. She opened Big Spring Health Food Center in August 1964, and began to show the people of Big Spring by her own good example just how much stamina and energy you can maintain when the foods you eat a free of pesticides and man-made chemicals.

When her daughter, Betty Coffee, retired from her job at the VA Hospital, she came to work in the store with her mother.

They stocked the shelves with the natural herbs, vitamins and minerals that they needed for their own good health as well as whatever foods and supplements the people of Big Spring requested. In the early days, when the value of natural foods, vitamins, herbs and vitamins were not generally acknowledged by the medical community, Ms. Nall and Ms. Coffee were constantly being asked questions about what their customers could expect from various supplements. The women firmly refused to give medical advice, but instead started to collect a library of reference books and periodicals.

When reports of the harmful effects of aluminum began to circulate, the store added stainless steel waterless cookware to its shelves. Cookbooks and diet books and books on natural foods have always been popular items, as well as the pamphlets and magazines that you can pick up free at Big Spring Health Food Center.

Ms. Nall retired in 1993, at age 83, although she still comes to the store quite often. She's a glowing advertisement for the efficacy of natural supplements, since she still leads an active life, working in her garden, and cooking dinner for the family most nights.

Betty says Big Spring Health Food Center's most popular section is the vitamin and herb department.

"People want the benefits of popular drugs, but they often are allergic to them, or in many cases, they'd just prefer to try to get the benefits in a more natural way," she said. "For instance, Kava is a popular product now. It's often recommended by MDs who send their patients here instead of prescribing Prozac. We also sell lots of green tea and anti-oxidents, and calcium tablets with magnesium added, and lots of the B Vitamins."

Big Spring Health Food Center also has a wide selection of flours, beans, seeds, baking mixes, cereals and organic foods, certified that they have been grown in soils free of chemical fertilizers and pesticides.

Betty said many people in the Big Spring have lately become aware of the many options for alternative health care, and are eager to take positive steps to healthier ways of eating and living. There is a naturopathic doctor from Odessa who goes to Big Spring every Wednesday for the convenience of patients in the Howard County area, as well as an iridologist who studies the iris of the eye for indications of health problems.

But don't go into the store hoping to get medical advice from Betty, Mindy or Marisa.

"We're careful to look on labels before selling products, and to let people know potential problems. We have lots of reference materials and we're always glad to look them up, but we're not doctors," said Mindy Sedberry.

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You may be familiar with Britton Saavedra—he's been a hairdresser for 19 years, or you may know of his former company, Britton & Co. from the last 10 years.

But let me introduce you to his new company. Britton & Co. Day Spa is the oasis in the middle of the desert for all men, women and children (Welcome By Appointment Only) in West Texas, and they opened their doors eight months ago. The atmosphere changes with the first step in the door of this spacious, elegantly decorated ranch style house, you are in another world. From the huge atrium with a two-tiered pond complete with fountains, trickling water over moss-covered rocks, the bridge and, of course, the various breeds of Japanese Koi—all surrounded by the lush foliage of their large Mexican Fan Palm, split-leaf philodendrons, to the smallest moss, with a balcony centered overlooking all—it immediately takes away the stress of the "outside" world. When you pull yourself away from the lure of the atrium and make your way to one of the four receptionists, Letty, Emma, Misty or Mary Lou, then you start discovering the breathtaking interior decorating done by their own Harold Tylka, owner of Abode. Britton and Anne have managed to recover the original chandelier that hung in this elegant "ranch" house (it used to be "in the country"), and have it hanging back in its proper place where the Headlees had it when the house was built in 1970.

Britton Saavedra and wife, Anne, have created the ultimate spa. Their services include, a full Service Salon, Tanning, Sculptured Nails, Spa Pedicures, Massage Therapy, Body and Skin Care Treatments, Salt Glow, Cellulite Treatment, Body Polish, Sea Mud, De-Tox, Body-Wraps, Makeup Applications, European 4-Layer Facial, Deep Cleansing Back Treatment, Teen Facials, Waxing, Tinting, Spa and Beauty Packages, and there's even a Gentlemen's Package that includes Massage, Manicure and Spa Foot Treatment! Britton and Anne traveled to Long Beach, California to train for the European 4-Layer Facial, and other treatments. The spa's staff includes Hairdressers: Britton, Shirley (from Hawaii), Lisa, Donya, Kim, Becky, Cris J., Cris S., Patti, Harold, Delores, Estella, Cindy, Holley and Carlos; Nail Techs: Dixie, Amy, Patsy, Kim and Gay; and Massage Therapists: Anne (Nationally Certified Massage Therapist), Kerry and Tori.

Britton & Co. carries Joe Blasco products from Hollywood which CBS Network uses - with its 55% pigment that covers well. Britton and Anne have been trained in their use. They also carry the full line of Aveda products, which are made from plant and flower extracts; along with Matrix, Redken, Joico and Nioxin, to name a few.

Did I mention the swimming pool/spa area for their client's use? Or that if you choose 3 or more from the Spa & Beauty Packages that you get a 10% discount? And that the Ultimate Day of Beauty includes a complimentary lunch? They even have a Half Day Refresher Package!

Britton Saavedra and wife, Anne, have created the ultimate spa.

And then, there's The Texas Tea Room which will be opened by Pamela Rogers in the spring. Hours will be 10 a.m. to 2'ish and will be serving brunch and lunch. It will have a multitude of flavors in coffee, tea and capucchinos; and light, healthy soups and sandwiches to gourmet lunches.

Britton and Anne will be adding other features in the near future for their clients. You have to see this to believe it, but even better to experience it!

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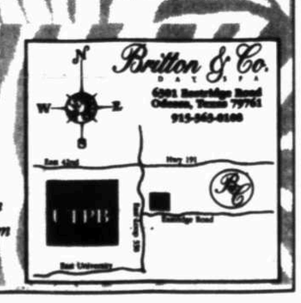

Moore Development strives for diversification in Big Spring

By Johnnye Montgomery

BIG SPRING — The citizens of Big Spring call it the "Moore-board" and refer to it often when talking about the progress of the town toward diversification away from oil and agriculture.

Moore Development For Big Spring Inc. administers the city's economic development efforts with funds received from the 1/2-cent sales tax, which has been in place since Big Spring passed a referendum call for the creation of the tax in 1990. Big Spring was the second city in the area to pass such a referendum. Abilene passed theirs in 1989.

With an expressed purpose of investing tax revenues in successful partnerships with new and expanding businesses, the board has worked for the last eight years to bring in new jobs through the solicitation of new basic business and retain existing manufacturers and basic businesses. While the board strives for diversification, it also encourages value-added oil- and agriculture-related industry, especially in enterprise designed to enhance the utilization of the area's assets.

The board defines "basic businesses" as those offering goods or services sold primarily outside Howard County, thus bringing in "new" money, while at the same time creating jobs in the area.

Incentives offered include financial grants for relocation, training, equipment purchases, rent subsidies, loans and loan guarantees as well as other incentives such as special zone designations, assistance with tax abatement requests and other state and federal program assistance.

The board also offers a TIPS (Taking Industry Prospects Seriously) bonus award program to encourage Howard County residents to speak up whenever they hear of a possible basic business project relocation. For each prospect resulting in the relocation or expansion of the business into Big Spring, Moore pays a $1,000 bonus to the individual providing the initial information. For businesses bringing in 50 or more jobs to Big Spring, the individual receives an additional $1,000.

Another financial incentive offered is the Enterprise Challenge Grant, designed to assist entrepreneurs to launch or expand businesses that will generate at least 75 percent of sales outside Howard County. Enterprise Challenge Grants of up to $50,000 are awarded every two years to entrepreneurs chosen by judges not affiliated with the Moore Board.

Last year the Moore Board wrote a two-part grant for a total of $250,000 to elevate the skills levels of Howard county's work force, working in conjunction with Howard College and Texas State Technical College in Sweetwater.

Beginning with input from a consortium of businesses in Big Spring as to the types of training they thought their workers needed and information gathered from visits to other states with success stories in similar communities, the board put together a comprehensive industry-driven curriculum called "Big Spring Works." The board formed a partnership with Howard College, placing a director of work force training, Nancy Stout, on the campus to coordinate the program with the college instructors.

The training ranges from soft skills such as communication team-building and statistical processing to nuts-and-bolts training in machining.

Ken Sharp and Pam Welch of the Moore Board said that before it's all over, the program started with the grant seed money will see more than 500 classroom participants benefiting from the training.

"Our goal is to develop the best labor force in West Texas," Sharp said. "We hope to set a standard that all other labor force areas will aspire to."

Along with the development of the work force training project the Moore Board listed some considerable enhancements to Big Spring's income picture in 1998, including Hirschfield Steel, with 30 employees and the prospect of expanding to 75; the location in Big Spring of the VA nursing home, set to begin construction early this year , which will eventually employ 160; and successful completion of its $40 million wind farm project.

"We made national news with the wind farm and we're still getting calls about it," Sharp said.

"We also worked with Lockheed Martin to establish a remote sensing satellite test pattern to be used for their two image mapping satellites that they sell to private industry," Ms. Welch said. "A lot of the defense contractors whose bread and butter industries were missiles in the 1970s and 1980s are now turning to satellites."

Ms. Welch said while it's always exciting to bring in new industry, the board is equally as interested in aiding the growth and health of existing basic businesses.

"Our homegrown industries employ anywhere from five to 50, and one of our goals is to help them expand their employment by 10 percent," she said.

"We've heard that Big Spring has more patent holders per capita than any other town in the U.S.," said Sharp. "As you drive up and down the highways of Texas, you can see all sorts of products that were patented and are still made in Big Spring.

All the fiberglass signposts that the highway department is using came from Hwycom in Big Spring; the terminals on the rail guards were patented by Kaddo Klothmann of Big Spring; every Coca-Cola bottle west of the Mississippi was made right here in West Texas.

"There are lightning arrestors and computer circuit boards, ceramic coating products, wooden pallets and short-wave radios and contact lens and educational software, and I'm just getting started.

"And it's not just Big Spring. The entire Permian Basin is known throughout the world in oil and gas, but we have a lot of other things to be known for."

Sharp and Ms. Welch said Moore Development representatives regularly attend trade shows and work with other entities throughout the area.

"When it comes time to invite a prospect to the Permian Basin, we all need to work together, no matter which town they're coming to," Sharp added. "I'd like to see share money in marketing. We need to do a Permian Basin Trade Show — I don't care where — and all work together. We've all got a lot to offer."

Big Spring nears completion of new junior high school

By Johnnye Montgomery

BIG SPRING — With more than 600 employees, Big Spring Independent School District is Howard County's second largest employer. The operating budget is more than $21 million, including an annual payroll of $16.3 million.

(Big Spring State Hospital has 750, according to the Chamber of Commerce.)

Big Spring is nearing completion of a new $10 million junior high building funded by a $12.5 million bond passed in 1996. The school will just about mark the end of an intensive upgrading program that should see marked improvements in virtually every one of its 11 campuses and substantial additions to other areas.

Superintendent Bill McQueary said the bond issue was a long time in coming.

"This school district had been without a bond issue since about 1964, and the junior high facility we're replacing is a school building that was built in 1917, which meets none of the safety standards for handicap access. Many of our facilities were built in the 1930s and 1940s and will have to be refurbished in the next five to 10 years.

"We were the last school district in this part of the state to be without air conditioning in our schools."

McQueary added that air conditioning for five campuses and the new junior high school plant would cost between $2 million and $5 million.

"This building program has taken a lot of the focus of the administration and the school board," he said. "In addition, since 1992, we've spent about $5.5 million in technology, trying to computerize everything, to have networks and computer access in all our classrooms.

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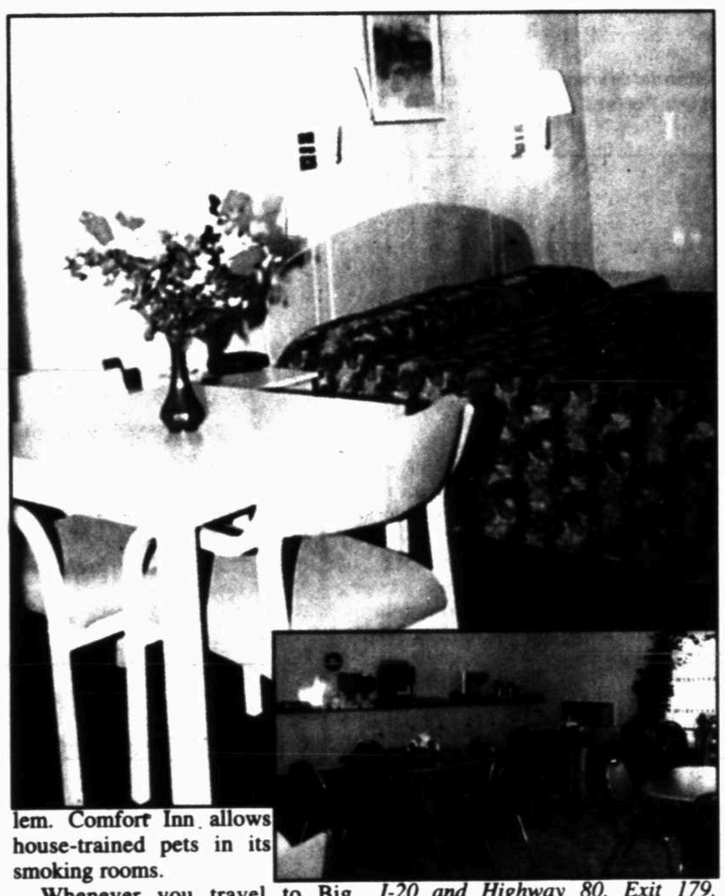

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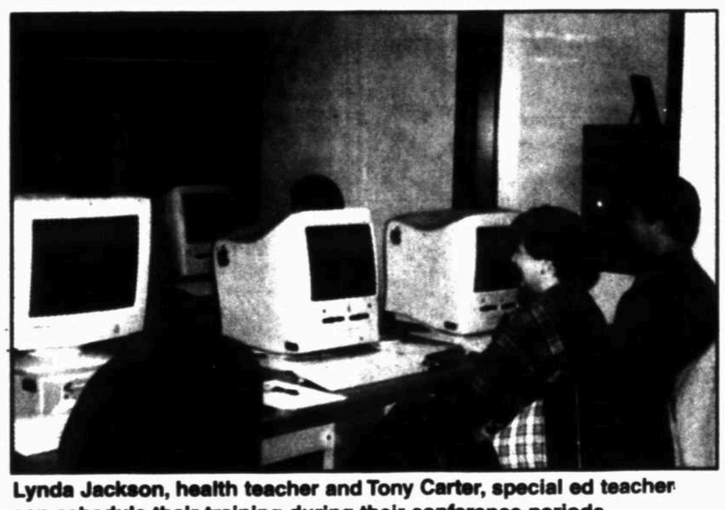
There are ways to address the computer literacy problem among adults, however, with a little imagination and a lot of community and school board support.

At Seminole, they've turned a one-time hamburger haven into a state-of-the-art technology center that is one of the most used facilities in town. The center, complete with 30 computers, a full-time instructor and other support personnel, offers training on both MacIntosh and IBM-compatible computers ranging from Ned and the First Reader type instruction on how to turn on a computer, how to overcome fear of sending the whole system crashing should you press the wrong button, and how to appear calm and collected when you don't know what to do and your computer-savvy students are watching to the finer points of Web design or a class called, intriguingly "Shoot the Computer"-trouble shooting for computer users.

Seminole Independent School District was one of the first to recognize the need for specialized computer training for teachers throughout the school system, and to make available almost round-the-clock instruction, where staff development in computer technology is offered not only to teachers but to aides and cafeteria personnel, and others who can make arrangements to take classes during off hours.



Lynda Jackson, health teacher and Tony Carter, special ed teacher can schedule their training during their conference periods.

According to Robert Ryan, Seminole ISD Superintendent, the technology center came into being as the indirect result of the closing of the junior high campus in 1991. In 1994, Seminole ISD bought the closed hamburger shop across the street from the campus, originally with the idea of tearing down the building to create parking space.

"Then this technology movement started, and we saw an excellent opportunity to renovate (the hamburger restaurant) and create a technology center. The board told us they would like for us to make the center state-of-the-art enough to last several years, something that would enhance the curriculum while enabling our teachers to get quality training," said Ryan. "The teachers have taken to this so well that, although the center hasn't been in place a year, we're already upgrading."

Pat Winters, who is in charge of the Technology Center, said some of the training sessions last 45 minutes, thus allowing teachers to schedule time during their conference periods for training. Others are half- or full-day sessions.

"We have from two or three to a whole room full of adults at any given time," said Ms. Winters. "We've taught some teachers who were reluctant even to enter their grades, while others are extremely advanced on the computer."

Ms. Winters and her assistant, Sharla Ogden, who teaches at the Technology Center half days and the other half teaches at the high school, keep records so that Ryan can report regularly to the school board on how the technology center is being used.

Ms. Winters said she's also held classes for cafeteria workers, for teachers' aides, and after school hours, has held special training sessions for citizens of the community who want to gain proficiency. She has been contacted by the county extension agents exploring the idea of teaching farmers who want to keep records electronically, and by local business owners eager to learn more about computerizing their records. There is also a great deal of interest in learning how to use the Internet. She said every time such a class is offered it fills almost immediately.

Although most of the school staff training goes on during the school year, the Technology Center will be in use during the summer for teacher staff development and community classes, Ryan said, adding that the school is continually changing summer curricula in answer to the needs and desires of the teachers and the community.

"For years Seminole has offered a summer program in athletics," he said. "But this last summer, we had a computer camp-or actually, three one-week camps in a row. We'll offer it again this year," he added, "because when you get that kind of enthusiasm going, you just don't want to squelch it."

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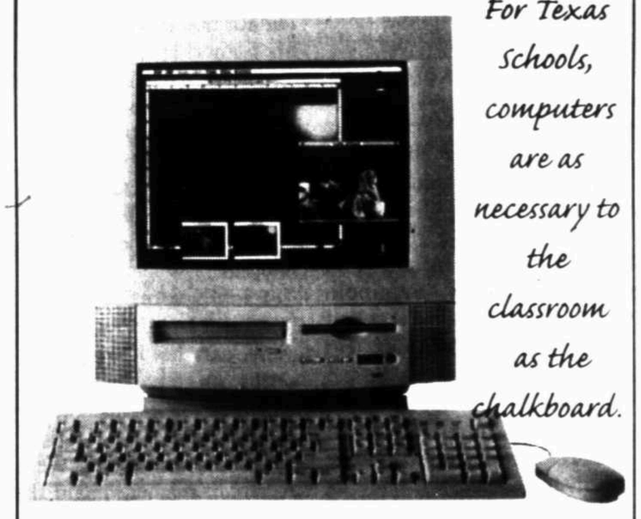
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"We know as we look into the next century, that it will be technology-driven, and we have a responsibility as educators to prepare our students as best we can for that, along with basic knowledge."

The district works closely with Howard College through early admissions programs to allow juniors and seniors to start their college education while they're still in high school. He said that the challenge is to prepare Big Spring students for the future.

"We've heard from a committee on work force skills that in the year 2025, 40 percent of the jobs people will be doing haven't even been created yet," he explained. "We can make educated guesses, but the way knowledge is doubling, we can only hope we're preparing our students."

McQueary said he was optimistic about Big Spring students' outlook for a number of reasons.

"Our dropout rate at present is about 1.7 percent, and when we have dropouts, we actively seek them out and get them into our Personal Achievement Program (PAC). We've done some longitudinal studies, and at one point, we had 42 to 48 percent of our kids going on to some type of higher education after leaving high school," he added.

The athletics programs got a big assist last year, thanks in large part to a private donor, McQueary said.

"We're just putting the finishing touches on our new athletic facility, with an indoor turf practice area for boy and girl athletes, weight training rooms equipped with state of the art weights.

"In fact, the truck that delivered the weight (machines) was taking the next delivery to the Dallas Cowboys' Valley Ranch," McQueary said. "With the new practice areas, any time there's inclement weather, we can move our tennis teams, our baseball teams, or other athletic teams indoors, and never miss a practice."

McQueary said the facility has everything — coaching offices, training rooms, a coaching conference room.

"This will probably rival anything Odessa Permian has," he added.

The district continues to upgrade its tennis courts, tracks and ball fields as well.

Big Spring languished in UIL athletics record books, largely because of its 5A classification despite its small size.

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"The last two years we were in 5A, we were the smallest team in the conference," McQueary said. "We had 1,100 in our school, and we were playing against schools twice our size or larger.

"When you're playing a San Angelo Central team where there are 3,000 in the school, it does make a difference.

"But when we got out of 5A, we won several district championships, and we've been in the playoffs numerous times."

He said that despite its having to buck the odds on the playing field for so many years, Big Spring has had an unusually large number of students who went on to become professional athletes.

"At one time we were listed as the home town of more professional athletes than any other town our size in the U.S."

Construction: Big Spring giving out permits, making loads of sawdust

By Johnnye Montgomery

BIG SPRING — Maybe they didn't make a cotton crop at Big Spring last year, but they did make a considerable amount of sawdust, if building permits are any indication.

Big Spring City Manager Gary Fuqua said the city had given out 22 residential building permits for construction valued at $2.5 million, and one commercial permit for $148,000, while governmental institution construction was estimated at more than $11 million.

This year, Fuqua said the city of Big Spring has already received requests for more than $500,000 in commercial construction, with a $200,000 permit going for renovation and new construction at Denny's, and $300,000 to be spent on remodeling and modernizing one of Big Spring's older apartment complexes.

And there are prospects of more to come, with the building of the new VA Medical Center nursing home due to start up adjacent to the Big Spring State Hospital, and additional facilities are planned at the federal prison.

Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf will start building a new multi-purpose center featuring a gymnasium and drama stage with facilities for student activities.

Fuqua said residential permits have steadily increased over the last four or five years.

"Of course, this could be the year when they fall off, but we do know that the new Vet Home will add about 165 jobs, and with more beds at the prison, that will also add more people to their payroll," he said. "Those people will need somewhere to live."

Among the most visible construction jobs started in 1998 was the new junior high school north of the high school and east of the present Runnels Junior High, an 82-year-old structure that once served as the high school. Cost of the new junior high building, which is nearing completion, is estimated at $10 million.

South of the new junior high building and north of the high school is Big Spring's showplace athletic training facility, complete with an artificial turf indoor practice field, coaches' offices and conference rooms, and weight training rooms for boys and girls.

SWCID also upgraded last year, with a new two-wing 46-room dormitory that features light-based alarms and signaling devices instead of bells, and space enough in the lobby and lounging area for large groups to gather and talk.

Officially named the Burke and Mehan Residential Complex, the dorm replaces the old World War II vintage barracks that had once housed Big Spring's bombardier school cadets.

Another construction project prominent against the Big Spring skyline in 1998 was the VA Medical Center's $4 million renovation, which adds new surgical and outpatient clinics on the first floor, and five operating rooms on the second floor.

When the addition is finished this year, the center's first floor will be approximately 12,000 square feet in area, and the facility will be equipped with fiber optic networks to facilitate computer imaging and networking.

A Lamesa landmark gets a facelift

The Lamesa homeowner had not had a good day. First she'd lost her hammer, then, right in the middle of another project, she'd run out of sandpaper.

"I've kept the road hot between here and Porter's," she said.

Porter Lumber Company has been in Lamesa since the 1940s, serving Lamesans so well that its name has become genericized much in the way that "Coke" has. In Lamesa, when you buy hardware or building supplies, you "go to Porters," even if, in fact, you make your purchases at another hardware store.

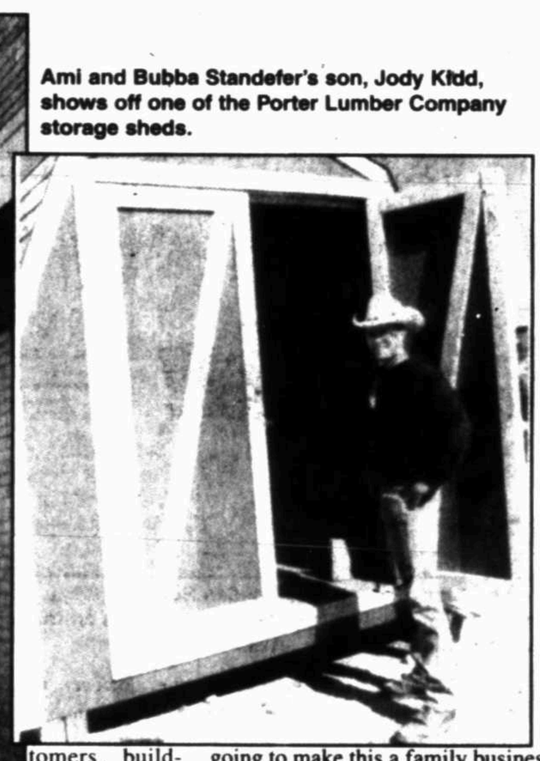
Porter Lumber Company changed hands the first of the year, but Bubba and Ami Standefer, the new owners, say they plan to continue to be Lamesa's hometown lumber yard despite the facelift and some extra services.

"We've done some cleaning and rearranging and painting, and we've added 600 square feet to the back room," said Standefer, "But we're selling the same products.

"A lot of the people who trade here have been coming here since they were kids. We're just a small town lumber yard, and we keep the coffee pot on for whoever comes in, even though we're doing a little modernizing."

Ami Standefer grew up in Lamesa, and when she and Bubba decided they were ready to leave the high stress of a corporate job, they headed home.

Ami and Bubba Standefer's son, Jody Kidd, shows off one of the Porter Lumber Company storage sheds.



"Ami and I just wanted to get into a business where we could treat people fair, and work hard and feel good about what we did," Standefer explained.

Porter Lumber is the sole survivor of five lumber yards that once thrived in Lamesa. Standefer's first move once he took over ownership was to become one of his own customers, building storage sheds and selling them. He also says he'll do other building in the future, and may even branch out into a larger-scale manufacturing of the sheds if sales continue to be as brisk as they have been the last month.

He said he really enjoys being a part of the community of Lamesa.

"We're creating our own work here. My wife and I and our kids are going to make this a family business that will continue. We're going to gradually rebuild Porter's stock up, and we'll continue to build the storage sheds.

"We work hard, but I don't have any trouble going to sleep at night. That's a good feeling," he added.

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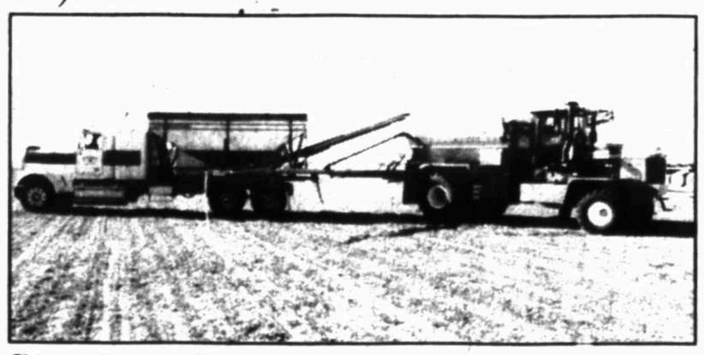

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Big Spring car dealerships rise to challenge of bringing in customers

By Johnnye Montgomery

BIG SPRING — Rain or shine, boom or bust, West Texans have to get where they're going, and they like their vehicles.

Representatives of Big Spring's four new car dealerships, while agreeing unanimously that they've seen better years than 1998, nevertheless said they were able to rise to the challenge of bringing in customers by providing superior service, aggressively finding new markets, expanding their used-car offerings and bringing in added value while working to make paying for vehicles easier.

Randy Gee, manager for Bob Brock Ford-Lincoln-Mercury-Nissan, a family-owned dealership that started in 1966, said last year was a rough one, with the sales team having to find new markets.

"Basically the car dealers in the Permian Basin had gotten spoiled with the way business was," Gee said. "We had all forgotten what it was like to have to work for your profit. We had to get out and really get aggressive with our advertising and make some very aggressive deals.

"People really responded to that, though, and we ended up making a profit and selling quite a few units, although not as many as we'd like to have," he said. "With the drought, and with the downturn in oil prices, we had to look for a whole new market. We found customers in more high-tech backgrounds, in different industries in the area, as well as people in the corrections systems."

Gee said there were some surprising outcomes as a result of the push for new buyers.

"Our pickup market was fairly strong, but we sold more cars than we had in the past. The heavy-duty Ford truck has also done much better than we expected, especially with the new power stroke engine and the diesel."

Gee said he's optimistic about prospects for this year, with the advent of the new Ford Mustang, which has already generated a considerable interest because of its new design, as well as the Lincoln LS, which is due to come out in April or May and will take the place of Lincoln's Mark models, and is designed to compete with the BMW and Lexus.

He said he's also pleased with the response to the new Nissan pickup with a V-6 engine, which is said to get much better gas mileage and performance to the old Nissan Frontier.

Brock is presently moving its used-car center to a larger lot that will accommodate 75 to 100 vehicles. The present lot will serve as Brock's Nissan show area.

Gee said that while he expects 1999 to be a tough year, the team is geared up for it.

"We relearned how to work last year, to stay alive, and we'll do well.

"With our expanded used-car inventory, we'll have to hire an additional two to three sales people, and if things go as we plan, we'll also have to hire two more service techs."

Shroyer Motor Co., dealer for Oldsmobile, GMC and Pontiac, had to overcome problems other than the drought and low oil prices, according to Jack Himes, general manager.

"A big percentage of our business is ag-related, and a slightly lower percentage is oil-related,. We're concerned with maintaining our current level of independent oil people, and the cotton and cattle business in 1998 was also horrible.

"The three-month General Motors strike didn't help matters," Himes said. "We sell primarily trucks and full-size sedans, and we were hurt drastically in the truck market, particularly. We had a new design pickup, the new GMC 99 Sierra, with a choice of regular or extended cab, third door, half ton and three-quarter ton, and we weren't able to get it."

However, Himes said he's optimistic about 1999, hoping to make up for lost time with the new Sierra, as well as favorable interest support from the division. He said the dealership's wide market area helped to alleviate the pain for Shroyer last year.

"I made my living in professional rodeo for 15 years, and during that time, I made lots of friends from coast to coast. We've kept in touch, and we sell quite a few vehicles out of state — at least 30 to 40 per year. We also sell a good number outside the five-county area."

Pollard Chevrolet opened in Big Spring in 1961, and has grown through booms and busts, droughts and good harvest years. The dealership also handles Cadillac, Buick and Geo vehicles.

In this heavily ag-and-oil-influenced country, the company has always depended on trucks for a large proportion of its revenues, and the trend continues to build, even during the bad years.

Bill Pollard said that although the economy certainly affects the way people buy big ticket items, he thinks his company's staying power depends on how well the various members of the automotive service team work together to please the customer.

He said he's seen changes over the last few years, not so much in what type vehicle people buy as in the way they pay for it.

"We've been highly influenced by leasing — sometimes called 'smart buying.' People lease because they know what it's going to cost per month or per year when they take delivery of the vehicle. Payments tend to be less on a lease than a purchased vehicle."

Pollard said preferences in models have also shifted.

"For years, the most popular has been the Suburban, and about three years ago, they came out with the Tahoe, and it has been very, very popular, particularly with the ladies."

Pollard, whose son, Bill Pollard Jr. has come into the business with him, said the automobile business is a highly complex entity, with service, parts, body shop, new- car sales and used-car sales all playing vital parts around its core of customer goodwill.

"Every member of the dealership's team is very important, because they all deal with customers."

He said that while the emphasis has always been on customer care, the computerization of new automotive systems has made good technicians worth their weight in gold. "Parts and service are very important to people, and they influence where people buy. People tend to come back to where they get good service."

Pollard declined to speculate on what kind of year 1999 is shaping up to be, saying only that he intends to continue to give the best kind of service he can.

"We try to impress on all our people how totally dependent we are on customer goodwill," he said. "This is as important this year as it was last year."

Chuck Potts, vice president of Fiesta Dodge-Chrysler-Jeep-Eagle, who bought the dealership in May 1997, and serves a marketing radius of about 200 miles, said 1998 sales were great until August.

"The first seven months of last year were great, but business began to slow down in August with the drop in oil prices and the continued drought. Our business dropped about 40 percent after that. We've already sold twice as many cars this month as we did in December," he said. "People still have to have a way to get to work and back no matter how bad it gets."

The Dodge pickup has been leader in sales, according to Potts, who added that he sells a lot of diesels.

"In any case, we've long since dropped any old-fashioned notions about gender where vehicle sales are concerned," he said. "Women are as knowledgeable as men about vehicles and what they expect in one. And when a man and wife come in to look, you'd better not make the mistake of neglecting the wife, because in about 70 percent of the couples we sell to, the woman is the decision-maker."

Potts said the Internet has complicated the process of buying and selling vehicles.

"We don't have as much trouble selling the new cars as we do taking trade-ins," he explained. "One of the biggest misconceptions the buying public has is that the car dealer makes $3,000 to $4,000 on every car. They go to the Internet and learn how much cars cost, then they want to buy a car for $100 above what we pay, not taking into account that we have money tied up in inventory that earns us no interest. Then they've read figures on what to expect for their used car — only they don't take into account the condition of the car, or whether or not there's someone out there willing the pay that price that they read on the Internet."

Frustrations with the new way of dealing aside, Potts said Fiesta is an aggressive dealer, and is planning to expand.

"We're getting ready to put in a used-car super center, either in Midland or in Odessa," he said.

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Anderson said the credit union has for years been an active community member, sponsoring a little league baseball team, contributing to the annual county fair, participating in the Chamber of Commerce and other events and organizations.

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The highways connecting Lamesa to Midland and to Lubbock are good and smooth, and easy to navigate, but it still takes about an hour to get there. Normally, this is no big problem-unless there's been an accident, or your spouse starts complaining of chest pains, or a child wakes you in the middle of the night with a raging fever.

Then you thank God for Medical Arts Hospital and its Level IV emergency center, with state-of-the-art diagnostic equipment and trauma-certified doctors and nurses.

Gina Wade, RN in charge of the ER, said the aim is to have the patient stabilized and out of the emergency room in two hours or less.

"In trauma situations, every minute matters," said Ms. Wade.

Medical Arts continues to upgrade and to modernize as health care gets increasingly more sophisticated and expensive, by new ways of working, utilizing the multiple talents of their employees and pulling together the various departments in a manner that redefines the word "teamwork." Nurses' aides have been placed in the admitting office, where on weekends, they can not only handle computer input of information but take vital signs as well. Nurses have gone to a core level, with eight-hour shifts instead of 12-hour, thus cutting down on overtime. RN Steve Ruiz also serves as clinic manager. Department personnel from all over the hospital have begun to work together to share information, so that patients only have to answer questions and give pertinent information once, thus saving the patients and staff time and energy, and keeping frustration levels low.

Medical Arts is not the only local hospital facing challenges. There have been sweeping changes in the way health care cost is reimbursed in the last year, forcing hospitals to change their focus and to take a long hard look at every detail of how they care for patients. Medicare and Medicaid payments for home health care are restricted to a certain number of days-a situation that leaves many older adults on fixed incomes and their families in a terrible quandary.

Medical Arts Home Health Care Center, which in the past averaged 30,000 patient visits per year, now sees less than 15,000. Other changes in the way Medicare and Medicaid reimburse for certain procedures have caught physicians and surgeons in the squeeze as well.

Medical Arts Hospital has faced the hard financial future by doing more teamwork, with departments working more closely together than ever before, and spending money on the best in technology to ensure the utmost in patient care.

Jo Beth Mullins, Human Resources Director for the hospital, said she's seen some very positive outcomes to Medical Arts' handling of the changes in Medicare.

"It gets tougher every year, with government regulations, to provide the services our community needs, and we have to be smart about it," she explained.

"The value of an emergency room is unquestionable, but often we don't realize until we have a family member in a hospital how much it means to have quality care where you live.

"When you put someone in a hospital, and you're working, and you have to drive an hour each way every day to visit them, to be sure they're properly cared for, it's very hard."

Medical Arts, which serves Dawson, Martin, Gaines and Borden counties and the surrounding area, has a new catscan machine, installed last March, and just finished installing new endoscopy equipment, and in the x-ray department it also does ultrasound and mammography, soon to be enhanced by the use of a new mammography machine which compresses the breast more comfortably, and gives a better, more comprehensive picture than was ever before possible.

Ms. Mullins said the women who come to Medical Arts should also be aware that the hospital's professional staff have the highest certification it's possible to achieve.

"When you get a mammogram, you need to have it read by someone who really knows how," and that's why the certification is important."

Medical Arts owns the town's clinic, with two physicians and a physician's assistant presently on staff, and a third physician who's expected to arrive within a few months.

The hospital also supports several specialty physicians who come to the clinic one day week and see patients there.

The Preston Smith Unit's infirmary is staffed by Medical Arts nurses-some 20 RNs and 30 LVNs-and the prison sends its emergency cases to Medical Arts ER. Ms. Mullins said with the construction of the new maximum-security unit there will be a need for additional nursing professionals.

"We'll probably start running ads in the paper in June," she said.

Another way that Medical Arts continues to address the issue of health care cost is to do extensive outreach to educate community residents, both in order to assist them in keeping healthy, and to catch problems early while treatment may be more effective and less costly.

"We've always had health fairs, and blood pressure screenings and such," she explained, "but we're doing outreach with information on diabetes and other health problems, and we're going to be doing more of that."

Other ideas for future healthcare include bringing chemotherapy and radiation therapy in, so that Lamesa residents won't have to endure the stress of travel when taking treatment.

Ms. Mullins said there are other benefits to having a high quality local hospital in the town where you live.

"In most cases, you're going to know the people who care for you or your family member," she explained. "You go to church with them, or your children go to school with them, or you have other connections, and you can be more comfortable about the care."

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Seminole students excel in academics

By Johnnye Montgomery

SEMINOLE — Seminole youth are educated at two elementary school campuses, one junior high school and one Class AAA high school, as well as an alternative school.

In addition to its regular academic courses, there are classes in humanities, fine arts, vocational training and physical education.

The high school was built in 1980 at a cost of $6.5 million, which included the construction of an Olympic-size swimming pool, drama theater, championship gymnastics training area, agriculture facility, auditorium and athletic office.

Athletics programs include football, basketball, volleyball, golf, baseball, gymnastics, tennis and track and field.

Among Seminole's almost 2,400 students, there is seventh-grader Bianca Diaz qualified for the National Spelling Bee last year, and an honors choir that has twice been invited to attend the Texas Music Educators Association — an unprecedented honor for any AAA school in Texas.

Seminole students have been state AAA UIL academic champions two years running, losing out the third year by three points.

Director of instruction Janis Buxton said the school system has consistently done better than the state average on TAAS testing as well as several other state-mandated criteria, and they continually strive for improvement.

"We've had two campuses that have regularly been Exemplary or Recognized, and we've been on the Title One Distinguished Schools list with our K-1 and K-2 campuses as well as elementary," she said. "We're proud of them."

She said Seminole has implemented several junior high pre-Advanced Placement classes in addition to high school level pre-AP classes.

"Very few junior highs have pre-AP classes, but we felt we have many junior high students who are capable of moving right into advanced classes in high school."

Superintendent Robert Ryan said that as a property-wealthy district, "Seminole has participated in the Robin Hood plan to the tune of about $8 million," yet 57 percent of its census is in the low-income bracket.

The school offers career technology classes such as automotive technology, an introduction to medical careers and medical terminology classes that have benefited not only the students but employers in the district such as Texas Equipment, who can tap this market for qualified employees.

Ms. Buxton said students regularly qualify for scholarships to General Motors plants in Arizona as a result of the career technology classes.

Johnnye Montgomery

The Seminole school district includes two elementary campuses, one junior high and a high school that offers an Olympic-sized swimming pool, drama theater, championship gymnastics training area, agriculture facility, auditorium and athletic office.

Seminole schools are well-equipped technologically, with more than 700 computers in classrooms and labs, and a new technology center for staff development that would be the envy of many junior colleges.

This is not to say that Seminole schools have no problems. As a result of complaints from merchants and others and general concern for the students' welfare, the district in 1991 made the junior high school a closed campus.

Allen Bryson, now director of supporting services for the district, was principal of the junior high at the time the decision was made not to let students leave for lunch.

"We had kids who would get into fights across the street at the hamburger place, and someone would invariably get drinks thrown on them. Several times a month we had reports of kids crossing the Hobbs highway and blocking traffic. The campus front lawn was literally covered in straws. At one time a standard punishment was to send students out to gather up a certain number of straws.

"When we decided to close the campus, we had an overwhelming number of calls in support of our decision," he said.

The school district bought the hamburger restaurant and converted it to the new technology center, where school staff development goes on during school hours, and community-wide adult education classes are held at nights and during the summer.

Medical care for 15,000 people in county is centered at 49-bed Seminole Memorial Hospital

By Johnnye Montgomery

SEMINOLE — Medical care for the 15,000 people living in Gaines County is centered at the 49-bed Seminole Memorial Hospital.

It is staffed by 18 physician affiliates in a range of disciplines including family practice, OB/GYN, radiology, internal medicine and cardiology, urology, general surgery, ophthalmology, orthopedics, optometry, podiatry and general surgery.

Memorial Hospital offers not only acute care for the seriously ill or injured patient, but skilled nursing services to assist in the progression through an illness, with various levels of care. Patients can receive post-acute care services without moving to another room, resulting in less-stressful situations, or can transfer from another facility to skilled nursing at Memorial.

In the case of need for extended health care, the hospital maintains a 79-bed nursing home, as well as a home care service for residents of Andrews, Gaines, Terry and Yoakum counties. To qualify for home care, patients must be certified by a physician as confined to the home and in need of professional nursing.

Memorial Home Health also offers personal assistance service for persons who need help in carrying on their daily activities.

Steve Beck, CEO of Memorial Hospital, said the hospital's emphasis goes far beyond the care for Gaines County's sick and injured, and offers a variety of wellness and prevention programs as well.

Memorial's emphasis on wellness begins with its obstetrics service — nicknamed "Special Deliveries."

Prospective parents who register and verify insurance or make deposits to cover the cost of delivery, are offered childbirth classes, complimentary birth certificate and diary for the baby, dinner on the house for the parents their last night in the hospital, an infant seat for the baby and a three-month membership at the M.S. Doss Fitness Center, as well as a 20 percent discount on mother's and baby's bills, he said.

Once the parents are back at work, there is Memorial Child Care Center, providing services for infants to school age children, as well as an after-school program that includes bus service from local elementary schools to the center.

Daily snacks and meals are provided and play time and structured educational activities are a part of the schedule.

The M.S. Doss Fitness Center and Cardiac Rehab Center offers not only rehabilitation but also exercise programs for the healthy.

For the cardiac and physical therapy patient, the center can be a vital step on the way back to realization of his/her potential, with specially designed exercise equipment and the supervision of certified technicians. Once rehabilitation is finished, M.S. Doss is still the place to come, for fitness with the family.

Adult fitness programs include step/aerobic exercise, water fitness, weight lifting, racquetball and swimming.

Dawson County Extension Programs seeing signs of economic times

By Johnnye Montgomery

Last year, Kathy Beck, a Dawson County 4-H Club member with a lot of fashion sense and a knack for keeping records on her projects, won the state 4-H Club Clothing Record Book contest, and with it, a scholarship to Texas Tech University.

Some Dawson County cotton producers experimented in 1998 with ultra narrow row cotton, sewing seeds in 10 inch beds, planted flat, no rows, in the stubble left from wheat or rye cover crops, and had some success.

A new bilingual nutritional education program called Better Living for Texans-BLT for short-was begun, which is showing some signs of success by increasing numbers of homemakers.

Dawson County farmers worked with Extension personnel and others to prepare for a vote on a boll weevil eradication zone.

There was crop insurance that helped with failed cotton crops.

And that's about it for the good news in Dawson County in 1998 as far as agriculture is concerned.

Yet Dawson County Extension Agents Peggy Hughes and John Farris are not discouraged. As agents of a service authorized by the Smith-Lever Act of 1914, their express purpose is to work for the betterment of rural populations. Drought and pestilence and fluctuations in commodity prices are nothing new to them.

John Farris explained his attitude to the vicissitudes of the year just past:

"You hear about above and below average rainfall, heat, prices, etc.," he said. "But I'm still waiting for an average year. All I can say is that 1998 was one of those different years-and it was hard on our producers.

"We lost about 170,000 acres of cotton out of 265,000 acres. Some of that was planted back into grain sorghum and about 50 percent of that was probably zeroed back out, although there was some grain produced."

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Dawson County Extension Agent
John Farris

Farris said the boll weevil infested the little cotton that was left, and that had the year been a "normal" one, there would probably have been more weevil damage noticed.

Dawson County farmers also produce peppers, which are used to make dye, and peanuts, although Farris said the drought had hurt peanut producers.

"We had about 26,000 acres in peanuts last year, but with peanuts in this country, you need rain, because peanuts don't tolerate the salt levels in (Lamesa area) well water that cotton and grain sorghum can tolerate."

The homemaking side of the extension picture was also a "different" one, according to Extension Agent Peggy Hughes.

"This fall, several of our 4-H moms that we've counted on to help in the past, took jobs to supplement the family income," she said. "But we still have managed to keep the 4-H foods and clothing and other projects going, and there are the school enrichment programs.

"We're also doing a program called 'Better Living for Texans,' designed for families on public assistance programs to provide nutrition education.

"An initial program was begun in 1996, and we took nutrition information to the sites of commodity handouts and community action programs. They were reaching about 400 people at those sites, but that program was discontinued.

"The BLT program is grant-funded, and new we're getting to a point that we're reaching a larger audience." Ms. Hughes said she's working with a program assistant, Lupe Tajeda, who speaks Spanish. "She's reaching an audience I never would have been able to reach," she explained. "She can explain customs to me, she can explain what information is needed, and what it's like to live at this house, or that house.

"On the other hand, I can help her to keep our goals in sight. We have a good partnership."

For both agents, like the farmers and homemakers they serve, hope leads them on.

Farris said the area producers will vote in March on a referendum to enact area-wide measures toward boll weevil eradication that, if successful, will eliminate boll weevil infestations by the year 2002.

Ms. Hughes is working with church food banks and distribution centers that assist Lamesa's citizens living in poverty.

"I saw statistics showing Dawson County at a poverty level of about 30 percent," she said. "Our concern is that they eat healthy. If they don't, they'll have health problems that will cost them more down the road."

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For the person dealing with a debilitating illness or injury, there is probably nothing more sobering than the prospect of having to leave home. Even if there are family members living in the house, they may not be able to lift or medicate, or have the confidence to manage day to day care.

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Seminole chamber has contingency plans for lean years

By Johnnye Montgomery

SEMINOLE —Three Seminole citizens, all with their fingers on the pulse of their city, recently gathered to discuss Seminole's past and future, the weather and the price of oil, and what sense to make of it all when you live in Seminole.

Shelby Concotelli is executive vice president for the Seminole area Chamber of Commerce. Ray Keener is operations supervisor for Energas and president of Seminole Area Industrial Foundation. And Tommy Phillips is city administrator.

Gaines County has for years been Texas' No. 1 producer of cotton, peanuts and oil, and second only to Georgia as top producer of peanuts in the United States.

Gaines County is also a vegetable producer, growing green beans, peppers and other vegetables. Seminole's Southwest Spice pepper dehydration plant not only uses Gaines County-grown peppers for spices, but also extracts the color for use in products as diverse as red food coloring to cosmetics.

The peanuts grown in Gaines County are bigger and better flavored than peanuts grown in "those other states," the spokesmen said.

One recent visitor of note to the peanut fields was a representative from the Mars Candy Co.

Ms. Concotelli said the figures aren't in for 1998, but that with last summer's widespread drought, Gaines County may still hold its three No. 1 titles.

"We were 100,000 bales shy on cotton, and production yields of peanuts were down about 30 percent or more, and on top of that, it was a tough year for oil," she said.

Yet, the picture in Gaines County is not all gloom.

"We had a new subdivision go in, and we have four new houses going up right now, after finishing three last week," she added. "But this is a town that depends highly on agriculture. We're also dependent on oil revenues. It's been a challenging year."

Yet, in part because of Seminole's long-standing dependence on agriculture and oil, the town's business does go on.

Phillips said the city planners have been through fat years followed by lean years before, and made contingency plans.

"With the bad news in agriculture, which means the sales tax is flat, and oil prices down, which will directly affect our taxable values next October, we're expecting a tight fiscal year in 1999. Consequently, we're not going to be doing any building for the next several years," he explained. "But there were three building additions we needed to make last year. We needed to add to the police station; we needed to add a training room to the EMS building; and our old fire station was in need of replacement. We took care of those additions with money we had been putting back for several years.

"For other big expenditures, we're trying to write grants."

Phillips said the city had a bit of good luck last year, which will somewhat help the financial picture.

"We had obtained a grant to pay for $350,000 of a wastewater treatment plant that was going to cost about $800,000. Then the state changed the requirements, so we're not going to have to spend that money. So we received permission from the state to use the grant money to replace a couple of our water tanks.

"We're trying to position our major projects so that we won't have to go into debt, and we're preparing for what we think are going to be some lean times over the next couple of years."

Phillips said Gaines County is also cutting costs as well, reducing the budget where it can, in order to get by until the rains come and the price of oil goes up.

Keener said the industrial foundation acts to bring businesses in that will create jobs within the community, as well as to help businesses already in place to grow and thereby create new jobs.

"Tax abatements are always controversial, but when every other town is offering enticements, a company is not going to pick Seminole when Brownfield or Lamesa is offering them incentives to go there. The industrial foundation can only work with lots of help from the community."

He said his committee has dealt with people in a sewing industry, and with people in hydroponics, although both are also talking to representatives from several other towns in the area. The committee is also talking to a window manufacturer.

Keener said one strong asset that Seminole can offer is a work force made up of skilled and energetic people.

"Our German community is highly skilled, with a strong work ethic. They're an important part of our community."

Ms. Concotelli said the chamber makes a concerted effort to bring in visitors.

"We have 94 motel rooms in Seminole alone, and then there are other accommodations nearby," she said. "Recently, the Mennonite Church had its annual conference here. It was the first time they'd ever met outside Canada. People came from Canada, Mexico, and Salt Lake City. Many people opened their homes in Seminole, and they also stayed in Andrews and Hobbs."

In January, Seminole was host to the Eastern Star Regional Training Workshop, when 300 visitors booked rooms in Seminole and nearby towns.

The chamber's biggest sponsored event is the annual Ag-Oil Day, held in the fall every year after the crops are in, and supported in past years by as many as 78 different exhibitors from energy- and farming-related industries.

Visitors may wander through the maze of exhibits — and must walk the maze to get to the free all-you-can-eat lunch of foods mostly produced in Gaines County, from barbecue beef to beans, to all the trimmings, and topped off by, what else? Peanut butter cookies made from home-grown peanuts.

Visitors may also climb on the special tour buses that take them out to various county attractions such as a CO2 plant, a cotton field and cotton gin, a peanut field, and the pepper dehydration plant. The whole day is paid for by the citizens of Gaines County and the exhibitor sponsors. Visitors' only obligation is to enjoy and to place their plates and napkins in the trash barrels when they've eaten their fill.

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Shelby Concotelli, center, executive vice president for the Seminole area Chamber of Commerce; Ray Keener, right, is operations supervisor for Energas and president of Seminole Area Industrial Foundation; and city administrator Tommy Phillips tout Gaines County as Texas' No. 1 producer of cotton, peanuts and oil, and second only to Georgia as top producer of peanuts in the United States.

Forsan Independent School District: A City in a Country Setting

By Johnnye Montgomery

If ever there was a paradox wrapped in a school system, it's Forsan, with two campuses located about 13 miles apart and 13 miles south of Big Spring, where the surrounding environment is ranch country dotted with pumpjacks. Yet there is no vocational ag program here, no heavy involvement in the surrounding community, and no sense of isolation that you might expect in such a rural setting.

Forsan ISD owes its very existence to the consolidation of the Forsan and Elbow schools in the 1960s, when Big Spring was consolidating country schools right and left, and the school boards here saw what was coming, and acted in the nick of time. Forsan is now site of the high school, with Elbow the elementary campus. In later years, Big Spring has grown southward, and much of its upscale housing now falls into the FORSAN ISD School boundaries.

With most of the student population coming from nearby Big Spring, the emphasis turns toward technology rather than agriculture. And in technology, Forsan, with a school census of about 750, is miles ahead of the curve, employing a Web address complete with sound and animation-a virtual town square featuring links to a host of school life components so rich that it's hard to imagine a Forsan student ever needing to look elsewhere for information and community inclusion. The page's news ticker posts current news flashes relevant to school concerns. Students who miss school can get class assignments, and send their work in electronically from anywhere by modem. Digital photos of sporting, theater and band events and participants are posted to the site and can be viewed by anyone, anywhere, including relatives who may live in New England or Yarmouth, England. Kids working on term papers may visit the school's virtual library, or click on links to online newspapers from all over. And if parents are itching to have a word with a faculty member, they dash off their burning thoughts and send them instantly, via email.

George White, FISD superintendent, said in order to maintain the excellence of its instructional level despite its rural setting, the district offers teachers incentives.

"We pay $3,500 above the state (salary) base; we pay health insurance and we offer them housing in our teacherage houses at a rent of $60 per month," said White.

He added that another incentive to teachers is the small class size-averaging 15 students per class. Yet, many teachers aren't willing to come to a school they see as remote.

"Spanish teachers are very hard to find, as are science and computer teachers."

White said one of the school's biggest financial challenges is having to have two cafeterias for the separate campuses.

"There aren't many cafeterias that break even, and with us, it's even harder, because we have to have two staffs, and duplicate equipment.

"We try to hold the cost down, but we don't want to cut the quality or quantity of food," he said. "The cafeteria staff do a good job of trying to contain the cost, but it's hard to keep it from creeping up.

"For some kids, that's the best meal of the day, and we don't want to change that," he said.

"We have a deficit of $50,000 to $100,000 a year for the cafeterias, but we don't really feel it's a loss. That's just another cost of education."

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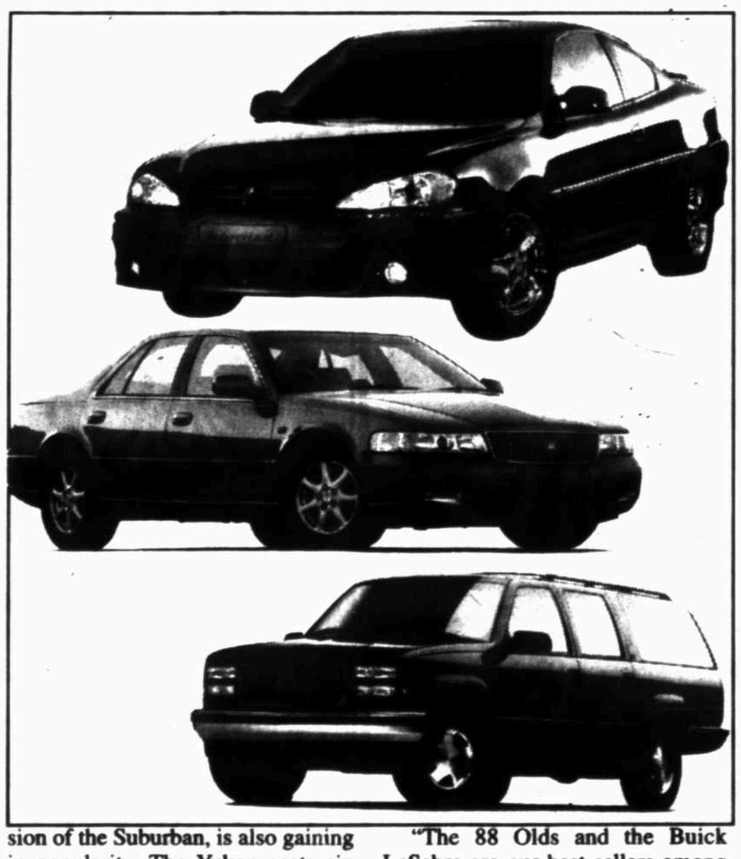
The dealership handles Oldmobiles, Buicks, Pontiacs, Cadillacs and GMCs.

Lynn Ranson, who has been with the company for 25 years, and was general manager until he decided to step down last year in preparation for his eventual retirement, said buying vehicles from Bob Brown has become a tradition in many families in the area. The children of his early customers now are also repeat customers of Bob Brown's.

"Bob has always been a big influence in this town, and even though he's now president of a local bank and no longer active here, he's still a big draw," said Ranson, who added that many customers mention that they like the stability of Bob Brown Motors, and that they enjoy dealing with people who are friendly and trustworthy.

Ranson said Brown's most popular vehicle among Lamesa area customers is the GMC Suburban, although the Yukon, a smaller version of the Suburban, is also gaining in popularity. The Yukon seats six where the Suburban seats nine passengers.



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Andrews $2.2 million Permian General Hospital project nears completion

By Johnnye Montgomery

ANDREWS — Permian General Hospital's $2.2 million project, begun in December 1997, is now nearing completion.

The goal was to centralize all outpatient services on the ground floor, add an intensive care/coronary care unit, relocate and double the size of the original emergency room, relocate the cardiopulmonary unit from the second to the first floor, and to enlarge the laboratory, pharmacy, admissions and medical records departments.

Exterior construction is now complete, with the new ER in place and ICU/CCU operational. The newly opened ICU/CCU received immediate use after opening and by mid-December, a scant two months after relocation had seen 52 patient days' occupation.

Along with the established physicians treating patients in the new Level IV Trauma Emergency Department, are a newly recruited husband wife team, Dr. Veronika Bachanova and Dr. Petr Bachan, who moved to Andrews in August from Detroit's Henry Ford Medical Center.

The couple specializes in cardiology, pulmonology and internal medicine. Recruitment of physicians to Andrews has been an ongoing process, and 14 physicians in a wide range of specialties currently have privileges at PGH. Other recent members of the Andrews Family Medicine Clinic is Dr. Paul M. Slaughter, family practitioner, who moved to Andrews from Seminole in January.

Randy Richards, Permian General's CEO, said modern diagnostic tools in place at Permian General enhance treatment at the emergency room.

"Proper treatment of any disease or injury requires complete understanding of what is happening within the human body," he explained. "MRI, spiral CT, and nuclear medicine are tools that assist physicians in obtaining information about patients in order to make a diagnosis."

Permian General's spiral CT replaced a nine-year-old CAT SCAN machine at a cost of $500,000. The critical window for a diagnosis has now been reduced from 45 minutes for a typical head shot with the old machine to less than five minutes for the same scan with the spiral CT.

The nuclear medicine machine that Richards referred to cost the hospital $600,000.

"Technology is expensive; however, our board of directors and county commissioners agree it is an investment in the future," he said.

The goal was to centralize all outpatient services on the ground floor, add an intensive care/coronary care unit, relocate and double the size of the original emergency room, relocate the cardiopulmonary unit from the second to the first floor, and to enlarge the laboratory, pharmacy, admissions and medical records departments.

Permian General also took other steps to expedite diagnostic procedures and make them available 24 hours a day, seven days a week: renegotiating a lease agreement for the MRI equipment and changing it from once weekly availability to a full time on-site MRI unit.

PGH Radiology staff members have all been trained on the new equipment, allowing the hospital to upgrade its services and provide continuing education for the technicians who work directly with patients and physicians.

"When I entered the hospital administration field 18 years ago, short-term goals were three to five years and long-term goals were five to 10 years," Richards said.

"Today's health care atmosphere dictates short term goals of zero to six months, with long-term goals set at 10 to 18 months.

"Factor in the economy of the area this hospital serves — those responsible for hospital planning for rural communities must consider providing a state-of-the-art health care facility while maintaining their financial responsibility."

Richards added that construction at Permian General was funded without raising taxes or floating a bond issue.

"The Permian Basin has seen first hand what national changes to health care have done to the stand-alone rural hospitals in small West Texas communities," he said. "PGH entered into an affiliation with Midland Memorial Hospital in 1997 to ensure cooperation between the two facilities in maintaining a standard of care for the residents we serve. Andrews began to look at health and safety issues over three years ago in the Community Assessment Committee.

"The very people who use the facility addressed the future of the hospital. Listening to the community has been the key to the strategic planning that led to the construction at PGH," he said.

Before the PGH project was begun, a health care facility design-engineering firm from Austin was assigned to do a space feasibility study to determine how PGH could convert an inpatient-based facility built in the 1960s and expanded in the 1970s, into an accessible outpatient-based facility. Detailed input from staff and department heads resulted in the blueprints used for the final project.

"We believe we have taken the pieces of the puzzle: health care industry changes, community needs and financial responsibility and built more than just brick and mortar," Richards said.

Situated between larger hospitals to the north and south, this regional hospital serves a population of about 35,000 in the Permian Basin and Southwestern New Mexico.

Richards said that rural hospitals have faced many difficult decisions in the last year, including keeping home health departments under the umbrella of services in the face of sweeping industry reforms.

"PGH continues to offer durable medical services and home care, although the Balanced Budget Act forced thousands of closures of home health agencies across Texas. Other factors threatening county facilities' bottom lines are indigent care cost, bad debt, and uninsured children.

"This administration has seen those numbers rise over the past year. Identification of the 10 top health and safety concerns of Andrews County translate into preventive measures such as wellness programs, networking with law enforcement, schools, churches, parents, government agencies and health/human services providers to address such issues as teen pregnancy, drugs/alcohol/tobacco and high risk cardiovascular issues."

PGH delivers more than 300 babies annually. Those numbers represent several outlying counties and New Mexico.

Andrews residents continue to address the future with a proposed Assisted Living & Independent Living Project through the Hospital Foundation.

"Anyone who watches TV is familiar with the statistic on the graying of America," Richards said. "In parallel with the renovation to the hospital proper, the foundation has been studying the building of an Assisted Living Village on donated land directly across from the PGH campus."

First National Bank, Seminole Texas: Mission statement says it all

First National Bank, was chartered in September 1979, with 91 percent ownership held by the bank's five directors, their families, officers and junior officers.

Officers include President Dwayne Herman, Executive Vice President Robert M. Cosby; Senior Vice President Bob Lumpkin, VP and Cashier Maribeth McConal, VP & Auditor Nancy Brown, Assistant VPs Jean Ann Banta, Gale Wood and Diana Ramirez, Assistant Cashier Terra Romans, and E.D. P. Officer Dee Keener.

From its beginning, First National's stated purpose was to serve the good of the community, holding itself to rigid standards of conduct both in business and community affairs.

The bank's mission statement says it all: "First National Bank will be a community oriented lender of funds in Gaines county and contiguous communities. We will serve the credit needs of Agricultural, Commercial, Energy, Commercial Real Estate, Farm Real Estate and Consumer borrowers at a profitable rate of return to bank shareholders while providing customary commercial banking services to the citizens of our community. We will employ traditional values, ethics and standards while being innovative in product and delivery method."

First National Bank customers enjoy the benefits of larger banks such as the use of the ATM and Telebank services, combined with the assurance that they are doing business with local business persons whose interests are in the wellbeing of the community.

Dwayne Herman, president of First National Bank, said that although 1998 was a difficult year for many in the area, he has confidence that the bank and its customers will adjust and operate more efficiently, in order to survive.

"Gaines County people have the will to make a way to meet these challenges," said Herman.

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Lamesa-A town that works the way all towns should work

Wayne Smith, head of the Lamesa Chamber of Commerce, when asked to describe the nature of Lamesa, described the town by way of a personal anecdote.

"When I graduated from high school, I went to the bank and asked for help to go to college.

"The banker, who had watched me grow up, looked across his desk at me, and said, 'Okay, I'm going to make you a loan, because I know you. But I'd better not hear that you've played around and neglected your grades.'"

Smith said such an attitude is representative of the way the people of Lamesa treat each other, and that it's been going on since the creation of Dawson County in 1905, when Lamesa and the nearby town of Chicago were vying for selection as county seat.

"Each town put up a slate of officers and they had an election and when the votes were counted, Lamesa had won by about five votes."

Smith's account is corroborated by an early day history of Dawson County, The Trail of Years in Dawson County, Texas, by M.C. Lindsey, who wrote that after the election, the city of Lamesa gave the merchants of Chicago plots of land so that they could move their businesses to Lamesa, and even assisted the moving with their teams.

Wayne Smith and Susan Ammons of the Lamesa Chamber of Commerce.

The Lamesa Chamber now occupies a corner of Lamesa's historic Dal Paso Hotel, which was renovated and turned into a county museum with a convention hall in the hotel's old mezzanine.

This museum, now called the Dal Paso Museum, is another example of Lamesans at work. When the town decided to renovate the hotel instead of tearing it down, it was decided to "sell" the upstairs hotel rooms to various sectors of Lamesa as respositories of their historic relics and mementos. The idea worked, and so did Lamesans. Every Saturday, bankers and farmers, schoolteachers, lawyers, doctors and shopkeepers gather in jeans and workshirts with their brooms and hammers and pry-bars, tearing out and cleaning up, creating showplaces for the way the county used to be.

The resulting displays will take you back into Lamesa's history to gaze eyeball to eyeball at the people who made a town out of sand and grass. There are their tools, their furnishings, their clothing, their books and amusements, as well as photographs, newspaper clippings, letters, and other ephemera that they left behind.

The work too large to be handled by citizens in shirtsleeves was paid for by contributions and grants in denominations from $1 to $10,000. They had expected the job to take seven or eight years. They finished it in two.

Lamesa has other success stories. The solicitation of the prison. The DeLeon Peanut Company. The Delaney Vineyard-which makes wine, but, with the exception of one day a year, can only export it, since the land where it sits is in "dry" Dawson County.

Susan Ammons, chamber secretary, said one of Lamesa's most popular attractions is the Star Light Drive-In Movie.

"I get calls all the time from people from out of town who want to know what's showing. They don't know the name of the drive-in, so they call the Chamber," she said. "I don't want to tell them to call the movie, since they're already paying for a long distance call, so I keep the schedule from the paper every week, so that I can tell them."

To learn more about Lamesa, call the Chamber of Commerce, 806/872-2181, or go by 123 Main Street in Lamesa.

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Lamesa in process of renovating schools, reconfiguring grades

By Johnnye Montgomery

LAMESA — The Lamesa Independent School District is in the midst of a project renovating elementary schools and reconfiguring the grades.

Superintendent Ken McCraw said the changes are partially the result of a decrease in enrollment.

"We currently have between 2,400 and 2,500 students. Since our classes are getting smaller, we are able with this renovation to consolidate some grade levels and change our grade configuration.

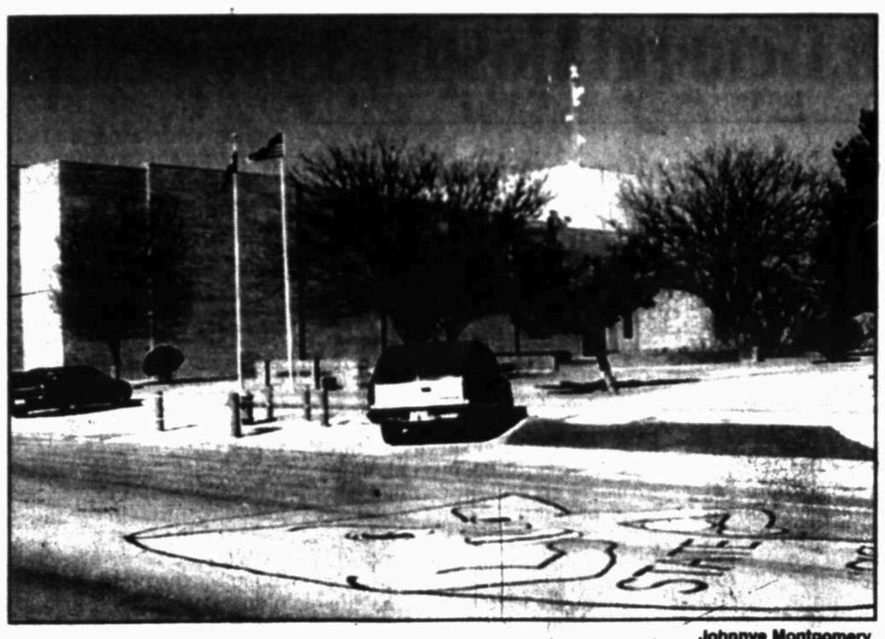
"South Elementary (being renovated for $3.5 million), which has formerly housed grades K and one, will house grades K through two. Our North Campus, which formerly housed grades two and three, will house three and four, and eventually, when we get our renovation done, will also house grade five, which is currently in our middle school."

McCraw said the changeover to include fifth grade in the elementary school feels right.

"We've never felt that the fifth grade fit in (the middle school) and we wanted them to be in a more elementary environment. The change will also allow the implementation of curriculum in three-year chunks."

The renovation is in its sixth year of a 15-year capital improvement plan that the district is doing on a pay-as-you-go basis. The elementary schools were built in the 1950s, the middle school was built before the 1971-1972 school year and the high school was renovated in 1983.

McCraw said at the completion of the renovation and reconfiguring, the V.Z. Rogers school, presently being utilized for fourth-graders, will be converted to a Head Start facility. Nearby is the site of a new alternative school in the planning stage for young mothers who will be able to study for their GED while their children are there.



Johnnye Montgomery

The Lamesa Independent School District is in the midst of a project renovating elementary schools and reconfiguring the grades. Superintendent Ken McCraw said a decrease in enrollment has allowed one school to go from housing grades K and one, to housing grades K through two; and a second school to go from housing grades two and three to housing grades three and four and eventually five.

"The district has a high percentage of socio-economically disadvantaged children, and we've taken a pro-active stance in dealing with some of the more pressing problems they face," he said.

"We currently go into the homes of 2- and 3-year-olds, and even infants, with some of our teaching assistants and try overcome some of the problems before the children get to the campuses. We're trying to go into a preventive mode rather than waiting for things to occur then fix them.

"We felt it would result in a big payoff — even financially, because it takes so much more money to remediate a student rather than to allow them to progress with earlier help. So we're trying to put some up-front dollars in now to prevent having to take so many remediation measures."

McCraw said there have already been some significant signs that the program is working.

"We're seeing increased interest and involvement from parents who ordinarily wouldn't have come to school. They find out that there's nothing to fear, and that people really do want to help and that we want their children to be successful."

Lamesa ISD was the first school in the area to implement Structure of Intellect techniques in working with learning disabilities, and is presently working to expand LOCAM labs, using physical exercise as a bridge to reading and comprehension.

Big Spring educators visited the Lamesa labs in order to evaluate the program and decide whether or not to try it. Now Big Spring schools are also using the program.

McCraw said his greatest point of pride is the way the professional staff has grown academically.

"Our teachers are better-trained all the time. They're really working hard to improve our schools. We're hoping that academically we continue to progress as fast as the building program has."

Unity in Lamesa contributes to its success

By Johnnye Montgomery

LAMESA — Luke Nichols, executive director of the Lamesa Economic Development Corp., is optimistic about Lamesa for several reasons, the foremost being the unity of the town.

As an example, he cites Lamesa's initial efforts in securing the Preston Smith Unit, a state prison employing 355, with a monthly payroll of $700,000.

"When we originally decided to try to get the prison, I was at the chamber, and we had a very active president. We had received (a notice) on these prisons, and he said, 'Why don't we go for one?'

"So we put out a proposal, and there were about a hundred cities competing for five prisons. We didn't know how to go about it; we just sent our proposal and we thought that was it.

"Then they called us, and told us we had made the first cut, and they said, 'Why weren't you at the hearing?' We didn't even know we were supposed to make a presentation. We said we didn't know we were supposed to, and then they asked who our consultant was. Come to find out, we were the only ones without a consultant on how to make a proposal."

Nichols said that although Lamesa made the second cut, they lost out in the third round, but the state said not to worry. There were more prisons in the pipeline.

"By this time, we were asking ourselves what we had done."

But Nichols said that the with the chamber's early concern with public acceptance; they had done their homework.

"We had a speaker at every meeting with a dozen people. We developed a tremendous support in the community, and they all got behind this thing."

Nichols said the second time around, Lamesa had lasted through all the preliminary processes, and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice board sent notice that they were going to Lamesa to look over the proposed prison site. The town was ready and waiting.

"When the members of the TDCJ board arrived, we had a school bus pick them up and take them to the site, then bring them into town for a big reception at the visitors center at the chamber.

"When they drove into town, there were as many people around that (courthouse) square as I've ever seen, yelling and cheering and clapping. Then the high school cheerleaders came running in with a huge banner that stretched across the street, saying 'Lock 'Em Up in Lamesa', and they held it while the bus drove right through it.

"To this day, those TDCJ board members talk about that whenever they call or visit," added Nichols. "You just never know what will impress people."

The prison unit came before the passage of Lamesa's 1/2-cent sales tax referendum.

Wayne Smith, CEO of Lamesa's chamber of commerce, thinks that the community unity that was built in the effort to bring in the prison was responsible for the passage of the sales tax.

"In order to bring the prison out here, we raised a considerable amount of money to give to the correctional system to pay for water and sewer, and we gave them land to put it on.

"The prison didn't bring in people to be the guards. They put people to work who already lived in Lamesa, and wanted to stay here. People bind together when the going gets tough.

"After the prison, it was a lot easier to pass the sales tax (referendum)," Smith said.

"The first time (it) failed by four votes. The next time, it passed by 55 to 65 percent of the vote, because people were better informed."

Since the establishment of the economic development corporation, it has brought in a peanut processing company, a winery, and now a state maximum security prison unit is under construction that will add 325 more jobs and a $650,00 payroll to Lamesa's economy.

"The beautiful thing about the prison is, it doesn't depend on the weather, they don't strike, or have lay-offs," Smith concluded. "They're very stable."

Banks work to keep up cash flow in Lamesa

By Johnnye Montgomery

LAMESA — The role the banks play in the community has been pivotal since the beginning of Dawson County in 1905, said Wayne Smith, CEO of the Lamesa Chamber of Commerce.

"Agriculture is highly dependent on being able to borrow money," he said. "Bankers are pictured as villains a lot of the time, but these banks here have been the foundation of the community, helping us to get through the Depression.

"They came in at the beginning, and lent people money. They were active in churches, and as community leaders. They support education and commerce, and they mold the character of the town as well.

"John Joiner, the first president of the Lamesa National Bank, was a cowboy for the Slaughter Ranch. He was president for two years, and when he died, the board made his wife president, which shows a tremendous respect for her, since women weren't allowed to own property, or to vote in 1907."

There are two Lamesa banks within shouting distance of each other, and a branch of an O'Donnell bank. The First National Bank, was chartered in 1905 as the "Dawson County Bank;" Lamesa National Bank was chartered in 1906.

Bob Brown, president and CEO of First National, was born and raised in Lamesa, married a Lamesa girl, and said he wouldn't think of living anywhere else. Brown said the bank has concentrated on meeting the financial needs of the community for all of its 93-year history and has a special emphasis on agricultural lending.

He said the future looks bleak for farmers in Dawson County.

"It seems worse this year because of low prices, the drought, and the influx of boll weevils that climbed the Caprock and are now firmly established in Dawson County.

"This year, with no rain, the water pumps were running 24 hours a day, which built up irrigation expense," Brown said.

He's also concerned about whether the water table will hold up under all the pumping.

"In 1998, we had to drill more wells, and some of these wells are marginal."

But the farming picture isn't as bleak as it has been in the past.

"In past years when we didn't make a crop, the town pretty well shut down," he explained. "But now crop insurance keeps farmers going, and the disaster programs Congress voted in will probably help."

The state prison has also helped the community.

First National is also doing its part to keep up Lamesa's cash flow. Construction is almost finished on its new drive-up banking facility adjacent to the bank.

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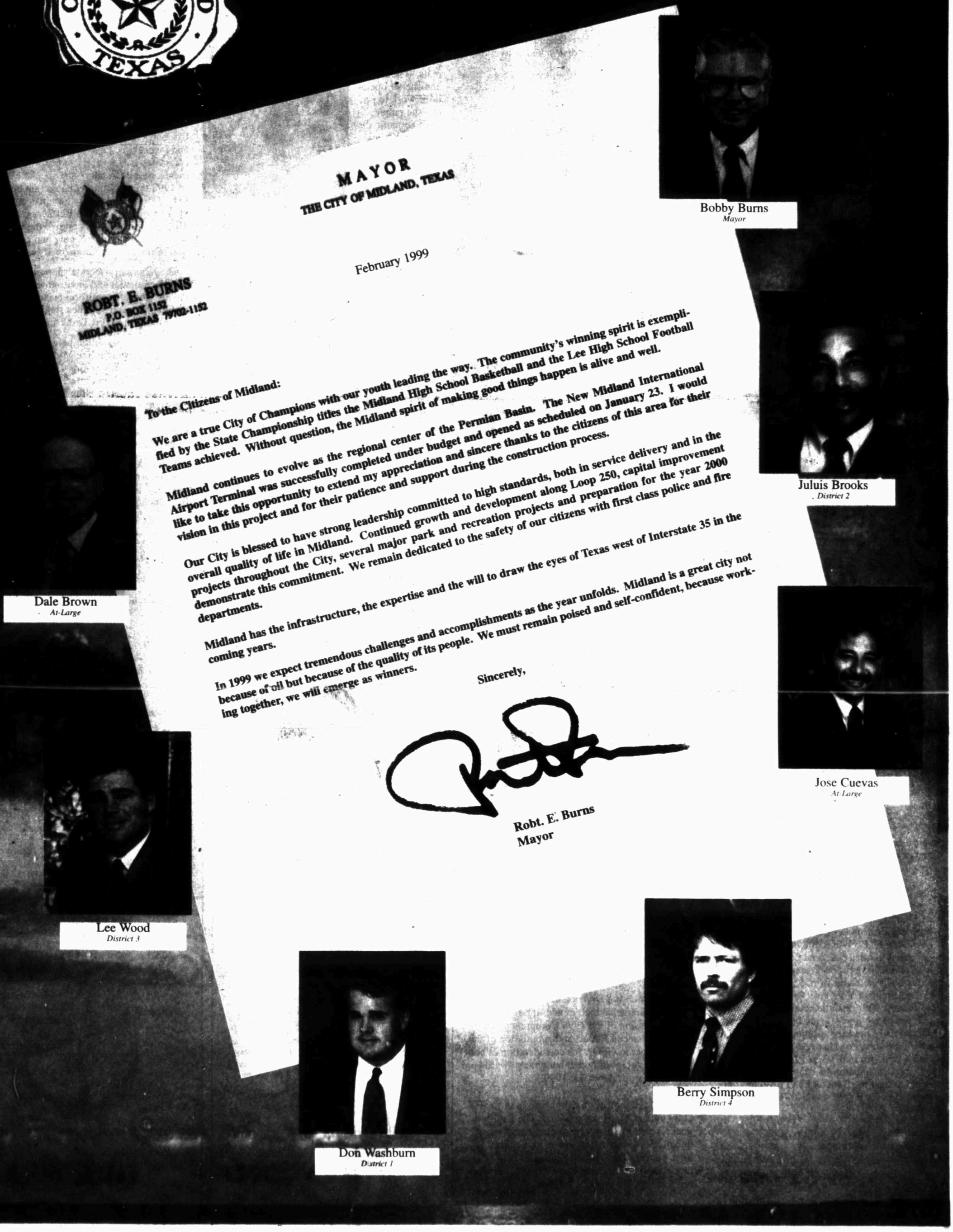

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February 1999

To the Citizens of Midland:

We are a true City of Champions with our youth leading the way. The community's winning spirit is exemplified by the State Championship titles the Midland High School Basketball and the Lee High School Football Teams achieved. Without question, the Midland spirit of making good things happen is alive and well.

Midland continues to evolve as the regional center of the Permian Basin. The New Midland International Airport Terminal was successfully completed under budget and opened as scheduled on January 23. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my appreciation and sincere thanks to the citizens of this area for their vision in this project and for their patience and support during the construction process.

Our City is blessed to have strong leadership committed to high standards, both in service delivery and in the overall quality of life in Midland. Continued growth and development along Loop 250, capital improvement projects throughout the City, several major park and recreation projects and preparation for the year 2000 demonstrate this commitment. We remain dedicated to the safety of our citizens with first class police and fire departments.

Midland has the infrastructure, the expertise and the will to draw the eyes of Texas west of Interstate 35 in the coming years.

In 1999 we expect tremendous challenges and accomplishments as the year unfolds. Midland is a great city not because of oil but because of the quality of its people. We must remain poised and self-confident, because working together, we will emerge as winners.

Sincerely,

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COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The Community Services Department has the general responsibility of all programs in Parks and Recreation, Hogan Park Golf Course, Animal Control and Health and Senior Services.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION

The Parks and Recreation Division maintains a park system infrastructure that includes 49 parks. This includes one metropolitan park, three community play field parks, two specialty parks and 43 neighborhood parks. The parks are enjoyed by a broad cross section of the public that uses them for many diverse sporting and recreational activities.

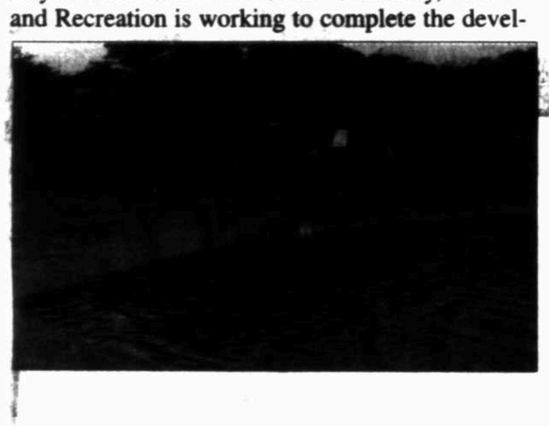
Currently, the Parks Division has several projects which are in the development stages to meet the need of the City's expanding user population.

Of most significance, areas of construction include the C.J. Kelly Community Park and development of Beal Community Park.

Development of the C.J. Kelly Community Park Project has been substantially completed by utilizing funding provided by a grant from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. The park features a little league baseball complex, a competitive soccer complex featuring two full-sized fields, a pond, hike & bike trail, an equestrian trail, and a playground area.

A conceptual master plan and project development schedule for Beal Community Park has been completed, with clearing and grading currently in progress. This 116 acre park is also being developed with financial assistance provided by a grant from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. This initial development will feature facilities for little league, T-ball and soccer.

During 1998, the Parks Division completed the installation of little league field lighting at Reyes/Mashburn/Nelms Park. Currently, Parks and Recreation is working to complete the development of additional lighted soccer fields.



Renovations to Wadley-Baron Park have begun under the administration of the Texas Department of Transportation. Completion of this project will be June 1999.

Working in conjunction with the Midland Arts Assembly and Keep Midland Beautiful, the Parks Division helped in the creation of a public sculpture area and established a new trail area known as "Art in the Park" at Winlands Community Park.

The Parks Division continues the ongoing process of park renovations. With the demolition of former swimming pool areas at both Ulmer and Halff Parks, additional open space areas were reclaimed. At Hogan Park, the commons areas of the Bill Williams Softball Complex were enhanced and a new building was constructed at the soccer complex.

The Youth Development Coordinator has had several accomplishments over the past several months. Through close work with the Midland City Council a Youth Advisory Council was established. Members of this Council are provided the opportunity to become responsible and more accountable through interest in local government matters. Another accomplishment for the youth of Midland was producing the Youth Services Guide in conjunction with the Junior League of Midland and the Midland Reporter-Telegram. The Fall edition of the guide was distributed to over 33,000 households.

HERITAGE DISTRICT

Activities and capital improvements associated with the Scarborough/Linebery Home have resulted in a beautiful facility that all Midland Citizens can be very proud of. Construction of public restrooms on the grounds of the Scarborough/Linebery Home will help provide for larger groups during parties, weddings or meetings.

In November 1998, a vintage windmill and water tower donated by the American Wind Power and Heritage Association was raised on the property. Also, a new 25 foot flag pole was erected in the front yard.

The Scarborough/Linebery Home and Heritage District continues to develop into an area of Midland that will preserve the West Texas heritage for all citizens and visitors to enjoy.

HOGAN PARK GOLF COURSE

The Hogan Park Golf Course, completed in 1959, is operated as an enterprise fund under the Community Services Department. The 27 hole golf course coordinates the play of between 65,000 and 75,000 annually. In 1998, an additional 9 holes was substantially completed adding to the 27 hole facility.

The golfing future for Midland continues to be very bright based on the programs established by the golf professional staff. Programs aimed at all ages are seeing growth in participation levels every year as evidenced by the growth of the Junior Golf Program increasing from 12 participants in 1986 to over 170 in 1998.

Over the next several years at Hogan Park Golf Course there will be a concentration on maintenance items including restrooms renovation, cart path and parking lot resurfacing, automating the irrigation system for more efficient delivery of water on the course and additional space at the existing cart barn.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Animal Control and Shelter is dedicated to strengthen the coexistence of people and animals. The field and shelter operations work to protect the public from zoonotic diseases and injuries caused by free roaming animals. Additionally, animals are protected from cruel and inhumane treatment. A strong emphasis is placed on public education. A variety of programs for schools and civic groups is also offered.

Field operations are primarily responsible for the enforcement of local ordinances and state and federal laws. Animal Control Officers handle rabies investigations and quarantine, wildlife removal, animal restraint, cruelty investigations, barking dog complaints, fecal buildup in yards and any other animal related problem.

The primary function of shelter operations is to provide housing and care for sheltered animals, and maintain the city pet license program. Animals with unknown owners are kept for a minimum of seventy-two hours. Animals wearing a city license tag or other form of identification (tattoo, microchip, ID tag) are held for a minimum of ten days. The owners are contacted based on the information available.

Cats and dogs can be adopted from the shelter after they have been held for the required amount of time. State and local ordinance requires that dogs and cats must be spayed or neutered after adoption. Midland Animal Control reserves the right to adopt only animals that appear to have qualities favorable to being a good family pet.

Pets adopted from the shelter are micro chipped as a permanent means of identification. Owners who retrieve their pets from the shelter may request this service for a fee. The microchip does not replace a city license tag.

Other services include dog dipping, euthanasia, cremation, deceased animal pick up, city license tag replacement and those that promote pet owner responsibility.

HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES

Health and Senior Services is the local agency in charge of public health programs for the Midland City/County area. The Midland Health Department provides for the needs of the community through its clinical, environmental and laboratory sections.

Through the Midland Health Departments' clinical section, citizens receive treatment or preventative services including immunization of children and adults against vaccine preventable diseases. Confidential testing and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases, pregnancy testing, screening for HIV is also available. The Midland Health Department also performs hearing and vision screening, blood pressure and blood sugar screening, tuberculosis testing and treatment and conducts EPSDT exams for children from birth through age 21.

The environmental section of the Midland Health Department is charged with a variety of duties pertaining to public safety and well-being. Currently 680 food establishments are permitted and inspected. This includes restaurants, delicatessens, bars, grocery stores, seasonal establishments, mobile vendors and special event vendors. In 1998 the environmental section hosted the Peter Good Food Safety Seminar in conjunction with the Permian Basin Restaurant Association. The health inspectors approve the installation of septic systems in the county and conduct inspection of public and commercial swimming pools.

The laboratory section supports the efforts of both the clinical and environmental sections. The lab also tests for coliform bacteria in both private and public water samples submitted from 30 counties in the West Texas area.

The close association between the Midland Health Department, the Midland Senior Center and the Southeast Senior Center makes it possible for the Health Department to offer a variety of clinical services to Midland's senior population. The nursing staff at the Health Department provides flu vaccinations, diabetic screening, blood pressure screening and educational presentations to the membership.

Through Parks & Recreation, Hogan Park Golf Course, Animal Control and Health and Senior Services, the citizens of Midland are assured a high standard of quality of life.

"STATE OF OUR CITY" RESPONSE

GENERAL FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The financial strength of the City of Midland is currently one of its greatest assets. At September 30, 1998, the City had a General Fund Unappropriated Balance (reserve) equal to 30.07% of the adopted Fiscal Year 1999 (FY 99) General Fund Budget. Put another way, this means if General Fund revenues stopped completely the City has enough in reserve to operate for a little over 31/2 months at its FY 99 budget levels. This reserve is an important factor to the City's continued growth in that it helps maintain the City's tax supported bond ratings of Aa3 by Moody's Investment service and M by Standard & Poor's. These ratings are a major determinant in the interest rate that the City pays on the money it borrows for capital projects. There is currently $17,416,598 in City of Midland general purpose tax supported debt outstanding. Compared with other cities of similar size, this is a very low amount.

The FY 99 General Fund budget was adopted as a balanced budget, i.e. revenues equaled expenditures, with no use of reserves anticipated. The economic growth of the City is evidenced by several factors. Growth in the number of water connections continues at a rate of slightly in excess of 1% per year on average. City sales tax receipts have increased from $8,272,000 in FY 90 to an anticipated FY 99 level in excess of $12,500,000. This, and the continued economic expansion of the property tax base, have been vital players in the City's ability to decrease the Ad Valorem (property) tax rate for the fourth consecutive year (from .6793 in 1995 to .6540 in 1998) while maintaining a balanced budget. The adopted budget for General Fund revenues and expenditures for FY 99 was $46,705,232 (see graphs).

GOALS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999

Fiscal Year 1999 presents new and continuing challenges to the Division. New challenges include:

(1) Installation, testing and implementation of an expanded version of the financial system that is Year 2000 compliant by the end of March 1999, and

(2) Final testing and implementation of a Year 2000 compliant expanded version of the payroll system by the end of December 1998 (completed).

Continuing annual challenges for the Division are:

(1) Preparation and filing of continuing disclosure documents required to be prepared by the City in accordance with Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Rule 15c2-12 which states the City must make certain information available annually for the life of a bond issue to brokers or the brokers cannot deal in the bonds issued by the City.

(2) Preparation and filing of documents with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) to assure financial costs associated with the City's landfill.

(3) Preparation and filing of required disclosure documents with the TWDB to allow for the continued use of TWDB funds loaned for the sewage treatment plant expansion protect.

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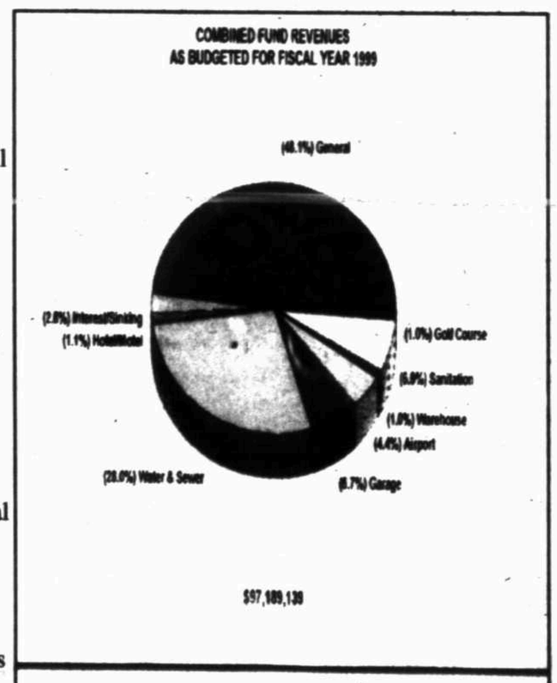

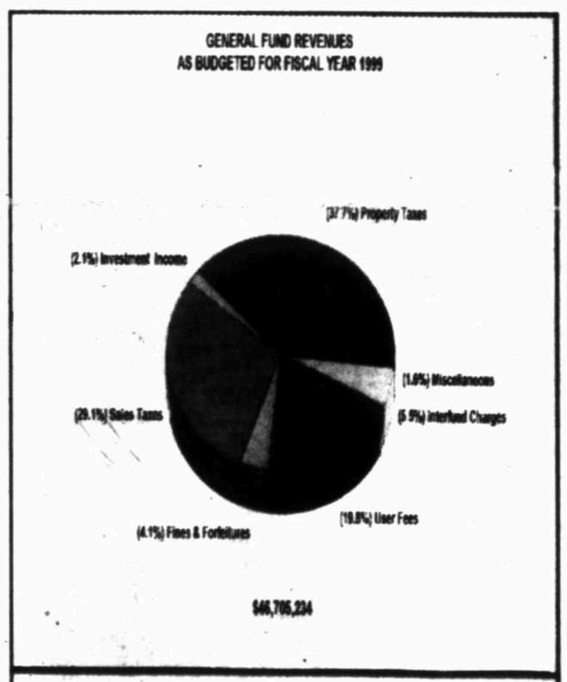

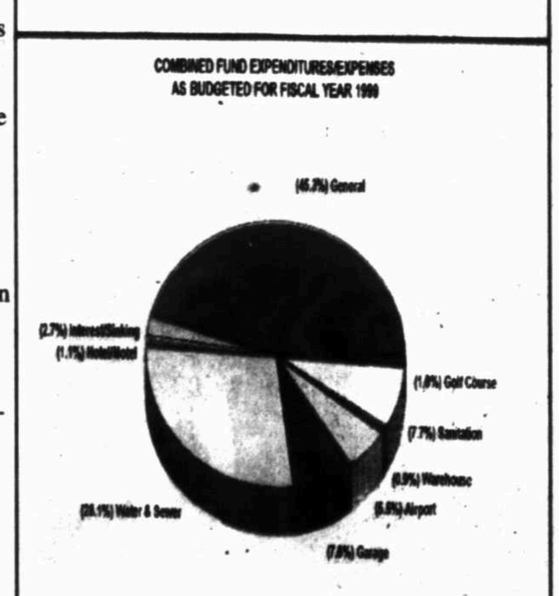

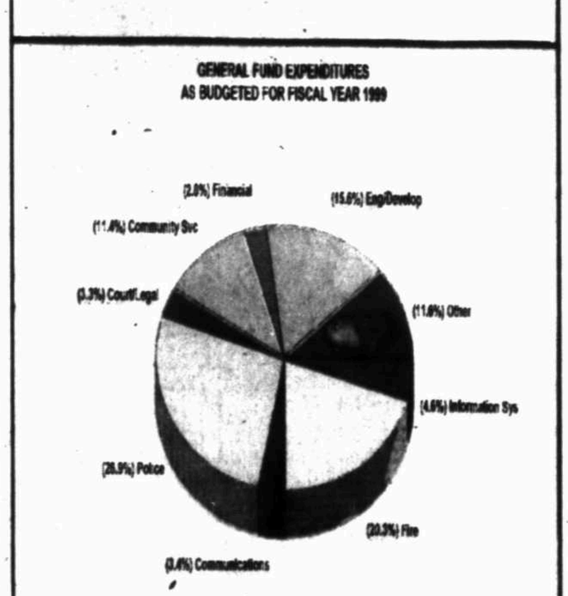

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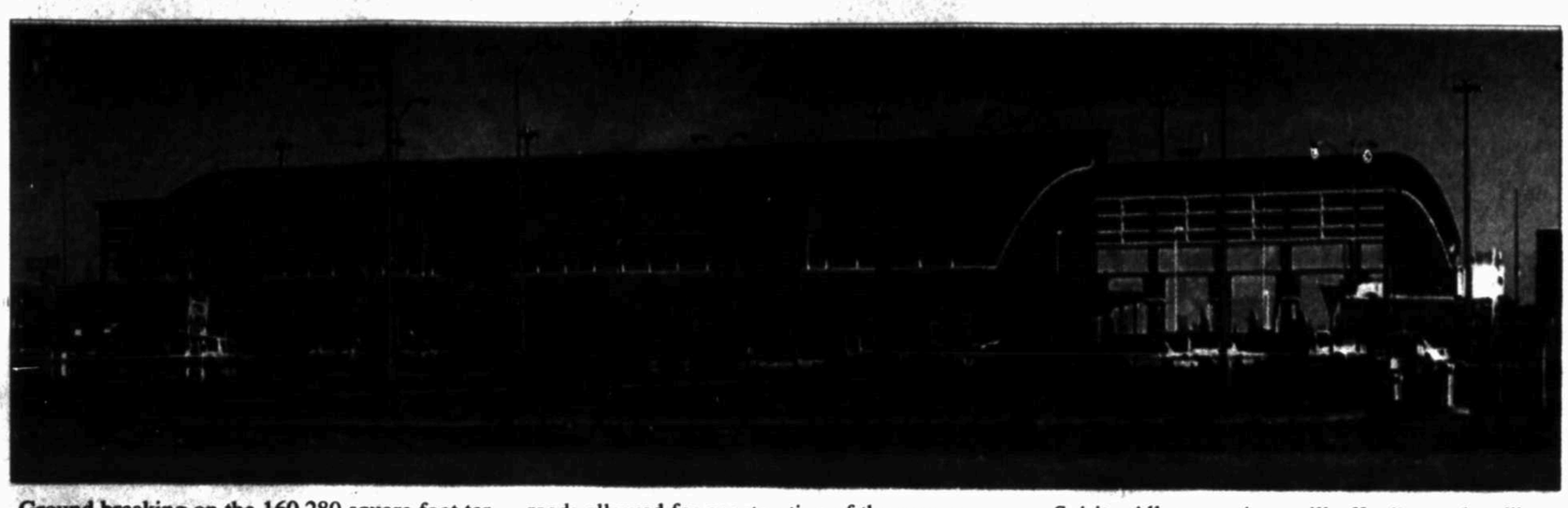
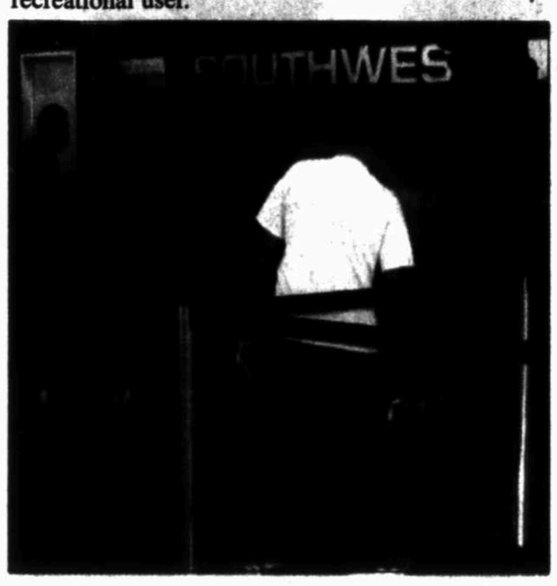
"SMOOTH TRANSITION INTO NEW AIRPORT TERMINAL"

The new terminal at Midland International Airport is open for business as of Saturday, January 23, 1999. The City of Midland held a ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony on Saturday, January 16, 1999 at the new terminal located at Highway 1788 and Business Highway 20. Mayor Bobby Burns, City Council, City Staff, and Airport Executives were on hand for the event. Several interested citizens and media attended this momentous occasion. Tours of the new terminal took place following the ceremony and continued throughout the day.



Midland International Airport serves as the region's "Wayport to the World," plus it also serves as the incoming Wayport to the Permian Basin, one of the most prolific oil and natural gas producing regions in the world. Midland International Airport is designed to meet the functional needs of the Permian Basin, West Texas, and Southeastern New Mexico for the next generation of business and pleasure travelers. The terminal has been constructed to accommodate the widest variety of consumer needs including passenger, visitor, international, cargo, business, and recreational user.



Ground breaking on the 160,280 square foot terminal began on November 19, 1996 following a bond election that passed in May of that same year with 82% voting in favor of the new project. The bonds were issued in July of 1996 at $21,000,000 at 5.77% interest. It will be paid for by the passenger facility charge for anyone departing Midland International Airport. Total cost of the project is $35,000,000. The difference between the two amounts is paid for by FAA funds and other airport revenue. No city sales taxes or city property taxes are now or ever have been required for support of the airport. The new terminal project finished under budget and city officials expect to return over $200,000 to the airport reserve fund from the airport project budget.

The new close-in and covered parking opened in the summer of 1997 with 300 spaces immediately available across from the new terminal entrance. Its design complements the design of the new terminal building.

In August of 1998, the road running in front of the old terminal was closed. Curb-side passenger drop off and pick up moved to the road in front of the new terminal building. The change in the roads allowed for construction of the new concrete aircraft apron. Construction of the apron makes it possible for the aircraft to get to the new terminal and its gates.

The new terminal is home to five passenger loading gates and two gates designed to meet the needs of commuter planes and passengers. For the first nine months of operation, the new terminal will utilize three gates in the south end. This will allow for the demolition of the old terminal building, which is located just east of the hew terminal on the north end, and the completion of the aircraft apron.

Adding to the value of the new terminal building and its role in a total travel experience, is the variety of concessions which occupy the food court and retail areas. Creative Host Services and the Pardies Shops are responsible for the food and beverage and gift and news concessions within the terminal The terminals food court will offer a variety of choices such as Creative Croissants, Little Caesar's Pizza, The Grill, Haute Dogma, panache, Southwest Treasures, I Can't Believe It's Yogurt, The Grove, Taco Bell, and Wine & Spirits. All concessions will offer "street level" pricing.

A sports bar consisting of a brew pub. video wall, and television monitors provides a relaxing alternative, or during important games, a spirited alternative to that away-from-home traveler.

For the business traveler, a business lounge is available which includes fax and copy facilities, mini-library, plus televisions, and computer workstations featuring Internet access.

The Texas Marketplace features easy access to newspapers, magazines, electronics, candy, souvenirs, and gifts. Merchandise unique to the Permian Basin, from the Petroleum Museum, The Confederate Airforce and the American Air Power Heritage Museums is also available.

The food court, retail areas, sports bar, and business lounge are all located on the Concourse Level, creating a mall-like atmosphere within a curving glass wall, conveniently close to the loading gates.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT: SEVEN DIVISIONS STRIVE TO PROVIDE QUALITY SERVICES TO CITY

WATER PRODUCTION/PURIFICATION

Though West Texas is still experiencing drought conditions, the City of Midland is able to meet water demands with approximately 90% Lake Ivie water from the Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD) and the City's own water wells. These two sources will meet the City's needs through the year 2030. Additionally, the City has 25 - 30 year water supply in an undeveloped well field in Winkler and Loving Counties, west of Kermit. The City is a part of Region F of the Regional Water Planning Group established by Senate Bill 1 of the Texas Legislature. This is one of 16 planning groups working on regional water plans, which will become a part of a statewide water plan.

The Water Purification Plant treats surface water and can treat all the surface water currently contracted. It is designed to meet treatment demands through the year 2030. The design phase for a scrubber for the chlorine and ammonia systems is underway with construction anticipated in mid to late 1999.

WATER AND WASTEWATER OPERATIONS

The Water and Wastewater Division, our water distribution/sewer collection maintenance and construction group, installed 169 new water taps and 180 new sewer taps this year, repaired 46 water main breaks and installed 180 feet of new water lines and 1,500 feet of new sewer lines. This is in addition to manhole construction and repairs, fire hydrant installation, repairs and replacements, valve repairs and replacement, water line replacement, sewer line replacements, sewer line jetting and televising.

SEWER TREATMENT AND EFFLUENT FARM

The Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) expansion came on-line in October 1998. We now have capacity to treat sewer for a population up to 130,000.

100% of the treated effluent from the WPCP is reused for irrigation on farmland southeast of Midland and the area surrounding the plant.

SOLID WASTE/LANDFILL

Construction has recently been completed on a new cell at the City Landfill. Historically, each cell has been filled in about two years time. However, with approval of aerial fill, baled waste from the material recovery facility and alternate daily cover, this and future cells should supply our needs for a greater length of time.

Solid Waste Division continues to upgrade and improve the alley containers, and to offer excellent service to the citizens of Midland.

CITY IS PREPARING FOR Y2K

The City of Midland has taken the necessary steps to ensure that the "millennium bug" does not cause an interruption of critical services when the calendar turns to January 1, 2000. The "millennium bug," or "Y2K" as it is also called, is a programming design that will cause some computer systems to malfunction at the turn of the century.

We have created a Year 2000 Readiness Committee to assess the extent to which municipal computer systems will be affected by the "millennium bug," and will be attempt to fix those that are susceptible before any consequences are felt.

The magnitude to which city services will be affected is unknown, but the possibilities range from shutdowns in water and waste treatment systems to the failure of transportation control systems. With this in mind, the committee has placed a high priority on ensuing that mission critical areas such as, but not limited to, public safety, utilities, and financial systems are not compromised.

The nature of the Y2K problem is so prevalent throughout the country that not only must the City of Midland make sure that all of its computer systems are "Y2K ready," but also those of the vendors that it relies upon to provide supplies and services. Even one "Y2K" computer glitch can set off a whole chain reactions that could cause an interruption in city services.

The Year 2000 Committee is also developing contingency plans to handle any problems that may arise from computer systems that malfunction due to the "millennium bug". While the current efforts being undertaken should prevent any serious problems from surfacing, we want to satisfactorily prepare to deal with any situations that may develop.

We are confident that we will uphold our dedication of providing efficient quality services now and into the future - in this case, the Millennium.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT Y2K

What is "Y2K"?
Y2K is simply an early programming design that will cause some computer systems to malfunction at the turn of the Century. The systems will not be able to recognize January 1, 2000 and therefore they will fail to bring in the new year. Y2K is also known as the"millennium bug."

Why is it a problem?
The potential for trouble caused by Y2K is enormous. The impacts could range from the watch on your arm to a major transportation control system. It would be safe to say that basically everything we have built over the past 40 years could possibly be impacted.

How did the problem occur?
Early computer programmers used computer shortcuts to conserve computer space due to the machines being able to handle a very limited amount of data. The programmers chose to represent calendar dates in the six-digit format mmddyy. For example,January 1, 2000 would be represented by 010100. The result is that computers cannot determine that the last two digits of the year (00) is an abbreviation for "2000" and really is one year greater than "99".

Is it hard to fix?
Fixing the problem is not hard, finding the problem and testing the problem is extremely time consuming.

What is the City of Midland doing to fix the problem?
The city has been addressing the Y2K problem over the past 24 years. However, the city established a formal committee in February 1998, to assess all areas of risk. The committee focus is on mission critical areas, such as but not limited to, public safety, utilities and financial systems to name a few.

Will I be able to receive basic utilities?
We do not anticipate any interruptions in our utility services, provided we have electricity. The equipment at both the Water Purification and Water Pollution Control Plant is capable for manual operation if electricity is available. However, we fully expect to have continuous electricity at both plants.

We are presently building a new Water Pollution Control Plant which is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 1999. The new plant equipment will be Y2K compliant.

Considering that our drinking water consist of water from both the Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD) and well water, we do not anticipate a problem. If there happens to be a malfunction with CRMWD, which we do not expect, we can fully utilize our water wells.

Are the traffic lights and school flashers going to operate correctly?
The Traffic Division completed a major upgrade with our signal controllers in 1997. This upgrade consisted of the replacement of 1950 obsolete equipment. The equipment has been tested and verified by the vendor to operate without any problems.

What effect will leap year have on Year 2000?
The primary concern associated with leap year is rather computer systems will read February 29, 2000 or March 1, 2000. This is especially important in recording information on documents.

Will the Midland International Airport have to shut down?
There are no plans to close the airport. Most of the equipment at the new airport has been replaced and is Y2K compliant. In addition, we are working closely with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to make sure we retain our certification.

Have the city located any problem areas?
Yes, we have identified some problem areas. The primary area is with our radio dispatching consoles. The problem was that the equipment was not verified to be year Y2K compliant. The consoles are important since they are the primary communication functions for public safety. The other concerns consist of minor software packages and equipment.

How much will the city have to spend to fix the problem?
We estimate that it will cost $950,000 to address the Y2K problems. The majority of this estimate will go towards the replacement of the radio dispatching consoles ($710,000).

If I have any questions or comments who do I call?
You can reach our Year 2000 Hotline at 685-7544. You may also utilize our e-mail address, Y2KINFO@Basinlink.com

What can I do to help?
Realize that we can not guarantee there will be no Y2K impacts. However, we are doing all we can to make sure city services are not interrupted. Be patient and realize what is truly approaching us - that is the beginning of a new millennium! We will never have this opportunity again. Enjoy the experience, for we will do all we can to ensure that it will be an enjoyable experience.

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Burglary	746	1,036	1,001	1,077	1,432
Theft	2,694	3,225	3,255	3,120	3,594
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GRAFFITI ABATEMENT

Many Midlanders have contacted the police about gang graffiti in the neighborhoods. Sgt. Bernie Kraft and members of the grant unit work to create a graffiti removal program through the city of Midland Code Enforcement Department. This program provide the resources and personnel to remove graffiti from private property. The Code Enforcement Office provided a painter, Martin Guiterrez and a Code Enforcement Officer, Roberta Allison, to support this project.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

The Planning Division is one of six divisions within the Department of Engineering and Development. The Planning Division manages the multiple processes involved with new development and redevelopment. These processes often include matters related to zoning, the creation of new residential, office, retail or commercial lots, new streets, and water and sanitary sewer line extensions.

The Planning Division is responsible for the implementation of the Midland Centennial Comprehensive Plan, a community plan adopted by the City Council which helps guide growth and direction and provides basic planning policies. The Division accepts and processes zoning and subdivision (plat) applications and makes recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council. Special studies including annexation, population estimates, revisions to development codes, and transportation planning are also duties conducted by the Division.

The Planning Division uses modern technologies by maintaining a computer mapping system, often referred to as a Geographic Information System (GIS), as well as aerial photographs. These tools are invaluable in maintaining records of parcel and ownership information, zoning boundaries, water and sanitary sewer lines, etc. The GIS mapping system is used by virtually every department within the City, thereby making efficient use of this public investment. This information is also shared with Midland Central Appraisal District as well as citizens.

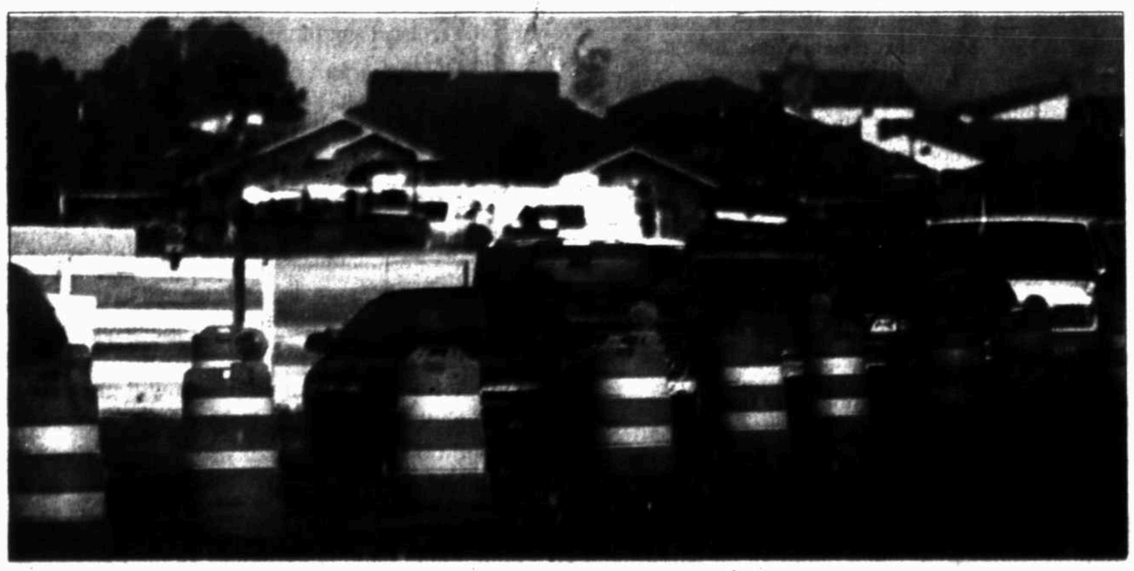
TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

Traffic Engineering is responsible for the management of all Traffic Engineering functions within the City of Midland. This responsibility includes conducting studies of vehicular and pedestrian traffic flow and patterns, installation and maintenance of all traffic control devices including pavement markings, Traffic Signage, Traffic Signals and School Zone Flashing Equipment, enforcement of Right of Way and Visibility Sight Triangle Obstructions and Traffic Accident Analysis. This Division also approves installation of all street lights within the city and maintains street lighting on Loop 250.

The Traffic Engineering Division also reviews all residential and commercial development in regard to traffic circulation and approval of driveways for vehicular ingress and egress.

STREET MAINTENANCE

The Street Department is responsible for the maintenance and repairs of city streets, alleys, curbs, gutters, storm sewers and drainage channels. The division also constructs double-penetration paved streets, performs street sweeping and removes debris and litter from streets and public right of way. They also assist Keep Midland Beautiful in the annual "Clean Midland" city-wide cleanup project.



Mayor Burns' Mailbox

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Members of the Investigative Services Bureau have become very concerned with the difficulty of identifying people who pass forged checks at retail stores in Midland. Many of the checks were passed with fictitious identification making arrest and clearance difficult. In order to improve the investigator's chance of a successful prosecution, Detectives met with merchants and introduced Operation Thumbprint. This program provides merchants with stainless fingerprint "ink". When the merchant believes there is insufficient identification of a person cashing a check, the merchant can have the check casher to place their thumbprint on the back of the check. This provides positive proof of the identification of the person passing the check.

GRAFFITI ABATEMENT

Many Midlanders have contacted the police about gang graffiti in the neighborhoods. Sgt. Bernie Kraft and members of the grant unit work to create a graffiti removal program through the city of Midland Code Enforcement Department. This program provide the resources and personnel to remove graffiti from private property. The Code Enforcement Office provided a painter, Martin Guiterrez and a Code Enforcement Officer, Roberta Allison, to support this project.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

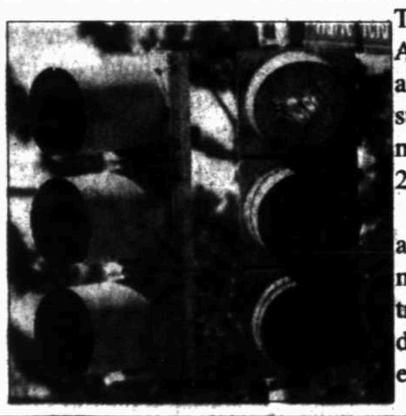
The Planning Division is one of six divisions within the Department of Engineering and Development. The Planning Division manages the multiple processes involved with new development and redevelopment. These processes often include matters related to zoning, the creation of new residential, office, retail or commercial lots, new streets, and water and sanitary sewer line extensions.

The Planning Division is responsible for the implementation of the Midland Centennial Comprehensive Plan, a community plan adopted by the City Council which helps guide growth and direction and provides basic planning policies. The Division accepts and processes zoning and subdivision (plat) applications and makes recommendations to the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Council. Special studies including annexation, population estimates, revisions to development codes, and transportation planning are also duties conducted by the Division.

The Planning Division uses modern technologies by maintaining a computer mapping system, often referred to as a Geographic Information System (GIS), as well as aerial photographs. These tools are invaluable in maintaining records of parcel and ownership information, zoning boundaries, water and sanitary sewer lines, etc. The GIS mapping system is used by virtually every department within the City, thereby making efficient use of this public investment. This information is also shared with Midland Central Appraisal District as well as citizens.

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING

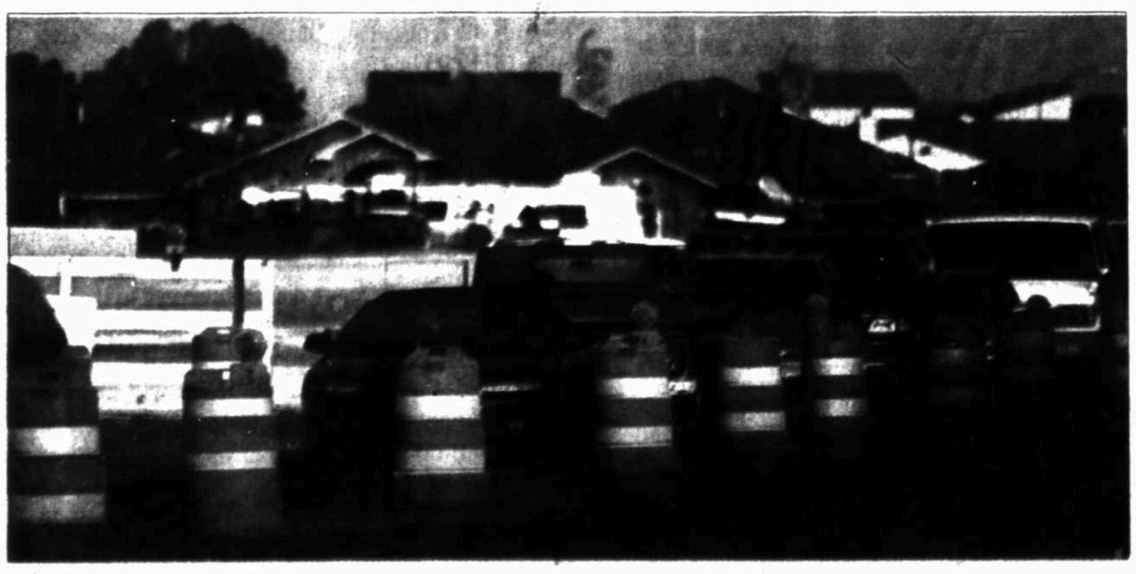
Traffic Engineering is responsible for the management of all Traffic Engineering functions within the City of Midland. This responsibility includes conducting studies of vehicular and pedestrian traffic flow and patterns, installation and maintenance of all traffic control devices including pavement markings, Traffic Signage, Traffic Signals and School Zone Flashing Equipment, enforcement of Right of Way and Visibility Sight Triangle Obstructions and Traffic Accident Analysis. This Division also approves installation of all street lights within the city and maintains street lighting on Loop 250.



The Traffic Engineering Division also reviews all residential and commercial development in regard to traffic circulation and approval of driveways for vehicular ingress and egress.

STREET MAINTENANCE

The Street Department is responsible for the maintenance and repairs of city streets, alleys, curbs, gutters, storm sewers and drainage channels. The division also constructs double-penetration paved streets, performs street sweeping and removes debris and litter from streets and public right of way. They also assist Keep Midland Beautiful in the annual "Clean Midland" city-wide cleanup project.



Mayor Burns' Mailbox

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If you have a concern, a complaint, or a suggestion, call **560-2400.** You can leave a message for the mayor by entering **Category 2019.**
The mayor checks his mailbox regularly and he or a City of Midland representatine will return your calls if you request - so be sure to leave you name and phone number. Or contact him through e-mail at: **MayorBurns@basinlink.com**

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