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Tom Landry dies

Tom Landry, the Dallas Cowboys coach who led America's Team to five Super Bowls and was famous for pacing the sidelines for three decades in a business suit and felt hat, died Saturday. He was 75./1C

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County judge questions STAR's legality

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter's controversial STAR program is under fresh, bold scrutiny by Midland County Judge Bill Morrow.

Morrow, who doubts the legality of the mutual-aid Sheriffs of Texas Agreed Response agreement, has asked Texas Attorney General John Cornyn for an opinion on STAR's legal status.

The essence of his question is this: "Do the sheriffs have the authority to contract with one another?"

Painter, whose chief deputy, 59-year-old former Texas Ranger Clayton McKinney, is STAR's commander, said that opinions don't count much with him.

STAR's foundation is rooted in tradition, Painter said. In Texas, sheriffs historically have rendered aid to one another, he said, with or without written agreements.

"It's pretty clear from the reading of the statutes," said Morrow, who has studied the original STAR "Operational Agreement" drafted in part by a West Texas district attorney in 1997, "that the county commissioners are the only ones that can (enter into a contract).

"I'm not in doubt about it," Morrow, 64, said. "I want the state's highest lawyer to pass on that."

Painter was adamant.

"I really don't think it's any of the judge's business or the Commissioners' Court's business on what a sheriff does with his duties," said Painter, who has been sheriff since 1985 and has exhibited staunch independence during his tenure.

"I have an obligation under the law," he said. "And I think there are authorities who would agree that law enforcement officers should work together."

Various administrations of the Commissioners' Court have been "harping on me for years about not cooperating, which has been a lie," Painter, 52, said.

"Now, all of a sudden, we've got a deal where we are proactive, rather than reactive, and we are going out and signing agreements and agreeing to cooperate (with about 60 sheriffs in STAR)," Painter said,"and now everybody

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Sheriff Gary Painter stands beside the department's armored personnel carrier.

Tim Fischer Reporter-Telegram

DANGEROUS CROSSINGS?

Midland woman campaigns to make railroad crossings safer

To the day, the Midland railway deaths were 28 years apart.

On Jan. 27, 1972, four young Midlanders, including two Girls Scouts on their way to a troop meeting, were killed in a car-train crash in far west Midland.

On Jan. 27, 2000, a Midland businessman heading for the post office on a route he had taken many times over 35 years, was mortally injured in a train-van crash.

Both accidents were on a Thursday — one about an hour after sunset 28 years ago, and the other, right at dawn on a misty morning two weeks ago.

Another curious point was this: Neither crossing had the protective warning of lighted cross-arms, those slender gates that are lowered to a horizontal position to block traffic from crossing the tracks in the path of an approaching train.

"It's a tragedy," said Midland civic leader Evelyn Gould. She is familiar with both accidents and the families involved, is on a campaign to inspire a governmental entity, the Midland City Council, to get the railroad to install cross-arms or gates at the four Midland railroad crossings that are devoid of the devices.

Those gateless crossings are at Carver Street, G Street, K Street and the heavily-trafficked Midkiff Road.

"They're waiting for another tragedy," Mrs. Gould suggested.

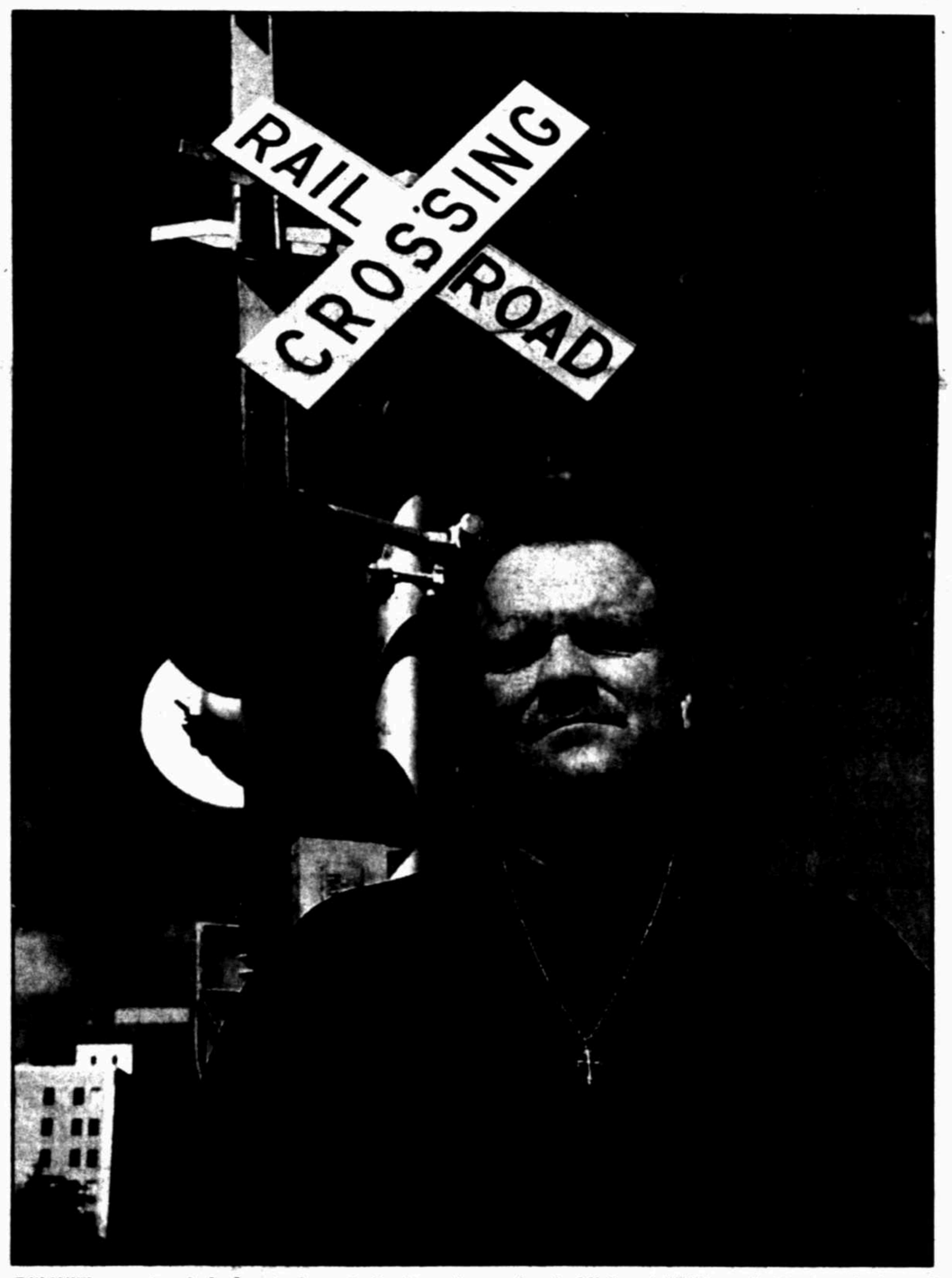
Midland Mayor Bobby Burns said that the Union Pacific Railroad officials about a year ago had sought to close the gateless G Street and K Street crossings, but that Midland businessmen objected to the closings for fear that the inconvenience would harm their businesses.

"They objected strongly," said Gary Saunders, Midland's traffic-engineering coordinator, who, at the mayor's request, is working with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to determine whether the crossings would qualify for cross-arms funding.

Like the gated crossings, the four gateless crossings are equipped with the traditional crossbucks, the "X" sign installed by the railroad and lettered "Railroad Crossing," and flashing red lights on stanchions.

Eight of 12 main crossings in the six-mile stretch

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Bill Williams stands in front of a gated railroad crossing in Midland. Williams is the son-in-law of Bill Walker, who was recently killed at a gateless crossing when the van he was driving was struck by an oncoming train. Williams says a gated crossing might have prevented Walker's death.

Story by Ed Todd Photo by Tim Fischer

Bush seeks to slow McCain's surge in polls

By Ron Fournier
Associated Press

CLEMSON, S.C. — George W. Bush found a new message and presidential rival John McCain lost his old one in a cacophony of negative advertising that forced both candidates to tweak their strategies for a do-or-die week of campaigning.

The South Carolina campaign opened with McCain riding a wave of momentum stirred by his landslide victory over Bush in New Hampshire's primary. The week closed with the Arizona senator on the defensive, his surge perhaps crested, though he still posed a major threat to Bush in the state's Saturday primary.

■ Does Bush have the stamina to sustain a campaign?/6A

"I think Bush has probably stopped the bleeding, but I think they better reload and keep going," said Dave Woodard, political scientist at Clemson University in South Carolina. "The Bush supporters in the state have been rattled and sort of dug in their heels and gone to work. We don't know yet if they've done enough, soon enough."

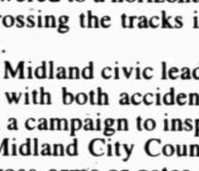
Bush started late, waiting until McCain thumped him in New Hampshire with a television ad campaign that suggested he would not protect Social Security if elected. Staggered by the defeat, Bush retooled for several days and emerged at the beginning of last week with a new message: "I'm a reformer with results."

Cutting his stump speech and opening himself to lengthy question-and-answer sessions, the second-term Texas governor said he, not McCain, has a record of reforming education, health care, welfare and the tax code. And he suggested McCain is a hypocrite on his signature issue of political reform.

Soon, the message found its way into Bush ads.

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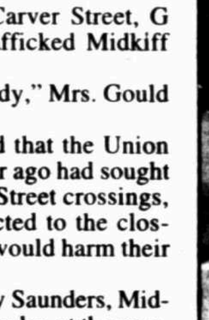


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Sometimes looking cool is easier said than done.

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Off the wire

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Presidential Museum may receive funding after all

By Rick McLaughlin
Staff Writer

A new building for the Presidential Museum in Odessa on the UTPB campus may be nearer to funding than was thought possible just a few scant days ago — as much as two years closer.

A compromise put together by legislators and state officials Thursday could resume funding for 16 state universities, including the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, that was put at risk a week earlier by an opinion by Texas Attorney General John Cornyn.

As many as 16 projects at state universities could have been affected by the opinion.

"I was talking with (state Rep.) Buddy West's (R-Odessa) office this morning (Friday) and they were telling me its back on go," said an obviously pleased Gary Behrands, executive director of the Presidential Museum.

"They are taking money from the university system for this project which is what they are doing with the other 15 projects affected by this decision of the attorney general."

Behrands said the compromise plan is "alternate funding as a temporary thing until the state issues another check, at least that is what people are telling me."

A potential crisis loomed because the project could have been delayed two years, because of the opinion of the attorney general. Cornyn's opinion, which was sought by Midland County Attorney Russell Malm at the request of state Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland, found that a rider to a bill sponsored by West allocating $2.5 million in funding for a new museum building on the UTPB campus was flawed, and therefore unconstitutional.

Most notably, the preamble to the bill failed to designate clearly the purpose, a "statement of need" as it is officially called, for the spending, said Behrands.

He added that it was his understanding the statement of need was written into the rider in the initial period "but somehow had fallen through the cracks. I'm not exactly sure how it happened, but it didn't end up in the preamble of the bill."

Behrands said the timetable for the new building has yet to be decided. "That's what concerns me, but it's certainly closer," he said.

The director said the museum's officials have been "continuing planning on the facility as if it was going to happen because we are optimistic. If it didn't happen, at least we would be that much closer in the next two-year cycle."

He said the next step is to increase efforts for state, local and national fund raising among foundations, businesses and political figures. "That's because what the state is funding, about $2.5 million, isn't enough for what we want, it's about half of what we need."

All this has to be approved by the university's regents, Behrands noted. "We'd like to see actual construction late this year, but it's not likely until 2001.

Craddick was reached Friday and was not aware of the new developments. "I hadn't

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Cyanide spill kills all life in major river

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — In what may be Europe's worst environmental disaster since Chernobyl, a cyanide spill contaminating a major river has moved into Yugoslavia and destroyed all life in the water, local officials said Saturday.

The spill originated in northwest Romania, near the border town of Oradea, where a dam at the Baia Mare gold mine overflowed Jan. 30 and caused cyanide to pour into streams. From there, the polluted water flowed west into the Tisa River in neighboring Hungary and then on into Yugoslavia.

Eighty percent of the fish in the Tisa have died since the contaminant entered the country two days ago, said Mayor Atila Juhas of the northern town Senta.

"Enormous quantities of dead fish are floating on the surface, and the spill continues to spread," Juhas said in a telephone interview.

By Saturday noon, the concentration of cyanide in the water at the point where Tisa enters Yugoslavia from Hungary was 0.07 milligrams per liter, down from 0.13 milligrams several hours earlier, Tanjug news agency reported.

But the worst-polluted part of the flow was moving south, and more serious damage was expected later when the polluted waters reach the Danube River, probably early today. The spill was moving at about 2.5 mph.

"The Tisa is a dead river. All life in it, from algae to trout, has been destroyed," said Istvan Backulin, the mayor of another affected town in the north. "The spill is leaving nothing alive."

Officials from several northern Yugoslav towns held an emergency meeting in Senta on Saturday, and urged locals to collect the fish in efforts to reduce levels of the pollution.

Restaurants in the region have already removed fish from their menus, and the alarm has spread south as far as the capital, Belgrade, which lies on the Danube some 80 miles to the south.

Juhas said drinking water would be safe because supplies come from wells far enough from the river. However, wildlife in the area near the river is in serious danger, he said.

Hungary's environmental minister, Pal Pepo, said only quick action from well-organized catastrophe-prevention work had prevented damage to human health.

Hungary's Prime Minister Viktor Orban has called for the appointment of a government commissioner to coordinate damage assessment, international legal steps, and clean-up projects.

"It's a European-dimension catastrophe," the EU transport and energy commissioner, Loyola de Palacio, told reporters on Thursday after talks in Budapest with Hungarian Foreign Minister Janos Martonyi.

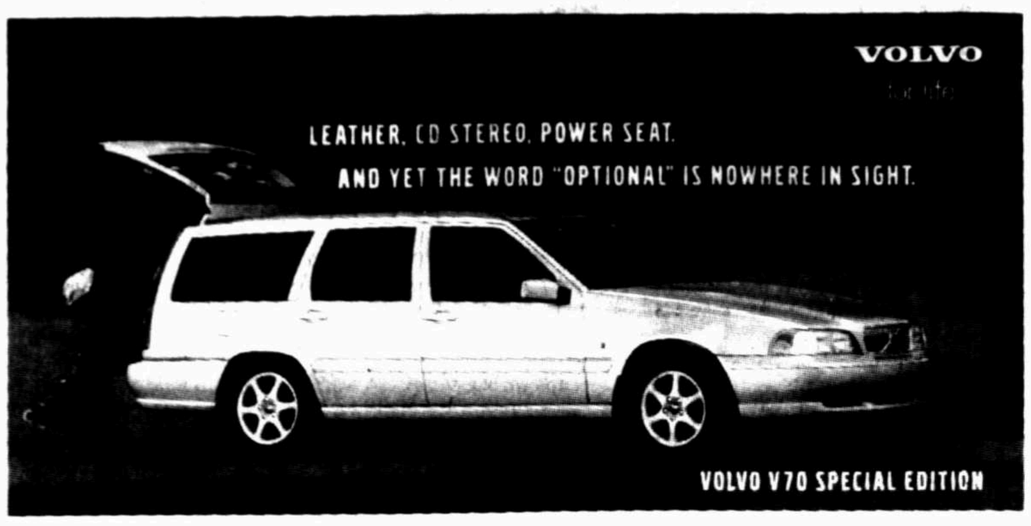
Local ecologists said it could take years before marine life reappears in the Tisa, according to Beta news agency.

The cyanide spill adds to the ecological strain of high pollution levels in Yugoslavia already, caused last year by NATO bombing that targeted oil refineries and factories.

Though Tanjug reported that authorities were taking "adequate measures" along the affected waterway, Juhas said nobody from the government in Belgrade showed up for the Senta meeting or provided assistance.

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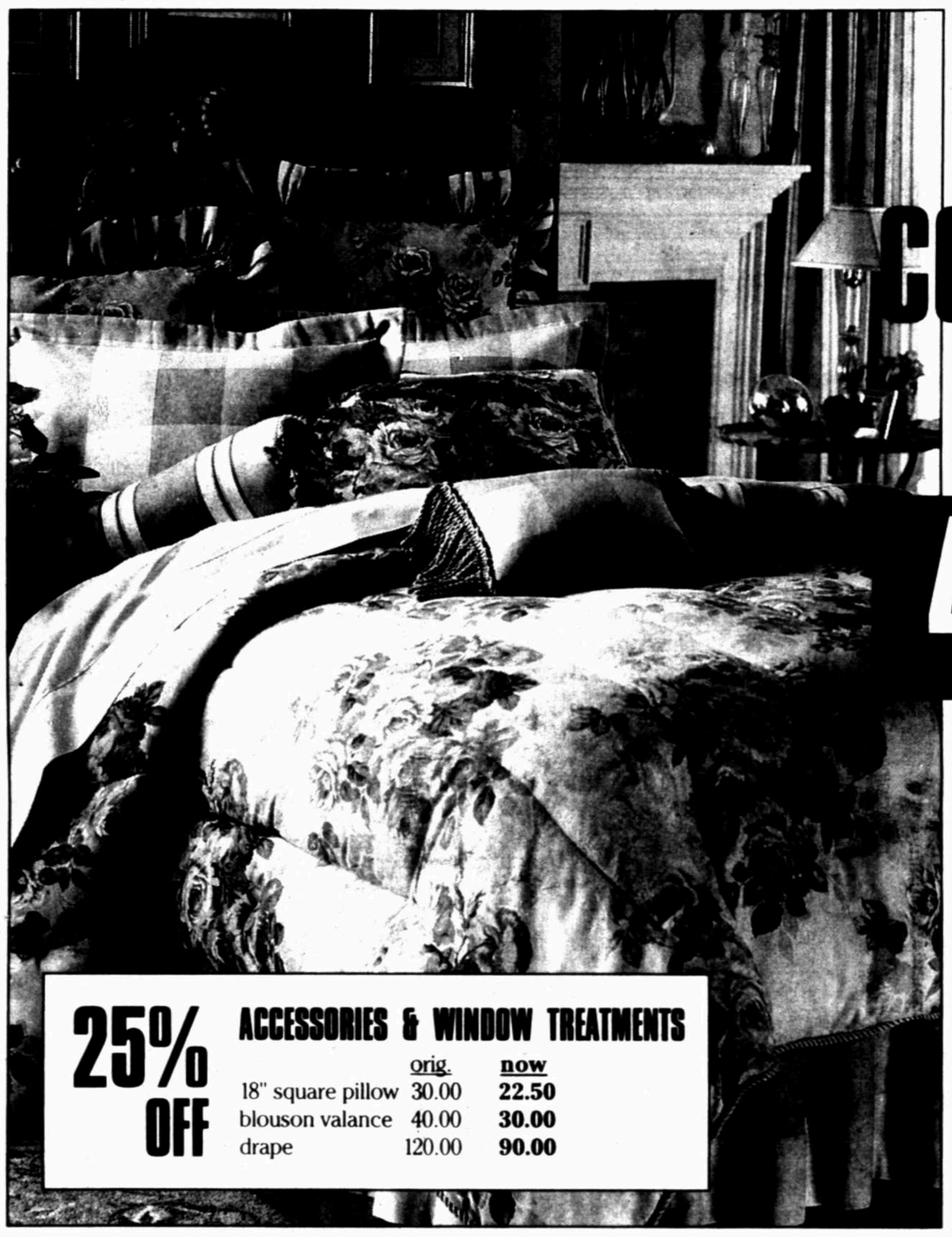
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Trimble seeks IRA weapons promise as price for restoring government's powers

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — The senior Protestant in Northern Ireland's impotent administration said Saturday that the Irish Republican Army must promise to disarm if the government is to have its powers restored.

Ulster Unionist Party leader David Trimble emerged unscathed from a party conference in downtown Belfast, where his many critics originally had planned to demand his ouster and the party's withdrawal from the 10-week-old administration.

But Britain had already stripped the Cabinet's authority Friday and resumed direct control from London — effectively saving Trimble's political skin.

The Belfast coalition of two British Protestant and two Irish Catholic parties, including the IRA-linked Sinn Fein, was the central goal of Northern Ireland's Good Friday peace accord of 1998.

At a news conference in Catholic west Belfast, a downcast Gerry Adams, the leader of Sinn Fein, said Britain's determination to safeguard Trimble's shaky hold over his party confirmed that the Ulster Unionists could wield "a veto over progress."

The Cabinet was formed in November under a compromise plan mediated by American diplomat George Mitchell. But it fell apart this month over the IRA's continued refusal to start scrapping its secret weapons dumps, as the accord envisioned.

Trimble said his principal objective now was "to see the administration re-formed — but re-formed on a sound basis, so that people are in fact implementing all the principles of the agreement."

To the Ulster Unionists, whose status as the largest party means its participation is essential for the Cabinet to work, "a sound basis" means gaining an unprecedented disarmament commitment from the IRA.

The outlawed group called a cease-fire in 1997 after killing about 1,800 people during a 27-year campaign to abolish Northern Ireland as a Protestant-majority state linked with Britain.

The Good Friday accord empowered an independent disarmament commission led by Canadian Gen. John de Chastelain to seek the IRA's total disarmament by May.

Hours after Britain revoked the Cabinet's powers, de Chastelain reported that, in their most recent talks, an IRA representative said the group would "consider how to put arms and explosives beyond use," and would actually do this if the right context was created by politicians. That, De Chastelain said, "holds out the real prospect of an agreement."

But Trimble said he had talked Friday to Sinn Fein's Adams and Martin McGuinness — both reputed former IRA commanders — and neither could tell him what the IRA had in mind.

"Even though claims are being made of important proposals, no detail has become available to anyone," said Trimble, who intends to meet the Sinn Fein leaders again this week.

Using the umbrella term for the IRA and Sinn Fein, he added: "We need the republican movement to tell us: Are they committing themselves to (weapons) decommissioning? How are they going to do it? When are they going to do it? And of course we'd be delighted to see them do it."

Adams insisted the IRA's latest plans, which he declined to detail, contained sufficient merit for Britain to have withheld plans to suspend the Cabinet. He said Britain appeared "fixated" on helping Trimble.

"If we had delivered the IRA lock, stock and barrel — in a way the British government had never been able to do in 30 years of militarism — it would not have been enough yesterday," Adams said.

But Trimble said his party should never again be expected to share power with Sinn Fein on the basis of "ambiguous language," as he conceded happened in November.

Trimble said no democratic society would "willingly include in their government a party that was organically linked to a terrorist organization. We, however, decided to stretch that point."

Should another deal emerge, he said, it would be "obviously unreasonable to expect us to proceed in any other way than on the basis of absolute clarity."

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STAR: Sheriff Painter says agreement is not a contract

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finds that that is a bad thing. It sounds like a bunch of politics to me."

"The general rule," Midland County Attorney Russell Malm said, "is that the authority to enter into contracts and agreements is vested in the Commissioners' Court."

Along with his requests to the attorney general, Morrow sent the six-page, 22-part STAR agreement, which Painter and McKinney last week said was obsolete and was replaced in 1998 by a two-sentence "Cooperative Working Agreement."

That agreement simply says that the STAR "objectives ... have been reviewed and that it is mutually agreed" by the sheriffs that they will "cooperate to whatever extent is available in providing a ready response to situations necessary to protect health, life and property to any agreeing Sheriff of Texas requesting the same."

However, Morrow and other members of the Commissioners' Court were unaware of the new agreement. And earlier this year, McKinney made no mention of a new agreement when he attested to the validity of the original agreement by noting that it was drafted by a district attorney.

And at least two members of STAR, Ector County Sheriff Reggie Yearwood of Odessa and Reeves County Sheriff Andy Gomez of Pecos, said that they were unaware of a new STAR agreement.

McKinney and Painter produced the new agreement for the Reporter-Telegram last week in response to questions on the original agreement that Morrow had sent to Cornyn.

FOR ITS AUTHORITY, the original agreement cites Article 791 of the Texas Government Code and Chapter 362 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Article 791 says that a "local government may contract or agree with another local government to perform governmental functions and services" and that an "interlocal contract must be authorized by the governing body of each party to the contract."

Chapter 362 says that a "law enforcement officer who is ordered by the official designated by the governing body of the county, municipality or point airport to perform police or peace duties outside the limits of that county, municipality or joint airport ... is entitled to payment for any reasonable expenses incurred ... while on duty outside the limits of the territory of the officer's regular employment."

In Midland County's case, the government body would be the Commissioners' Court — the judge and four commissioners.

While an elected official, the sheriff is not a governing entity or body, Morrow noted.

And Painter said that the STAR agreement is not a contract.

"Evidently, they (commissioners) are trying to gain the authority or gain the position that the county sheriff and his people have to have permission from the Commissioners' Court to do anything," Painter said.

"That's not the way the law works," Painter charged. "The law says the governmental entity has the authority to make contracts. This is not a contract. This is an agreement to cooperate. And if someone is finding fault with law enforcement officers cooperating, then I find that very suspect."

Painter said that he had told the judge that STAR "had a new agreement that everybody had been signing." Further, Painter noted that he volunteered to help Morrow write the letter to the attorney general questioning STAR's legality.

Painter said that the wording would dictate the response.

Meanwhile, Painter said that the Commissioners' Court since the early 1990s has been "ordered, and is still under the (Texas district) court order, to stay out of the day-to-day activities of the Midland County sheriff.

"And getting other officers to cooperate and to assist during times of emergencies, I believe, is my business," Painter said. "And I'll take care of it."

A 1992 OPINION by Texas Attorney General Dan Morales in response to the sheriff's statewide and interstate "reverse sting" operations said that a "sheriff has no general authority to investigate criminal activities outside the geographical boundaries of the county for which he is elected."

While Painter has ceased his out-of-county reverse stings, Painter said that crossing county lines for training purposes and in assisting other sheriffs in emergencies is legal.

Morrow noted that the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), for example, is at the ready to assist counties and other governmental entities in need during natural and man-made disasters.

"I also asked the attorney general to pass on whether the STAR program was in contravention of the state's Emergency Management Plan and the Federal government's Emergency Management Plan," Morrow said. "We found that the Emergency Management Plan worked pretty well when we had that (1999) tornado" just south of Midland. "The emergency management system, the disaster relief, worked beautifully. The sheriff was involved," Morrow said. "I asked him to be involved."

DISTRICT ATTORNEY Randall "Randy" Reynolds of Pecos said that he had assisted in writing the original 1997 STAR agreement and was unaware of any new agreement.

In later reviewing the agreement, Reynolds said that he had recommended that the STAR members "might want to re-look at that" since the Texas interlocal-contract statute "may apply only to county judges and commissioners ... . I am going to withhold an opinion on it.

"When we started drafting that agreement, we weren't quite sure whether they (STAR people) were going to commit it to the county judges and commissioners or just sheriffs. And they ended up, I think, just having the sheriffs sign off."

Reynolds said that his "position is that sheriffs certainly have, maybe under the common law, other ways of doing things for many years — ability to assist other counties in times of need.

"Part of the (STAR) contract may be found to be not applicable to the statute. But part of it may be held OK," Reynolds said. "The Code of Criminal Procedure, I think ... says the sheriff can act or can call upon assistance in times of need. It's probably well-founded in our history for years and years and years where a sheriff can call on others for help." The attorney general's opinion on the legality of STAR "will be interesting."

LIKE PAINTER, McKinney said the STAR agreement "is not a contract. It's an agreement between the sheriffs that we are going to support each other." The sheriff in a STAR-affiliated county "is the only one who can call them (STAR members) for assistance.

"Law enforcement under any circumstances is not the Commissioners' Court's business as far as I know," McKinney said. "I've never seen where it was."

McKinney said that sheriff's departments in all Texas counties west of the Pecos River are members of STAR, except Pecos, El Paso and Hudspeth counties. Membership extends to Oklahoma, east of Dallas, and, though "not solid," south of San Antonio to the Texas Gulf Coast.

STAR, which has a complement of military-surplus equipment, such as armored personnel carriers (APCs) and trucks, "doesn't ever go to a county without the (resident) sheriff requesting it," McKinney said. "He tells you to come. Therefore, you don't really need any kind of an agreement. The only reason for the agreement has to do with training.

"If they outlaw the agreement, hell, we don't care," McKinney said. "It don't change anything."

Yearwood, the Ector County sheriff who said that he is unaware of a new STAR agreement, said that "all this machinery and guns surprised the hell out of me.

"I didn't know the STAR program had reached all the way out — way past the Permian Basin," Yearwood said. "How come we don't know who all the members are? I don't know today who the people are that are in the STAR program.

"I'm not knocking the program; it might very well be a good thing," Yearwood said. "But you've got to know who the hell belongs to this club. You don't start a football team or a baseball team and just have the pitcher and catcher and the first baseman.

"I don't like to be left out," Yearwood said. "I can take the heat if I know where the fire is coming from. But, damn it, if I don't know where the fire is coming from, I get awfully angry when somebody slaps me in the face with something, and I don't know a damn thing about it."

Yearwood said that he doesn't agree with the STAR policy that any liability in case of injury would be the responsibility of the officer's home county.

"They only thing basically the county commissioners can tell the sheriff is, 'You have the money for your budget,' or 'You don't have the money for your budget,'" Yearwood said, citing sheriffs' status as elected officeholders.

Terrell County Sheriff Y.E. "Chel" Duarte, who is chairman of STAR's board of directors, lauded the STAR program.

"From a police officer's point of view, you have to take some precautions," he said. "Being of limited resources ... we needed a group that was mobile, that was flexible, with agreements between counties that, if I needed help, they were able to mobilize and help me out."

STAR WAS CREATED in the wake of the 1997 Fort Davis standoff that pitted lawmen, directed by DPS, against the Republic of Texas separatist group.

Duarte noted that STAR responded to the 1998 Del Rio flood and that Terrell County Sheriff Dudley Harrison had opened up his ranch for STAR training. STAR exercises, including field maneuvers and survival training, also have been held in Brewster, Presidio and Reeves counties.

Duarte, 51, said that STAR founders in 1997 unanimously elected McKinney commander of the mutual-aid program.

"It was unanimous that Clayton run with the program," Duarte said. "Clayton has been the brain and backbone behind this thing. He's upfront; he's a straight-shooter. And he is dependable."

Sheriff Gomez of Reeves County said that STAR is "a heck of a good program. It's excellent. I think it is good for small counties like us. After what happened at Fort Davis, we kind of learned from that — pulling together, showing a little bit of force, helping each. We've got to depend on helping each other out."

Midland County Commissioner Louisa Valencia, who noted that STAR was "never approved by the (Commissioners') Court," said that she is concerned about the liability.

"We are liable for anything that happens when those guys go out of county. They are taking away from the county. They go out of county to do the training. What's happening to their positions when they are out of county?

"Who's doing their work in Midland?"

STAR agents are "playing soldiers in those camouflage uniforms." Mrs. Valencia said. "They've got real guns. They are being trained out of county. Gary (Painter) was elected to take care of Midland County, and that's it. He was elected to take care of the taxpayers of Midland County."

Painter, who said that he has never neglected his duty to Midland County, noted that "training is done to reduce the liability." He said that the Texas Governor's Criminal Justice Division last year had given STAR a $10,000 grant to offset training expenses.

IN THE UPCOMING March 14 Republican Party primary elections, Painter is opposed by two lawmen who are not in the STAR program: Mike Hall, a 53-year-old Sheriff's Office patrol sergeant on leave to campaign for sheriff, and Patrick Bostick, a 42-year-old district attorney's investigator and former deputy sheriff under Painter.

"It's empire-building is all I can say," Hall said of STAR. "I don't see any need in it." Should he be elected sheriff, Hall said, "We are not going to have a STAR program.

"We will assist any neighboring county. But I see no need to send our people 200 miles away without some mutual-aid legal agreement between the Commissioners' Courts."

"We are not going to spend our time and effort on military vehicles of any kind," said Hall, who first started working for Painter in the mid-1980s. "It's a duplication of service. We've got the DPS to call upon for assistance. In times of emergencies, if we need military-type vehicles and manpower, the county judge can call the governor directly. And the governor can order out the (Texas) National Guard." Through the state and federal Emergency Management systems "in place right now," Midland County can "take care of any natural disaster that requires a great amount of manpower."

Bostick said that he agrees with the STAR concept, "but ... you can't afford to send a lot of people out of county. I have been in contact with DPS — the SWAT team out of Austin — and they are the ones who went down to the Republic of Texas standoff in Fort Davis. They have the ability to send people, helicopters, airplanes.

"They have the personnel. And they are willing to go to other counties to train with the agencies. They have the manpower to do this, whereas all these other counties," such as Presidio, Midland, Ector, "just don't have the manpower to be in charge of something like this.

"The counties here (in West Texas) are small. We don't have the manpower to be in charge of something like this (STAR program)," Bostick said.

"Each county needs to worry about themselves," Bostick said. "I agree in helping other counties. I don't have a problem with that.

"We just need to worry about Midland County right now."

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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast

Today	Monday	Tuesday
Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
High 74	High 75	High 80
Low 39	Low 37	Low 45

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies and windy with a high in the mid-70s. A west wind will be from 20-30 mph and gusty.

Sunday night will be partly cloudy with the low in the upper 30s.

Monday will be partly cloudy with a high in the 70s. Monday night will be fair with a low in the 30s.

Tuesday will be partly cloudy with a high in the 70s.

Wednesday through Thursday will be partly cloudy with warm days and fair nights. Lows will be from the mid 30s to lower 40s. Highs will be from the mid 70s to around 80.

After an overnight low of 30, Saturday's high was 77, compared to the old record high for that date of 86, set in 1962. The record low of 13 was set in 1963.

Yesterday's precipitation		Yesterday's temperatures	
Rainfall Saturday	0.00 in.	High	77
Rainfall Friday	0.00 in.	Low	30
Total for month	trace	Normal high	61
Total for year	0.61 in.	Normal low	32
Normal total (year to date)	0.64 in.		

Sunrise ... 7:33 a.m. **Sunset** ... 6:33 p.m.

United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate Saturday's high and overnight low to 8 p.m. Eastern Time.

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Atlanta	70	56	.01	cdy
Atlantic City	31	25	cdy	
Austin	66	49	cdy	
Baltimore	32	30	cdy	
Baton Rouge	78	65	cdy	
Boston	32	21	cdy	
Casper	29	29	.14	sno
Cincinnati	42	29	m	
Cleveland	31	13	m	
Dallas-Ft Worth	62	40	clr	
Denver	38	17	cdy	
Fargo	17	0	.02	cdy
Flint	28	1	sno	
Green Bay	18	-18	sno	
Honolulu	79	67	clr	
Houston	77	60	cdy	
Indianapolis	41	25	m	
Jackson,Miss.	61	51	m	
Jacksonville	75	55	cdy	
Juneau	35	17	clr	
Kansas City	34	23	.02	sno
Las Vegas	61	53	.06	cdy
Lincoln	29	20	sno	
Little Rock	48	38	m	
Los Angeles	62	53	.62	m
Louisville	48	31	m	
Lubbock	70	20	clr	
Memphis	46	36	.13	m
Miami Beach	78	56	clr	
Milwaukee	30	11	sno	
Mpls-St Paul	20	5	.11	snw
Nashville	41	37	.55	m
New Orleans	81	61	cdy	
New York City	32	24	clr	
Oklahoma City	54	25	cdy	
Omaha	30	22	sno	
Orlando	79	49	cdy	
Philadelphia	32	25	cdy	
Phoenix	71	51	cdy	
Pittsburgh	34	18	cdy	
Richmond	36	36	.06	cdy
Sacramento	53	46	m	
Salem,Ore.	65	m	.69	m
Salt Lake City	42	41	.14	cdy
San Angelo	71	32	clr	
San Antonio	67	55	cdy	
San Diego	62	55	.27	cdy
San Francisco	56	47	1.21	m
Santa Fe	45	18	cdy	
Seattle	42	39	cdy	
Sioux City	34	20	sno	
Sioux Falls	29	19	sno	
South Bend	33	12	sno	
Spokane	34	29	.03	cdy
Syracuse	23	7	sno	
Tallahassee	80	51	cdy	
Toledo	28	13	m	
Topeka	35	25	cdy	
Tucson	70	42	cdy	
Tulsa	48	31	cdy	
Tupelo	48	42	.68	m
Waco	59	37	clr	
Washington,D.C.	33	33	cdy	
W.Palm Beach	78	68	clr	
Wichita	43	30	cdy	

STRATEGY: Debate to be held Thursday

(From 1A)

An ad released Feb. 8 quoted a newspaper article, saying, "McCain's campaign is crawling with lobbyists."

McCain's reply compared Bush to President Clinton — the ultimate insult in a GOP primary — by saying the Texan "twists the truth like Clinton."

They were just as petty on the stump. McCain dismissed Bush as an "unwitting pawn" of special interests. Bush sniffed that McCain "says one thing and does another."

Voters said they were turned off.

"I don't know who started it, but I've had enough of both of them," said Betsy Reasonover of Camden, a Democrat who said she had considered voting for McCain until last week.

The reaction worried McCain's campaign, because he needs a large turnout of independents, Democrats and Republican voters to overcome Bush's advantage with GOP activists. Negative campaigning tends to keep the less politically active voters at home.

"It turns off marginal voters who say, 'A plague on both your houses,'" said Woodard. "I know the finger-pointing is going on about who started it, but it doesn't matter. If you're the McCain campaign, you're worried no matter who gets the blame."

That was one reason why McCain and his advisers decided to pull their negative ads Friday and pledge to run a clean campaign henceforth. They also were worried, aides said, that the spiral of attacks had muted McCain's message of reform and political integrity.

"People really liked the John McCain before New Hampshire. Now they're thinking, 'Wow, the world really changed. What should I do?'" said Bill McInturff, McCain's pollster.

"They're struggling with who the guy is with all this negative stuff. I'm hearing (voters) are trying to sort through it and there's a lot to sort through," the pollster said.

McCain hopes to help them sift through the negative noise with a new ad the reintroduces the themes that were so popular in New Hampshire:

- He stood up to "communist captors" in a Vietnam prisoner of war camp
- He made a career of "attacking the special interests" in Washington.
- Those special interests are "coming after him" in South Carolina.

"John McCain. Character. Courage. For President," the ad says.

McCain hopes to stick to that script on the campaign trail and in a high-stakes debate Tuesday. "I think we'll try to keep from being drawn into the negative response stuff quite as much," spokesman Howard Opinsky said.

Not easing up, Bush released a new ad Friday that seeks to make McCain pay a political price for comparing him to Clinton. "Politics is tough, but when John McCain compared me to Bill Clinton and said I was untrustworthy, that's over the line," Bush says, before reciting his efforts to reform education, health care, the welfare system and the tax code in Texas.

Bush's advisers were working on a new ad sharply critical of McCain, and campaign manager Joe Allbaugh promised supporters Thursday in a private conference call that the Texan soon would attack McCain's record in the Senate.

But the senator's abrupt change of strategy will force Bush advisers in Austin to take another look at the tenor of their criticisms. Bush could be in a box: He needs to chip away at McCain's reformist aura without antagonizing voters.

In California, Bush is launching his ad campaign with the positive "reformer with results" spot, a seven-figure buy running for the next couple weeks in large media markets such as Los Angeles and in heavily Republican areas, including Bakersfield and San Diego. The McCain campaign has said it will spend less than the $12.5 million allowed by state law and expects to be outspent 2-to-1 by Bush.

Bush's advisers are beginning to think they have, as Allbaugh put it, "stopped the hemorrhaging" after New Hampshire. Two public polls and surveys conducted by both campaigns put the race at a virtual dead heat in South Carolina.

Exit polls from the Feb. 8 primary in Delaware, where McCain did not compete, indicated a slowing of his momentum: Most voters who made up their minds immediately after New Hampshire supported the senator, but Bush was favored by those who waited until the last day or two to decide.

With South Carolina voters getting a long look at both candidates, McCain realized that he must return to his old message to fuel his momentum.

His pollster McInturff explained: "That's what we want this campaign to be about — John McCain and what he stands for."

Pick 3 Texas

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

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Lotto Texas

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

3-10-17-36-37-48

One ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $4 million.

The ticket was sold in Brenham.

CROSSINGS: Site where four were killed has been equipped with cross-arms

(From 1A)

between Fairgrounds Road on Midland's eastern boundary to Loop 250 on the western edge of town are equipped with the cross-arms and the other warning devices.

Walker, the 61-year-old owner of a refrigeration and air-conditioning business, was fatally injured on Jan. 27 at the G Street crossing when his business van was struck by a 61-car, eastbound Union Pacific Railroad freight train heading from California to Dallas.

Twenty-eight years earlier, the two Girl Scouts, Laura Van Pelt, 16, and Rebecca Brown, 15, Rebecca's sister, Valerie Brown, 17, and Midland College student James Albert McHargue, 22, were killed when their 1971 sedan apparently stalled on the railroad track and was hit by an eastbound, 65-car Texas & Pacific Railway freight train.

The two Girl Scouts were in the backseat of the car, which apparently was being driven by Valerie Brown, according to a 1972 newspaper account of the wreck. McHargue also was in the front seat.

"You never get over losing your kid," lamented Lester Van Pelt, Laura's father, who said that 28 years later, the sound of the train whistle still brings dread and pain to his heart.

The westside crossing where the four young people were killed in 1972 has since been equipped with the lighted cross-arms gate. The accident was near the junction of Bankhead Highway and U.S. Highway 80 at the north-south Warehouse Road.

Burns said that the Midland City Council is "going to be very receptive to a discussion about providing additional protection at these railroad crossings unprotected by cross-arms.

"We've seen just a big problem recently on the loss of lives (in the city and county)," Burns said. "It is very difficult to accept. I believe the council is going to take a look at it and see what they can do. We've already instructed our traffic director (Saunders) to look into it. We'll take a serious look at it and see what we can do."

Van Pelt said that "all (railroad) crossings in Midland should be taken care of. A lot of people try to beat it (the train) when they hear it, but with the cross-arms" blocking their path across the track, "it's their own fault if they go around those (cross-arms). You can't blame the railroad."

Billy Williams, the 43-year-old son-in-law of Walker, said that Walker probably would have survived if "there had been cross-arms there (at G Street), because he slowed down, came to a stop, according to the police report, and, for whatever reason, started going forward."

Since the mid-1960s, Walker had crossed the railroad tracks "a million times, probably, because he crossed there everyday" in the course of his work, Williams said. "It was overcast (on morning of the fatality)," Williams said. "It was early (at dawn). It was kind of drizzly that morning. He probably just didn't see it" — the oncoming train or the flashing red lights.

"He would have hit it (the cross-arms) had there been an arm down," Williams said. "That would have stopped him. I don't think there's any question; cross-arms would have stopped him."

Williams said that he and his family "obviously are in favor of it" — cross-arms at the crossings. "Cross-arms would be safer. I think it is a very good idea."

But getting them at crossings may be problematic and costly.

The standard black-and-white crossbucks "X" lettered with "Railroad Crossing" is installed by the railroads and is the "minimum that is required by the Federal Highway Administration (FHA)," according to Tom Beeman, who is head of TxDOT's Railroad Section in Austin.

"The standard crossbucks without the lights means the same thing to a driver, regulatory-wise, as the yield sign as you enter the highway off the ramp," Beeman said. "A driver is required to yield the right-of-way to the train." Flashing lights or the gates enforce the message.

Beyond the crossbucks, the flashing lights on stanchions and the lighted cross-arms, while installed by the railroad, are funded either by the FHA and state funds or by local governments, such as the city or county, if they are willing to fund the costs and to get the railroad to install the warning devices, Beeman said.

Cross-arm costs, depending on the complexity, could run from $125,000 up to $500,000 per crossing, Beeman said.

TxDOT has a priority rating for upgrading crossings, he said, and those include speed of the train, the frequency of train and vehicle traffic, warning devices, whether school buses use the crossings, and the number of crashes involving trains and vehicles at any one crossing.

"We look at the crash history," which "increases the priority index," Beeman said. However, "One crash is the same as having zero."

Once TxDOT has selected the crossings for upgrading, that state agency gets with "the local community and the railroad" for design.

The railroad installs the devices, TxDOT reimburses the railroad, and "the railroads have to maintain it forever after," Beeman said.

However, if a local government, city or county, "feels there is a need (for the cross-arms) and they need to do it and they want to put the money up, then the railroad would probably get into an agreement with them to put them up."

City or county officials "could go straight to the railroad" and bypass TxDOT "if they think they need to have them (cross-arms)," Beeman said. "They could ask for the railroad to do it. And the railroad is not going to do it most likely until they are paid for it by the government. Normally, the railroad would agree to maintain those in the future. They (railroad officials) may even work with the city to give them a better rate."

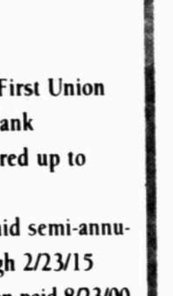
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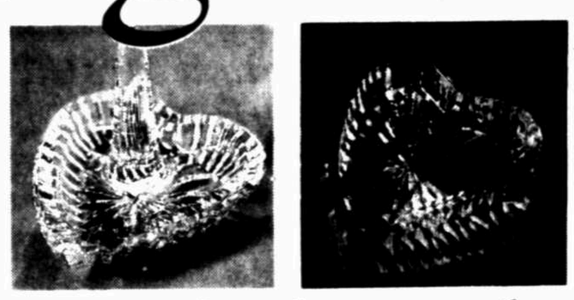
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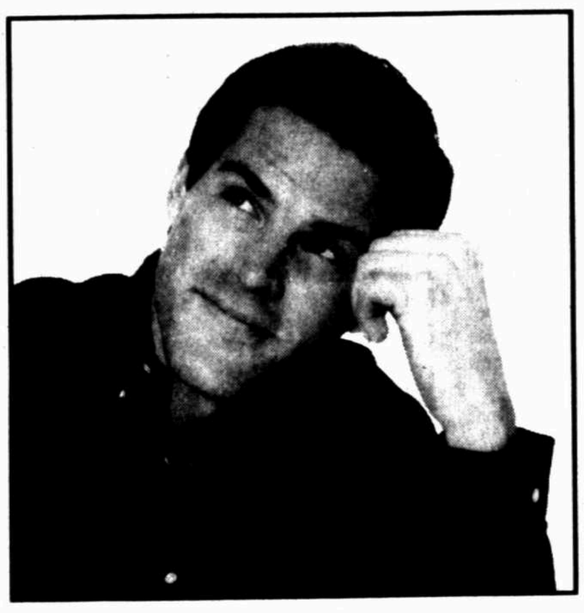
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Cubans want Elian returned; many tire of hearing about it

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HAVANA (AP) — It's hard to find anyone on the streets of Havana who doesn't think Elian Gonzalez should be returned to his father in Cuba.

But once they get past the party line, Cubans can be surprisingly frank about what they think of the international custody battle over the 6-year-old boy.

Some say they think Cuban President Fidel Castro is using the case for political ends. Others say they're just plain sick of hearing about Elian.

"It's the same thing all the time. It gets tiring," said Carlos Ortiz, a young man who asked to end the interview when he noticed a policeman staring at him.

Although opinion polls don't exist here, there's no doubt that most Cubans believe the little boy rescued at sea and now living with a great uncle in Miami should be returned to his father.

Interviewed in bars and in restaurants, on street corners and in food markets, Cubans said failure to return Elian would amount to breaking up a family and keeping a father from the son he loves.

"This is not a political problem. It's a human problem," said 25-year-old accountant Maryanis Romero.

But it's also clear that a certain amount of Elian fatigue has set in. The island's communist government has turned the case into a major national crusade, staging daily public rallies, bombarding the airwaves with news about the boy's "kidnapping," and plastering the walls of major cities with "Save Elian" posters.

Almost every evening, Castro himself joins Elian's father and grandparents in elaborate demonstrations for the boy's return accompanied by choir and dance performances and speeches extolling Cuba's communist revolution.

Elian was found clinging to an inner tube in the Atlantic on Nov. 25 after the boat he was riding in sank. His mother and 10 other people on the boat died in an attempt to reach U.S. shores.

Elian's U.S. relatives believe the boy should not be returned, saying his mother died trying to bring him to freedom. Cuba says keeping him in the United States is a violation of international law.

Juan Carmen Vasquez, said she thinks Castro is capitalizing on the Elian case to stir up revolutionary fervor and divert attention away from the country's economic ills.

A man, Jorge Vasquez, recalled with amusement a rumor now making its way through Havana that a television announcer was fired after forgetting to turn off his microphone and saying on the air that he was sick of reading news about Elian.

"He was just saying what a lot of us think," Jorge said. State-run television employees said the incident never occurred.

Another man, Eugenio Izquierdo, said he believed Elian's father and grandparents, now celebrities in Cuba, were receiving economic favors from the government, and that those privileges could end once Elian is returned.

Alexander Rodriguez, 24, said he doesn't understand why Elian's father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, hasn't traveled to Miami to pick up his son personally.

"I would go to the bowels of the earth to get my son," he said.

Rodriguez's friend, Keyner Piedra, disagreed.

"If they kidnapped his son, they could kidnap him, too," he insisted.

At that, Izquierdo said the government was wrong to call Elian's situation a "kidnapping."

"The boy was not kidnapped. He was rescued," he said, adding that he knows what it's like to cross the Florida Straits in a makeshift boat because he tried and failed to do it himself in 1979.

Despite such skepticism, many Cubans say they are deeply moved by Elian's story, and consider the fact that he remains in the United States to be an affront to their national pride.

EU's response gives far-right leader a boost

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — International measures to punish Austria for handing power to a far-right party may have backfired, giving an unwitting boost to the party's leader and threatening the European Union's ability to conduct business as usual.

Instead of weakening Freedom Party leader Joerg Haider, who holds no official government post, the furor has undermined support for the country's moderate chancellor, Wolfgang Schuessel, whose presence at the top offers a counterbalance to the right-wing party.

Surveys show Schuessel's popularity with the Austrian electorate has suffered more than Haider's. As the head of government, Schuessel will likely take the flack when the new administration tries to push through budget-cutting measures including cutbacks in the civil service and increases in the retirement age.

The new coalition led by Haider, governor of Carinthia province, and Schuessel, head of the moderate Austrian People's Party, took office Feb. 4. Since then, the 14 other EU members suspended high-level diplomatic contacts with Vienna to show their revulsion over Haider's Freedom Pärty.

The outrage stemmed from Haider's opposition to immigration and rapid EU expansion, as well as previous statements praising Waffen SS veterans and lauding Adolf Hitler's "orderly" employment program.

Many Austrians, including those who oppose the Freedom Party, do not consider Haider a neo-Nazi. Instead, his critics dismiss him a brash opportunist and rabble-rouser.

His supporters say his only crime has been to challenge the clubby Austrian political establishment, which they say is more anxious to reach out to Eastern Europe's former communist countries than to address the concerns of ordinary Austrians fearful of losing jobs in a world of economic globalization and EU expansion.

Many Austrians, therefore, consider the international reaction to be exaggerated. According to a survey of 500 Austrians published Saturday in the newspaper Die Presse, 73 percent oppose diplomatic measures against their country.

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Questions dog Bush on willingness to endure rigors of campaigning

By R.G. Ratcliffe
Hearst News Service

When former Republican presidential candidate Gary Bauer was waiting to be the first speaker at a Lincoln Day Dinner in New Hampshire, an aide to George W. Bush approached him and said: "Can Gov. Bush speak first? He's tired."

Bauer refused to yield. "I'm tired, too," he recalled saying.

Bush, 53, sets aside two hours a day to exercise. But in the wake of his upset loss to John McCain in New Hampshire there is a nagging question about whether Bush has the necessary fire in the belly to run for president.

For Bush, the fire-in-the-belly question involves his desire to run, his willingness to endure the grueling rigors of campaigning — including ceaseless attention from the global press corps — and whether he has the personal fortitude to turn things around in the face of his first political trouble in 21 years.

In the days before his New Hampshire loss, Bush repeatedly complained about being tired and homesick. He admitted he even carried his pillow from home to guarantee a good night's sleep.

The weekend after New Hampshire, Bush went home to rest in Austin rather than attend the California Republican convention — where McCain gave a well-received luncheon speech — leaving many there believing that Bush took the state for granted.

Bush won the next primary, in Delaware on Tuesday, but McCain got a quarter of the vote without campaigning.

Bush attributed McCain's New Hampshire win in part to the number of days he spent campaigning there.

Now, with South Carolina's primary approaching Saturday, Bush is resting Feb. 13, in Austin. McCain, who is 10 years Bush's senior, is holding a Seneca, S.C., picnic before traveling to Atlanta to promote his war-hero autobiography.

"The people of South Carolina will understand that someone wants to go home to go to their own church and to be with their teen-age daughters for one day, on Sunday," said Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes.

"We've got a completely full schedule," Hughes said. "We're doing as much as possible to interact with individual voters, to talk with them one on one, answer their questions, talk about the issues, to do all kinds of South Carolina media, to continue to be as accessible to the national media as we have been."

Hughes said anyone who believes Bush is taking the race for granted has "underestimated his desire."

Bush has found himself reassuring supporters about these questions.

"I go to a meeting this morning, I walk in and could look in their eyes and they were wondering if the man has it," Bush told a Grand Rapids, Mich., Republican gathering. "I looked right back at them in a private meeting and said, 'Don't worry about me. I've dusted the snow off of my suit. I'm ready to fight.'"

But at the same time, "I miss my family, miss our girls, miss the cats — they don't miss me," a homesick Bush lamented to an Iowa State University audience last month. "I miss the dog. She does miss me."

After a series of verbal missteps, Bush said it was fine for the media to poke fun at his verbal gaffes — "just put in there he's real tired."

University of Virginia political scientist Larry Sabato said Bush's fatigue and apparent lack of enthusiasm has not sunk in with the general voting population. But Sabato said Bush is sending a bad signal.

"If he's homesick, maybe he shouldn't be president," Sabato said. "Presidents are gone almost every day."

Sabato said there is little doubt that Bush could perform as president.

"But it does create the question of whether there is fire in the belly," Sabato said. "Between Bush and McCain, McCain's fire is hot enough to melt steel. I'm not sure Bush's is hot enough to melt butter."

Despite the candidate's struggle with fatigue, Bush's campaign has tried to portray him as a man of vigor.

Photographers often have been allowed shots of him in his daily workout or run. In New Hampshire, he held photo opportunities while snowmobiling or sledding. Last year, his doctor released a physical report that said Bush's fitness was in the top 1 percent of his age group.

Bush's New Hampshire chairman, Sen. Judd Gregg, was featured in a television commercial telling voters that Bush "reflects Reagan's optimism and Teddy Roosevelt's energy."

Roosevelt — declaring that anyone who is "sober, washed and free of bodily advertising" should get to shake the president's hand — on New Year's Day 1907 pressed 8,150 palms at the White House.

The handshake has been an integral part of Bush's campaign for president. Bush remains after almost every speaking event to shake hands with voters, sometimes for almost two hours.

For whatever good may have come from Bush's hand-shaking, it was McCain's open, ask-any-question town hall meetings that captured voters' imaginations.

Bush's campaign at first said that voters asked the governor questions while he shook their hands. But in the wake of New Hampshire, Bush's staff started a daily count of how many people mentioned issues to Bush while shaking his hand.

Bush quickly dropped that, and on returning to South Carolina last week Bush had adopted the McCain-style town hall meeting format, called "One on One with Gov. Bush."

But McCain still maintained a more vigorous public schedule than Bush. On Saturday, McCain had scheduled door-to-door campaigning and three town hall meetings. Bust had set two morning town hall meetings before flying to Austin in the early afternoon.

Part of Bush's challenge is to overcome the image that his campaign created when they positioned him as the front-runner.

Bush had a groundswell of support from the GOP establishment nationwide and raised a record amount of money, $68 million. He had an aura of invincibility, an aura that vanished with McCain's upset victory.

"There's still a lot of support for him, but now the question is asked and the issue now is can he rise to the challenge," said Bennett, who has campaigned with McCain. "Now, we will see what is in him, what is truly in him."

Revealing "what is truly in him" is not only Bush's job, but the self-assigned role of the national and international media, who have trailed Bush endlessly since he began officially campaigning last June.

Bush seems weary of the media attention as well.

While Bush has a "media availability" every day, his access to the press is tightly controlled. By contrast, McCain will speak to reporters at length every day, answering whatever questions are pitched to him.

Because of his father's presidential campaigns, Bush and his aides were wary of the national news media. Shortly after the former president left office, he declared that he didn't miss Washington or politics: "I damn sure don't miss the press."

Part of Bush's different approach to the media has been his campaign's effort to keep the front-runner on message, mistake free. As the underdog, McCain was at liberty to swing away with little to lose.

"When you run against George Bush, he is going to have one message," former Gov. Ann Richards said last year. "He is going to say that message until the world gags and everybody else is going to be able to say it back."

For Bush now, the question is does the man have what it takes to keep going at this pace through the mid-summer conventions on into November?

"It can't be just adrenaline cause you can't keep adrenaline going," said McCain, still perky as he headed into his 12th hour of campaigning aboard the "Straight Talk" express last week in South Carolina. "It's a sense of excitement. It's a sense that you're in something miraculous."

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Citizen input key to solving boundary issue

Any way you look at it, the Midland Independent School District administration and board of trustees have been caught in a difficult, unenviable position.

They have been caught between the U.S. Justice Department and what quite literally has become an angry mob of parents.

Many would argue that the board and administration deserve the mess they have found themselves in.

But no matter how much we blame, how much we shout or how many fingers we point, it won't solve the problem.

And the goal for everyone in this community remains the same — we want the best possible education for each and every child.

Earlier this year, the school board drew up a set of boundary lines that its members evidently believed would satisfy the federal government and, at the same time, bring our community the thing for which it has been longing for so many years — neighborhood schools.

Unfortunately, the school board chose to draw up its boundary map in secret, without much input from the public it serves.

The Reporter-Telegram on Jan. 23, against the wishes of the school administration, published a copy of the proposed boundary map.

The publication of that map sparked numerous discussions among parents and culminated in a raucous meeting with the school board this past week.

Suddenly, white families understood the trauma and anguish minority families had shouldered for the past couple of decades.

The minority plaintiff intervenors in the longstanding legal battle gained new allies and a sympathetic audience — mothers and fathers on the west side of town.

At this very difficult stage of the game, it's easy to second-guess the school board and administration. We wish they would have been open. We wish they would have been proactive. We wish they would have tried to enhance and foster communication with the public, rather than try to obstruct the flow of information.

However, it's time to look forward and try to remedy the situation.

And now MISD officials are taking a step in the right direction.

On Friday, the MISD School Board agreed that it should hold open meetings with the plaintiff intervenors in an attempt to solve the boundary map issue. The fact that the meetings will be held out in the open means that every Midlander, regardless of race, will be able to hear what is being discussed.

We encourage everyone in this community who has an interest in this matter to be present at these upcoming meetings.

This is a major challenge for our community. The burden of arriving at an agreeable solution is too great for a handful of elected men and women. Bear in mind that our school board is made up of ordinary citizens, not seven Solomons.

And no matter how difficult and heated this battle may become, we must all try to keep our wits about us, our tempers in check and remember that our goal is the same: We want the best possible education for each and every child.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Feb. 13, the 44th day of 2000. There are 322 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On Feb. 13, 1935, a jury in Flemington, N.J. found Bruno Richard Hauptmann guilty of first-degree murder in the kidnap-death of the infant son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh. Hauptmann was later executed.

On this date:

In 1542, the fifth wife of England's King Henry VIII, Catherine Howard, was executed for adultery.

In 1914, the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, known as ASCAP, was founded in New York.

In 1920, the League of Nations recognized the perpetual neutrality of Switzerland.

In 1945, during World War II, the Soviets captured Budapest, Hungary, from the Germans.

In 1945, Allied planes began bombing the German city of Dresden.

In 1960, France exploded its first atomic bomb.

In 1980, opening ceremonies were held in Lake Placid, N.Y., for the 13th Winter Olympics.

In 1984, Konstantin Chernenko was chosen to be general secretary of the Soviet Communist Party's Central Committee, succeeding the late Yuri Andropov.

JACK ANDERSON & DOUGLAS COHN

China's generational unrest is unavoidable

WASHINGTON — In 1900 the lid came off in China. It had happened before. It happened again.

China's geography and Chinese patience have historically combined to give the population a sense of insulation from the central government.



Anderson

"Heaven is high, and the emperor is far away," their saying goes.

So Chinese leaders have traditionally watched as troubles boiled. They even occasionally removed the "lid" to let the human frustrations boil over. But the "lid" has always returned, usually with great brutality.

The Boxer Rebellion is of interest primarily because the United States and other industrialized nations were involved. The Boxers were a radical element opposing foreign control of trade and foreign interference with the internal affairs of China. This led to their denunciation of foreigners in general. Bloodshed resulted.

The Empress Dowager Tz'u Hsi, old and isolated in Peking's (Beijing's) Forbidden City, secretly sympathized with their cause. The army did not.

The number of atrocities began to mount as the empress allowed her discontented subjects to vent their anger. But as complaints from foreign ministries also mounted, she was compelled to act. With impartial ruthlessness, she ordered the execution of a number of Boxers, thus easing relations with foreigners and the army alike.

Of course, these were sacrifices, not executions. The Boxers understood, and the attacks against foreigners continued.

The situation finally boiled over when Germany's minister was assassinated. A siege of the foreign legations ensued, and the empress ordered the Imperial Chinese Army to support the Boxers. A multi-national army eventually came to the rescue.

What is of note in this analogy with China's 1989 crackdown in Tiananmen Square is the manner in which decisions were made and disturbances handled.

First, the army often acts as a major force in its own right, not simply as a tool of the political leaders. It must be dealt with, and it can assert a restraining influence because, in any fighting, it would take the casualties.

Second, the people -- who have ranged from xenophobic Boxers to pro-democracy students -- seem, every generation or so, to coalesce around an idea that best expresses their frustrations. And in China those frustrations are severe, exacerbated by the harshness with which the preceding generations' hopes were crushed.

Finally, the leaders, understanding the reticence of the army and the frustrations of the people, generally let the people stew and boil and even boil over. Such patience allows the people to let off steam -- expend their resources and energy -- and at the same time, it energizes the army to prepare for meeting any threat to stability.

Ultimately, however, official patience gives way to retaliation and repression -- vengeful, brutal and unrestrained. Another generation is held in check. Another generation learns its brutal lesson.

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COKIE & STEVEN V. ROBERTS

McCain injects uncertainty into campaign

Big Bad John. Hurricane McCain. Everybody's afraid of him. The Republicans, the Democrats, the fatcats, even his dog. He's got a temper, you know.



Roberts

Politicians hate uncertainty, and they didn't count on The Hurricane. Assumptions that seemed sturdy before New Hampshire have been blown away. The rules are in ruins.

The panic in Republican ranks is tangible. So many insiders placed such big bets on George W. Bush that they are still in shock. Even if Bush survives and wins the nomination, McCain has exposed the governor's soft spots and practically written the text for Democratic attacks in the fall: favors the wealthy, fails as a leader, etc.

But Democrats are almost as fearful. They've been planning all along to run against Bush and relishing it. Now Hurricane McCain is swamping their calculations, and in the latest CNN poll, the Arizona senator runs better against the Democrats than the Texas governor does. "Our guys are clearly worried," says one Democratic insider. "Just when they thought Gore had righted himself they have McCain to worry about."

A female Democrat with close ties to Al Gore confesses: "I have a political crush on McCain. I just finished reading his book and it's fascinating. There's some real life drama there. And besides, I think the guy's sort of cute."

That comment reveals why McCain is so tough to rough up. His campaign is based more on the man than the message, more on his life than his ideas. What's Bush (or the Democratic nominee) going to say, McCain really didn't spend all that time in prison? He really isn't that candid, charming guy you see on TV?

McCain still has a lot to prove. Remember Paul Tsongas, Gary Hart and Pat Buchanan -- they all ripped through New Hampshire and then blew out to sea.

"It's only one win," said a Democratic strategist. "We don't really know McCain's political acumen or campaign skills yet."

More to the point, McCain's honeymoon won't last. He does have a megaphone to speak to the country. But along with the megaphone comes the microscope.

The jokes and jibes that have amused reporters in the back of his campaign bus will now be dissected in detail. And voters will learn that the Hurricane can blow hot and cold, sanctimonious as well as sunny, angry as well as appealing.

Still, McCain is frightening his foes because he's mastered the political version of jujitsu, a martial art where an opponent's weight is turned against him. Look what happened in New York.

Bush and his ally Gov. George Pataki repeatedly insisted that McCain should be kept off the ballot in a dozen congressional districts because he'd failed to fulfill conditions established by party barons. McCain turned his problem into a prize, a badge of honor. He's probably sorry Bush and Pataki folded so fast.

Then someone in the Bush camp had the brilliant idea of attacking McCain on his record toward veterans. What were those guys thinking? Let's give The Hurricane another chance to remind voters that while he was wasting away in a North Vietnamese prison, George W. was downing a few brews with his buddies at the Deke house?

Bush's latest tack is to deride McCain for being the chairman of a Senate committee. This proves, Bush says, that McCain is really an insider and a seedy one at that, because he takes contributions from lobbyists. But Bush also brags that 35 GOP Senators have backed him, a sure sign of his leadership qualities. How can the governor gouge McCain for being a member of the Senate club, and then boast that the very same club is in his corner?

Democrats are concerned that McCain could bamboozle them in the same way. They were all primed for pummeling Bush as "a lightweight who's not up to the job," said one Gore adviser. "But McCain has none of that baggage."

Speaking of baggage, McCain is in a good position to exploit the burden all Democrats have to carry, Bill Clinton's "truth-twisting" tendencies, as the senator puts it. Concedes one Democratic strategist: "McCain's message, that he speaks the truth regardless of the consequences, is very salient, frankly."

Moreover, McCain has already threatened to beat Al Gore "like a drum" on the subject of campaign fund-raising abuses. "There's going to be blood all over the place," he boasts, and he means it. That's why folks are afraid of The Hurricane.

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GEORGE F. WILL

Bush vs. McCain all comes down to campaign finance

WASHINGTON — Ten days ago George W. Bush's presidential campaign went to earth in Austin to lick its wounds, many of them self-inflicted. Then the candidate, his dog fed and himself refreshed, came out swinging and landed a molar-rattling uppercut on his own jaw.



Will

John McCain stresses his character, and his passion for campaign finance reform is supposed to serve as a token of good character. McCain wants to reform campaigns by expanding government control of political speech, imposing additional regulations on citizens' contributions and candidates' and independent groups' expenditures. So last week Bush charged that McCain's behavior in financing his own campaign is hypocritical. Bush said: "He's raised more money than anybody in the campaign from lobbyists and insiders. I guess that's what happens in Washington, where you say one thing and do another."

The $69 million Bush campaign should dip into petty cash and hire a fact checker. Furthermore, it should arrange tutorials for Bush concerning campaign financing, which is really about freedom of political speech.

In 1990 and 1991 he voted with just four other Republicans (and with 54 Democrats in 1990 and 51 Democrats in 1991) for public funding in the form of "communications vouchers" equal to 20 percent of the proposed general election spending limit, and for tax dollars for candidates to counter independent expenditures. In 1992 McCain and two other Republicans voted with 55 Democrats for a similar bill, and with 54 Democrats in an unsuccessful attempt to override President Bush's veto of that legislation. In 1993 McCain voted for taxpayer payments to candidates to counter independent expenditures or to counter spending by opponents who would choose to exercise their First Amendment rights and not comply with the "voluntary" spending limits. He also voted to require any broadcast paid for by a "communications voucher" to contain this sentence: "The preceding political advertisement was paid for with taxpayer funds."

McCain consistently misrepresents not only his position, but current law. Herewith four examples.

In December on "Nightline," a New Hampshire resident asked McCain how he could justify his proposal "to make it illegal for citizens' groups other than a political action committee to even mention the name of a member of Congress two whole months before any election, general or primary." McCain dismissed this as "a very clever misrepresentation of my position." But that is exactly what the McCain-Feingold bill introduced in the last Congress would have done, and McCain has never disavowed that as an ultimate objective.

Second, McCain says his only target is "uncontrolled money, the soft money." However, (BEG ITAL)every(END ITAL) version of McCain-Feingold would outlaw the political parties' soft money, which is the (BEG ITAL)only(END ITAL) soft money controlled and accountable under Federal Election Commission regulations. (Soft money is money that cannot be given to or spent by a federal candidate for a specific campaign.)

McCain promises not to accept soft money if he is nominated. However, the meaning of this piety is unclear. It is illegal for soft money to be spent in connection with any federal election, meaning "expressly advocating the election or defeat of a clearly identified federal candidate." Furthermore, the law presumes that 65 percent of expenditures by the parties' national committees are in connection with federal elections, and therefore cannot by law and existing regulations be the soft dollars that McCain says he would not accept.

A reasonable surmise is that McCain does not understand his campaign's central issue, and neither does Bush.

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Envirocare committed to community ties

Envirocare of Texas has been the focus of much discussion and media attention in this area during the past year. This is because we have filed applications for permits to build an above-ground, long-term storage facility in Ward County and a waste treatment and processing facility in Andrews County. We at Envirocare are dedicated to keeping the community informed of the status of these applications and to explain the types of facilities we plan to build in Ward and Andrews counties.

We recognize that the licensing process is lengthy and contentious. But we are confident that the Permian Basin has suitable geological and hydrological characteristics for our proposed facility.

Geological and hydrological stability as well as community support are important factors when considering where a low-level radioactive waste site should be located. We filed an application for an above-ground, long-term storage facility in Ward County because the geology and hydrology are excellent for this type of facility. Additionally, Andrews has consistently demonstrated the most active overall community support for waste disposal projects. The positive community response in Andrews was a key factor in our decision to apply for a waste treatment and processing facility in that county.

In April 1998, Envirocare of Texas offered Andrews County a mitigation fee equaling 5 percent of yearly gross revenues from the facility's operation in that county. In November 1999, we made the same offer to Ward County. We pride ourselves in making such offers to the region. They will only enhance the already positive effect our facilities will have on these communities. Several years ago, our parent company, Envirocare of Utah, made the same offer to Tooele County, Utah with an initial payment of $330,000 in our first year of operation in that county. Last year, in addition to employing over 350 Tooele County residents at our facility, our company paid $4.4 million in mitigation fees to the county.

Envirocare of Texas remains committed to an open and honest relationship with the people of the Permian Basin region. We are confident that the majority of area residents are keeping an open mind to our proposed projects and we look forward to working with the residents of the Permian Basin region.

Lawrence R. Jacobi
VP, General Counsel
Envirocare of Texas, Inc.

Women voters invite Midlanders to forum

The League of Women Voters of Midland and the Reporter-Telegram are sponsoring candidate forums for both the Democratic and Republican primaries. The Democrats will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Democrat Headquarters, 500 E. Illinois. The Republican forum will be held Feb. 24 at Midland College in the Wagner and Brown Auditorium of the Allison Fine Arts Center. This will also be at 7 p.m.

We hope the citizens of Midland will attend the forum of their choice or both if they wish. This is an opportunity to meet the candidates and hear their views on the important issues facing our community. There are a number of contested races and we need to make our choices based on the facts and issues. The League of Women Voters is dedicated to the principle of informed and active participation of citizens in government. As always, we are a nonpartisan organization, neither supporting nor opposing any candidate or political party. The league and the Reporter-Telegram want to see increased voter turnout and concern with the political process.

In the same spirit, the league and the Reporter-Telegram will publish the nonpartisan voters Guide on Monday, Feb. 28, the day early voting begins. This will include a State Voter's Guide and the local guide for both parties' primaries. Please watch for this and read it! On the web you may check it out www.lwv.org.

Pat Stanley, president
League of Women Voters

Decision to abort not up to 'immoral' parents

Planned Parenthood mouthpiece Carla Holeva stated in the Jan. 22 Reporter-Telegram that "We need to look at why we are having abortions." We have abortions because the vast majority of males and females believe they have a "right" to have the morals of a stray dog; that is, they can have sexual intercourse with whomever they want and have no corresponding responsibility. Rights always carry responsibilities.

Holeva also stated that "abortion is a personal and private decision that is between a woman, her doctor and God." The only "personal and private decision" is whether to have sexual relations — after the sexual act, all the decision-making is left up to God. Because Holeva apparently believes in this decision-making God, it was He who laid down the natural law before the existence of any organized (or disorganized) religions. The natural law states that life begins at conception, because that single, definitive event begins a process that, left uninterrupted, will result in birth. Life certainly does not begin at birth, because there is no definitive instant common to all pregnancies at which the fetus can live outside the womb.

There is no difference between the liberal's partial birth abortion, the conservative's second trimester abortion, the contraception "Christian" who kills using contraceptive abortifacients or prevents life using other contraceptives and the NPFing (un-Natural Family un-Planning) "Catholic" who also prevents life. Whether one dislodges the fertilized egg or implants scissors into the skull as the child is born, the result is the same. We wouldn't have "legalized" abortion today if the pre-1930 "Christian" Protestant churches hadn't caved into Margaret Sanger's ethnic cleansing agenda. Before 1930, no church allowed birth control, but one by one they all rationalized it, and now even the Catholic Church gives only lip service to condemning birth control. When conception is left unprotected the sanctity of life at any age is endangered.

No doubt Holeva would have advised the syphilitic mother of three deaf, two blind and one mentally retarded child to abort her eighth; had she done so, the world would have never known the music of Beethoven.

Michael Banschbach



Our policy on letters

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

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Readers' views on the additional cost of the new sports complex

Generous Midlanders resent cost deceit

It is most obvious that my concern about the cost exposé of the proposed sports complex has been joined by many of our citizens. It is particularly distressing to learn that not only was the voting public kept in the dark about these additional costs, but for one reason or another, even some members of the Midland City Council were not fully informed and are as surprised as most of us.

While not enamored with the project (especially without a track), I did support it as presented. I felt that Midland citizens, one way or another, were going to be on the hook for $35 million. Regardless of the claims of those proponents of the complex as to how easy it would be to pay for, we ultimately would be responsible for any default. We are now finding that our potential liability is not just for $35 million but for $46 million and that "guess" is fluid because we will be lucky to get away with that figure.

My problem with this whole deal is simply this: If as claimed by some of those who strongly supported the sports complex, they were "fully" aware of these add-on costs, why were they not disclosed? Or were the true cost figures simply swept under the rug in order to get voter approval? I have found over many years that Midlanders are extremely fair and generous. However, like everyone else, they highly resent being victimized by deceit.

Russell J. Ramsland

Taxpayers could be burdened with debt

WOW. That's spending money fast. Not a spade full of dirt has been turned and the sports complex is more than 30 percent over its estimated cost.

Undoubtedly, there will be a number of "necessary" changes during construction so the final cost will probably exceed $50 million. Interest on this amount probably will add another $50 million so the ultimate cost to the taxpayers will be on the order of $100 million. Can a city of only 100,000 population afford to burden itself with an additional debt of this magnitude?

This amounts to $1,000 for each and every man, woman and child in Midland. I strongly urge the mayor and the City Council to re-evaluate this project and permit the voters to reconsider the matter.

Some people decry the fact that voters have turned down proposals for a tax to aid economic development in the city. Assuming that the sports complex cost is added to the city's current $100 million debt, the school board's $100 million debt (plus $40 million for a new high school), the hospital's $45 million debt, the county and college debt of $8 million, taxpayers will be burdened with more than $340 million of debt.

Why would any company volunteer to help pay off this debt by moving to Midland? Did this debt buildup influence the major oil companies decision to move out of Midland?

I urge all voters to consider the above questions during the forthcoming elections.

W.J. Sandidge

In oil terms, stadium a bad investment

Midland is a city with very close ties to the oil and gas industry. Therefore, let me discuss the recent developments concerning the sports complex with an oil and gas "spin."

Before the drilling of a recent oil and gas well (stadium, proposal), a cost estimate (proposition) and participation ballot (election) were sent to partners (Midland County voters). I reviewed the proposal for the Midland SC #1 well (sports complex) and went non-consent (voted no) to the drilling and completion (construction) of this well (complex) because I felt that the operator (mayor, et al) could have severely underestimated the costs.

Unfortunately I am still liable to a non-consent penalty (taxes). I also questioned the reserve potential (economic benefit) that was heavily touted by the operator (mayor, et al). Every oilman (citizen) has a right to a different interpretation of the same data. As of today, the well (stadium) has not been spud (broken ground) and the partners (voters) have learned that the well costs are now 32 percent higher!

This calls for re-balloting (new election) the partners (voters) to see if their participation election has changed based on new economics. I assume that the engineer responsible (consulting firm) for the original cost estimate will be promoted or be given a big raise (big contract) for "making things happen." All responsible for the project justification will be promoted or transferred before the dust finally settles and the true economic benefit learned.

I will make a recommendation to the operator (mayor, et al) that the well (stadium) be re-named the Midland BURNed #1! I also table a recommendation to the partners (voters) to elect by majority to replace the operator (mayor) once the well (stadium) is completed. Expect more cost overruns and project delays but in the end, the operator (mayor) will probably still be employed since the perception is that he created shareholder (football fan) value.

Tim Harrington

Mayor, city spending others people's money

I believe this shows again why our mayor and council cannot be trusted. They want to treat us as if we are idiots. I told people in my place of business when this was being voted on that $35 million would never be the top figure. That was put to us because the mayor and council thought they could get that bond passed at that level. I, in my ignorance, put out a figure of $45-50 million as the actual cost and this article makes me look like I am clairvoyant.

I also believe that if a pencil is put to collected sales tax revenues, a 1/4-cent increase will never add up to the original $35 million much less the $45 million figure. What we should do on bond issues is put on a rider that says all overages must be paid by the mayor and council (or others responsible). I wonder then how many of the people would be so strong behind referendums spending other people's money (taxes).

But let us not forget that this money is really only play money as it comes in through taxes and therefore the amount spent is unimportant as the mayor and council can always come back or just raise the tax level to cover their inept spending practices.

Charles R. Oxford

Newspaper faltered in not getting all the facts

Where was our illustrious watchdog, the Reporter-Telegram, when the citizens of Midland were under siege to approve the sports complex? Why, of course, the MRT was on the bandwagon along with the mellifluous politicians bugling the merits of the facility.

Now we learn there was a bit of economic "hanky-panky" going on to justify it. Often, we rail against the politicians in Washington against such shenanigans; now we can observe the effects of the disease in our community. Whether one voted for or against the complex, one is entitled to have a full economic disclosure of the project before a vote is taken, and not be blindsided by personal motives or ambitions.

If not the MRT, to whom can the citizens of Midland look for information. The MRT should be a spectator on the sidelines, along with the citizens, and do investigative work on the deal to guard against such slather, as put forth by the City Council and other officials?

Gene and Miriam Hanks

Readers' views on the city giving raises to law enforcement officers

COPS assist local law enforcement

Recently our community was made fully aware of the great work of a local group of volunteers — the Midland Police Department's "Citizens on Patrol" (COPS) group. This was when members Don and Carolyn Lemon were out on patrol, assigned to the task of looking for a murder suspect. The Lemons located the vehicle behind Denny's on West Wall Street, which resulted in the capture of the murder suspect.

COPS assist the law enforcement daily in many aspects of making this community a better and safer place to live. This community has many great volunteer groups, the sheriff department's Crisis Intervention Unit (CIU) being another.

Our Police Department has been assisted by both of these great organizations in the past and we want to say, "Keep up the great work. Don and Carolyn Lemon, we are sure proud of you."

Dan Walkenshaw, chief
MISD Police Department

Local police do the best job they can

In response to the letter by Tony Heredia, I don't have any reason to doubt you do a good job at your work. I do however, doubt you are always perfect on your job. I also try to do a good job with my company, but just like everyone including you, we all make mistakes no matter how hard we try.

I have worked in the oilfield for almost 30 years. I have dealt with pipe wrenches, shovels, picks, hammers, and all the normal connections it takes to do my job. Nobody has ever pulled a gun on me, pulled a knife on me or has tried to strike my face with their fist.

Our police officers deal with things you and I would never deal with on our jobs. Have you ever been on a high-speed chase through town? If you have, were the police chasing you? I never have and I wouldn't want to because it sounds scary and dangerous.

Our police officers pull up on car wrecks with badly injured or dead children inside! Would you like to see something like that? I would hate to see that! Our police officers get called out on domestic violence calls. I would hate to try to break up a fight between a married couple intent on bashing each other's heads in.

Our police officers deal with all the dirty laundry that our society has to offer. We rely on them to keep us all clean. Their lives are on the line when they clean our dirty laundry. May God bless and keep safe the men and women in our police forces. Tony Heredia may have received pay raises on his job even though he hasn't been perfect at the job. They also should be given pay raises just the same as him.

Support your local police.

Aquilla Fleetwood

Police sacrifice their safety for citizens

I am one of the members of Citizens On Patrol for our town. Tony Heredia wrote a letter that did not have all the facts. For one thing, it does not matter where the police station is located from the area of the murder. Does he think all the officers sit at the police station waiting to be dispatched out on calls? I think not!

Also calls are recorded as to when 911 was called, to the time they are dispatched out, as well as the response time of the officer. In this case, it was less than five minutes when the officer arrived on the scene. The investigative team was called out in less than the 30-minute time range also.

It was a COPS member who found the suspect's car. But it was the officers who apprehended the suspect. They searched the area and also had it secured in short minutes. The car was only found by the COPS unit because the officers of our town were doing their job. They were assisting and seeing to the needs of the people who live in this town. Is that not their job? We are just their extra eyes and ears.

You do know about the old saying? Walk a mile in their shoes! Our officers of Midland as well as the officers of Midland County do deserve a raise. And the sooner the better! It is their lives and family that are sacrificed and put on the line every day while we are eating, sleeping and spending precious time with our families. That is what they are giving up to take care of us. Is that not their job also? I have seen first- hand what they do and how they do it. It looks to me like they are doing a very good job!

Susan Bowman
Citizens On Patrol

City dedicated to adjusting all salaries

I would like to address the article published in the Feb. 8 Reporter-Telegram under "Local and State," with the headline "Memo sparks confusion with police, city officials." The Midland Municipal Police Officers Association has been working diligently with the city of Midland officials to resolve the salary issue.

During the meeting with Mayor Bobby Burns and City Manager Rick Menchaca, I felt that Burns and Menchaca were dedicated to adjusting all city employees' salary. When MMPOA first began putting the pay study together, I was warned how the media will try to turn this issue into controversy. "A battle between City Hall and the police will make good news," I was told. Well, those who warned me were absolutely correct. Since the first article ran, it seems that the media wants some sort of conflict to rise out of this issue.

The city of Midland officials and City Council have been very receptive. I feel that they are dedicated to finding a resolution without raising taxes, dipping into the reserve fund or separating the police department from the rest of the city employees. The "numbers" that Menchaca gave to me, were merely a goal. He made it very clear that he nor the mayor had the power to guarantee such a raise. It would have to be voted on by the City Council, funds would have to be allocated and the economy would have to remain strong. Menchaca also stated that the City Council had more than 700 other city employees to consider. When I made mention to the members of the Police Department to say "thanks," it was directed to the fact that the mayor and city manager had taken the time to discuss this issue and wanted to do what they could to rectify it in a reasonable amount of time.

The members of MMPOA and the city of Midland Police Department are not seeking an immediate pay increase. We realize that the city has to do this over a period of time. The only thing that MMPOA has asked the city to consider is, the longer it takes to rectify the salary issue, the more it will cost the citizens and the city of Midland. Base salary alone is not the issue. Midland is losing thousands of invested dollars when a police officer leaves. The knowledge that an experienced police officer carries is invaluable. To replace a police officer takes almost 18 months, and costs approximately $50,000.

Paul Brown, president
MMPOA

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Bradley braves favorable Gore crowd; Gore warns Bradley not 'real Democrat'

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — With the room stacked against him and polls giving his opponent nearly a 4-1 lead in the state, Bill Bradley argued passionately for converts Saturday at the California Democratic convention. Vice President Al Gore warned Bradley is not a "real Democrat."

In back-to-back speeches as different as night and day, Gore debuted his most ruthless offensive yet in this increasingly bitter contest. Bradley offered a romantic vision of the party that hopes to hold the White House, highlighting goals of universal health care and elimination of child poverty.

"We have in our best moments always been the party of big ideas and big ideals," Bradley said. And between him and Gore, "There is a difference in boldness."

Gore had only to clasp raised fists with Gov. Gray Davis in a victory salute to demonstrate his muscle in California.

Relying on note cards, Gore said Bradley has "attacked" and "demeaned" the Democratic Party by faulting the Clinton-Gore administration's lack of progress on health care, gun control and child poverty.

Gore accused Bradley, who has hammered the vice president for past pro-gun and anti-abortion views, of taking his cue from the Republican National Committee. "Real Democrats don't aid and abet the Republicans," Gore said.

"Senator Bradley claims he's doing us a service because he doesn't want to see Democrats bashed in the fall. His proposed solution is to bash Democrats in the spring," Gore added to cheers from a crowd that nearly doubled in the time between Bradley's speech and Gore's.

Antioch nurse Martha Henry said she was converted on the spot by Bradley, "because I believed everything he said." But she doubted he had time to overcome Gore before the March 7 jackpot primary will decide 367 of the 2,170 delegates needed to clinch the Democratic nomination.

"From the crowd in here, I wouldn't think he could, but I hope so," said Henry.

Gore supporter Roger Henry, a party central committee member from Contra Costa county, said he understood his wife's instant support for Bradley and his vision.

"I'm a traditionalist but I want to win. You've got to have the office to have the power," said Mr. Henry.

"Bradley's vision is what Bill Clinton's was in 1992 and we couldn't get it done. Gore's vision — what Bradley calls 'clipping around the edges' — is doable."

The party favorite, Gore spoke inside the San Jose convention center after a lineup of officials — the governor, party chairman Art Torres, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, Sen. Barbara Boxer — promoted the vice president's ascension.

"Nominate Al Gore!" Boxer ordered some 3,000 convention-goers who are reliable primary voters.

After Bradley vacated the podium, Torres called out: "Godspeed, Senator Bradley."

A woman at the foot of the stage hoisted a large, neon-orange heart that read: "Bill Bradley is change."

Gore has backing here from all but a handful of elected officials and Davis has pledged the work of his "entire operation" in Gore's service. To try and counter Gore's institutional advantage, Bradley has placed markers on as much as $3 million worth of TV advertising time for the final two weeks of the California race, said a knowledgeable ad industry expert.

On his way to the meeting, Bradley tried to make his own show of muscle, leading a march of some 500 supporters through downtown San Jose to the convention center. The party barred entrance to most of them, allowing Bradley just 200 or so guest passes.

The former senator from New Jersey spoke of dreams, saying his goals are universal health care, the elimination of child poverty, registration of all handguns, deeper racial understanding, and "a qualified teacher in every classroom in every school."

"I believe to the bottom core of my being that the Democratic Party can be the agent for that kind of dream, for that kind of accomplishment, as long as we do one thing: we must not settle," Bradley said.

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Lawyers see momentum building for moratorium on capital punishment

DALLAS (AP) — The American Bar Association's call for a national moratorium on capital punishment, made three years ago this month, once seemed destined for a quiet death. No more.

"There's growing momentum," ABA President William Paul said Saturday at his 400,000-member group's national convention. "The moratorium issue clearly is alive."

The major catalyst was Illinois Gov. George Ryan's announcement two weeks ago that no one will be executed in his state until he finds out why more death sentences have been overturned than carried out.

Since 1976, when the Supreme Court allowed reinstatement of capital punishment, Illinois has executed 12 people. Since 1987, the state has released 13 from death row after their convictions were overturned.

Nationwide, according to the Washington-based Death Penalty Information Center, 85 death row inmates have been freed since 1973.

"Governor Ryan's decision was really a key," said Jerome Shestack, a Philadelphia lawyer and former ABA president. Later this month, he will testify before the Pennsylvania Legislature in favor of a death penalty moratorium.

"We are learning that a lot of mistakes are made, and errors cannot easily be rectified after someone's execution," he said.

Paul, an Oklahoma City lawyer, emphasized that the ABA does not support or oppose the death penalty, but is interested in ensuring that defendants get adequate legal help and that there are other safeguards.

"We've tried to be aggressive but it ultimately is up to the people of each state," he said.

Legislatures in 16 of the 38 states with death penalty laws have considered or are now considering a ban on executions while they study whether the punishment must be meted out more fairly.

In Congress, Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., introduced a bill Friday to address what he called "the growing national crisis in the administration of capital punishment."

His "Innocence Protection Act" seeks stronger guarantees of adequate legal help for capital defendants. It also provides for DNA testing of inmates who seek to prove they did not commit the underlying crime for which they were condemned.

President Clinton is considering a request by Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., to suspend federal executions. Meantime, Congress and Attorney General Janet Reno are studying the cases of the 21 people awaiting death for federal crimes.

There has not been a federal execution since 1963, but the number of people put to death by the states is growing, reaching 98 last year, the most since the Supreme Court ruling in 1976.

Nearly 3,600 people await execution. Texas leads with 463 on its death row and also has executed more people than any state.

In addition to Illinois, Nebraska and Pennsylvania, the number of states that have proposed, or are considering abolishing capital punishment, imposing a moratorium or scrutinizing their death penalty laws is growing.

The roll, according to the ABA report: Connecticut, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Missouri, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma and South Dakota.

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heard about it, but if the funding is put in where it is legal I have no objection to it."

The Midland representative said he only questioned whether it was legal. He said he asked the county attorney to seek the attorney general's opinion because of provisions as to who can do so.

Malm said it was his understanding that Craddick had asked the county auditor to request the opinion from the attorney general, but that state District Judge Jody Gilles had asked that Malm do so. Auditors, as well as county attorneys, are among the officials authorized by law to ask for such an opinion.

"I think what happened is that Judge Gilles told Mr. Craddick that I was willing to ask for the attorney general's opinion and then Mr. Craddick called me.

"At that time, the request (for the opinion) had been 95 per cent drafted (by Malm)," Malm said.

Malm explained that it was the first time someone has asked him to seek such an opinion from the attorney general, "but attorney general's opinions are frequently about issues that are not county government business and it's not unusual since so few people can ask." For example, a city attorney or a representative cannot ask the attorney general for opinions.

Malm said he was not familiar with any cases in which a representative asked for such an opinion, "but I certainly wouldn't be surprised if there were some.

"I didn't feel any (political) pressure to seek the opinion," said Malm. "Prior to that I spoke to him (Craddick) one time in my entire life. I'm an elected official, but I'm not a person that's really involved in politics. I feel that if someone in Midland County, an official, has an interest in an attorney general's opinion and it is a valid request, I feel that, as a matter of courtesy, I should do it."

On the alleged feud between West and Craddick, Malm said "I think it's unfortunate. I don't have any idea as to what or how long it has been going. I would hope that whatever differences they have they would put them behind for the best interest of the entire area."

Malm added, "He (Craddick) never mentioned West in this request or that the request has anything to do with this question. I have never had any conversation with him about whether there even is a feud."

Malm's opponent in the upcoming Republican primary, Bobby Sanders, took a somewhat contrary view. "I'm hesitant to state an opinion and second-guess another lawyer when I don't have the facts and I don't," said Sanders. "But from what little I know, I don't think I would have done it that way."

Sanders said he believes the county attorney has as his client Midland County and his authority extends only to Midland County and its interests.

"I would have questioned why I was asked it was constitutional. I would have given my opinion, but I don't think anyone would have wanted."

Sanders noted that the county attorney's clients are the elected officials of the county, and not everyone in it, including a state representative. "The county attorney represents the citizens only indirectly. "I would have asked the commissioners if the county wants that question answered and what interest Midland County has in it."

If the commissioners said the question was of interest to the county, Sanders would "give my opinion first and then go to the attorney general if they wanted it."

Sanders added that even an attorney general's opinion "is just another opinion by just another lawyer and is not a judicial ruling. Judges are the only ones who can decide if it is or isn't constitutional. In every suit there are two opinions by two lawyers and that is what the judge is for."

Gridlock likely in this year's budget battle

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress has begun dissecting President Clinton's fiscal 2001 budget, a $1.84 trillion proposal he introduced last week to negative Republican reviews. A guide to the likely twists and turns of this election year's budget battle:

Q: What happens next?

A: Republicans who control the House and Senate will write their own budget for next year, a broad blueprint that plans tax and spending policy but makes no actual changes in the law. Republicans hope to complete the budget in March — weeks earlier than usual. Accelerating the congressional work schedule would allow lawmakers to head home early to campaign..

Congress will alter tax and spending law later, when it writes 13 separate bills financing federal agencies, plus other legislation cutting taxes and perhaps changing some benefit programs. For example, lawmakers are likely to work on a prescription drug benefit for Medicare recipients.

Q: Are Republicans close to writing their budget?

A: Not yet. They disagree internally over how much to spend for the one-third of the budget that Congress controls every year, covering all federal programs but automatic benefits like Social Security. That figure is key because it helps determine the size of the surplus, and therefore how much money will be available for tax cuts.

Q: What are the chief disputes between Republicans and Democrats?

A: The big fight is over how to use enormous federal surpluses projected through the next decade.

Arguing that now is the time to invest in education, health care and other programs, Clinton favors higher spending and smaller tax cuts than the GOP prefers. Republicans want extra funds for selected programs like education and defense but emphasize tax cuts, saying the government's excess money should be returned to taxpayers.

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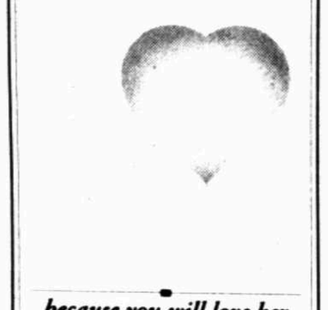
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Commission restructures teen job program

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

With the Workforce Investment Act replacing the Jobs Training Partnership Act, funding has been cut in half, according to Workforce Development Board members. They are concerned that only half the 800 Permian Basin teens the board helped last year will find jobs this year if private industry and other sectors aren't able to offer jobs.

Spring break is a month away, but already the Permian Basin Workforce Development Board is planning for summer jobs for the at-risk teens it serves.

This year local industry is needed more than ever to participate in providing jobs, said Ann Bradford, project director of the board's Permian Basin School-To-Career Initiative.

"With the expiration of the Jobs Training Partnership Act (JTPA) and its replacement by the Workforce Investment Act, our funding is half what it was under JTPA," she said.

That could mean, she said, that the board could help only half the 800 Permian Basin teens it served last year without private industry offering jobs to the targeted 16-to-21 age group.

She said help is wanted not only from private industry but any sector that wants to provide jobs the teen-agers can perform, including city and county government.

Those interested in providing jobs should call her at the Texas Workforce Center in Midland, a centralized location that offers job-search assistance, a variety of training classes, services to employers and support services. The center will host an open house at its location, 2408 N. Big Spring, from 1 to 3 p.m. on Feb. 24.

Robin Donnelly, a board member of the School-To-Career Initiative, said that a benefit of the centralized location is that it can provide the teens an opportunity to introduce their parents to its services, helping them find new or improved employment.

He described the new Workforce Investment Act as an umbrella program designed to fund a variety of initiatives, "and once it gets down to the youth, it's pretty well minimized."

But the good news, he said, is that the new program is designed not to create summer jobs but jobs "that these young people can go into and carry on throughout the year. This improves the labor force and gives them experience. They can work a normal workday during the summer and, during school, work part-time."

Already, Mrs. Bradford said, the Texas Workforce Centers in Midland and Odessa are getting calls from teens who worked in the JTPA program.

"These are good kids, they're just economically challenged, but they understand they have to work hard," Donnelly added. "We want them to be in this program so they can stay in school."

Mrs. Bradford said that frequently the money earned in JTPA jobs has given the teens the incentive to stay in school by allowing them to buy school supplies or clothes.

'Getting caught ...'



Midland Sam's Club joins in nationwide reading program

By Matt Josefy
Staff Writer

Two members of the Fire Department fought a special emergency Saturday morning at Sam's Wholesale Club.

As part of the national "Get Caught Reading with Sam's" program, volunteers read books to children from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"It benefits the kids by getting them excited about reading, " said spokeswoman Ocie Hudspeth. "We also had them bring new or used books for Friends of the Library."

Judge Michael Wallace was one advocate of the program, intended to fight illiteracy.

"As long as its for children, I'll do it," Wallace said. "I think it's important to be able to read every time you come to a stop sign. If you can't read, you won't be able to get anywhere in life."

"I was just pleased we had all the people to volunteer and fill in these time slots," Ms. Hudspeth said.

Sam's was expected to gather 75,000 books throughout communities across the country.

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Top, Lions Club volunteer Jerry Preas reads a book to a group of children as part of the national "Get Caught Reading with Sam's" program at the Midland Sam's Club Saturday. Above, Van, left, and Gail Cambron of Midland look for books to give to their grandchildren at the Friends of the Library book drive that was held in conjunction with the reading program Saturday.

New dollar coin finds acceptance among West Texas residents

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Shoppers at Midland's Wal-Mart and Sam's Club stores are beginning to notice that the color of some of their change is gold, along with the usual green or silver.

The Arkansas-based chain reached an agreement with the U.S. Mint in late January to begin distributing the new dollar coins nationwide, beginning distribution at the end of the month.



Pictured are the new gold-colored dollar coins that are making their way into West Texans' wallets.

The coins are popular with shoppers.

"We have people come in and want to buy a whole roll," said a Wal-Mart spokesman, adding that the store ran out of its first shipment several days after receiving it and just received a second shipment.

Laura Pope, also with Wal-Mart, said the coins are being well-received by customers and that the nation's largest retailer is pleased with its partnership with the Mint.

"We've had a long-standing relationship with the Mint; in fact, we introduced the new $20 bill for them last year, so we're pleased to be able to offer our customers something new and unique," she said. "We service 100 million customers each week and the Mint's goal was to get the coin into circulation, therefore it was a perfect partnership for us."

Larry Burrow, president of Bank of America, Midland, said some customers have inquired about the new coin but "it's going to be awhile for it to get to us. We have to wait

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Time, temperature number to be back up next week

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

One of Midland's favorite telephone numbers has been out of commission for about a week.

Since last Monday, the time and temperature number sponsored by Norwest Bank has not been working. But a new part has been ordered, and Midlanders should be able to start calling for the current time and temperature next week, said Kathy Lance.

Ms. Lance, consumer banking manager for Norwest, said there are no plans to shut down the popular service.

"We get more and more calls every month," she said. "It's a service everyone calls, even our employees."

Switchboard Operator Jan Holliday said, "I've been switchboard operator for seven years, and when it goes down, it's 'wham, wham, wham.'"

She estimates she has received at least 50 calls since the service went down and noted, "You don't realize how many calls it receives until it goes down."

The service is especially popular with elderly residents, she said, who depend on being able to pick up the phone, dial the number and hear the time and temperature.

Ms. Lance said this is the longest period the service has been unavailable.

GARY OTT

Sometimes, looking cool is much easier said than done

It had been a good, oh, 15 years or so since I had last attended a high school basketball game, so it was with a great deal of bemused enthusiasm that I considered making the trek over to Chaparral Center the other evening. I had, after all, spent a big chunk of my high school years running up and down a basketball court, offering high fives to my teammates while attempting to chalk up one more victory for the Battlin' Bulldogs of dear ol' Plainview High.



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I said to myself, "Gary, you've got no plans tonight. Why not go relive some of those memories ... things like cheerleaders doing backward flips, rowdy students shouting insults at the opposing players, coaches nervously pacing back and forth, and small children, mostly little boys under the age of 8, looking on in awe at their bigger-than-life high school heroes?"

As those recollections flowed, I suddenly felt 17 years old again. If I closed my eyes and concentrated real hard I could almost hear the Plainview fight song playing in the background as cheerleaders shouted ... "two bits, four bits, six bits a dollar, all for the Bulldogs stand up and holler."

The memory brought a smile to my face.

So right then and there, I decided, yes, I'll definitely attend the Tuesday night game between Midland High and Abilene High. Sure, I'll root for MHS, but mostly I'll be there to gauge just how much things have changed since my senior year in high school, back in, yikes, 1970.

And while attending Tuesday's shootout, guess what I learned?

Some things never change. And, I hope they never do.

Here's an example. Back when I was playing, the most enjoyable part of the evening was always the pre-game warmups, that 15-minute period of time when all team members — everyone from the biggest star to the lowest scrub — were looked upon as complete equals, meaning they all got to act REALLY cool at the same time.

It's the same now as it was then.

The players form two lines and pass the ball back and forth while going through a lay-up drill. But instead of going full speed, giving 110 percent effort, the individual team members lope through the drill, casually tossing the ball toward the bucket while acting bored with the whole process, as if to say, "Me, sweat? Surely, you jest. I'm much too cool."

And the best part is that no one thinks poorly of you for behaving in such a manner. Not your teammates. Not the crowd. Not even your coach. Indeed, it is expected.

Now, don't get me wrong. Once the game starts, everything changes. That nonchalant attitude is no longer accepted. Suddenly you are required to dive after loose balls, pat your teammates on the fanny and basically act like nothing else, short of World War III, really matters.

But until that opening tip-off takes place, the only thing a player has to worry about is looking cool, especially to those cute, little girls on the front row. And it doesn't get any better than that, be it in 1950, 1970 or the year 2000.

The one thing that has changed from when I played, however, is that the school's "pep band" — an archaic term in itself — no longer performs during a game. And, that's too bad. Indeed, it was the blaring of horns and the pounding of drums that helped those of us who played back then appear even cooler than we were.

Or so we thought.

We would snap our fingers and sway to the music, as though we were performing on "American Bandstand" rather than preparing for a big district basketball game.

Unfortunately, our team — at dear ol' Plainview High — comprised primarily short, white boys with no rhythm so instead of looking cool, we took on the rather sad appearance of rejects from the TV show, "Soul Train."

So, yes, there was that movie, "White Men Can't Jump," but they could have added, "and they don't look particularly cool in warmup drills, either."

Still, as I glanced around Chap Center the other night I couldn't help but be struck by the positive similarities that have continued through the years. There is still that special sense of togetherness that only a sporting event can perpetuate. It is as though a giant party takes place. People of all ages and all colors unite as one in support of their favorite team.

And that's good.

For two hours, at least, the world is at peace. Nothing matters but winning the game.

Well, that and looking cool during the warmup drills.

And as long as the white boys don't try to act like they are on "Soul Train," everyone does.

Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

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OBITUARIES

Mildred Gilles

Mildred Marie Gilles was born to William Doc Elliott and Delia Mae Elliott (nee Penix) on February 22, 1922, in Wellington, Texas. She grew up in Dumas, Texas, and graduated from Dumas High School. After graduation, she pursued additional education. In Dumas, she was active in business, social and civic affairs and was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Mission.

With her family, she moved to Midland, Texas, in 1962. Her husband, W.C. "Pete" Gilles was employed with Phillips Petroleum Company. While in Midland, she was a member of St. Nicholas Episcopal Church.

In 1965, the family moved back to the Texas panhandle and resided in Amarillo. She was a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church and continued her activities with the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) on the parish level and with the Diocese of Northwest Texas. She continued to participate in civic and social matters.

After retirement, they moved to Lago Vista, Texas. She was active in the establishment of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Lago Vista, Texas, of which she was a member.

She passed away on Thursday, February 3, 2000. Memorial services were held on Monday, February 7, 2000, at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Lago Vista, Texas.

She is survived by her husband, W.C. "Pete" Gilles of Lago Vista, Texas; a son, Richard Williams of Bastrop, Texas; a son, Don Williams of Austin, Texas; a son, Jody Gilles of Midland, Texas; a daughter, Donna Foust of Henderson, Nevada; a sister, Betty Morgan of Artesia, New Mexico; and a sister, Sue Zoller of Midland, Texas. She is also survived by nine grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. She will be missed.

Memorials may be made to the Youth Ministry of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, 1400 W. Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701.

Dorothy Stovell

Dorothy Caldwell Stovell graduated Friday, February 11, 2000. She was born November 4. In her life she was a devoted wife, mother and friend. She was a steadfast Christian.

She is survived by her husband, Tom Hugh Stovell; her son, Steven Charles Schroeder; her daughter, Cyn Stovell Choate and her husband, Gary; and five grandchildren. She was received in Heaven by the rest of her family.

A memorial service will be held to honor her life at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 15, at the First Presbyterian Church Chapel in Midland, Texas under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Graveside services are pending in Alpine, Texas.

The family requests memorials be directed to the Gladney Fund, 2300 Hemphill, Fort Worth, TX 76110.

Lucille Dukes

Lucille R. Dukes (Jo) died Thursday, February 10, 2000 after a lengthy illness.

Lucille, a Midland resident for over 40 years, was a member of the Lawyers' Wives Club, a long-standing member of the Midland Women's Club, the Midland Community Theatre, and various other civic organizations.

She was involved and supportive of numerous charities including a variety of children's charities.

She also endowed her late husband's alma mater, The Citadel of South Carolina.

She is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Colonel Thaddeus C. Dukes (T.C.) atty.; her sons, Ray Somes and Charles Somes; a sister, Isabel Bockmon; and her brothers, Johnny Gooch and William Gooch.

Survivors include her two daughters, Carmen Therese McElreath of Midland and Eleanor Yvonne Dukes of Louisiana; three granddaughters, Leita Shanie McElreath of Midland, Chique Crame and Terri Kairuz of Australia; two grandsons, Raymond Somes Jr. and Richard Somes of Australia; a sister, Alma Eisenberg of California; and other family members.

Her family and friends will truly miss a loving and caring lady who always believed in helping others, even before herself.

Funeral services will be at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Monday, February 14, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. with Father Arturo Pestin presiding.

Burial will be at the Fort Bliss National Cemetery in El Paso, Texas on Tuesday, February 15, 2000 at 1:30 p.m. (MST).

Visitation will be at Ellis Funeral Home on Sunday, February 13, 2000 from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. followed by a Wake, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel.

Memorials may be made to St. Ann's Catholic Church or The Citadel Development Foundation, c/o Richard Rieger, 171 Moultrie Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29409-0350 (1-800-CDF-1842).

DEATH NOTICES

Helen Wright

Helen Wright died Tuesday, Feb. 8, in Lancaster.

Graveside rites were held Thursday, Feb. 10, in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born April 5, 1922 in Antlers, Okla.

She moved from Dallas to Midland in 1954. She was a manicurist at Midland Tower Barber Shop until retiring in 1990. She moved to Lancaster in April 1999. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Louise Moorhead

Louise Mae Moorhead died Saturday, Feb. 12, at her residence.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa with the Rev. Leonard Cotten officiating under the direction of Sunset Memorial Funeral Home.

She was born Nov. 11, 1928 in Springfield, Mo.

She was a barber for 22 years. She lived in Goodyear, Ariz., from 1964-1990 and owned the Precision Barber Shop there. She moved to San Saba in 1990 and to Midland about 1999.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Norma Louise Calvin; a brother, Don Thomas; and a sister, Eveline Edgell.

Survivors include her husband, Orban Moorhead of Midland; three sons, Robert L. Farris of Ridgeway, Va., James W. Farris of Gallup, N.M., and Guy Farris of Litchfield Park, Ariz.; three daughters, Karen Y. Prescott of Midland, Kathy H. Ellis of Phoenix, Ariz., and Peggy R. Walker of McKinney; a stepson, Michael J. Moorhead of La Porte; a stepdaughter, Sharon F. Mook of Crane; a brother, Orville K. Thomas of Las Vegas, Nev.; two sisters, Bertha Paynter of Salina, Kan., and Lois Stafford of Campo, Colo.; 25 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Community Care Hospice of Odessa.

Ollie Pearcy

STANTON — Ollie B. Pearcy, 95, formerly of Stamford, died Saturday, Feb. 12, at a Stanton nursing home.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14, in Highland Memorial Cemetery in Stamford with the Rev. Steve Russell officiating under the direction of Kinney Funeral Home of Stamford.

Verlon Stone

ODESSA — Verlon Amiel Stone, 52, died Saturday, Feb. 12, at an Odessa hospital.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at the Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

He was born July 19, 1947 in Eagle Pass.

He moved to Odessa in 1955. He was in the electrical maintenance department for Ector County ISD the past 13 years.

Survivors include his wife, Sandi Cannefax Stone; a son, Ryan Stone; a daughter, Kelvi Kirby, all of Odessa; a brother, Harlon Stone of Dallas; three sisters, Peggy Wilkey of Dallas, Oretta Stone of Seymore and Delores Stone of Odessa; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

R.L. Heith

BIG SPRING — R.L. Heith, 72, died Friday, Feb. 11, in a Midland hospital.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Eddie Tubbs officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born June 29, 1927 in Big Spring.

He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He was administrator for Malone-Hogan Clinic from 1950-1983, when he retired. He was a member of First Baptist Church. He was a lifetime member of the Medical Group Management Association.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Cecil Heith.

Survivors include his wife, P.D. Gage Heith of Big Spring; two daughters, Lynn Phillips and Ann McCann, both of Midland; a son, Bobby Heith of Buda; his mother, Ruby Love of Big Spring; two sisters, Sue McBride of Farmington, N.M., and Marie Cochran of Asheville, N.C.; seven grandchildren; five nieces; and three nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Allison Cancer Center or The Look Good, Feel Good Shop, both at 301 North N St., Midland, Texas 79701.

Secundina Gomez

BIG SPRING — Secundina R. Gomez, 80, formerly of Ackerly, died Saturday, Feb. 12, in a Big Spring nursing home.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at Hermosa Baptist Church in Ackerly with the Rev. Andres A. Rodriguez officiating. Burial will follow at Ackerly Cemetery under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Big Spring.

She was born July 1, 1919 in Tyler.

She moved from Lamesa to Ackerly in 1951. She was a homemaker. She was a member of La Hermosa Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Erineo Gomez of Ackerly; a daughter, Maria Rodriguez of Midland; three brothers, Felix Riojas and Adolfo Riojas, both of Yakima, Wash., and Benacio Riojas of Union Gap, Wash.; and five grandchildren.

Helen Threats

BIG SPRING — Helen Jeanette Threats, 71, died Thursday, Feb. 10, at a Big Spring hospital.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born March 26, 1928 in Van Zandt County.

She moved from Van Zandt County to Big Spring in 1932. She was a member of the Holiness. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by a son, Cecil Johnson.

Survivors include two sons, Garry Peterson of Arizona and Larry Peterson of Big Spring; four daughters, Joyce Mollett of Clovis, N.M., and Doris Lewis, Mary Threats and Charlene Rushin, all of Big Spring; 24 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Lois Brumley

BIG SPRING — Lois Osburn Brumley, 61, died Thursday, Feb. 10, at a Big Spring hospital.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 14, at Trinity Memorial Park with Dudley Mullins officiating. Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born May 7, 1938 in Menard.

She moved to Howard County in 1942. She was a member of the Women's Auxiliary of American Legion Post 506. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dovie Bailey and Charles Ray Osburn.

Survivors include her husband, Buster Brumley of Big Spring; a son, Tommy Brumley of Big Spring; a daughter, Lavonne Brumley of Big Spring; three sisters, Fern Lewis and Marcella Davis, both of Big Spring, and Gayle Sparnell of Garland; three brothers, Kenneth Osburn, Carroll Osburn and Buck Osburn, all of Big Spring; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the American Kidney Fund, 6110 Executive Blvd., Suite 1010, Rockville, Md. 20852; or the American Lung Association of Texas, P.O. Box 26460, Austin, Texas 78755-0460.

Valerio Guerrero Jr.

ODESSA — Valerio Guerrero Jr., 38, died Saturday, Feb. 12, at an Odessa hospital.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, at Iglesia Christiana Maranatha with the Rev. Alfonso Padilla officiating. Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Odessa Funeral Home Angeles Memorial Chapel. Visitation will be 6-9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14, at the funeral home.

He was a member of the Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

Survivors include two sons, Valerio Guerrero III and David Guerrero, both of Odessa; his parents, Valerio and Lilia Guerrero of Odessa; five brothers, Joe Guerrero, Ignacio Guerrero, Santiago Guerrero and Ramon Guerrero, all of Odessa, and Alex Guerrero of Spindale, N.C.; five sisters, Elida Padilla, Quila Ulate and Elizabeth Zubiate, all of Odessa, Maggie G. Schumpert of Ruidoso, N.M., and Oralia Avila of Midland; and several nieces and nephews.

Lola Myers

BIG SPRING — Lola Myers, 89, died Saturday, Feb. 12, at a local hospital.

Funeral services will be at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 14, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Revs. Tim Winn and Eddie Tubbs officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. Visitation will be 7-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

She was born Aug. 24, 1910 in Johnson City.

She was a longtime resident of Knott, moving to Big Spring in 1992. She was a homemaker. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe W. Myers; a son, Sonny Myers; a daughter, Jo Marie Bibee; and three brothers, Johnny Tunnell, Jay Tunnell and Sterling Tunnell.

Survivors include a sister, Gordean Miller of Big Lake; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Knott Church of Christ or the First Baptist Church of Knott.

Clifford Skelton

BIG SPRING — Clifford Skelton, 79, died Friday, Feb. 11, at a local nursing home.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at the Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel with Gary Burton and Craig Felty officiating. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Calidonia Cemetery in Rusk County.

He was born Oct. 18, 1920 in Rusk County.

He moved from Rusk County to Pecos in 1948. He operated grocery stores in Pecos, Coyanosa and Hoban until 1957. He was a butcher and operated The Skelton Steakhouse in Coyanosa until 1978. He moved to Big Spring in 1987. He was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Agnes Worsham Skelton.

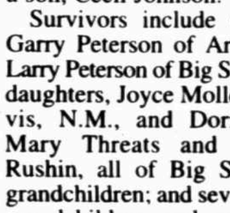
Survivors include a son, Lanny Skelton of Big Spring; a daughter, Rosalie Ripley of San Antonio; a brother, Wilford Skelton of Lumberton; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Winona Foster

STANTON — Winona B. Foster, 82, died Saturday, Feb. 12, at a local nursing home.

Services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

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In short, if there is no viewing and no grave, cremation can prevent the closure necessary for healing. So if you are considering this option it is advisable that all family members be allowed to express their wishes and needs.

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Area briefs

FORT DAVIS — The **Texas Mountain Trail Writers** is holding its **annual retreat** Feb. 25-27. Speakers will be Leon Metz from El Paso, writer of historical western novels; Bob Lewis, better-known as "Tumbleweed Smith" and Doris Rangel, of Victoria, author of romance novels. Most of the activities will be held at the Victorian Rose Bed and Breakfast, 200 Walnut Ave.

For more information or the schedule of events for the weekend call, 915-426-3739, email, lagdvsmt@overland.net, or mail to, %HCR74, Box 110, Fort Davis, Texas 79734.

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

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

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

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

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

Overeaters Anonymous, 4 p.m., 408 S. G Street. 694-4166; 580-7545; 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.

Study group, "A Search for God," 7 p.m, 689-9331.

Tall City VFW 7208 Auxiliary Bingo, 7 p.m., 1904 Rankin Highway. (lic.: 1-51-0171588-4).

Police Reports

Drug charges

Midland police officers arrested five people Tuesday on charges of crack cocaine distribution and conspiracy. Arrested were Benjamin Larue Wilson, 27, Zeteral Perkins, 20, Terry Stewart, 31, Lynn Spraglin, 25, and George Woodberry, 43.

Fourteen people were indicted by a Midland federal grand jury. The names of the other nine suspects are being withheld pending their apprehension in the continuing investigation, according to Tina Jauz of the Midland Office of Public Information.

The arrests were made in a joint 16-month investigation with the Midland office of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the Midland Police Department.

Drug charges

McCAMEY — Four people were arrested and jailed in Upton County Saturday on cocaine and marijuana-related drug charges, according to Upton County Sheriff Dan Brown.

Toni Montoya, 50, is being held in lieu of $50,000 bond; her son, Mario Montoya Jr., 19, is in custody in lieu of $5,000; Cessario Juarez Jr., 19, is being held in lieu of $15,000; and Dean Allen Payne, 42, is being held in lieu of $5,000. The four were taken into custody about 4 p.m. and transported to the Upton County Jail in Rankin. Two suspects are still being sought.

The arrests were the result of an eight-month investigation by Upton County and the West Texas Narcotics Enforcement Task Force.

Midland Police Department
Tuesday

Hit and run: A hit-and-run accident was reported at 300 S. F St. at 11:36 p.m. The suspect's vehicle was located moments later.

Thursday

Burglary: Burglary of a residence was reported at 509 1/2 S. Clay at 6:21 p.m.

Friday

Burglary: Burglary of a habitation was reported at 9:50 p.m. at 414 E. Pine.

Burglary: Burglary of a residence was reported at 2300 S. Camp at 7:30 p.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Department
Wednesday

Burglary: Burglary of a residence was reported at 3900 W. CR 118 at 4:48 p.m. A TV, two VCRs and video games were reported taken.

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

Vice President Gore opens his Texas campaign headquarters

AUSTIN (AP) — In an effort to solidify his lead in Texas for the Democratic nomination for president, boosters for Vice President Al Gore opened his state campaign headquarters here Saturday.

"Come March 14, we are going to win most of the delegates in Texas for Al Gore," said Gary Mauro, former Land Commissioner and one of Gore's campaign chairs in Texas.

About 50 people waved signs, clapped and yelled as Mauro and other Democratic luminaries gave short speeches endorsing Gore. The Texas primaries are March 14.

Gore and former Sen. Bill Bradley are the front runners for the Democratic nomination. Neither candidate has immediate plans to visit the state.

A statewide poll released in January showed Gore was favored by 54 percent of likely Democratic primary voters, compared to 25 percent for Bradley.

Mauro cited that poll and said Texas Democrats prefer the incremental approach to issues favored by Gore to the more ambitious policies touted by Bradley.

"I think Bradley is a little too radical for Texas," Mauro said.

Joe Gunn, president of the AFL-CIO, predicted Gore will carry the Texas primaries because Bradley will not survive primaries in seven other states on March 7.

"In Texas, I don't believe there will be a race by March 14," Gunn said. "I don't believe that Bradley has the staying power."

Tony Wyche, a spokesman at Bradley's campaign headquarters in New Jersey, said it was "ridiculous" to say Bradley would be knocked out of the race by the Texas primary.

"I think we are going to run a very vigorous campaign in Texas," he said. "I think we will have a good showing on March 14."

Wyche said the Bradley campaign has some staff members in Texas, but does not have any formal office space. They have not decided when, or if, they will open their own office, he said.

DOLLAR: Stores, banks are inundated with requests

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for the Federal Reserve to send it to Dallas and then for the Dallas bank to send it to us."

Kathy Lance, consumer banking manager at Norwest Bank, said the bank received $3,000 in dollar coins the first of February and sold out in a day and a half. The bank tried to order more coins and is now on a waiting list. She said she doesn't expect to receive more of the coins for a week, perhaps two weeks.

"We get inquiries almost daily," she said.

Chase Bank, Permian Basin, received a $100 shipment and was down to $25 Wednesday afternoon, said Tiny Garza, service manager in the Odessa branch.

"I don't anticipate seeing a large quantity of the coins until April," she said. Until then, she said, the bank can distribute only what the Federal Reserve Bank in Dallas sends. But she cautioned collectors that the rolls and bags of dollar coins will contain both the new gold coin and the existing Susan B. Anthony dollars because the Mint is not separating the two coins.

The new coins the bank did receive were going quickly, she said, adding, "We've had several customers ask why we didn't already have them."

The interest in the new coin does not surprise her, she said, given the popularity of the new quarter that commemorates each state.

"It's a new craze due to the state quarters," she said. "So this is a good time for the dollar coin to be released."

Ms. Garza noted that customers are also asking why, since the Susan B. Anthony coin was so unpopular, the Mint thought the new coin would be more popular.

"Supplies of the Anthony coin are depleted and customers want a dollar coin," she said. "Mass-transit systems and the vending machine industry rely on it because it requires less maintenance."

She said she believes the coin's gold color, smooth edges and size that's slightly larger than a quarter will make it more distinguishable and more popular.

Bill McBain, with the Dr. Pepper-Pepsi-7-Up bottling company in Abilene, said his company had decided not to configure their vending machines to take the Su[illegible]. Anthony coin and there ar[illegible] current plans to modify the [illegible]chines to accept the new coin.

"My bigger concern," he said, "is the Mint is going to be coming out with newly redesigned $1 bills and $5 bills, and we'll have no choice but to go in and install all new chips and sensors to read them."

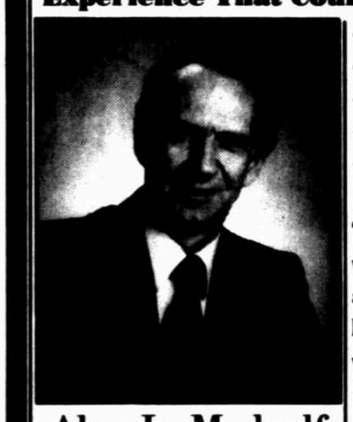
The new coin, authorized by the U.S. Coin Act of 1997, bears the likeness of Sacagawea with her infant son, Jean-Baptiste, strapped to her back. The young Shoshone woman helped Lewis and Clark for 3,000 miles of their exploration of the Louisiana Purchase almost 200 years ago, and her son was born during her time with Lewis and Clark. The coin's design was created by sculptor Glenna Goodacre.

The tail side of the coin was designed by U.S. Mint sculptor and engraver Thomas Rogers Sr. and shows a soaring bald eagle and 17 stars, which represent the 17 states in the union at the time of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

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I reside in Midland, but I *Live* at Midland Community Theatre.



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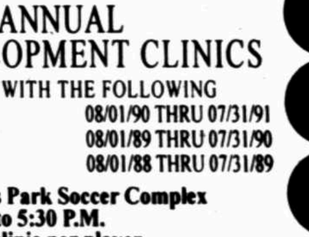
The best part of being involved with Midland Community Theatre is that there is something for everyone. Even if you are not inclined to being on stage, there is a place for you in set-building, costume-making, helping with props, etc. I always feel at home at MCT, and I enjoy coming to life on the MCT stage!

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Keep Midland Beautiful takes part in shady activity

By Matt Josefy
Staff Writer

Though Midland is not known for its surplus of trees, Keep Midland Beautiful hosted a free tree-care workshop Saturday at Sibley Learning Center to ensure that there will continue to be shady areas in parks and yards.

"This is very good, basic information," said Deborah Benge Frost, horticulturist for the Texas Agriculture Extension Service.

Cindy Lanning of Keep Midland Beautiful was key in putting the conference together.

"Ideally, it's to educate the public to better take care of their trees," Ms. Lanning said. "This is our fourth year of hosting this workshop. We started it when we first launched the Tree Keepers volunteer program because they are required to meet a forest representative."

Ms. Frost and other presenters, including Oscar Mestas of the Texas Forest Service, covered everything from choosing a tree species to pruning and pest control.



U. Frank Williams Jr./Reporter-Telegram

Deborah Benge Frost gives a slide presentation on trees that grow well in West Texas at the Sibley Learning Center.

"Even professionals tend to overprune," Ms. Frost said. "We also need to diversify our urban forest. We don't want all the same trees because a disease like oak wilt could wipe them all out. There are a number of species we could introduce to the area."

The Tree Keepers program is partnered with the city of Midland to prune a large percentage of the trees in public parks. In the process, more than 8,000 trees have been planted in the last year.

"There are very few people who don't have some experience with a tree. People who live in apartments may not be as interested, but why not know how to care for your trees properly?" Ms. Lanning said.

During the winter months, negligence can become even more prevalent.

"It's important to keep watering through the drought. We see severe declines, and some trees have already died. We don't think about it during the winter, but it's important to slowly replenish the deep water source of the tree by watering," she said.

Schools keep questioned nuggets in freezer

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas schools are waiting for assurances from the U.S. Department of Agriculture before serving chicken nuggets from Gold Kist plants in Alabama.

Gold Kist inspectors said in a report that appeared last week in Cox Newspapers that chickens with sores, scabs and tumors were processed into the nuggets at two plants in Alabama.

The Austin American-Statesman reported Saturday that nearly all of the 172 schools that received the nuggets are keeping them in freezers and away from children.

"Our impression is that virtually all of them have decided not to serve these products, and I think that's understandable," said Sherron Heinemann, spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Human Services.

Robert Joicus, business manager for Earnes Independent School District in Austin, said his district is waiting for federal agriculture officials to reassure them the meat is safe.

"I suppose the thing that will put our minds to rest will be the response from the USDA," he said. "We will not use that product until we hear back from the federal USDA."

A new inspection process that puts responsibility on the company allowed the allegedly tainted meat to get through, reported the newspapers, including the American-Statesman.

Gold Kist officials said their products are safe and the inspectors who were interviewed were part of a "misinformation" campaign against the new inspection process.

Carol Blake of the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service told Alabama reporters Wednesday: "It's a safe product. It's not contaminated with a pathogen or anything."

Nonetheless, Central Texas schools are serving other brands of chicken until they learn more, the American-Statesman reported.

"We have a rule in food services: 'When in doubt, throw it out," said John Crowley, director of child nutrition services at San Marcos schools.

"Ultimately, our primary responsibility is the safety of kids — that's why we're waiting to see what happens," he said.

Larry Wehde, business manager for Gonzales schools, said he does not want to take any chances. "We're in the business of taking care of kids," he said. "So, if we're going to make an error, let's do it on the side of kids."

However, Reba Baker, food services director for Belton Independent School District, said she trusts the government's standards and will serve the nuggets the next time the menu calls for them.

"I know the standards they expect of us, and I couldn't imagine they would expect any less of anybody else along that chain," she said. "The USDA has an excellent safety record."

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$344 million loan procured for Odessa plant

■ Leaders cite advantages of economic development plan.

By Rick McLaughlin
Staff Writer

Texas Independent Energy and one of its partners, Panda Energy International, Inc., of Dallas, announced Friday that a $344 million construction loan has been obtained to build a natural-gas fueled, 1,000-megawatt electric generating plant in Odessa.

Construction is expected to begin almost immediately, said Mike George, president and CEO of the Odessa Chamber of Commerce, with completion and operation expected by the summer of 2001.

"A contractor's trailer is expected to be on site with a sign saying 'Now hiring' on the side in the next few days," he said Saturday. The site is on Interstate 20 about a half-mile east of Grandview on the south side.

"This is a tremendous economic boost for our local economy. There will be 650 construction jobs for 12 to 18 months" with an economic impact of more than $625 million, said George. The project will provide 46 permanent jobs with an annual payroll of $2.3 million.

"There will be an influx of new laborers, since I'm sure our local labor pool won't handle it. Motels will be expanding to near-full occupancy as they did during the Huntsman plastics plant more than a year ago," noted George.

"The project is significant for the entire region and will create a number of construction jobs," said Dennis Clayton, economic development director of the Midland Chamber of Commerce. "It's good for the entire region."

Jerry Lee Jones, president of Midland Business Center and Database Specialties, echoed that sentiment.

"It's a major asset for the Permian Basin," Jones said, "and will have a tremendous impact on the area. It allows us to diversify as an area and will allow other industry to be attracted here. With both the gas and the electricity, I think it is very exciting for the entire area."

Jones said the 56 jobs are not an enormous impact in themselves, "but at least it's moving in the right direction. Economic development today may be smaller pockets of development, not one big plant."

"One good spinoff," Jones noted, "is that Midland will benefit from the economic spirit of Odessa, and for that we can be very appreciative."

"That plant will have a very positive impact on whole area," agreed Marvin Wynn, executive director of Midland Chamber of Commerce. "It will result in quite a few big-paying jobs. It helps in the diversification of the area economy and helps make us less dependent on the oil economy."

Wynn said an additional benefit is the location of the plant itself. "If the power is generated in the area, it might help attract large power users to come to the source in the future."

It's those future projects and the future of co-operation between the two counties and communities that concern George. "Almost 50 percent of people who work in Odessa live in Midland and vice versa. Anything that is good for one community is good for the other and vice versa."

George said community leaders "were very disappointed the night the Midland vote went down (Nov. 4, 1997). We had been very hopeful that we could put our two taxes together and that Midland's tax would compliment the Odessa sales tax. We look forward to do more joint projects with Midland when Midland is successful in getting an economic development tax passed."

Midland's Clayton agreed, noting that "Odessa passing that sale tax gives them the resources. The development corporation was surely a factor in the generating plant locating in Odessa."

Clayton said it may be time to take another look at such a corporation. "We're going to have to look at it. It's difficult to compete with cities that have that resource."

Jones agreed.

"This (plant in Odessa) shows what can be done with a properly funded economic development program. The defeat of the economic development sales tax in 1997 was one of the great mistakes the voters of Midland ever made and will take many years to overcome that mistake — if ever."

Jones added that "a great deal of economic damage will be done to Midland before the community can recover from that unfortunate vote."

He was not optimist about changing course. "Unfortunately, we need to move very fast in that direction, but I see no groundswell of public opinion in that direction, which is unfortunate."

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WEST TEXAS FOOD BANK YEAR END REPORT TO THE PUBLIC 1999 - FOOD DISTRIBUTION MIDLAND/ODESSA

The West Texas Food Bank formerly known as Permian Basin Food Bank wishes our agencies a very HAPPY VALENTINES DAY. Our agencies in 1999 issued at total of 3,035,405 pounds of food and other items to help our neighbors. We are extremely proud of their hard work and want to let the community know.

NAME	TOTAL POUNDS	NAME	TOTAL POUNDS
Andrews Food Pantry Inc.	113474.0	Midland Fair Haven	2755.0
Andrews Senior Citizens	386.0	Mission Health Care Inc.	3703.0
Area Methodist Outreach	40786.0	Mission Messiah Project	20349.0
Bethel Missionary Baptist Ch.	3449.0	Mission Odessa	62882.5
Mh/Mr Third Additon	4120.0	MH/MR Morris House	8430.0
Boys & Girls Club of Midland	6131.0	Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist	5819.0
Boys & Girls Club of Monahans	3931.0	Oasis Church Fellowship	11632.0
Bynum School	1651.0	Odessa Baptist Crisis Ctr	150887.5
Carpenter's Tabernacle Ch.	16868.0	Odessa Day Nursery	5605.0
Catholic Charities	816270	Odessa Meals on Wheels	26419.0
Challenge Camp Mh/Mr	2108.0	Odessa Optimist Club	21265.0
Christ's EV Lutheran CH & SC	20202.0	PB Ctr for Battered Wmn	39752.0
Christian Church of Midland	31567.0	PB Girl Scouts Council	3096.0
Clover House	55384.0	MH/MR Erie House	2022.0
Clover House Aids Service	44591.0	Petro-Plains Camp Fire	1011.5
Community & Senior Services	5230.0	MH/MR Prevocational-Odessa	5536.0
Compassionate Care	87224.0	MH/MR Prevocational-Midland	682.0
Crane Co. Senior Center	22850.0	Promised Land	23193.0
Devonian House MH/MR	2135.0	Rainbow House MH/MR	3003.5
Ector County Assn. for R/C	1749.0	Salvation Army Midland	5128.0
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MH/MR Friendship House	1354.0	St. John's Episcopal Church	59290.2
MH/MR Gateway House	2238.1	St. Vincent De Paul Midland	99558.5
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MH/MR Halifax House	1509.0	Teen Challenge of PB	22454.0
Hanna House Maternity Home	830.0	Teel Challenge Re-Entry	4411.5
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MH/MR Boyd House	2530.0	Phylis Wheatley Child Care	387.0
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Spring City Senior Citizens	37162.5
Stanton-St. Vincent De Paul	5005.0
St. Vincent De Paul Big Spring	45367.0

The West Texas Food Bank has grown to meet the need of 22 counties with three distributing branches and offers the following report by branch.

Odessa/Midland (Headquarters)	3,035405 lbs
El Paso	1,507293 lbs
Alpine	491,438 lbs
Big Spring	671,126 lbs

We distributed a total of 5,705,262 lbs

We at West Texas Food Bank would also like to publicly thank our contributors because without YOUR contribution and your volunteer hours none of this would be possible.

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ADVENTURES IN TEACHING

The key to life is another hot-fudge banana split and making GFARs in the Fatmobile

By R. Eric Setzler

Nearly every October, my family and I travel the highways between Texas and New Mexico to attend the Kodak Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. Seeing hundreds of balloons in the air is a sight that will change your life. As a boy, I remember going with my parents and Grandpa Thompson to chase th airships as they drifted gently through the crisp New Mexico air. Often they needed help landing. A surface wind could cause the basket underneath the air bag to drag across the ground and injure the passengers. Grandpa T and I would leap out of the car and get a "bulldog grip" on the side of the basket to instantly stop its movement.


Setzler

When I was 15 years old, my grandfather and I ran up to a balloon that was having a particularly rough landing. We grabbed the basket together, but the pilot gave the airbag a blast of hot air. With a loud laugh, Grandpa Thompson let go. With the passengers hanging on to me tightly, I had my first balloon ride — on the outside of the air ship. The ride lasted only a few minutes, but seemed longer. I have fond memories of those days and enjoy going to the Balloon Fiesta to make new memories with my wife, Vicki, and our three sons.

On the road to Albuquerque, we always make a GFAR ("gas, food, and restroom") stop in Roswell, New Mexico. Frankly, our whole trip is chock full of countless GFARs, pronounced "gee farz". Simply pulling the family van, named the "Fatmobile" by my children, onto the highway and accelerating to the maximum legal speed limit seems to activate the GFAR response in my children. A 400-mile trip requires at least 100 GFARs. A week before the trip, I made the mistake of mentioning to my oldest son, Jack, that I intensely disliked eating at a fast food restaurant called Moby Chicks' Fowl Fish Sticks in Roswell. Like all teen-agers, Jack wanted to prove he was a mature person who could make his decisions independent of his parental units. Consequently, Jack decided Moby Chick's was the finest eating establishment in the world. This began one of the great power struggles in my family's history (at least for that week).

Within their small bodies, children hold a power that could destroy the planet if unleashed at once. Fortunately, this potential is usually present in small, unfocused doses. However, that's not always true. When kids don't get their way, they become desperate.

Apparently, endless repetition of irritating phrases works best when coming from the mouths of babes. Adults try the same methods with less effectiveness. Maybe children grow immune to overused phrases such as Time for bed, Let's eat, Have you done your homework? and the ever popular, How many times have I told you … ?

ONE OF MY FAVORITE parts of the Bible is the story of how Joshua brought down the walls of Jericho. After the Israelites were led out of Egypt by Moses, they repeatedly disobeyed the Lord who became displeased. After forty years in the desert, all the disobedient people had died. Their leader, Joshua, led the next generation of Israelites into a land flowing with milk and honey. However, there were already people living in the Promised Land who weren't quite done with it. To capture Jericho, Joshua was given a simple set of directions:

1) March around the city once with all the armed Israelites every day for six days,

2) Have seven priests carry trumpets of ram's horns in front of the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord,

3) On the seventh day, march around the city seven times with the priests blowing the trumpets,

4) When the priests sound a long blast on the horns, have the people give a long shout and

5) The walls of Jericho will come tumbling down.

I guarantee that there were Israelite children involved in that attack. Marching around the city seven times would allow enough time for kids to say the phrase "Are we there yet?" 3,960 times. This is more than enough destructive force to bring down the walls of many cities with enough energy left over to fill in all the craters of the moon.

MY OLDEST SON, Jack, decided to use this power to get his way. He also recruited his younger brothers, Frank and Bill, to campaign to stop and eat at their favorite eating establishment in the whole world — Moby Chicks' Fowl Fish Sticks. After 1,094 chants of "Can we stop at Moby Chicks?" my earplugs began to disintegrate. The paint fell off the outside of the Fatmobile after five hundred and thirty-nine more chants. I began to experience numbness in my extremities at Chant 2,199. Chant 3,330 destroyed a mobile home park along side the road. My wife and I surrendered at Chant 3,958, just two short of the number needed to destroy Jericho.

Sitting in a booth, I let my eyes drink in the ambiance of Moby Chicks' Fowl Fish Sticks. In my oil field days, I've eaten at many "greasy spoon" restaurants. This place took the grease cake. Everything in this place was slippery. This afternoon, I had a headache caused by hunger and the frustration of delay. The kids were at the counter placing their order with their mother. Growing more unhappy, I knew we had quite a wait before any food crossed the counter in our direction. Oh my aching skull!

MY WORLD OF SELF-PITY, head pain, and hunger was disturbed by the entrance of a small, elderly woman into the restaurant. She looked around, wrinkled her nose in a cute way, and smiled at the customers and employees. The woman placed her order for an extra large, super-duper, deluxe, hot fudge banana split. The staff of Moby Chick's served her ice cream dream almost instantly. The container looked the size of a ten-gallon aquarium. Countless scoops of vanilla, chocolate, and strawberry ice cream swam freely in a sea of hot fudge. Bananas broke the surface of the ocean like the icebergs that sank the Titanic. Whipped cream islands covered with peanuts drifted around in an accelerated version of continental drift. A cherry topped one of the islands like a lighthouse.

She sat down at the table next to me and introduced herself as Mrs. Victoria Opal. Focusing on the task at hand, she ate the entire ice cream world. Mrs. Opal ate it slowly and methodically with a long handled pink plastic spoon. From the expression on her face, she was experiencing ice cream nirvana. I doubt there were any patrons of Moby Chick's who doubted the sincerity of her experience. However, Victoria settled the issue in our minds by expressing her pleasure with a long drawn-out moan between each bite. After she ate the last bite of sundae, she set down the spoon. The customers surrounding her let out a collective sigh. Our orders were done and our numbers called. We believed the saga was over, but we were wrong. Mrs. Victoria Opal picked up the large dish and drank the milkshake mixture left in the bottom.

I was amazed at her enthusiasm. Initially irritated, I begrudgingly acknowledged her endless appetite. Victoria Opal was a bottomless pit. I realized I had observed something very special. People don't become old being fools. They learn things of importance along the way. This was not a case of gluttony, but an important lesson in life. Looking back at my life, I realized there were many opportunities missed. There were many things I left undone or unsaid. I missed the last few weeks of my Grandpa T's life because I was preoccupied with completing my Masters Thesis. Completing my degree at college cost me valuable time with my first born, Jack. Working as an oil field geologist cost me more time with my family. I cannot get these opportunities back. However, Mrs. Victoria Opal taught me an important lesson on how to enjoy life the way God intended, by taking nothing for granted, making every choice count, and treating every moment as if it was the last.

My family and I would like to invite you to share an extra large, super-duper, deluxe, hot fudge banana split with us at Moby Chick's. Seize the moment and make some lifelong memories today. You won't regret it.

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Housing market off to steady start in 2000

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Midland's housing market got the year off to a steady start, according to the Permian Basin Board of Realtors.

For January, the board reported 80 homes were sold for an average sales price of $88,354. This compares with January, 1999, when 71 homes were sold for an average $95,776.

"It's an improvement," said Bill Scott of Real Estate One Midland, president of the Board of Realtors of the January figures.

He said that the lower average sales price was not a concern to him because January through April are typically slower sales months and he believed the price reflected that trend.

There were 761 listings in January, up from 586 in January, 1999.

"Last January, the 586 listings were a little low. The 761 level is a more stable market," Scott said.

In January, the city of Midland issued 11 permits for new homes, the same as in January, 1999.

After the first of the year, Hunt said, "everyone figured the world is still here and I got eight calls that first week."

Other builders have told him they also expect a better year this year, he said.

Last year, he pointed out, there were permits issued for smaller homes, but this year "all my houses are over 3,500 square feet."

He also plans to build more speculative homes this year, he said.

Chief Economist Mark Dotsour of the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University said that Texas real estate agents and homebuilders can expect to feel the effects of the Federal Reserve's efforts to cool the economy to a more manageable pace.

"Overall, what we're looking for is slightly higher interest rates for mortgages into mid-year, and we expect the Fed will raise interest rates at least a couple more times," he said.

Dotsour explained that the higher mortgage rates have yet to dampen home sales and "usually the first place to feel the effects of higher interest rates is the housing market. As long as the housing market is going strong, the Fed is going to increase interest rates."

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The organization will recognize "key volunteers and companies who have given of their time and talents throughout the year" and will elect new officers and members to its board of directors. Jimmy Patterson will emcee this year's event.

For additional information, call Kim Henderson at 685-7700.

GOP women

Midland County Republican Women will host its monthly luncheon and meeting Wednesday, Feb. 9, at 11:30 a.m. The meeting will provide a forum for all candidates in the March 14 Republican primary to discuss campaign issues. Republican candidates for local races are invited to participate. At least two candidates involved in statewide races are also expected to appear. The event will be held in the ballroom of the Midland Hilton.

Lunch will be served.

For reservations call: (915) 684-5782 or e-mail: jvaughan@cbtd.com.

Choral techniques

The Feb. meeting of the West Texas Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will be held at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 3011 W. Kansas Ave., in Midland at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10. Rob Hunt, music director and principal conductor of the Midland-Odessa Symphony and Chorale will lead a workshop on choral techniques for organists. This free workshop will be an opportunity to learn techniques to use in conducting and improving your choir.

Membership in the West Texas Chapter is open to anyone with an interest in organ or choral music.

For more information call: (915) 345-2686 or (915) 687-1688.

Animal cruelty case presented to prosecutors

EL PASO (AP) — A videotaped animal cruelty case involving an elephant at the El Paso Zoo was presented Friday to prosecutors.

It's now up to the El Paso County district attorney's office to determine what happens next in the ax-handle beating 15 months ago of an elephant named "Sissy."

El Paso police say the matter was presented as a non-arrest case against five zoo employees.

Sissy was transferred last month from the El Paso Zoo to an elephant sanctuary in Tennessee.

The beating of the animal as a form of discipline drew criticism from some residents and the attention of the federal government.

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Parents fighting for kids irked by Elian Gonzalez' situation

By Alison Gregor
San Antonio Express-News

BROWNSVILLE — A small child is taken by his mother from a loving father, survives a perilous journey to a foreign land and becomes the center of an impassioned international custody dispute.

No, he is not Elian Gonzalez, the 6-year-old Cuban whose name has become a household word.

Politicians do not rise to the occasion to pass laws to make this child a citizen. Lawyers do not look for loopholes in international law so he can stay in the United States. The media does not publicize his every moment in a strange land.

He represents the thousands of children taken each year by one parent from another and spirited across international boundaries never to be heard from again. His story is rarely told.

Norma Luna, who lives in Buda near Austin, gazes daily at her missing daughter's face in a photograph taped to the dashboard of her car.

But Luna doesn't see 7-year-old Laura on TV or read about her in newspapers.

"We've been sitting here, waiting and waiting," said Luna, who said she believes Laura was taken to Tamaulipas, Mexico, two years ago by Luna's former husband, Joel Garcia.

"This comes up, and he (Elian) gets all the attention," she said in frustration. "With this little boy, they are doing everything they can."

Luna said her 5-year-old son cries for his sister. But Luna can't explain to him why a young Cuban boy is getting attention from diplomats while she spends back-breaking hours getting the required documents together on her own to recover her daughter.

"I think that any child that's missing should get that attention," Luna said.

Other parents are equally befuddled and outraged by the hype over Elian.

"I wish Congress would do half as much as what they're trying to do for Elian for the thousands of American children, including Vivian Trout, who are overseas against their will," said John Trout of Miami, whose 5-year-old daughter has been abducted twice to foreign countries.

When Trout last saw his daughter's blond curls, she was 2. He said he believes she may be in Spain, where his estranged wife, Marina Lopez, has relatives, or Costa Rica, which has no extradition treaty with the United States.

But he admits he really doesn't know, in spite of spending a small fortune tracking her. He's gotten no help from the media.

"It's just tearing me up," he said. "I've gotten almost no attention for my case, because all the newspapers and TV stations tell me that there are too many parental kidnapping cases to put the pictures in the paper or on TV. ... If there's too many of them, doesn't that right there tell you there's a major problem?"

While Elian's face has been burned into the national consciousness by extensive news reports, the faces of these other children linger in the shadowy recesses of the mind, stowed away after glimpses at milk cartons, junk mail or posters at Wal-Mart.

"Parents are really angry and frustrated that their cases haven't received this kind of attention," said Maureen Dabbagh, president of PARENT, a Virginia Beach, Va., group that helps parents of children abducted internationally by noncustodial parents. "And they're really confused as to why legislators would work so hard, but not on their case."

Dabbagh said Congress has passed only one resolution in U.S. history asking for the return of a child — her daughter, Nadia, from Syria in 1998. But the effort stopped there, and Dabbagh's daughter remains lost to her.

"Yet they're in this frenzy looking for loopholes to help Elian," she said. "Not only are they dissecting the law, but they are willing to override it."

Attorney General Janet Reno last week predicted Congress' intervention in the Elian Gonzalez case could cause problems later for Americans trying to recover abducted children.

"If we got into a situation where American children ended up abroad and American parents wanted them returned and a foreign country made them a citizen so they did not return, I don't think the people in the United States would be very happy about it," Reno told reporters.

Some legal experts warn that circumventing U.S. laws about custodial jurisdiction and ignoring precedents in international law to keep Elian in this country could undermine the 20-year-old Hague Convention, a treaty among 53 nations that establishes procedures to find children and resolve custody cases.

The treaty is meant to help all parents equally. Though Cuba did not sign that agreement, the United States did, and some lawyers feel that may be binding enough.

In Elian's case, it's not even his mother, who died with his stepfather when their boat capsized off the Florida coast, demanding to be awarded custody and citizenship for Elian. It's distant relatives with tenuous connections.

"If Congress chooses to (grant Elian citizenship), they would certainly be undermining the spirit of the Hague Convention. They would be thumbing their noses at all its precepts," Terry said.

Georgia Hilgeman, director of the San Jose, Calif.-based Vanished Children's Alliance, another advocacy organization for parents of internationally abducted children, puts it this way: "If our country doesn't respect the rights of other countries, we can't expect that in reverse."

Mexico is one of the countries with the worst recovery rate, although it is a treaty signatory.

Pam Fortney of Hollywood, Fla., knows all about that. She hasn't seen her sons, Daniel, 8, and Christopher, 11, in four years.

Though Fortney has legal custody of the boys, her numerous trips to Mexico to recover them have been unsuccessful. She tried to get a local news station interested in a trip she made to Mexico to find the boys in 1998.

Fortney and 14 Mexican law enforcement officials tried to recover her sons from school, but the principal locked them out, stalling them until Fortney's ex-husband, Juan Munguia, could file another court challenge, partially typed on a typewriter on a card table outside the school's gate.

"It was a circus," said Fortney, who left hours later without even seeing her sons. But the news station wasn't interested in the story without videotape.

"Now, how much has been made of the fact that these grandmothers went back to Washington, D.C., without seeing their grandson?" Fortney asked resentfully, referring to reports about Elian's two grandmothers' early attempts to see him before a meeting was ordered last week by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

"I mean, here's a mother, and because that camera wasn't rolling, nobody cares."

For Fortney, the comparisons continue. She recalls being told, "We can't get involved," by consular officials when she asked them to deliver Christmas presents to her sons during a check on their welfare.

"But look how involved they are with Elian, right?" she continued, pointing with bitterness to the toy dune buggy and baseball equipment showered on the little boy last Christmas by Miami city officials.

Elian has spurred public protests in the United States and Cuba, legislative subpoenas, congressional bills and unending news reports to help catapult the issue of international parental abduction into the limelight.

But to parents with empty houses, every click of the camera shutter on Elian marks another heartbeat separating them in time from their missing children.

"I don't believe his case is going to help anybody else in this situation," said Paul Fedynich, an Orlando, Fla., resident whose three children were taken in 1998. He said he believes they are in Mexico with his ex-wife, Linda Marie Fedynich.

"Now, everybody's going to get tired of hearing about this issue," Paul Fedynich said.

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BOOKS IN BRIEF

Best sellers

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National best sellers are from The New York Times.

LOCAL

Hardcover Fiction/Nonfiction

1. **The Brethren,** by John Grisham.
2. **The Rock Says ...,** by the Rock with Joe Layden.
3. **Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets,** by J.K. Rowling.
4. **Gap Creek,** by Robert Morgan.
5. **Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban,** by J.K. Rowling.
6. **Have A Nice Day!** by Mick Foley.
7. **Tuesdays With Morrie,** by Mitch Albom.
8. **The Lion's Game,** by Nelson DeMille.
9. **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone,** by J.K. Rowling.
10. **Body for Life,** by Bill Phillips.

Mass Market/Trade

1. **The Testament,** by John Grisham.
2. **Star Wars Dark Tide Onslaught,** by Michael Stackpole.
3. **The Girl Who Loved Tom Gordon,** by Stephen King.
4. **Angela's Ashes,** by Frank McCourt.
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9. **All Smiles,** by Stella Cameron.
10. **Carbohydrate Addict's Diet,** by Heller and Heller.

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Hardcover Fiction

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2. **Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban,** by J.K. Rowling.
3. **The Lion's Game,** by Nelson DeMille.
4. **Gap Creek,** by Robert Morgan.
5. **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone,** by J.K. Rowling.
6. **False Memory,** by Dean Koontz.
7. **Sick Puppy,** by Carl Hiaasen.
8. **The Attorney,** by Steve Martini.
9. **Atlantis Found,** by Clive Cussler.
10. **Secret Honor,** by W.E.B. Griffin.

Nonfiction

1. **The Rock Says ...,** by the Rock with Joe Layden.
2. **Tuesdays With Morrie,** by Mitch Albom.
3. **'Tis,** by Frank McCourt.
4. **Have A Nice Day!** by Mick Foley.
5. **The Greatest Generation,** by Tom Brokaw.
6. **The Greatest Generation Speaks,** by Tom Brokaw.
7. **The Art of Happiness,** by the Dalai Lama and Howard C. Cutler.
8. **A Vast Conspiracy,** by Jeffrey Toobin.
9. **Hell To Pay,** by Barbara Olson.
10. **Galileo's Daughter,** by Dava Sobel.

Trading day planned

Hastings Entertainment Inc. (NASDAQ: HAST), 3111 W. Cuthbert, will host a Pokémon Trading Day on 2-4 p.m. Feb. 19. To help young guests "collect 'em all," each Hastings location will have an area set aside for Pokémon Trading. Guests may bring Pokémon cards to the store and trade them with other guests' cards.

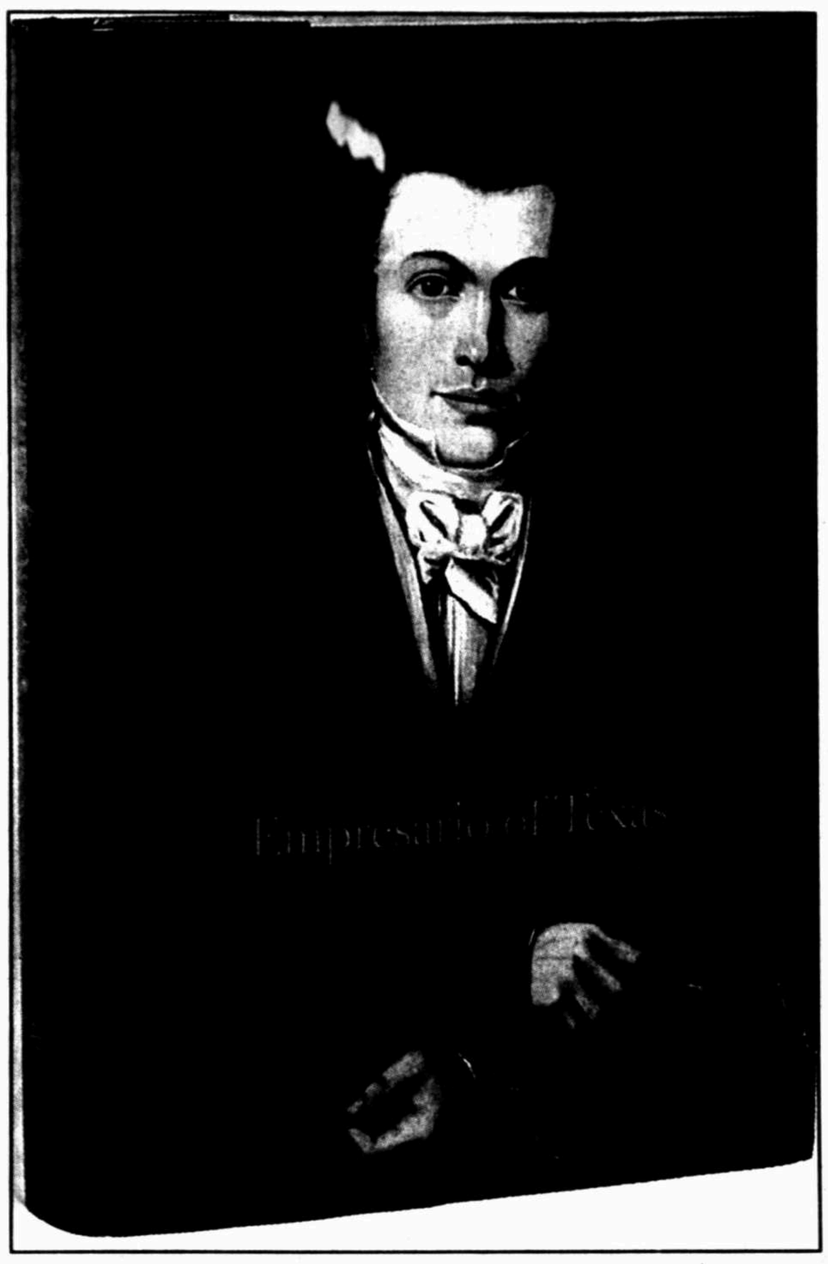
Founded in 1968, Hastings is a multimedia entertainment retailer that sells books, music, software, periodicals and videotapes and offers rental of videotapes and video games

Hastings also operates www.gohastings.com, a multimedia entertainment e-commerce Internet Web site, that offers books, music, software, videotapes and videogames to the electronic global marketplace.

Book looks at 'Father of Texas'

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN: EMPRESARIO OF TEXAS
by Gregg Cantrell
(Yale University Press—New Haven, Conn.; $29.95, 493 pages, photographs, illustrations)

Reviewed by Robert Nash



The quaint phrase — "the honor of the family" — brought 27-year-old Stephen Fuller Austin to Texas in 1821.

The same principle, though a different focus, shaped the life of the extraordinary American who was hailed as "the Father of Texas" when he died in the village of Columbia 15 years later.

Abilene historian Dr. Gregg Cantrell tells the engrossing story of how Texas captured Austin in the first full-scale study of the man since Eugene C. Barker's 1925 biography, "The Life of Stephen F. Austin, Founder of Texas, 1793-1836."

Austin played a central role in the state's creation, beginning on that July morning when he swam his horse across the muddy Sabine River, then the border between American Louisiana and Spanish Texas.

His foes, both business and political, portrayed Austin as a greedy and ruthless land speculator. He life was a balancing act as he moved in a chaotic world populated by the motley set of adventurers drawn to frontier life: scalawags, hustlers, outlaws, fractious settlers, venal bureaucrats, slippery politicos, assorted fugitives, a free-floating legal system — and the occasional man of good will looking for something to call his own.

What is now Texas was then the northernmost province of Spanish Mexico, an isolated wilderness. What Austin accomplished was remarkable by any standard.

He brought with him a patent originally granted to his father, Moses Austin, to settle 300 families in the area. In the next few years Austin, a slender, handsome, sickly workaholic who excelled as a negotiator and diplomat, brought in some 1,500 families. They became the heart of Anglo Texas.

Pragmatic to the core, Austin learned to maneuver around the machinations of lesser men while working toward a never-changing goal.

Or did the goal change? At the beginning the empresario's mission was to salvage the Austin family name, its pride and the affluence of former generations. But somewhere along the way there was a shift.

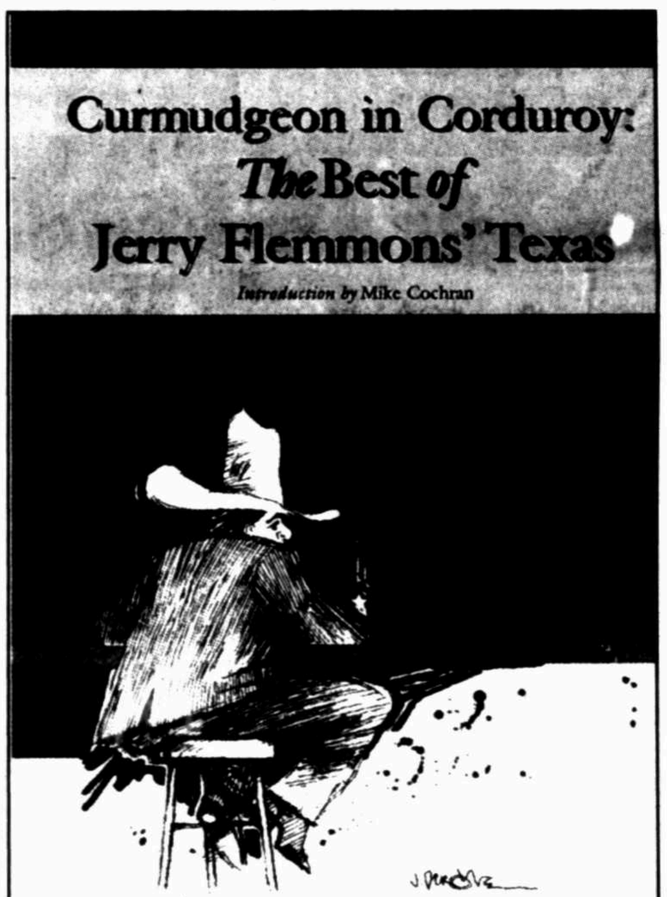
He wrote feelingly at Christmastime in 1828: "I am happy to find myself once amongst my large family after so long an absence." The absence was a trip to Saltillo, Mexico, several hundred miles by horseback, to further the colonists' interests.

That "family" consisted of the settlers, Tejano and Anglo. His mission had expanded from financial pursuits to developing the Texas frontier into a populated, prosperous, civilized country with Stephen F. Austin as its leading citizen.

Dr. Cantrell effectively depicts this conversion in a lively, minutely researched and smoothly written work. Austin was soundly defeated by military hero Sam Houston for the Texas presidency in 1836. But his statement of candidacy might well have been his epitaph:

"(Since coming to Texas) ... My labour and exertions to settle this country are well known. My object has been the general good, and the permanent liberty and prosperity of Texas."

"Stephen F. Austin: Empresario of Texas" is a rewarding trip through history, a revealing account of one man's transformation from a businessman into a world-class statesman.



Essays showcase writer's favorite subject: Texas

CURMUDGEON IN CORDUROY: THE BEST OF JERRY FLEMMONS' TEXAS
By Jerry Flemmons; introduction by Mike Cochran
(TCU Press Fort Worth; 174 pages; $14.95)

Staff Reports

FORT WORTH — Building on the success of "Jerry Flemmons' Texas Siftings" and "More Texas Siftings," TCU Press has issued "Curmudgeon in Corduroy: The Best of Jerry Flemmons' Texas." The essays in this new volume, written by the late, award-winning journalist and travel editor, reflect Flemmons' strong affection for all things Texan.

In "And Flights of Harlots Sing Thee to Thy Rest," he reveals a devilish sense of humor as he decides that the limestone angels adorning a new performance hall in Fort Worth are really the fallen angels of Cowtown's Hell's Half Acre from 100 years ago. With insight, compassion and patience, he tells of his encounters with Lee Harvey Oswald's mother; "Mama Oswald" was a tormented and tragic woman who pestered journalists, including Flemmons, for years after her son's death. And with stark wonder at the horror of it, he recalls the day Charles Whitman took his rifles to the University of Texas Tower and began randomly shooting people.

Flemmons was a pallbearer for Oswald and was one of the first reporters on the deck of the Tower after Whitman was killed.

But Flemmons' collection tells lighter tales too, including essays on hunkering — that fundamental resting position for rural men — the importance of front porches, the nostalgia of a good courthouse clock with a bell, the etiquette of the two-step, the vanishing tradition of the game "42," and the inadequacy of pork barbecue.

A lifelong journalist, Flemmons retired as travel editor of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in the late 1990s, but continued to contribute occasional columns on Texas. His other works include "Plowboys, Cowboys and Slanted Pigs," the one-man play, "O Dammit!" and the biography, "Amon!" He was most recently writer-in-residence at Tarleton state University and lived in Granbury. Flemmons died in September 1999.

Bookstores are 'living room away from home'

By Ricardo Gandara
N.Y. Times News Service

AUSTIN — Duane Brantley leans on a magazine rack at Borders bookstore, his head buried in Mountain Bike Action magazine. He's happily oblivious to the passage of time, to his fellow magazine browsers, to the live jazz band playing in the cafe. A few feet away, Yiannis Pavlou, 28, a four-times-a-week regular, is sitting at a table, using his laptop to catch up on work. Across the room, Thays Glasgow is knitting a sweater for her 9-year-old daughter, Daphne, who is reading "Lacey's Crush," the sixth in the Sweet Valley Jr. High Series. The only thing missing is a fireplace.

Back at the magazine rack, Tsambika Bakiris, 20, who believes there is no such thing as too many books, is carting an arm load of psychology texts. Mingling at Borders provides "balance" in her busy collegiate life. Later, she's going dancing.

"Some guys would rather go have a drink after work. I like to come look at computer books, listen to the music, relax and have a cup of hot chocolate," says Brantley, 34.

Welcome to the new town square. Or public meeting hall. Or watering hole. Whatever it is you're looking for, chances are you can find it at the Borders and Barnes & Noble bookstore/cafe behemoths that have sprung up in metropolises across the country. Mix live music, coffee, food and bibliophiles in a comfortable atmosphere. Shake them around. Chill out. What you get is a place — maybe even a community — where people want to hang out for hours, browsing through bookshelves, sipping coffee, eyeing the seemingly single.

It's coming together at a local Borders, which Glasgow, husband David and daughter Daphne patronize every Friday and Saturday night and sometimes Sunday afternoons. "We make dates with other families," she says. "I'll talk to someone and say, 'Oh, you're going to Borders tonight? We'll see you there.' We spend little money for good entertainment here. We can easily spend four hours on two cups of coffee, and this is a good place for Daphne because she loves to read."

IT'S NOT JUST the large chains that are attracting customers who are looking for the extras. Eddie Tennison and Anne Cook are hooked on Adventures In Crime & Space Books, a small bookseller that makes up in hometown feel what it lacks in big store amenities. They frequently dine in nearby restaurants and complete the evening with a visit to the bookstore, where they browse and pick owner Willie Siros' brain about mystery and science fiction books.

They also spend a lot of time at Book People down the street from Adventures, and Barnes & Noble in Westlake, where their teen-age daughter likes to study. Cook says Barnes & Noble, which is near their home, has turned into a weeknight homework haven for high school students.

Serving customers' needs is important to a store's place in the community. Yes, community — the big chain stores want to be involved in the schools and neighborhoods around them. Take the Borders near the new southern branch of Central Market. It has its own community relations coordinator, Sharon Mays, who visits schools, lines up live music and last month organized group discussions on exercising, losing weight, traveling and balancing the family budget. As a result, outside groups, not just book clubs, are meeting at the cafe. She calls her store a community events center.

"Customers told us they wanted live music in the afternoons, so we switched it (from nights). They asked for children's storyteller Lisa Baker twice a month, so we booked her. We're buying a piano for the cafe that anyone can use. Why? Because people expect more than books," says Mays.

IT'S AN EXPECTATION that was created years ago not by the mammoth chains, but by the scrappy independents.

Back in 1976, Edward Morrow, the owner of The Northshire Bookstore in Manchester, Vt., began occasionally serving hot malt cider and scones to his customers. They loved it. Then he moved his store across the street to bigger quarters, sans the drinks and pastries. Now, he's adding a cafe to his expanding store. "People are now expecting first-rate stores to have a a place to sit and drink coffee," says Morrow, who served as president of the American Booksellers Association from 1989 to 1990. "The chain stores picked up the idea from successful small independents like Kramerbooks & Afterwords in Washington, D.C., and went to Wall Street for financing. Then they rolled out the stores across the country."

It's unlikely even their investors foresaw what was coming. Local artwork on the walls. Pokemon card trading clubs. Brunch. And the unwritten invitation to browse. The stores don't care if you buy something (well, they sort of do), they just want you there. Borders is confident that customers who spend a lot of time at a store sipping coffee or browsing are also impulse buyers. "It's a whole shopping experience," explains Mays. "Even the people who come for just an event or hang out will buy a book, or music or merchandise that day or return another day to buy. We know these people are regulars who come in four times a month. They will buy."

Or maybe they've got something to sell. Bob and Carrie Barnstien show up at Borders on a Saturday night to listen to the Java Jazz band and tell people the good news. "We came here to speak God's word. We'll tell people what God has done for us," he says.

Brantley, the bike magazine browser, says the environment is conducive to entrepreneurship. "I see people jotting things down on paper napkins. New ideas are being created. The possibilities are endless," he says. "The next great widget could be coming from a guy sitting over there listening to the music."

Though the guy who's probably making the biggest killing is whoever took out a patent on big, cushy chairs.

Home, meeting room, study hall, library with very strict checkout policies — the new bookstores are all of these things, and more. But one thing they're not are singles bars for the brainiac set. At least not yet, says Borders customer Melanie Thompson, 21. "They could be. I met a nice guy here last week with the same literary interests as me. I was hoping he'd be here tonight, but oh well."

Then she's off to the travel section to visit faraway places. "I want to go to China, and here I can do it," she says. "Without anyone telling me I have to buy the book."

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Environmentalists call for limits on shrimping to protect sea turtles

N.Y. Times News Service

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND — Despite stepped-up efforts to protect them, sea turtles keep washing up on Texas beaches, and environmentalists are calling for new limits on the state's $600 million-a-year shrimping industry that they believe will solve the problem.

In 1999, 450 dead and injured turtles washed up on the Texas coast, a 14 percent increase over 1998.

Of particular concern is the Kemp's ridley turtle, a wide-ranging turtle that nests mainly in one place in the world: a 90-mile stretch of beach in northern Mexico.

For decades, Texas biologists have taken elaborate steps to develop a second nesting area along the South Texas coast. Their efforts have included transplanting eggs from Mexico and raising silver-dollar-size hatchlings in laboratory buckets for about a year. And their work seems to be paying off. In 1999 they found 16 nests in South Texas, up from six in 1996.

The Kemp's ridley turtle is endangered. Scientists believe that many are killed or injured when they are inadvertently caught in shrimp nets, even though federal law requires shrimpers to use devices that let turtles escape from the nets.

"As soon as shrimp season opens, the turtles start washing up dead," said Teri Shore, a spokeswoman for the Sea Turtle Restoration Project, an advocacy group for the turtles. "This we know, year after year."

Last summer, state officials began boarding shrimp boats to make sure they were complying with laws protecting the turtles.

But some advocates for the turtles say it is time the turtle's second home became an outright sanctuary: a marine reserve closed year-round to shrimpers.

In early February a coalition of advocacy groups donned turtle costumes and took the issue to the doorstep of Gov. George W. Bush. They said state enforcement had failed, and they demanded that shrimping be banned off the beaches favored by the Kemp's ridley.

"This is a critical nesting area and a critical migrating area, both for turtles that nest in Texas and those that nest in Mexico," Shore said.

But the issue of a marine reserve divides even friends of the Kemp's ridley.

In recent years, the fishing and seafood industry, which does not support a Texas marine reserve, has invested in protecting the Kemp's ridley's primary nesting place at Rancho Nuevo, in the Mexican state of Tamaulipas. Last year the industry bought land and materials for an additional turtle camp there.

The U.S. supervisor of the binational effort at Rancho Nuevo, Patrick Burchfield, said the industry's support was an important factor in the 12 percent to 14 percent annual increase in turtle nests there.

Compared with the 924 nests and 48,000 hatchlings counted in 1978, the project's first year, biologists protected 3,648 nests and returned 228,000 hatchlings to the Gulf of Mexico in 1999. Burchfield said he did not want to risk the delicate coalition and alienate shrimpers.

"We could very quickly get back to where we were five years ago: people in opposing camps and spending all their money in court instead of trying to preserve the turtle," he said.

Les Hodgson, past president of the National Fisheries Institute, a seafood industry group, said that additional restrictions on shrimping were "not out of the question," but that the focus should be on proven efforts at Rancho Nuevo.

"We're looking at a way to solve the turtle problem that doesn't put a lot of people out of business and shut down an industry," said Hodgson, who has been honored by the Commerce Department for his turtle conservation work at Rancho Nuevo.

Scientists disagree on the underlying reasons for high turtle mortality in Texas. With nests multiplying in Mexico, some suggest it is inevitable that more turtles will be harmed as they migrate through Texas waters.

But Donna Shaver, a federal government biologist at Padre Island National Seashore in Texas, said Mexico's turtle sanctuary had many more nests and far fewer deaths than Texas. It is also closed to shrimping in the nesting season.

Texas officials say they will probably propose new shrimping restrictions in the spring.



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Police arrest mom in connection with strange death of newborn boy

DALLAS(AP) — The mother of an infant found dead outside the door of his parent's Far North Dallas apartment in December has been arrested for capital murder.

Aruna Kavali, 24, was booked into the Collin County Justice Center on Friday and was being held late Friday in lieu of $250,000 bail.

Kavali told police on Dec. 8 that someone broke into her apartment and killed her newborn. Investigators spoke with both parents the night the baby died but could not fully interview the mother because of a language barrier, police said. The couple are from India.

When police and paramedics arrived, Kavali's husband was holding his 3-day-old son, who had a red mark on his neck and signs of internal injuries.

Gangaudaya Kavali told police that he was at a nearby store with their 2-year-old daughter when the incident happened.

He said his wife told him that the newborn was on the couch when she went to the bathroom. Later, when she left the bathroom to answer a knock at on the door, she found it partially open and her newborn on the concrete walkway outside, her husband said.

Investigators declined to give details about what led to her arrest but indicated that physical evidence did not support the the couple's account.



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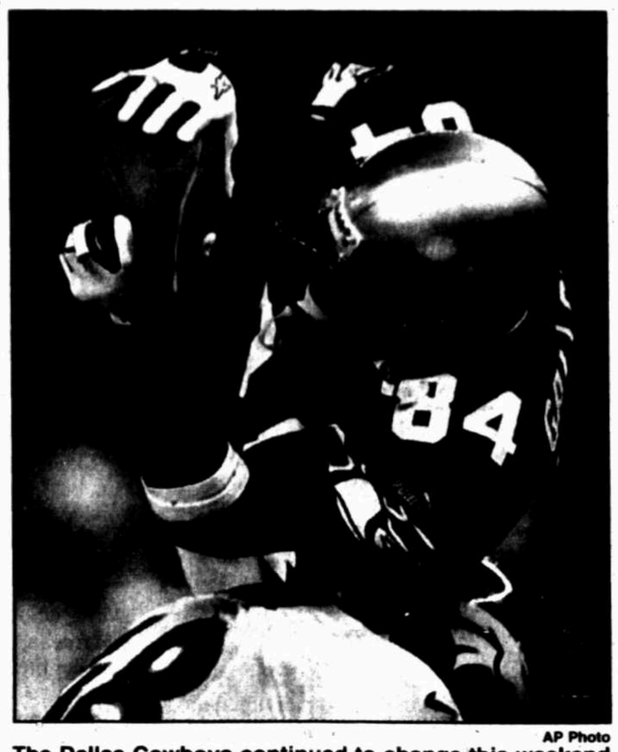
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Cowboys make deal for explosive Seahawks' receiver Joey Galloway



AP Photo

The Dallas Cowboys continued to change this weekend as they traded two first round draft picks for Seattle Seahawk receiver Joey Galloway.

Reisking Ink Bruce Smith

ASHBURN, Va. — Bruce Smith, one of the most dominant defensive players in NFL history, agreed to terms on a two-year contract with the Washington Redskins two days after he was released by the Buffalo Bills.

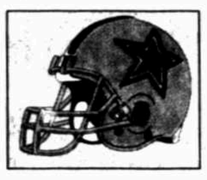
The Redskins, who confirmed Smith's signing, did not give any further details except to say they would be a news conference later today in Reston, Va.

Smith, who has played 15 years in the NFL, all with Buffalo, was emotionally upset when the Bills dropped him.

See SMITH/5C

By Stephen Hawkins
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — The Dallas Cowboys, desperate to give Troy Aikman a big-time receiver, acquired unrestricted free agent Joey Galloway from Seattle on Saturday for the Cowboys' first-round picks this year and next.



Galloway set up the trade by signing a deal with the Seahawks on Saturday. Minutes later, Seattle traded him to the Cowboys, who had already come to terms with him on a 7-year, $42 million deal.

"This really does complement everything we have done and is in synch with our plans for this team," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "Our basic philosophy is that we have made a change in offense."

The Seahawks named Galloway their exclusive franchise player on Thursday after an arbitrator in Washington, D.C., ruled him an unrestricted free agent. By putting the franchise player tab on Galloway, the Seahawks controlled which team or teams he could talk with. Friday, Seattle coach and general manager Mike Holmgren granted Jones permission to talk to Galloway.



Galloway

Friday night, Galloway fired his agents, Eric Metz and Ethan Lock, and hired a new agent, Leigh Steinberg.

After a first-round playoff loss following an 8-8 regular season, coach Chan Gailey was fired and replaced by Dave Campo. Former quarterbacks coach Jack Reilly was hired to bring back the same offense the Cowboys ran when they won three Super Bowls in the 1990s.

Galloway, 28, fits into the plan, giving Aikman another proven receiver and taking pressure off Raghib Ismail, whose production dropped after Michael Irvin suffered a season-ending and possible career-ending neck injury.

In his first four NFL seasons, Galloway had three 1,000-yard seasons. He was the NFL's offensive rookie of the year in 1995, and had 65 receptions for

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Landry, 75, dies

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Tom Landry, the Dallas Cowboys coach who led America's Team to five Super Bowls and was famous for pacing the sidelines for three decades wearing a stone face, business suit and felt hat, died Saturday. He was 75.



Landry

Landry had been undergoing treatment since May for acute myelogenous leukemia. He died at Baylor University Medical Center about 6 p.m. CST, surrounded by his family.

Landry, who coached the Cowboys for their first 29 years, won two Super Bowls with star quarterback Roger Staubach. His 270 victories are more than any NFL coach except Don Shula and George Halas.

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue praised Landry as "the NFL at its best."

"He will always rank as one of the all-time great coaches and as an architect of one of the most successful teams in sports history," he said. "He will be remembered for many special reasons, including his record as a coach, the innovations he brought to our game, and the personal integrity he displayed."

Landry considered those innovations his greatest contribution. His legacy continued through the coaches he produced, including Atlanta's Dan Reeves and former New Orleans coach Mike Ditka.

"He shaped my philosophy on everything," Reeves said Saturday night. "I followed his philosophy on football and how he handled himself on and off the field. He was a tremendous influence on me."

Owner Jerry Jones, who fired Landry the day he bought the team in 1989 fol-

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DISTRICT 4-5A SOCCER

Living on the edge

Bulldogs survive shootout



U. Frank Williams Jr./Reporter-Telegram

Matt Lozano (16) gets mobbed by happy teammates after scoring the game-winning goal in yet another shootout, this time against Abilene High.

By Jay Peden
Sports Writer

The Midland High boys soccer team seems to be making shootouts a habit. The Bulldogs are also making winning a habit.

For the second time in a week, the Bulldogs won in a shooutout over a team which had beaten them twice last season and which had come into the game at the new Midland High Soccer Field with an undefeated record in District 4-5A. The result is a 3-1 district mark and second place in the early race.

On Tuesday, it was a shootout over San Angelo Central that went down to MHS' last shooter. On Saturday, the drama was ratcheted up a few notches as an Abilene High goal in the final minute forced the shootout, which went to eight shooters before Matt Lozano's conversion claimed victory for Midland High.

"We'd like to win them in regular time," said MHS keeper Justin

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Region Repeat

MHS girls capture I-5A swimming crown again

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

LUBBOCK — The Midland High girls swim team proved at the Region I-5A championships Saturday afternoon that if you have enough good cards you can take risks with some of your bets.

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Region I-5A Swimming

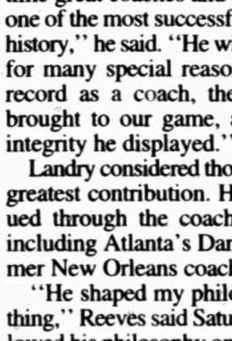
For the second straight year, the MHS girls won the regional team title, qualifying seven swimmers for the state meet and scoring 113 points to finish 68 points ahead of second place El Paso Franklin. That, in and of itself, is a testimony to the type of depth the team possesses.

An even stronger statement, however, was made by the three MHS relay teams, all of whom qualified for the state meet in Austin. So strong were the Midland High girls in the relays that they could move their top swimmer from one foursome into another without sacrificing a victory in either.

Was Ted Carson, who coaches the MHS and Midland Lee boys and girls, confident it would work?

"I can say that now," said Carson with a laugh following the meet at the Pete Ragus Aquatic Center. "I'm not a very good gambler."

From a gambler's point of view, though, Carson was like the guy who hides cards up his sleeve all night and walks away with everybody else's money. It might have been viewed as a bluff for Carson to move senior Erin Irons, a six-event state qualifier in her previous two seasons, off the 400-yard freestyle relay team and onto the 200 free relay earlier in the week.



Erin Irons won two events to lead the Lady Bulldogs.

Points are doubled in relays, meaning that failure to win as expected would result in at least an eight-point swing. But MHS viewed Franklin as its top competition in at least two relays, and entering each relay as the No. 1 seed after Friday's preliminaries gave the MHS girls a mental edge.

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Lady Rebels come together to dominate Abilene Cooper

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

It only took two-and-half minutes for the Midland Lee Lady Rebels to score their first goal against Abilene Cooper at the Lee Soccer Field on Saturday.

Raffi Belizaire's goal to start the game was the beginning of total domination for the Lady Rebels as they cruised to a 6-1 victory over the Lady Cougars.

Belizaire's goal came from an assist by Linsey Johnson, who herself got into the scoring column later in the half.

Johnson's first goal came on a breakaway in the 14th minute of the contest. Before the Lady Cougars could wipe their eyes and catch their breath, Johnson was on the move again, and just 30 seconds after her first goal, Johnson broke free again to give her team a 3-0 advantage.

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Midland Lee	6
Cooper	1

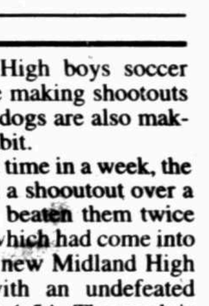
"In the first half we came out real strong," Johnson said. "They were giving me good grooves, and I just dribbled up and scored. They (Lady Rebels) were giving me constant support.

"We just came together better today. We came out strong, and we were able to keep up the intensity. This is more of a

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Belizaire



Johnson

Lee boys defeat Cooper

ABILENE — A defensive struggle between the Midland Lee and Abilene Cooper boys' soccer teams on Saturday was broken up by Lee's Eric Mora, who scored a goal on an assist from Danny George in the 70th minute.

See SOCCER ROUNDUP/4C

MHS girls fall to Abilene

ABILENE — The Abilene High girls got a goal from Robyn Marquez in the 32nd minute, and the Lady Eagles made that stand up against Midland High for a 1-0 win.

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Sluggish Lady Raiders beat Texas A&M by 14

Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech coach Marsha Sharp was upset with the Lady Raiders' sluggish performance.

"The only positives I can come up with are we won the game and we played good defense," Sharp said after the No. 9 Raiders beat Texas A&M 58-44 on Saturday.

"I was disappointed with the emotion we played with. When you come home, you like to get your people into it. I don't think we gave them very many chances to get up."

Plenette Pierson led three Lady Raiders in double figures with 15 points, but after early bursts in each half, Tech's enthusiasm seemed to wane.

"Give Texas A&M credit," Sharp said. "They tried to slow the game down as much as possible, and they did a nice job of following their game plan."

Leading 27-18 at the half, Tech (19-3, 8-3 Big 12) took command for good with an 13-4 burst in the opening minutes of the second half. Pierson did much of the damage, scoring four times inside and adding a free throw that helped push the Lady Raiders to a 40-22 lead with just more than 14 minutes remaining.

But the Lady Raiders had their problems. After Katrisa O'Neal's free throw with 11:41 remaining, Tech went scoreless for more than five minutes, allowing the Lady Aggies to pull within 44-32 on a pair of free throws by Meg Banahan.

A&M's scoring spree got Tech's attention. Pierson, O'Neal and Keitha Dickerson combined to score the Lady Raiders' next 15 points while Tech's defense silenced A&M en route to a 58-37 lead.

Woods trails Mickelson by 6 strokes

By Doug Ferguson
AP Golf Writer

SAN DIEGO — The Streak might have sprung a leak Saturday.

With every birdie down the stretch Saturday, Phil Mickelson put even more distance between himself and Tiger Woods. With every putt that found the bottom of the cup, he made it that much more difficult for the longest winning streak in 52 years to last another week.

"He's going to have to do something pretty extraordinary," Mickelson said after a 5-under 67 gave him a two-stroke lead over Shigeki Maruyama in the Buick Invitational and left Woods facing his largest 54-hole deficit — six strokes — since The Streak began in August.

But just as quickly as he strung together four birdies in six holes, Mickelson caught himself after putting Woods and "extraordinary" in the same sentence.

"I don't rule out anything out with him," Mickelson said.

Not after what happened six days ago at Pebble Beach, where Woods rallied from seven strokes down with seven holes to play for his sixth straight PGA Tour victory.

This time, Woods won't be trying to track down tour rookie Matt Gogel, but a player with 13 career victories who held off Woods on his home turf two years ago to win the Mercedes Championship.

This time, the guy trying to end the streak is the same guy who helped start it.

Mickelson was at 16-under 200 through three rounds at Torrey Pines, and will be in the final group — able to watch Woods' every move — with Maruyama (69) and Davis Love III, who overcame another double bogey for a 69 but was still five strokes back at 205.

"Tiger thinks he can win from 10-under, so I know I can from 11," Love said.

Woods got within two strokes of the lead at one point, but made only one putt longer than three feet — a 15-footer for birdie on No. 11 — and finished with a bogey-free 67.

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Region I-5A Swim Meet

Results from the finals of the Region I-5A swimming and diving championships Saturday at the Pete Ragus Aquatic Center in Lubbock. The top 3 finishers are listed, along with area and District 4-5A finishers who scored points:

Boys Teams

1, El Paso Eastwood 98; 2, El Paso Franklin 52; 3, San Angelo Central (SAC) 39; **4, Midland High (MHS) 32; 5, Midland Lee 31**; 6, Lubbock High (LHS) 23; 7, Abilene High (AHS) 20; 8, Lubbock Monterey 11; 9, Amarillo Tascosa 7; 10 (tie), Lubbock Coronado and El Paso Americas 5; 12, Odessa Permian 3; 13 (tie), El Paso Hanks and Amarillo High 2.

Girls Teams

1, Midland High 113; 2, El Paso Franklin 45; 3, Amarillo High 37; **4, Lee 31**; 5, El Paso Coronado 29; 6, Central 28; 7 (tie), Tascosa and Eastwood 12; 9, Lubbock High 9; 10, Cooper 8; 11 (tie), Monterey and Abilene High 3.

Individual Boys

200 medley relay: 1, El Paso Franklin 1:41.13; **2, Midland High 1:42.01**; 3, El Paso Eastwood 1:45.80; 4, Lee 1:46.16.

200 free: 1, Gregor Greiner (AHS) 1:44.27; 2, Andy Munoz (Eastwood) 1:44.69; 3, Dennis Hester (SAC) 1:48.37; **4, Tommy Brown (MHS) 1:49.77**; 5, Sean Young (SAC) 1:52.09.

200 IM: 1, Chris Rodriguez (Eastwood) 1:58.28; 2, Steven Kirkpatrick (LHS) 1:59.57; **4, Justin Fallin (Lee) 1:59.89; 5, Jay Ebbert (MHS) 2:04.44.**

50 Free: 1, Ryan Mullen (Eastwood) 21.41; 2, Adam Barton (Eastwood) 21.60; 3, Ryan Tierney (Franklin) 22.05; 5, Wes Baugh (Central) 22.42.

100 Fly: 1, B.J. Barton (Eastwood) 52.06; 2, Sean Young (Central) 55.04; **3, Eric Pharr (Lee) 55.19; 5, Tyson Taylor (MHS) 55.95; 6, Jay Ebbert (MHS) 56.15.**

100 free: 1, Gregor Greiner (AHS) 46.42; 2, Andy Munoz (Eastwood) 46.90; 3, Adam Barton (Eastwood) 47.46; 6, Dennis Hester (SAC) 49.11.

500 free: 1, Chris Rodriguez (Eastwood) 4 46.11; **2, Justin Fallin (Lee) 4:55.91; 3, Scott Jacobson (MHS) 4:57.88; 4, Paul Corey (MHS) 5:02.76.**

200 free relay: 1, El Paso Eastwood 1:25.60; 2, San Angelo Central 1:29.82; 3, El Paso Franklin 1:30.65; 5, Abilene High 1:35.79.

100 back: 1, B.J. Barton (Eastwood) 51.98; 2, Nathan Bowles (SAC) 54.82; 3, Charlie Cooper (Franklin) 57.29; **4, Dan McCarty (Lee) 59.10.**

100 breast: 1, Ryan Mullen (Eastwood) 59.86; 2, Chris Seibert (Franklin) 1:01.37; 3, Steven Kirkpatrick (LHS) 1:01.85; **5, Tommy Brown (MHS) 1:03.99; 6, Paul Corey (MHS) 1:04.15.**

400 free relay: 1, El Paso Eastwood 3:10.63; 2, San Angelo Central 3:21.35; **3, Lee 3:26.29; 5, Midland High 3:27.29.**

Individual Girls

200 medley relay: 1, Midland High 1:51.14; 2, El Paso Franklin 1:52.79; 3, Lee 1:57.63; 4, Central 1:58.42.

200 free: 1, Alexandra King (Amarillo) 1:55.24; **2, Stephanie Brown (MHS) 1:55.81; 3, Keleigh Wentworth (MHS) 1:56.43; 4, Emily Alvarado (MHS) 1:56.60; 5, Katy Rule (Lee) 2:07.28.**

200 IM: 1, Erin Irons (MHS) 2:08.48; 2, Penta Stanley (LHS) 2:10.77; **3, Brooke Mayes (Lee) 2:14.66; 4, Catherine Jelf (MHS) 2:14.78; 5, Jalie Fiske (MHS) 2:15.14.**

50 free: 1, Lacey Elliott (Franklin) 23.95; 2, Kristen Douglass (Amarillo) 24.68; 3, Launnie Freeman (EP Coronado) 25.55; 4, Kathryn Einspanier (AC) 25.59; 5, Susan Talley (SAC) 25.84.

100 fly: 1, Aimee Dunavant (EP Coronado) 58.75; **2, Mallory Keathley (MHS) 59.60**; 3, Gloria Bielmeier (Franklin) 1:01.74; **4, Kellie Parker (Lee) 1:01.88**; 5, Annie Paterson (SAC) 1:02.67; **6, Jessie Fiske (MHS) 1:03..56.**

100 Free: 1, Lacey Elliott (Franklin) 52.56; 2, Kristen Douglass (Amarillo) 55.23; 3, Launnie Friedman (EP Coronado) 55.83; **4, Emily Alvarado (MHS) 55.97**; 5, Susan Talley (Central) 56.40.

500 free: 1, Keleigh Wentworth (MHS) 5:10.98; 2, Alexandra King (Amarillo) 5:13.19; 3, Penta Stanley (LHS) 5:17.45; **4, Catherine Jelf (MHS) 5:22.91; 5, Mallory Keathley (MHS) 5:27.84; 6, Jessie Fiske (MHS) 5:37.20.**

200 free relay: 1, **Midland High 1:40.26**; 2, El Paso Franklin 1:41.86; 3, San Angelo Central 1:45.12.

100 Back: 1, Erin Irons (MHS) 57.99; 2, Stephanie Brown (MHS) 59.48; 3, Jalie Fiske (MHS) 1:00.91; 6, Kelly Rule (Lee) 1:04.96.

100 breast: 1, Kristen Sheffield (MHS) 1:09.27; 2, Kathryn Einspanier (AC) 1:09.54; **3, Brooke Mayes (Lee) 1:10.26**; 4, Kate Knight (AHS) 1:10.84; **5, Erin Spandinger (Lee) 1:11.02; 6, Kellie Parker (Lee) 1:11.98.**

400 free relay: 1, **Midland High 3:42.39**; 2, El Paso Coronado 3:50.57; 3, San Angelo Central 3:52.67; **4, Lee 3:52.69.**

SWIM: Midland High girls win by big margin

(From 1C)

"I was really confident going in," said Irons, who for the second straight year qualified for state in both relays and two individual events and was named the meet's top girls swimmer. "I know (Franklin) was really pumped up to beat us after we beat them last year, and when we saw how badly they wanted to beat us, that just pumped us up even more."

The 68 points by which MHS won was more than double the margin by which the girls outpointed Franklin for the title last year. Victories by Irons in the 200 individual medley (2 minutes and 10.08 seconds) and 100 backstroke (57.72) were almost givens, but some new talent added to the mix this season made Midland High's superiority that much more pronounced.

On the 200 medley relay, Irons was joined by freshman Mallory Keathley to help MHS win in 1:51.14, barely missing the region mark set by Lee of 1:51.00 in 1996. Then on the 200 free relay, Irons along with junior Emily Alvarado, Keathley and freshman Keleigh Wentworth teamed to win in 1:40.26, this time beating the region mark of 1:40.55 set two years ago by Franklin.

"We were thinking about the record but mainly we were thinking about winning," said Wentworth, who swam the anchor leg. "I like going as an anchor because that's a lot of pressure and I do better under pressure."

The irony of Midland High's setting the record in that relay is that it appeared to be the weak link in the team's relay chain, although it did enter the finals as the top seed. Carson put Irons in that group to help push it over the top.

"I know the 200 free was the questionable one, but I knew if we got out fast, we'd be in good shape," said Carson. "That was a surprise to take a bunch of distance swimmers to win a sprint relay."

The longest of those swimmers was Wentworth, who only two events earlier won the 500 free in 5:10.98, a full five seconds faster than her prelim time, which earned her a No. 2 seed.

Wentworth had entered the regionals as the top seed in both the 500 and 200 free. She finished third in the 200 held early in the day.

"I didn't really want to go in first because it seems like everybody wants to catch up to you," said Wentworth. "I was very, very, very nervous this morning. I was glad after the 200 free was over because I got that out of the way."

Wentworth ended the day by teaming with junior Stephanie Brown, Alvarado and sophomore Catherine Jelf to win the 400 free relay in 3:42.39. Brown and senior Kristen Sheffield also teamed with Irons and Keathley to win the 200 medley relay.

Sheffield recorded the only other girls individual victory, winning the 100 breast in 1:09.27. She also entered the meet as the top seed in that event, but slipped to second behind Abilene Cooper's Kathryn Einspanier in Friday's prelims.

"I was still real confident," said Sheffield. "My goal was to get in the top three in prelims and early today I was a lot more nervous. I was getting really tired at the end of the race aand I could barely feel my muscles but I still went all out."

Irons was in a similar state before the 100 back, which was held almost immediately after the 200 free relay, but she still gutted it out.

"I feel I could have done better in the 100 back if I hadn't had the relay before it," said Irons. "I was really tired (after the relay), then I realized I was up. I drank a lot of water, sat down a minute and I felt better."

Brown finished second in two events, the 200 free and the 100 back and Keathley was second in the 100 butterfly to El Paso Coronado's Aimee Dunavant, who set a region record of 58.75.

Midland High's boys finished fourth with 32 points, just ahead of Lee with 31. MHS was second in the 200 medley relay as the quartet of Jay Ebbert, Tommy Brown, Tyson Taylor and Coley Gevecker swam a 1:42.01. For Lee, Justin Fallin had the best finish, taking second in the 500 free.

The Lee girls were fourth in the team standings with 31 points. Freshman Brooke Mayes had a pair of third place finishes in the 100 breast and 200 IM and also teamed with Kelly Rule, Kellie Parker and Marlo Nordt for third in the 200 medley relay.

Two area swimmers earned the right to go to the state meet in the 4A meet held earlier in the day. Michael Ashabranner of Andrews won the boys 200 free in 1:55.56 while Big Spring's Melissa Sheedy won the girls 200 IM in 2:28.20.

NBA All-Star starters 2000

Here is a look at the starters for the 2000 NBA All-Star game to be played at the Arena in Oakland, Calif. on Feb. 13.

EASTERN CONFERENCE STARTERS					
Allen Iverson	Philadelphia	G	6-0	165	Georgetown
Eddie Jones	**Charlotte**	**G**	**6-6**	**200**	**Temple**
Alonzo Mourning	Miami	C	6-10	261	Georgetown
Vince Carter	Toronto	F	**6-7**	215	**North Carolina**
Grant Hill	Detroit	F	6-8	225	Duke
WESTERN CONFERENCE STARTERS					
Jason Kidd	Phoenix	G	6-4	212	California
Kobe Bryant	**L.A. Lakers**	**G**	**6-7**	**210**	**No college**
Shaquille O'Neal	L.A. Lakers	C	7-1	315	LSU
Tim Duncan	**San Antonio**	**F**	**7-0**	**260**	**Wake Forest**
Kevin Garnett	Minnesota	F	6-11	220	No college

Source: NBA AP

Stern: Rockets will move if arena isn't built by 2003

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Houston Rockets are certain to move to a new city if they don't get a new arena by 2003, NBA commissioner David Stern said Saturday.

In his annual All-Star game news conference, Stern did not mince words when discussing the uncertain future of the Rockets. Voters in Houston turned down a referendum last fall to publicly finance half of the cost of a new building.

"As far as them moving, it's more than probable, it's certain that the team will be relocated" if plans are not in place for a new arena by the time the Rockets' lease at the Compaq Center expires following the 2002-03 season, Stern said.

Stern also disclosed that the NBA had reached agreement with its referees on a new four-year collective bargaining agreement that kicks in next season. Officials will receive raises of roughly 10 percent per season, a league attorney said.

Also, the league ruled that Dennis Rodman will have to move out of the guest house he is renting from prospective Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban.

Rodman had agreed to pay Cuban $3,000 per month for use of the house, but the league ruled it to be a violation of salary cap rules. Rodman signed with Dallas earlier this month and played his first game last Wednesday.

When the Rockets' arena referendum failed by a 54-46 margin last November, Stern said the team had his blessing to move.

It is expected, however, that some sort of another arena referendum will be put to a vote in the next three years before the lease expires.

There has been talk in Houston that another team, perhaps an expansion team, could be brought in to replace the Rockets if they move. But Stern poured cold water on that line of reasoning.

"The chances for an expansion team going to Houston are nonexistent, and the chances for a relocation in the face of all the new arenas (in other cities) seems to be highly problematic," Stern said.

"NBA owners are not going to be an impediment to a Houston move at such time as their lease is over, because by then every single NBA team will be in a renovated or new building and their building will not be adequate for the NBA."

Jackalopes lose game to Corpus, get Equale back

Staff Report

ODESSA — The Odessa Jackalopes had hoped to complete a three-game weekend sweep at the Ector County Coliseum Saturday night, but came up a goal short in a 4-3 loss to the Corpus Christi Ice Rays.

The Jacks had come up with wins over San Angelo and El Paso on Thursday and Friday night. They had the task of winning again on a third consecutive game, but couldn't pull this one out in a tight game.

Corpus took a 1-0 lead in the first period of play, but the Jacks stormed back for a 2-1 lead on goals by Paul Vincent and John Bossio. That, however, would be the high water mark for the Jacks.

Former Jack Mike Vandenberg tied the game for the Ice Rays at 2-2 and then the star of the game emerged when Tobin Frasnik scored the next two goals, which proved to be the go-ahead goal and the winning goal as the Jacks came back to close within 4-3, but couldn't pull even.

Still, the Jacks won two-of-three over the weekend, but the homestand isn't complete. Odessa hosts the powerful Lubbock Cotton Kings at the Jack Shack on Tuesday. The Jacks recently upset the Cotton Kings in Lubbock and the rematch promises to be a crowd pleaser.

The Jacks are now 12-12 at home this season and now stand at 16-11-3 under new coach Don McKee.

Where the Jacks got into trouble against the Ice Rays on Saturday was allowing Corpus to have six power play opportunities and the Ice Rays scored on two of them, the difference between a win and defeat.

Jack Notes: Ryan Equale, the player who was traded to the Lake Charles Ice Pirates for Paul Vincent, has reached an agreement with the Jackalopes to return to Odessa. Equale is expected to be on the ice Tuesday when the Cotton Kings come to town.

Carter takes dunk contest

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Vince Carter won the NBA slam dunk contest Saturday night with a riveting above-the-rim demonstration that was almost perfect.

The Toronto Raptors star scored a perfect 50 on three of his five attempts and got a 49 and 48 on the other two to defeat teammate Tracy McGrady and Steve Francis for the title.

Carter used a unique hanger on his first dunk of the final round, driving the ball down and then clinging on the rim from the crook of his elbow. It brought him his third 50 of the night.

On his final dunk, Carter went sailing down the floor and took off just inside the free-throw line for a two-handed stuff that earned him a 48 and a final round 98, enough to beat Francis.

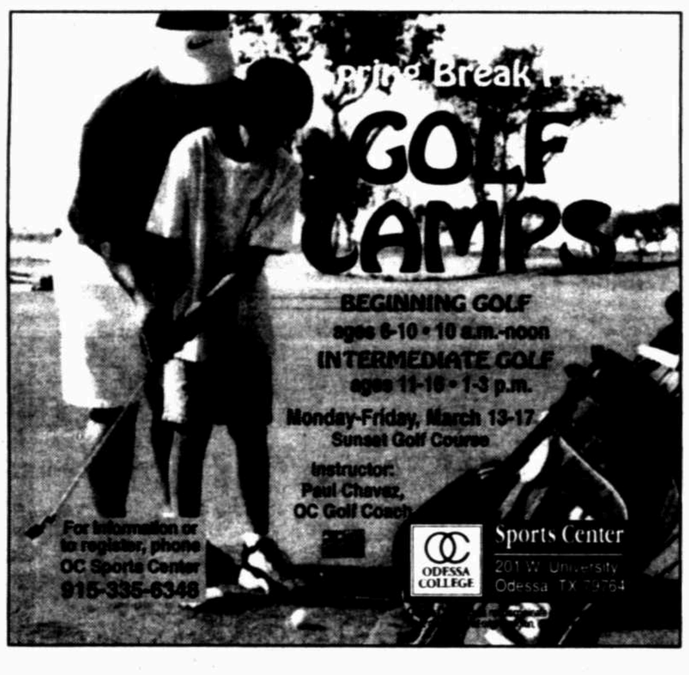
Francis finished the final round with 91 points and McGrady 77.

Hornacek reigns again in NBA 3-point shootout

OAKLAND, Calif. — Jeff Hornacek had experience and his trademark shooting touch on his side.

The Utah Jazz guard, who's retiring after this season, fended off the challenge from the NBA's younger generation Saturday night to win the 3-point shootout at All-Star weekend for the second time in a row.

Hornacek, whose last-second shot won the 2-ball competition at the Oakland Coliseum Arena earlier, edged second-year pro Dirk Nowitzki of Dallas.



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College Basketball Results

Top 25 Men

No. 3 DUKE 84, GEORGIA TECH 65

DUKE (19-3): Carrawell 6-14 2-4 15, Battier 3-9 3-4 10, Boozer 4-7 4-8 12, James 4-8 5-7 15, Williams 5-8 0-0 13, Christensen 1-1 3-4 5, Dunleavy 4-10 1-1 10, Horvath 1-2 0-0 2, Sanders 1-1 0-0 2, Borman 0-0 0-0 0, Buckner 0-0 0-0 0, Simpson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-60 18-28 84.

GEORGIA TECH (11-12): Moore 3-6 3-5 9, Collier 3-7 7-7 14, Jones 2-4 0-2 4, Vines 3-11 1-3 8, Fein 5-10 4-5 15, Floyd 2-4 0-0 5, Akins 2-8 3-4 8, LaBarrie 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 21-52 18-26 65.

Halftime—Duke 45, Georgia Tech 31. 3-point goals—Duke 8-17 (Williams 3-5, James 2-2, Dunleavy 1-2, Battier 1-3, Carrawell 1-4, Horvath 0-1), Georgia Tech 5-15 (Collier 1-2, Floyd 1-2, Akins 1-3, Fein 1-3, Vines 1-4, Moore 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Duke 31 (Carrawell 8), Georgia Tech 40 (Collier 8). Assists—Duke 16 (Williams 4), Georgia Tech 10 (Fein 4). Total fouls—Duke 21, Georgia Tech 20. A—10,000.

No. 2 STANFORD 82, OREGON ST. 56

OREGON ST. (10-12): Jones 2-2 0-1 4, Jackson 4-9 5-5 14, Tanner 5-16 3-6 15, Steinthal 1-8 2-2 4, Petraitis 1-3 2-4 4, Heide 1-2 4-4 6, von Backstrom 1-2 1-2 3, Haywood 1-9 0-0 2, Lake 2-2 0-0 4, Euhus 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 18-54 17-24 56.

STANFORD (21-1): Jacobsen 1-8 10-14 13, Madsen 6-12 8-12 20, Jar. Collins 5-10 4-5 14, McDonald 0-3 2-2 2, Moseley 4-8 2-2 14, Mendez 1-3 3-4 6, Jas. Collins 1-1 0-1 2, Giovacchini 2-4 0-0 5, Kirchofer 0-1 0-0 0, Barnes 0-0 1-4 1, Gelbard 2-2 0-0 5. Totals 22-52 30-44 82.

Halftime—Stanford 39, OSU 30. 3-Point goals—OSU 3-15 (Tanner 2-5, Jackson 1-4, Steinthal 0-1, Haywood 0-5), Stanford 8-18 (Moseley 4-6, Gelbard 1-1, Mendez 1-2, Giovacchini 1-2, Jacobsen 1-4, McDonald 0-3). Fouled out—Lake. Rebounds—OSU 27 (Haywood, Jackson 6), Stanford 47 (Madsen 14). Assists—OSU 7 (von Backstrom 2), Stanford 16 (McDonald 5). Total fouls—OSU 31, Stanford 21. A—7,391.

No. 5 OHIO ST. 88, PENN ST. 75

PENN ST. (12-9): Stephens 10-17 5-8 25, Smith 2-3 0-0 5, Jackson 0-1 0-0 0, Crispin 8-19 7-9 25, Ivory 2-11 2-2 8, Watkins 1-3 2-3 4, Cline-Heard 2-6 0-0 4, Vossekuil 0-0 0-0 0, Banta 2-2 0-0 4, Witkowsky 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 27-62 16-22 75.

OHIO ST. (17-4): Ocokoljic 0-0 0-0 0, Johnson 4-6 3-3 11, Penn 5-10 4-4 17, Brown 1-5 2-2 4, Redd 9-17 7-10 25, Darby 0-0 0-0 0, Robinson 4-6 1-2 10, Steele 0-0 0-0 0, Reese 7-10 7-8 21, Dudley 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 30-54 24-29 88.

Halftime—Penn St. 35, Ohio St. 33. 3-point goals—Penn St. 5-17 (Ivory 2-6, Crispin 2-7, Smith 1-2, Stephens 0-1, Watkins 0-1), Ohio St. 4-10 (Penn 3-5, Robinson 1-3, Brown 0-1, Redd 0-1). Fouled out—Smith. Rebounds—Penn St. 30 (Stephens 7), Ohio St. 35 (Robinson 8). Assists—Penn St. 13 (Crispin, Ivory 4), Ohio St. 17 (Penn 7). Total fouls—Penn St. 26, Ohio St. 17. A—19,100.

No. 6 MICHIGAN ST. 61, WISCONSIN 44

MICHIGAN STATE (18-6): Hutson 3-4 1-3 7, Peterson 5-15 6-6 18, Granger 4-8 0-0 11, Cleaves 2-10 3-4 7, Bell 2-6 1-2 5, Smith 0-0 0-0 0, Thomas 0-0 0-0 0, Chappell 1-3 7-7 9, Richardson 2-3 0-0 4, Anagonye 0-0 0-1 0, Ballinger 0-0 0-0 0, Ishbia 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 19-49 18-23 61.

WISCONSIN (12-11): Kowske 3-8 0-0 6, Vershaw 1-10 2-2 4, Bryant 2-6 1-2 6, Kelley 0-0 0-0 0, Boone 2-7 0-2 4, Davis 0-1 0-0 0, Linton 5-8 0-2 10, Duany 3-5 0-0 8, Penney 1-6 0-0 2, Wills 1-2 0-0 3, Smith 0-0 0-0 0, Swartz 0-0 1-2 1, Faust 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 18-53 4-10 44.

Halftime—Michigan State 35 Wisconsin 20. 3-Point goals—Michigan State 5-14 (Granger 3-5, Peterson 2-3, Chappell 0-1, Cleaves 0-2, Bell 0-3), Wisconsin 4-19 (Duany 2-4, Wills 1-2, Bryant 1-3, Vershaw 0-1, Davis 0-1, Linton 0-1, Penney 0-3, Boone 0-4). Fouled out—Wills. Rebounds—Michigan State 50 (Granger 11), Wisconsin 23 (Kowske 7). Assists—Michigan State 11 (Cleaves 4), Wisconsin 7 (Boone 3). Total fouls—Michigan State 16, Wisconsin 19. A—17,142.

No. 7 ARIZONA 73, WASHINGTON ST. 50

ARIZONA (21-4): Walton 2-7 0-0 5, Wright 8-12 3-4 19, Woods 5-7 0-0 10, Arenas 11-14 0-0 24, Gardner 2-4 2-2 7, Pastner 0-1 0-0 0, Harris 0-0 0-0 0, Wessel 2-2 0-0 4, Anderson 1-4 2-2 4, Hansen 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 31-51 7-8 73.

WASHINGTON ST. (5-15): Crosby 5-14 0-0 14, Miller 4-9 0-0 8, Thomas 0-10 0-0 0, Bush 4-11 1-1 9, Adams 4-9 0-0 10, Clark 1-3 0-0 2, Mencke 0-0 0-0 0, Riley 0-0 0-0 0, Evans 2-4 1-2 5, Whitehead 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 21-61 2-3 50.

Halftime—Arizona 39, Washington St. 19. 3-Point goals—Arizona 4-11 (Arenas 2-2, Gardner 1-3, Walton 1-4, Pastner 0-1, Anderson 0-1), Washington St. 6-22 (Crosby 4-9, Adams 2-5, Miller 0-1, Bush 0-1, Thomas 0-6). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Arizona 32 (Wright 8), Washington St. 29 (Bush 9). Assists—Arizona 14 (Walton 7), Washington St. 10 (Clark 3). Total fouls—Arizona 6, Washington St. 14. A—5,208.

No. 8 TENNESSEE 76, No. 12 FLORIDA 73, OT

FLORIDA (18-5): Parker 0-0 0-0 0, Wright 5-12 4-5 14, Haslem 10-15 4-5 24, Miller 2-10 0-1 5, Dupay 2-5 2-2 7, Weaks 1-4 0-0 3, Harvey 1-4 2-2 4, Nelson 2-4 0-0 4, Bonner 4-6 0-0 8, Hamilton 2-9 0-0 4. Totals 29-69 12-15 73.

TENNESSEE (21-3): Yarbrough 1-7 0-0 2, Victor 3-5 3-3 9, Black 4-8 1-1 10, Higgins 3-6 0-0 9, Harris 8-19 6-8 26, Slay 4-6 0-0 9, Hathaway 1-4 4-6 6 6, Woods 1-4 0-0 3, Walker 0-2 0-0 0, Baker 1-4 0-0 2, Haislip 0-0 0-0 0, Davis 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 26-65 14-18 76.

Halftime—Florida 34, Tennessee 28. Regulation—Florida 63, Tennessee 63. 3-Point goals—Florida 3-17 (Miller 1-6, Dupay 1-4, Weaks 1-3, Wright 0-1, Bonner 0-1, Hamilton 0-2), Tennessee 10-26 (Harris 4-10, Higgins 3-5, Black 1-1, Slay 1-1, Woods 1-3, Hathaway 0-1, Walker 0-1, Baker 0-1, Yarbrough 0-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Florida 41 (Harvey 9), Tennessee 41 (Yarbrough 10). Assists—Florida 16 (Dupay, Wright, Miller, Hamilton 3), Tennessee 17 (Yarbrough, Higgins 4). Total fouls—Florida 16, Tennessee 18. A—22,141.

NOTRE DAME 68, No. 13 CONNECTICUT 66

CONNECTICUT (17-6): Freeman 8-11 2-3 18, Saunders 2-3 0-0 4, Voskuhl 2-2 0-0 4, Mouring 8-16 0-0 18, El-Amin 3-11 0-0 8, Deng 5-8 0-0 10, Archibald 0-0 0-0 0, Robertson 2-3 0-0 4, Wane 0-0 0-0 0, Cox 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 30-54 2-3 66.

NOTRE DAME (15-10): Graves 6-9 2-2 17, Swanagan 3-5 4-6 10, Murphy 5-20 8-8 18, Carroll 2-4 3-4 8, Dillon 0-0 2-2 2, Kartelo 1-4 2-6 4, Macura 0-1 0-0 0, Monserez 2-4 0-0 6, Ingelsby 1-3 0-0 3. Totals 20-50 21-28 66.

Halftime—Connecticut 39, Notre Dame 33. 3-Point goals—Connecticut 4-13 (El-Amin 2-6, Mouring 2-7), Notre Dame 7-19 (Graves 3-4, Monserez 2-3, Carroll 1-3, Ingelsby 1-3, Murphy 0-6). Fouled out—Voskuhl, Robertson. Rebounds—Connecticut 24 (Freeman 5), Notre Dame 28 (Murphy 10). Assists—Connecticut 13 (El-Amin 8), Notre Dame 15 (Dillon 10). Total fouls—Connecticut 24, Notre Dame 10. A—11,418.

No. 14 OKLAHOMA ST. 74, No. 16 OKLAHOMA 71

OKLAHOMA ST. (20-2): Montonati 2-2 2-2 6, Mason 4-10 2-3 13, Jonzen 2-4 10-13 14, Adkins 8-18 1-2 21, Gottlieb 1-6 1-2 3, Alexander 4-7 2-4 13, Williams 0-1 0-0 0, Keep 1-1 0-0 2, Webber 0-1 2-2 2. Totals 22-50 20-28 74.

OKLAHOMA (19-4): Najera 10-20 1-6 21, Stone 3-3 1-2 7, Johnson 6-12 3-3 15, Price 0-4 0-0 0, Raymond 3-10 0-0 9, Heskett 3-6 0-0 8, Newton 3-7 0-0 9, Avila 0-3 0-2 0, Heywood 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 29-68 5-13 71.

Halftime—Oklahoma St. 41, Oklahoma 27. 3-point goals—Oklahoma St. 10-22 (Adkins 4-10, Alexander 3-4, Mason 3-5, Gottlieb 0-3), Oklahoma 8-22 (Raymond 3-6, Newton 3-6, Heskett 2-5, Johnson 0-1, Price 0-1, Najera 0-3). Fouled out—Stone. Rebounds—Oklahoma St. 36 (Jonzen 13), Oklahoma 42 (Raymond, Najera 7). Assists—Oklahoma St. 9 (Jonzen, Adkins, Gottlieb 2), Oklahoma 17 (Price). Total fouls—Oklahoma St. 17, Oklahoma 22. Technical—Oklahoma coach Sampson. A—13,280.

No. 17 IOWA ST. 87, NEBRASKA 65

NEBRASKA (10-13): Florence 8-15 0-0 16, Truscott 2-8 0-0 5, Friend 3-6 1-2 7, Walker 4-10 0-0 11, Cochran 1-7 0-0 2, Fields 3-5 2-2 9, Bradford 2-4 6-6 10, Davison 2-4 0-0 5. Totals 25-59 9-10 65.

IOWA ST. (21-3): Johnson 3-4 1-2 7, Fizer 9-10 4-5 23, Horton 2-9 8-11 13, Tinsley 3-11 3-3 9, Nurse 4-12 7-8 19, Evans 0-2 0-0 0, Hawkins 4-7 2-2 10, Shirley 3-8 0-0 6, Varley 0-0 0-0 0, Davis 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 28-64 25-31 87.

Halftime—Iowa St. 38, Nebraska 34. 3-Point goals—Nebraska 6-20 (Walker 3-5, Fields 1-2, Davison 1-3, Truscott 1-4, Cochran 0-5, Florence 0-1), Iowa St. 6-14 (Nurse 4-8, Fizer 1-1, Horton 1-4, Davis 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Nebraska 34 (Florence 8), Iowa St. 40 (Fizer 9). Assists—Nebraska 10 (Florence, Walker 3), Iowa St. 13 (Horton, Tinsley 5). Total fouls—Nebraska 22, Iowa St. 11 A—14,017.

No. 18 TEXAS 66, MISSOURI 63

TEXAS (17-6): Mihm 6-14 3-8 15, Kelly 5-11 2-2 13, Muoneke 6-10 0-0 12, Wagner 4-10 2-2 12, Clay 3-7 2-2 9, Owens 2-9 1-4 5, Williams 0-2 0-0 0, McColpin 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 26-63 10-18 66.

MISSOURI (14-8): Gilbert 5-9 0-0 12, Rush 4-6 2-3 12, Kroenke 3-4 0-0 8, Dooling 2-10 2-2 7, Hafer 2-6 1-2 6, Grawer 2-8 0-0 6, Soyoye 2-10 2-4 6, Parker 2-7 0-0 4, Schumacher 0-0 2-2 2, Gage 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 22-60 9-13 63.

Halftime—Missouri 30, Texas 25. 3-Point goals—Texas 4-10 (Wagner 2-4, Clay 1-2, Kelly 1-2, Williams 0-2), Missouri 10-28 (Kroenke 2-3, Rush 2-3, Gilbert 2-5, Grawer 2-7, Hafer 1-3, Dooling 1-6, Parker 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Texas 36 (Mihm, Muoneke 7), Missouri 45 (Hafer 9). Assists—Texas 11 (Wagner 5), Missouri 16 (Dooling 4). Total fouls—Texas 18, Missouri 17. A—13,383.

No. 20 KANSAS 94, KANSAS ST. 65

KANSAS (18-6): Gooden 5-11 3-4 13, Collison 6-13 1-1 13, Gregory 8-9 1-2 17, Hinrich 3-6 2-2 8, Boschee 6-14 6-7 24, Nooner 0-0 0-0 0, Crider 0-0 0-0 0, Bradford 3-4 1-1 7, Carey 1-1 0-0 2, London 1-4 2-2 5, Johnson 2-3 1-1 5, Chenowith 0-6 0-0 0. Totals 35-71 17-20 94.

KANSAS ST. (8-14): Buchanan 0-3 2-4 2, Kitt 8-14 4-4 20, Howell 4-9 2-6 10, Morrison 2-5 0-0 6, Groves 6-15 1-1 14, Kimm 0-0 0-1 0, Reynolds 2-7 0-0 4, Sulic 0-0 0-0 0, Reid 1-4 0-0 3, Dix 0-5 2-4 2, Leonard 1-2 2-2 4, Wallace 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 24-64 13-22 65.

Halftime—Kansas 50, Kansas St. 23. 3-Point goals—Kansas 7-16 (Boschee 6-11, London 1-2, Hinrich 0-3), Kansas St. 4-14 (Morrison 2-4, Reid 1-2, Groves 1-6, Dix 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Kansas 51 (Collison 13), Kansas St. 35 (Kitt 9). Assists—Kansas 21 (Hinrich, Boschee, London 4), Kansas St. 14 (Groves 3). Total fouls—Kansas 20, Kansas St. 15. A—13,515.

ALABAMA 77, No. 22 VANDERBILT 63

VANDERBILT (16-5): Williams 1-4 0-0 3, Langhi 5-14 3-4 15, Lekwauwa 3-6 0-0 6, Prater 2-4 0-0 4, Strong 4-11 4-6 12, Coulibaly 0-1 0-0 0, Howard 4-11 3-4 14, Jones 3-9 0-0 9, LaPointe 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 22-60 10-14 63.

ALABAMA (11-11): Dudley 6-6 6-11 18, Grizzard 5-14 1-4 13, London 2-5 3-4 7, Meade 6-9 3-3 17, Martin 7-11 0-0 19, Towns 0-0 0-0 0, Davis 1-1 0-0 3, Bakken 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 27-48 13-22 77.

Halftime score—Alabama 38, Vanderbilt 23. 3-Point Goals—Vanderbilt 9-27 (Jones 3-7, Howard 3-8, Langhi 2-5, Williams 1-4, Prater 0-1, Strong 0-2), Alabama 10-24 (Martin 5-8, Meade 2-5, Grizzard 2-7, Davis 1-1, London 0-1, Bakken 0-2). Fouled out—Coulibaly, Lekwauwa. Rebounds—Vanderbilt 27 (Williams 6), Alabama 38 (Grizzard 11). Assists—Vanderbilt 12 (Prater, Strong 5), Alabama 17 (London 10). Total fouls—Vanderbilt 24, Alabama 17. A—6,974.

Texas Men

TEXAS TECH 79, BAYLOR 68

BAYLOR (11-10,2-8): Kendrick 3-6 0-0 6, Black 2-3 1-2 5, Echols 1-3 3-4 5, Stukes 7-20 1-3 19, Minor 3-13 1-2 8, Allen 0-0 0-0 0, Greenleaf 3-4 4-4 12, Naihe 5-9 1-2 13, Flippen 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 24-59 11-17 68.

TEXAS TECH (10-11,1-9): Layne 3-5 4-6 10, Kennard 0-1 2-4 2, Phillips 0-0 0-0 0, Young 6-15 6-6 20, Ware 4-8 4-4 15, Malone 4-6 0-0 12, Hobbs 0-2 0-2 0, Mitchell 4-6 10-13 20, Faltesek 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 21-44 26-35 79.

Halftime—Texas Tech 34, Baylor 23. 3-Point goals—Baylor 9-25 (Stukes 4-11, Greenleaf 2-3, Naihe 2-5, Minor 1-3, Black 0-1, Kendrick 0-2), Texas Tech 11-24 (Malone 4-5, Ware 3-6, Mitchell 2-3, Young 2-9, Layne 0-1). Fouled out—Kendrick, Black, Layne. Rebounds—Baylor 31 (Stukes 6), Texas Tech 34 (Layne 12). Assists—Baylor 13 (Minor 5), Texas Tech 16 (Layne 5). Total fouls—Baylor 27, Texas Tech 19. A—11,161.

TCU 78, SAN JOSE ST. 73

SAN JOSE ST. (12-12,3-6): Sanders 2-4 1-4 5, Williams 5-10 0-1 10, Blunt 3-7 2-2 8, Landram 7-13 5-6 22, Egans 4-14 0-0 9, Collins 0-0 0-0 0, Powell 6-16 0-0 13, Griffin 1-1 4-4 6. Totals 28-65 12-17 73.

TCU (15-11,6-4): Gainous 4-10 10-11 19, Paulk 0-1 0-0 0, McTyer 0-1 0-0 0, Laster 4-9 1-2 9, Carroll 1-7 0-0 2, Allaway 2-4 5-6 11, Davenport 6-11 1-1 13, Anthony 3-4 0-0 7, Merriex 6-11 0-0 17. Totals 26-58 17-20 78.

Halftime—San Jose St. 40, TCU 32. 3-Point goals—San Jose St. 5-15 (Landram 3-7, Powell 1-2, Egans 1-6), TCU 9-19 (Merriex 5-9, Allaway 2-4, Anthony 1-1, Gainous 1-1, Carroll 0-4). Fouled out—Sanders, Williams, Blunt. Rebounds—San Jose St. 45 (Powell 12), TCU 29 (Gainous, Carroll 8). Assists—San Jose St. 14 (Williams 5), TCU 23 (Allaway 6). Total fouls—San Jose St. 20, TCU 17. A—5,078.

SAINT LOUIS 82, HOUSTON 70

HOUSTON (8-15): E. Smith 0-1 0-0 0, Williams 8-11 4-6 20, Younger 3-9 2-2 8, Gervin 10-18 2-3 23, B. Smith 3-8 0-0 6, Oliver 2-5 1-3 5, Spears 2-5 0-0 4, Botts 0-2 2-2 2, Fernandez 0-1 0-0 0, Hendrick 0-2 0-0 0, Moceanu 1-2 0-0 0. Totals 29-64 11-16 70.

SAINT LOUIS (14-6): Baniak 1-3 0-0 2, Jeffers 4-6 0-0 9, Heinrich 1-6 4-4 6, Love 8-17 6-7 25, Perry 1-4 1-2 3, Fergerson 2-3 0-0 6, Robertson 3-4 0-0 9, Redden 1-1 2-2 4, Latimer 1-3 0-0 2, Diener 0-1 0-0 0, Simmons 0-0 0-0 0, Tatum 3-9 0-1 6, Braun 4-6 0-0 10. Totals 29-63 13-16 82.

Halftime—Saint Louis 44, Houston 32. 3-Point goals—Houston 1-5 (Gervin 1-2, Oliver 0-2, Hendrick 0-1), Saint Louis 11-19 (Love 3-7, Robertson 3-4, Fergerson 2-3, Braun 2-2, Jeffers 1-1, Latimer 0-1, Diener 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Houston 35 (Younger 7), Saint Louis 41 (Heinrich 9). Assists—Houston 12 (Gervin 4), Saint Louis 22 (Love 5). Total fouls—Houston 15, Saint Louis 18. A—13,247.

TEXAS A&M 74, COLORADO 69

COLORADO (13-10,4-7): Winston 1-2 1-2 4, Walls 5-13 6-9 19, Mosley 8-11 0-3 16, Smith 2-4 1-2 6, Thomas 1-2 0-0 2, Williams 3-7 0-1 8, Townsend 2-4 0-0 6, Renfroe 0-0 0-0 0, Mohr 0-5 0-0 0, Pelle 1-4 2-2 4, Fox 2-4 0-0 4. Totals 25-56 10-19 69.

TEXAS A&M (7-14,3-7): Gilchrist 4-9 5-8 15, Jack 0-2 3-6 3, Scott 1-7 2-2 4, King 10-19 10-11 34, Slocum 2-6 0-0 4, Boeker 0-1 0-0 0, Leatherman 1-3 4-4 6, C. Brown 1-2 0-0 2, J. Brown 2-2 2-2 6. Totals 21-51 26-33 74.

Halftime—Texas A&M 33, Colorado 32. 3-Point goals—Colorado 9-21 (Walls 3-7, Williams 2-3, Townsend 2-4, Smith 1-2, Winston 1-2, Mohr 0-3), Texas A&M 6-15 (King 4-7, Gilchrist 2-4, Leatherman 0-1, Scott 0-3). Fouled out—Pelle. Rebounds—Colorado 31 (Mosley 8), Texas A&M 39 (Gilchrist 8). Assists—Colorado 20 (Walls 9), Texas A&M 18 (Gilchrist 7). Total fouls—Colorado 25, Texas A&M 17. A—4,609.

SMU 89, HAWAII 73

HAWAII (15-8,4-6): Ostler 5-9 2-6 12, Alexander 8-13 0-1 16, Savovic 2-3 3-4 7, White 6-10 1-2 14, Puida 1-3 1-1 3, McIntyre 1-1 0-0 3, Robinson 2-8 2-2 8, O'Connor 1-4 2-2 4, Fields 3-7 0-1 6. Totals 29-58 11-19 73.

SMU (19-5,7-3): Davis 9-15 5-8 23, Forinash 1-4 2-7 4, Hancock 3-7 5-6 11, Sasser 11-16 7-9 32, Woods 1-6 0-0 3, Bratton 3-4 0-0 6, Ross 2-5 0-2 5, Kelley 0-0 0-0 0, Floyd 0-1 2-2 2, Niemi 0-0 3-4 3. Totals 30-58 24-38 89.

Halftime—SMU 40, Hawaii 27. 3-Point goals—Hawaii 4-9 (Robinson 2-5, McIntyre 1-1, White 1-2, O'Connor 0-1), SMU 5-14 (Sasser 3-5, Ross 1-2, Woods 1-3, Floyd 0-1, Hancock 0-1, Davis 0-2). Fouled out—Savovic. Rebounds—Hawaii 40 (Alexander 12), SMU 32 (Forinash 11). Assists—Hawaii 20 (Savovic 7), SMU 21 (Sasser 8). Total fouls—Hawaii 27, SMU 15. A—4,013.

Texas Women

No. 9 TEXAS TECH 58, TEXAS A&M 44

TEXAS A&M (10-11): Sharpe 4-11 0-0 10, Alexander 3-7 0-0 6, Saunders 4-16 3-4 11, Rose 2-4 0-0 4, Jones 1-8 0-0 2, Banahan 1-1 2-2 4, Jones 1-7 0-0 3, Washington 1-4 2-2 4, Classen 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 17-58 7-8 44.

TEXAS TECH (19-3, 8-3): Johnson 5-14 0-0 10, Dickerson 5-9 4-6 14, Pierson 7-11 1-2 15, Pharies 1-6 0-0 3, O'Neal 3-11 2-4 8, Tarr 2-6 0-0 6, Ellison 1-2 0-0 2, Nagle 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 24-60 7-12 58.

Halftime—Texas Tech 27, Texas A&M 18. 3-Point goals— Texas A&M 3-8 (Sharpe 2-5, T.Jones 1-2, B.Jones 0-1), Texas Tech 3-8 (Tarr 2-5, Pharies 1-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Texas A&M 46 (Sharpe, Alexander 10), Texas Tech 33 (Dickerson 11). Assists—Texas A&M 11 (Saunders 5), Texas Tech 19 (Pharies, O'Neal 5). Total fouls—Texas A&M 13, Texas Tech 14. A—14,024.

TEXAS 97, BAYLOR 58

BAYLOR (5-16,0-11): Akornis 2-5 2-2 7, Crockrom 1-7 0-0 2, Arnold 7-19 3-8 17, Collins 3-9 2-5 8, Hayworth 3-16 0-0 7, Benson 0-2 0-0 0, Bruns 3-9 0-0 7, Neely 2-3 0-0 4, Richards 1-6 0-1 2, Hammond 2-4 0-0 4. Totals 24-80 7-16 58.

TEXAS (16-6,7-4): Cook 4-6 0-0 8, Brown 5-11 8-8 18, Littleton 7-9 0-2 14, Sare 4-11 3-4 13, Woods 4-5 2-2 10, Brown 1-2 0-2 2, Dillard 3-7 1-1 7, Cullen 0-1 0-0 0, Hill 1-2 0-0 2, Dobbs 0-0 3-4 3, Godfrey 3-5 0-0 6, Johnson 3-3 0-1 6, Ryan 4-4 0-1 8. Totals 39-66 17-25 97.

Halftime—Texas 47, Baylor 30. 3-Point goals—Baylor 3-13 (Hayworth 1-5, Bruns 1-3, Akornis 1-1, Collins 0-2, Richards 0-2), Texas 2-7 (Sare 2-7). Fouled out—Hayworth. Rebounds—Baylor 42 (Arnold 12), Texas 52 (Brown 10). Assists—Baylor 12 (Collins 6), Texas 22 (Brown 10). Total fouls—Baylor 22, Texas 17. A—7,257.

Men's Scores

SOUTHWEST

Idaho 88, North Texas 82
Louisiana Tech 77, Ark.-Little Rock 75
Louisiana-Lafayette 79, Arkansas St. 75
Louisiana-Monroe 73, Texas-Arlington 70
Oklahoma St. 74, Oklahoma 71
SMU 89, Hawaii 73
Sam Houston St. 63, Northwestern St. 62
TCU 78, San Jose St. 73
Texas A&M 74, Colorado 69
Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 91, Centenary 83
Texas Tech 79, Baylor 68
Texas-Pan American 79, Belmont 69
UTEP 92, Fresno St. 78

FAR WEST

Arizona 73, Washington St. 50
Arizona St. 81, Washington 67
Colorado St. 74, San Diego St. 46
New Mexico 81, Air Force 67
San Diego 63, Santa Clara 59
Stanford 81, Oregon St. 56
Utah 77, BYU 62

MIDWEST

Illinois 78, Iowa 50
Indiana St. 69, Evansville 60
Iowa St. 87, Nebraska 65
Kansas 94, Kansas St. 65
Michigan St. 61, Wisconsin 44
Notre Dame 68, Connecticut 66
Ohio St. 88, Penn St. 75
Purdue 77, Northwestern 58
Texas 66, Missouri 63
Valparaiso 60, Oral Roberts 59
Wichita St. 65, Drake 60
Xavier 87, Massachusetts 77

SOUTH

Alabama 77, Vanderbilt 63
Appalachian St. 84, Wofford 61
Arkansas 87, Mississippi St. 81
Clemson 84, Florida St. 58
Duke 84, Georgia Tech 65
Georgia 71, Mississippi 65
Marshall 68, N. Illinois 64
North Carolina 87, Wake Forest 64
Richmond 75, East Carolina 54
SW Texas 66, Nicholls St. 59
Stephen F. Austin 74, McNeese St. 65
Tennessee 76, Florida 73, OT
Texas-San Antonio 55, SE Louisiana 49
Tulane 77, UAB 66
Virginia 88, N.C. State 82

EAST

Brown 72, Cornell 71
Bucknell 66, Army 55
Colgate 65, Lehigh 43
Delaware 80, Northeastern 64
La Salle 77, George Washington 68
Navy 81, Stony Brook 63
Penn 75, Dartmouth 61
Princeton 73, Harvard 55
Rutgers 69, Providence 60
Seton Hall 77, Boston College 66
St. John's 78, Villanova 75
Vermont 73, Hofstra 65
Virginia Tech 65, Rhode Island 61
Yale 64, Columbia 60

Women's Scores

SOUTHWEST

Northwestern St. 61, Sam Houston St. 49
Oklahoma 93, Oklahoma St. 69
Texas 97, Baylor 58
Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 78, Centenary 54
Texas Southern 90, MVSU 79
Texas Tech 58, Texas A&M 44
Texas-Arlington 60, Louisiana-Monroe 55

FAR WEST

Arizona 81, Washington St. 52
Arizona St. 74, Washington 53
BYU 84, San Diego St. 58
Fresno St. 57, UTEP 47
New Mexico 84, Air Force 42
Oregon 75, California 63
Pepperdine 74, Gonzaga 68
Portland 69, Loyola Marymount 55
Santa Clara 71, San Diego 55
Southern Cal 73, UCLA 69
Stanford 58, Oregon St. 54
Utah 56, UNLV 52

MIDWEST

Bradley 61, Illinois St. 60
Butler 72, Loyola, Ill. 64
Drake 86, Creighton 59
Missouri 65, Colorado 57
Notre Dame 94, St. John's 51
Oral Roberts 78, Valparaiso 60

SOUTH

Appalachian St. 65, Furman 63
Delaware St. 64, S. Carolina St. 63
Delta St. 96, S. Arkansas 76
Grambling St. 81, Jackson St. 51
LSU 68, Arkansas 51
Louisiana Tech 93, W. Kentucky 72
SE Louisiana 61, Texas-San Antonio 47
SW Texas 73, Nicholls St. 67
Samford 77, Jacksonville St. 60
Stephen F. Austin 74, McNeese St. 58
Tulane 87, South Florida 66

EAST

Connecticut 49, Rutgers 45
Cornell 65, Brown 54
Dartmouth 89, Penn 71
Harvard 72, Princeton 67
Holy Cross 85, Lafayette 61
La Salle 72, Temple 63
Lehigh 80, Colgate 67
Maine 70, New Hampshire 60
Miami 71, Providence 66
Seton Hall 58, West Virginia 55
Slippery Rock 89, Indiana, Pa. 78
St. Vincent 83, Seton Hill 76
Staten Island 57, Manhattanville 47
Stony Brook 68, Navy 59

All-Star Weekend

2000 Rookies 92, 1999 Rookies 83

2000 ROOKIES (92): Miller 6-12 4-5 18, Brand 8-18 0-0 16, Odom 7-12 1-2 15, Francis 6-12 0-0 13, Posey 3-11 0-0 6, Griffin 2-5 2-2 7, MacCulloch 2-6 0-0 4, Szczerbiak 6-11 0-0 13. Totals 40-87 7-9 92.

1999 ROOKIES (83): Nowitzki 7-13 3-3 17, Pierce 5-14 3-4 18, LaFrentz 5-10 1-2 11, Patterson 5-10 0-0 10, Williams 3-10 0-0 9, Bibby 2-4 2-2 6, Dickerson 3-6 0-0 6, Olowokandi 3-5 0-3 6. Totals 33-72 9-14 83.

2000 Rookies	44	37	11	— 92
1999 Rookies	41	40	2	— 83

3-Point goals—2000 Rookies 5-15 (Miller 2-3, Francis 1-2, Griffin 1-2, Szczerbiak 1-3, Odom 0-1, Posey 0-4), 1999 Rookies 8-26 (Pierce 5-11, Williams 3-7, LaFrentz 0-1, Patterson 0-1, Bibby 0-2, Nowitzki 0-4). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—2000 Rookies 50 (Brand 21), 1999 Rookies 34 (LaFrentz 10). Assists—2000 Rookies 25 (Francis 11), 1999 Rookies 20 (Bibby 6). Total fouls—2000 Rookies 11, 1999 Rookies 10. A—NA.

Slam Dunk Winner
Vince Carter, Toronto

Three-Point Shooting
Jeff Hornacek, Utah

2Ball Winners
Jeff Hornacek and Natalie Williams, Utah

NCAA Baseball

Southern California 9, Texas Tech 4

USC	100	041	003	— 9
Texas Tech	100	020	001	— 4

Currier, Clark (8), Petke (9) and Craig; Harbin, Metzler (5) and Lunsford. W—Currier (2-1). L—Harbin (1-1). HRs—Southern California, Craig (1). Texas Tech, Durham (2), Rainey (1).

Texas-Arlington 12, Iowa St. 4

Texas-Arlington	103	004	103	—12
Iowa St.	000	021	001	— 4

Hurd, Loveless (5), Ferrans (9) and Anderson; Curtin, Martinez (6), Bomer (9) and Wickham, McNertney. W—Loveless (1-0). L—Curtin (0-1). HRs—UTA (Crosby (2).

Texas 7, Sam Houston St. 3

Sam Houston St.	000	003	000	—3
Texas	120	120	10x	—7

Vanlandingham, Boyd (6) and Bode, Foreman; Jones, Clark (8), Thames (9) and Anderson. W—Jones (1-2). L—Vanlandingham (0-2).

UT Pan American 3-5, Texas A&M 1-3
Game 1

Texas A&M	000	100	0—	1 3 2
UT-Pan American	000	300	x—3	2 0

Deininger, Strelitz (6) and Meyer; Calvert and Flynn. W—Calvert (1-0). L—Deininger (1-1).

Game 2

Texas A&M	100	001	100—	3 6 3
UT-Pan Am	041	000	00x—	5 8 0

Garcia, Fowler (8), Cox (9) and Gremminger; Ballouli and Guttierrez. W—Garcia (1-0). L—Ballouli (0-2). Sv— Cox (1). HRs—Texas A&M, Holt; Texas-Pan American, Ness.

Houston 4, SW Texas 2

SW Texas	000	100	010	— 2
Houston	200	010	01	— 4

Huddleston, Massengale (5), Johnson (8) and Wells; Nance, Runser (8), Tornia (9), Hooper (9) and Wilken. W—Nance (2-0). L—Huddleston (1-1). Sv—

SHOOTOUT: MHS improves to 4-1 in district

(From 1C)

Booth, fresh from the shootout pressure-cooker, "but this'll do."

Booth made two saves in the shootout, but it belonged to the shooters. MHS players converted five of their eight tries, including the last four, while AHS converted four of eight. The first five shooters overall failed, but after that, nine of the next 11 were successful as they found a groove.

Abilene High's fourth shooter, Kirk Jackson, got a perfect chip shot past Booth — a strategy that extra shooters Elias Tonche and Brock Williams copied with success. Curiously, AHS' eighth shooter, Wey Scoggin, didn't try the chip shot, and he missed a roller wide left.

Meanwhile, the Bulldogs kept it on the ground. Derek Weindauf, the third shooter, went low and left to convert, but when the pressure was on, low and right was the strategy against AHS keeper Jacob Henderson. MHS' Joey Willis, who had finished off the Central shootout, went up as the fifth shooter, knowing that if he failed, MHS would lose. He went low and right and converted. Chris Curtiss and Ryan Pervier followed, both knowing a miss meant a loss, and both converted low and right.

Lozano watched attentively from the sideline.

"Their keeper comes out a step, about two feet, beyond the 6 (-yard line). He gives you a lot of open space," said Lozano, a sophomore who was playing only his third varsity game after being called up from the junior varsity.

"It's a great feeling," he said.

MHS coach Tony Pierce showed confidence in his sophomores — Pervier and Lozano — by calling on them in a pressure situation.

"To have a couple of sophomores come up and convert in the shootout. it was big team effort," said Pierce, who has the Bulldogs headed in the right direction in his second year. "I've been preaching to them all year, that we may not need everybody every time, but we're going to need them all. And sure enough, we needed 'em."

Midland High came about 40 seconds away from avoiding the shootout. Joey Entzminger gave MHS a 1-0 lead by converting a penalty kick in the final minute of the first half, and that goal nearly held up. Booth made some impressive saves when AHS threatened to score early in the second half, but then the Eagles barely threatened again until the final minute.

AHS' Jackson took a pass on a free kick and dribbled near the right post before lofting a pass across the goal face. Booth had no chance to stop Williams' perfectly executed header.

"They (the Eagles) have excellent speed," Pierce said. "We knew they'd be a good team and that they'd be running. They were able to [illegible]alize on their last opportunity.

"We had a little lapse at the end, and it caused us to go into the shootout," he said. "You have to stay focused. They had a free kick right down the pipe, and you know it's coming."

Something else that the Bulldogs know is coming is a rematch with Odessa Permian, a team that MHS defeated in the finals of the Ector County ISD Tournament. MHS is 4-1 in 4-5A play and 10-2 overall; Permian is 4-0 and 12-2. They meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Rathff Soccer Complex, so there's still work to do.

"We're not halfway done," Pierce said. "We've got to keep pushing ahead."

Midland High 2, Abilene High 1, SO (5-4)

Abilene High	0	1	0	—1
Midland High	1	0	1	—2

First half: 1. MHS, Joey Entzminger (PK, 40th minute). Second half: 2. AHS, Brock Williams (Kirk Jackson), 30th minute.

Shootout: 1. AHS, Darren Flores, saved; MHS, Entzminger, missed. 2. AHS, Jose Martinez, missed; MHS, Ross Brunner, saved. 3. AHS, Joe Salas, saved; MHS, Derek Weindauf, good. 4. AHS, Jackson, good; MHS, Joseph Duran, saved. 5. AHS, Chano Rodriguez, good; MHS, Joey Willis, good. 6. AHS, Elias Tonche, good; MHS, Chris Curtiss, good. 7. AHS, Williams, good; MHS, Ryan Pervier, good. 8. AHS, Wey Scoggin, missed; MHS, Wulf Lozano, good.

Shots: AHS 7, MHS 10. Corners: AHS 8, MHS 8. Saves: AHS 6 (Jacob Henderson 6); MHS 4 (Justin Booth 4). Fouls: AHS 10, MHS 9. Cards: none.

ROUT: Johnson, Belizaire net two goals apiece

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team that we're used to seeing."

Three quick strikes by the Lady Rebels (9-2 overall, 3-1 in District 4-5A) in the first half and the Lady Cougars (5-7, 1-4) never really seemed to recover, although they got a goal on a free kick by Judy Blong in the 24th minute. Other than Blong's goal, the Lady Cougars never really threatened.

The key for the Lady Rebels in this game was to keep the pressure on Cooper and be the aggressor.

"Getting up quick kind of killed their momentum," Johnson said.

"It always helps when you kind of get them on their heels real quick," said Lee coach Mike Simpson about getting a jump on the Lady Cougars with three quick scores. "When you can get them back a little bit, you can be a little bit more aggressive and you start taking more chances."

The Lady Rebels didn't let up in the second half as they got goals from Belizaire, April Rankin and Ashleigh Decker. It was just a good all-around effort for the Lady Rebels, who have been expecting a game like this to come together.

"We had a real good day with combination passes, aggressiveness, getting to the ball, and winning the 50-50 ball," Simpson said. "I thought we did a really good job of playing aggressive all day long and making some combination plays. We needed that. We've been getting a half here and there, and we haven't put a whole game together. I thought we did a good job today of putting a whole game together.

"As long as we can keep the progress going, we'll be in good shape."

The Lady Rebels hope to keep this streak going on Tuesday when they visit the Odessa High Lady Bronchos.

Midland Lee 6, Abilene Cooper 1

Abilene Cooper	1	0	—1
Midland Lee	3	3	—6

First Half — 1. Lee, Raffi Belizaire (Linsey Johnson), 3rd minute. 2. Lee, Johnson (unassisted), 14th minute. 3. Lee, Johnson (Barbara Woodruff), 15th minute. 4. AC, Judy Blong (free kick), 24th minute.

Second Half — 5. Lee, Belizaire (unassisted), 51st minute. 6. Lee, April Rankin (unassisted), 63rd minute. 7. Lee, Ashleigh Decker (unassisted), 75th minute.

Shots — Cooper 8, Lee 17. Corner kicks — Cooper 2. Fouls — Cooper 3, Lee 9. Goalie saves — Cooper 5 (Jessica Jones 5); Lee 3 (Brandice Zachry 3).

Weiss claims 2nd U.S. title; Goebel makes history

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Michael Weiss is the Artist currently known as the Champion.

Let human pogo stick Timothy Goebel make history with his three quadruple jumps. Weiss got the title that matters Saturday night in the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, looking almost majestic with a flowing, expressive program that earned him one 6.0 for artistry.

"I've been on both sides," said Weiss, who won his second straight U.S. title. "I was there against Todd Eldredge when I came out and I was trying quads, but he won.

"The judges have shown there's a need to skate a solid program," he said. "I went back and worked on that, and I made sure I perfected it."

One judge agreed, awarding Weiss his first-ever perfect 6.0. When the mark flashed across the scoreboard, he gasped. His wife, Lisa, jumped up and down. The crowd, which had already been on its feet for hometown favorite Goebel, rose again and started screaming.

"That was amazing," Weiss said. "I'll cherish it for the rest of my life. It was the first one I've ever received and I hope to get more in the future. It was very special to me. It just proves we've been pushing in the right direction."

Trifun Zivanovic, last year's silver medalist, finished third, but he'll have to sit out next month's world championships. The United States can send only two men.

Kwan wins fourth U.S. title in shaky manner

CLEVELAND — Instead of one Tara Lipinski to push Michelle Kwan, there were two. And push they did.

But Sasha Cohen and Sarah Hughes simply didn't have the clout with the judges to pull off what Lipinski did in the 1998 Olympics.

Skating cautiously and with little fire, never connecting with the audience, Kwan still won her third straight U.S. Figure Skating Championships crown Saturday night.

She should thank some generous judges for helping her stave off the wave of young Americans.

"I really feel I have to up the ante," Kwan said. "It's, I think, my seventh nationals and I feel ancient next to these people."

While the four-time champion skated tentatively and fell once in the free skate, her main competition — 15-year-old Cohen and 14-year-old Hughes — also had falls. But their performances weren't as uninspired as Kwan's.

Red Raiders down Baylor

LUBBOCK (AP) — The skid is over.

Texas Tech's long, torturous ride through Big 12 Conference play that saw the Red Raiders lose nine consecutive league games came to an end Saturday with a decisive 79-68 triumph against Baylor.

"I'm glad we ended the losing streak," said Rayford Young, the Red Raider guard who played a key role in the victory with 20 points. "This was something good for us to go be able to finish one out."

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Girls Standings

	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Odessa Permian	4	0	12	2
Abilene High	3	1	10	2
Midland Lee	3	1	9	2
San Angelo Central	2	2	8	6
Odessa High	1	3	3	9
Midland High	1	4	7	7
Abilene Cooper	1	4	5	7

Saturday's Results

Midland Lee 6, Abilene Cooper 1; Abilene High 1, Midland High 0; Odessa Permian 2, San Angelo Central 1. Odessa High was idle.

Tuesday's Games

Odessa Permian at Midland High, 4:30 p.m.; Midland Lee at Odessa High, 6:30 p.m.; Abilene High at San Angelo Central, 6:30 p.m. Abilene Cooper is open.

Boys Standings

	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Odessa Permian	4	0	12	2
Midland High	4	1	10	2
Abilene High*	3	1	8	3
San Angelo Central	2	2	7	5
Midland Lee*	2	2	5	4
Odessa High	0	4	5	7
Abilene Cooper	0	5	4	10

*Overall record includes a tie.

Saturday's Results

Midland High 2, Abilene High 1, SO (5-4); Midland Lee 1, Abilene Cooper 0; Odessa Permian 2, San Angelo Central 1; Odessa High 2, San Angelo Lake View 1 (non-district).

Tuesday's Games

Odessa High at Midland Lee, 4:30 p.m.; Midland High at Odessa Permian, 6:30 p.m.; San Angelo Central at Abilene High, 6:30 p.m. Abilene Cooper is open.

Lee's Mora scores late goal to defeat Cooper

Staff Report

ABILENE — A defensive struggle between the Midland Lee and Abilene Cooper boys' soccer teams on Saturday was broken up by Lee's Eric Mora, who scored a goal on an assist from Danny George in the 70th minute.

Lee improved to 2-2 in District 4-5A play and 5-4-1 overall, while Cooper fell to 0-5 and 4-10.

The Rebels had some trouble adjusting to the smaller than usual field at the Lee Soccer Complex, but they managed. They also had trouble with Cooper keeper Brad Everts, who had 11 saves. Lee coach Shane Barden credited Everts with keeping the Cougars in the game, but Lee was in control, outshooting Cooper, 15-4.

"We kept the ball away from them," Barden said. "I think at one point we strung 13 straight passes together. It was beautiful. I give Cooper credit. They had a good game plan against us. They forced us to play longer ball, and they had a good keeper. But our defenders were brilliant. Any time you hold a team to four shots, you're doing a good job."

Lee keeper Trey Lawson got the shutout, although he only had to make one save in the game.

It was a physical game. Cooper committed 18 fouls to Lee's 13. There were 10 cards handed out to both teams, with Cooper getting seven. Lee's Aurelio Munoz got a red card, so he'll miss Lee's next game. The Rebels host Odessa High at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.

■ 4-5A Soccer Roundup

Midland Lee 1, Abilene Cooper 0

Midland Lee	1	0	—1
Abilene Cooper	0	0	—0

First half: none. **Second half:** 1. Eric Mora (Danny George), 70th minute.

Shots: Lee 15, Cooper 4. **Corners:** Lee 3, Cooper 3. **Saves:** Lee 1 (Trey Lawson 1), Cooper 11 (Brad Everts). **Fouls:** Lee 13, Cooper 18. **Cards:** 7 for Cooper, 3 for Lee (no names, although Lee's Aurelio Munoz got a red).

Abilene High girls 1, Midland High 0

ABILENE — The Abilene High girls got a goal from Robyn Marquez in the 32nd minute, and the Lady Eagles made that stand up against Midland High for a 1-0 win. Michele Torres assisted on the goal.

It was the third straight loss for Midland High, which fell to 1-4 in District 4-5A and 7-7 overall. Abilene High is 3-1 and 10-2.

Elsewhere

Odessa Permian got 2-1 wins over San Angelo Central in the boys and the girls games on Saturday, and both Permian teams stayed undefeated in District 4-5A play.

In San Angelo, the Panthers got goals from Jason Payne and Jimmy Roach (on a penalty kick). In Odessa, the Lady Panthers overcame a third-minute goal by Central's Kelli Larsen with goals by Jill Brazell and Sarah Nelson, whose winning goal came on a free kick in the 74th minute.

Odessa High's boys played a non-district game against San Angelo Lake View and won, 2-1. Brian Carlin and Adrian Everage scored for OHS, with Everage's coming with two minutes left.

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Ricky Rudd, left, Dale Jarrett, right, and team owner Robert Yates, center, have a laugh in victory lane after both of Yates' vehicles qualfied for the first and second spots for the Daytona 500.

Yates teammates Jarrett, Rudd take front row for Daytona 500

By Mike Harris
AP Motorsports Writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — A new season, a nearly new car and the same old face up front.

Dale Jarrett, the defending Winston Cup champion, led a Robert Yates Racing sweep of the front row for the Feb. 20 Daytona 500, taking the pole Saturday at Daytona International Speedway.

Ricky Rudd, who gave up operating his own team to take over the wheel of the other Yates Ford Taurus, came closest to keeping Jarrett from winning his second Daytona pole.

Jarrett stunned the rest of the competitors with a lap of 191.019 mph - about 2 mph faster than anyone had turned in practice or winter testing on the 2 1/2-mile oval.

Rudd was the only one of the other 54 drivers who made two-lap qualifying attempts Saturday to even come close. He went 190.384, coming up short by .175-seconds.

"Dale Jarrett was nothing," the two-time Daytona 500 winner said. "Anybody who doesn't mind going close to 200 miles an hour can get in that car. You have to know exactly the spots to hit on the racetrack, but I can go out there and show you. ... This is all the crew that did this."

Rudd was just a little disappointed that he wasn't able to come closer to his new teammate.

"When I cranked up the motor, the car filled up with smoke," Rudd said. "That shook me up a little because it hadn't happened before. I almost shut it off. Then, when we went out there, the car didn't feel quite as fast as I expected.

"But that's OK. I couldn't be happier just to have the opportunity to sit in this rocket ship."

As expected, Fords and Pontiacs dominated, and all the Chevrolet Monte Carlo drivers struggled except for former Daytona pole winner Mike Skinner, who was the last competitor in line and came up with a surprising 189.781, good for fourth.

Skinner, Dale Earnhardt's teammate, said his crew took a chance by using a lighter weight oil than usual.

Earnhardt, the 1998 Daytona winner, qualified his Monte Carlo 17th.

Jeff Gordon, the defending and two-time Daytona 500 champion and another Chevrolet driver, was a disappointing 23rd.

Following the qualifying session, Mike Helton, NASCAR's senior vice president and chief operating officer, said it was too early for the sanctioning body to try and make any changes to even up the competition.

Redskins ink Smith to 5 years

Associated Press

ASHBURN, Va. — Bruce Smith, the defensive leader of the Buffalo Bills for the past 15 seasons, signed Saturday with Washington, only two days after a messy separation from the Bills.

The 11-time Pro Bowler, who had been asked to take a 50 percent pay cut, signed a deal that will pay him $23 million over five years and includes a $4.25 signing bonus.

"I've been through an emotional swing this last week," said Smith, who was born and still lives in Virginia. "This is like a homecoming for me."

The 36-year-old Smith has 171 career sacks, second all-time in the NFL behind Reggie White.

He brings his ability to harass quarterbacks to a team whose only genuine pass rusher was third-down specialist Ndukwe Kalu.

Last season, Smith had only seven sacks, the lowest total since his rookie year of 1985. That doesn't count 1991, when he played only five games because of knee injuries.

Smith was released by the team he helped lead to four consecutive Super Bowls, in the first four years of the '90s. It was part of a salary cap housecleaning that also involved the last two Bills who played in four Super Bowls — running back Thurman Thomas and wide receiver Andre Reed.

The Bills wanted Smith, who was due to make $4.6 million next season, to cut his salary in half.

BOYS: Cowboys give up two picks

(From 1C)

1,047 yards and 10 touchdowns in 1998, his last full season.

"It was difficult to negotiate when you have Troy Aikman calling every 20 minutes saying get it done, get it done," said Steinburg, who also represents Aikman.

Jones first started talking to Holmgren about Galloway last fall, and worked quickly to complete a deal when the NFL's free agency period began Friday.

Galloway missed all of the preseason and the first eight games last season because of a contract dispute. When he did return, his numbers were down from previous years, with just 22 passes for 335 yards and a touchdown.

"The situation in Seattle deteriorated on the field in so many ways, I'm glad that is behind me," Galloway said.

Galloway, from Ohio State, was Seattle's first-round draft pick and the eighth choice overall in the 1995 draft. Although he was never selected to play in the Pro Bowl, Galloway became one of the NFL's top deep threats because of his blazing speed. He had three 1,000-yard receiving seasons.

But he butted heads with Holmgren and refused to come to training camp. Then he missed the exhibition season and the first half of the season.

The team was 6-2 without him and 3-6 with him, including a playoff loss to Miami in which he made one reception for 22 yards. In eight games, he had 22 catches for 335 yards and one touchdowns.

The holdout ruined Galloway's season, Holmgren said.

However, Holmgren said he doesn't believe Galloway's lackluster season hurt his market value.

In addition to getting two first-round picks, the Seahawks eliminated $4.1 million from their salary cap, a move Holmgren said his team needed to make.

Galloway's deal included a $12.5 million signing bonus, about $2.2 million of which will apply to this year's salary cap.

COACH: NFL comrades remember Landry for ability, character, legacy

(From 1C)

lowing three straight losing seasons, on Saturday night described him as "the single most important figure in the history of this franchise."

In Landry's first season, 1960, the expansion Cowboys went 0-11-1. He didn't have a winning season until his seventh. But that began a streak of 20 consecutive winning seasons, 13 division titles and five Super Bowl appearances.

His final record was 270-178-6, a .601 winning percentage. And when he left, he was as much a symbol of the Cowboys as the star on their helmets.

"I think the whole Cowboys image came from him," said Staubach, who introduced Landry at his Hall of Fame enshrinement in 1990, just as Landry had done for him in '85. "I think Tom will always make the Dallas Cowboys more than a football team."

Landry was a star at the University of Texas, then a defensive back for the New York Giants in one of the innovative defenses of the early '50s — "The Umbrella," the first to put four backs deep to counter the passing game.

At 29, he became a player-coach in charge of the defense, a job now known as the defensive coordinator. He changed the front seven of the Umbrella from a 5-2 to a 4-3, essentially creating the middle linebacker position for Sam Huff. The system became such a success that Landry later had to devise the multiple offense to counter it. Both alignments remain standards — from Pee Wee to the pros.

General manager Tex Schramm was still trying to get an NFL franchise in Dallas when he introduced Landry as the team's first coach. Their agreement was that Schramm would run the business side and Landry would be in charge of football.

A dynasty was formed through the unlikely pairing of the straight-laced, religious Landry and Schramm, the flashy showman whose promotional flair included bringing scantily clad cheerleaders to the NFL.

"We were totally different," Schramm said. "We were never close socially, but we got along very well because he had his domain and we each knew where the lines were. I respected him, he respected me and things worked perfectly."

Landry's Xs and Os betrayed his bland persona. He thrived on doing things differently, especially if he could mix in deception.

He created the "Flex" defense that placed one tackle a half-yard behind the other and he used gadget plays on offense, notably the quarterback throwback and the halfback pass.

His offensive line also had a gimmick — it would often crouch down, raise up and then reset, a style often imitated by kids on playgrounds.

Landry was emotionless on the sidelines and in the locker room, even in the bitter cold of the "Ice Bowl." He avoided getting close to his players for fear it would interfere with personnel decisions, and he ruled through a stare known as "The Look."

Former running back Walt Garrison summed it up best when he was asked if he ever saw Landry smile.

"No," Garrison said, "but I was only there nine years."

Landry worked differently with his assistant coaches, many of whom became NFL head coaches. The contrast was stunning for those who had played for him.

"When you played for him, he's the boss," said Ditka, a tight end for four years and an assistant under Landry for nine. "When I coached for him, he was the boss, too, but when you played for him, there was a fear in there."

Landry spent his final years devoted to business endeavors and Christian organizations.

In 1989, the city of Dallas held a "Hats Off to Tom Landry Day," which included a parade that drew 100,000 people. The guest of honor cried and called it the "most exciting and meaningful" day in his life.

He stayed away from football except for his 1990 Hall of Fame induction and his 1993 induction into the team's Ring of Honor at Texas Stadium. Instead of a jersey number, a tiny hat hangs next to his name and the years "1960-88."

Thomas Wade Landry was born Sept. 11, 1924, in Mission, Texas. After one semester of college, he joined the Army Air Corps and spent two years as a bomber pilot in World War II. Although his older brother Robert died flying a B-17, Tom flew 30 combat missions and survived one crash landing.

His tough exterior was necessary in his early days in Dallas. Public criticism was peaking after his fourth season, 1963. Landry had a 13-38-3 record and one year left on his original contract. Owner Clint Murchison showed his support with a 10-year extension.

The Cowboys played host to a playoff game for the first time on Jan. 1, 1967. Green Bay jumped ahead 14-0, but quarterback Don Meredith rallied the Cowboys within 34-27. Dallas drove to the Packers' 2 in the final minutes, but failed to score the game-tying touchdown. Green Bay went on to win the first Super Bowl.

Landry's first postseason victory came the following season in Cleveland, setting up a rematch against the Packers — only this time in Green Bay, in the game remembered as the "Ice Bowl."

Playing in a wind chill that dropped to 40 below, the Cowboys again trailed 14-0, then led 17-14. Bart Starr's touchdown on a quarterback sneak with 13 seconds left gave the Packers a 21-17 victory. Again, they went on to win the Super Bowl.

"I can't believe that call, the sneak," said Landry, who wore a long, fur-lined coat and matching fur hunter's cap borrowed from one of the team's minority owners. "It wasn't a good call. But now, it's a great call."

Fans lashed out at Landry's inability to win big games, citing his lack of emotion on the sidelines. They wanted him to be more like Packers coach Vince Lombardi, whose bombastic style Landry had seen with the Giants, where Landry was the defensive assistant and Lombardi the offensive assistant. Landry, who modeled himself after Paul Brown, couldn't be someone he wasn't.

Cleveland knocked Dallas out of the next two playoffs, then the Cowboys lost to Baltimore in the 1971 Super Bowl on a field goal by Jim O'Brien in the final seconds.

The Cowboys got tagged as "Next Year's Champions," for coming up short of a title.

But the following year, with Staubach at quarterback, Dallas returned to the Super Bowl and beat Miami 24-3. Players hoisted him onto their shoulders and, finally, there were some cracks in the stone facade.

"I still see that image of him being carried off the field," Staubach said. "I think that was a big deal to him, the best in his life. Seeing that smile on his face showed how happy he was to finally get over that hump." After losing in the Super Bowl following the 1975 season with a team Landry called his favorite, he reached the top again in 1977, Tony Dorsett's rookie year. The Cowboys beat Denver 27-10 in the Super Bowl.

Things would never be the same again. Dallas lost to Pittsburgh in the next Super Bowl, then was beaten in the NFC Championship in the 1980, '81 and '82 seasons. The '81 season is best remembered for San Francisco's Dwight Clark making "The Catch."

A playoff shutout at home in 1985 was followed by a losing season in '86, Landry's first since 1964. A combination of bad draft picks and poor personnel decisions sunk the team, and Dallas went 3-13 in his final season.

"People will forget me quick," Landry said when he was fired.

Landry is survived by Alicia Landry, his wife of 50 years; a son, Tom Jr.; and a daughter, Kitty Phillips. Another daughter, Lisa Childress, died of cancer in 1995.



AP Photo

Former Dallas Cowboys coach Tom Landry, seen here at his induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1990, died Saturday in Dallas. Landry was 75.

REMEMBERING LANDRY

What people are saying about former Cowboys coach Tom Landry, who died Saturday:

"We will never be able to measure the complete significance of coach Landry's contributions to the Dallas Cowboys. Simply stated, he is the single most important figure in the history of this franchise." — **Cowboys owner Jerry Jones.**

"There was somewhat of a shyness about him, but he was always there when you needed him. I don't know anyone who didn't have respect for him as a person. As a human being, coach Landry is right there among the very best. There's nothing phony about him." — **Roger Staubach, former Cowboys quarterback.**

"When you played for him, he's the boss. When I coached for him, he was the boss, too, but when you played for him there was a fear in there." — **Mike Ditka, former Cowboys tight end and assistant coach.**

"He helped build one of America's premier sports organizations, but I think that as a coach — both offensively and defensively — he was an incredible innovator. He was ahead of the learning curve on both sides of the ball." — **Calvin Hill, former Cowboys running back.**

"He wasn't just about building football teams. It was about building men of character. Many of the things he did were to teach us important lessons about our success in life after football." — **Drew Pearson, former Cowboys receiver.**

"He was so stable, so consistent. He never got excited. He never got down. Tom was just stable. He didn't show great emotions when things were going right and he didn't show great dejection when things were going wrong. I think that made him a great leader." — **Lee Roy Jordan, former Cowboys linebacker.**

"He shaped my philosophy on everything. I followed his philosophy on football and how he handled himself on and off the field. He was a tremendous influence on me." — **Dan Reeves, former Cowboys running back and current Atlanta coach.**

"They were different than anybody else we played, and it took a lot of preparation to play them. They had good players in their scheme, but their defensive scheme was always so much different than anybody else. It took a while to get the players to know what they were doing." — **Chuck Noll, former Pittsburgh coach.**

"It was always difficult playing against him because he did things differently. We always had to go against the 4-3 flex defense. I don't think any coach ever figured out how to contain that flex defense. It was a tremendous defense. It still surprises me that nobody plays the flex today." — **Ron Jaworski, former Philadelphia quarterback.**

"He will be remembered for many special reasons, including his record as a coach, the innovations he brought to our game, and the personal integrity he displayed." — **NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue.**

"The thing I remember about Tom is how completely confident he was without being cocky. I remember one time when Tom presented the defensive game plan for that particular week, and Sam Huff asked what if they do something other than you just described, and Tom said, 'Sam they won't.' ... That's how Tom was. You always had complete confidence he could handle anything, and to my knowledge he always did." — **Giants owner Wellington Mara.**

LOCAL SPORTS

Lady Steers get 'Jackets

BIG SPRING — The Big Spring girls' basketball team lost its District 5-4A playoff game Saturday, falling to Snyder, 48-35.

The loss means Big Spring (17-13) gets the No. 3 seed and will face Stephenville (22-8), the runner-up in District 6-4A, in a bi-district game at a date and site to be determined.

Lady Mustangs play in Dallas

The playoff game for the Midland Christian girls' basketball team has been set. The Lady Mustangs will play Dallas Bishop Dunne at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Bishop Dunne's home gym.

Coronado wins golf tourney

BIG SPRING — Lubbock Coronado's boys won team titles in the Big Spring Invitational Golf Tournament Saturday while Snyder and Abilene High tied for the team crown in the girls race.

J.J. Kileen of Coronado won medalist honors for the boys with a two-day 140 while Andrews' Luke Varner was second with 143. Abilene High's Devon Day was the girls medalist with a 148 while Big Spring's Ashley Simmons was second with a 154.

The Midland Lee boys placed fifth with a 620, 36 strokes behind the leader while the Lee girls placed 11th with a 769, but was just 16 strokes off the winning pace in a tight girls division.

Big Spring Invitational
Girls Results

Team Standings (Top 10): 1. (Tie) Snyder and Abilene High 653, 3. Fort Stockton 665, 4. Andrews 674, 5. Abilene Cooper 636, 6. Amarillo Tascosa 707; 7. Pampa 719; 8. Pecos 724, 9. Amarillo High 746, 10. Lamesa 751. **Others:** 11. Midland Lee 769, 12. Big Spring 795, 17. Odessa High 824, 20. Odessa Permian 858.

Area Teams

Andrews: Jessica Thames, 84-77-161; Jessica Thurston, 89-86-175; Rachel Robb, 83-84-167; Ashley Robb, 83-88-171, Amber Alexander, 94-94-188.

Big Spring: Ashlie Simmons, 78-76-154; Heather Harris, 110-94-204; Sarah Anthony, 112-107-219; Heather Gibbs, 115-103-218; Amanda Sheedy, 124-118-242.

Midland Lee: Korah Mehaffey, 91-92-183; Rachel King, 90-87-177; Kristi Martin, 103-109-212; Kate Nelson, 102-103-205; Stephanie Rogers, 105-101-206.

Odessa High: Amanda Burns, 99-94-193; Caroline Babb, 105-94-199, Lori Denney, 114-98-212, Danielle Pepper, 118-102-220; Chelsy Christensen, 127-112-239.

Odessa Permian: Tessa Sutherland, 107-97-204; Shaina Zellars, 106-100-206; Heather Willison, 118-108-216; Ariana Cibler, 114-108-222.

Boys Results

Team Standings (Top 10): 1. Lubbock Coronado 584, 2. Andrews 612, Sweetwater 617, 4. Frenship 618, 5. Midland Lee 620, 6. Odessa Permian 626, 7. Odessa High 635, 8. Canyon Randall 640, 9. Plainview 647, 10. Big Spring 651. **Others:** 13. San Angelo Central 660, 19. Big Spring II 683, 21. Midland Trinity 694.

Area Teams

Andrews: Luke Varner, 70-73-143; Colby Brownlee, 73-77-150; Paul Slaughter, 74-81-155; Chase Richards, 84-90-174; Logan Cooksey, 85-80-165.

Big Spring Black: Jerrod Simmons, 84-75-159; Nick Rend, 88-81-169; Richard Gaitan, 86-86-172; Will Conley, 79-82-161; Zac Hall, 78-91-169.

Big Spring Gold: Chris Bravo, 86-88-174; Isaac Willbom, 84-80-164; Pat Reagan, 86-83-169; Richard Key, 92-96-188.

Midland Lee: Omar Sanchez, 75-72-147; Tommy Fioretti, 82-79-161; Daniel Pender, 82-85-157; Daniel Blair, 90-79-169; Chris Washburn, 74-76-155.

Midland Trinity: Hunter Kennedy, 77-84-161; Corey Mays, 88-87-175; Nathan Pirtle, 90-87-167; Thomas Webb, 99-86-185; Tom Morris, 95-100-195.

Odessa High: Jaime Luna, 75-72-147; Jordan Evans, 83-82-165; Kyle Davis, 78-80-158; Warren Graves, 83-82-165; Boone Cowan, 94-87-181.

Odessa Permian: Chad Hanchey, 77-74-151; Jeff Hogan, 80-75-155; Jay Arrick, 82-81-163; Justis Willie, 78-84-162; Brett Felker, 78-83-161.

Mustangs win

SAN ANGELO — Midland Christian's Matt Martinez and Ryan Cosner won the consolation title in the Boys B Doubles Saturday in the West Texas High School Championships.

Colin Eddings reached the quarterfinals in Boys B Singles.

Two aces fall

Herb Teasley and Greg Frazier both produced holes-in-one at Green Tree Country Club Saturday.

Teasley aced the 165-yard, No. 8 West hole with a 3-iron while playing with George O'Brien, Dr. Cala, Dr. Villenueva and Dr. Schroff.

Frazier also used a 3-iron to cover the 202-yard, No. 12 East hole while playing with Jeff Morton, Doug Noah, Teary Blasingame and Ron Huckabee.

Soccer

Junior Varsity Boys

Midland High 1, Abilene High 0. MHS goal: Jason Bush.

Junior Varsity Girls

Midland Lee 2, Abilene Cooper 0. For Lee (3-0-1): Natalie Taylor, 2 goals; Ashton Stahl, 1 assist.

Junior High Girls

Goddard 6, Alamo 2. Goddard goals: Katie Charuk, Natasha Dodd 2, Melissa Flores, Cece Davis, Lindsey Holifield. Charuk 5 assists.

Basketball

Junior Varsity Boys

Midland High 70, Odessa Permian 56. MHS (10-2 wins district title): Lamar Eldridge 16, Colter Lange 11, Roman Conner 14, Scott Winter 11, David Koss 12.

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CHILD CAR SAFETY TIPS

OCCUPANT PROTECTION FOR CHILDREN

WHY IT'S NEEDED

Each year, hundreds of young lives could be saved and thousands of injuries prevented or reduced in severity if children were properly protected in cars.

During a crash, unprotected occupants are thrown around inside the car after the vehicle hits an object and halts. Even a sudden stop can hurl unprotected children through a car like missiles. A child held on a grown-up's lap "for protection" may be crushed against the dashboard by the adult's weight. No one has the strength to keep a child from smashing into the car's interior, or from being ejected from the car during a crash.

HOW IT WORKS

Occupant protection systems, correctly used, help keep people from being tossed around in a car. They hold passengers in place and absorb some of the violent energy, while spreading the forces of a crash over strong parts of the body. In short, occupant protection systems limit the injury to the passengers inside the car.

HOW TO USE IT



Child safety and booster seats are certified by the manufacturers to meet federal safety standards when they are used as designed. Improper installation or use may reduce the protection to your child.

- *Always* anchor the seat to your car with the car's lap belt exactly as specified by the manufacturer.
- *Always* protect your child with either the harness or padded front shield, depending on what model child safety seat you have. Some seats have both and, in that case, both must be used.
- *Always* adjust the harness around seasonal clothing, leaving an inch of room so the child can move. The strap ends must be doubled back through the buckles, so the harness will not pull apart.
- *Always* use the tether if your safety or booster seat requires one. Some older models have a tether that must be attached to keep the child from being thrown forward in an emergency.

NEVER use plastic feeder seats, car beds pillows, or cushions which are not certified to protect children in cars. Certified child safety seats have a label showing that they meet federal safety standards. If the label is missing or you are uncertain as to whether your safety seat meets federal safety standards, call the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Auto Safety Hot Line at 1-800-424-9393.

INFANTS: BIRTH TO ABOUT 12 MONTHS



Protection for newborns should begin the first time they ride in a car, using an infant safety seat or a convertible seat in the infant position. When a convertible seat is in the infant position, it looks and functions exactly like an infant-only seat.

Either of these seats cradles your baby in a semi-reclining position, protects the infant with a harness, and is anchored to the car with the vehicle's safety belt. The seat must face the rear of the car so that the baby's strong back can absorb the forces of a crash. By the time a child is too big to face rearward comfortably, the chest and hips will be strong enough for the forward-facing position.

When an infant-only seat is outgrown, a toddler seat must replace it. A convertible seat however, may be changed to fit a toddler by following the manufacturer's instructions.

CONVERTIBLE SEATS: BIRTH TO ABOUT 4 YEARS

Convertible seats recline and face rearward for infants and can be changed to the front-facing, non-reclining position for toddlers.

When a convertible seat is in the toddler position, it looks and functions exactly like a toddler-only seat. The manufacturer's directions explain how to convert a seat from one position to another, how to rethread the harness, and how to reroute the car's lap belt through the seat in the toddler position. In addition the instructions will explain when the child is big enough to require the toddler position.



Convertible seats save money because only one seat is needed as the child grows. But convertible models may be heavier and more difficult to move than infant-only and toddler-only seats.

Some convertible seats have a tether that must be anchored if the seat is in the toddler position. If a tether is required, follow the manufacturer's installation directions carefully.

TODDLER SEATS

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

BOOSTER SEATS

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

YOUR CAR'S SAFETY BELTS



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

Do not use the shoulder belt if it falls across the neck. Instead, use the lap belt only and fasten it snugly and as low as possible across a child's hips. However, a simple adjustment of the seat forward or backward may allow the child to wear a shoulder belt. The safest place for youngsters is in the rear seat of your car.

AUTOMATIC CRASH PROTECTION AND CHILDREN

Two kinds of automatic occupant protection systems are available today: air bags and automatic safety belts. Each is designed to protect front seat passengers and is available in many new car models.

AUTOMATIC SAFETY BELTS

Automatic safety belts move into place around front seat passengers when the car doors are closed. They are not designed, and should not be used to install a child safety seat in a car. Some cars with automatic belts also have manual lap belts. In these cars, the manual lap belt should be used to install a child safety seat. For cars without manual lap belts, the child safety seat must be installed in the rear seat. Most cars without manual lap belts allow for belt installation (check instructions in the owner's manual). Many automatic safety belt systems are not compatible with child safety seats.



Shoulder-only Automatic Belts are designed to protect adults. Children in a car equipped with shoulder-only automatic belts should sit in the rear seat and use a lap belt.

Lap/Shoulder Automatic Belts can be used for an older child if the shoulder portion fits smoothly across the chest and shoulder. If it does not, place the child in a rear seat lap belt.

AIR BAGS

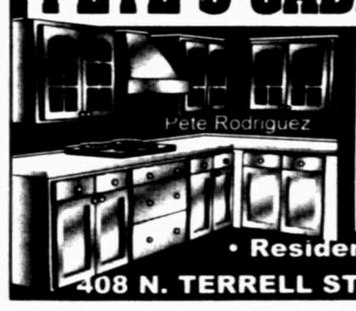
Air bags offer excellent frontal crash protection, especially when used in combination with lap and shoulder safety belts. The air bag remains concealed until a frontal crash of about 12 mph or more causes it to inflate. Air bags are only part of a total occupant protection system. Children in the front seat of an air bag-equipped car should be secured in a child safety or booster seat or by the car's lap belt. This will hold them in place for air bag protection in a frontal crash, while protecting them against side, rear, and rollover collisions.

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MIDLAND NEIGHBORHOOD Housing Services, Inc. a non- profit housing, agency will be accepting bids from contractors to build 6 houses with the Affordable Housing Program. Bid packages are available at 300 E. Indiana Starting Monday, February 7, 2000. Deadline is Friday, February 18, 2000 at 12:00 noon and Bid opening at 3:00 pm. For more information, please call Brenda Wallace at 687-6647.

NO. FM 36,246

IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF DONALD LEE BYAS AND SUSANNE BYAS

IN THE DISTRICT COURT- 318TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT- MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION STATE OF TEXAS

TO, SUSANNE BYAS, RESPONDENT:

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 30 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. The petition of Donald Lee Byas, Petitioner, was filed in the 318th District Court of Midland County, Texas on February 7, 2000, against you, Susanne Byas, Respondent, numbered FM 36,246, and entitled In The Matter of the Marriage of Donald Lee Byas and Susanne Byas. This suit is regarding a divorce action.

The Court has authority to enter any judgment of decree in the Petitioner's interest, which will be binding upon you.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Midland County Hospital District is accepting proposals for the **WINDOW CLEANING SERVICES** for Midland Memorial Hospital.

Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Midland Memorial Hospital on or after Wednesday, February 9, 2000.

ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE SEALED AND LABELED "RFP #420-020700 ENCLOSED".

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL FAXED PROPOSALS FROM RESPONDENTS BE ACCEPTED.

ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF THE MATERIALS MANAGER BY 12:00 PM, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2000.

ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE PRICE PROTECTED UNTIL JUNE 24, 2000.

All proposals will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Vendors will then be allowed to review the proposals in the Purchasing Office according to the Policy/Procedure of Midland Memorial Hospital. Midland County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive formalities.

DIRECTOR OF MATERIALS MANAGEMENT
MIDLAND COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
MIDLAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Bid #2000-101

Midland Community College is now requesting Competitive Sealed Bids for the purchase multimedia equipment to furnish the Davidson Lecture Hall on the Midland College Campus. Bid packets may be picked up in the Midland College Accounting Purchasing Office Monday through Friday, 8:00 am till 5:00 pm, 3600 North Garfield, Midland, Texas. Bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m. February 17, 2000, at which time they will be read aloud. A final determination will be made at a future board meeting. The College reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids submitted.

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FEBRUARY 1, 2000

The Iraan-Sheffield Independent School District is accepting proposals for the salvaging and/or removal of equipment and materials located in the district's old boiler rooms.

Bid #1

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2) Remove one Spencer Type A Boiler, exhaust system, and brick foundation.

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Proposals may be sent via fax or mail to the Iraan-Sheffield Independent School District, P.O. Box 486, Iraan, Texas 79744. Fax #915-639-2501. Bids will be accepted until 3:00 PM, February 25th, 2000. Any and all bids will be considered. Proposals will be judged primarily on reasonableness of price and ability to complete the job. Further information may be obtained by contacting Jeff Bright, Business Manager, Iraan-Sheffield Independent School District, phone 915-639-2512, Ext. 224.

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Bid #2000-102

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(Maintenance Project)

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Remove and Replace Wire Fence, Control No. 6046 30 001, estimate $109,812, guaranty $2,200, on IH 10 in Reeves county of the Odessa District will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation, 3901 East Highway 80, Odessa, Texas 79761, until 2:00 P.M., March 7, 2000, then opened and publicly read. Bidding proposals are available by calling the District Operations office of Charles E. Martin, 3901 East Highway 80, Odessa, Texas 79761, (915) 498-4640. Usual rights reserved.

THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Midland, Texas, will hold a public meeting at 11:09 a.m., Tuesday, February 22, 2000 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, for the following purpose: **To solicit public input on the Drought Contingency Plan for the Air Terminal Water System. The Plan is a requirement set by Senate Bill 1 as a part of the Regional Water Plans and eventual State Water Plan. The legislation is in response to drought conditions throughout the State of Texas in 1996.**

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting David Hunter, Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (915) 685-7250. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Midland County Hospital District is accepting proposals for the **INTRAOPERATIVE BLOOD FLOW MEASUREMENT SYSTEM** for Midland Memorial Hospital.

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United Way of Midland Annual Meeting

Midland- The United Way of Midland, Inc. will hold its Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon Thursday, February 24, 2000, at 11:30 AM at the Petroleum Club of Midland. The meeting is open to the public. Any person who contributed to United Way of Midland in 1999 is eligible to vote in the election of officers and board members.

Reservations for the meeting may be made by contacting the United Way office, 1209 W. Wall Avenue, 685-7700, by 5:00 PM Tuesday, February 22, 2000.

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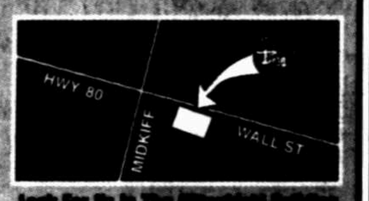
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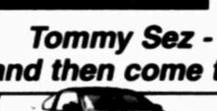
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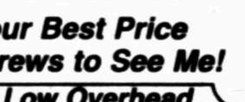
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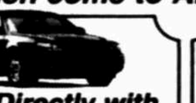


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See other opportunities under Classification 170, Schools and Instruction.

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A MIDLAND- BASED service company involved in enhanced oil recovery is seeking qualified field personnel. Must have Class A CDL, 2 years experience with major pumping services contractor, and willing to perform shift work. Company provides excellent pay, health, and retirement benefits. Please send letter or resume to: Box P-6013, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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BEST TIPS IN TOWN- The Bar, downtown Midland, accepting applications for Waitstaff. Apply in person only. 606 W. Missouri between 8- 10 am/ 2- 4pm Monday thru Thursday. No phone calls please.

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HOUSEKEEPER- Full time position available for an individual with one year of housekeeping experience and enjoys working with the elderly. Janitor: Manor Park, Inc. is now accepting applications for a part-time janitor and floor care person. Manor Park, Inc. offers competitive salaries, uniform allowance, 13 days off with pay per year, credit union membership, and 401K. Applications may be completed at 2208 N. Loop 250 West, Midland, TX 79707. No phone calls please. Equal Opportunity Employer.

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HOUSEKEEPERS NEEDED immediately. Apply in person at Super 8 Motel, 1000 West I-20, Midland. No phone calls, please.

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Workers needed for on-going temp assignments.
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ROUTE/ SERVICE person needed. Experience in basic electronics required. Apply in person at Bob Jordan Amusements, 10100 West Hwy 80, (Air Terminal), Midland, Texas, Monday- Friday, 8:30 am- 5:00 pm. No phone calls.

→NEW TODAY←
POLICE OFFICER
The City of Big Spring will be testing for the position of certified Police Officer at 8:30 A.M. on Tuesday, March 7, 2000 at the Police Training Center at 307 E. 4th. Applications will be accepted through 1:00 P.M. on Friday March 3, 2000. For qualifications and further information contact City Hall Personnel 310 Nolan, Big Spring, TX 79720 or call 915-264-2346
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LACKS MAJOR HOME Furniturng Retailer is looking for Outside Collectors. Self motivated, independent individuals are needed to work in a fast paced environment. Communication and computer skills, excellent driving record. Good benefits package. Apply in person between 10 am and 5 pm Monday through Friday.
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Midland, Texas 79701

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with experience wanted. Also seeking Porter. Apply at
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Service Department
694-9558

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MOBILE HOME DRIVER/ Set up person. CDL required. Good pay, plenty of work. Call Bill 520-9416.

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NOW HIRING for a part time Leasing Agent. Experience is a must. Apply at Canyon Creek Apartments. No phone calls. 5244 West Loop 250.

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Immediate position for full time employee. We are seeking individuals who possess a willingness to learn & grow. Qualified candidates will possess:
*High school diploma or equivalent
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*Clean driving record and be drug free
*Physically able to lift furniture & appliances
If you possess these qualities please apply today on person.
2209 N. Big Spring
Midland, TX
No phone calls please

THE COURTYARD CAFE is hiring: Chef with at least 5 years country club, hotel experience. Line cooks, waitstaff, both shifts available. Weekend off in all positions. Apply in person between 2- 4pm at 317 W. Texas.

310 Help Wanted

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Pro Snips has openings for hair stylist in Midland. Great pay. Apply in person at 3109 East University, Odessa, TX or call 915-368-7475 ask for Betty.

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NEEDED:
Immediate assignments for dependable workers. Must have access to phone and reliable transportation. 7 am- 7 pm. $5.40/ hr. Apply in person at:
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311 Medical Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←
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An aggressive, market driven Registered Nurse Professional is needed to develop and market comprehensive home health nursing for a revitalized JCAHO Accredited Home Care Company. Thorough knowledge of home health nursing reimbursement, regulatory environment, and quality improvement is required. Recent Home Health Experience is preferred. This is a growth opportunity, and an excellent compensation package is awaiting the right person. You must be Licensed as a Registered Nurse in Texas. All qualified R.N. Applicants will be considered, additional consideration given those with a B.S.N. Call:
915-570-7587
Glen H. Gray,
for consideration.

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"Nurses Unlimited . . . . Unlimited Caring"
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● INSTITUTIONAL STAFFING*
● PEDIATRICS
● MANAGED CARE
*Sign on bonus available
● SITTERS & CNA'S NEEDED FOR HOME HEALTH
Must have at least one year experience in related field. Benefits and 401(k) available to full time employees.
For more information please contact Kelli or Terri at (915)580-2015 or come by and fill out an application at 700 N. Grant, Suite 100, Odessa, TX 79761.
Monday- Friday 8- 5 EOE

310 General Help Wanted

❤ REPRESENTATIVES
Needed- sell Avon part time- full time. Great earnings. Call Verla 520-0119, Independent Rep.

→NEW TODA←
RESTAURANT MANAGER needed, bilingual required. Competitive benefits and salary. Call Nita at 915-563-1373.

SALES CLERKS, full and part time positions. Apply in person 908 West Indiana, Midland.

SEEKING: FULL TIME Hair stylist, paid vacation after 6 months. Apply in person. 4324-A Andrews Hwy

310 General Help Wanted

Britt
Taking applications for the:
Parts Department.
Experience preferred but not necessary. Full time position. Apply in person:
1004 S. Midkiff
No phone calls.

TAMPICO SPANISH INN is currently seeking Dishwashers. Please apply in person, 2411 West Wall Street, Ask for Robert or J.R.

WAITSTAFF needed for relief, some mornings, some evenings. Apply within Cowboys II Cafe, next to Super 8 Motel. Ask for Carma.

310 General Help Wanted

TEACHER NEEDED- Must have at least 2 years experience in a Child Care Center. Great benefits, health insurance, college scholarships Earn up to 12 days off, teacher of the month incentive. Salary DOE. Nonsmoking environment. Apply 1007 Austin or call 689-6309.

TELEMARKETERS NEEDED- Apply after 10amat 602 N. Baird, Midland.

V.I.P Employment Services 686-9722
Industrial Workers needed. Long/ short term assignments.

WANTED Week-end Leasing Person. Apply at Meridian Apartments 4400 North Holiday Hill Road. No phone calls please.

310 General Help Wanted

THIS CHRISTIAN Individual will possess MS 95/98 skills as well as a working knowledge of MS Word and Excel. This qualified capdidate will posses a high degree of interpersonal as well as organizational skills. Send your resume in confidence to: Box P-6010, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

WORK ONLY 2 days a week and earn big $$$$$. Call now 1-800-460-1430.

Call Today!
682-6222

310 General Help Wanted

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◆ Paid Travel/ Holidays
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310 Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←
TWIN CITIES Communications; Now hiring Telesecretaries for 3 pm to 11 pm shift. Excellent communication skills required along with typing skills. May apply at: 2002 South County Road 1276. Located at Air Terminal (directly behind Big 2 News). Mondaythrough Friday- 10:00am to 2:00 pm.

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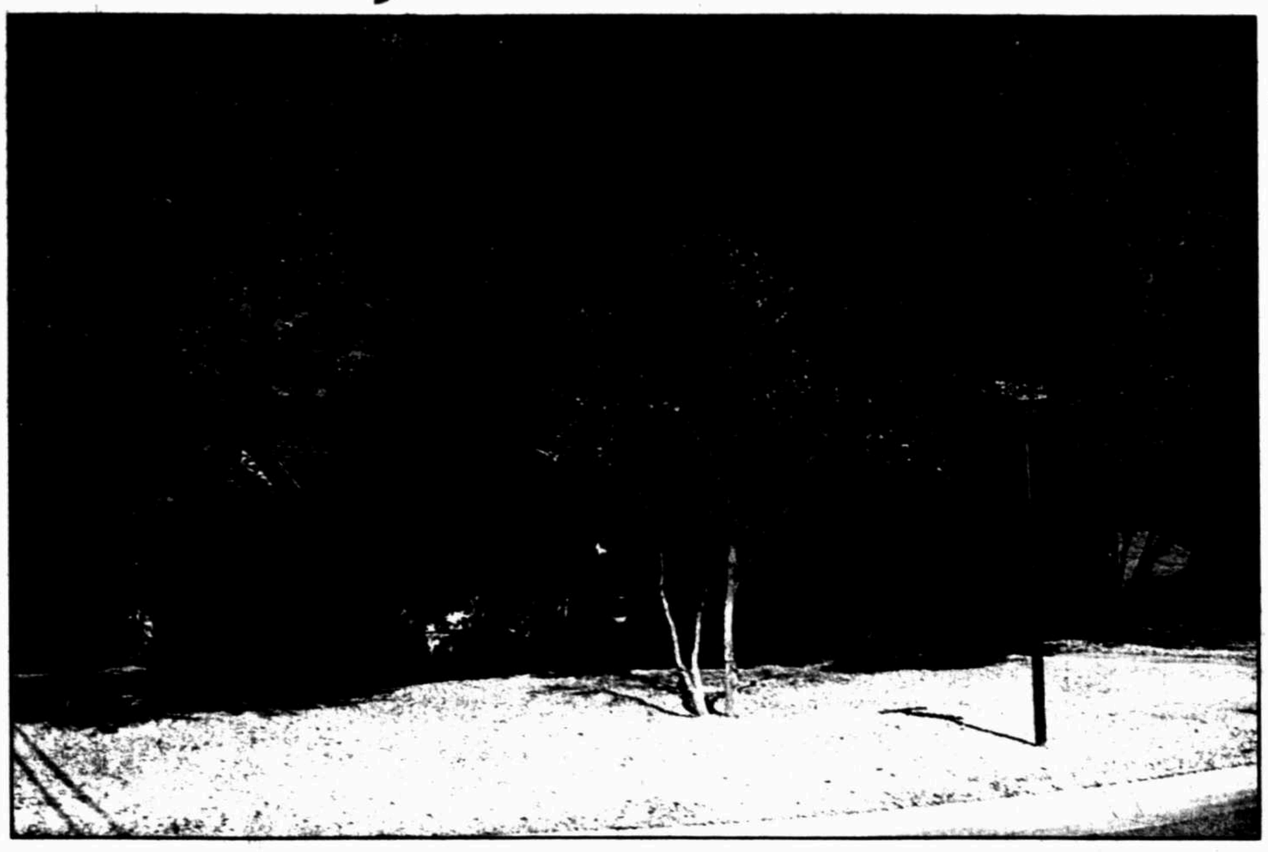
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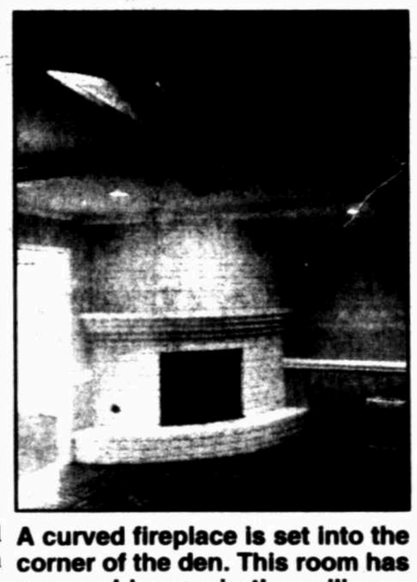
Just in front of the doorway is a landing. A terra cotta lion is set on each side of the landing — guarding the entrance in a way. The door has a wood frame with beveled glass insets.

Inside the door is a foyer.

There are hardwood floors in the foyer, formal living room and dining room. The walls of all three rooms are painted beige with white trim. Crown molding is used in each of these rooms. Recessed lighting is used throughout the home.

To the left of the foyer is the formal living room. This large space is accented by a large bay window. There is a great view of the neighborhood. The window has plantation shutters.

The dining room is separated from the living room with two half-walls. Each of these walls has a square column at it's end and has beveled glass insets. This wall treatment is definitely unique and adds character and class to these two rooms. The dining room has a picture window on the front wall with plantation shutters.



A curved fireplace is set into the corner of the den. This room has exposed beams in the ceiling, a wainscotting and chair rail.

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A swinging door opens into the kitchen. The walls are covered in a rich red paisley wall paper. The kitchen has white cabinetry, tiled countertops, a tiled floor and antique styled custom tile backsplash. A window is set above the large stainless steel double sink. A reverse osmosis unit, garbage disposal and spraying wand are included in the sink. A skylight is cut into the center of the room and is flanked by two florescent lighting bays. The floor is tiled in red terra cotta with dark grey grout. Appliances in this kitchen include an antique GE double oven, an electric range, and a microwave with a built-in range hood.

The breakfast nook has a wainscotting, painted red, and a white chair rail. A pantry with display shelves is built along the far wall. French doors open out into the courtyard.

The courtyard has a custom design wood fence that allows those inside the courtyard to see out, but provides privacy from cars driving by. An iron gate opens out onto a concrete path that wraps around the house. The courtyard has a variety of small trees and shrubs and even has two palm trees. A large paved patio is an ideal spot for a dining table.

From the foyer and straight ahead is the den. This is a very large room. A massive curved fireplace is set into the corner. The fireplace has a raised hearth and has a customized surface treatment over the brickwork. This room is painted in beige with white trim and has a wainscotting and chair rail. The floor is finished in brick pavers. Along one wall is a built-in bookcase. The ceiling has sculpted exposed beams and crown molding. A ceiling fan hangs in the center of the room.

Straight ahead from the den, and a step down is a large solarium, or sunroom. This room has a wall of windows to the right with a french door. Three skylights peek through the ceiling. The floor is finished in the same red tile as the kitchen. A built-in book case is set on the far wall.

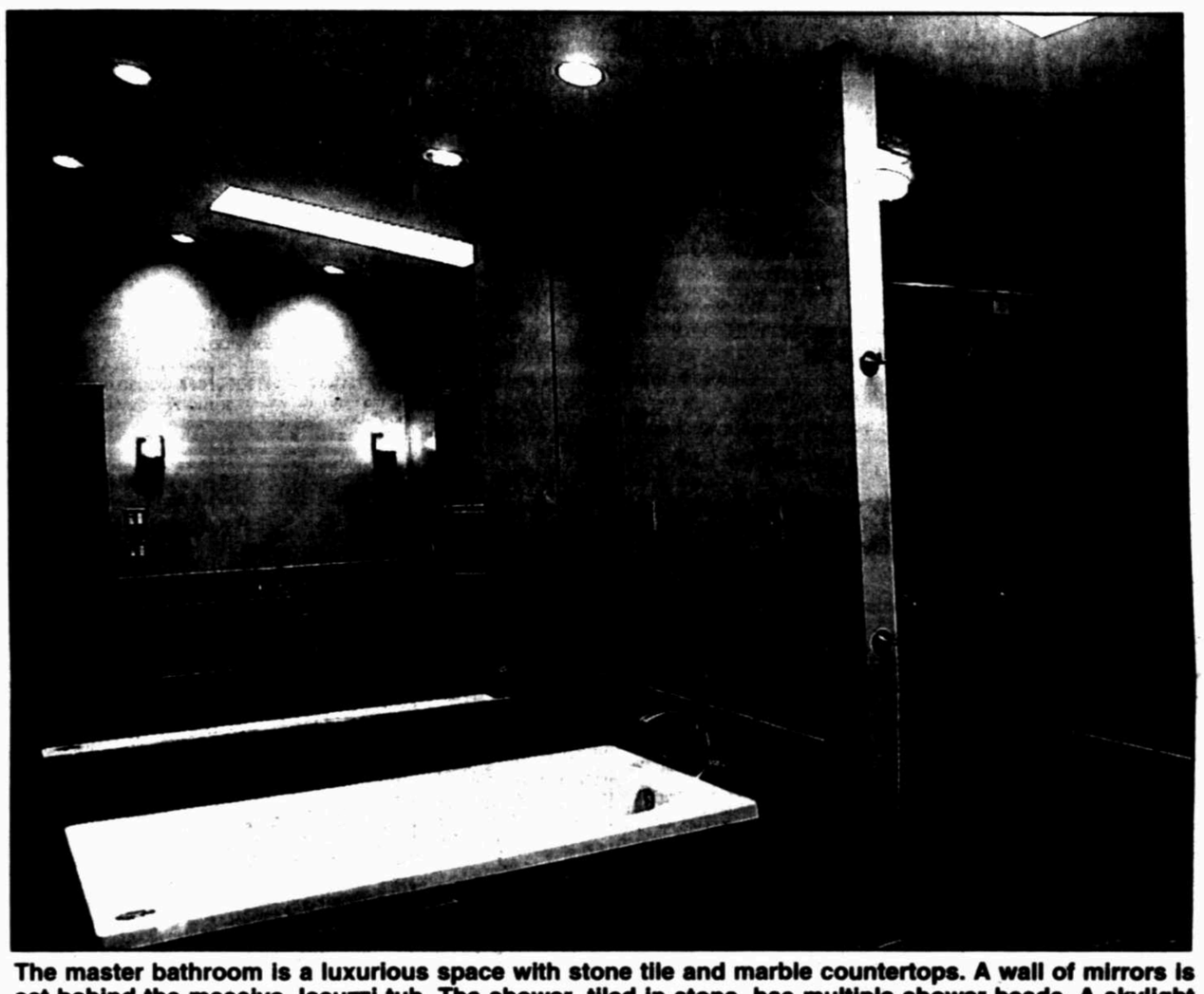
A large utility room and morning kitchen is set at the back of this room. This room has its own hot water heater, sink and ice-maker. There is room for either a refrigerator or an upright freezer. This room has ample counter space as well as tons of storage in the many cabinets. An ironing board pops up out of one of the drawers. The utility room has terra-cotta style tiles also.

Just behind the sunroom is the two car carport with a storage room.

There is a great view of the yard from the sunroom. This yard has a raised brick deck with an area for a picnic table and has lots of trees.

Adjacent to the sunroom is the master suite. The master bedroom has a high vaulted ceiling and a picture window that looks out onto the patio. The floor is finished with Pergo brand laminate flooring. The walls are painted beige with white trim. There are dimmer lights in the bedroom and bathroom. Both of these rooms are wired for stereo.

The master bathroom is just breath-taking. This one has all the bells and whistles. The first thing seen in the bathroom is the wall of mirrors set behind the huge Jacuzzi tub. The floor, shower and tub area are tiled in various shades of stone. The walls are painted a light grey. The two vanities have green marble countertops and custom Koller sinks. Wall sconce lights are set above both vanities. A corner storage unit is set between the vanities. The shower has a tall enclosure with a seat and nooks for shampoos, etc. It also has multiple shower heads. A skylight brings warm, natural lighting into this room. The commode is set off as a separate room.



The master bathroom is a luxurious space with stone tile and marble countertops. A wall of mirrors is set behind the massive Jacuzzi tub. The shower, tiled in stone, has multiple shower heads. A skylight brings in beautiful sunshine.

The closet is a large walk-n space with a built-in dresser and shoe and sweater shelving. The closet also has a full length mirror, a safe and the connections for the stereo system.

To the right of the foyer and den is a hallway leading to the children's rooms. A coat closet is located just inside the hallway. A door can be closed to shut off this part of the house. Just inside that door is a storage unit built into the wall.

Across the hall is a bedroom with a large picture window to the front with plantation shutters. This room has crown molding, a ceiling fan and a walk-in closet with shoe and sweater shelving and an automatic light. The walls are painted in beige with beige trim, and this room has beige plush carpeting.

Down the hall is another bedroom. This room is painted a light baby blue with white trim. Along the front wall is a picture window flanked by two built-in bookcases. A window seat with storage is set below the window. This room has a walk-in closet with shoe and sweater shelving and an automatic light.

At the end of the hall is a full bathroom. This room is wall papered in a leaf pattern. A storage unit is set behind the door. The vanity is tiled and has an antique shell-shaped sink. The mirror is set in a gilded frame. A medicine cabinet is set into one wall with a shuttered door on it. The tub enclosure goes halfway up the wall. An antique style brass shower wand and faucet is built into the tub. A window with plantation shutters is on the side wall.

The last room on the left of the hall is a large bedroom painted in a deep emerald hue with white trim. Two tall windows look out onto the back yard and have plantation shutters. This room has a private bathroom. The vanity room of the bathroom is papered in a black and green stripe pattern. A free-standing sink is set between two storage units. The area behind and below the sink is covered with tiny black tiles. A storage unit is set on the opposite wall. Crown molding adds elegance to this bathroom. A water closet for the toilet and shower is set on the left hand side of the room. A walk-n closet is set on the right.



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"Common Contingencies"



A contingency on a contract allows a buyer to back out of the contract for a defined reason and not lose their earnest money. Two of the most common contingencies are Financing and Inspection.

Most contracts are contingent upon obtaining financing. A buyer has the right to withdraw if they cannot obtain the type of mortgage at a certain interest rate by a specified date, all spelled out in the contract for sale. As a Seller you want to be sure that the buyers do limit the amount of time used to obtain the financing. In most cases it is usually 30 to 60 days. Of course, the buyer and seller may agree to extend the time frame to obtain the financing by written agreement. It is also the seller's right to continue to have his property shown until they are certain the buyer will obtain the financing - if the buyer cannot obtain financing the seller has taken his property out of the market and possibly missed another chance to sell his property.

Another common contingency is the inspection contingency. This gives the buyer the right to have the property inspected by professional inspectors, such as mechanical, structural and pest to name a few. This protects the buyer from buying a property that has hidden defects. Again the contingency will usually have a time limit on it - to be done with a certain period of time after the offer has signed.

There are many other contingencies that may be a part of the contract - including Sale of the buyer's prior home - being able to join certain clubs (like a country club and golf course) - receiving approval by a condo or co-op board - other inspections such as radon, lead, electromagnetic lines, and water - local building codes - obtaining parking - getting approval for proposed renovations to property - pet codes - or buyer obtaining a specific job, etc.

A kick-out clause gives the seller the opportunity to continue marketing his property while the buyers try to satisfy the contingency requirements. If the seller receives another offer the original buyers usually have a certain time limit to withdraw their contingencies and proceed on with the contract.

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PICKING YOUR HOME


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Houses aren't just buildings; they're machines for living. Where and what you buy will affect your life for as long as you own the house.

It's important to get your priorities in order before you talk to a real estate agent or even look at that first newspaper ad.

Buying a first home could mean you've finally accumulated the down payment and reached the income level necessary to buy a house. Since owning a home will be a new experience for you, carefully analyze what you want before you buy.

If you currently own a home, however, you know exactly what's lacking in your present home.

- Another bathroom.
- More space for a growing family.
- A good school nearby.

Meeting your living needs should be your number one priority in house-hunting.

Where do you want to live? Are you a dyed-in-the-wool city dweller, or would you be happier in the suburbs?

Lifestyle is an important consideration in picking a location.

- Do you frequently dine out, go dancing, attend the theater?
- Would you like your vegetables or flowers to flourish on a couple of acres far from city noise?
- Does your family need to provide space for livestock care?

Taste and personal preference are considerations when you make the decision to buy either a new house or an old one.

Pre-owned homes may have fine woodwork or interesting nooks and crannies not normally found in new homes. They may sit on landscaped lots with mature trees and grown bushes.

On the other hand older house may require expensive rehabilitation work.

Picking a new home means you can select the colors, carpeting and the fixtures.

You also get to landscape the yard yourself or pay to have it done. This can be expensive and time-consuming.

If you're being transferred and must find a home in a very short time, you may not be able to shop around to get everything perfect.

If you analyze what you want and list your priorities in order of their importance, you'll be far more likely to locate the house of your dreams.

(Story submitted by Kay Sutton, owner of Century 21 Kay Sutton, Realtors)

Why The Buyer Needs An Agent


Printz

If you have been driving through the neighborhoods or scanning the want ads in search of your dream home, you've probably noticed that there are a zillion real estate agents out there, all looking for buyers. Sometimes it seems there is a different agent for every home on the market. You don't have to talk to them all. In fact, you only need to talk to one.

Here's why: Real estate agents swap information through multiple listing services. If they do not have a home to suit you among their own listings, they can go through the multiple listing service to find everything on the market in the area.

Even before going through the listings, though, a good agent can help you better understand what you are looking for, by talking with you about locations and neighborhoods, architectural styles, home sizes, and other features. By going over your financial situation with you, the agent can help you decide how much house you can afford.

A good agent can even help you pre-qualify for and find a mortgage, by showing you the available mortgages and interest rates, and by arranging interviews with lenders. Pre-qualifying often makes a seller take your offer more seriously, and it helps you get a mortgage more quickly after your agent has helped you negotiate an agreement with the seller.

Remember, the agent wants the transaction to work well for you, so that you will refer them to others who are looking for an agent.

So, after helping you pre-select the range of homes you want to see and can afford, a good agent will be happy to take you house hunting in an efficient and pleasant way. Rather than having to make appointments and deal with a zillion agents and sellers, you can sit back and let your own agent guide you through the maze to the home you wanted all along.

This article submitted by Victoria Printz of RE/MAX of Midland/Chaparral Realtors.

LOCAL REALTOR® ACHIEVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION


Pam Messer, CRS, GRI, ABR

Midland - February 8, 2000, Pam Messer, Sales Associate with Langston Realtor has been awarded the Accredited Buyer Representation (ABR®) designation by the Real Estate BUYER'S AGENT Council (REBAC) of the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® (NAR).

"Today's real estate brokers and agents want to provide a full menu of services for their clients, whether they are buyers or sellers," explains Terrence M. McDermott, President and CEO of REBAC. "The ABR® designation, the benchmark of excellence in buyer agency service, demonstrates to clients that the agent has taken steps to continue their education in the field of buyer representation, and has the proven experience and training to deliver ethical and professional service to real estate buyers."

Messer joins more than 12,000 real estate professionals in North America who have earned the ABR® designation. The requirements for this coveted designation include a comprehensive two-day course in buyer representation, a written examination on legal and practical aspects of client representation, and practical experience in the filed of buyer representation.

Messer is affiliated with Langston Realtors in Midland and has also achieved the Certified Residential Specialist and Graduate Realtor Institute designations.

REBAC was founded in 1988 and currently has more than 21,000 members in North America. THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®, "The Voice for Real Estate," is the nation's largest professional trade association, representing nearly 720,000 members involved in all aspects of the real estate industry.

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7pm- 7am Shift and 7am- 7pm Shifts Available
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*$2,500 Sign-On Bonus

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ACLS and critical care experience required.

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Part- time ASCP certified or eligible.
Perform all lab analysis, clerical, phlebotomy and other duties as needed.

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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 and Muskingum in Odessa. The Human Resources Department is open Monday through Friday 8 AM- 5 PM. EOE

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*Midland Memorial Hospital has immediate openings for RN's in the following areas and shifts:

◆ Orthopedics	11:00pm- 7:00am
◆ Medical/ Surgical	11:00pm- 7:00am and weekends
◆ Oncology	3:00pm- 11:00pm
◆ Heart Institute	7:00pm- 7:00am
◆ ICU/ CCU	7:00pm- 7:00am
◆ Cath Lab- Lead RN (Cath Lab Experience)	Days & must be able to take call

Other positions available:
◆ Scrub Tech (FT)- Surgi-care (1 yr experience)

We are prepared to offer an excellent compensation & benefits package that includes health, life & dental insurance & paid retirement.

For consideration, please send resume or apply at:

Midland Memorial Hospital
Human Resources Department
2200 W. Illinois
Midland, TX 79701
915-685-1646
Fax: 915-685-6934
EOE

311 Medical Help Wanted

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DIALYSIS CLINIC accepting applications for Dialysis Nursing Supervisor. 2 years dialysis experience. Also needing RN, LVN, PCT- Dialysis experience preferred but will train. Excellent salary and benefits. Fax resume to: 915/687-5008 or apply at 731 W. Wadley, Midland, Texas 79705. No phone calls please.

DIRECTOR of NURSING (R.N.) Pediatric/ Private Services. An aggressive, market driven Registered Nurse Professional is needed to develop and market comprehensive home Pediatric/ Private Program for a revitalized JCAHO Accredited Home Care Company. Prior pediatric nursing experience is required, and the ability to be flexible enough to also manage adult cases is needed. This is a growth opportunity, and an excellent compensation package is awaiting the right person. 915-570-7587.

PART TIME RN/ LVN Nurse is needed for Doctor's office. Mail resume to: P.O. Box 4935, Midland, TX 79704.

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Nurses Needed...

Permian General Hospital located in Andrews, Texas a growing community is currently recruiting for a Registered Nurse.

Maternal/ Child
Nursery/ Post Pardum, full time position, experience preferred, 7am to 7pm.

Comprehensive benefit package with competitive salary.
Send resume or fax to:

Sandy Bufler
Director of Human Resources
Permian General Hospital
P.O. Box 2108
Andrews, Texas 79714
915/523-2200 ext. 203 or fax 915/523

311 Medical Help Wanted

IMMEDIATE HIRE: Experienced Dental Assistant. We offer competitive salary and great benefits. Please call 570-7080.

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Full-time positions available; Certification as a Nurse Aide required; Unit Clerk experience strongly preferred; Computer knowledge an absolute must.

DIRECTOR OF PHARMACY
Full-time position available; Graduate of an accredited School of Pharmacy; Licensed by the State Board of Pharmacy; 3-5 yrs Supervisory or Management experience preferred.

PHARMACIST
Full-time position available; Graduate of an accredited School of Pharmacy; Licensed by the State of Board of Pharmacy; Experience in an acute care hospital setting preferred but not required.

OPERATING ROOM NURSES
Full-time and PRN positions available; Graduate of an accredited school of nursing. Texas License required; operating room experience required.
Bonus Eligible

SAME DAY SURGERY
Full-time registered nurse position available; Graduate of an accredited school of nursing; Texas license required. Same day surgery of PACU experience strongly preferred.

LABORATORY
Part-time and PRN MT (ASCP)/MLT (ASCP) positions available. Must be certified as a lab tech.

Westwood Medical Center offers its staff competitive salaries. Medical/dental/vision insurance, tuition reimbursement, 24 days paid time off per year, shift/weekend differential, credit union membership and 401K. For details on our exciting opportunities, interested persons should contact:

J. Rick Brown
Director of Human Resources
P.O. BOX 51070 • Midland, Texas 79710
(915) 522-3030
EOE

Westwood Medical Center is a substance free workplace. Drug screens will be performed on all applicants considered to be final candidates for a position with Westwood Medical Center.

Westwood Medical Center does not discriminate with regard to race, color, religion, creed, gender, national origin, age, disability, marital or veteran status, sexual orientation or any other legally protected status.

MEDICAL ARTS HOSPITAL LAMESA, TEXAS
Come join a staff where quality of care is still #1 priority!!
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Now staffing full time LVN floor nurse and RN charge nurse positions on evening shift. Extensive benefit packages and excellent wages based on experience.

Send resume/ inquires to:
Human Resources
Medical Arts Hospital
1600 North Bryan
Lamesa, Texas 79331
806-872-2183
806-872-3935 fax

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Career Opportunities Available...

Radiologic Technologist
(Relocation/ Sign on bonus)
Graduate of an accredited school of Radiologic Technology. Current ARRT Registry and Texas State Licensure. Evening shift.

Nuclear Med Tech
(Relocation/ Sign on bonus)
Radiologic Technologist with nuclear medicine experience preferred. Day shift.

Permian General Hospital is an aggressive and dynamic healthcare system located between Midland/ Odessa and Lubbock, Texas. Competitive compensation and benefits.

Send resume or fax to:
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Director of Human Resources
Permian General Hospital
P.O. Box 2108
Andrews, Texas 79714
915/523-2200 ext. 203 or fax 915/523

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SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER

OUTPATIENT/ INPATIENT CODER

- Full time position
- Minimum of 2 year experience preferred
- Credentials a plus

Please Send Resume to:
Scenic Mountain Medical Center
1601 W. 11th Place
Big Spring, TX 79720
915-268-4961
915-268-4962 FAX
EOE

DIRECTOR OF NURSING

Crockett County Care Center, a county owned & operated fifty-six bed nursing home, is accepting resumes for a Director of Nursing. Applicant must be a Registered Nurse, 3 to 5 years of Long Term Care experience is preferred. Competitive pay & excellent benefits.

Send resumes to:
Crockett County Care Center
Atten: Administrator
P.O. Box 640, Ozona, TX 76943
or fax your resume to (915) 392-3553

Crockett County Care Center is an equal opportunity Employer.

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311 Medical Help Wanted

EXPERIENCED Medical Transcriptionist needed for busy group practice Must have excellent typing skills, good command of the English language, and be willing to work in a busy environment. PRN/ PT position is available with hours from 1- 5 or 2- 6, depending on workload. Please reply to: Box P-6011, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

SunBridge Care & Rehabilitation of Stanton is currently accepting applications for:

CNA, LVN, RN.

CNA wages begin at $5.50 with benefits. LVNs begin at $13.50 and RNs at $18.50 with benefits.

Benefits include: Group Life/ Health Ins., vision/ dental plans, disability plans, 401K retirement, and paid vacations up to 7 wks after 5 years employment. Many of our staff enjoy these options and other benefits of working with a Sun Healthcare Group Company. Our facility stresses customer service and all staff must have this same philosophy. To apply, contact Denise Yandrich at 915-756-2841. Or apply in person at 1100 W. Broadway, Stanton, TX. EOE

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REGISTERED NURSE

Immediate opening for a **REGISTERED NURSE** To join clinical staff of an extremely busy surgical office. ORTHOPAEDIC background is a must. Please send resume to: 4304 Andrews Hwy, Midland, TX., 79703. **PLEASE** no phone calls.

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TRINITY HAVEN HEALTHCARE of MIDLAND
Needs Qualified Dependable,

CNA's
Good starting pay

Maintenance Person
References Required

Apply 3203 Sage St. 683-5403.

312 Personal

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Interviewing for Substitute Teachers and Certified High School Teachers. Phone 522-7200 or 557-3366

UPSCALE Salon and day spa; Hiring licensed Manicurist and Esthetician. Guaranteed Insurance and 401K. Please contact Ric @ 682-8299.

311 Medical Help Wanted

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PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSISTANT POSITION available PRN- per visit prefer experience in home health but is not necessary. Fax resume to: (915)580-7937 or call (915)580-7707. Can also send resume to: 620 North Grant, suite 507, Odessa, Texas 79761.

311 Medical Help Wanted

LVN
10 pm to 6 am
Approximately 80 hours per month. $17.50/ hour. Stable staff. Apply in person.
Rockwood Manor
2000 N. Main
Fax #: 682-6999

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RECEPTIONIST Needed. Must have experience in typing and computer for a busy doctor's office. Send resume to: 1816 N. Midland Dr., Midland, 79707.

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MEDICAL FACILITY has positions open for prevention oriented LVN and RN, Registered Dietitian and a Certified Physical Therapist. Please send resumes to PO Box 4186, Midland, TX 79704

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a great place to work...

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF NURSING

Manor Park, Inc. is accepting applications for Assistant Director of Nursing of our John F. Younger Special Care Center. Qualified candidate will be a Registered Nurse, have 3 or more years of experience in long- term care and excellent management skills.

LVN'S $250.00 SIGN-ON BONUS

Manor Park, Inc. is accepting applications for a part-time LVN to work from 10:00pm to 6:00am two nights a week on the John Younger Special Care Unit and a full time LVN on the 6:00am to 2:00pm and 2:00pm to 10:00pm shifts on the Mabee Health Care Unit. Must be licensed in Texas.

CNA'S $50.00 SIGN-ON BONUS

Manor Park, Inc. is also accepting applications for CNA's to work full- time on the John Younger Special Care Unit and the Mabee Health Care Unit. Must be Texas certified.

Manor Park, Inc. offers competitive salaries, uniform allowance, 13 days time off with pay per year, credit union membership, and 401K. Applications may be completed at 2208 N. Loop 250 West, Midland, TX 79707. No phone calls please. Substance Free Workplace

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Big Bend Regional Medical Center in Alpine, Texas currently has the following positions available:

Registered Nurse: Emergency, Med/Surg, Obstetrics, Hospital Coordinators

LVN: Med/Surg

Pharmacy: Staff Pharmacist,

Directors for: Human Resouces, Plant Engineering, Quality Improvement, Business Services

Additional Openings: Medical Technologist, Human Resources Assistant, Unit Secretary Tech Clerk, and Receptionist

Interested candidates please call (915) 837-3447 or fax resume to (915) 837-0330. BOE

Big Bend Regional Medical Center

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VistaCare Family Hospice

RN Case Manager

VistaCare, a national leader in Hospice Services providing patient care in 45 locations in 17 states, is currently looking for a Registered Nurse Case Manager for our Odessa, TX site. 1 Year experience of recent medical, surgical, oncology or home care preferred. VistaCare offers excellent wages and a comprehensive benefit package.

VistaCare is an Equal Opportunity Employer and offers a drug free workplace

Send resumes to:
Attention: Michael Keller
618- N. Golder Avenue
Odessa, TX 79761
Or fax: 915-580-9191
Attention Michael Keller

→NEW TODAY←

·REGISTERED NURSE NEEDED IN ODESSA, TX

Texas RN license required. 1- year psychiatric nursing preferred. Assist in medication services and coordinate medical and non-medical aspects of client's treatments. Conduct staff training. Insure quality of services through planning, provision and documentation. Salary is $2,452 per month.

For details call our job line 915-570-3424 or submit application to: PERMIAN BASIN COMMUNITY CENTERS, 401 E. Illinois, Suite 400, Midland, TX 79701. E.O.E.

MEDICAL ARTS HOSPITAL LAMESA, TEXAS

Excellent opportunities in Correctional Nursing!!

LVN and Medication Aides for evening shifts at TDCJ Preston Smith Unit in Lamesa.

Dental Hygienist position now open: Monday- Friday 8 to 5.

Send resume/ inquires to:
Human Resources
1600 North Bryan
Lamesa, Texas 79331
806-872-2183
806-872-3935 fax

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Speech-Language Pathologist
Physical Medicine

Masters degree in speech-language pathology required. Speech-language pathologist will gain experience with a diverse pediatric population. Will have the opportunity to work with medically challenged children, neurologically challenged children and children with speech, language and/or feeding disorders. Will work with a highly skilled Speech Pathology team.

UniversityMedicalCenter
Department of Human Resources
602 Indiana Avenue • Lubbock, Texas 79415
806/743-3355 E.O.E. www.teamumc.org

COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST: Nonprofit Business Organization searching for a Communications Specialist. Requires degree or degree candidate and two years experience. Must have excellent written and verbal communications skills, initiative and creativity. Ability to write, edit and lay out reports, brochures and feature articles. Requires proficiency with Quark and Adobe Photoshop. Send resume and salary history to: Box J-5012, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

CONTROLLER: Miether Bearing Products, Odessa, TX- Midsize manufacturing company seeking highly motivated self starters. Requirements of degree in accounting and CPA. Responsibilities include preparation of financial statements, supervision of human resource functions and IT management. Send resume to: Miether Bearing Products, 8720 N. Co. Rd. W., Odessa, TX 79764. Attn: President. Equal opportunity employer.

ENGINEERING TECH and Production Administrative Assistant positions open in Dallas Office. Should have 5+ years experience related to job title. Fax resumes to. Vice President Operations at (214)891-8827.

HIRED

ENTRY LEVEL Revenue Accounting Clerk. Oil and Gas Revenue experience required. Data Entry, State Production Reports and reorganize current Revenue files. Microsoft Word and Excel required. Fax resume to the attention of the Revenue Department XXX-XXXX.

EVENT SERVICE Coordinator: The Midland Chamber of Commerce and Midland Center are seeking an Event Service Coordinator. Responsible for all bookings into the center, assisting clients in arranging facilities and services for various events; and promoting the center to organizations and the public. Excellent organizational, public relations, customer service, and communication skills required. Computer proficiency in Microsoft Word, contact management and a Windows working environment needed. Four-year degree and two years experience in special events or related field; or equivalent combination. Resumes to Shura Lindgren, Midland CVB, PO Box 1890, Midland TX 79702.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Position open with Rape Crisis Center in Odessa, Texas. Bachelors degree required, Masters preferred. Experience with nonprofits and grant writing preferred. Send resume and salary requirements by February 23 to: Search Committee, PO BOX 7741, Odessa, Texas 79760 or fax to 915-580-3148 or email to rccenter@rcccenter.org.

FULL CHARGE Bookkeeper/ Accountant needed for oil field service company. Experience with drilling/ trucking industries preferred. Salary DOE. Established company with benefits. Send resume to: P-6108, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

GROWING PAINS. We are a fast growing, medium size manufacturing company in need for an accountant with several years of computerized Multi-company GL experience. You will be responsible for the General Ledger, include reconciling inter-company and other accounts. 401K and health benefits. Degree preferred and salary negotiable. Send resume with salary history to "Growing Pains", P.O. Box 60047, Midland, TX 79711. EOE/ AA

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LOCAL OIL and Gas service company seeks a staff accountant with 1 to 2 years experience. Accounting degree preferred. Benefits include health insurance, vacation and 401K. Send resumes to: Box N-3017, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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"ComPro", a mechanical service corporation serving the oil, gas, refining, and chemical industries has current openings for the following:

Mechanical Supervisors

Requires experience in the maintenance, repair and overhaul of large reciprocating engines and compressors. Applicants must have strong mechanical background, including precision measuring, and be skilled in organization, communication, and crew management.

Gas Engine/Compressor Mechanics

Requires experience in the maintenance, repair and overhaul of large reciprocating engines and compressors. Applicants must be skilled in the use of micrometers, dial indicators, and depth gauges. Must have good communication skills and the ability to work independently or as a member of a team.

- Must be available for extensive travel (Company provides transportation, single room motel accommodations, and per diem)
- Pre-employment physical, drug testing, and safety training
- Benefits
- Salary D.O.E.

Contact Personnel Dept.
(915) 561-8053

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Information Resources Department

To relieve the administrator of a large volume of decisions complex in nature. Responsible for office management; financial and other factual information reporting to administrator, development and scheduling of work assignments. A Bachelor's degree preferred with at least two years of administrative assistant experience required. Must be proficient in all phases of job duties and possess expert written and oral communications skills. Applications available in the Office of:

Human Resources
UT Permian Basin
4901 East University
Odessa, TX 79762
or call 915-552-2755
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Midland ISD is accepting applications for the position of

FOOD SERVICE DIETITIAN

Qualifications:

- ❒ Bachelor's degree in Food and Nutrition or equivalent
- ❒ Registered Dietitian, preferred
- ❒ Demonstrated ability in the areas of menu planning, personnel management, and public relations
- ❒ Nutrition education program development and teaching experience
- ❒ Two to three years experience in a supervisory capacity preferred
- ❒ Must be in excellent physical and mental health

- ■ MISD is an equal opportunity employer
- ■ MISD requires Criminal History and Reference Checks be run for all potential employees
- ■ Complete job description available upon request

Interest in this position may be expressed by submitting an application with Midland ISD, Auxiliary Personnel, 615 W. Missouri, Suite 201, along with a resume, by Friday, February 25, 2000.

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Midland ISD is accepting applications for the position of

CAMPUS SECURITY OFFICER

Qualifications:

- ❒ High School Diploma or GED
- ❒ Security or law enforcement training or experience
- ❒ Effective interpersonal skills
- ❒ Effective writing skills
- ❒ Ability to work and relate to young adults
- ❒ Reliable personal transportation

- ■ MISD is an equal opportunity employer
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- ■ Complete job description available upon request

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Director of Pharmacy

PharmaSource Healthcare, a national pharmacy management company is seeking a motivated, clinically- oriented director of pharmacy for a long-term acute care facility in San Angelo, Texas. This is an excellent opportunity to practice true patient focused care as an integral member of the health care team. We offer an excellent compensation package.

Please fax resume to:
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Charlotte Chalmers at:
800-344-8226 ext. 219.

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Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP), Midland and Odessa
Care Manager, Odessa
Service Coordinator, Midland and Odessa
Registered Nurse, Odessa
Substance Abuse Counselor/ LCDC, Midland

For details call our job line 915-570-3424 or submit application to: PERMIAN BASIN COMMUNITY CENTERS, 401 E. Illinois, Suite 400, Midland, TX 79701. E.O.E.

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312 Professional Help Wanted

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QA/ RM Training Coordinator:

High School diploma or GED required. Experience with risk management and quality assurance issues a plus. Good organizational skills, and clear, concise communication skills, both written and oral, required. Must be able to work under pressure. Travel is required. Requires a high degree of integrity to ensure maximum confidentiality. Must be in agreement with goals and objectives of Planned Parenthood of West Texas, Inc. Application and job description available at 910-B South Grant in Odessa. Closing date: February 21st at 5:00pm. EOE, M/F, D. V.

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312 Professional Help Wanted

SEEKING AN Office Manager/ Administrative Assistant to join exciting, Internet startup. Must be detail oriented, fun to work with, problem solver, and good with Word, Excel, and Powerpoint. Pleasant, polite, phone persona a must. Interested? Please send resume and salary requirements to: PO BOX 2230, Midland, TX 79702. All resumes held in strictest confidence.

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B.S. degree in engineering and minimum of 5 years practical experience. Duties include: UBD modeling and well design preparation of pre and post job reports, technical presentations.

Underbalanced Equipment Operators

Requires high school diploma or GED. Previous experience in well testing or air/ underbalanced drilling preferred.

Technical Sales Representative

Establish and maintain customer contact.

All positions require excellent oral/ written communication skills.

Competitive compensation and benefits package Please send resumes in confidence to: **Box N-4196 c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650 Midland, TX 79702.**

→NEW TODAY←

Divisional Controller

Rapidly growing manufacturing and service company is seeking a highly motivated individual as Divisional Controller, based in Midland, Texas. This position will report to the CFO with a strong dotted line to the operational Vice President. Candidate will have responsibility for budgets, forecasts, process improvements, project modeling and interpretive financial analysis. Requirements are a BA/ BS in accounting, with a CPA/MBA preferred. Experience should include seven to ten years in both the manufacturing and service area with strong PC skills.

Competitive salary and benefits package. Interested candidates, please send confidential resume &salary requirements to:
Box N-4195,
c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

NORWEST BANK currently has an excellent opportunity available in its Midland Trust Department for a Trust Asset Assistant. The successful candidate will be responsible for assisting a property manager with land related aspects of a diverse portfolio of oil and gas properties. The position requires strong organizational, analytical and computer skills.

We provide a competitive and comprehensive benefits package. For immediate consideration please fax your resume with salary requirements to:

NORWEST

Corestaff Services
1-888-667-2445
or call Jamie at
1-888-667-7823,
ext. 106.

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ACCOUNTANT I

Accounting Office

To perform accounting assignments involving preparation of financial statements and reports. Must be proficient in the recording, examination, analysis and reporting of financial data. Bachelor's Degree in related field is required and one year of governmental accounting experience is preferred. Applications available in the Office of:

Human Resources
UT Permian Basin
4901 East University
Odessa, TX 79762
or call 915-552-2755
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TEXAS COMMISSION For The Blind

Is currently seeking Diabetes Educational Professionals for part- time Contract Position teaching diabetes education and adaptive equipment to blind and visually impaired consumers in Odessa and surrounding counties. Applicants must be an RN or certified diabetes educator. Bilingual skills preferred. Excellent hourly rate plus mileage. Must provide own transportation. For information on applying, please contract Linda Robinson at the:

Texas Commission for the Blind
(512)377- 0584
4800 North Lamar
Suite 220.
Austin, TX 78756

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314 Clerical Help Wanted

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Midland/Odessa

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- Evaluate people, programs, and processes as they relate to the bottom line
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- Computer literacy
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- Learn customers' needs and provide solutions to meet those needs

Skills Required:

- Two years successful field sales experience preferred
- Four year college degree or equivalent experience
- Previous business technology sales experience a plus
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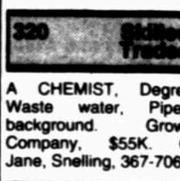
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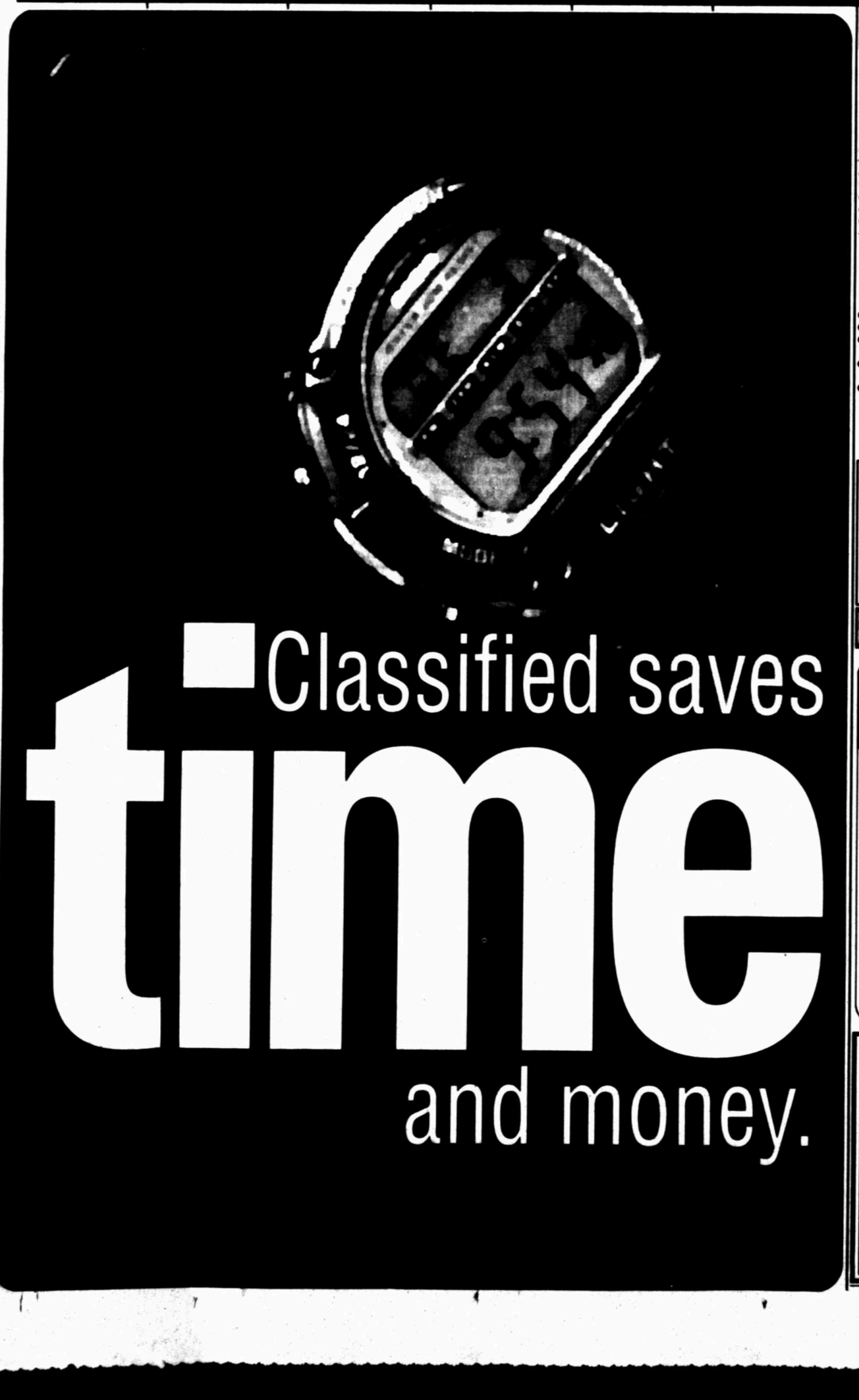
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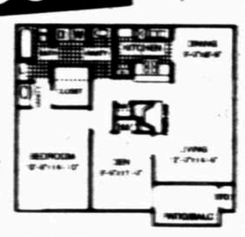
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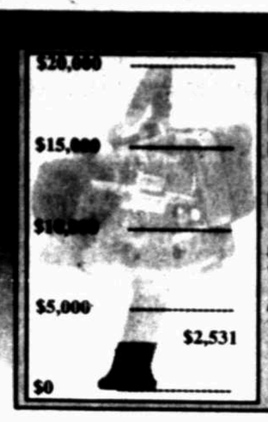
→NEW TODAY←
DISTRESS SALE; 4508 Amistad. Spacious three bedroom, two bath, two living, fireplace, double garage. Market value $75,000, asking $64,000 or best offer. Open 2-6 Sunday. 697-0251.

720 Homes for Sale

807 CANYON; Three bedroom, 1 3/4 bath, two living, fireplace, storage building, carport. Possible owner finance. 697-4359.

NON-QUALIFYNG ASSUMPTIONS- Just listed! Newer 3 bedrooms, 2 baths with garages. $43,900, $57,900 Broker 684-7788.

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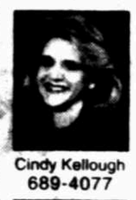
CAMERA COUNTDOWN... In Spring 1999 CENTURY 21 Kay Sutton Realtors helped establish a fund for contributions to purchase Thermal Imaging cameras for Midland's fire department. These heat sensing cameras help firemen find and save people trapped by heavy smoke in fires.

The City of Midland bought a camera for one of the nine Midland fire stations. Midland's Junior League bought the second and this fund bought the third camera.

This year CENTURY 21 Kay Sutton Realtors is again contributing a portion of each sale our office closes to the fund to purchase additional Thermal Imaging Cameras. Your contribution may be made to the Midland Citizen Fire Academy Alumni Association Special Account at Community National Bank. **Thank you, Midland!**

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RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS

COUNTRY CLUB....Pick Your Colors in "Old Midland": 4 bd-3.5 ba-3 liv-Office/Study could be 5th bdrm .. $ 389,000
CHADWICK ..... UNDER CONTRACT
VERDE GLEN ..... UNDER CONTRACT
ALMEY...Beautiful! 5 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Study/Builtins/Fantastic Kitchen/Pool/Seq.Master Suite .. $ 249,900
CRANSTON....New Graham: 5 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Hydromulched Yard+Sprinklers-Shutters/Miniblinds .. $ 228,500
CRANSTON ..... NEW LISTING ..... $ 221,500
Beautiful New Graham Home: 5 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Skylights-Whirlpool Tub in Master Bath
HILLCREST ..... UNDER CONTRACT
DEVLIN.....Beautiful 1-Owner Custom: 4 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Light/Bright-Tons of Extras ..... $ 199,500
NORTHFIELD....Custom 1-Owner: 4 bd-3 ba-3 liv-HOME WARRANTY-$1000 Flooring Allow ... $ 182,900
HEARTLAND...Exceptional: 5 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Great Kit-Lots of Storage-5th bdrm could be study .. $ 179,000
HIGHLAND....Pretty 1-Owner: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Nice/Light/Open-Tile Flooring-Plantation Shutters .... $ 174,900
WINDDRIFT ..... UNDER CONTRACT
GRASSLAND....Beautiful Cunningham Custom: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Mint Condition-Amenities Galore ... $ 169,900
HILLCREST.....Tile Walkways: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Big Kitchen w/Island-Study off Master ..... $ 169,900
RUSTIC.....On the Course! 4 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Seq.Master-2 Story Green Tree North Beauty ..... $ 166,900
RIDGEMONT....Beautiful Robt.Graham Built in '97: 4 bd-3 ba-1 liv-Bright/Open-Seq.In-Law Plan ..... $ 161,500
GREENRIDGE...One-Owner Graham Resale: 4 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Rec. Carpet/Paint-REDUCED! $ 157,500
DRIFTWOOD.....Grace and Charm: 4 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-2 Story-3% BUYER INCENTIVE ..... $ 149,900
COLEMAN....Wonderful: 4 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-2 Fireplaces-Customized Kit-Gar.Wrkshp Room ..... $ 149,000
CULPEPER.....Courtyard Entrance: 4 bd-3 ba-4 liv-Spacious Bedrooms-His 'n Her Master Bath ... $ 148,500
WHITMAN.....Whitehead New: 3 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Good Plan ..... $ 145,950
HIGHLAND ..... UNDER CONTRACT
WHITMAN.....New Whitehead: 4 bd-2.5 ba-3 liv-Game Room ..... $ 143,500
WHITMAN.....By Whitehead: 4 bd-2 ba-3 liv-Can be 5 BR ..... $ 143,500
WHITMAN.....New Whitehead: 4 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Pick Your Colors & Options ..... $ 142,950
TEAKWOOD.....Lots of Privacy! 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Large/Open Plan-Seq.In-Law Plan ..... $ 138,000
WHITMAN.....New Whitehead: 4 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Roomy Plan ..... $ 137,950
OAKRIDGE ..... UNDER CONTRACT
CASTLEFORD....Light & Bright: 4 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Great Flow-Huge Kitchen-Lots of Storage .... $ 134,900
CLAYTON CT....New Jackson Patio Home: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Open Concept-Make Choices Now . $ 134,900
LOS ALAMITOS....Completely Updated: 3 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Wonderful Floorplan-Seq.Master .... $ 134,500
CASTLEFORD....Open Floor Plan: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Seq.Master w/Large Bath-Many Updates .... $ 130,000
CULPEPER ..... UNDER CONTRACT
KANSAS.....'Old Midland' Charmer: 4 bd-3 ba-3 liv-Large Rooms-Great Yard & Pool-REDUCED! ... $ 129,900
CRISTA LN.....Pretty New Canton: 4 bd-2.5 ba-1 liv-Many Extras-Ready to Move Into ..... $ 129,900
WHITMAN ..... UNDER CONTRACT
CANTERBURY.....Flowing Plan: 4 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Fpl in Mstr Bdrm-Hot Tub-3% BUYER INCENTIVE! $ 124,900
DEVONSHIRE ..... NEW LISTING ..... $ 124,900
Polo Park 2 Story: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Ground Floor Master-Upstairs Den
MARMON....Spacious: 4 bd-3 ba-3 liv-In Law Plan-3% BUYER INCENTIVE-HOME WARRANTY .... $ 124,000
LANCASHIRE ..... UNDER CONTRACT
DEVONSHIRE....Wonderful Viewing: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Open, Large Windows-Large Master Suite ... $ 119,900
EMERSON.....Beautiful Trees: 4 bd-3.5 ba-3 liv-Spacious-Many Bltins-HOME WARRANTY .... $ 119,900
PINEMONT ..... UNDER CONTRACT
RIDERS RD (Odessa)...Country Club Est: 4 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Updates Galore-2 Patios-Water Well .... $ 119,000
CRESTWOOD....Wonderful/Warm/Inviting: 4 bd-2.5 ba-1 liv-Large Bdrms-Seq.Mstr-Cul de Sac .... $ 114,500
MOSS.....Huge Rooms: 3 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Great Kitchen-2nd living area could be 4th bdrm ..... $ 113,000
ST ANDREWS.....Super: 4 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Sep.tub & shower in Seq.Mstr-Move-In Condition ..... $ 112,000
SEQUOIA.....Good Plan: 3 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-$1,500 Flooring Allowance-Home Warranty ..... $ 109,000
MELVILLE....Appealing/Warm/Cozy: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Gourmet Kitchen-Private Covered Patio .... $ 109,000
AUBURN.....Nice Large Bedrooms: 4 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Recent Inside Paint & Carpet-Great Updates ..... $ 108,000
MISSOURI.....Charming Cottage: 4 bd-3 ba-3 liv-Bigger than it Looks-Museum Area ..... $ 104,000
OAKRIDGE.....Great Access: 5 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Immaculate and Cozy-Easy Commute ..... $ 103,900
WHITTLE WAY ..... UNDER CONTRACT
WARD ..... NEW LISTING ..... $ 99,900
Spacious 2 Story! 5 bd-4 ba-2 liv-Bonus areas for secluded studies-Seq.Ground Floor Master
BELLECHASSE....Very Nice: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Fresh Kit.Paint/DW/Cooktop-Fresh Ext.Paint ..... $ 97,000
MEADOWBROOK....Patio Home: 3 bd-2.5 ba-1 liv-Beautiful Courtyard-Large Rooms-Many Updates .... $ 97,000
MORRIS (Odessa)....Beautifully Landscaped: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Split Level-Horse Stalls-Tackroom-RV Barn ..... $ 97,000
BRUNSWICK....Updated! 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Fresh Paint-Rec.Rooling-$3,000 BUYER INCENTIVE ..... $ 96,000
SHERWOOD ..... UNDER CONTRACT
PRESTON ..... NEW LISTING ..... $ 91,900
Beautiful: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Recent Carpet in Living Room-High Ceilings-Enclosed Patio
EMERSON.....Quiet Cul-de-Sac: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Close to Shopping, Schools, Eating ..... $ 89,900
BOYD.....Lovely Home: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Parklike Yard-Sunroom-Separate Office ..... $ 89,000
PRINCETON.....Townhome w/Skylights: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Seq.Mstr-French Doors-Assumable Loan ..... $ 89,000
CAMARIE.....Open/Light/Bright: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Woodburning Stove-Builtins-Walkin Closets .... $ 87,000
GLENEAGLES....Fairmont Addition: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Large Liv.Area-Seq.Master-Workshop ..... $ 86,900
CASPER.....Whitehead New: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Could be 4 BR ..... $ 86,000
SPENCE.....New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Make Your Selections ..... $ 86,000
RIO GRANDE.....Whitehead New: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Open Plan ..... $ 86,000
CASPER.....New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick all Options ..... $ 86,000
NEELY....Close to Elem.School: 4 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Granite Kit.Countertops-HOME WARRANTY .. $ 84,900
FLOYD.....Whitehead New: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Plan Yours Now ..... $ 83,900
DENTCREST....Ready for Move-In: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Gorgeous/Cozy/Warm-HOME WARRANTY ... $ 82,500
WADLEY.....Pretty Large Condo: 2 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Separate Formal Dining ..... $ 80,500
PROVIDENCE ..... UNDER CONTRACT
N 'C'.....Lots of Room: 4 bd-3 ba-1 liv-Super Kitchen-Workshop in Back ..... $ 79,900
WYDEWOOD ..... NEW LISTING ..... $ 79,500
Great Spacious Living Area: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Master Suite opens to Patio
TATTENHAM ..... UNDER CONTRACT
SPENCE.....By Whitehead: 2 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Huge Bedroom w/Bath ..... $ 79,300
TREVINO.....Whitehead New: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick all Options ..... $ 79,000
NASWORTHY.....Roomy: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Rec.Updates include Heat/Air,DW,Oven,Tile ..... $ 78,500
SPENCE.....By Whitehead: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Can be 3 Bedroom ..... $ 76,400
RIO GRANDE.....New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Options Available ..... $ 75,500
CASPER.....By Whitehead: 3 ba-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Colors-Pick Options! ..... $ 72,000
SPENCE.....Whitehead New: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Carefree Plan ..... $ 72,000
MARCIE ..... NEW LISTING ..... $ 72,000
Cute and Updated: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Fresh Paint/Carpet/Tile-Neutral Colors
BONHAM (Odessa)...Cute: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Some Updating-Oversized 2-car Gar/Wrkshp in Bckyrd .. $ 72,000
GRAHAM.....New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Make it Yours ..... $ 70,200
IMPERIAL.....Cozy Neighborhood: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Spacious Kitchen-Large Fenced Backyard ... $ 70,000
CIMMARON.....Ready for You: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Large/Open Living-Nice Berber Carpet ..... $ 69,900
FRONTIER.....Lovely: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Large Trees-Heated Garage-Clean and Updated .... $ 69,900
OHIO ..... UNDER CONTRACT
GRAHAM.....By Whitehead: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Convenient Plan ..... $ 69,200
PRESTON.....Light/Bright/Open: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Recent Paint/Carpet-Very Pretty ..... $ 69,200
LAURA.....Great Master Bedroom: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Spacious-Nice Driveup Appeal ..... $ 68,500
CIMMARON.....Roomy: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Fireplace-Outside Storage-Quiet Street ..... $ 63,950
LAVACA ..... NEW LISTING ..... $ 62,000
Northwest Midland Cul-de-Sac: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Recent DW/Int.Paint/Berber Carpet
MCDONALD.....Lots of Updates: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Recent Carpet & Skylights-Cute! ..... $ 60,000
SENTINEL....Indoor Grill: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Gourmet Kitchen-Many Updates-HOME WARRANTY .. $ 57,000
BROOKDALE.....Move-In Ready: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Well=GardnerBonus-2% BUYER INCENTIVE ..... $ 54,500
DOUGLAS.....Fresh and Ready! 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Fresh Paint-3% BUYER INCENTIVE ..... $ 52,900
DEWBERRY.....Large Well-Maintained: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Extra Parking in Rear-7' Fence ..... $ 49,950
BURCHILL ..... UNDER CONTRACT
BENTWOOD.....Cute-Clean: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Close to Schools-Huge Liv.Area-Ask About VA Assumption .. $ 49,900
EVERGLADE (Odessa)....Good Workshop: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Garden Room-Rear Apartment ..... $ 49,000
LEDDY.....Great Workshop w/Office: 3 bd-1.5 ba-1 liv-Nice Home ..... $ 48,900
MONTY.....Well-Maintained: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Updated Kitchen-Ask About Home Warranty .... $ 48,500
BARKLEY ..... UNDER CONTRACT
ILLINOIS ..... UNDER CONTRACT
THOMAS.....Large Living Room: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Water Well-Sprinkler System in Front ..... $ 40,000
IDLEWILDE.....Cute Townhome: 2 bd-1.5 ba-1 liv-Flooring Allowance-Home Warranty ..... $ 38,900
KESSLER....Beautiful/Fresh Starter: 2 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Sprinkler-Rec.Cent.Heat-Air/Ceiling Fans .... $ 38,900
THOMAS....Nice Neighborhood: 3 bd-1.5 ba-1 liv-To be sold As-Is-Lots of Kitchen Cabinets .. $ 38,000
KENTUCKY.....Close to Museum/Downtown: 3 bd-1.5 ba-1 liv-Great Fix-Up Plan ..... $ 36,000
FRANKLIN ..... UNDER CONTRACT
TRAVIS.....Recent Appliances: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Neutral Carpet-Central Heat/Air ..... $ 34,500
ARIETTA.....Very Clean: 3 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Fresh Paint In & Out-On 2 Lots=Lots of Space ..... $ 32,500
ROOSEVELT ..... UNDER CONTRACT
HILL.....Cute and Updated: 2 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Fresh Paint/Berber carpet-1-car garage ..... $ 29,500
WALNUT.....Roomy: 3 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Large Kit-2 Carports-Bonus Lot ..... $ 28,500
TYLER.....Large Home w/Hardwood Floors: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Has Extra Building-Zoned Light Industrial .. $ 28,000
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
KANSAS.....Duplex: Each side = 2 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Washer/Dryer-Ready to Occupy ..... $ 24,000
CALDERA.....Sagewood Condo: 1 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Upstairs-Fireplace ..... $ 23,000
STONEWALL.....Investment or Starter: 2 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Choose Your Possibility ..... $ 13,500
BOULDER....Four Fairmont Condos: Each = 1 bd-1 ba-2 liv-Perfect for Single/Couple/Investor .... $ 11,900 ea

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SUBURBAN LISTINGS

W. CO RD 68...Pecan Acres: 4 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Amenities Galore-Morris Blt-Brick Stall-Riding Arena .. $ 272,900
N. CO RD 1130....Must See! 4 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Apprx 4 ac-Shop w/Guest Qtrs-HOME WARRANTY .... $ 185,000
S CO RD 1195.....Storage! 3 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Apprx 24x24 liv + 22x22 Plyrm-Shp w/3 O.H. Doors ..... $ 126,000
E. CO RD 109 ..... NEW LISTING ..... $ 104,000
Lovely Greenwood Home: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-On Quiet Street-Recent Front Sprinkler System
MORRIS (Odessa)...Split Level: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Horse Stalls-Tackroom-RV Barn-Apprx 1.6 Acre ..... $ 97,000
E. CO RD 115.....Ready for Horses: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Barn-Stalls-ArenaTraining Pen-More ! .... $ 96,000
ROBIN (Odessa)...Great Remodel: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Apprx 12x24Portable Storage w/AC-2 Storage Barns $ 88,000
TATTENHAM ..... UNDER CONTRACT
N. ASTER (Gardendale).....Cute Modular Built '97: 4 bd-2.5 ba-1 liv-Apprx 3.67 Acres ..... $ 79,000
E. CO RD 127.....Your Country Home: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Apprx 2 ac-Fresh Paint-2 Patios-Horse Stalls .. $ 72,500
FRANCIS (Odessa).....Nice: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Study-Kennels for Business Opportunity, Too! ..... $ 59,900
W. CO RD 118...Yr-Round Insulated/Wired Wrkshp: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Mob.Home-Apprx 1.84 Ac ... $ 44,500
W. CO RD 118....Livestock OK Here: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Apprx 1.26 Ac Fenced-3 Out-Buildings ..... $ 28,000

LOTS & LAND

DORIS (Odessa).....Res.Rural Lot-Apprx .46 ac-Horses & Mobile Home OK ..... $ 1,200
W. CO RD 1127.....Two Rural Lots - Each Apprx 1 Ac - No Mobile Homes! ..... $ 3,500 ea
SPACE 104-B.....Eternal Light Mausoleum Space @ Resthaven ..... $ 4,000
S. CO RD 1208.....Apprx 1 Acre-Mobile Home OK-Ask About Owner Financing-Apprx 208' Frontage ..... $ 4,000
MARK LN.....Two Lots-Can Build Attached Townhomes-Apprx 37'x100' each ..... $ 4,500 ea
S. CO RD 1127 & CO RD 90.....Greenwood Corner Lot-Apprx .998 Ac-No Mobile Homes ..... $ 4,995
FLOYD CT.....One Res. Lot/Fairway Park/70' Frontage per MCAD ..... $ 5,000
S. CO RD 1210.....Apprx 1 Acre-Mobile Home OK-Ask About Owner Financing-Apprx 208' Frontage ..... $ 6,000
SANTA CRUZ (Odessa).....Zoned Res or Multi-Fam/Apprx 62' Frontage ..... $ 6,800
W. 87th (Odessa).....One Res. Golf Course Lot ..... $ 8,000
E. CO RD 109.....Corner Lot behind Greenwood School-Apprx .5 Acre-Great Access ..... $ 8,000
S. CO RD 1122.....20 Lots in Super New Subdivision-Resta Ranch Estates-Pick Yours Today! ... $ 10,000 ea
S. CO RD 1196...8 lots in Southland Hill Addtn ready to develop-May sell together or as package ... $ 10,000 ea
S. CO RD 1196.....Water Well on Property - Ready to develop-Southland Hills Addition ..... $ 12,000
W. CO RD 123 (Odessa).....Ridgewood Subdivision-Apprx .66 Ac ..... $ 19,500
S. CO RD 1218...Apprx 10+Ac-Horses OK-No Mob.Homes-Deed Restricted to Min.1200 Sq.Ft.Home .. $ 25,000
S. CO RD 1218...Apprx 10+Ac-Horses OK-No Mob.Homes-Deed Restricted to Min.1200 Sq.Ft.Home .... $ 25,000
I-20.....22+ Acres-Prime I-20 Frontage ..... $ 385,000
COWDEN ADDN.....10 Lots in 1200 Block of Keith-To be Sold as Package-Land Only ..... $ 400,000
PARKLEA ADDN.....12 Lots in 200 Block of Circle Drive - Zoned Light Retail ..... $ 480,000
E. LOOP 250 N......Apprx 640Ac - Develop for Country Estates ..... $ 1,248,000

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HUMBLE.....Two Lots-50' Frontage each-Zoned MF-May be sold Separately! ..... $ 7,000 ea
JASMINE.....I-20 Accessible - Zoned IPI ..... $ 19,000
JASMINE.....Great I-20 Access - Zoned IPI ..... $ 25,000
N. MAIN ..... UNDER CONTRACT
N DIXIE (Odessa)...Retail Bldg for 1 or 2 businesses - Five 10x10' Overhead Doors for Truck Delivery .... $ 75,000
BILLINGSLEY.....Planned for Storage Facilities-RV Parking-Approx .97 Acre ..... $ 87,250
ANDREWS HWY...Hot Corner Location - Near Hospital - High Visibility & Traffic Count - Ideal for Drive-Thru .... $ 80,000
N. MAIN ..... UNDER CONTRACT
MICHIGAN.....Perfect for Dr.Office-12 Rooms-3 Baths-2 Multi-Use Rooms-Fireplace ..... $ 190,000
ANDREWS HWY (Odessa)...Retail Auto Service Center-Ready to Use-Six 12x30' Front Baye-47x120' Semi Crtr .... $ 225,000
INDUSTRIAL LOOP....Industrial/Manufacturing Facility-1 High/3 Low Baye-Offices-Warehouse w/Loading Ramps-Rail Spur .. $ 750,000

NEW CONSTRUCTION

TOM CANTON
CRISTA LN.....Ready For You! 4 bd-2.5 ba-1 liv-Lots of Extras-In Crestgate ..... $ 129,900

ROBERT GRAHAM
CRANSTON PL.....Great Plan: 5 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Front Shutters/Back Miniblinds-Hydromulch .. $ 228,000
CRANSTON PL.....Beautiful: 5 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Pick Colors & Amenities Now ..... $ 221,000

MIKE JACKSON
CLAYTON CT.....Wonderful Patio Home: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Seq.Master Suite w/Jacuzzi! ..... $ 134,900

WHITEHEAD CONSTRUCTION
WHITMAN.....New Whitehead: 4 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Roomy Plan ..... $ 145,950
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WHITMAN.....By Whitehead: 4 bd-2 ba-3 liv-Can be 5 BR ..... $ 143,500
WHITMAN.....Whitehead New: 3 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Good Plan ..... $ 142,950
WHITMAN.....New Whitehead: 4 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Room to Grow ..... $ 137,950
CASPER.....Whitehead New: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Could be 4 BR ..... $ 86,000
SPENCE.....By Whitehead: 2 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Private Bedroom is Large ..... $ 86,000
RIO GRANDE.....Whitehead New: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Open Plan ..... $ 86,000
CASPER.....New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick all Options ..... $ 86,000
FLOYD.....Whitehead New: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Plan Yours Now ..... $ 83,900
SPENCE.....By Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Your Amenities ..... $ 79,200
TREVINO.....Whitehead New: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick all Options ..... $ 79,000
SPENCE.....By Whitehead: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Can be 3 Bdrm ..... $ 76,400
RIO GRANDE.....New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Options Avail ..... $ 75,500
TREVINO.....New Whitehead: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Great for Retiree ..... $ 74,000
CASPER.....By Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Colors ..... $ 72,900
SPENCE.....Whitehead New: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Carefree Plan ..... $ 72,000
GRAHAM.....New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Make it Yours ..... $ 70,200
GRAHAM.....By Whitehead: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Convenient Plan ..... $ 69,200

OPEN HOUSES

1:00 - 2:30 P.M.

5805 Greenridge - $157,500
One-Owner Graham Resale
4 bd - 3 ba - 1 liv - 2 gar
Beautiful/Wonderful Floorplan
Formal Dining & Breakfast Area
Recent Carpet and Paint

4908 Los Alamitos - $134,500
Beautifully/Completely Updated
3 bd - 2.5 ba - 2 liv - 2 gar
Large Seq.Master w/Pretty Bath
Adaptable floorplan could easily be 4 bdrm with 1 Living
Recent a/c unit/extra attic insulation/dishwasher/paint

2:00 - 4:00 P.M.

4809 Crista Lane - $129,900
Pretty New Tom Canton Home
4 bd - 2.5 ba - 1 liv - 2 gar
This completed new home has lots of extras just for you.
Miniblinds throughout home.
Sprinkler system installed.

2:45 - 4:00 P.M.

6213 Sequoia Dr - $109,900
Price Just Reduced!
Ask about Flooring Allowance
3 bd - 2.5 ba - 2 liv - 2 gar
Home Warranty transfers at closing to new owner.
Well-maintained home.

2:30 - 4:30 P.M.

1800 Devonshire - $119,900
Beautiful View thru Large Windows
3 bd - 2 ba - 1 liv - 2 gar
Polo Park Beauty has large master suite, jacuzzi tub, den, ceiling fans and formal dining.

1804 Devonshire - $124,900
Beautiful Two Story
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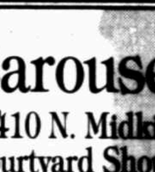
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WORLD'S LARGEST VALENTINE!...3BR/2BA home needs quick sale. Covered screened back porch, office off garage, inside laundry room, sequestered master. Sellers have recently replaced dishwasher, disposal, hot water heater, some carpet and some fresh paint. Ask Anita!
WADLEY HEIGHTS $89,000

VALENTINE'S GIFT TO YOUR BUDGET...Located on approximately 1 acre, near Green Tree golf course, this 3 bedroom home has 2 living areas plus garden room, recently replaced vinyl, countertops and hot water heater. Workshop in back.
MOCKINGBIRD $110,000

AN AFFORDABLE VALENTINE...SELLER OFFERING A 3% BUYER'S ALLOWANCE! This 4BR home, located on a tree-lined cul-de-sac has had updating including recently replaced raised oak panel cabinets in kitchen, 2 living areas plus formal dining, covered patio and 2 car garage. Wooden play gym in large backyard stays. Call Anita!
GODDARD HEIGHTS $115,000

CUPID'S FAVORITE!...Spacious 4 bedroom in area close to Green Tree golf course in well-maintained area has 4 bedrooms, each with its own large closet, formal dining, tile flooring, ro unit, eat-in kitchen with breakfast bar, lighted gazebo in backyard, auto sprinklers in front.
GREEN HILL TERRACE $119,900

HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS!...SELLER OFFERING A 1% BUYERS ALLOWANCE on this spacious 3 BD, 2 story beauty on cul-de-sac. 2 living areas, formal dining, skylights, security system, wet bar, covered patio, balcony, sprinklers, home warranty and more!
POLO PARK $133,000

ROMANTIC HIDEAWAY!...SELLER OFFERING A 3% BUYER'S ALLOWANCE on this beautiful home with a wonderful location! 4BR, 4BA, 2 separate living areas, planked hardwood flooring, huge master suite upstairs, 2 patios, front and back...gorgeous! Ask Anita!
OLD MIDLAND $149,900

FALL IN LOVE!...Immaculate Mark Payne re-sale is a two story beauty!! Five bedrooms or four bedrooms and study, gorgeous formal dining, open kitchen overlooking family room, wonderful tool room off garage. Lush landscaping and excellent drive-up appeal. WOW!
GRASSLAND ESTATES $224,900

WHERE TO DINE FOR VALENTINES!...Absolutely spectacular 5 BR home on a huge lot on the golf course with pool and spa, inground trampoline, 3 living areas, gourmet kitchen, built-ins galore, etc. Too many amenities to list. Call Anita for more!!
GREEN TREE NORTH $429,900

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5009 Polo Pkwy...Kirk French $135,000

1:30-3PM

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Shown by joyce brickey - 682-3191.
3800 Fairhaven-Pool + Wonderful $114,900

2-4PM

5014 Whitman $132,000
6820 Island Circle ..... Price Adjustment $389,000
5615 Fenway $199,900
5621 Hathaway $212,900
5510 Sundance...Victoria Printz $138,000
4713 Timber Lane...Victoria Printz $85,000
5710 Crowley...Victoria Printz $149,900

2-5PM

4717 Timber Lane-Chris Beckett $105,000

3-4:30PM

2906 Marie...Cheryl Clayton $109,900

3-5PM

3705 Fairhaven-Shown by Lisa Kelly $90,000

3:30-5PM

2301 Dengar-Super Pretty $82,000
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NEW LISTINGS:

5705 Ridgemont $289,000
1008 S. Co. Rd. 1128 ..... $115,900
801 W. Kansas $89,900
11608 W. Co. Rd. 56 ..... $87,000
3610 Sinclair $74,900
4735 Country Club $61,900
4003 Thomason $35,000

4 OR MORE BEDROOMS

6809 Island Circle-Spectacular! ..... Just Reduced! $429,900
5BR/4+BA/3LA, Pool, Spa on course. Call Anita at 684-0387.

#9 Hialeah ..... Reduced $369,900
Resort Atmosphere. 4 BR, 4 bath, 2 studies, pool & cabana. Clayton Alexander.

Island Cir.$1500 GIft Certificate to Selling Agent ..... Reduced $369,000
5BR,3.5BA, 2LA. Call Shari 742-2819 pgr.

6208 Oriole-Loaded With Extras, Carpet Allowance ..... Reduced! $378,000
This 4 bedroom, 3LA w/pool on the course is a steal! Deborah 520-2112.

4800 Rustic Trail ..... See MarilynJoSmith.REALTOR.com $375,000
MLS #15245

6706 West Wind Ct.-Builders Loss - Your Gain ..... Price Reduced $369,000
Incredible 5BR, 4BA, new construction home in North Greentree. Norma Pine, 682-0662.

Rustic-5 Bed, Office, 3 FP's, 3 Car Garage, Very Pretty $345,500
On the course, Pristine Condition. Ruth Young 697-1217.

Pecan Acres $319,000
Lovely 5 BR, on 2.5 acres, spa/dng pool. For the entertaining family. Call JoJ Oldham.

#9 Lakes Drive ..... See MarilynJoSmith.REALTOR.com $299,900
MLS #25001

5705 Ridgemont...www.victoriaprintz.com $289,000
Fabulous! Troy Hunt home! 6BD, 3LA, 4.5BA, gourmet kitchen, 3CG.Victoria 689-4800.

Island Circle-Lg. Golf Course Lot- Water Well, 2 Living + Study $264,900
4 bed, 3 baths, sparkling pool. Call Ruth Young 682-7884. RuthYoung@realtor.com.

3801 St. Andrews Ct.....Fabulous $235,000
5 bdrms, 2 lvg., plus basement, great location. Hurry, Won't last. Call Sam 699-2163.

5510 N. Midland Dr ..... See MarilynJoSmith.REALTOR.com $229,900
MLS #26169

5621 Hathaway ..... See MarilynJoSmith.REALTOR.com $212,900
MLS #29803

Centerview $204,900
Grassland-5BR, 2 story, Mark Payne resale. Outstanding! Anita 694-5255.

Oriole-2 Acres, Fabulous $198,900
4 bed, 3 bath, 3 car garage. Call Ruth Young 682-7884.

4604 Cherrywood...www.victoriaprintz.com $188,900
Custom in Briarwood 4BD, 3BA, crown molding, plantation shutters, tile! Victoria 689-4800.

3609 Meadowridge-2 FP's, Fabulous Kitchen $179,900
4/3 1/2, great house, lots of room to roam. Call Ruth Young 697-1217.

3804 St. Andrews ..... See MarilynJoSmith.REALTOR.com $179,900
MLS #29258

Grassland $177,500
Stunning 4BR, 3BA, 2LA new construction Rippinger home. Norma Pine, 682-0662.

Greenridge $167,000
Awesome 4BR,3BA,1LA, huge rooms, massive yard. 2996sqft! Chris Beckett, 567-6200 pgr.

Princeton-Paint Allowance! ..... Reduced $160,000
Beautiful trees in this 4/3 in "Old Midland". Pool Too! Call Deborah 520-2112.

2019 Coleman ..... Reduced $159,900
4 bed, 3 bath, wonderful corner property. Call Ruth Young 682-7884 or 697-1217.

Rosewood $158,000
Fabulous 4 bed, 3 1/2 bath beauty. Ruth Young 682-7884 or 697-1217.

Stanolind-Beautiful-2 Stone fireplaces ..... Reduced $154,900
Lot 'O Windows-Over 3800 sq. ft.-Call joyce brickey 682-3191.Gazebo.

5710 Crowley...www.victoriaprintz.com...OPEN TODAY $149,900
4 bd, 3 ba, form. dining, seq. master & guest, gourmet kitchen & 3 car garage. Victoria 689-4800.

5604 Crowley ..... www.woodlandmidland.com $149,900
Fantastic! Tons of storage, large bedrooms, open! 3 CG. LarryDebbie 888-254-5613.

Bedford/3% Buyers Allowance $149,900
4BD, 4BA, 2LA, hardwoods, huge master, 2 patios. Anita 694-5255.

Goldenrod, Gardendale (W. Co. Rd. 30) $143,900
4 BR, 2 1/2 BA, 2 Liv. 2.498 acres. Pool. Call Joel Oldham at 689-9696.

Rustic-Or Lease $143,500
New garden home 4BR, 2BA, 2 car gar. Move in now! Norma Pine 682-0662.

4521 Hilltop ..... See MarilynJoSmith.REALTOR.com $139,900
MLS #25252

2105 Whitney...www.victoriaprintz.com $139,900
Totally updated! 4BR, 2 1/2 bath, recent paint, carpet & tile on secret cul-de-sac! Victoria 689-4800.

4911 Learmont ..... See MarilynJoSmith.REALTOR.com $138,900
MLS #29405

Driftwood $138,900
4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, large rooms on course. Call Sam 699-2163.

Coventry/2% Buyers Allowance! $138,500

5510 Sundance...www.victoriaprintz.com...OPEN TODAY! $138,000
New Constr. by Kahler! 4 bd/2 bath/formal dining, tons of tile, cul-de-sac! Victoria 689-4800.

Rustic Trail-For Sale or Lease! $137,000
4BR, 2BA McPherson garden home, one of the largest! Norma Pine 682-0662.

5809 Polo Pkwy ...www.victoriaprintz.com...NEW ROOF!,OPEN TODAY! $135,000
Wow! 4bd, 3ba, sec. system & recent carpet, paint & tile! Nice! Victoria 689-4800.

Rustic-Or Lease $134,500
4BR, 2BA, 1LA McPherson home! Includes a garden area. Call Norma Pine, 682-0662.

Hereford $132,500
Great house, 2 liv. areas, 2 fireplaces, small office, call Clemmie.

5014 Whitman $132,000
Excellent condition, 4BR, 2 1/2 BA, 3 living, large rooms. Clayton 682-9494.

5107 Sherwood-Brand New Home $131,500
Open floor plan, 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, kitchen to hang out in! Marilyn Jo Smith.

5001 Los Alamitos ..... See MarilynJoSmith.REALTOR.com $129,900
MLS #29805

4905 Los Alamitos...1 1/2% Bonuses $127,500
4BR, 3BA, 2LA, 2 car garage, seq. master. Ruth Young 697-1217.

10509 E. Co. Rd. 109 ..... $124,500
Light & bright, 1 AC, Greenwood area. Call Clemmie.

Crestgate Ave. $123,900
Beautiful 4BR, 3BA, 2 Liv., game room. Fantastic condition. Must See!

4106 Crestridge...www.victoriaprintz.com $118,900
Wow! 5 bdrm, 3 baths, formals, seq. master & nice yards in Crestgate! Victoria 689-4800.

500 E. Co. Rd. 140 ..... $115,000
3 liv. areas, in-ground pool, will lease with option to buy, call Clemmie.

Crestgate-Huge Gameroom, Den, Living $114,900
4BD, 3BA, 2 gar, 2 living areas, formal dining, great house. Ruth Young 697-1217.

1702 Cessna...www.victoriaprintz.com ..... Reduced $112,900
Nice! 4 bd, 3 ba, formals, wood floors, recent paint, 2 garages. Great area! Victoria 689-4800.

4204 Skyline-Seller Needs Sale ..... Reduced $110,000
Owner will finance. 4 bed, 2 baths. Call Lavonne 694-0444.

Crestwood-Gorgeous 4BR $105,900
Just sooo pretty, it's awesome. Redwood decked landscape. joyce brickey 682-3191.

Stanolind...Swimming Pool! & 4BR's ..... Reduced $105,000
Totally Gorgeous! Lee High! 2 liv. areas. Awesome Decor! Call joyce brickey 682-3191.

Auburn $105,000
Cul-de-sac, big 4 bed, low maintenance yd. RuthYoungRealtor.com.

Odessa-Blossom Ln $105,000
Much potential, extra spacious, 2 LA + bonus room. Call Anita 694-5255.

4100 Dawn $99,900
4 bedroom. Call Norma Pine 682-0662.

213 Carol Lane ..... Reduced! $99,500
Great location - city & country. 4BR, 2BA, 1LA. Nice. Call Jane or Sam.

Mark Lane $97,900
Nice 4BR, 2BA, built in 1997. Great home for money, call Chris, 567-6200 pgr.

Oakmont ..... Reduced $97,500
4BR, 2BA, 1LA, adorable home! Call Norma Pine, 682-0662.

1605 N. "K" St.-Owner Says Bring All Offers ..... Price Reduced $94,000
Huge 4BR, 3 BA, 2 LA in Old Midland. New paint thru-out. Norma Pine, 682-0662.

Stanolind...Pretty Townhome-Elegant! Quiet & Private! $93,500
Just beautiful. Loaded w/extras. 3BR & study or 4BR. Call joyce brickey 682-3191.

801 W. Kansas...www.victoriaprintz.com $89,900
Large! 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 living, corner lot, 1 car garage! Victoria 689-4800.

Keenland-Country in City ..... Reduced $86,000
This property has been recently updated. Call Lavonne 694-0444.

2604 Culver ..... www.woodlandmidland.com $80,500
Workshop w/bath w/1100sf open kitchen/den, pergo floor. Larry/Debbie 888-254-5813.

1703 Princeton $86,000
Charming 4BR + bonus office area, 2BA w/hardwood floors. Norma Pine, 682-0662.

3603 Stanolind-Workshop - So Much New! ..... Reduced $85,300
4BR, 2 1/2 BA, 3 liv. areas, lots of new, walk to Lee. Call joyce brickey 682-3191.

Goddard ..... Reduced $85,000
Large living area, formal dining, low maintenance yard, call Clemmie.

Dengar ..... Reduced! $81,000
4BR, 2BA, oversized liv. & dining, corner FP in den. Norma Pine 682-0662.

1304 McDonald ..... Reduced $77,000
Exceptional four bedroom that's priced right & ready to move into. Call Kirk 682-9820.

2500 Nealy-Steps to Fannin Elementary ..... Reduced $66,000
Great Buy! Beautiful 4 BR, formal dining, Sooo pretty! Call joyce brickey 682-3191.

3512 Boulder-Odessa $64,900
4 bedrooms, 2 baths.

Emerald ..... Reduced $64,000
Odessa's Gem! 4BR, 3BA, 2LA. See it with Lisa Kelly, 684-3912.

Parkdale $57,000
3 or 4BR home. Lots of house for area. Call Linda, 520-5522.

3 OR LESS BEDROOMS

5615 Fenway ..... See MarilynJoSmith.REALTOR.com $199,900
MLS #27777

4604 Cherrywood...www.victoriaprintz.com $188,000
Stunning custom, 3 car garage. Victoria 689-4800.

5709 Greenridge/3% Buyers Incentive $184,900
Custom 1 Owner 3BR, 2BA, 3 LA, 3 CG, Perfect. Call Jane or Sam 699-2163.

4500 Teakwood Trace ..... See MarilynJoSmith.REALTOR.com $159,900
MLS #28056

Teakwood-On the Course $143,000
Could be 3BR w/study or 4BR, 3 bath, den + formals. Ask for joyce 682-3191.

2301 Sinclair-Fantastic Fannin Home! ..... Reduced $135,000
You won't believe it, huge home! Call Caleb 697-9400.

10513 E. Co. Rd. 109 ..... $134,900
Office/study, light & bright, 1 AC lot. Call Clemmie.

Pecan-Townhome ..... woodlandmidland.com $134,900
Fabulous! Wonderful courtyard, Light & bright. Ask for Larry & Debbie 684-0369.

Devonshire/1% Buyer Allowance $133,900
2 story, 3BR/2.5BA/2LA, sec. sys., home warranty, immaculate. Anita 694-5255.

Idlewilde $125,000
Beautiful 3BR, 2BA home, almost new, wonderful plan & built in 1999. Stunning! Chris, 567-6200 pgr.

2301 Regal ..... For Lease $800/Mo.
3 bdrm, 2 bath. Call Ruth 697-1217.

3800 Fairhaven ..... POOL ..... Reduced $114,900
Two living areas, wonderful pool/patio area. Call Donna 697-0490.

Mockingbird $110,000
Approx. 1 acre, 3BR, 2LA plus garden room, workshop. Call Anita 694-5255.

2906 Marie Dr...www.victoriaprintz.com...OPEN TODAY! $108,900
Knillen Estates! 3BD, 3 full baths, 2AC's, 2CG, lots of windows! Victoria 689-4800.

2608 Hughes ..... See MarilynJoSmith.REALTOR.com $108,500
MLS #27561 or call Chris 567-6200 pager.

Arrowhead $106,900
Completely updated, large master bdrm, pretty pool. Call Clemmie.

1402 W. Pecan-Price Reduced + Allowance! $106,000
Spacious 3BR, 2BA, townhouse. Formal liv. w/FP. Shari 742-2819pgr.

4305 Crestwood-4BR, Crown Moulding $105,900
Just so pretty, it's Awesome! Redwood decked landscape. Call joyce brickey 682-3191.

4717 Timber Lane $105,000
Adorable 3BR, 2BA, huge master, zero lot line, Ready to go! Call Chris 567-6200 pgr.

W. Wadley $104,900
3/2.5 patio home, 2 LA's + office. Carpet allowance. Call Anita 694-5255.

1808 Missouri $99,900
Lots of character in Museum District. Call Caleb 697-9400.

2301 Bellechase Ct...www.victoriaprintz.com $99,900
Open plan! 3BD, 2.5BA, 2 large dining, mirrored walls, cul-de-sac! Victoria 689-4800.

Cottonflat Rd. $98,900
Appx. 15 ac. 3 bed, 2 ba brick house. Call Ruth Young 682-7884 or 697-1217.

Springmont-INCREDIBLE! ..... woodlandmidland.com $98,750
Plantation shutters, FD, island kitchen, jac. tub, seq. master. Hurry & call Larry or Debbie 684-0369.

Fairgreen-Quiet Cul-de-sac! Offers Wanted! ..... Reduced $96,900
3BR, 2BA. Call Chris for more details 567-6200 pgr.

"L" Street $96,900
Cute 3BR in Fannin District. 2 Living, Formal Dining. Much updating. Corner lot.

10009 E. Co. Rd. 109 ..... $96,900
New Construction in Greenwood. Call Clemmie.

2504 Idlewilde ..... Reduced $96,000
Practically brand new - owner anxious. Call Caleb 697-9400.

11602 W. Co. Rd. 40 ..... $94,900
Stalls for horses, open kitchen area, workshop. Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

Westminster $94,500
Wonderful family home, Mexican tile, loaded! Call Norma Pine 682-0662.

4012 Angelina-Huge Living, Formal Dining $93,000
3BR, 2 1/2 BA, Great house, great area. Ruth Young 682-7884 or RuthYoungRealtor.com.

5207 Canadian...www.victoriaprintz.com $91,500
One owner custom! 3 bedrooms, 2 BA, large LA, seq. master, 2 CG. Victoria 689-4800.

Fairhaven $90,000
Wonderful 2 story w/3BR & 2.5BA home. Call Norma Pine, 682-0662.

3313 Crestmont...www.victoriaprintz.com...OPEN TODAY! $89,900
Wow! 3BD, 2BA, 2 CG, corner lot, cul-de-sac, Pergo floors, tile, flagstone patio! Victoria 689-4800.

2702 Maranatha ..... See MarilynJoSmith.REALTOR.com $89,900
MLS #29202

Claremont ..... Reduced $88,900
Big house! 3BR, dining, fireplace. Call Chris, 567-6200 pgr.

Wydewood-Recent Ext. Paint & Carpet $87,000
3/2, beautiful open plan, super drive-up. Hurry. Call Sam 699-2163.

4713 Timber Lane...www.victoriaprintz.com...OPEN TODAY! $85,000
New construction! 2 master suites, 2.5 baths, fireplace, private patio. Victoria 689-4800.

3004 Whittle Way $85,000
3 BR, 2 BA, all brick in Wydewood area. Call Gloria 563-2732.

2211 Princeton-Make An Offer - Large Den $84,900
Old Midland. Call Lavonne 694-0444.

Indiana $84,500
Beautiful 3BR, 2BA, 1LA, FP, w/1BR/1BA apt. Call Linda, 520-5522.

Joy $83,900
3BR, 2BA, Plantation shutters. Cul-de-sac. Open kitchen. Chris 567-6200 pgr. 24 hours.

3310 Crestmont ..... See MarilynJoSmith.REALTOR.com $83,500
3BD, 2BA, swing set, R/O unit. Great plan! MLS #28887

3600 Jordan $82,900
Great home, over 2700 sq. ft. - 3 % buyer incentive, call Cheryl 682-8820, 689-4800.

Cimmaron ..... Reduced $82,500
3br, 2ba. "All Redone". Super charmer! Beautiful. Call Chris. 567-6200 pgr.

Danger-SUPER GORGEOUS - GAME ROOM ..... Reduced $82,000
Extremely Pretty 3BR, Rear Gar, hot tub, ask for Joyce Brickey 682-3191.

3111 Golf Course ..... Reduced $81,000
2 bedrooms, 2 baths, lots of sq. ft. Call Lavonne 694-0444.

Sands $79,950
Fantastic remodel! Beautiful tile floors, berber carpet, neutral colors. Billie 697-5545.

Regal ..... SOLD $79,900
Huge master bedroom, many closets. Hurry call Ruth Young 682-7884 or 697-1217.

2502 Dengar...www.victoriaprintz.com $78,900
Spacious 3/2/2 w/formals, large utility, pretty yards & brick fence! Victoria 689-4800.

Wydewood $78,900
Formal dining, large rooms, new carpet, call Clemmie.

3515 Hyde Park-Living, Dining, Den - Pretty Home $78,900
Lovely 3 bedroom, 2 bath, near LHS & Rusk. Call Joyce Brickey 682-3191.

3533 Hyde Park...www.victoriaprintz.com $77,900
3 bd, 2 bath, darling home w/soaring ceilings and walls of windows. Victoria 689-4800.

3318 Camarie $77,900
3BR, 2BA, Great Location. Call Jane or Sam 699-2163.

2100 Lindora Way...www.victoriaprintz.com $76,000
Close to park! 3BD, 2 baths, 2 car garage w/tons of recents! Victoria 689-4800.

Lanham $75,500
Pretty townhouse. Call Clemmie.

Sinclair...Loaded w/Updates $74,900
Sooo pretty, a real showplace & workshop. Call joyce brickey 682-3191.

Dentcrest-New Listing $74,000
Recent carpet, paint, in Fairmont Park Addition. Great Buy. Call Sam 699-2163.

3617 Louisiana-Trees Galore! ..... SOLD ..... Reduced! $72,500
3BR, 2BA, 2LA home. New carpet. Call Norma Pine, 682-0662.

1004 Bonham-"Pretty" Superior Addition - Walk to School $71,500
This has everything - too pretty for words - joyce brickey 682-3191.

Providence-Great Price $69,900
Great Price! 3br/2ba/2c gar. Workshop. Cute! Cute! Call Sam or Jane 699-2163.

4416 Haner $69,900
Nice home in Odessa - Call Clemmie.

Newly-Updated ..... woodlandmidland.com $69,900
Huge LA, FD. Fabulous. Ask for Larry & Debbie 684-0369.

Apperson $69,000
3BR/2BA, Seq. master, office, enclosed porch. Call Anita.

2108 Geraldine...www.victoriaprintz.com $68,000
Darling townhome! 2 BD, 2BA, covered patio, 2CG in great area! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

W. Co. Rd. 52 ..... Reduced to $68,000
Quiet 3/2/1LA, 2 story w/acreage.

Shell $67,900
Nice 3BR house, updating, corner lot, 2LA, & ceramic tile. Chris, 567-6200 pgr.

3228 Cimmaron-Recent Tile $65,000
Clean, Clean! 3 BR, 2 BA, 2 LA, 2 car garage. Call Sam 699-2163.

Elma-Light & Bright ..... woodlandmidland.com $62,500
Darling! Lots of cabinets - great closets. Ask for Larry or Debbie 684-0369.

Lamesa, Tx $62,500
4 bed, efficiency syst., studio. 3 stg. bldg. Ruth Young 697-1217.

4735 Country Club $61,900
Absolute Doll House. 3BR, 2BA, 2 CG, immaculate condition! Must see. Norma 682-0662.

LaSalle Circle $58,900
Great 1st time buyer home. Formal dining, Recent carpet, paint, and vinyl.

1404 Pueblo...www.victoriaprintz.com $58,900
3/2/2 w/seq. master, vaulted ceilings, special landscaping & lots of updates! Victoria 689-4800.

Storey...Too Cute ..... Reduced $58,900
Story book home. 3BR, 2BA, 2 LA, hardwood floors. Call Jane or Sam 699-2163.

4322 Bedford ..... Reduced Again $58,450
3 BR, 2BA. Lots of new WORKSHOP. Alice Howard 694-3040.

Miller...Over 1700 sq. ft.-Great Bargain ..... Only $58,000
Pretty carpet, tiles, pretty home; Fairway Park, call joyce brickey 682-3191.

Leddy-"Owner Says Bring All Offers" $58,500
3BR, 2BA, 2LA. Stone fireplace in den. Much TLC! Call Norma Pine 682-0662.

4408 Palmer $57,500
3 bed, 2 bath, cute house. Call Lavonne 694-0444 or elavonne@aol.com.

4617 Ric Dr $57,000
3 bedroom, 2 bath. Call Linda 520-5522.

320 Willowood ..... Reduced $55,900
3 bd, 2 bath, updated, 2 car garage, recent paint, French doors, tile! Victoria 689-4800.

Woodcrest-Huge MBR, Rear Entry Garage - OFFERS! $55,200
Fresh paint, FP, sprinkler, berber carpet. joyce brickey 682-3191.

4300 Parkdale $54,900
4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 living areas. Call Linda 520-5522.

Illinois $54,900
3BR, 2BA - all brick in nice location. Call Gloria, 563-2732.

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3 bed, 2 ba., sprinkler System. Call Lavonne Johnson 694-0444.

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Superb! Tiled kitchen, loads of storage! Ask for Larry or Debbie 684-0369.

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Low Down, Doll House! Adorable. Call Chris, 567-6200 pgr.

5125 W. Illinois $53,000
3BR, 2BA nice brick home, good location. Call Gloria Valdez Farmer.

1506 Pueblo...www.victoriaprintz.com $52,900
Darling 3 bd, 2 bath w/tons of updates! Excellent condition. 349 Ranch Estates. Victoria 689-4800.

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Updates everywhere include tile & cabinets! 3 bd, 2 bath, 2 living, large utility too! Victoria 689-4800.

Mellon Alley ..... woodlandmidland.com $52,500
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3 bdr, 2 bath, large living area. Tall ceilings. 520-2112.

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4404 Anetta $49,900
Neat 3 bed, 2 living & 2 large storage sheds. Call Lavonne 694-0444.

Odessa-Hollies $49,000
3/2, 1 car garage, cute! Call Anita 694-5255.

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3BR, 2BA, nice brick home with new carpet & paint. Call Gloria, 563-2732.

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Completely refurbished! 3 BD, 1.5BA. Call Alice Howard 694-3040.

Parkdale $45,700
Updated, 2 living areas, 2 car garage. Call Clemmie.

Odessa-Santa Rosa $44,900
3BR's, 1 LA, 1.5 baths, fresh updates. Call Cheryl 689-4600.

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Fireplace, 2 bed, water well, large yard. Call Lavonne 694-0444.

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Nice 3/2 w/berber carpet, formal dining, ref. AC, recent paint & 1 garage! Victoria 689-4800.

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3 bed, 1 1/2 baths. Call Ruth Young 682-7884.

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Great investment property. Call Lavonne 694-0444.

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Lots redone - new fence, nice carpet and vinyls. Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

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3BR, 1BA, For Sale. Call Lisa Kelly.

Co. Rd. 1210 ..... $35,000
2BR, 1BA, living & kitchen w/1.85 acres. Call Gloria Valdez Farmer, 563-2732.

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3BR, 1BA w/2 lots. See it w/Lisa Kelly, 684-3912.

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215 Acres on North side of Co. Rd. 60, barns, wells! Victoria Printz or Caleb Mattot.

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20 acre pecan orchard! 3 bd, 2.5 baths, basement/shelter, pool! Victoria 689-4800.

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New York Bagel Cafe' - Turn key operation. High appraisal. Chris Beckett, 567-6200.

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Supreme horse farm. Unlike no other! Call Caleb.

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5 BR, 3 BA plus guest house, barn, horse stalls, dog kennel, 2-stock ponds. Call Sam.

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Approx. 64 acres off I-20 and FM 1788. Shari Hamilton 742-2819 pgr.

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2 acres, 4BR, 2BA, 3 car garage, 2 water wells. Call Ruth Young 697-1217.

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Prime Airport central location. Income producing property. Gloria Farmer 563-2732.

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New Construction in Greenwood, call Clemmie.

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15 acres, nice 3 bed, 2 bath, brick home. Call Ruth Young 682-7884 697-1217.

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1.25 Acre, 3BR, F. Dining, Deluxe MBR! Joyce brickey 682-3191.

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Between Midland/Odessa. 3BR, 2BA on 4+/- acres. Call Shari, 742-2819.

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Small office building with covered parking. Northwest central business district near "A" Street. Downtown convenience & park at your front door.

W. Co. Rd. 188 ..... $75,000
40 AC, water well, Hwy. Frontage. Restrictions. Clayton 682-9494.

10703 E. Co. Rd. 105...Greenwood...woodlandmidland.com $69,900
Updated tile & carpet. Lg. kitchen & breakfast area. Darling! Ask for Larry or Debbie 684-0369.

12907 W. Co. Rd. 52 ..... $69,000
3BR, 2BA, brick, 2.66 acres in Restricted area. Call Gloria Valdez Farmer 563-2732.

Goldenrod $66,000
3 bdrms, 4.5 AC, workshop, pond. Call Clemmie.

1612 W. Co. Rd. 135 ..... $55,900
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53 acres in Menard County w/trees & close to San Saba River! Victoria 689-4800.

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Cute 3BR/2.5 bath, large living. Call Sam 699-2163.

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Lot for sale in Greentree North, over 1/2 an acre. Call Norma Pine, 682-0662.

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Currently AAA Fire Bldg. Close to Airport. Call Victoria for details! 689-4800.

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Co. Rd. 170-23.42 Acres-May Owner Finance! ..... Reduced $35,000
Off 1270 from I-20 Service Rd. Owner may subdivide. Bring Offers! Victoria 689-4800.

Saddle Club Ranch Estates $35,000
Premium lot on Edinburg - 2.5 acres Norma Pine 682-0662.

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One Lot-2.5 acres on Dunblane. Ready to build! Norma Pine 682-0662.

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Owner Finance. 9.91 Acres. Call Lavonne 694-0444.

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120001 W. CO. RD. 125 BLDG. #4....40,000	2404 LOCKHEED....72,000	2108 S. CO. RD. 1128....175,000
4000 PLEASANT....69,900	2903 LOCKHEED....108,50	6935 SUNRISE CT....396,000

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OPEN 1-2:30

5006 LAVACA Danny Norwood 82,900
You won't have to do a thing except move into this fabulous home w/too many features to list.

2413 FANNIN Amy Johnson 96,000
Lots of remodel just finished. 3BR/2BA located on a corner lot. Large backyard.

3002 MEADOWBROOK Dana Chandler 119,500
Fabulously updated home. Price reduced. 4BR/2LA, large side yard with b-ball court.

5500 RIDGEMONT Patti McClung 164,900
Don't miss this super 4BR Grassland home that's clean as a whistle!

14 YSLETA Jane Wolf 183,500
Mission Dorado, for quiet living, great storage, even a pool!

OPEN 1-3

2903 LOCKHEED Donna Omar 108,500
Wonderful 3/2/2 with 5-car garages, new carpet, large kitchen, great drive-up.

2408 BOYD Andi Wiggins 215,000
Gorgeous remodeled home in Old Midland. 4BR/3BA/3LA w/lots of character.

3921 EDGEBROOK Sandra Kile 220,000
Pool! Pool in Mockingbird. Beautiful Bill Brown 4/3 with 2LA open to kitchen. Don't miss.

OPEN 1-4

3309 CRESTMONT Amy Johnson 79,900
Reduced! 3 or 4 bedrooms with 1 large LA. Sequestered master and bonus room.

OPEN 1:30-3

4821 RICHMOND Eula Heine 109,900
Great price in Polo Park! 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths and 2 living areas.

OPEN 2-3

2504 GULF Karen Mason 118,900
Marvelous 3/3/3 home in Fannin district. Charming, comfortable, convenient.

3613 ROOSEVELT Betty Ford 34,900
14x15 workshop goes with this 3/1, updated kitchen.

OPEN 2-5

3101 LOCKHEED Joanne Langston 129,900
All redone, light and wonderful. Nearly 3000 sq. ft. Pool. Lease w/option possibilities.

OPEN 2:45-4

2503 TERRACE Danny Norwood 94,900
Wonderful Fannin home with 3BR, a bonus room, a gleaming pool, lots of updates!

OPEN 3-4

1609 W. MICHIGAN Betty Ford 79,500
Over 2300' in 2/3/2, two living and dining, 2 fireplaces plus 10x24 masonry outside storage.

OPEN 3-4:30

4808 ELMA Dana Chandler 84,500
Lots of new! 3BR + bonus room, 2.5BA, formal dining & breakfast room, parquet flooring.

OPEN 3:30-4:30

1203 HARVARD Karen Mason 113,000
Wonderful updating and beautiful hardwood floors in this charming home. You'll love it!

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New Listings Year to Date....70
Transaction Contracts Year to Date....95
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SADDLE CLUB ESTATES-Incredible space, style, appointments. 5BR/9BA, formals + study + den + playroom. Gorgeous newer pool, lavish landscaping and trees. Owner Agent....650,000
COUNTRY CLUB-The ultimate custom home in "Old Midland" - wonderful updating, fabulous yard....555,000
WINCHESTER CT-Incredible TH - indoor pool in fabulous living area; 4BR/6BA; MBR w/library, stunnng studio, office, 3FP, 5 garages, absolutely wonderful....495,000
ISLAND CIRCLE-Super location, great plan, lovely decor, wonderful amenities, sparkling pool....475,000
LAZYWOOD LANE-A special world of Southern charm, private gardens, beautiful terraces, brick floors, French doors, elegant moldings. 4BR/3.5BA, formals, garden room, den, incredible setting on 1 1/3 acres....459,000

RACQUET CLUB-Stunning Frank Welch architecture, 4BR/5BA, formals, walnut study, gameroom, pool, ...435,000
SINCLAIR-2 story Warwick beauty. 4/3.5/2LA + study, custom gourmet kitchen, sparkling pool, paddle tennis court....399,500
SUNRISE CT.-Fabulous Green Tree on course. Approx 5283 sq. ft., huge game room, bonus room. 4BR/3.5BA....396,000
SEABOARD-Gracious 2-story charmer, 5-6BR, formals, den, garden room, playroom, pool....395,000
TATTENHAM CORNER-Most exciting home on mkt! 5BR/6BA, acreage, pool, incredible style, quality. Owner Agent....375,000
SADDLE CLUB TH-Large, livable, beautifully decorated. High ceilings, pool, fabulous guest house....339,950
DOUGLAS-Completely remodeled in Old Midland! Fabulous 3BR w/bonus room & exquisite decor....339,000
BEDFORD-Fabulous Old Midland location w/wonderful new construction. Best of both worlds!....315,000
RUSTIC TRAIL-Gorgeous in Greentree! 4/3/2 with sparkling pool, quality amenities and beautiful decor! 299,000
COUNTRY CLUB-Old Midland colorful, comfy home, large 6BR/5BA/2LA, 2-story w/pool, 10,000 paint allow 295,000
CRESCENT PLACE-Fabulous Crescent Place home with great space, wonderful updating, sparkling pool 295,000
BAYBROOK-4BR/3+BA, gourmet kitchen, seq. master, Bill Brown construction, light & bright, ready for you!....278,000

COUNTRY CLUB-Great Old Midland home in lovely landscaped double lot. Spacious rooms, outstanding plan, wonderful location....275,000
HIALEAH-Gracious home in Saddle Club Estates. Lovely yard & pool, excellent plan, much updating....265,000
BOYD-Lots of charm & character in this 4BR home. Remodeled master bedroom and baths, French doors & more....259,900
SPRINGFIELD-Spacious 4BR w/3FP, plantation shutters & tile throughout, dream kitchen....250,000
CRESCENT-Wonderful Crescent Place patio home. 1-story plan w/great custom features....250,000
SUNRISE-Fabulous 5BR in Green Tree! Grand yard, delightful pool, outstanding condition....249,500
JUNIPER CT.-One of the best in Green Tree! Lovely 5BR/3.5BA gorgeous landscaping, fabulous pool....247,500
RUSTIC TRAIL-Spacious 4BR/3.5BA/3 garage and 3 super living areas plus newer pool, gorgeous golf course view, could be 5BR, new paint....229,900
WEDGEWOOD-Wonderful 4BR/3BA in Trinity Estates w/formals, den, gameroom, pool, RV parking & more....225,000
FENWAY-Exquisite patio home. Extraordinary quality, amenities, decorating. Fabulous 3BR/2.5BA/2LA/2GA Plan....223,000
EDGEBROOK-Beautiful Bill Brown construction in Mockingbird w/pool. 4/3/2LA. Don't miss....220,000
SINCLAIR-TOTALLY remodeled in fabulous Old Midland neighborhood 4/3/2 lots of trees, great drive-up 219,000
BAYBROOK-Like new custom, gorgeous everywhere, incredible landscaping, best buy in Mockingbird....215,000
BOYD-Lots of charm and character in this 4BR home. Remodeled master BR's and bath. French doors and more....215,000
OAKLAWN-Wonderful Oaklawn TH - beautiful area, great plan, very well maintained - bonus room....210,000
LOCKHEED-Gorgeous 4BR in lovely Old w/beautiful pool....205,000

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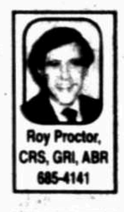

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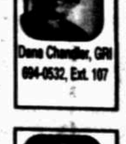

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DREXEL-Fabulous 2 story in Grassland....195,900
CRANSTON-Beautiful new construction - great price, loaded w/super features....195,000
WEDGEWOOD-Spacious 4BR/3BA in Trinity Estates. Wet bar, huge yard, priced below appraisal....193,500
S L-Super 4BR plus lovely apartment for in-laws. All in Old Midland....190,000
LOS ALAMITOS-Smashing custom built 4/3.5/3. This is a beautiful, spacious home. Don't miss it....189,500
HOLLOWAY-Fabulous charmer in historic district. Incredible quality & amenities. Totally unique....185,000
SINCLAIR-Outstanding TH, luxurious mstr w/2BA, gorgeous formals, den, hi ceilings, lush landscaping, pool....185,000
YSLETA-Beautiful setting in Mission Country Club, spacious 3 BR/3LA, nice pool....183,500
SPRING MEADOW-Exciting, luxury TH under construction in Meadow Park....183,500
SPRING MEADOW-Versatile, luxurious new construction TH by Gilbert Bates....183,500
COUNTRY CLUB-Great Old Midland location, pretty landscaping, 3BR + 2BR guest house....179,000
HARVARD-Spacious 4BR/3.5BA, sparkling pool in Old Midland, family or entertaining home....174,500
SHELL-Wonderful neighborhood! 4/3 with 3LAs and shop. Pretty yards!....169,500
GREEN TREE BLVD.-Green Tree townhome 3/2.5, lot of new added....169,500
DRIFTWOOD-Victorian charm in Green Tree Country Club. 4BR/3.5BA/2LA....169,000
OAKLAWN-Oaklawn Park TH. 2BR/2BA w/23 x 15 hobby or home office. Offers please....167,500
RIDGEMONT-Great floor plan on corner lot in Grassland Estates....164,900
COMMUNITY LANE-Beautiful 4BR. Separate guest quarters. Old Midland....164,500
HUMBLE-Old Midland charmer w/tons of updates, space, storage, plus a gleaming swimming pool....159,900
CASTLEFORD-Beautiful custom one-owner home in Saddle Club. Highest quality throughout....159,900
TEAKWOOD TRACE-Teakwood beauty on golf course 4BR/2BA 2-story....159,500
HEATHER-Saddle Club-2 story contemporary 4BR w/dynamite good looks....158,000
OAKWOOD-Incredible TH in "The Oaks" at GTCC. This 3/2.5 is loaded w/extras! Soaring ceilings & more....156,000
RICHMOND-Great location in Polo Park, beautiful home with security system, marble fireplace 4BR....153,000
TERRA CT.-Stunning 4BR/3BA with many custom features....150,500
HUMBLE-Updated and impeccable 4/3 w/2LA and gorgeous landscaping....150,000
GREEN TREE-2% buyer incentive. Better than new, spacious 2-story TH, bedrooms upstairs. Everything updated 149,900
CROWLEY-4BR w/workshop, large master BR/BA, light & bright arched windows, 3-car garage....149,900
KNIGHTS PLACE-Outstanding 4BR in Polo w/exceptional landscaping in large yard....149,500
DRIFTWOOD-Smashing 3BR w/3LA + garden room on Green Tree golf course....149,000

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MEADOWPARK-Really nice 4BR in popular Meadowpark. Great plan, pretty decor, many extras....144,900
STANOLIND-Charming 3BR jewel in Old Midland. Totally updated, beautifully landscaped too....144,900
PARKHURST-Gorgeous quality built 4BR on quiet cul-de-sac....143,000
SINCLAIR-You'll feel right at home. Almost 3500 sq ft! 3BR/2BA/3LA. Immaculate!....140,000
HIGHLAND-Like new 4BR/2.5BA in Grassland w/large rooms, great entertainment plan. Seq. master....139,900
TEALWOOD-2 year old Rasnick resale. Beautiful 4BR/3BA/2LA w/formal dining. Must see....139,900
GARFIELD-Move right into this smashing TH, stunning decoralor furniture included! Gorgeous pool....137,500
STONELEIGH-Beautiful Polo Park 4BR w/3-car garage....135,000
NORMANDY-Terrific Polo Park 4BR with wonderful "teen retreat" room!....134,900
KESWICK-Your new home is here! 4BR/2.5BA, open kitchen w/island and breakfast bar....132,000
SINCLAIR-Stunning and spacious 3BR/2BA/3LA + office in Fannin area. Great corner lot w/RV parking....130,000
LOCKHEED-Extra special and spacious 3BR/2LA w/fabulous yard, beautifully maintained....130,000
LOCKHEED-Recently remodeled Old Midland with pool....129,900
LANHAM-Wonderful TH w/3 large bedrooms plus an office and a wonderful patio....129,900
CRESTRIDGE-Immaculate 3 or 4BR w/3BA. Great workshop....129,900
BEDFORD-Wow! Old Midland 4BR w/brand new look! See today....126,000
COUNTRY CLUB-Light, bright, happy! Super updates w/hardwood floors, master bath w/spa tub & skylight 125,000
AUBURN-Lighted trees, quiet cul-de-sac location, nicely appointed, spacious 4BR, very roomy lot....125,000
MAMAR-Fabulous home plus a great room for studio or in-law quarters. The possibilities are endless....124,900
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SHELL-4BR in Fannin, great neighborhood, nice landscaping....123,000

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LIFESTYLE

Around Town/3E
Dear Abby/9E

How to find your love match with snack foods

By Richard Acosta
Staff writer

"Love ... exciting and new. Come aboard ... we're expecting you."

If there is one day a year that is like an episode of "Love Boat," it's Valentines Day.

The one day a year where flowers and candy are flying around like presidential candidates trying to win votes.

But for as many of you who have a special someone, there are about the same as do not.

However, in this day and age, it hard to tell if a person is that special someone, or working their way onto the FBI's ten most wanted list.

So how do you tell if someone is right for you?

Psychic hotlines?

Palm readings?

Radio date lines?

Maybe ... but your chances are still about 50:50.

The best thing to do, according to a resent study, is to actually go against your doctor's advice. It seems that foods that may be bad for your heart physically, may be good for your heart emotionally.

Apparently, a study of snack food preferences conducted by the Chicago based Smell & Taste Treatment and Research Foundation for the Snack Food Association and the National Potato Promotion Board reveals that people's snack choices reflect distinct personality traits.

"Everybody has a favorite snack, and the foods people prefer provide a direct window into their unconscious," according to Dr. Alan R. Hirsch, neurological director of the Smell & Taste Treatment and Research Foundation. "Food choices, like choices of clothing, movies and spouses, can provide insight in to personality and character structure."

If you are going to pick your partner by the snack food method, you must first determine what snack food you like best.

(The following information has also been made into a chart so you can cut it out and take with you to the store.)

Are you a potato chip person; a tortilla chip person, pretzel person, snack cracker person, cheese curl person or meat snack person?

Pick one and read what it says about you.

Potato chip people who choose potato chips to satisfy their snacking urges have high expectations not only for themselves, but also for those around them. Competitive, they usually come out on top in business, sports and social situations.

Tortilla chip people are perfectionists. This perfectionism extends beyond their own actions to the community at large. They are humanitarians who are often distressed by the inequities and injustices of society.

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Sticklers for punctuality, you will rarely catch a tortilla chip eater late for an appointment.

Pretzel people are lively and energetic. Those who prefer pretzels seek novelty and easily become bored by routine. These people are excited by a challenge, whether it is at work, at play or at home. They make decisions based on intuition and emotion, especially in romantic relationships.

Snack cracker devotees tend to be contemplative and thoughtful, and base their decisions on solid reasoning instead of their emotions. They value their private time and are most creative when allowed to be alone, free from their daily responsibilities and interruptions.

Cheese curl people are formal, always proper, conscientious and principled. People who crave cheese curls have a highly-developed sense of integrity and maintain the moral high ground with their families, coworkers and romantic partners. They plan ahead for any possible catastrophe. With Band-Aids or batteries, the cheese curl lover's house in always stocked and ready.

Meat snack lovers who crave a satisfying stick of beef jerky or a mouth-watering bag of pork rinds are the life of the party. Gregarious and social, meat snack lovers are at their best amidst the company of others. They are loyal and true friends who can always be trusted, and will make extraordinary self sacrifices to please others.

Now that you know what type of person you are, here is who you should date, according to the study.

Potato chip people — pretzel or potato chip people.

Tortilla chip people — tortilla chip people.

Pretzels — potato chip, pretzel or cheese curls people.

Snack Crackers — pretzel people.

Cheese curls — potato chip or tortilla chips people.

Meat snacks — potato chip or meat snack people.

For Midlanders, information gathered from local supermarkets may help you determine you chances of meeting your snack food soul mate in the grocery isle.

According to managers in local supermarkets:

- Potato chips are the over-all number one snack food sold in Midland.
- In a close second place showing are tortilla chips.
- Far behind those two are cheese curls followed by snack crackers.
- Last, and in this case least, are pretzels and meat snacks in a tie at the bottom of the heap. However, meat snacks did receive more last place votes than cheese curls, making it the least bought food snack food, out of the six, in Midland.

The problem with picking a love match based on snack food they like to eat your snack food.

If coming home to find your favorite bag of potato chips empty is discouraging, maybe you should try the psychic hotlines to find your love match instead.

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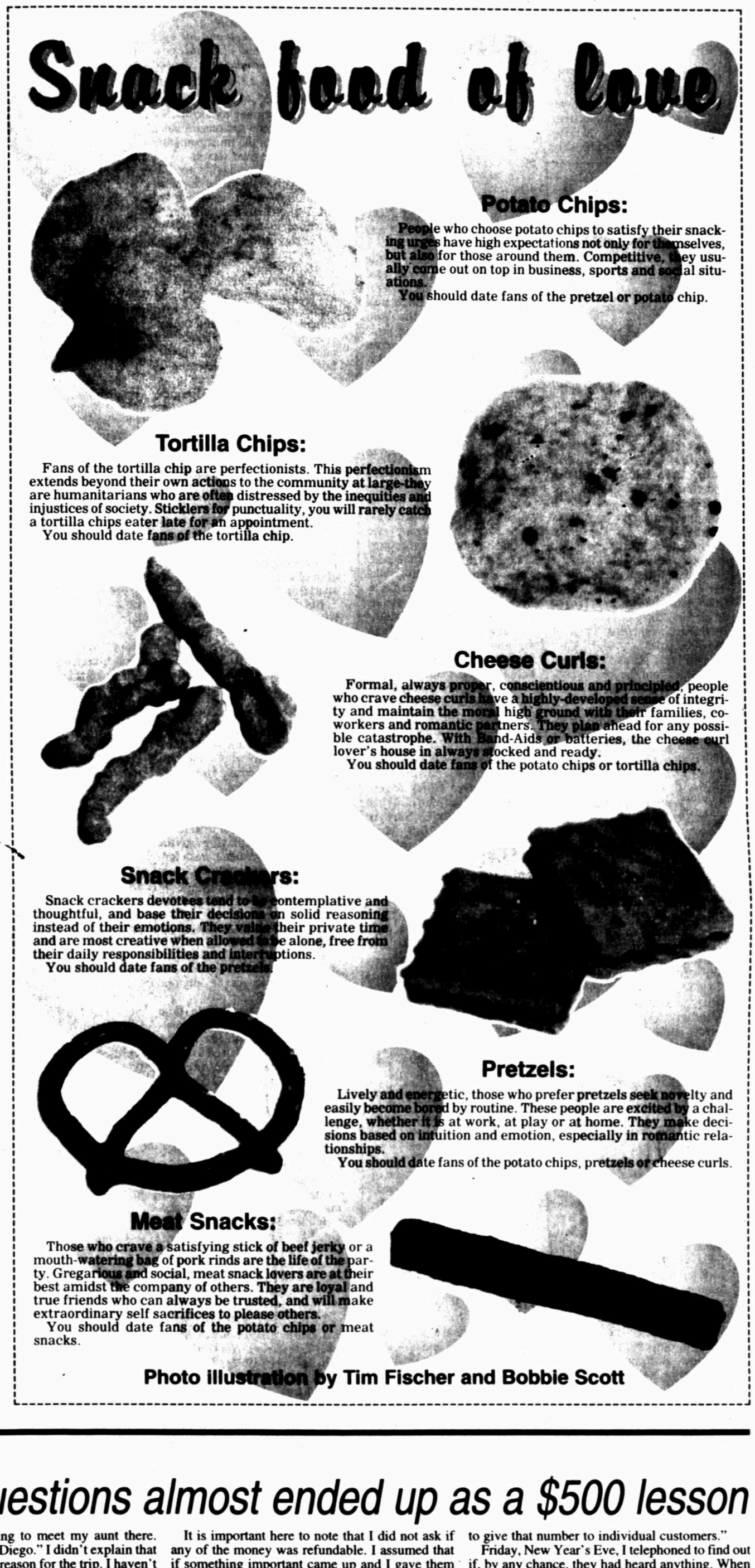


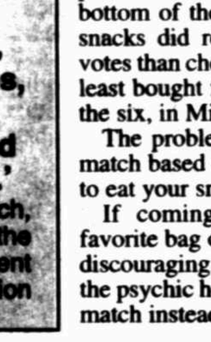
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Hell on Wheels

Learning to ask more questions almost ended up as a $500 lesson

By Jean Starnes

On the 19th of November, I went to a local travel agency which I had used in the past. As soon as I entered, I realized the company had been sold because I didn't recognize anyone in the office. An attractive blonde young woman asked, "May I help you?"


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"Yes, I came in to make reservations to go to Las Vegas for three or four days."

"When do you want to go?"

"Within the next two months, like between Christmas and New Years, " I replied.

"Do you want to fly?'

"Yes, I want to fly Southwest Airlines. I think they have a direct flight that leaves here the middle of the afternoon."

"All right. Let me see what I can do." She turned to her computer and asked, "Do you know where you want to stay?"

"If the 'Siegfried and Roy Show' is on at the Mirage, that's where we want to stay."

"Let me be sure." After consulting a pamphlet, she said, "Yes, they are." As her long nails clicked on her keyboard, she asked, "How many will be traveling?"

"Only one. I'm going to meet my aunt there. She'll come from San Diego." I didn't explain that my aunt was the main reason for the trip. I haven't seen her since by mother's funeral, almost a year ago. My aunt has been having some health problems herself and I felt the need to go see about her. Since she lives in a two-story condo, I can't go visit her because my scooter refuses to climb stairs.

"All right, I can get you round trip air fare plus three nights at the Mirage for around $960."

"That's more than I thought it would be. Why is it so high?" I asked.

"It's due to the time of year. Many people want to go to Vegas for the holidays."

"Then let's move our trip back to the middle of that week, like Tuesday through Thursday. Will that help?'

"Let's see." She consulted the computer and then the pamphlet and announced, "That show you want to see is not on those nights."

"I really want to see those big cats. I have a thing about cats, big or small. Do they perform on Monday night?"

"Yes."

"Then why don't I fly out on Sunday, the 2nd of January, and come home on Wednesday?"

"That will cut it down to $538."

"That's much better. I can almost afford that. I'll give you a check for that amount and put the tickets for the show on a credit card, if that's all right."

It is important here to note that I did not ask if any of the money was refundable. I assumed that if something important came up and I gave them a few days notice, most of it would be refunded. I also assumed that the agency would act as my representative in dealing with the tour line.

Stupid me!

On Tuesday evening before the Sunday I was supposed to leave, my aunt called to report that she had the flu and wouldn't be able to make the trip. Right after 9 a.m. the next morning, I called the agency to tell them I couldn't make the trip and why.

When I asked how much of my money would be refunded, the agent replied, "None of it. That trip isn't refundable."

"You didn't tell me that."

"It's near the holidays and I guess that's why."

"Isn't there something you can do? I can't afford to throw away $500."

"No. There's nothing I can do. Those are the rules."

"Let me speak to your boss."

I explained the problem to her boss and she wasn't much help either, but did say she would make a telephone call and get back with me. The next day she called to tell me the woman who could make the decision would be back in her office in Dallas on Monday.

I asked for the name and telephone number of the tour company and was told, "We are not allowed to give that number to individual customers."

Friday, New Year's Eve, I telephoned to find out if, by any chance, they had heard anything. When the agent said they hadn't, I mentioned that I thought I would try to sell the trip to get back at least part of my money.

"You can't do that. That is a legal document with your name on it," the agent told me.

The more I thought about that statement, the more questions came to my mind. Later that afternoon I got my ticket to see if I could find the words "nonrefundable" and "Not transferable." I didn't find those words, but I did find a telephone number that offered help. I called and explained the problem. The woman on the other end listened patiently and told me the tickets had been canceled two days previously and to call the accounting department on Monday. She didn't give me any rules or excuses; she gave me hope.

When I phoned Monday morning, without any argument, they said they would refund all but $50 to me. The check would be sent to the local travel agency within two weeks.

Life looked a lot brighter Monday afternoon. I was so grateful that the lesson to ask more questions didn't cost more than $500. A $50 lesson, I can live with.

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Jean Starnes' autobiography is titled, "Hell on Wheels."

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HAVE YOU HEARD?

Champagne, desserts paired at fund-raiser

By Marilyn McKnight Harrison

Gallery 1114 opened the first show of 2000 with a champagne reception for its sponsors and patrons. The event was hosted by fund-raising co-chairs **Chair Koetitz** and **Lynden Marquez.**

A dessert table was filled with delicious refreshments that paired well with the champagne. Among the favorites were the homemade truffles and the chocolate-covered strawberries, which resembled miniature tuxedos.



McKnight-Harrison

As a special thank you, each patron was presented with a commemorative 2000 champagne flute.

Some of those spotted at the champagne reception were **Catherine Taylor, Linda George, Rosa and John Clark, Elayne Karickhoff, Pam Price, Chuck Henderson, Linda Bond and Bruce Partain,** and **Sally Osborn.**

Before the doors opened to the public, gallery president **Kathy Williams** thanked the sponsors and patrons for their support and presented the first scholarships from the gallery to art students at local colleges. Recipients are **Nathan Orosco** at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, **Jesse Trejo** at Odessa College, and **Amy Scowd** at Midland College. Proceeds from the open show held each May make scholarship monies available.

There was a record-breaking attendance of residents from the Midland and Odessa communities, who were treated to the opening of the gallery's new gift shop. Gift shop manager **Rice Freeman-Zachery** has invited artists from around the country to display unique items in various mediums, which will be for sale.

The current exhibiting artists, **Janet Whitman** of Midland, **Robert Green** of Abilene and gallery member **Becki Smith** of Odessa, mingled with the guests and answered questions about the techniques used in their works.

Among those seen visiting with the artists were **Geri Swindler, Warren Taylor, Carol Bailey, Jane Wolf, Kathleen and Robert Fields, Mary Lou Cassidy, Bob Cowan, Mark Clark, Dwain Edwards, Sam Oates** and **Martha and Randall Shofer.**

THE LADIES of the Petroleum Club enjoyed "A Wee Bit of Scotland" at their first meeting of the new year earlier this month. They were entertained by Trinity High School freshmen and accomplished bagpipers **Andrew Crump** and **Blake Tsuhako.**

The young men continually work to improve their skills. Among others, Andrew has studied with world champion piper **James McIntosh,** and Blake flew to Scotland last year to attend the Piping Centre in Glasgow. Both have successfully competed at Scottish Highland games. They play for community events throughout the West Texas area.

Andrew is the son of **Melanie and Lea Crump,** while Blake's parents are **Debra and Deane Tsuhako.**

Members and their guests were seated at round tables, decorated with bud vases of heather, surrounded by long swirls of plaid cloth. They enjoyed a marvelous lunch consisting of Field Greens with Raspberry Vinegarette, Salmon with Mousseline Sauce, Whipped Carrots with Turnips, Mixed Berry Triffle, Irish Scones, coffee, tea and champagne cocktails.

Attendees included **Diane (Mrs. Arthur) Dinsmoor, Lee (Mrs. George) Harley, Betty (Mrs. Pete) Graham, Donnie (Mrs. Stanley) Weiner, Sarah (Mrs. Russell) Neisig, Dottie (Mrs. Earle) Craig, Beth (Mrs. Tom) Mitchell, Fran (Mrs. Richard) Saxe** and **Cathy (Mrs. Mike) Party,** who chaired the event.

ONE OF THE FUN events to occur in late January was the Midland Woman's Club's annual Mexican Fiesta dinner held at the clubhouse in Hogan Park.

Members and their guests enjoyed a meal of traditional Mexican foods in a colorfully decorated setting, composed of piñatas, paper flowers, miniature sombrero and candles.

After-dinner entertainment featured dancers from the Hispanic Cultural Center of Midland Inc. They were wearing beautiful, handsewn costumes, representing various regions of Mexico.

Charlene Romero Wurtz served as M.C. She was assisted by program director **Norma Chavez.**

A silent auction featured items donated by board members, shareholding clubs and local merchants.

Among those seen at the fund-raiser were **Lucille and John Nobles** with their daughter and son-in-law, **Doris and John Braun; Martha and Dan Kallus, Florene and Bentley Anderson, Norma McFarland, Hazel Griesecke, Jo Fouts, Evelyn Minear** and **Suzanne and Michael Cate.**

The club's ways and means chairman, **Martha Moore,** was in charge of arrangements.

IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING that sorority ties extend far beyond the college years, and members of the Midland Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club continue to enjoy one another's company at meetings and parties throughout the year.

The January meeting was particularly delightful, thanks to the luncheon invitation extended to the club by Pi Phi alumna **Mary Frances Simpson** and her husband, **Strother.** The couple, who moved here recently from Houston, are owners of the new Toddy Cafe. They invited the members to be their guests for a trial run before the restaurant opened the first of February.

Among those enjoying Toddy's delicious cuisine and ambiance were **Cliffy (Mrs. B.J.) Beal, Sue (Mrs. David) Kirk, Carolyn Roden, Sarilyn (Mrs. Bill) Black, Jan (Mrs. Steve) Goree, Jane Ann Kelly, Lena (Mrs. John) Ochsner, Patti (Mrs. Chuck) Wallace** and **Gladys (Mrs. Scott) Hickman.**

Focusing in on the Pi Phis' national Links to Literacy program, the members collected and brought books to the meeting for donation to local nonprofit organizations.

THE MIDLAND ALUMNAE CHAPTER of Kappa Alpha Theta recently celebrated Founders' Day with a luncheon at the Racquet Club.

The business meeting, conducted by chapter president **Judy (Mrs. Mike) Canon,** was highlighted by the announcement of **Anne (Mrs. George) Hover** as the Theta of the Year and the recognition of **Katherine Gesell** as a 50-year Theta. **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 marked each place. The elegant affair featured Macadamia Nut Encrusted Chicken Breast on a bed of rice with broccoli and White Chocolate Mousse in a Praline Basket.

Among the other luncheon-goers were **Betty (Mrs. Jack) Sappington, Chan Driscoll, Patricia (Mrs. Ray) Barrett, Michelle Brock, Ann (Mrs. Ronnie) Williams, Johnna Curle, Mary (Mrs. Bill) Kennedy, Charlene (Mrs. Doug) Bunnell, Libby Jacobus, Barbara Tom Jowell, Sally (Mrs. Steve) Melzer** and **Marilyn (Mrs. Bruno) Hanson.**

THE MIDLAND Panhellenic Association has announced the names of local girls who pledged sororities on various college campuses at the close of deferred rush.

They are as follows:

Baylor University — Chi Omega: **Emily Boyd,** daughter of **Janna and Crosby Boyd;** Kappa Alpha Theta: **Stephanie Hofer,** daughter of **Janie and Steve Hofer.**

Southern Methodist University — Pi Beta Phi: **Sarah Scharbauer,** daughter of **Karen and Doug Scharbauer.**

Tulane University — Kappa Kappa Gamma: **Robin Beal,** daughter of **Chrys and Kelly Beal.**

Marilyn McKnight Harrison is social columnist for the Reporter-Telegram.

Valentine's: Day to remember

By Barbara Yost
N.Y. Times News Service

Trevor took Amber in his arms and crushed her in a manly embrace, his lips searching for hers. Her chest heaved as she surrendered to his amorous kisses, feeling the heat of his passion.

"What more can I give you?" he whispered huskily.

She looked deep into his eyes and answered breathlessly, "How about some nice smoked salmon?"

PHOENIX — With Valentine's Day coming tomorrow, we consulted some Arizona romance writers about the most romantic meal they've ever served.

From beluga caviar to linguine with clam sauce to great-grandma's sugar cookies, we offer their suggestions for a romantic dinner.

First, set the mood. Bring out the fine china, turn on soft music, scatter rose petals, light candles.

To make sure nothing spoils the evening, make sure the foods and drinks you serve are conducive to romance. Use garlic and onions sparingly. Save the beans for another night. Beware of carbonated beverages. Burping is such a turnoff.

And ask about food allergies. Nothing says mood killer like shrimp cocktail followed by anaphylactic shock — unless you're planning to throw over Trevor for some hunky paramedic.

From our research, we have learned that certain items are in the Romantic Foods and Drinks Hall of Fame: champagne, caviar, anything Italian, strawberries dipped in chocolate. If champagne isn't your cup of tea, try hot chocolate, sparkling cider or sparkling grape juice.

But even hot dogs and beer can be romantic when served with love. Make your own magic.

JACLYN REDING

Author of "White Heather," White Magic, "White Knight" and the forthcoming "White Mist:"

Valentine's Day, 1991. Jaclyn Reding was cooking for her husband, Steve, to whom she now has been married for 16 years.

The atmosphere: Table set with her good china; vanilla-scented candles lighted around the room; the music of Irish flutist James Galway playing in the background. The menu: fresh Italian bread, linguine with clam sauce, tossed salad with no dressing, cheesecake topped with chocolate-covered strawberries, champagne floated with a strawberry and a sugar cube.

That was almost a decade ago, and Reding still savors the moment. Steve was the only one she ever dated.

The couple met while both were working at an Italian restaurant in Mentor, Ohio. She was the "dessert girl" and used to sneak the handsome boy treats from the kitchen. She was 16. They married two years later. "We knew we were right for each other because neither of us liked dressing on our salad," she says.

This year, they finally are taking a honeymoon. In the spring, the couple will visit Scotland, where they will vacation and Reding will do research for her historic novels, which are set in Great Britain.

On Valentine's Day, they'll be at a Phoenix Coyotes game.

"It's not sexy," she says, "but it's fun."

TARA TAYLOR QUINN

Author of "My Babies and Me" and "Her Secret, His Child:"

In the early 1990s, Tara Taylor Quinn not yet had sold her first novel. On their modest income, Quinn and her husband, Kevin Reames, couldn't afford to dine in fine restaurants. But one Valentine's Day, they shared a romantic dinner that is still memorable for the author.

Quinn scrimped and saved to prepare a special picnic for her husband. She spread a blanket on the bedroom floor and lighted candles around the bathtub. When Reames came home from work, he knew something special was in the air.

After a romantic bath, they shared filet mignon, baked potatoes, tossed salad, white Zinfandel wine and sugar cookies from her great-grandmother's recipe.

They were his favorites, but she made them only at Christmas. For this Valentine's dinner, she made them heart-shape and frosted them in red icing.

The couple had met at an El Torito restaurant in Columbus, Ohio. That was 16 years ago on Feb. 15, and she just had spent Valentine's Day alone. Then she spotted Reames.

"It was magic," she says of that first encounter. "It was definitely a storybook."

Quinn sold her first novel in 1993. She and Reames, a finance director for AutoNation, now have a 14-year-old daughter and live in a fine, five-bedroom house. But that Valentine's Day with the heart-shape sugar cookies is still her favorite.

More experts, celebrities express their opinions

By Barbara Yost
N.Y. Times News Service

We asked six Phoenix areal celebrities and experts on food and romance to share with us their sexiest foods:

TOMASO MAGGIORE, Italian restaurateur

Beluga caviar.
Clams on the half shell drizzled with olive oil and garlic.
Sicilian angel hair pasta served on half-shell sea urchin with parsley and truffle oil.
Broiled lobster drenched in ginger-infused butter.
Strawberries dipped in chocolate, served with champagne.

JERRY EFFA, room service manager, the Phoenician

The Phoenician's "Romantic Breakfast"
Osetra caviar.
Smoked salmon.
Scrambled eggs on toasted brioche with sauteed oyster mushrooms and chives.
Berries with brown sugar and lemon creme fraiche.
Tattinger "La Francaise" or Veuve Cliquot Champagne.

JASON KIDD, Phoenix Suns guard

Oysters.
Bananas.
Strawberries.
Pineapple juice.
Ice cream.

MARY-LOU GALICIAN, "DR. FUN" and self-proclaimed "realistic romantic guru"

Champagne or hot chocolate.
Oysters on the half shell.
Whipped cream, "but only if Baskin-Robbins Pralines and Cream ice cream is under it."
Anything one partner makes with love for the other.
Anything a couple can have fun making together.

LUIS GONZALEZ, Diamondbacks outfielder

Steak, done medium-well to well-done. "I like it to taste like my baseball glove."
Fettuccine Alfredo.
Fried chicken. "I'm a big fried guy."
Spongecake with pudding and strawberries.
Miller Lite beer.

ALBERTO RIOS, author

Fried plantains sprinkled with sugar.
Menudo. "I don't eat the meat."
Junior Mints.
Salty potato chips. "You know what that does to the mouth."
Tangerine juice.

DIANA GABALDON

Author of "Outlander" series of historic adventure novels:

For Diana Gabaldon, one little sandwich sparked a romance that has lasted 26 years.

In 1972, Gabaldon and her husband, Doug Watkins, met in the French-horn section of the Northern Arizona University marching band. A Flagstaff girl, she invited him home for lunch one day and found nothing but tuna in the pantry.

But she made the sandwich to his specifications — Bumble Bee chunk tuna, mayonnaise, pickle relish, Roman Meal whole-wheat bread, and served on a colorful plate left over from the days when her parents operated a Mexican restaurant.

He was impressed. "This is the first time anyone cared how I like my food," he told her.

She was 20; he was 21. They began dating and married five years later.

Gabaldon, who holds degrees in zoology and biology and a doctorate in ecology, writes novels that really can't be described as "romance" but are full of passion. Her sexy stories are customarily set in 18th-century Scotland and described with such words as "smart, historical, sci-fi, adventure-romance."

Her idea of romance is "anything you do together."

And her idea of a romantic meal is something that can be prepared ahead "so you can sit around, sip wine and be congenial." She recommends her enchiladas — rich and spicy: "It makes the blood flow."

DENISE DOMNING

Author of "Winter's Heat" and "Spring's Fury:"

Denise Domning can't recall the details of what was probably the most romantic meal she ever shared with her husband, Ed Lindow. She was too caught up in the moment of their wedding on the Queen Mary.

That was July 1, 1987. Domning was divorced with two children, and Lindow had pursued her relentlessly until she agreed to marry him.

First, they enjoyed a "honeymoon" — a whirlwind bed-and-breakfast tour of England, where her medieval novels are set. Then they got married — back in Long Beach, Calif., where the Queen Mary is parked. They were married by the ship's captain, with his dog, Happy, as their witness. Afterward, the newlyweds were treated to dinner in the ship's fine dining room.

"I can't remember what we ate," Domning confesses, but remembers feasting on love.

These days, Domning doesn't cook too many romantic meals for her family, which prefers what she calls "basic foods."

But the former caterer has some ideas on how to cater to a couple's passions on Valentine's Day. Her menu would consist of roast duck with cherry sauce, red cabbage like her husband's grandmother used to make, wild rice, flan and a chilled bottle of 1995 Chateau St. John Chardonnay. There must be candles. There must be flowers — lots of them — on the table, decorating the food, tucked into napkins.

But most important is the conversation. "You can have all the romantic food, but if the spark isn't there, you might as well be eating at McDonald's," she says.

WILD DUCK WITH APRICOT
(From Denise Domning)

2 ducks
Salt and pepper to taste
Butter
1 lemon
3 slices bacon
1/3 cup beer
1/3 cup apricot preserves
1 tablespoon soy sauce
1 tablespoon dry mustard
1 teaspoon grated orange peel

Preheat oven to 450 degrees.

Sprinkle ducks inside and out with salt and pepper and rub skin with softened butter. Cut lemon in half and tuck 1 piece in each duck cavity. Place ducks, breast side up, in a roasting pan.

Cut bacon strips in half and lay over each bird. Roast ducks for 25 minutes.

As they cook, in a saucepan, combine beer, preserves, soy, mustard and orange peel. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly, then remove from heat. Reduce oven to 425 and spoon sauce over ducks.

Roast an additional 40 minutes for medium doneness, or reduce temperature to 400 or 375 and roast 1 hour for a well-done duck, continuing to baste ducks with sauce until done. Serve with brown or wild rice and the cabbage recipe on this page.

Makes 4 servings if using farm-raised duck; 2 servings if using a smaller, wild duck.

TORTA DELL'ESTATE
(From Jaclyn Reding)

1-1/2 cups finely crushed arrowroot biscuit crumbs or graham cracker crumbs
6 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
1 pound cream cheese, softened
1 cup sugar
2 teaspoons vanilla
2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
4 eggs
2 cups sour cream (optional)

Preheat oven to 325 degrees.

In a bowl, blend crumbs and butter or margarine. Press mixture evenly over bottom and about 1 inch up sides of a 9-inch springform pan.

Place cream cheese in a bowl. Beat in 3/4 cup of the sugar, 1 teaspoon of the vanilla and all of lemon juice.

Add eggs, one at a time, blending well with each addition. Pour cheese mixture into crumb-lined pan. Bake for 40 minutes.

In a medium bowl, combine sour cream (if desired), remaining 1/4 cup sugar and remaining 1 teaspoon vanilla. Mix well.

After 40 minutes, remove cake from oven and spread sour-cream mixture evenly over top. Return to oven for 10 minutes.

Or omit sour cream mixture (and the other 1/4 cup sugar and 1 teaspoon vanilla) and bake the cake for 50 minutes, or until it appears set when pan is gently jiggled. Let cool, then chill.

To serve, top with fresh fruit or chocolate-covered strawberries.

SUGAR COOKIES
(From Tara Taylor Quinn)

1-1/2 cups powdered sugar
1 cup softened butter
1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla
2-1/2 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking soda

In a large bowl, mix sugar, butter, egg and vanilla. Add flour and baking soda, mix well, but don't overmix. Divide dough into 2 parts; wrap each in waxed paper, and refrigerate at least 2 hours.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Roll out onto floured surface until dough is 1/8-inch thick. Cut into shapes and place carefully on cookie sheets. Bake 7 to 8 minutes. Cool; top with frosting if desired

ENCHILADAS
(From Diana Gabaldon)

6 tablespoons olive oil
6 to 10 garlic cloves
6 tablespoons flour
3 small cans (7.5 ounces each) tomato sauce or prepared tomato sauce
Frozen red chile to taste (omit if using prepared sauce)
1 to 2 cups cooking oil
1 pound Cheddar cheese, mild or medium
1 small onion (yellow or white) (optional)
12 to 15 corn tortillas

Coat the bottom of a heavy, 2-quart saucepan with approximately a quarter-inch of olive oil. Peel and mince the garlic. Saute garlic in the oil until it begins to turn brown, but do not burn. Add enough flour, usually 3 to 4 tablespoons, to make a thick roux. Mix the tomato sauce and chile into the roux.

If you are using frozen chile, how much you use depends on the hotness of the chile, and your own tastes; 1/4 of a tub of hot chile, or 1/2 of mild, is about right. Using the empty tomato-sauce can as measure, add four cans of water, and stir well. Lower heat to simmer, and leave the sauce to thicken slightly.

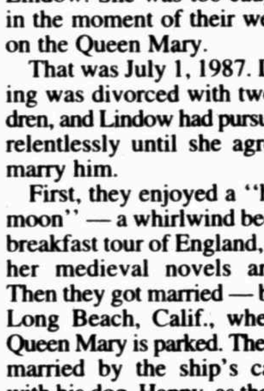
Half-fill a small frying pan with cooking oil and warm over medium heat for dipping corn tortillas.

Grate cheese and chop onion while waiting for the oil to heat. When a small piece of corn tortilla dropped in the oil sizzles, the oil is hot enough.

Using tongs, hold a tortilla by one edge and dip it briefly (1 to 3 seconds) in the hot oil. Shake off extra oil and dip the tortilla into the sauce so that both sides are lightly covered with sauce.

Lay each tortilla on a plate. Sprinkle a thick line of grated cheese across the center of the tortilla and sprinkle chopped onions over the cheese.

Fold the tortilla into a cylinder by wrapping first one edge and then the other over the cheese filling. Place the completed enchilada in the pan, folded edges down. Ladle remaining sauce over filled enchiladas and sprinkle additional cheese on top for garnish.



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AROUND TOWN

Midland County Public Library, 301 W. Missouri Ave., will offer free help with filing basic income tax returns. IRS volunteers will be on hand 2-4 p.m. Feb. 19 and 26, March 11 and 25, and April 8 in the library's meeting room.

Taxpayers needing assistance are advised to bring their tax packages sent by the IRS with the label, as well as their W-2 and 1099 forms; information about their other income, deductions and credits; and a copy of their 1998 tax returns. Help will be available for non-English speaking taxpayers.

In addition, both the main library and Centennial Branch have commonly-used tax forms and information booklets. Less commonly-used forms may be photocopied...

...MIDLAND SOCIETY of University Women will meet 10 a.m. Feb. 18 at the Presidential Museum, 622 N. Lee in Odessa, for a Tim Hewitt-docent tour. Lunch will follow at Yana's, 615 S. Sam Houston. Members wishing to car pool should meet by 9:15 a.m. at the Church of Christ parking lot, 3500 W. Golf Course Road...

...PERMIAN AIMEES, auxiliary to SPE, will meet for luncheon 11:30 a.m. Feb. 22 at Green Tree Country Club. James Van Stavern will be guest speaker. RSVP by Feb. 18 by calling 520-7400...

...LLANO ESTACADO chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas, will meet Feb. 15 at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley in Midland. Business meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m., with program to follow at 7 p.m. Sharon Thames-Rankin, director of horticulture program at Midland College, will be guest speaker. Call 684-6827 or 687-5019...

...SISTERHOOD OF Temple Beth El will host its 33rd annual Brotherhood Week dinner 5 p.m. Feb. 21 at the temple, 1501 N. Grandview in Odessa. The meal will feature traditional Jewish foods, such as cabbage rolls, noodle kugel and challah. Tickets are $7 a person. The event includes tours of Temple Beth El and an explanation of the religious items on display. For tickets in advance 694-1880 or 366-7560...

...HOSPICE OF Midland Inc. will have a volunteer training course each Tuesday and Thursday during April. Participants may attend either morning sessions at 9 a.m.-noon, or evening sessions from 7-10 p.m. All classes will be at Hospice, 911 W. Texas St. For more information or to register, call 682-2855...

...AARP TAX-AIDE Program will offer free assistance to all taxpayers with middle and low income, with special attention to those age 60 and older. The program will be available 1-4 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday through April 15, at Midland Senior Center in Kingsway Mall. Appointments are not required. Taxpayers should bring their 1998 income tax returns and their 1999 W-2 forms and income tax return forms. Call 681-7636...

...NEWCOMERS' CLUB will meet for luncheon Feb. 17 at the Presidential Museum, 622 N. Lee in Odessa. Social time will be 11 a.m., with box lunch served at 11:30 a.m. and a tour of the museum at 12:30 p.m. For information and reservations call 683-5260 or 522-1478...

...TEXAS PARKS and Wildlife will host a "Becoming an Outdoors-Woman" workshop March 3-5 at Butman Methodist Camp near Abilene. Registration deadline is Feb. 24. Women participating must be at least 18 years old, but do not need to be experienced in these activities, nor do they need to bring their own equipment. Cost is $180, and will include two nights lodging, meals and all equipment and instruction. Call (800) [illegible]...

Valentine dinner can be memorable

By Betty Parham
N.Y.Tmes News Service

Flowers, candlelight and music are not just a cliche, but important elements in any romantic meal. So don't hesitate to go all out setting the mood.

Everyone looks better by candlelight, writes Lynn Fischer in "The Better Sex Diet." But make sure, she advises, to select candles that are tall enough to cast a "flattering downward glow" rather than scattering low votive candles all over the table and creating a "Dracula's castle effect."

She also recommends avoiding large flower arrangements, which might obscure your view of each other, in favor of something simpler, like a single rose across each plate.

Use electric lights only if they are on a dimmer. Turn the music down low so as not to compete with conversation. Turn off the phones and leave the dishes for the morning.

Here are recipes for a menu that's sensual and elegant, but not too heavy and relatively quick to prepare.

PASSION FRUIT COCKTAIL
Makes 2 servings

For a nonalcoholic cocktail, substitute sparkling water for champagne.

1 cup chilled passion fruit blend nectar (we used a blend of passion fruit and pineapple juices)
1/2 teaspoon Angostura bitters
1 cup chilled champagne or other sparkling white wine
4 fresh raspberries or small strawberries
1 orange slice, cut in half

Divide nectar and bitters between 2 chilled champagne flutes. Add champagne. Drop 2 berries into each drink. Garnish with orange.

Per serving: 86 calories, less than 1 gram protein, no fat, 2 grams carbohydrates, no cholesterol, 6 milligrams sodium, less than 1 gram fiber.

From Bon Appetit, February 1996

STEAMED ARTICHOKE WITH MINT VINAIGRETTE
Makes 2 servings

Foods don't get much sexier than artichokes. Served in a sprightly vinaigrette, it makes a provocative first course.

1 large artichoke
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon Dijon mustard
2 teaspoons granulated sugar
3 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh mint
Salt and pepper to taste

Rinse artichoke and cut sharp tips from leaves with kitchen shears. Slice off the top inch of the artichoke with a large chef's knife. Bring water to boil in a steamer and add the artichoke. Steam about 45 minutes or until a toothpick can be inserted easily in the bottom of the artichoke.

Cut the artichoke in half and remove the choke (the fuzzy part in the center) with a spoon or melon baller, being careful not to pull the leaves apart. Rub the cut surface with some lemon juice to keep it from discoloring. Set aside.

In a small bowl, combine the lemon juice, mustard and sugar. Whisk together to combine and continue to whisk while adding the olive oil in a thin stream. When all the oil has been incorporated, add mint, salt and pepper.

To serve, place the artichoke, cut side up, on a salad plate or bowl. Drizzle oil over the surface of the artichoke and fill the cavity left by the removal of the choke. To eat, peel off the leaves and dip them into the vinaigrette.

Per serving: 201 calories, 2 grams protein, 17 grams fat (percent calories from fat, 77), 12 grams carbohydrates, no cholesterol, 80 milligrams sodium, 4 grams fiber.

ARABIAN COUSCOUS WITH PINE NUTS AND RAISINS
Makes 2 or 3 servings

Pine nuts are among the more notable supposed aphrodisiacs, and this is a delicious way to showcase them. To make it even more sensual, as well as colorful, add some diced avocado.

1 tablespoon unsalted butter
1/2 small onion, minced
1/2 medium carrot, diced
1 cup chicken stock
1/4 cup dark raisins, plumped in hot water 5-10 minutes
1/2 cup couscous
2 tablespoons pine nuts, toasted
Juice of 1/2 lemon
Salt and pepper to taste

Heat butter in a saucepan. Add onion and carrot; saute until onions are translucent, about 5 minutes. Add stock and raisins, raise heat to high and bring liquid to a boil. Add couscous, stir briefly, cover and remove from heat. Let stand 5 minutes. Stir in pine nuts and lemon juice. Season with salt and pepper.

Per serving (based on 3): 241 calories, 7 grams protein, 8 grams fat (percent calories from fat, 30), 38 grams carbohydrates, 11 milligrams cholesterol, 25 milligrams sodium, 3 grams fiber.

PAN-GRILLED SALMON WITH YELLOW PEPPER AND SAFFRON SAUCE
Makes 2 servings

Seafood of all kinds is recommended as a romance enhancer. This dish, from TV chef Bobby Flay, also contains other reputed aphrodisiacs, such as garlic, saffron and honey. It's light, delicious and stunning to look at. Leftover sauce can be used as a salad dressing or on chicken, fish or pork.

1 large yellow bell pepper, roasted and chopped (see note)
3 tablespoons rice vinegar
3 large cloves garlic, chopped
Pinch saffron threads, toasted in a dry skillet over high heat for 1 minute
1-1/2 teaspoons honey
1/2 teaspoon Dijon mustard
Scant 2/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil
Coarse salt and freshly ground black pepper
2 (6-ounce) salmon fillets, with skin
1 tablespoon olive oil
Ancho chili powder (or other chili powder)
1/4 large yellow bell pepper, minced, for garnish
1/4 large red bell pepper, minced, for garnish

In a blender or food processor, combine the roasted pepper, vinegar, garlic, saffron, honey and mustard. Blend 30 seconds. Slowly add the oil through the feeding tube until the sauce emulsifies. Transfer to a bowl and season to taste with salt and pepper. Cover and set aside.

Place a grill pan over high heat until smoking. Brush the salmon on both sides with olive oil and sprinkle with salt and chili powder to taste. Grill, skin side down, until golden brown, 3 to 5 minutes. Turn over, lower heat to medium and cook 3 to 5 minutes more, or until salmon is opaque throughout (do not overcook). Transfer the salmon to a warm dinner plate and drizzle on the sauce. Garnish with finely chopped red and yellow peppers.

NOTE: To roast peppers, prick all over with a fork. Set under a broiler or over a gas flame, turning until blackened and charred. Transfer to a paper bag; close and steam for about 5 minutes. Remove from bag; peel off skins under cold running water. Remove stem, core and seeds. Proceed with recipe.

Per serving (using half the sauce): 496 calories, 35 grams protein, 33 grams fat (percent calories from fat, 60), 16 grams carbohydrates, 94 milligrams cholesterol, 96 milligrams sodium, 3 grams fiber.

WARM CHOCOLATE CAKES
Makes 3 to 5 servings

These luxurious little cakes are deceptively easy to make. Serve them warm, with the centers still soft and oozing, with a small scoop of vanilla ice cream or raspberry sorbet, if you like. (You'll want to have at least one more than you'll actually need to test for doneness.)

2 ounces Valrhona bittersweet chocolate, cut into 1/4-inch pieces
3 tablespoons unsalted butter
1 large egg
1 large egg yolk
4-1/2 tablespoons granulated sugar
2 tablespoons plus 2 teaspoons all-purpose flour
3 to 5 ramekins or aluminum foil cupcake cases (4- to 6-ounce size), buttered and floured

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Set a rack in the middle of the oven. On the stovetop, fill a saucepan with water, bring to a boil and turn off the heat. In a metal mixing bowl, combine the chocolate and butter and place it over the water. Stir occasionally until melted, about 8 minutes. Set the bowl aside to cool slightly.

In a mixing bowl, beat the egg and egg yolk together until frothy. Gradually add the sugar, and then the chocolate-and-butter mixture. Fold in the flour gently. Fill the foil cases, leaving only 1/4 inch at the top. (Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for up to 5 hours, if necessary.)

Bake on center rack for 8 to 10 minutes. Unmold a test cake to see how liquid it is; it should be firm enough to hold its shape but be soft and runny in the center. Touch the top lightly — it should jiggle a bit.

Unmold the remaining cakes onto warm plates, top with a scoop of vanilla ice cream, and serve at once.

Per serving (based on 5): 213 calories, 4 grams protein, 14 grams fat (percent calories from fat, 61), 20 grams carbohydrates, 146 milligrams cholesterol, 22 milligrams sodium, trace fiber.

STRAWBERRIES IN CHAMPAGNE JELLY
Makes 6 servings

Stylist Mary Ann Clayton, who tested this recipe, found it a pretty, refreshing and sexy dessert — definitely worth making.

4-1/4 teaspoons unflavored gelatin (see note)
1 cup water
3/4 cup plus 3 tablespoons granulated sugar (or 1/2 cup if using grapefruit juice)
1 bottle (3-1/2 cups) dry champagne (or pink grapefruit juice, strained of pulp, plus a squirt of lemon juice)
1 pint strawberries, rinsed, hulled and cut lengthwise into thin slices

Sprinkle the gelatin over the water in a medium saucepan and let soften about 5 minutes. Put the pan over low heat and stir with a wooden spoon just until the gelatin has dissolved; do not overcook. Stir in all but 1 tablespoon of the sugar and remove from the heat. Stir until the sugar has thoroughly dissolved, then stir in the champagne. Pour the gelatin into a shallow bowl, cover and refrigerate until set, at least 6 hours, or overnight. To assemble, in a bowl toss the strawberries with the remaining 1 tablespoon of sugar. "Scramble" the gelatin with a fork. Spoon a scant 3 tablespoons jelly into each of 6 wineglasses and top with a layer of berries; repeat two more times. Drizzle a little juice from the berries over the top and serve cold.

Per serving: 228 calories, 3 grams protein, no fat , 36 grams carbohydrates, no cholesterol, 10 milligrams sodium, 1 gram fiber.

CLUB NEWS

PRECEPTOR EPSILON DELTA CHAPTER, BSP

Members Preceptor Epsilon Delta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi and their spouses attended the 11th annual Great Texas Soup Cook-Off in Stanton, which is a fund raiser for the restoration and preservation of the historic Carmelite Monastery in Stanton. After the cook-off, members and guests met at the home of Jim and Jean McGilvray of Stanton.

LT. WILLIAM BREWER CHAPTER, DAR

Lt. William Brewer chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, met for its annual George Washington tea at Midland Woman's Club. Honored guests were winners of the American Essay contest for students in fifth through ninth grades. They are: Lauren M. Maddox, fifth grade; Hannah Conder, sixth grade; Allyson Harrell, seventh grade; Clayton W. Jungman, eighth grade; and Katy Michelle Lehman, ninth grade.

Hostess were Mrs. Frank Bell, Ms. John Younger, Mrs. C.N. Wilkinson Jr., Mrs. William L. Sanders, Mrs. J. Evetts Haley, Mrs. W.W. Smith, Mrs. James H. Harkrider, Helen Pogue and Mrs. B.B. Harmon.

BRIDGE WINNERS

The following are bridge winners for Jan. 24-30.

MONDAY
1. Deborah Brookins, Ken Hill
2. Gloria Crites, Becky Kinsey
3. Jimmie Branch, Jimmy Cox
4. Sall Whiteley, Belle Harris

TUESDAY
1. Marsha Swanson, Jimmie Branch
2. Mary Hammond, Gloria Crites

WEDNESDAY
NORTH-SOUTH:
STRAT A:
1. Jimmie Penn, Sue Gardiner
2. Helen South, Charlie Grimes
3. Gloria Crites, Becky Kinsey
STRAT B:
1. Helen South, Charlie Grimes
2. Fay Carey, Babe Griffin
3. Jimmy Cox, Jimmie Branch
EAST-WEST:
STRAT A:
1. Katharyn Gesell, Sandra Rea
2. B.J. Filley, Clarence Marley
3. Belvin Redus, Joe Brittain
STRAT B:
1. Sandra Rea, Kathryn Gesell
2. Clarence Marley, B.J. Filley
3. Joe Brittain, Belvin Redus

THURSDAY
1. Snookye Howard, Harriet Herd
2. Betty Moudy, Joe Salman
3. Betty Marlow, E.J. Henderson
4. Helen Owen, Mildred Stuart

FRIDAY
1. Flo Curry, Gloria Crites
2. Ann Servatius, Kathryn Gesell
3. Mary Hammond, Vangie Lindsey
4. Elle Kerr, Betty Sheeler

SATURDAY
1. Sally Whiteley, Helen South
2. Deborah Brookins, R.J. Englert
3. Becky Kinsey, Gloria Crites
4. Kathryn Gesell, Ken Hill

SUNDAY
1. Terri Tedford, Charlie Grimes
2. Sandra Rea, Marilyn Matthews

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ENGAGEMENTS

MOON-JOSE

Lisa Marie Moon and Keith Alan Jose, both of Austin, are planning to get married in 2001 in Austin. Mary and Lloyd Crockett of Round Rock are parents of the bride-elect. The future bridegroom is the son of Linda and Ron Jose of Midland.

Miss Moon is a 1996 graduate of Texas Tech University and is scheduled to graduate from the University of Texas in 2001. She is employed with Settlement Home. Her fiance, a 1991 graduate of Midland High School, also graduated from Texas Tech in 1996. A member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, he is employed with GSD&M Advertising.



Lisa Marie Moon and Keith Alan Jose

BUCKER-JOSE

Joanna Lin Bucker and James Edward Jose, both of Lubbock, are planning to married 7 p.m. May 20 at Lakeridge United Methodist Church in Lubbock. Parents of the bride-elect are Mr. and Mrs. Rod Bucker and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Long of Lubbock. The future bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Jose of Midland.

Miss Bucker is a graduate of Coronado High School and Texas Tech University, where she is working toward a master's degree. She is employed with the The Bair Foundation. Her fiance graduated from Midland High School and Texas Tech University, where he is scheduled to graduate this year with a master's degree in architecture. He is self-employed.



Joanna Lin Bucker and James Edward Jose

HOMMERTZHEIM-GENTER

Karla Hommertzheim and Rob Genter, both of Dallas, are planning a 3 p.m. May 27 wedding at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Pratt, Kan. The bride-elect is the daughter of Don and Gina Hommertzheim of Pratt. Parents of the future bridegroom are Ron and Jan Genter of Midland.

Miss Hommertzheim is a 1990 graduate of Pratt High School and a 1995 graduate of Kansas State University. She is a doctoral student in the Department of Statistical Science at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. Her fiance graduated from Heritage High School in 1989 and from KSU in 1995. He is an architect with Rees Associates in Dallas.



Karla Hommertzheim and Rob Genter

MOHR-GOLDFINE

Dr. Brian Mohr and Dr. Wanda Mohr of Midland and Indianapolis announce the engagement of their daughter, Tara Anne Mohr of Philadelphia, to Dr. Michael Aaron Goldfine, also of Philadelphia, son of Dr. and Mrs. Alan Goldfine of Coatesville, Pa.

The couple plans to be married in March 2001.

Ms. Mohr, a graduate of Rice University, is a research associate at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School Center for Bioethics. She is a graduate student at the University of Pennsylvania School of Social Work. Her fiance graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and Temple University School of Medicine, and is an assistant professor of anesthesiology and director of student education at Medical College of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.



Tara Anne Mohr

EDWARDS-AUFLEGER

Loretta Gale Edwards and Randy Lynn Aufleger, both of Lincoln, Neb., are planning March 11 wedding at Hudspeth House Bed and Breakfast in Canyon.

Parents of the bride-elect are Barbara Edwards of Odessa and the late Gene Edwards. Gaylord and Marilyn Aufleger of Amarillo are the parents of the future bridegroom.

Ms. Edwards is 1992 graduate of Permian High School, a 1995 graduate of Odessa College, where she earned an associate of arts degree, and a 1998 graduate of the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, where she earned a bachelor of arts degree in journalism. She is an artist and special sections reporter with the Lincoln Journal Star. Her fiance graduated from West Texas State University in 1988 with a bachelor of science degree in journalism. He is 10-11 news anchor.



Loretta Gale Edwards and Randy Lynn Aufleger

DICKSON-ZUKAUSKAS

Jennifer Diane Dickson and Michael Edward Zukauskas, both of Austin, are planning to be married 2 p.m. April 8 at St. Paul the Apostle Chapel at Horseshoe Bay. Parents of the bride-to-be are Arlen and Jo Dickson of Midland. Edward and Yun Im Zukauskas of El Paso are parents of the future bridegroom.

Miss Dickson is a 1994 graduate of Lee High School and a 1998 graduate of Texas Tech University. She is a member of Alpha Chi Omega, and Austin Women's Radio and Television. She is employed with Sign Builders of America. Her fiance graduated from Burges High School in El Paso in 1993 and from Texas Tech in 1997. A member of Psi Chi, he is employed with Travis County Mental Health/Mental Retardation.



Jennifer Diane Dickson and Michael Edward Zukauskas

ARMSTRONG-JOBE

Dawn Michelle Armstrong and John Ray Jobe, both of Midland, are planning a wedding for 4 p.m. Aug. 19 at the Jobe Ranch in Midland. Parents of bride-elect are Lee and Sandy Thomas of Midland. Jerry and Sue Jobe of Midland are the parents of the future bridegroom.

Miss Armstrong is a 1991 Midland High School graduate and is employed with Concho Valley/Thunderbird Transit. Her fiance, a 1989 graduate of MHS, is employed with Tom's Tire Service.



Dawn Michelle Armstrong and John Ray Jobe

GIBBS-GUYNN

Janeen Ruth Gibbs of Midland and Christopher Guynn of Odessa are planning to be married 1:30 p.m. March 18 at the Party Station in Midland. William and Janet Gibbs of Midland are parents of the bride-to-be. Parents of the future bridegroom are Duglas and Kimberly Guynn of Odessa.

Miss Gibbs is graduate of Midland High School and a 1999 graduate of Texas A&M University. She is a member of Girl Scouts, Gold Award Achiever. She is employed with Aspire. Her fiance graduated from Permian High School and Texas A&M. An Eagle Scout, he is employed with Nantahal Regional Library.



Janeen Ruth Gibbs and Christopher Guynn

FRANCO-BENAVIDEZ

Elena Franco and Eric Benavidez, both of Lubbock, are planning a wedding at 2 p.m. March 5 at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Lubbock. Frances Rodriguez is the mother of the bride-to-be. Jesse and Virginia Benavidez of Midland are parents of the future bridegroom.

Miss Franco is a graduate of Monterey High School in Lubbock and Texas Tech University. She is employed with United Supermarkets Corp. Her fiance graduated from Lee High School and Lubbock Christian University, where he is assistant baseball coach.



Elena Franco and Eric Benavidez

DRAPER-JOBE

Elizabeth Ann Draper and Dalton Shane Jobe, both of Abilene, are planning to be married at 2 p.m., July 1 at Logston Chapel at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. Parents of the bride elect are Beverly Draper of Euless and the late Rev. George L. Draper. The future bridegroom is the son of Gary and Gwen Jobe of Midland, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Quanah Jobe and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Drake, all of Midland.

Miss Draper, a 1996 graduate of Trinity High School in Euless, is a student at HSU, where she is scheduled to graduate in December and is a member of Epsilon Pi Alpha. Her fiance graduated from Midland High School in 1996 and is scheduled for May graduation from HSU. He is a member of Kappa Phi Omega and Alpha Kappa Psi, and is employed with United Bank and Trust of Abilene.



Elizabeth Ann Draper and Dalton Shane Jobe

ODOM-FISHER

Kristina Marie Odom and Michael Jeremy Fisher, both of Midland, are planning an evening wedding for June 10 at Midland Lutheran Church. Parents of the bride-elect are Kathy Odom of Midland and Rick and Marvae Odom of Greenwood. Jerry and Darla Fisher of Midland are parents of the future bridegroom.

Miss Odom is a 1996 graduate of Lee High School and a 1998 graduate of Midland College. She is attending the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, where she is majoring in humanities with an elementary teacher's certification and an early childhood education endorsement. She is employed with Dillard's. Fisher graduated from Midland High School in 1995 and from MC in 1998. He also attended Sul Ross State University and Angelo State University, where he played football. He is a kinesiology major at UTPB, with a minor in biology with an all-level teacher's certification. A member of the Kinesiology Club at UTPB, he is employed with McCoy's Building Supply Center.



Kristina Marie Odom and Michael Jeremy Fisher

WALKER-TUBBS

Lindsey Kaye Walker of Lubbock and Paul Barlett Tubbs of Amarillo are planning to be married at 4 p.m. March 25 at Crestview Baptist Church in Midland. David and Linda Walker of Midland are the parents of the bride-to-be. The future bridegroom is the son of Larry and Ann Tubbs of Denton.

Miss Walker is a 1993 graduate of Lee High School, and a graduate of Texas Tech University, where she earned a bachelor of science degree in biochemistry in 1997 and a master of business administration degree in 1999. She is a member of Delta Gamma, Golden Key Honor Society and Medical Group Management Association, and is employed with Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock.

Her fiance graduated from Denton High School in 1993. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in broadcast journalism form Texas Tech in 1998. He was president of Farm House Fraternity, public relations chairman of InterFraternity Council and member of Pi Delta Alpha. He is anchor/reporter for KVII-TV in Amarillo.



Lindsey Kaye Walker and Paul Bartlett Tubbs

BALDERAS-ROBINSON

Michele Reneé Balderas and Todd Michael Robinson, both of Houston, are planning to be married 5 p.m. March 18 at Westmont Christian Church in Lubbock. Parents of the bride-elect are Alberto and Nelda Balderas of Lubbock. Mike and Trudy Robinson of Midland are parents of the future bridegroom.

Miss Balderas, a graduate of Roosevelt High School, is a manager at Wal-Mart in Houston. Robinson graduated from Lee High School and in 1996 earned a double major marketing and business degree from Texas Tech University. He is manager with Cintas in Houston.

Parsnip pierogies part of Polish repast

Associated Press

Pickled red cabbage and sauteed apples are served with parsnip pierogies for a satisfying Polish-style winter meal.

The meat dumplings take time to prepare, but the menu is easy on the budget. The recipe is from "Favorite Comfort Food," the 15th in a series of soft-cover books in the Best of Martha Stewart Living series.

Pierogies, the editors tell us, are filled dumplings — circles of sour-cream dough folded over a meat or vegetable stuffing, briefly boiled and browned in butter." These are filled with pureed parsnips, mild farmer cheese and horseradish.

PARSNIP PIEROGIES

FOR THE DOUGH:
1 large egg
1/2 cup milk
1-1/2 tablespoons sour cream
2-1/4 cups all-purpose flour, or more as needed
FOR THE FILLING:
1-1/2 pounds parsnips, peeled
2 shallots, peeled
1 teaspoon unsalted butter
Freshly grated nutmeg
Salt and freshly ground pepper
2 teaspoons freshly grated or prepared horseradish
4 ounces farmer cheese or goat cheese

In a mixing bowl whisk together the egg, milk, sour cream and 1/2 cup water. Stir in flour a little at a time until dough comes together. Turn out onto a lightly floured board and knead until smooth and elastic, up to 10 minutes. Incorporate more flour if dough is too sticky. Cover dough with plastic wrap and allow it to rest for 1 hour.

To make the filling, place parsnips in a medium saucepan and cover with cold, salted water. Bring to a boil and simmer until tender, 20 to 25 minutes. Drain and put through a food mill to puree. In a small saute pan, cook shallots in butter until soft, stirring occasionally, 1 to 2 minutes. Stir shallots into puree and add nutmeg and salt and pepper to taste. Remove from heat and let cool slightly. Mix in horseradish and cheese.

On a lightly floured board, roll out dough to 1/8-inch thick. Cut out circles using a 3-3/4-inch round cutter. Set circles aside on a floured tray. Place a round tablespoon of filling on each circle. Lightly wet edges, fold over and seal by pinching.

When ready to serve, bring a pot of salted water to a boil. Add pierogies and cook for 5 minutes after they float to the surface. Drain. Pierogies can be eaten right away or browned in a small amout of butter.

PICKLED RED CABBAGE SLAW

1/4 cup red wine vinegar
1-1/2 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon caraway seeds, crushed
1/4 small red cabbage, finely shredded
Salt and freshley ground pepper

In a medium bowl, whisk together vinegar, sugar and caraway seeds. Toss in cabbage. Season with salt and pepper. Let marinate for at least 1 hour, or overnight in the refrigerator.

SAUTEED APPLES

2 teaspoons unsalted butter
2 apples, peeled if desired, cored and thinly sliced
1 tablespoon sugar

Heat a medium saute pan over medium-high heat. Melt butter, add apple slices and toss to coat. Add sugar and toss again to coat evenly. Cook until brown.



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WHISENHUNT-FIVECOAT



Stacey LeeAnn Whisenhunt of Odessa and Raymond Keith Fivecoat of Midland were married at 2:00 pm December 18, 1999 at Temple Baptist Church in the Chapel, in Odessa. Rev. Kim Gray, uncle of the bride, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mickie Gray Wharton of Golden, Co. She is the granddaughter of Lee Gray and the late W.W. Gray of Odessa.

Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Brad Fivecoat of Midland. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Merle Fivecoat of Billings, Mt. and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Shoumaker of Buffalo, Wy.

Shannon Solko, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Melissa Wilkins and Marianne Schmitt were bridesmaids.

Chip Dawes served as best man. Shannon Goble and Ryan Fivecoat served as groomsmen.

After a wedding trip to San Antonio, the couple will reside in Odessa.

WEDDINGS

STRONG-BAILEY

Christyn June Strong of Midland became the bride of John Edward Bailey II of Austin 5 p.m. Feb. 5 at First Baptist Church in Midland. The Rev. Gene Edward Hilburn officiated.

Parents of the bride are Carolyn Frost Strong of Midland and Daniel deGraffenried Strong of Wichita Falls. Jolene and Curtis Steuckrath of Canyon Lake and Carol and John Edward Bailey of Ashland, Ky., are the parents of the bridegroom.

Martha Morales served as honor attendant for the bride, who also was attended by Janet Joseph and Melanie Barbee.

Honor attendant for the bridegroom was Hakoo Kim. His other attendants were Johnny Vandiver and Daniel Strong III, brother of the bride. Ushers were Scott R. Turnbull and Glen Blankenship.

The bride, a 1996 graduate of Midland High School, is a student at The School for Film and



Mrs. John Edward Bailey II

Television in New York. She is employed with Sheseido Cosmetics. Her husband graduated from high school in Los Angeles and attended Austin Community College. He is a real estate appraiser with Advantage Realty in Austin.

The couple lives in Austin.

YARBROUGH-COMPTON

Regina Kay Yarbrough and Christopher Allen Compton, both from Midland, were married 3 p.m. Feb. 5 at Wilshire Park Baptist Church in Midland.

The bride is the daughter of Karen Yarbrough of Houston and Lyndon Yarbrough of Dallas. Parents of the bridegroom are Randy and Melinda Compton of Midland.

Nicole Patton was honor attendant for the bride, who also was attended by Katie Fletcher.

The bridegroom's honor attendant was Greg Greer. His other attendant was Brad Channel. Ushers were Brent Compton, brother of the bridegroom, and Jared Hanks.

. After a honeymoon in Cancun,



Mrs. Christopher Allen Compton

Mexico, the couple lives in Midland.

ANNIVERSARY

Couple celebrates 50 years

KINGSLAND — Former Midlanders James and Betty Dau of Kingsland celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family reunion.

Dau and the former Betty Kluthe were married Feb. 1, 1950, at Sacred Heart Church in Olean, Neb. They are the parents of Mary Cox of Saratoga, Calif.; James D. Dau of Princeton, N.J.; Jeff Dau of College Station, and Scott Dau, Jane Hall and Susan Iverson, all of Midland. They also have 12 grandchildren.

The couple moved from Dodge, Neb., to Midland in 1957. They retired from Enron and Midland Independent School District, and have lived in Kingsland for the past 15 years. They are volunteering for many organizations and are members of St. Charles Catholic Church.



James and Betty Dau

Mexico is favorite vacation spot

By Patricia Rodriguez
N.Y. Times News Service

FORT WORTH — The first time I went to Mexico, I really didn't go there at all.

We got a package deal to Cancun; the beach was pretty, the weather perfect, and I almost slammed into the side of a high-rise hotel during an ill-advised parasailing expedition. After four days, we went home with sunburns and T-shirts and hangovers from the tequila shots practically forced on us by an English-slang-slinging waiter apparently hoping we'd get so drunk we'd overtip. It was an OK trip, but I didn't think I wanted to go again. I wasn't sure I liked Mexico all that much.

Ten years later, I still feel the same way about Cancun. But I've fallen in love with Mexico.

I'm not sure exactly which part of which visit turned me around: The forced march to the bottom of the northern Copper Canyon, where we swam in an ice-cold, waterfall-fed pool and picnicked near the crumbling remains of a mansion built by a copper-mining magnate. The torch-lit dinner at the old Spanish fort in Acapulco, where we ate corn-fungus enchiladas (better than they sound) as a lavishly costumed ballet folklorico troupe performed. The three-hour tour from Topolobampo, when our little skiff was surrounded by a school of dolphins, acting as playful tour guides the whole way back, jumping around as if they were auditioning for a show on the Animal Planet channel. The day spent lounging on a perfect deserted beach two hours south of Cancun, one that nobody else managed to stumble onto that afternoon.

Of course, if you're a Texan, it's easy to love Mexico. For a few hundred bucks and in a few hours, you can be there, or at least in one of its airports. And if you live in Texas and you pay any attention at all, the sights and smells and sounds of Mexico will stir at least a bit of recognition in you. ... More than that, however, it's that whatever I want, I can find it in Mexico. Lots of countries have beautiful art or fascinating ruins or great food or idyllic beaches or scenic mountains or bustling big cities or fantastic shopping. Not many have them all.

Don't get me wrong — I loved Paris, I loved Rome, I can't wait to get back to London. But when it comes down to it, the only place I really HAVE to visit every year, the only place that I find myself actually MISSING, is Mexico.

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For a few hundred bucks and in a few hours, you can be there, or at least in one of its airports. And if you live in Texas and you pay any attention at all, the sights and smells and sounds of Mexico will stir at least a bit of recognition in you. (For me, another attraction is that no matter how many "now-YOU-say-it-in-French" tapes I listen to, Spanish remains the only language other than English in which I can do more than buy a bus ticket and order wine.)

More than that, however, it's that whatever I want, I can find it in Mexico. Lots of countries have beautiful art or fascinating ruins or great food or idyllic beaches or scenic mountains or bustling big cities or fantastic shopping. Not many have them all.

Beyond sightseeing and spending, of course, travel is really about getting outside your comfort zone, of seeing how other people do things and learning to adapt to that. In some places, that means going faster, being more harried; sometimes it's hard work.

But Mexico is one of the few places where my life seems to slow down, a feeling that bothers me at first but then seems completely natural. A couple of years ago, I was sitting in the Huatulco airport, trying to get a seat on a flight into Oaxaca after realizing that we didn't have time for the bus. I fumed at first when we spotted computers sitting unused while clerks carefully wrote out the tickets. In longhand. In triplicate.

It took a few minutes — and a few moments of inhaling the scent of the tropical hibiscus that bloomed everywhere — to remember the point. They were still getting the job done, if not as fast as I might have wanted. We'd still get there. Maybe we should go get some snacks.

And I was frustrated at first at the old-fashioned spa in Ixtapan de la Sal, a smallish town outside Mexico City. What was up with the '60s-era diet (Melba toast, cottage cheese, chicken broth)? And the casual approach to exercise? (The morning walk was often led by a genial but very round fellow whose main job was waiting tables in the resort's restaurant; we didn't, obviously, do much power-walking.) When I asked for a harder workout, they cheerily suggested I go get another facial instead. Also maybe a nap.

I finally listened to them. They were right.

Travel is also about small, isolated moments, the ones that help you form a relationship with a country and a culture. And many of my most memorable ones — singing in my bad Spanish at a karaoke bar in La Paz, watching a funeral procession in a flower market in Acapulco, being the only tourists climbing the pyramids at Coba, eating German-style sausage and cheese at a Mennonite colony that is for some reason situated south of Chihuahua — are from Mexico. It's not that I couldn't have had similar experiences elsewhere. The point is, I didn't. And the result is, I feel oddly attached to Mexico, almost protective of it. When I hear people say they've been there, but they didn't really like it, I often wonder aloud if they've given it a chance — or if they've only been to the Club Med.

Speaking of which, I went back to Cancun last summer, not exactly on purpose — we wanted to go to some less-developed beaches in the Yucatan — but Cancun is where the flight landed.

For logistical reasons, we spent the first night in one of those Cancun high-rises, with the multilevel landscaped swimming pool and the $10 breakfast buffet.

After a day on the beach — still beautiful, despite the crowds — we went looking for dinner, walking on a busy four-lane divided road past countless Tony Romas and Hard Rock Cafes and trying to stay out of the path of the packs of daiquiri-toting high school seniors.

We finally found a place that wasn't too crowded, ate quickly, and rushed back to the hotel. The next morning, we were up at the crack of dawn, headed for a quieter beach; we couldn't get out of town fast enough.

This is not to dismiss Cancun (or, OK, maybe it is) or the other plush resorts; I guess they have their place, and their fans. But right down the road, there's a Mexico that suits me much better.

Patricia Rodriguez is travel editor of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Five Mexican resorts popular

By Patricia Rodriguez
N.Y. Times News Service

■ **Oaxaca:** The art produced in the surrounding countryside is, on its own, worth the trip — intricately painted wooden animals and plaster angels, carved masks and wooden skeletons, hand-thrown pottery in black or green glazes and silver crosses, and subtle woven shawls and tablecloths. (Not to mention the first mescal, flavored with orange or lime, that I actually kind of like.) But the city's main plaza, filled with entrepreneurs selling everything from cheap plastic toys to folk art to warm ears of roasted corn (served, to my dismay, with mayonnaise), and ringed with open-air restaurants, is one of the best places to while away an evening in Mexico — or anywhere.

■ **Ixtapan de la Sal:** Mexico is relatively new to the spa business, but this small town near Mexico City has hosted guests in spa resorts and a neighboring "balneario," or spring-fed bathhouse, for 50 years. The "balneario's" spa was a trip — one of the weight-loss treatments consisted of being painted in blue wax, wrapped in plastic and left to roast under wool blankets. And apparently no visitor comes home without buying jars and jars of rose-scented lotions and vitamin-laced beauty creams, handmade by a local woman and sold in her tiny boutique downtown.

■ **Playa del Carmen:** The first time I visited this simple seaside town a 45-minute drive south of Cancun, it was so laid-back that a tame pig was wandering about the beach undisturbed. A half-dozen years later, some shiny new hotels and its popularity with cruise ships have drawn a bunch more tourists — and driven up prices. But the water and sand are still gorgeous, and the beachside palapa huts are a fine place to drink $1 Bohemias — even if the pig is long gone.

■ **Copper Canyon:** The train, running from Chihuahua to Los Mochis, gets all the attention because of its stunning views of the ridges of the Copper Canyon ranges and its astonishingly engineered switchbacks. (Oh, and perhaps because it took nearly a century to build, finally being completed in 1961.) But stop a few days, in Creel or Batopilas or one of the other tiny towns, and hire a guide to lead you into the depths of the canyon, hiking the trails that the local Tarahumara Indians have used for centuries.

■ **Acapulco:** It's touristy. It sits on a bay that fights repeated attempts at cleanup. It's filled with breathtakingly beautiful — and heart-stoppingly expensive — resorts. But the oldest of Mexican beach resorts still has a great mountainous location, a lovely, authentic soul — and those famous cliff-divers. Whatever they're paid, it can't be enough; watching them soar perilously off the sharp cliffs, arcing effortlessly into the ebbing water below, was one of the few times I thought a classic tourist attraction deserved its reputation.

Time for summer brides to search for perfect wedding dress

By Rachel Sauer
N.Y. Times News Service

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. — Take the average bride-to-be: excited to be getting married, giddy in love, prone to sentimental daydreams, with vague romantic notions about her wedding day and her bridal gown.

But put her in a bridal boutique and what does she see? White. A whole avalanche of it, bows and beads and ruffles and veils. It can be a little overwhelming.

It doesn't have to be, though, say bridal boutique owners. The trend this season is toward simplicity, and if a bride gives herself enough time to get a gown, it should fulfill all her fairy-tale fantasies.

"Less has become more," said Janet Lally of A Formal Affair and Tuxedo Co. "We're not seeing too much lace or ruffles."

"A lot of dresses are getting much simpler," said Gayle Nesbitt of Le Palais Boutique. "They're not wanting all the beads and things. Simple is elegant."

The popular shape for this season is an A-line dress with natural fitted waistline, she said. Judy Panozzo of Victoria Rose Bridal Parlor said strapless dresses are gaining popularity, as well as dresses with spaghetti straps or tank top-style bodices.

"Most girls that walk in here are saying simple, simple, simple," Nesbitt said. "They like the corset-look bodice, fitted with nice seams."

Embroidery is becoming very popular, Lally said. Some dresses have flowers, butterflies and other simple designs embroidered in white, ivory or light pink.

Satin remains the most popular dress fabric, particularly Italian satin, which isn't as shiny as regular satin, Lally said.

"We're doing some chiffons, too, but the girls like something a little more sophisticated and drapey, something that hangs beautifully," Panozzo said.

Most brides still choose traditional white gowns, though brides frequently are choosing dresses in ivory and shades between white and ivory.

Tiaras are very popular with brides-to-be, though not the towering princess sort. Simple tiaras in gold or silver, and sometimes rhinestones, with fingertip veils are popular, though Nesbitt said some brides are choosing floor-length veils. Panozzo said many brides are opting for veils with satin piping.

Nesbitt said varying lengths of trains still are popular with brides, though a bride should make sure the train is bustled or there is some way she can carry it so it doesn't get stepped on at the reception.

As for footwear, "to me, that's a bride's personality," Lally said. "I'll have some wear sneakers, I've had one wear Tevas, and you see cowboy boots, combat boots. That's where their personality comes out. I have one bride who's going barefoot."

Ideally, brides should begin looking for their gowns at least six months in advance of the wedding, Panozzo said, because it can take three months to order the dress and get it to the boutique, then another six weeks for the seamstress to make alterations.

All three bridal boutique owners said they've done gowns in less time, sometimes as little as a week, but such situations are very stressful and a bride might have to settle for less than what she wants.

When trying on and choosing gowns, a bride should bring with her someone who will give her an honest opinion and help her choose a gown that not only suits her coloring and body type, but her personality.

"If they bring along a friend who's going to want the bride to try on styles they would wear, that's not going to work," Lally said.

"Generally a bride brings her mom and a bridesmaid. If you bring too many girls then everybody's got an opinion and it gets too confusing for the bride."

Panozzo advised not buying dresses on the Internet because "it may be cheaper, but you need services when you buy a wedding gown. You need alterations, you need the dress pressed, you need a bridal bag so you can transport it without getting it dirty.

"If you have a problem with a dress you order on the Internet, you can't correct it, it's your problem."

Lally said the dress should be fitted for a bride as close to the wedding as possible, pressed several days before the wedding and hung somewhere it won't wrinkle or be disturbed.

And then a bride can go back to her giddy smiles and starry-eyed daydreams. Assuming everything is OK with the cake, of course.

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Greenwood Highs School's **Chelsea Sipes**, daughter of Rick and Cynthia Sipes, has been named the Rotary Club's Student of the Month. Miss Sipes is secretary of the National Honor Society, member of student council, D-FY-IT and SADD. She has been named an All-American Scholar, listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students, winner of Presidential Citizenship Award and National Merits in English, science and math. She participates in varsity basketball and baseball.

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Shelby Yarbrough, 18-year-old daughter of Dallas Yarbrough, a student at Lee High School, has been named Midland Downtown Lion's Club's Student of the Week. Miss Yarbrough is in the National Honor Society, student council, Spanish Honor Society, PALs, Kelview Heights Baptist Youth Ministry Drama Team and Youth Choir, All-American Scholar, Texas Scholar, listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students, academic lettermen, orchestra lettermen, National Honor Society Sweetheart and Midland Morning Lion's Club Princess.

She plans to attend Texas Tech University.

Lakeisha Smith, 18, daughter of Roy L. Smith and Carla E. Smith, a student at Midland High School, has also been named Midland Downtown Lion's Club's Student of the Week. Miss Smith is captain of the volleyball team, member of Senior Girls, student council, National Honor Society, Texas Scholars, True-Lite Christian Fellowship Choir, usher, tutorial program, children's church, Independent Youth Bible Study Group, academic awards, first team All-District, second team All-West Texas, All-Tournament (Seminole) and winner of Negro Professional Business Award.

Miss Smith plans to major in computer science in college.

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Matt Hinkley of Trinity High School, son of Jeffrey and Jana Hinkley, has been named Downtown Rotary Club's Student of the Week.

Hinkley is choir president, member and 1999 president of the Model Organization of American States General Assembly for High Schools, vice president of the Pickwick Players, National Merit Scholarship semi-finalist, Lola Nelson Fine Arts Scholarship, Director's Award (Pickwick Players), Edgar Maya Citizenship Award.

He plans to major in musical theater and minor in music composition at New York University.

Michelle Comeaux of Trinity High School, daughter of John and Phyllis Comeaux, has also been named Downtown Rotary Club's Student of the Week.

Miss Comeaux is a member of Trinity School choir, drama, volleyball and tennis teams. She is a volunteer for Cerebral Palsy Center, Christmas in April, Meals on Wheels, Dress a Live Doll, St. Ann's Fair, Soup Kitchen, nursing homes, pro life rally, Girl Scouts, listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students and Spirit Alive Religious Emblems.

She plans to attend the University of Dallas and major in French and journalism.

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Kristen Dodd, 18, of Lee High School, daughter of Charlie and Jan Dodd, has been named Midland West Rotary Club's Student of the Week.

Miss Dodd is a member of student council, PALs, Senior Girls, National Honor Society, junior high Disciple Life leader, mission trips and activities for USA and East Europe, member of Teen Community Bible Study and First Baptist Church, member of Youth Development Foundation, listed in Who's Who Among American High School Student, U.S. Achievement Academy national awards, PTA Reflections.

She plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin.

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John Ryan Duffey, son of Susan and Terry Duffey of Midland, has been named to the dean's list at the University of Notre Dame for the fall 1999 semester. To qualify, a student must maintain at least a 3.4 grade point average. Duffey, a 1999 graduate of Midland High School, is in the university's First Year of Studies Program.

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Brent Lawlis of Midland was named to the president's list for the fall 1999 semester at Texas Tech University. To qualify for this honor, he earned a 4.0 grade point average. Lawlis is a pre-medicine major enrolled in the Texas Tech Honors College.

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Brad Stanford of Midland earned a doctor of pharmacy degree from Creighton University in Omaha, Neb. The degree was awarded during the Dec. 18 commencement.

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McMurry University in Abilene announced its dean's list/honor roll for the fall 1999 semester. To qualify for the dean's list, a student must have at least a 3.5 grade point average and carry at least 12 credit hours; honor roll students have at least a 3.5 GPA and carry six to 11 credit hours. Area students who qualified are: **Heather Anderson,** Big Spring; **Sonia Cano** and **William Wrona,** Lamesa; **Jeffrey Beard, Karen Guenthner, Kristi Brown, Leah Cameron, Tremanisha Washington, Rachel Conn, Janet Bohling** and **Mindy Landrum,** Midland; and **Jason Rybolt, Brooke Hendrickson, Christi Overbeck, Bubby Brooks, Denise Cox** and **Adrianne Mazur,** Odessa.

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Michael Ratanasavetavadhana, son of Mana and Betty Ratanasavetavadhana of Midland, has been invited to join Delta Epsilon Iota National Honor Society while attending the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. A 1997 graduate of Midland High School, he is a senior computer science major who also researches, programs and recruits for Novell Software Company.

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Daniel Duckworth, 1998 graduate of Midland Christian School and the son of Dan and Kym Duckworth of Midland, was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va.

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Curt Kieffer, a 1997 graduate of Lee High School, has been named to the dean's list at Trinity University in San Antonio. To qualify, a student must have completed at least 15 class hours for the semester and earned at least a 3.65 grade point average.

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Texas Tech University has announced local and area students who received degrees during fall 1999 commencement exercises. Midland graduates are: **Rhonda Michelle Mebane,** bachelor of science degree in multidisciplinary studies; **Christi Renee Brazille,** bachelor of business administration in management information systems; **Matthew Boyd Clements,** master of business administration in general business; **William Springall Decker III,** bachelor of science in mechanical engineering; **Amber Lane Hightower,** bachelor of business administration in finance/real estate; **Mario Alberto Jimenez Jr.,** master of business administration in general business; **Lindsay Leever,** bachelor of business administration in finance; **John Samuel Mansour,** bachelor of business administration in finance; **Scott Keith Miller,** bachelor of business administration in management information systems; **Rebecca Gail Monroe,** bachelor of science in multidisciplinary studies, magna cum laude; **Troy Randall Robertson,** bachelor of business administration in management; **Charles Jonathan Shelburne,** master of architecture (professional); **Jeannette Elizabeth Oatm Whitus,** bachelor of business administration in management, and **Thomas James Woodside,** bachelor of business administration in petroleum land management.

Also from Texas Tech, **John Michael Bouldin,** 1993 graduate of Lee High School, graduated magna cum laude in December. He earned a bachelor of business administration degree with a double major in business and management information systems. He is the son of Midlanders Donna Clark Bouldin and Ron Bouldin, and the grandson of Polly and Dick Caspari, also of Midland.

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Texas Tech University's academic honors for fall 1999 have been announced. Students on the president's list have earned a 4.0 grade point average and carried a course load of at least 12 hours; students on the dean's list have earned grade point averages of 3.5 to 3.9 and carried at least 12 semester hours.

On the president's list are: **Katie Jo Yates** of Tarzan; **Melissa Dawn Carruth** and **Anna Christine Wimberly** of Midland; **John David Kellermeier** of Mereta; **Amanda Shea Beekman** of Mertzon; **Jeremiah Michael Riggins** of Ackerly; **Anthony Wayne Braden** and **Jason Wesley Phillips** of Garden City; **Ashley Suzanne Armstrong, Kerri Dawn Bell, Kristopher David Berthold, Tara Anne Bidwell, Laura Marie Brinker, Melissa Ann Brinker, Jennifer Michelle Burton, Taylor Brian Callaway, Courtney Carole Clayton, Courtney Holt Cowden III, Luke Thomas Dunn, Rebecca Lynn Dunnan, Kesha Lavon Garner, Rachel Elizabeth Gray, Russell Brett Hulme, Shannon Alyse Lauzon, Christopher Brent Lawlis, Christopher Thomas Lent, Brandon Ray Lipps, Autumn Brianne Miller, Jennifer Victoria Nobles, Carmie Jo Pierce, Megan Elizabeth Shepherd, Alicia Ann Sites, Heather D'Layne Stegall, Kathryn Michell Strong, Matthew Will Watson, Mariah Ann Webb, Behany Morgan Whiles** and **Regina Marie Williamson,** all of Midland.

On the dean's list are **Jennafer Sealy Piper** of Gardendale; **Gail Teresa Hoelscher** of Garden City; **Kendra Ann Albus, Suzanne Alane Beckett, Kasia Laine Binam, Amy Renee Bishop, Trevor Lance Brasel, David Andrew Burkett, Jeremiah Anthony Cain, Andrew Cody Chandler, Robert Ryan Cochran, William Springall Decker III, Nicole Renee Edelbrock, Devin Michael Edmiston, Shay Charles Hammontree, Kimberly Jean Hoelscher, Jacob Daniel Hooper, Henry Lyman Howlett, Kyle Layne Hulme, Julie Nicole Jacobs, Amanda Jaye Jeffreys, Joe Ray Johnson, Katherine Anne Johnson, Lindsay Leever, Tanner Eugene Low, John Samuel Mansour, John Gabriel Moreno, Abelardo Natividad, Shea Meliene Payne, Michelle Cheri Roper, Sara Elizabeth Siruta, Jeffery Ray Strain, Diane Christine Thompson, Laura Michelle Vaden, Angie Omara Von Pageler, Lauren Michelle Watkins, Jessica Leah Welborn, Megan Marie Williams** and **Autumn Rae Yeager,** all of Midland; **Rainnie LeAnn Hull** and **Jeremy Lynn Louder** of Stanton; **Kelly Nicole Allbright, Brandon Michael Black, David Wayne Cockerham, Robert Kay Hendricks, Kyle Alan Schwamkrug, Meredith Lynn Sebastian, Amanda Michele Smart** and **Cara Celeste Ward** of Midland; **Kenneth Wayne Carrell** of Mertzon; **Debbie Jo Brookins** of Midkiff; and **Shelly Kay O'Rourke** of Imperial.

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Baylor University has named several Midlanders to its fall 1999 dean's list. They are: **Martha Elizabeth Boyd, Reagan Lee Butts, Katherine Marsha Geib, Erin Ticie Hill, Whitney Blake Lanier, Heather Leigh Martin, Steven McNeal Potter, Jennifer Lyn Smith** and **Sharee Nicole Whitehead.** Qualifying students must have a minimum of 3.7 grade point average while enrolled in at least 12 semester hours.

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University of Dallas has named **Christie P. Domingo,** daughter of Dr. Ramon and Minda P. Domingo of Midland, to the dean's list for the fall 1999 semester. To qualify, a student must earn at least 15 credits with a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher for the semester.

Education Notes

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What's for lunch at school?

GREENWOOD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
(Week of Feb. 14-18)

MONDAY

BREAKFAST: french toast sticks, sausage, juice, milk.

LUNCH: pizza, combination salad w/LF dressing, corn, valentine cake, milk.

TUESDAY

BREAKFAST: pancakes, sausage, juice, milk.

LUNCH: hot dogs w/chili, garden salad w/LF dressing, chips, apple crisp, milk.

WEDNESDAY

BREAKFAST: waffles, bacon, juice, milk.

LUNCH: taco bell burrito, garden salad w/LF dressing, buttered corn, peach cobbler, milk.

THURSDAY

BREAKFAST: pop tarts, cereal, juice, milk.

LUNCH: fried chicken, potatoes w/gravy, green beans, sliced bread, mixed fruit, milk.

FRIDAY

BREAKFAST: cinnamon rolls, cereal, juice, milk.

LUNCH: hamburgers, chips, hamburger salad w/pickles, oranges, milk.

MIDLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
(Week of Feb. 14-18)

MONDAY

BREAKFAST: breakfast on stick, assorted cereal, pancakes or waffles, juice, low fat milk.

LUNCH: hot dogs or barbecue on bun, raw veggies, potatoe wedges, rosy applesauce, fruit drink, low fat milk.

TUESDAY

BREAKFAST: sausage biscuit, juice, low fat milk.

LUNCH: pizza or steak fingers, mashed potatoes, green salad, peas & carrots, french bread, fruit drink, low fat milk.

WEDNESDAY

BREAKFAST: cinnamon rolls, juice, low fat milk.

LUNCH: nacho grande or combination burrito, refried beans, lettuce & tomatoes, peaches, fruit drink, low fat milk.

THURSDAY

BREAKFAST: fruit muffins, juice, low fat milk.

LUNCH: chicken nuggets or oriental stir fry, rice, green beans, home made rolls, fruit drink, low fat milk.

FRIDAY

BREAKFAST: egg biscuit, cheese biscuit, assorted cereal, juice, low fat milk.

LUNCH: hamburger or toasted cheese sandwich, vegetable soup, french fries, lettuce & tomatoes, fruit cup, fruit drink, low fat milk.

Education Guidelines

Deadline for all education items is 2 p.m. Friday that is 10 days before the Sunday the item is to run. Deadline is the same whether the item is mailed in, brought in or sent by e-mail or over the computer modem.

As with all free editorial items, education news is published on a first-come, first-served basis, as space allows.

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MAKING THE GRADE

Making the Grade section honors high school and college students' academic achievements. Items submitted for Making the Grade must be no more than 100 words in length.

Items that are not accepted are:

- Announcements of students applying to colleges.
- Announcements of students being accepted to colleges.
- Students' places of employment or hobbies.
- United States Achievement Academy winners because USAA will not verify honorees.
- Junior high school honors.

Use of photographs:

- Photographs will NOT be used with scholarship announcements.
- Photographs will NOT be used to announce college graduations since we do not publish photos for high school graduations either.
- Photographs WILL be published for Students of the Week presented by Midland Lions Clubs and Rotary Club.

EDUCATION NOTES

Included in Education in Brief will be:

- Announcements of all upcoming school and education-related events.
- Announcements of teacher academic honors.

Submissions should be no more than 100 words in length.

OTHER

Photographs will NOT be published with "Top Dawg" and "Top Rebs" that are submitted for each six-week period.

Students are not announced individually for being named as Duke Talent Identification honorees or being named to Who's Who Among American High School Students. These students are announced as a group when the press releases are received from the organizations.

University Interscholastic League winners:

- Lists will be published of all UIL winners in all categories — speech, debate, writing, math, vocational technology, etc. — for students winning first through third places in all divisions — district, regional, state.
- Photos will be taken of students who win first place at state or who place in state categories which make them eligible for national competitions.

Cheerleader honors:

- Cheerleader awards from summer camps and competitons — including sweepstakes awards — are announced with education news.
- Squad photos will be published for first place in the state competition awards.
- Squad photos will be taken of cheerleaders leaving to perform at Rose Bowl, Orange Bowl and other prestigious events.
- Photos will not be taken of squads for just receiving invitations to attend such events.

Junior high school honor rolls:

- The Reporter-Telegram has had an agreement with MISD for many years to publish a lengthy list of junior high school honor roll students every six weeks.
- Other junior high school honors — including other academic achievements, end-of-year academic awards, academic pep rallies — will not be published.

High school honor rolls are not published; instead high school academic honors will be published in Making the Grade.

Advertising does work, teens say

NEW YORK (AP) — Advertising does work, according to the teens on a nationwide consumer panel maintained by the Zandl Group, a trends research firm. "More than half of the teens on our panel gave us examples of things they had bought because of advertising, suggesting that marketers who abandon traditional advertising in favor of guerrilla tactics may be on the wrong track," said Zandl Group president Irma Zandl.

Teens are avid consumers, particularly when it comes to their appearance, entertainment and snacking, so it is not surprising that advertising in these categories stimulated the most purchase. From apparel to food, most of the effective advertising was product-focused because teens want to know what they are going to get. There is no formula for effective advertising, Zandl said, but most of the successful ads combine the visual excitement and entertainment value needed to capture teens' attention.

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Fine art of flirting makes daily life more interesting

By Eric Celeste
N.Y. Times News Service

FORT WORTH — The master flirt may have been 56, but he wasn't past his prime; a true flirt ages well, because he grows wise, learns to listen, gains patience. It was 1972. The master approached Peggy Lipton, the twentysomething starlet of the TV hit "The Mod Squad," as he had approached a thousand other women. His opening line was like a martini: dry, straight up, perfect. "Would you let an old man buy you a cup of coffee?"

And so Frank Sinatra began another romance, initiated over a not-so-innocent cup of joe. His succinct introduction showed what a perfect flirt he was: assured but self-deprecating, indicating strength and vulnerability.

Nevertheless, it wasn't a skill that came naturally to him. Sinatra had developed his flirtatious charm over decades of such encounters.

"I'm supposed to have a Ph.D. on the subject of women," he once said, "but the truth is I've flunked more often than not."

Still, Sinatra knew enough to pass on advice. "Make her feel appreciated. Make her feel beautiful. If you practice long enough, you'll know when you get it."

THERE'S THE RUB: practice. Most people think flirts are born, not made. Wrong. Flirting is serious business, a pastime worthy of intense study, something that should be worked at, for it is never mastered. If a gasser like Frank, the heppest cat ever, professed confusion over the object of his affections, how could Clydes like us think it comes naturally?

But diligence is not all that makes a flirt. To be great at flirting, it takes many things that you can work on, but one thing you can't: You must love women. Or men. Whichever, but you must love them, all of them, no matter their age or appearance. Flirtees can sense whether your attention is conditional. It's what makes the difference between a flirt and a lech.

My friend says Italians can't help but be flirtatious. (This friend is Italian. Sinatra was Italian. Me, Italian.) He says it's who we are, what we do. We spread smiles and winks. We are, he says, born with this tendency. (Tendency, not skill; it still must be put to use and refined.)

Anecdotal evidence from my life suggests that he's correct. My first inkling that I was a serial flirter came when I took three dates to my ninth-grade prom. I felt like ol' blue eyes that evening: dapper in my baby-blue tux and feathered hair, walking into the steak house for dinner with Diane, Kim and Angie at my side. We laughed, made silly dares, sipped our cokes over ice. Full of fine food and soda, we were whisked by limo to the prom, where each of the ladies persuaded other young men to take them out dancing, leaving me solo. Sure, it's pathetic, but the point is that I got what I wanted most: a legendary night of flirting. (At least, that's how I choose to remember it.)

It runs in the family. My grandfather, Alfonse, to this day is an irrepressible flirt. No woman has ever walked through his door and not been wooed. "My Lord!" he exclaimed when I introduced him to my wife, "Son, you don't deserve beauty like this!" To him, women are worthy of high drama. He wandered out of his kitchen, where he'd been singing Italian opera and watching over a simmering pot of tomato gravy. He took her hand and said, in a serious low tone, "My dear, he may love you, but I'll cook for you."

MY SAINT of a grandmother would watch these displays and beam. She seemed to take as much joy in her husband's compliments when directed at others as when they were given to her. (Which was often. To be allowed withdrawals from the marital flirting bank, one must make frequent deposits.)

My wife has somewhat the same reaction, as I take after Grandfather Alfonse quite a bit. Some women worry about men like me, though, saying that flirting sends a signal that a man is not satisfied in his relationship. I say that one has nothing to do with the other.

Besides, it's natural. Consider the South American titi monkey, one of the world's most monogamous creatures. (Certainly more so than humans, according to anthropologists, some of whom classify Homo sapiens as "slightly polygamous.")

Titi monkeys are so in tune with their mates that they will spend hours every day going through a petting and fawning ritual to make sure their mate is completely happy. If you want to bother a titi monkey, take away its offspring. If you want to make one wig out and wail, take away its mate. We're talking commitment.

Yet even the titi monkeys flirt. They occasionally pay special attention to other monkeys who aren't their mates, if only to remind themselves they still have "it."

Flirting "is not done just to get sex or marriage or any serious goal," says Susan Rabin, author of three books on flirting and director of the School of Flirting in New York City. "It is done for the joy of it, the joy of being charming and playful and flirtatious."

Unless olives are involved. Then, the flirting might get a little hot. A single female friend tells the story of a man she recently met at a health-food market. Through some form of flirtatious magic, he ended up feeding her an olive to see if she wanted to purchase them. Olive. Chew. Smile. Another olive. Chew. Smile. Third time, with the charm. As she put it, "Not a bad day."

You can find a flirt anywhere. Freud knew a good flirt when he saw one. In analyzing a type of man who sees his love as a way to "rescue" women, he mentions a patient "who knew how to win his ladies by clever methods of seduction and subtle arguments. ..."

One of the best flirts I've ever known is one of the ugliest men I've ever known. He is quite overweight, dresses horribly, often looks unwashed and generally appears psychotic. Women love him. Why? Simple. "Dude, I don't know what it is," he once told me. "I guess it's just that I love women. I love to be around them. I love to hear them speak. I love to see them smile."

WHICH LEADS to my final point, but the most important: To flirt, or to be flirted with, simply feels good. Flirting is about laughter, it's about nourishing the ego minus the id. It's about hitting that small, vibrant note in someone's life, an inner chord that, when plucked, makes you blush. These moments suggest an intimacy, something that makes you feel connected to people in simple, sexy ways. One friend I always enjoy talking to at parties is a young woman who, whenever she sees me, says the same thing: "You look wonderful." I know she only says it to embarrass me, to make me uncomfortable in a lighthearted way, but it never fails to make me smile. It's a socially acceptable thrill, and how few of those are left?

Do you have to be careful when you flirt? Sure. You never know when you might say or do the wrong thing. Mark Cuban, the Dallas Mavericks owner, recently ran into my wife at a radio station, and he struck up a conversation. He noticed the Cartoon Network shirt she was wearing. "I love Cartoon Network," the billionaire said, touching her shirt. "I watch Johnny Bravo every chance I get." What was the wrong thing my wife did? Nothing, that's what. Well, she giggled. But that's unsatisfactory. The man is a billionaire. She should have pushed the flirting into high gear, maybe scored some good Mavs tickets. She could have at least batted her eyes. Or maybe offered to buy him a cup of coffee. That always works.

Eric Celeste writes for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Banana bread billed as 'best'

By Marcia Langhenry
N.Y. Times News Service

ATLANTA — "Believe me, I've tried many," said Valerie Lee of Snellville, Ga., when she responded to Judy Clark's request for Banana Walnut Bread using brown sugar. "This one fits the bill. It is the best banana bread recipe I've ever made," she raved.

Lower baking temperature and the combination of butter and brown sugar create near perfection in texture and a deep golden brown color, she said of the recipe from an old Mrs. Field's cookbook. In case you won't be eating both loaves in a day or two, Lee notes that it freezes well. Just wrap first in plastic wrap, then in foil.

Our tester's family liked it a lot, too.

BANANA NUT BREAD

2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1-1/2 teaspoons baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup (1-1/2 sticks) salted butter, softened
1-1/2 cups packed light brown sugar
2 large eggs
3 cups ripe bananas (about 7 medium), mashed
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup (4 ounces) chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Grease two 9x5-inch loaf pans; set aside. In medium bowl, combine flour, soda and salt. Set aside. In large bowl, cream butter and sugar with electric mixer. Add eggs, bananas and vanilla; beat at medium speed until thick. Scrape down sides of bowl. Add flour mixture and walnuts, then blend on low just until combined. Do not overmix. Pour batter into prepared pans. Bake on center rack of oven for 55 to 60 minutes. A toothpick inserted in center should come out clean and the bread should pull away from the sides of the pans. Remove from oven and cool in pans for 10 minutes. Turn pans on sides and cool to room temperature before removing.

Per serving (based on 12 slices per loaf): 213 calories, 4 grams protein, 10 grams fat (percent calories from fat, 40), 30 grams carbohydrates, 42 milligrams cholesterol, 172 milligrams sodium, 1 gram fiber.

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Chili dips can taste too good to pass up

By Marge Powers
N.Y. Times News Service

LOS ANGELES — Louise of Studio City, Calif., misplaced a delicious dip recipe shared by a reader years ago that was made with a package of cream cheese, either canned beans, refried beans or canned chili and maybe some shredded cheese.

Three readers came to the rescue with some great-sounding variations on the theme.

CHILI DIP
(Shared by Alberta Altman, La Crescenta)

1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese
1 (4-ounce) can diced green chiles
1 (15-ounce) can chili without beans
1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

In a saucepan, combine cream cheese, chiles and chili over medium heat until cream cheese is melted and ingredients are blended. Add cheese.

Keep warm. Serve with chips.

NOTE: This recipe can be doubled or more.

HOT CHILI AND CREAM CHEESE DIP
(Shared by Joanne Moore, Newhall)

1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese
1 (15-ounce) can chili with OR without beans
1 (4-ounce) can diced green chiles
4 ounces shredded Jack cheese
1 small can sliced ripe olives
1 bunch green onions, chopped

In a pie plate, layer cream cheese, chili, chiles, Jack cheese, olives and green onions. Bake in preheated 350-degree oven about 25 minutes.

Serve warm with tortilla chips.

ENCHILADA APPETIZER
(Shared by Joyce West, Woodland Hills)

1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese
1 (15-ounce) can chile without beans
1 (4-ounce) can diced jalapeno chiles
2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
1/2 bunch green onions, chopped

In a deep-dish pie plate, spread softened cream cheese on bottom of dish. Spread chili evenly over cream cheese, then sprinkle jalapenos over chili. Sprinkle Cheddar cheese over jalapenos and then sprinkle green onions over top.

Bake in preheated 350-degree oven until heated through and cheese has melted. Keep warm. Serve with tortilla chips.

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GRACIE BONDS STAPLES

Anthology captures black poets' voices

By Gracie Bonds Staples
N.Y. Times News Service

FORT WORTH — My earliest memory of poetry comes from an Easter Sunday when I was a girl reciting speeches and Bible verses.


Staples

Other times, rhymes spilled from my oldest brother's mouth — "shine, shine save po' me" — or from my grandmother, who filled us with laughter.

It wasn't until I was much older that I was formally introduced to poetry, but even then, with the exception of Phyllis Wheatly and James Weldon Johnson, the writers never looked like me.

Before long, though, I discovered Langston Hughes, Countee Cullen, Claude McKay, Arna Bontemps, Nikki Giovanni, Maya Angelou and Gwendolyn Brooks. Before long, the rhythmic power of their words captivated me, held me spellbound to my chair or bed or wherever I settled to be with them.

Looking at their faces staring back at me from book covers, I couldn't help but wonder what their voices might sound like. If they were deep like rivers or shrill, like chalk against a blackboard.

And now I have them all. Captured on CDs. Speaking to me.

The two-piece anthology, "Our Souls Have Grown Deep Like the Rivers: Black Poets Read Their Work," was released Jan. 18 by Rhino/Word Beat just in time for Black History Month. The collection spans 80 years — 1919 to 1999 — and features selections culled from albums, radio programs, Library of Congress recordings and readings staged in clubs, colleges and museums.

It opens appropriately with Hughes' "The Negro Speaks of Rivers" — the inspiration for the title of the collection.

"I've known rivers:

"I've known rivers ancient as the world and older than the flow of human blood in human veins.

"My soul has grown deep like the rivers.

"I've bathed in the Euphrates when dawns were young.

"I built my hut in the Congo and it lulled me to sleep.

"I looked upon the Nile and raised the pyramids above it.

"I heard the singing of the Mississippi when Abe Lincoln went down to New Orleans, and I've seen its muddy bosom turn all golden in the sunset.

"I've known rivers:

"Ancient, dusky rivers.

"My soul has grown deep like the rivers."

In addition to the leaders of the Harlem Renaissance, "Our Souls" also offers voices from popular culture such as Public Enemy and representatives of the new generation of slam poets.

All of it reflects the rich oral tradition of the African-American community with cadences echoing the street and church.

The voice of W.E.B. DuBois comes to mind. Recounting the year (1897) he went to Atlanta and the lynchings that occurred there, he sounds like some Baptist preacher from my Southern past.

"While I was there, my faith in knowledge as a solution of the Negro problem was shaken," DuBois said.

He concluded that it wasn't enough for people to know what was right. They had to act.

As poet Al Young says, poetry is more than words on a page. It is about human beings: voices, emotions, feelings, thoughts and rhythms.

Listen to Nikki Giovanni's "I Am She:"

"i was a Daughter of Eve

"Who gathered sugar plums and knowledge

"In the garden with the sons of Adam

"i was a Queen of the Nile

"Where i napped in the shadows of Kings' tombs

"And worshipped light

"i was a poor mistrodden maiden

"Who knelt upon the ground and kissed the feet

"Of hope and eternity

"i was a wife of a warrior

"Who fought to save mother Earth

"So we might rise unto the great spirit

"i was a mother of a leader

"Of a people who were brave and free

"And stood for liberty and justice

"I AM SHE

"Who cries out in pain and joy and triumph

"For all that is tomorrow and was yesterday

"And will be forever"

Gracie Bonds Staples is a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Fall-winter clothing for 2000 seen as 'decidedly dressy'

By A. Scott Walton
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — The decidely dressy fall/winter 2000 designs that Carolina Herrera previewed earlier this month under the big tent at Bryant Park drew mixed reviews. That's noteworthy because Herrera's shows usually draw unanimous approval from Central Park socialites, cynical fashion critics and sassy "downtown" girls alike.

The glitz and glamour typical of Herrera's collections were all there: Mink was shown prominently, as was drop-dead beading and embroidery. Still, some in the standing-room-only crowd left feeling something was missing.

Leon Hart, the critic who appears rather regularly with Herrera on E! Network programs such as "Fashion Emergency" raved. Predictably. But Kaye Davis, fashion director for Atlanta's apparel mart (AmericasMart) did not.

Davis said she thought there wasn't enough color: 32 of the 49 outfits were either black, tan or gray. But Hart contended, "I promise you, they'll be available in more colors. (Herrera's) Latin, like me. She loves color."

Davis said Herrera's fur coats and jackets — in vertical or chevron stripes in contrasting shades of mink and sable — looked somewhat dated. Hart: "Once again she's made beautiful clothes for women who want to look and feel beautiful."

Until the looks shown reach the stores next fall, the jury will remain out. Determining factors will be whether or not women like tight, shiny blouses; slinky leather pantsuits in colors like shocking pink and flaming orange; low-slung pants that hug the legs all the way down to the front-slit ankles; tailored jackets cropped just above the derriere; and backless halters and dresses with long scarves trailing from the hips, neck or shoulders.


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Hearing damaged by loud noises

By Christine Moran
N.Y. Times News Service

ROCKY MOUNT, N.C. — Many of the activities both children and adults enjoy involve loud noise: listening to music, attending fireworks displays and riding motorcycles or motorbikes.

Endeavors that involve loud sounds can damage structures in the ear, resulting in hearing loss that range from slight to severe. Sometimes the loss seems temporary. But if the ear has been damaged, permanent and irreversible hearing loss may become apparent years later.

"Our ears are sensitive and fragile. They're not as resilient as some people think," said David Mize, a clinical audiologist with Carolina Audiology Associates. "Noise that is loud enough or heard long enough will damage your hearing."

The most common causes of noise-related hearing damage are loud music from car stereos or live concerts, firecrackers, firearms, farm equipment and factory conditions.

At first, loud noise causes temporary hearing loss, but repeated exposure causes the loss to become permanent. Noise can damage your hearing if you have to shout to be heard, if it causes pain in your ears or if it makes your ears ring.

Some people have the mistaken idea they've become used to loud noise. In fact, some have already damaged their hearing but don't know it yet. Others mistakenly think that youth is a protection from hearing loss. But loud noises affect children and adults the same.

Dr. Robert Hendrix, an ear, nose and throat specialist with Carolina Otolaryngology Consultants, remembers being subjected to loud and potentially damaging noise levels while growing up on a farm in Kentucky.

"I'd sit right next to my dad while he hammered nails, used power tools, shot firearms and operated tractors," Hendrix said. "My dad didn't even think about the damaging effects the noise had on his own ears, let alone mine."

Sound is measured in decibels (dB). The scale runs from the faintest sound the human ear can detect, labeled zero dB, to the roar of a rocket launch at more than 175 dB.

Exposure to more than 85 decibels for an extended period of time may be dangerous to your hearing. Most live concerts measure more than 100 dB. Extremely loud noises, like gun shots, measure much higher and can cause immediate damage.

"I had a patient enter my office after he used a handgun to shoot at a snake in his driveway," Hendrix said. "He suffered permanent hearing damage after firing just one shot."

People damage their hearing without even knowing it. The loss is subtle at first. Often it starts with a ringing sound in the ear. You might even have trouble understanding what people say; they may seem to be mumbling.

"Most times, they'll have no trouble hearing in a quiet area," Mize said. "But when they're in a crowded room with lots of people carrying on different conversations, the ability to decipher what someone is saying isn't so easy."

There are some ways to prevent noise-related hearing loss. Avoid noisy places. Turn down the volume on the stereo headphones. Wear hearing protection to a rock concert and when mowing the lawn, riding a motorcycle or target shooting.

"Protect what you have, because when it's gone, there's nothing you can do to bring it back," Mize said. "Hearing aids are great, but they don't restore your hearing."

Decibel levels of typical sounds.

Long exposure to noises over 85 dB may harm hearing.

- Soft whisper: 30 dB
- Conversation: 66 dB
- Noisy restaurant: 80 dB
- Woodworking shop: 100 dB
- Pneumatic drill: 100 dB
- Sandblasting: 112 dB
- Automobile horn: 120 dB
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DEAR ABBY

Welcome mat pulled away for guest's guest

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I am planning an elegant celebration for my husband's 50th birthday. We'll be having a black-tie sit-down dinner, a live band and dancing, a magician and a fortune-teller.



Van Buren

One of the invitees shocked me yesterday by announcing that she was bringing a guest. If she had a special man in her life, I would have included "and guest" on her invitation. Quite a few people she knows will be there — and at least half a dozen other singles.

I feel very uncomfortable that someone would consider bringing an uninvited guest to this party, and I resent the way she announced it — without asking and giving me the option of refusing.

After spending a sleepless night stewing over it, I realized I should have told her this was an imposition. However, I was too stunned when she mentioned it and didn't acknowledge the comment.

Would I be rude to tell her she can't bring a guest to our party? — NEEDS ADVICE FAST IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR NEEDS: No. You would not be rude to tell this woman that you and your husband have discussed her bringing a guest to his party, and you cannot accommodate her request. Explain that your guest list is limited to close friends and family only, and she will not be the only single in attendance.

It is never proper for a guest to tell a hostess that he or she is bringing another person. The proper procedure is to ask if it would be all right to bring a date — and since that person is technically the guest of the guest, to graciously offer to pay for him or her.

DEAR ABBY: A little over a year ago, I met a nice lady and we started to date. She told me a long tale of woe — how she had stayed with her last husband until the family business went bankrupt.

I felt sorry for her and gave her money and presents, including three automobiles, $1,000 worth of dental work and money for five months rent on her apartment.

All along, she broke every engagement we made to spend time and holidays together.

I am now behind in my bills. My charge cards are maxed out, and I am still paying for her new living room suite. She was supposed to have moved into my home by now and we were to be married. Now she says she needs three more months to "think about it" in order to be sure.

I own my own home, Abby, and do not want to lose it to this woman and her daughter, who is an attorney. Do you think I am being played for a fool? — AFRAID IN EDGEWATER, FLA.

DEAR ABBY: You are not a fool, but you will be if you continue this relationship. Take advantage of the three months she wants "to think about it" to do some thinking of your own.

This "nice lady" seems to have a history of leaving the men in her life bankrupt; don't be her next statistic. You have taken generosity to an extreme. Next time, don't lavish gifts on a woman until you know she likes you for yourself — not for what you can give her.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 31-year-old male who reads your column every day.

I love my wife with all my heart. I believe she is the most beautiful woman in the world. I have told her that since the day we met, seven years ago, and repeat it often both in and out of the bedroom. I make sure other people know how I feel about my wife, as well.

I make great money. I treat my wife to flowers, special gifts, dinners out on Friday and Saturday nights every weekend at the best restaurants. I do the laundry, clean the house, take care of the kids and pay every bill in the house — hers and mine — while working 65 hours a week with no more than four hours of sleep a night.

My problem is, I do not feel appreciated. She always wants more. Please don't tell me to discuss my feelings with her, because I have. We just end up arguing because she thinks I'm belittling her for wanting to hear "thank you" and especially "I love you."

We rarely make love. I make sure that when we do, it is memorable for her. That's more important to me than my own fulfillment. My excitement is pleasing her.

I hope you, Abby, of all people, understand that men have feelings. We want to be loved and appreciated, too. — UNAPPRECIATED IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR UNAPPRECIATED: Of course men have feelings and the need to hear "I love you." However, I'm sad to say you have a one-sided marriage.

Since you have already discussed your feelings with your wife, perhaps it's time to stop doing so many things for her. She might be more appreciative of your efforts if some of the responsibility were placed back on her shoulders.

Even though you love your wife with all your heart, it seems that when you are talking, neither of you is hearing what the other is really saying. You both could benefit from marriage counseling, which may improve your level of communication. Try it, and let me know the results.

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'Plus' milk fuels fuss

By Reagan Walker
N.Y. Times News Service

ATLANTA — Hillary, you're not the only one. Since Hillary Rodham Clinton moved to New York, she's had occasion to do some of her own grocery shopping — and she admits to being a bit befuddled by all the choices on the dairy aisle, especially skim milk "plus."

Now, the British press claims this shows how out of touch the first lady-turned-senate candidate is with mainstream Americans. But truth is, a lot of grocery-cart pushers in these parts don't know what the "plus" stands for either. Sure, they've been selling skim milk pumped up with extra protein and calcium in California for several years. But locally, "plus" has only been widely available for about a year. And who could notice it among all the products like 70 percent lactose-free 2 percent milk or fat-free half-and-half (do we even want to know how they've pulled that one off)?

"Several processors offer 'plus' milk now. I bought it for the first time during the ice storm, when the grocery was out of my regular milk," said Cheryl Hayn, manager of communications and nutrition for the Southeast Dairy Association. Hayn said the milk is whiter and has a creamier texture — an attempt to satisfy those who find skim milk bluish and watery. But it's still fat free.

"It's really a fast-growing product," said Carlton Bates, spokesman for Parmalat New Atlanta Dairies.

Wait till Hillary sees all the new choices on the cereal aisle.

Shocking ads to be used after all

By Rachel Gordon
Hearst News Service

SAN FRANCISCO — An outdoor advertising company has agreed to use controversial breast cancer awareness ads, some of them showing bare-chested women, on billboards in San Francisco.

The advertising was considered so shocking that sign companies and transit agencies decided last month to censor them. But the outdoor advertising company Eller Media says it will erect the ads for free as a public service gesture.

"Advertising needs to be used to promote social change," said Eller representative Michael Colbruno.

The ads are part of a campaign by the San Francisco-based Breast Cancer Fund. The photographs are intended to bring attention to the disease that strikes one in eight women nationwide.

"We have created a stir with this campaign," said Andrea Martin, the director of the Breast Cancer Fund.

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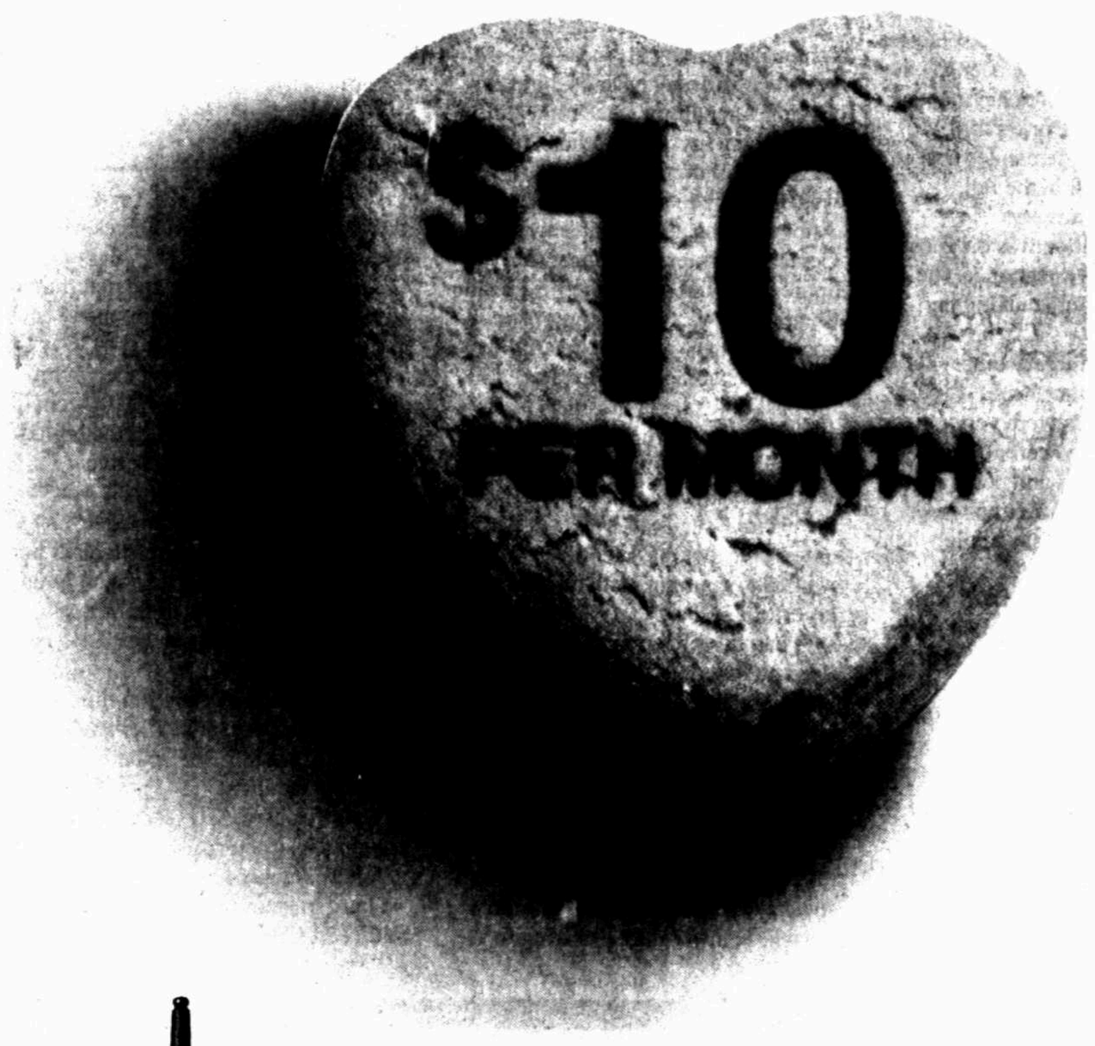
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The Midland College Board of Trustees will meet in regular session 4 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 15 in the Gibson Board Room of the Administration Building.

Networking Breakfast

The monthly Networking Breakfast sponsored by the MC Business and Economic Development Center and the Midland Chamber of Commerce is set for 7:30-8:30 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 15 in the Roadrunner Room of the Scharbauer Student Center.

Cost is $5 at the door, and the public is invited. For more information, call 684-4100.

Dance clinic set

The Midland College dance team "Stars" are hosting a Dance Clinic for young girls in the first through sixth grades. The clinic will be held 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Feb. 19.

To register, please contact Julia Vickery or Rita Lawless at 685-4781. The clinic will include a performance for family and friends at 3 pm. Snacks and a T-shirt will be provided. Fee for the clinic is $30.

Health Sciences Continuing Education

"Recognizing Financial Abuse of the Elderly" offers information about one of the fastest growing, most often reported, types of abuse in Texas.

This seminar will provide information to help understand what financial abuse is and where to turn if you or someone you know may be a victim.

The course will be offered 9-11:30 a.m. Feb. 24 in the Roadrunner Room of the Scharbauer Student Center or 1-3:30 p.m. at Casa de Amigos, 1101 E. Garden Ln.

The Effective Family Council offers strategies to help the family council become and remain failsafe—including ways in which a family council can work on its own to contribute to an improved quality of life for residents.

The course is 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 23.

For more information call Christie Gessell at 563-1061.

Legal Issues for Health Care Professionals includes discussing the pros and cons of private malpractice insurance for nurses and analyzing the responsibilities and concurrent legal liabilities of the nursing supervisor.

The course is 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, Feb. 25 at the Midland College Davidson Family Health Sciences Building, Lecture Hall, Room 203. Deadline to register is Feb 18.

Massage Therapy Certification is a Texas Department of Health-approved 300-hour course and prepares the student for the State Massage Therapy Registration exam.

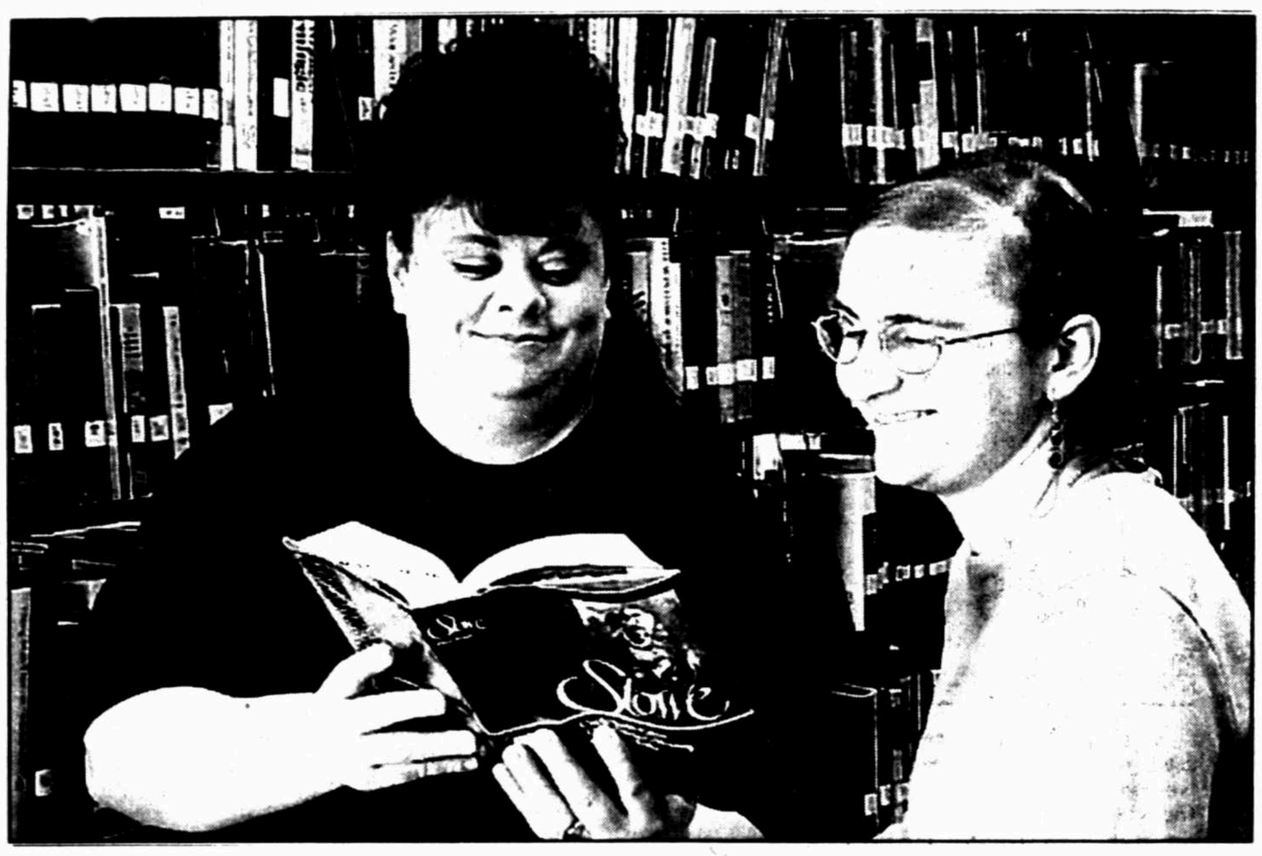
The course is 6-9:30 p.m., Tuesdays & Thursdays and 8 a.m.-6 p.m. every other Saturday and Sunday beginning March 2. Call Norma Chavez at 685-4603 for more information about these and other courses.

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Accentuating the Positive

Jennifer Snell was a typical college sophomore eight years ago. Now after brain surgery and years of physical therapy, she is back in school. You can call her a non-traditional student, but don't call her an underachiever.



Jennifer Snell, right, checks out books in the Learning Resource Center with attendant Adrienne Davis.

Student overcomes odds, plans May graduation

by Katherine Allen

Midland College takes pride in its students, but is especially proud of the many students who face and overcome incredible hurdles yet persevere to get their degrees. There are numerous students who fit this mold—including Jennifer Snell.

Jennifer is taking her last class on the MC campus and hopes to graduate in May. But her graduation follows several years of hard work.

Jennifer was in her second semester at West Texas State (now A & M) in Canyon when she started having physical problems. During the summer her doctor demanded that she not return to school in the fall. Jennifer then had surgery.

Jennifer's condition was diagnosed as hemangiopericytoma, or, as she describes it, "a blood-sucking pericyte."

Because of the surgery other physical problems surfaced.

"My vocal chords were very quiet," Jennifer said. "They weren't very strong. I had aphasia and couldn't say words. Also, I would mix up words. For example, I would say apple when I meant orange."

Jennifer also had to learn to walk again, and years of physical therapy followed. She has graduated from a wheelchair to a walker. Eventually, she hopes to drive again—something she said she longs to do.

"There are vehicles specially prepared for physically-challenged drivers, and I plan to get one soon," Jennifer said.

Much of her sight was also impaired. Now much of her vision has returned, although her peripheral vision is still a problem.

"My French teacher suggested that I have my vision checked and I found out I needed glasses, which really helped," Jennifer said.

Muscular problems still aggravate her. For example, putting mascara on is a real challenge.

Other frustrations occur as she negotiates around campus with the aid of her walker. Rough places and slight rises in floors cause problems for Jennifer, and sometimes she has to back up over them. In addition, Jennifer said she likes lots of personal space.

Jennifer has help getting around campus and doing errands. Her attendant, Adrienne Davis, helps by driving, vacuuming, cleaning, and helping in a myriad of other ways.

In spite of these challenges Jennifer was determined to get an education. After working at Sylvan Learning Center and Odessa College, she approached her old Camp Fire Leader, Sheila Leggett, MC's support services coordinator.

"Sheila had been a great friend in the past. She taught me everything I know about camping, how to change tires and work on my car," Jennifer said. "She suggested that I start with the basics."

Jennifer took basic courses, but then wanted to continue with an old favorite, German.

"I had taken German at Midland Lee and loved it," Jennifer said. "I feel more comfortable speaking in German than in English."

Jennifer expanded her language experience, taking Spanish and French, and she is now taking sign language.

"I like being in a class where I can speak with my hands instead of my voice," Jennifer said, referring to the difficulty she sometimes faces when speaking.

> "Midland College helps me. I am now involved in what I think I should be doing. I make a goal to give my very best. If I can't, at least I've tried."—
>
> *—MC student Jennifer Snell*

Jennifer's hard work and determination elicits admiration from many MC instructors.

"She had perfect attendance in my class," Susan Leshnower, MC French instructor, said. "I give her the highest marks for tenacity and positive thinking."

Leshnower said that Jennifer attended not only her French class but also came early every day to sit in on the second-year class to reinforce what she was hearing in her first year class.

"She spent more hours in the language lab than any other student," Leshnower said. "She is there because she wants to learn."

Heidi Goebel, MC German and Spanish instructor, also praises Jennifer and her hard work. "She tries so hard to be independent," Goebel said. "She has a fantastically positive attitude in the face of all that has happened to her. I can just applaud her for the fight she's put up."

Jennifer motivates herself. One of her strongest supporters, her mother, Modesta Ingraham Snell, died a few years ago.

"All my life my mother encouraged me," Jennifer said. "She would support me no matter what I wanted to do—band, softball, anything."

An active high-schooler, Jennifer was drum major at Midland Lee High School. She also played several instruments. Jennifer also said she loves animals of all kinds.

Jennifer plans to continue her education at a four-year college. She hopes to get a degree, perhaps specializing in languages or geology.

"Midland College helps me," Jennifer said. "I am now involved in what I think I should be doing. I make a goal to give my very best. If I can't, at least I've tried.

Scholarships aid non-traditional students

Non-traditional students have numerous scholarship opportunities at Midland College. These scholarships have been established to help the non-traditional student specifically or can assist needs that non-traditional students often have.

A non-traditional student can be a displaced worker or homemaker, someone with no GED, someone 25 years or older, or someone in a course of study not usually entered by someone of his/her gender—such as a male in the nursing program or a female in the aviation technology program.

Non-traditional students also may apply for an Abell-Hanger Scholarship. It should be noted that GED certification is required for all scholarship applications.

One scholarship established specifically for single mothers is the **Susan and Jeffrey Cooper Scholarship.**

This scholarship was recently established by family, friends and parents honoring Susan Cooper, who attended MC as a single mother, and her son, Jeffrey, both killed in a car accident in December, 1999.

The **Dr. Greg Bartha Scholarship** was established for all health science students, many of whom are non-traditional.

The **Davis Scholarship** follows an associate degree nursing student for two years and pays for costs associated with the nursing curriculum as well as tuition and books.

A **second Dr. Greg Bartha Scholarship,** established by Margaret Farrell, is for pre-physician assistant students currently working in the health-care field or enrolled in the health care programs at MC.

Another scholarship for nursing students is the **Meyer-Land Vocational Nursing Scholarship,** which provides $100 every summer session for emergencies encountered by LVN students.

The **Yucca Garden Club Scholarship** pays $300 per year. Connected to the horticulture department, this scholarship requires at least a 3.0 GPA and full-time enrollment.

The **20th Century Study Club Marie Hinkle Memorial Scholarship** provides for books for older students.

The **Kristi and Bruce Elsom Scholarship** provides for students who have completed Pell Grant applications but who have not received their grant monies. This scholarship pays tuition before the 12th class day and the money is reimbursed when the grant check arrives.

The **Margaret Farrell Art Scholarship** provides money for books for older art students. This scholarship is awarded on the recommendation of the art faculty.

The **"I Can Do It" Catherine Taylor Scholarship** is available for one course for recipients of the services of Safe House.

Questions about scholarships for any MC student may be addressed to M'Liss White-Jennings at 685-4693. Scholarship applicants can facilitate their applications and improve their chances for a scholarship in several ways:

—complete all sections of the application;

—include transcripts;

—list all activities, awards, and special honors; and include all applications requirements such as pictures.

House staging plays on emotional response to rooms filled with props

By Patricia Leigh Brown
N.Y. Times News Service

SAN FRANCISCO — There are times — confronting a sherbet-green entryway in a house for sale or a globe light fixture from the "Brady Bunch" era — when Ken Fulk thinks of himself as a pair of glasses, correcting people's vision.

"You don't want to walk into a house and say, 'Oh my god, the carpet,'" said Fulk, 34, one of a growing band of decorators specializing in the fine art of "staging" or "propping" houses for sale, a phenomenon that has reached epic proportions. "My job is to help create a frenzy."

Here in the nation's most expensive real estate market, where it is not uncommon to have 15 buyers in a bidding war, staging — also called house-dressing or "fluffing" — is rapidly becoming the norm. Eager to get top dollar, homeowners are paying $2,000 to $10,000 to have humdrum rooms transformed into scrumptious interiors. To professional stagers like Fulk, who has a retin[illegible] haulers, painters, floor and tile refinish[illegible] and carpet layers at the ready, falls the task of eliminating the orange shag, smoked mirrors, 1960s bathroom tile and dead plants (dead is a major turnoff) that can stall a sale.

Stagers are brought in, usually at the urging of a real estate agent, to "bring out the good features of a home," particularly in aging homes, in the words of Marlene Wharmby, an Oakland stager who propped nearly 200 houses last year and whose signature is the telltale Tiffany box she leaves on the night stand. (Arthur McLaughlin, a San Francisco stager, leaves chocolate kisses.)

"We live in a house one way, we sell it another," said Malin Giddings, a broker at TRI/Coldwell Banker, who often summons McLaughlin to stage million-dollar listings with props plucked from an inventory of some 20,000 items: linens, towels, plates, wingback chairs and lampshades. (McLaughlin buys 350 lampshades at a time.) "He does in four days what a housewife does in nine months," Giddings said. "I mean, it's a miracle."

Objects that do not fit in are out. McLaughlin once asked a client with an original Georgia O'Keeffe to put it under the bed. "It didn't fit in with the overall decor," he explained. (He prefers to have his own artist, Janet Bogardus, copy any painting, Monet to O'Keeffe, and alter it to his own specifications — it might need a smidgen more peach, say.)

Such staging tricks can give a lift to an older property and warm up a newly minted one, said B.J. Droubi, a San Francisco real estate agent, who estimates that staging adds $30,000 to $60,000, often more, to the final price of a home.

With a profusion of IPO-flush clients, the Bay Area has become the epicenter of staging, home to some 70 professionals with names like Stage Hands, Center Stage, Stage Right and House-Dressing. Then there is Stage Interiors, a 10,000-square-foot warehouse filled with rental furniture and accessories. In this town, it sometimes seems that all the world's a stager.

"Staging was supposed to be about creating a facade," said D.J. Grubb Jr., president of the Grubb Co., an Oakland real estate agency, who dates the craze to the period just after 1991, when developers were trying to lure buyers to houses they had built to replace thousands destroyed by wildfire in the Oakland and Berkeley Hills. Now, Grubb said, "it has become an icon, the branding of a house."

Although still largely a West Coast phenomenon — the 1920s hacienda outside Los Angeles owned by William Boyd, also known as Hopalong Cassidy, was staged recently — the trend has caught on in cities like Minneapolis. This trend appears as a strong economy and expectations among time-pinched buyers seeking perfection grow, said Martha Webb, an author of "Dress Your House for Success: Five Fast, Easy Steps to Selling Your House, Apartment or Condo for the Highest Possible Price" (Three Rivers Press, 1997). "It's harder to look at a house that's well staged," she said, "because you lose your heart."

Droubi tries to steer buyers to houses that aren't staged, so they won't get into bidding wars on overpriced properties. "A staged house evokes an emotional response — people will pay whatever it takes to get it," she said. "I tell them to try to see past the dirty orange shag carpeting."

Her sellers, however, are another story. "We tell them to paint the living room pale yellow," she said. "All of a sudden, it's a darling little house."

Fulk has a personality as buoyant as the sofa pillows he keeps, along with several hundred antiques, in his barn in Na[illegible] "I see so many houses filled with bad carpets and wrong decisions," he said.

One afternoon recently he paid a visit to Charlotte Albright, a 42-year-old confectioner who is selling the three-bedroom Victorian house she shares with her schnauzer, Rocket. "Pretty ... I would lose it," he said of the yolk-colored sponge paint in the living room. "Let's minimize the track lights to focus on the beautiful woodwork." He then turned to the delicate matter of scent. "Anything that evokes Rocket we need to eliminate," he said sweetly but sternly.

Staging takes diplomacy. "You really have to be polite," McLaughlin said. "People's sofas are very emotional to them."

Stagers "depersonalize" a space, removing family photographs and other cherished possessions. "You don't want buyers thinking about who lives there," Fulk said. "You want them to think about themselves living there."

It's not uncommon for a houseful of lovingly accumulated objects to be banished to a garage or basement, which is what happened recently to Antoinette Broussard, an interior designer and writer in San Francisco. She is staying at her mother-in-law's house while Fulk stages her house of 22 years. "It's difficult," she said, her voice tinged with sadness. "But if you want to get the best price, you have to take your ego out of it, put your personal feelings aside."

Albright will spend $20,000 on staging. "It is a little invasive," she said, noting that she was feeling "a little protective" of the smashed-Fiestaware tiles around the fireplace, which Fulk deemed "too kooky."

Staging requires a different knack from regular decorating. Gray, for instance, is not a good resale color, "because it doesn't make a space look happy," McLaughlin said. Turquoise is a turnoff, reminding people of "the 'Miami Vice' era." McLaughlin, who has been staging for 18 years, possibly a national record, recalled a client in the Pacific Heights neighborhood with baby-blue halls and stair runners. "Baby blue is not a resale color, especially in a multimillion-dollar mansion," he said.

Maximum wattage is another staging must. "You want dramatic shadows," he said, "as opposed to dark, depressing shadows." Among the telltale signs of staging are unopened bottles of olive oil on the kitchen counters, a dining room table set for dinner (minus the silverware, an antitheft touch) and cozy-looking double duvets and mattresses piled a la "Princess and the Pea." Television sets, deemed "too harsh a reality," in the words of Wharmby, the Oakland stager — are usually absent.

Staging is a little bit like romance, McLaughlin said: "You never get a second chance. First impressions — that's it!"

For buyers, staging can present pitfalls, causing them to swoon over day lilies artfully placed in a kitchen corner where the refrigerator should be. "If at first glance a place looks like a perfect person lives there, then like nobody lives there, it's probably been staged," said Bob Powers, founder of Stage Hands.

Cold is no friend to the lemon

By Leslie Land
N.Y. Times News Service

Q. I have two lemon trees that I grew from seeds nine years ago. Until this winter they were grown in pots and kept indoors during the winter months and outdoors the rest of the year. This October, for the first time, I planted them outside. Will they survive winters in northern New Jersey? Will they ever bear fruit?

A. I've read your question several times, hoping it wasn't true, because if it is, I'm afraid your lemons have gone to the great orchard in the sky.

All the common kinds of citrus are sensitive to frost, and lemons, which are among the most tender, will be killed if temperatures drop below about 25 degrees Fahrenheit.

So, this pair will never, alas, bear fruit. But even if they had lived, they may not have produced for four or five more years, at which point they may have been 10 to 20 feet tall. Seed-grown plants are a gamble, when it comes height, while citrus trees sold for pot culture are either naturally dwarf, like the Meyer lemon, or grafted onto dwarfing rootstock.

The beauty of potted lemon trees in the North is shiny green leaves, fragrant winter flowers, and a better chance at usable fruit than sweet citrus like oranges, which need hot summers to develop sugars and seldom bear well in confinement.

Sour types like lemons, Key limes and kumquats don't mind mild summers and are at home in containers as long as they are large and the soil in them is well drained.

The down side — there is always a down side — is that indoor conditions frequently make lemon trees vulnerable to scale, red spider mites and other pests that thrive where plants are stressed by drought and low light. Kumquats and sour mandarins, while not immune, are generally less bothered than lemons.

They're also generally more robust in their growth habits. The pair of experimental mandarins in the lobby of the Sports and Fitness Center at Lehman College, in the Bronx, for example, have been thriving for years, fragrantly blooming, putting out lots of tiny, sour orange fruits, even though they get little sun and only minimum attention. David Cain, the greenhouse manager who is responsible for them, said, "My management technique is basically to hack them back when they start to get in the way."

So, before you enter the lemon lists once more, consider the alternatives. Kumquats, for instance, will give you the same year-round gifts of shiny leaves, fragrant flowers and delicious fruit while giving you far less grief. If you're set on lemons, Meyers are probably the way to go. They're slightly hardier than other lemons (down to 18 degrees Fahrenheit), well adapted to pot culture and quite generous about fruiting young.

WHAT TO DO WITH ASHES

Q. We burn wood pellets for heat and have wondered whether the ashes would be OK to put in a composter. The bag says 100 percent wood, with less than 0.25 percent fines (we think they mean wood powder). I am not worried about the ashes making our soil too alkaline. We put lots of organic material into the composter.

A. They do mean wood powder (fines is a technical-sounding word for crumbs), and it's the alkalinity of the compost itself that you should be concerned about. Two or three cups of wood ash in a 50-gallon barrel won't hurt, but if you add much more you could slow down — or kill — the bacteria th[illegible] power the composting process.

Composting won't chang[illegible] the ashes themselves; they're already as broken down as they're going to get. You might as well spread them very thinly on the soil and save space in the composter.

Latest home style gives paints more vivid colors

By Christine Moran
Cox News Service

GREENVILLE, N.C. — It's fast. It's easy.

It can do wonders for a room.

A new coat of paint adds color, texture and dimension to any wall in the house. It's one of the simpler ways for homeowners to dramatically change the appearance of their house.

Trends in interior wall designs aren't the same as they were five or 10 years ago. No longer are neutral or dark colors popular. Instead, brighter means better, said Joe Brewer, co-owner of Brewer Paint & Wallpaper Co. in Rocky Mount. Bright colors make rooms look larger by creating the illusion of space. They alter the atmosphere and give rooms a fresh appeal.

Kathy Tobias, owner of Tobias Interiors in Rocky Mount, has been decorating homes for 20 years. She has seen trends come and go. Some have disappeared without a trace. Others have resurfaced after years of being forgotten.

"Strong, bright colors are back," Tobias said. "Yellow is the most popular. Teamed up with red, it creates a warm feeling. Teamed up with blue, it creates a cool sensation. Spice colors are popular, too. And so is green, just a[illegible] every shade of it except for teal.

Homeowners tend to choose colors that match something in the room - the fabric on a couch, the design on a rug, a painting on a wall or a piece of porcelain. The object that homeowners pull the color from doesn't have to be prominent. In a lot of cases, it's very incidental, Tobias said. People even gravitate toward personal or favorite colors.

Homeowners aren't just using brushes or paint rollers to get desired results. Instead, they're trying new tools, like rags and sponges. "It's called a faux finish," Tobias said. "It adds texture to a wall. It's a great way to get three or more colors on the same wall. And for families with young children, it's great way to hide any imperfections on the wall."

Faux finishes originated in Europe. When the trend made its way to America, it was first used by professional designers. Today, the general population is trying it. Paint companies even have faux finishing kits on store shelves.

"These finishes have changed paint entirely," Tobias said. "They're gaining popularity fast, and taking much of the spotlight off of wallpaper, which isn't nearly as popular as it used to be."

What's popular today may not be popular tomorrow. Trends change with little warning, leaving some people out of touch and behind the times. It's nothing to worry about, though.

"Anything goes today," said Tony Martin, an interior decorator with Brewer Interiors in Rocky Mount. "Dress up your house how you like. Just like your clothing says something about you, the appearance of your house says something about how you live. Be creative and design your home to suit your needs."

WILD: Two native plant classes to be taught at Midland College in spring

(From 12E)

struggle. Many hunters point to that distance as a reason to explain why they hunt: It is their way to learn the ethics of death in a tangible way. Others, seeking to understand the senseless violence in society, wonder if the blame lies in our neglect in teaching our children about the power of death.

Originating from the innately human sense of curiosity, a story such as this causes discussions about the moral issues surrounding death.

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Llanero Training

Over the past few years, members of the Llano Estacado chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas have noticed more and more homeowners developing an increased interest in native and adapted plants.

Are these plants really better to grow? What are some of the myths and stories of the plants? Is their cultivation different from that of other plants?

Each year the chapter has a native plant sale at Sibley Center. This year it will be on April 15.

As education director of Sibley Center, I love native plants. Last semester I taught a full-credit course on native plants at Midland College. This semester I am teaching two continuing education courses at MC. One is scheduled for Feb. 28 to May 1; the other will be April 3 to May 1. Classes will meet 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Call MC for more information or to sign up.

For those whose schedules prevent them from taking the longer classes, short courses on native plants will be offered at Sibley Center and Gone Native Arboretum.

On Feb. 19, I will offer an introduction to native plants and ecological gardening. The class will meet 9 a.m to noon at Sibley Center. Cost will be $25.

Participants in the first class will receive a $10 discount on the companion course, set for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 18 at Gone Native Arboretum. The $75 class fee includes a tour of the arboretum, sessions on ecological gardening, perennial plants and herb gardening (with Deborah Hartley).

Attendees will divide a number of perennials, including Pavonia, Sacahuista Basketgrass, Maximillian Sunflower, Kerrville Phlox, Evergreen Sedge, Salvia Darcyii and more. Each participant will take home a minimum of six plants for their own home landscapes.

Pots, potting soil and soft drinks will be provided; a picnic lunch is recommended. Cameras, gloves, notebooks, sunscreen and gardening hand tools are required.

Class size is limited and pre-regi tration is required. Call 684-[illegible]827 to register for either or b[illegible]th classes.

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Burr Williams is education director for Sibley Learning Center.

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Ken Burgess
Chief Executive Officer First National Bank of Midland

I would like to take this opportunity to invite Midlanders, especially our customers, to a very special event on February 23. It is not often that we as leaders in our business community get the opportunity to do something that can help everyone in our city. On February 23 an important conference will be held at the Midland Center. The purpose of that conference is to set a direction for Midland's economic future.

Business & City Leaders from Abilene and Tyler will show how their communities set a new direction for their economic futures. Other speakers include Jack Rathbone of Titan Exploration. David Smith of Texas Tech Health Sciences Center and Economist Ray Perryman. The day's events will end in a question and answer format.

This will be an important day in Midland's future. You need to be there. Come listen and be prepared to participate on the 23rd and on into the future. The $20.00 fee includes a Continental breakfast and a lunch. Please call the Chamber of Commerce or forward your check to them.

Ken Burgess
Chief Executive Officer
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HOME & GARDEN



Have a Heart

Valentine-Card Tree

Start a new tradition. Display your valentine cards on a romantic, handmade tree.

What you need:

- Can
- Bean, candies or dragees
- Chopsticks
- Tree branch
- White paint or white spray paint
- Florist wire
- Plastic-coated electrical wire
- Decorative items for can
- Clips
- Buttons
- Hot-glue gun

What to do:

1. Strip label from can and fill with beans, candies or dragees.
2. Twist plastic-coated electrical wire around a chopstick to make corkscrew shapes.
3. Insert corkscrews into can.
4. Hot glue a button to each little clip.
5. Attach clip to the end of each wire.
6. Clip cards onto tree.

HGTV Magazine

One way to make Valentine's Day special is to make a variety of accessories to create an atmosphere of romance. Here are some red-hot ideas and projects to try.



Silver Dragee Frame

This easy-to-make frame (on mantel, far right) by designer Xan Benton is light enough to be hung on a refrigerator using just magnets or on a wall with a bit of poster putty. Or you can use a traditional picture hanger.

What you need:

- Foam-core board
- Utility knife
- Clear acetate film
- Photo tape
- Spray paint
- Dragees or other decorative items
- Craft glue

What to do:

1. Using a craft knife, cut the mat base out of foam-core board to the size you need. Tape all the edges to make them smooth.
2. Spray the surface with silver spray paint. Let dry.
3. Glue dragees to surface in decorative pattern.
4. Cut clear acetate to fit in the window (to protect your art).
5. Use photo tape to attach the art and a backing sheet.



Love Door Wreath

Yes, the Beatles were right. All you need is love. And so, this Valentine's Day, spread the word with this sentimental wreath.

What you need:

- Stiff wire (16-gauge)
- Thinner florist wire
- Tinted excelsior
- Dried flower stems (we used larkspur)
- Monofilament fishing line
- Floral fixative spray
- Craft glue

What to do:

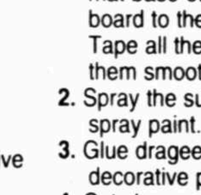
1. Using stiff wire, make a frame in the shape of your planned image.
2. Bulk up the frame using excelsior tied on with thin florist's wire. (Tinted excelsior is available at craft stores.)
3. Fix a hanging loop on the back positioned to let the project hang level.
4. Tuck stems of dried flowers under the wires of the excelsior-covered frame.
5. Secure fishing line to the frame and carefully wrap it over the shape to better position and hold the flowers.
6. Spray the project with fixative and reattach any lost blossoms with craft glue.

WILD ON THE PRAIRIE

Ecological adventure during snowstorm leads to moral dilemma

By Burr Williams

We didn't get a heavy snow in early or mid-winter this year. Even so, a late winter or early spring snowstorm may still bluster in, catching us unaware.



Williams

An old saying often heard on the Llano Estacado — "When the mesquites leaf out, there will be no more freezes." — doesn't always hold true. Several times in the last three decades, snow has fallen after the mesquites have leafed out.

Have you heard the old stories, such as how the blizzard of 1886 killed 99 percent of the cows from here to Canada? A person could nearly walk across the Panhandle on the backs of dead cattle.

The blizzard of 1983 lasted almost as long. In a span of 200 hours, only one hour showed temperatures above freezing. Snow remained on the ground for 10 days.

Modern society suffered with the breaking of frozen pipes and fender-benders from slick roads, but not much else. We are insulated and spoiled. "Ooooh, it's cold!" we shout as we run for the house. Isn't civilization wonderful? We don't *have* to suffer.

Naturalists are curious. How do animals survive in such harsh conditions?

Venturing out into the cold, risking frostbite and hypothermia, the naturalist's adventure reveals the unexpected — the confrontation of moral quandaries in addition to the dangers.

Nearly 30 years ago, two young men went bird-watching during a snowstorm. No one told them that the Audubon Christmas Count planned for that day had been cancelled because of the bitter cold.

At places where birds were likely to seek shelter, they hopped out of the car and took a walk, kicking brush piles and weed thickets, trying to scare out a bird or two. The two young men didn't see many birds.

They did see an incredible sight — three Tundra Swans sailing down out of the falling snow to land in steaming water. Hey, so what if it was the Midland sewer ponds, it was still beautiful!

At a caliche pit, they noticed a small creature scurrying away as they searched the crevices for a Rock Wren. Both young men ran after the creature, a few minutes later catching a Western Meadowlark with its wings frozen together.

The two young men brought the bird back to their pickup, cranked the heater up full-blast and held the Meadowlark in their hands. They watched as the ice melted and pooled on the floorboards below. The bird shivered uncontrollably from cold and fear. As young men tend to do, they discussed the morality and significance of their actions.

"The bird would have died if we hadn't found it," said the first one.

Playing devil's advocate, the second young man countered, "It doesn't matter whether this individual lives or dies. The species will continue. The natural world is based on species survival, not individual survival."

"It's in our hands to do something for this individual, though. We would be wrong to cast this creature back out into this storm."

"It's illegal for us to take this bird home and keep it alive until the weather warms up. Now that the ice is melted from its wings, let's dry it off and let it fly away."

The two young men sat quietly, contemplating what each had proposed. The bird stopped shivering and began struggling to escape the hand that held it.

"Which is better: Freedom and its consequences or safety in a prison it does not understand? If the bird understood the choices, which would it choose? Which would you choose?"

The second young man opened his door to force the issue. The sub-zero wind blasted into the truck. The bird broke free of the first young man's hands and crashed into the lap of the second young man before plunging outside.

The bird continued frantically, only half flying. It was obvious that a wing had been injured. The first young man cried out in anguished tones, threw open his door and ran outside to catch the bird again.

The Meadowlark was too fast, however. The first young man tried to capture it for another 10 minutes, but was not successful. He finally returned to the truck, shivering.

This event has remained with its participants since that day. They still chat about it occasionally, speculating about whether the Meadowlark eventually died from the cold or if a predator found it first. The tale paints a very clear picture of the struggle to survive in the natural world.

We humans are usually far removed from that

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Crossword Puzzle/2F
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At far left, Camilla Blain is "Fancy Bird #1. At left, the cast of "The Emperor and the Nightingale." Below, Terin Padilla, from left, is one of the Children of the Court; Patrick Vasquez is the Music Master; Brandon Rives is the Emperor; and Chelsea Commagere is the Nightingale. Below left, Betty Jones, counter clockwise from left, is Court Lady # 2; Rives; Saral Flores as Court Lady # 1; David Hamm as Death; Darrell Moon as Good Deeds; and George Melonakos as Bad Deeds.

THE EMPEROR AND THE NIGHTINGALE

Photos by Brian Adamcik





By Georgia Temple

The Nightingale "wast not born for death," proclaimed English poet John Keats. "No hungry generations tread thee down; the voice I hear this passing night was heard in ancient days by emperor and clown." About the "immortal Bird" — whose song "hath charm'd magic casements, opening on the foam of perilous seas, in faery lands forlorn" — Danish writer Hans Christian Andersen created a fairy tale: "The Nightingale."

Andersen's story of the fabled bird and the emperor she saves comes to song on the stage of the Globe Theatre on Feb. 25 in "The Emperor and The Nightingale." Curtain is at 7:30 p.m.

Midlander Chelsea Commagere, who sang the role of Mary in the 1998 and 1999 Globe Theatre productions of "Two from Galilee," is the Nightingale. She was drawn to the production by the opportunity to be onstage again.

"I missed theater when 'Two From Galilee' was over," said the 14-year-old. "I love doing this, and when I am away from it, I get really homesick. Singing and theater are pretty much my life so far."

The most demanding aspect of her role — once she learned the "difficult" music — is, Chelsea said, "Keeping a straight face. I have to stand out on a stage while tied up, and I can't smile. I've got these people right up by me calling me old. I can't smile, and I have to look sad."

A student at Midland Christian, Chelsea also auditioned because she wanted to work with Mrs. Wadley again.

"She's a good director,' said Chelsea. "She gets her points across. She's not confusing. She tells you exactly what she wants. I like being with her and Tim (Wadley). They're both really great people."

Not everyone in the Emperor's kingdom praises the Nightingale, or, for that matter, the Emperor. The Music Master plans to do away with both.

"He's the bad guy and he's No. 2 in charge, the brain behind the whole scene," said Patrick Vasquez. "He wants to usurp the throne and get rid of the emperor. And he's very short tempered."

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Comedian brings no-holds-barred humor to Odessa

by Georgia Temple

Freedom appeals to the bawdy, good ol' boy comedian from Longview, who is sometimes known as Fred.

"My freedom — that's what I like the best," said comedian Rodney Carrington, who brings his no-holds-barred, stand-up humor and risque comedy songs to Odessa's Denim and Diamonds on Thursday. "I don't have to answer to anybody, and I can say anything I want to say, talk about anything I want to talk about, entertain people however I want to.

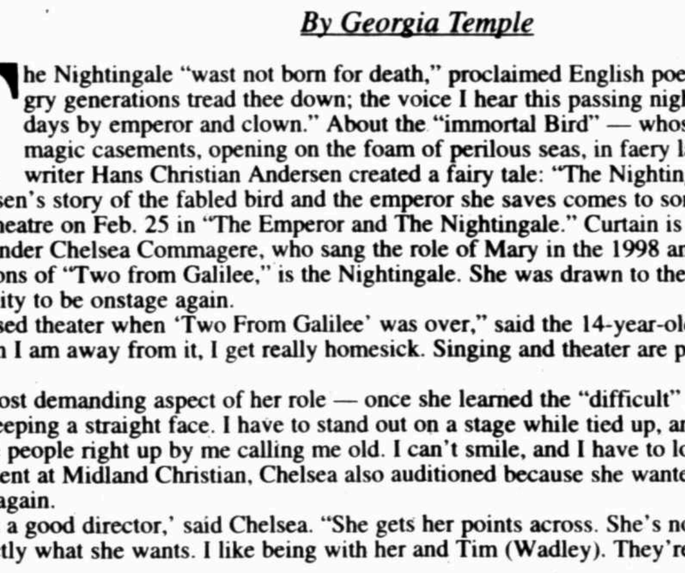
"If I want to stand up and attempt to juggle, I can. The freedom is truly what I like the best. I think that's what every man would choose: do whatever he wants to do at his own pace and speed. What more could you ask for? That pertains to women as well as men."

A young prankster who was not fond of school, Carrington switched from business courses to theater classes in college because the latter were "something fun to do." He "never had any aspirations to become a comedian.

"When I got into comedy, it was purely by accident. I didn't know a man could make a living drinking beer and telling stories. My dad (who builds fences in the Dallas area) says the same thing: 'I can't believe you get paid to do something I've been doing all my life.'"

Even in high school, Carrington said, "I wasn't

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Comedian Rodney Carrington, from Longview, brings his no-holds-barred, stand-up humor and risque comedy songs to Odessa's Denim and Diamonds on Thursday.

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Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Joyce Nichols Lewis

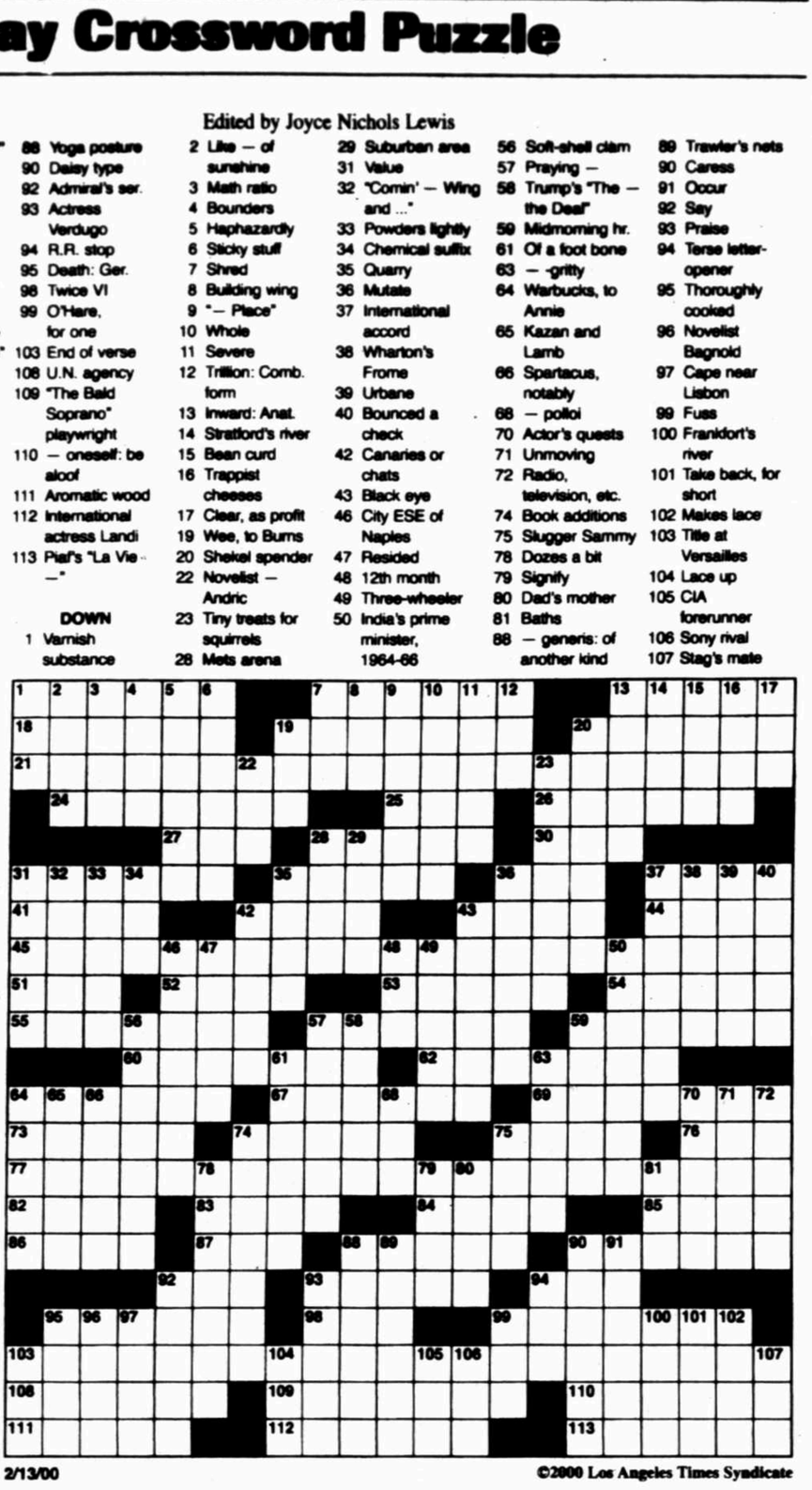
"VALENTINE HINT"
By FANNY BANCROFT

ACROSS

1 East Indian sailor
7 Echo
13 Shirley of "Goldfinger"
18 Audrey in "Love in the Afternoon"
19 Librarian's request
20 Conjure
21 Start of a Valentine verse
24 Jewish school
25 Small bird
26 A planet
27 Yoko
28 Mail unit
30 Wee bit
31 Weeds wearers
35 Give a buzz
36 Arti or parti ending
37 Secretary
41 Burden
42 Make coffee
43 Cartoonist Silverstein
44 Needlecase
45 More of verse
51 Explosive inits.
52 Askew
53 Gray and Moran
54 Throw
55 Heckled
57 Attacking with a spray
59 Bronzed from the sun
60 Communications satellite
62 Most intense
64 Leave high and dry
67 Stamen part
69 Meantime
73 Poe's middle name
74 — Detoo of "Star Wars"
75 Take the lead
76 "A Chorus Line" number
77 More of verse
82 Brubeck or Garroway
83 Harem rooms
84 "No sweat!"
85 Gilpin of "Frasier"
86 Flanders stream
87 1st state
88 Yoga posture
90 Daisy type
92 Admiral's ser.
93 Actress Verdugo
94 R.R. stop
95 Death: Ger.
98 Twice VI
99 O'Hare, for one
103 End of verse
108 U.N. agency
109 "The Bald Soprano" playwright
110 — oneself: be aloof
111 Aromatic wood
112 International actress Landi
113 Piaf's "La Vie —"

DOWN

1 Varnish substance
2 Like — of sunshine
3 Math ratio
4 Bounders
5 Haphazardly
6 Sticky stuff
7 Shred
8 Building wing
9 "— Place"
10 Whole
11 Severe
12 Trillion: Comb. form
13 Inward: Anat.
14 Stratford's river
15 Bean curd
16 Trappist cheeses
17 Clear, as profit
19 Wee, to Burns
20 Shekel spender
22 Novelist — Andric
23 Tiny treats for squirrels
28 Mets arena
29 Suburban area
31 Value
32 "Comin' — Wing and ..."
33 Powders lightly
34 Chemical suffix
35 Quarry
36 Mutate
37 International accord
38 Wharton's Frome
39 Urbane
40 Bounced a check
42 Canaries or chats
43 Black eye
46 City ESE of Naples
47 Resided
48 12th month
49 Three-wheeler
50 India's prime minister, 1964-66
56 Soft-shell clam
57 Praying —
58 Trump's "The — the Deal"
59 Midmorning hr.
61 Of a foot bone
63 — -gritty
64 Warbucks, to Annie
65 Kazan and Lamb
66 Spartacus, notably
68 — polloi
70 Actor's quests
71 Unmoving
72 Radio, television, etc.
74 Book additions
75 Slugger Sammy
78 Dozes a bit
79 Signify
80 Dad's mother
81 Baths
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89 Trawler's nets
90 Caress
91 Occur
92 Say
93 Praise
94 Terse letter-opener
95 Thoroughly cooked
96 Novelist Bagnold
97 Cape near Lisbon
99 Fuss
100 Frankfort's river
101 Take back, for short
102 Makes lace
103 Title at Versailles
104 Lace up
105 CIA forerunner
106 Sony rival
107 Stag's mate



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Jacqueline Bigar's Stars

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Feb. 13, 2000:
Creativity and imagination run high this year. Your appeal comes from your ability to create illusions and a romantic aura. You know how to have fun, and you also teach others to let go and play. You communicate well; others are eager to share with you on this level as well. You might change your circle of friends because of a love relationship or a child. If you are single, there will be no shortage of suitors, and you'll have a delightful time choosing. If attached, your love life heats up. You'll feel very close to your loved one and far more willing to share. GEMINI is a great playmate.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Reach out for others. Take a friend's suggestion and run with it. You generally have a good time together and appreciate his creative contribution. A missed call could cause a problem, but it doesn't have to. Tonight: Go for what you want — don't stand on ceremony.
This week: Talk, plan and think, then go for it on Thursday. What a recipe for success!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You identify with what you possess, and you sometimes need to review whether your "things" accurately reflect who you are. Think about your professional image when deciding on a purchase. A partner could give you flak because of the cost. Tonight: Treat yourself well!
This week: Use your financial wizardry to manifest more wealth. Expect others to ask for help.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Sometimes there is no stopping you; right now, you are quite a powerhouse. Pursue a dream or long-term desire. Gather with friends; touch base with another at a distance. Make plans to meet halfway. Tonight: Don't let another upset you; he could be jealous.
This week: Beaming, you enter the week. Go, do and be.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Let another make plans and take the initiative. You go out of your way for others a lot. Calm down now and pull back. Sometimes you learn more not by asking questions, but by being passive instead. Don't worry about a change in plans. You can deal with it. Tonight: Make it an early night.
This week: Ponder possibilities carefully on Monday, then whirl into action. There is no stopping you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Get together with friends; indulge; be your ever-gregarious self. Invite a close friend or loved one to join in; wherever you are, a good time is had by all. Be careful with a rebellious child; your words fall on deaf ears for now. Tonight: Be with those you enjoy.
This week: The highs are high and the lows are low. Good news comes when the week ends with applause.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Take charge and do what you need to do to bring others together. You easily clear out a last-minute piece of work and get the job done efficiently. A family member is clearly out of sorts; no matter what happens, you can't please him. Tonight: A force to be reckoned with.
This week: You take charge; others are thankful. Success greets you midweek. You will need to slow down soon.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Take a day vacation. A child or loved one has always shared how much he would love to spend special time with you. Make it so. Don't get uptight about a change in plans or a little snafu. Relax, and don't get into minor problems. Tonight: Enjoying yourself.
This week: Strong diplomatic skills must come into play if you want to get the job done. You will see results by week's end.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Make time for that special person in your life. Relating can be pure joy. You reveal much more of your long-term dreams and hopes than you have in a long time. Another loves seeing this side of you. Be careful about an expenditure. Tonight: Enjoy togetherness.
This week: Work as a team, playing devil's advocate. Focus and responsibility mark your excellence.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You can easily become out of sorts by misreading another's comment or by making mountains out of molehills. Your imagination is a tremendous gift; use it with friends and to visualize. Get together for a visit and munchies, perhaps near water. Tonight: Relax at home.
This week: Happiness surrounds you, as you love to be gregarious. Work gains as a result.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Allow yourself time to do things just for you. You don't have to please everyone. A financial expenditure could bring you a great deal of happiness. Don't misjudge another's comments; he is simply demonstrating another side. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow.
This week: Creativity is on track. Use this magic wand toward work first, then toward relationships. You manage to enhance your finances along the way!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Others adore your naturally light, fun tone. Don't hold back. Remain spontaneous with friends, and especially with a loved one who enjoys your sense of humor. A friend could encourage a financial expenditure. You know better! Tonight: Be a kid in a sandbox — play!
This week: Expansion simply happens on the homefront, which makes you feel great. Think about work midweek!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Take time with family. You might have a home project to finish. You relax and allow your mind to wander while completing what you need. Don't exaggerate another's request. You are simply out of sorts with this person. Recognize your feelings. Tonight: Don't make it complicated.
This week: Turn inward to make a decision, then spice it up with your inevitable flights of fantasy. Enhance your work simultaneously.

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BORN TODAY
Actress Stockard Channing (1944), actor David Naughton (1951), TV host Jerry Springer (1944)

Goren Bridge

WITH OMAR SHARIF & TANNAH HIRSCH

SIGNAL THE ENEMY

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ 7 5 3
♡ K 10 6
◇ K 2
♣ A Q 10 5 4

WEST
♠ A K 10 6
♡ 7 4 3
◇ 9 8 6 4
♣ 7 2

EAST
♠ J 8 4
♡ 5 2
◇ Q J 10 5 3
♣ K 8 6

SOUTH
♠ Q 9 2
♡ A Q J 9 8
◇ A 7
♣ J 9 3

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♡	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♡	Pass	4♡	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: King of ♠

Most players know that defenders can communicate to each other with their carding, showing whether they like partner's lead or not. Few are aware that declarer can use the same signals in an attempt to deceive the defense.

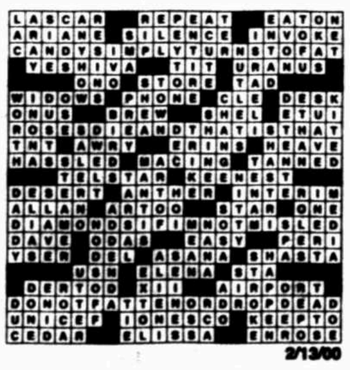
The auction was routine. Once South showed a minimum opener by rebidding two hearts, North had ample to go straight to game.

West led the king of spades, fetching the three, four and deuce. A diamond switch at trick two cost nothing – obviously a spade continuation ran the risk of setting up declarer's queen. After drawing trumps declarer tried the club finesse, but that lost to East's king. The jack of spades was returned and the defenders cashed two more tricks in the suit to complete a one-trick set.

There is no sure way for declarer to make the contract, but South should have attempted to enlist the aid of the defenders. At trick one declarer should have followed with the nine of spades! Consider West's quandary. The deuce of spades was missing. If East held that card and was trying to encourage a spade continuation, the shift could cost a trick or two and possibly the contract. There is no guarantee that West would not shift, but at least there is a fair chance that West would continue spades and present declarer with the contract.

The rule for declarer is exactly the same as for the partner of the opening leader: If you want to encourage the defender to continue the suit, play a high card; if you would prefer a switch, play the lowest card possible.

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE



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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

American Airpower Heritage Museum: EXHIBITION: Internationally recognized collection of authentic World War II artifacts and memorabilia, 9600 Wright Dr., Midland International Airport. Hours: Monday-Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 12-5 p.m. Call 563-1000. Admission charged. Group and student discounts available with prior reservation.

Arts Assembly of Midland: EXHIBIT: The second annual Art in the Park features four sculptures by Tim Glover, Meredith Jack, Paul Kittelson, and Jim Robertson, all of Houston. Exhibit continues through August 2000, Windlands Park, 1000 W. Dengar, 687-1149. Free.

Blakemore Planetarium: SKY SHOW: Are We Alone? 2:30 p.m. and Understanding the Universe, 4 p.m., Museum of the Southwest complex, 1705 W. Missouri, 683-2882. Admission charged. Children must be accompanied by adult. School field trips and adult programs may be scheduled by calling 683-2882.

The Brigl Collection: EXHIBIT: Selected works by William A. Brigl, Garden Room, Midland Country Club, 6101 N. Highway 349, through FEb., 683-8445.

The Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin: ART CLASSES: Adventures in Art 1999-2000 classes, a fun program of art appreciation, art history, and creative studio art classes for students ages 6-12, held 2:30-4:30 p.m. one Sunday each month. The topic for the next class March 26 is "Artist as a Sculptor." Tuition charged. **EXHIBIT:** Art Focus XC, paintings by Dallas area artists, closing today. **EXHIBIT:** Journeys, children's book illustrations by Diane Stanley, closing today. Museum gallery hours are Tuesday-Sat.10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Sunday 2:00-5:00 p.m. 4909 E. University, Odessa, 550-3811. Exhibits are free.

Gallery 1114: EXHIBIT: Featured artists are Robert Green of Abilene, Becki Smith of Odessa, and Janet Whitman of Midland, through Feb. 27. Modern and contemporary art are featured. Gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Thursday-Sunday or by appointment, 1114 N. Big Spring, 685-9944. Free.

Thomas Kinkade Signature Galleries: EXHIBIT: 2101 W. Wadley, Suite 12, 682-9911. Hours are 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 12-5 p.m. Sunday. No admission charged.

Midland College: EXHIBIT: A retrospective exhibition and current works by art instructor Warren Taylor, including watercolors, prints, drawings and collages, through Feb. 18, McCormick Gallery, Allison Fine Arts Bldg., Midland College campus, 3600 N. Garfield. Gallery hours are 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 County Historical Museum: EXHIBIT: Stones Unturned, records of Confederate veterans buried in Fairview Cemetery, 301 W. Missouri, Monday, Wed., Friday, Sat., 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: Picasso Ceramic Editions: From the Edward Weston Collection, through Feb. 20, South Wing Galleries. **EXHIBIT:** Deborah Newburg: Monotype, through Feb. 27, Here and Now Gallery. **EXHIBIT:** In the Third Dimension: Sculpture selections from the Museum's collection, through Jan. 7, 2001, Sculpture Gallery, Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri, Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5 p.m., 683-2882. Free.

Odessa College: LRC, 201 W. University, Monday-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.

The Permian Basin Petroleum Museum: EXHIBIT: Scaling Up, a traveling exhibit from the Chemical Heritage Foundation, displays achievements of chemists, engineers, and industrialists, through April 1, 1500 I-20 West, Monday-Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5 p.m., 683-4403. Admission charged.

The Presidential Museum: BENEFIT: Chocolate Extravaganza, indulge in all the dessert you care to eat, benefiting the Museum, seating at 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., The Barn Door, 2140 Andrews Hwy., Odessa, 915-332-7123. $15 admission charged

University of Texas of the Permian Basin: Gallery hours are Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 1-5 p.m., Sunday1-5 p.m., 4901 E. University, Odessa, call 552-2806. Free.

White Pool House Museum: EXHIBIT: A collaboration of pictures that depicts the Dust Bowl and The Great Depression of the 1930s. Museum hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday-Sat.,112 E. Murphy St., Odessa, 915 333-4072. Free.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: EXHIBIT: Make it Move, an interactive traveling exhibit. **EXHIBIT:** My Town, an interactive cityscape, the latest permanent exhibit. Museum hours Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5 p.m., 1705 W. Missouri, 683-2882. Free.

The Presidential Museum: Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tues.-Sat., 622 N. Lee, Odessa, 915 332-7123. Admission charged.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Parker House Ranching Museum: EXHIBIT: Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys, including paintings, photographs, posters, and memorabilia. Museum hours are 10 am-3 pm Wed.-Sat., 1118 Maple (Maple and 13th St.), Odessa, 915-335-9918. Free.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Midland Community Theatre: MUSICAL: "The Music Man," through March18, 8 p.m., Davis Theatre I, 2000 W. Wadley, 682-4111 or 570-4011. Admission charged.

Odessa Art Association: EXHIBIT: 42nd annual Permian Basin Art Exhibition opens at 7 p.m. with a reception. Exhibit continues through March 9, Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University, Odessa, 915-368-7222.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Blakemore Planetarium: SKY SHOW: Are We Alone? 8 p.m., every Friday except holiday weekends. Star talk and telescope viewing following show, weather permitting. Museum of the Southwest complex, 1705 W. Missouri, 683-2882. Admission charged, free for Museum of the Southwest members. Children must be accompanied by adult.

Midland Community Theatre: MUSICAL: "The Music Man," through March 18, 8 p.m., Davis Theatre I, 2000 W. Wadley, 682-4111 or 570-4011. Admission charged.

Midland Symphony Guild: ANNUAL BENEFIT: February Fantastique, 12th annual gala weekend, kicks off with a ball and the presentation of the Senior Belles, featuring a performance by Big Bang Beat, 6:30 p.m., Holiday Convention Center, 563-0921. Admission charged.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Big Brothers Big Sisters: BOWLING: Bowl for Kids' Sake, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Midland Park Lanes, Loop 250 and Holiday Hill Rd. Call 687-0195 to register for bowling or for more information. Individual and corporate sponsorships available.

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The Arts Assembly of Midland maintains a calendar of all arts-related activities. To avoid conflicts with other organizations, please call 687-1149, P.O. Box 3494, Midland, TX 79702; email artsmid@iglobal.net; http://www.iglobal.net/arts.

LAUGH: Comedian to perform in Odessa

(From 1F)

much for working for somebody else." He recalled a situation which led to the early demise of his job at a grocery chain.

"I got fired for giving away poinsettias. It was Christmas Eve. They were going to die, and they had a ton of them left. Every time I pushed an old lady's buggy out, I gave her a poinsettia. They told me to get my stuff and get out. Those were my favorite words I heard at that place."

Humor again slipped easily into his conversation as he told of returning home from a tour the evening before (this interview). On the flight, he sat next to Dr. Ruth.

"She's only three feet tall," Carrington said. "When I got home, my wife said, 'Did you get any advice from her?' I said, 'I didn't know I needed any.'"

He chuckled then added, his tone serious, "I've seen a lot of people on planes over the years that are famous. I don't go prying into their business."

Before he came home, he spent some time on a gambling boat. The memory was still fresh in his mind.

"You go in there thinking the boat will have your name on it when you leave. And I won 3,000 nickels. Is that $4? I got excited. Then I lost enough money to sponsor a child for 12 years at 75 cents a day."

Now a veteran of the comedy club circuit with two videos — "Dancin' with a Man" and "Hangin' with Rodney" — under his belt, Carrington discovered comedy during an amateur night at a bar. His first stand-up routine for money was at a club in Baton Rouge.

"He paid me $400 for a week, put me up in a nice hotel, and I only had 10 minutes of material," Carrington said. "I was just awful.

"And he said, 'Son, whatever you were doing before you got into comedy you need to go back and get your job back. You're pitiful.'

"I thought, 'Hey, he paid me $400 to stink. I wonder how much he'd pay me if I was good at this? What a great way to make a living. Drink beer and tell stories. I just need more of them.'"

Carrington began a time in his life when he "would drive anywhere for any amount of money just to get an opportunity to work. Some nights were wonderful, and some were awful.

"I made a little name for myself on the comedy-club circuit. Got married. Marriage was the best thing for me. I had a lot more material and a lot more focus.

"We've got three children now — 5, 3 and 1. My wife stays home with the kids 24 hours a day. I can't take it. They're my children, but I don't know how she does it.

"I didn't know what love was until I had my own kids. There's never a dull moment around my house."

Most of his material comes from his own experience, Carrington said. "If I've had an emotional attachment to it, I can feel it. If I've felt it, the crowd will, too. I can't talk about things I haven't experienced."

There's an exception in his repertoire.

"I've actually never danced with a man. I wrote the song in about 20 minutes and ended up doing it for a comedy album. Is that a real life experience? Hell no.

"If you've had a little bit too much to drink and you're dancing with some old gal who actually turns out to be a man, I can see how that could happen. But it's never happened to me."

Fans who are familiar with his videos will find his live show "completely different," Carrington said.

Tickets, priced at $22 for VIP and $17.50 for general admission in advance and $20 for general admission the day of the show, may be purchased at Denim and Diamonds, 4240 N. Preston Road, or Dollar Western Wear, Midland and Odessa. For more information call 552-0552. Showtime is 7:30 p.m.

Carrington has a "simple plan" for his career.

"I want a million people who really like me to give me $10 a year for the rest of their lives, so drink your Kool-aid and follow me. I told my management the other day that's all I wanted. And now, we're kind of going from town to town looking for followers. Actually, I never thought things would get as big as they got. We've got syndicated radio, and radio has been a driving force behind my career, and now we've got a major record contract.

"I say 'we' like I'm traveling with some dancing bear. I've got a crew that travels with me and an opening act. (The number traveling on the road) It's actually gotten bigger. Now we have a tour bus and a truck. Going to and from in a pickup truck to that size is kind of irritating. I kind of hoped I would be back doing something normal by this time in my life."

His last words rang false. When asked if he really "hoped" he'd be doing something "normal" by "this time" in his life, Carrington laughed and said, "No. It's not true."

PLAY: 'The Emperor and the Nightingale' comes to Globe

(From 1F)

The libretto of this fairy tale is by Susan Bingham.

"My voice has improved over 200 percent since I started this," said Vasquez, who plans on majoring in theater. "I think entering this production, it being an opera-musical, has stretched my talents to reach higher levels. I've been taking voice lessons from our director, Carlene Wadley, and she's been helping me out a lot. Practicing and rehearsing every day has definitely strengthened my voice."

The production marks Vasquez's 10th.

"I love acting," said the 19-year-old, who has found the greatest challenge in this show to be concentrating on three things at the same time: "physicality, your voice and how you act."

Cassandra Gully, who attends St. Ann's School, is among the 10 children in the cast. She takes voice from Mrs. Wadley and was inspired to audition for this production when she saw "Two from Galilee." This is the 10-year-old's first production at the Globe.

"I think it's intense, but it's really fun to know that you are going to perform lots of times," said Cassandra, who plays one of the children of the court. "My hardest thing is singing the trio with the Emperor and the Nightingale."

Cheri Gully called driving her daughter to rehearsals and watching the show take shape "an adventure.

"It's just amazing to come in at the very beginning and watch how everything just seems so chaotic and wonder, 'Are they really going to get this pulled together?' And then it's so neat how it all just comes together. Carlene and Tim are just amazing."

The opera, which has not been presented at the Globe before, features new oriental costumes, designed by Ann Jennings and constructed by Carmen Salazar, a set designed by Lan Powers, and live music performed by pianist Kathy Kuhn, flautist Marjorie Jennings and percussionist Jennifer Snyder. Stage manager is Felicia Young.

Ensemble members include Bethany Conn, Ashley Jordan, Kimber Rhodes, Kristen Rosson and Tina Jordan as Court Ladies, and Wanda Ramirez of Monahans, Terin Padilla, Kaylyn Padilla, Clint Keene, Joshua Voyles, Shayna Davis, Kiara Gutierrez of Pecos, Julie Bonifay and Cassie Snyder as children of the court.

Tickets, priced at $10 for adults and $8 for students and seniors and $6 for groups of 15 or more, may be purchased by calling 580-3177 or (915) 332-1586. Production times and dates are 7:30 p.m. Feb. 25 and 26, March 3 and 4 and 2:30 p.m. Feb. 27.

The cast includes Brandon Rives as the Emperor, Camilla Blain as (the artificial bird) Fancy Bird No. 1), Sarai Flores as Court Lady No. 1, Betty Jones as Court Lady No. 2, Midlander Margaret Edmonds as the Court Dancer, John Ed Baker as Fixer of the Birds, Midlander David Hamm as Death, Darrell Moon as Good Deeds and George Melonakos as Bad Deeds.

"Bad Deeds is sort of like a ghost of Christmas past reminding the Emperor of all the bad things he's done," said Melonakos, a member of the Midland-Odessa Symphony Chorale.

A single father of two teenagers, Melonakos said, "Juggling my schedule to even get up here is a chore sometimes, but it's well worth it.

"I did a few plays on this very stage back when I was 17; that was more than 20 years ago. It feels great. It really does feel like it was just yesterday."

Besides affording him the opportunity to be onstage, the Globe also offers, Melonakos said, "Exposure to things I wouldn't be exposed to for any other reason. I like the tradition associated with this place."

This is the first opera Melonakos has been in, and like other members of the cast, he was unfamiliar with the work. "The music is beautiful. It really is. And she's blocked it rather nicely. It's going to be a good one to watch and to listen to."

✔ The Week Ahead

Arts and Entertainment opportunities in the Permian Basin Feb. 13-19

Sunday, Feb. 13

Extravaganza

ODESSA — The first Chocolate Extravaganza for the Presidential Museum is today at The Barn Door, 2140 Andrews Highway.

For $15 each, attendees may indulge in all the desserts they want to eat. Area restaurants, businesses, caterers and individuals are providing desserts. A variety of flavorful coffees is being furnished by Farmer Brothers Coffee Company.

Seatings are at 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Judging of entries and sponsor admission begins at 12:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the door. For more information call: (915) 332-7123.

Monday, Feb. 14

Painting displayed

The Palette Club is displaying this month's painting at Bank One. The piece is by Ann Adams, a new member of the club. She and her husband, Johnny, moved to Midland last year from Gillette, Wy.

They are native West Texans but have been living in North Dakota and Wyoming for the past 5 years.

Currently, she is taking a watercolor class with local teacher, Herb Cooper. For other classes to be offered this year contact Plyna Nesbitt at 687-6854, Jerry Romine at 520-0432, or Audrey Larson at 694-0516. Dues for the classes are $20 per year.

Thursday, Feb. 17

Ingram concert

Sony recording artist, Jack Ingram and his band will be in concert at The Ranch Thursday. Ingram is touring the U.S. supporting his latest release titled "Hey You."

He either wrote or co-wrote the songs on the album. He was the headline at last summers "Last Back to School Picnic on The Century" sponsored by The Reporter-Telegram.

Doors open at 5 p.m. The concert starts at 10 p.m. Tickets are available at the door.

Jazz society

ODESSA-The West Texas Jazz Society presents John Bunch on piano, Kenny Davern on clarinet, Joe Ascione on drums and Lynn Seaton on bass at 8 p.m. Thursday at the Radisson.

Sponsored by Abell-Hanger Foundation, members are free, non-members are $15 and reserved seating is an additional $10.

For reservation call 563-1701or 682-4124.

Saturday, Feb. 19

Musical

ODESSA — The Permian Playhouse presents "Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr.," a Kaleidoscope company production directed by Tom D. Stephan, Jr.

The children's musical features such songs as "Conjunction Junction," and "I'm Just a Bill." Sponsored by KWES Channel 9 and Texaco, the show is set for the Permian Playhouse, 310 West 42nd, Feb. 19-20 and 26-27. Cost of the musical is $5 for adults and children. For more information call: (915) 362-2329.

Upcoming in Midland/Odessa

Art Show

The Haley Library and History Center, 1805 W. Indiana Ave., is presenting its 22nd annual art show and sale Feb. 25. The annual event benefits the operating fund of the institution.

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Westwood has been attracting senior clientele

By Jeff McDonald

Is it possible in this hectic world of growth and development that smaller might be better? It is if you're talking to Dan Gideon, chief executive officer of Westwood Medical Center.

"We have our basic services," said Gideon. "We don't try to duplicate the services the others have, the larger hospitals. We have a special niche; we're smaller, we have a special atmosphere, and we're very proud of it. Our facility here, it's only four years old and it's a beautiful facility; it really is."

A subsidiary of Paracelsus Healthcare Corp. of Houston, Westwood is a three-story, 107-bed hospital and medical office building situated in west Midland. As reported in the 1999 Medical Directory, Westwood is a for-profit health care enterprise employing approximately 340 people.

Westwood is working to establish itself in the Midland and West Texas medical community, developing the facilities and the services that community needs today and in the new century.

"Our main focus right now is promoting our Birthplace — a nice, new, clean and spacious alternative to young women delivering a baby," said Gideon.

Of course, not everyone in the community is a young parent or parent-to-be.

Midland and Odessa continue to be promoted as ideal locations for senior citizens to spend their retirement.

Westwood offers a variety of attractive features for those promoting West Texas to senior citizens and retirees, Gideon said.

"I think Prompt Care is a very good service that would appeal to seniors," he said. "It's not a certified trauma center like you have in the major hospitals. Consequently, it's more of a 24-hour emergency center, like the emergency center you have on the street corner, except those aren't always open at night.

"So, for us, it's a very viable alternative to those who have a need for the emergency center, but it's after hours and the others are closed. And they don't have to go into the trauma center of the major hospitals, and have a longer wait and perhaps be exposed to serious trauma and serious illness they don't wish to be exposed to. So I think that's a plus for those folks."

Gideon pointed out that Westwood has already begun attracting a regular senior clientele.

"As a matter of fact. we already have a pretty significant senior citizen following for lunch. And they're not necessarily patients of the hospital. But the word has gotten out that you can get a reasonably priced meal with a senior citizen discount, and it's good food. And it's a nutritious meal."

And it doesn't need to stop with just a good meal. In some ways, Westwood Medical Center may share the attraction senior citizens have for the out-of-the-elements comfort and security of the shopping mall.

"We have really a core of solid primary care physicians right here, not only in our main campus, but in the adjacent medical office building," he said.

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> — Dan Gideon, Westwood Medical Center CEO

"And whether it's cold outside or hot outside, the seniors can see their doctor, have lunch, get their medication, and never have to leave what is really a 'medical mall.'"

It's an idea Westwood is apparently thinking of developing further.

"One thing we're looking at, we have this beautiful three-story atrium in the middle of the facility," Gideon said. "We have some space on the first floor of this mall area and we'd like to develop some medical retail outlets, like shops, boutiques. One suggestion we had, for example, was maternity-related items, clothing and other items for the mom, and then we could have a general medical equipment outlet, and all kinds of medical-related retail outlets."

And they still would be able to maintain the smaller, more relaxed and easier-to-get-around atmosphere that Gideon said can be an advantage over that of the larger, more bustling health care facilities.

"I think we have a more relaxed, comfortable atmosphere that people would appreciate. Especially, when you think about a senior citizen, we tend to think about reaction time, responsiveness, loud background noise, fast movements.

"I'm dying for someone to do a patient satisfaction survey with us and the major hospitals in the area, and compare the services that we both provide. I think we would compare very favorably."



Midland Memorial Hospital has been expanding over the past couple of years.

RIGHT: One area experiencing growth is radiology services, covering the full spectrum from diagnostic radioscope and fluoroscopic X-ray to ultrasound, CT scanning, mammography and nuclear medicine.

BELOW: Last November MMH opened its new heart institute that includes two cardiac catheter laboratories.

File Photos

MMH to mark its 50th anniversary

Wound Care Center, heart institute are additions to Memorial

By Jeff McDonald

On the eve of its golden anniversary, looking back upon a half-century of health care services to Midland and West Texas, Memorial Hospital and Medical Center is also looking ahead and positioning itself for the next 50 years, and beyond.

Dr. Harold Rubin, president of the hospital, said that the hospital has added and expanded services to offer better care to the region.

"We opened the new heart institute unit with two new cardiac catheter laboratories and two new operating rooms for cardiac bypasses and the support services, and we think that's an exciting area," he said.

The institute is a full-service heart facility that opened in November. It features two newly dedicated cardiac surgical suites as well as three cardiac cath labs, recovery and cardiac rehabilitation programs and a full staff of cardiac care specialists.

Last November the hospital also opened the Wound Care Clinic, a comprehensive wound care management program. It serves patients who need long-term care, whether it's because they're suffering from diabetes, in-juries or vascular diseases that don't allow the wounds to heal. The clinic is currently located in the Abell-Hanger Pavilion, but space on the first floor is being renovated as the clinic's permanent home. The clinic saw 65 patients its first month and 104 the second month.

The hospital is also preparing to renovate and update its oncology unit, a project set to begin in April, to improve the accommodations and support for patients and their families.

Surgicare, the hospital's outpatient center, located in the Trinity Medical Complex, is also being expanded to add a third operating room and physician support area.

"More and more surgeries are being done on an ambulatory or outpatient basis as new technology is used," Rubin said.

He added, "it's a very proactive atmosphere in terms of meeting the health needs of the community."

He said that the hospital will be celebrating its 50th anniversary with various activities that will culminate in a block party at the hospital July 9, the hospital's actual anniversary.

Founded in 1947 by the community of Midland, Memorial Hospital today is a 335-bed complex with several highly respected inpatient and outpatient facilities and a close bond with the people of West Texas and southeastern New Mexico.

A public non-profit facility managed by a board of directors, Memorial Hospital remains true to the mission established by its founders: "to provide medical care to the community while maintaining a community-based, not for profit emphasis."

The Memorial Hospital complex is a valuable resource for those promoting Midland to senior citizens and retirees, people for whom quality medical care is an important, perhaps a primary, criterion in their selection of a home.

Memorial's 50-year history is one advantage for those seeking the assurance of a medical facility with stability, with seasoned doctors and an experienced staff, a hospital that has stood the test of time and is growing into the future.

That growth includes the introduction or expansion of many services that might be of special importance to senior citizens.

Another area experiencing introduction and growth is the field of radiology services, covering the full spectrum from diagnostic radioscope and fluoroscopic X-ray to ultrasound, CT scanning, mammography and nuclear medicine. The Magnetic Resonance Imaging Center at Memorial offers what has been described as "state-of-the-art equipment for creating precise, clear images of tissue and bone structure."



In addition to the MRI Center, there is also the Diagnostic Imaging Associates facility (offering full-service radiology) and Allison Women's Imaging (where services include low-cost mammography screening and breast biopsy imaging).

For many patients, diagnostic imaging is just an initial part of the process. In the growing and changing world of medical services and facilities, rehabilitation — getting senior citizens back on their feet to enjoy their "golden years" — has become a crucial part of any comprehensive health care program.

Memorial Rehabilitation Hospital, located on the western outskirts of Midland, is a 34-bed inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation facility for intensive physical, occupational and speech therapy. For those with special needs, Memorial Rehabilitation includes a 17-bed skilled nursing unit offering long-term, physician-managed care.

Memorial offers services from diagnosis to rehabilitation, and everything in between, such as bone replacement and rehabilitation services; the Allison Cancer Center; a growing and developing surgical department; and a recently expanded emergency room facility offering trauma care and emergency services.

The main hospital facility is nearing the end of a major remodeling effort that has created what one hospital official once described as a "more open, lighter, more easily accessible environment." It is also an institution committed to caring for the individual patient with customized treatment programs for them that would meet their individual and specific needs, said Karen Washington, community relations coordinator for the hospital.

Those who promote Midland and Odessa as retirement communities report that a frequently asked question goes something like, "so, how are the hospitals?" Memorial Hospital & Medical Center is one of the reasons promoters can answer, "our hospitals here are first-rate."

Which is good news for the next 50 years and beyond.

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Staff writer Mella McEwen contributed to this report.

Desert Springs Hospital helps educate on issues of mental health

By Jeff McDonald

The health of a community depends in part upon the quaility of its health care system. Desert Springs Hospital, located halfway between Midland and Odessa, is an important part of the area's comprehensive package of health care services.

"We are the mental heath hospital here in town, and we offer services for mental health issues," said Cassie Dresel, business development director and public relations director. "And we offer education to the community, to the nursing homes and the doctors' offices, about depression, anxiety, stress management, a lot of different services for different areas that are of interest."

Desert Springs is a 64-bed, private facility, owned and operated by Health Systems of America. The facility itself has been at its present location for 15 years. It acquired its current name

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Odessa's Medical Center Hospital surveys needs for women's center

By Jeff McDonald

ODESSA — Growing and developing to meet the changing needs of the community — whether it's across town or across West Texas — has served Odessa Medical Center Hospital well for the past half-century. And that is just the beginning.

"We just celebrated our 50th anniversary in 1999, so we are looking forward to starting off the new millennium," said Reneé Earls, director of community relations for Medical Center Hospital.

Built in 1949, the original Odessa hospital had 81 beds. Over the past 50 years it has expanded to its current licensed capacity of 396 beds. As an Ector County Hospital District-owned facility, Medical Center Hospital is governed by a seven-member district board of directors elected by the voters of Ector County.

Under such an arrangement, it's not surprising that public outreach, generating the input needed to meet current needs and chart future growth, is an ongoing process at Medical Center.

"We have several projects that we've been looking at for several years," said Ms. Earls. "We've been doing some research on a women's center, and how beneficial that can be to the community.

"We will continue to provide the trauma care for the region; we are the trauma hospital for the area. And more or less, we want to hone the services we are already providing, and make sure they continue to be what the community needs."

And that can be a very large community, covering thousands of square miles outside the Odessa city limits.

"We do cover a 17-county area," said Ms. Earls. "It is primarily Ector County and residents southwest of Odessa Now, that doesn't mean we don't market to other areas, but that's the primary area."

The elderly are a growing presence in that area, which is why Medical Center Hospital's comprehensive array of health care services includes technologies and programs of special interest and concern to senior citizens, she said.

"Our cardiovascular program is top-notch, our emergency service department is top-notch," she said. "We continue to provide services such as wound care, oncology — programs that often times are dominated by a senior population.

"Those are the areas where the large portion of the patients seem to be seniors, and they are a growing population for West Texas."

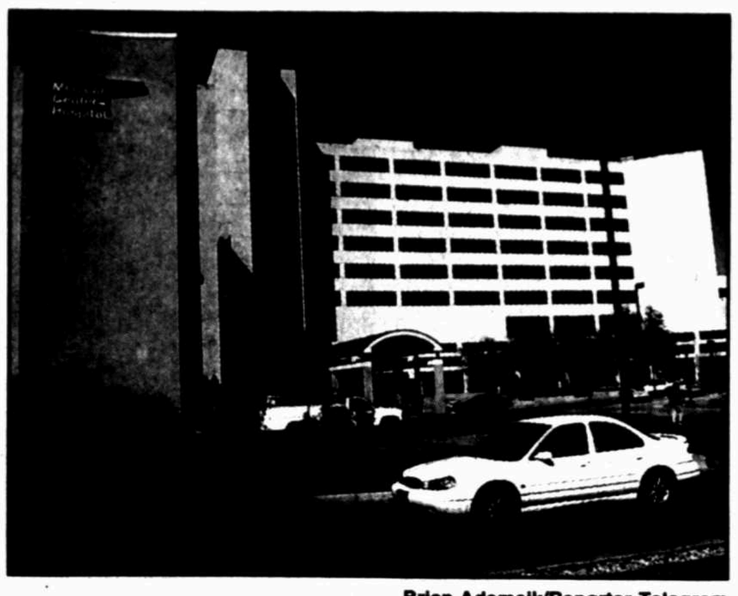
Other areas of interest include physical and speech therapy; diagnostic testing with CT scan and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI); a comprehensive cancer program with radiation therapy and chemotherapy; a state-of-the-art coronary care unit; a laboratory for sleep disorders; and a Level III Skilled Nursing Facility designed to provide intermediate care for patients who require long-term-recovery.

But with all the vision and growth that reaches into the future, there is also the advantage that can be gained from offering a facility that has lived and grown with Odessa and West Texas for half-a-century. It is a symbol of stability and long-term commitment to the community that can be a comfort for those — regardless of their age — who seek a level of reliability and confidence in a growing, changing world.

"When we talk to people, they know it's their hospital," Ms. Earls explained.

"And we provide what they tell us what they want provided, we provide what they tell us they need.

"It's important for us to tell people that this is their hospital, and they do have their say."



Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram
Medical Center Hospital, 500 W. Fourth St. in Odessa, provides health care to people in Ector County and counties southwest of Odessa.

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Name change reflects company's commitment to home health care

■ Olsten Health Services is now known as Gentiva Health Services.

By Lana Cunningham

This is the year of change for Olsten Health Services, now known as Gentiva Health Services at 250[illegible] W. Ohio St.

"We are now totally a home health company," said Greg Stephen, branch director of Gentiva's Midland office. The name change indicated the company has broken away from its temporary employment service.

Stephen described Gentiva as "North America's largest home health care company. We have more than 600,000 skilled caregivers, 400 offices and 38 pharmacies nationwide." For the Midland office, that means about 65 professional employees.

He described home health care as medical, nursing, social or therapeutic treatment and/or assistance provided at home to:

- people who have disabling conditions,
- patients recovering from surgery or illness and
- people who have a chronic disease or terminal illness.

A patient may prefer to stay in the comfort of his/her own home, but need ongoing care that family members, or the patient, can not provide, according to Stephen.

"In some cases, home health care will allow older people to stay in their home and remain independent instead of moving to an institution," he noted.

Gentiva's professional staff locally includes registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, therapists, certified home health aides, certified nurse aides, sitters and companions. These people provide home nursing, adult and pediatric infusion therapy, physical and occupational therapy, medical social services, dietitian services, home health aids, companions and sitters 24 hours every day.

"Home care by a qualified nurse reduces anxiety and allows the patient to gain necessary knowledge to manage their own illness," he said.

"Studies have shown patients get better faster in their homes. When patients feel comfortable, they are more likely to ask questions and, as a result, be more involved in their treatment."

By being part of a nationwide organization, local Gentiva employees can utilize the most recent information and techniques with their patients.

Gentiva, according to Stephen, "uses the industry's most comprehensive evaluation, orientation and training program for its employees. This ensures patients are assigned the highest quality caregivers. Gentiva works hard to develop groundbreaking disease management programs that give patients greater control of their lives and reduce physician and hospital visits and costs."

More change may be coming later in the year in the form of Medicare reimbursement plans. But Gentiva will be operating as usual until then.

"You never know what to expect until the changes take effect," he said.

"This industry is under a lot of scrutiny by Medicare because there was a lot of fraud. Now, there are only a handful of home health care agencies left in the Permian Basin."

Andrews hospital exploring need for assisted-living facility

Permian General CEO believes that 2000 will be 'challenging' for rural hospitals

By Jeff McDonald

ANDREWS — Like most hospitals in the Midland-Odessa area, Permian General Hospital in Andrews is preparing to meet the challenges of new technology and new directions in health care services. But at the same time, this hospital in rural Andrews County is also preparing for challenges unique to health care facilities in America's smaller communities.

"I believe that year 2000 is going to start off a very challenging era for rural hospitals," said Randy Richards, chief executive officer of Permian General Hospital. "I think rural hospitals as we know them today are going to have to redefine the services they have been giving the past 20 years, and become a very different animal than we are used to being."

Meeting those challenges and making those changes, said Richards, means reaching outside the walls of the hospital itself.

"This requires rural hospitals to develop networking and communication with their partners, the community, the clinics, and other hospitals in the region," he explained. "The hospitals that are successful are those that are going to have the accessibility of information for patients."

The patients themselves, said Richards, are also a part of the network. This is particularly true as new and advancing technology is bringing more information into the hands of more people.

"I think that the patients are becoming smarter as far as themselves, their health care, and the health care they need," he said, adding that more and more people are going onto the Internet to get the information they need about health care and related areas such as pharmaceuticals, even to the point where "they self-diagnose themselves, which can be a double-edged sword.

"So education is extremely important to the public, and allowing them to have access to information and education is very important as well."

As reported last year in the Permian Basin Medical Directory, Permian General has undergone a $2.2 million project to centralize all outpatient services, relocate the cardiopulmonary unit, relocate and double the size of the emergency room and enlarge the laboratory, pharmacy, admissions and medical records departments.

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Physician recruitment, a concern for any hospital, but an area of special concern for rural hospitals, is an ongoing process at Permian General. Last year, Drs. Veronika Bachanova and Petr Bachan, a husband-and-wife team from Detroit, were recruited This year, Dr. Paul M. Slaughter of Seminole relocated to Andrews. Currently, 14 physicians offering a wide range of specialties have privileges at the hospital.

Another development on the horizon for Permian General is the trend in facilities for those who need some degree of health care assistance in their daily lives, but are not yet ready to enter the nursing home environment.

"We find that people are retiring, they no longer wish to care for a large home and the kids are gone," Richards explained. "But they are not ready for a nursing home."

Seeking a middle ground between the two options, many senior citizens may look elsewhere to find what they need.

"They want to remain in the community where all their friends are," said Richards.

"But we see that a lot of these people are leaving the rural communities to go to the larger cities where these facilities are available.

"And when we lose these people, we find that the health care system loses the revenue. And the community loses, too, because these are the people who built this community."

Which is why Permian General is now moving forward to design an assisted-living facility for the Andrews area.

"In fact, we are working in conjunction with the hospital and the Hospital Foundation [a 501c-3 organization] that has some land located just across the street from our campus," said Richards. "And we have been investigating, entertaining and communicating with firms that build these type of facilities.

"And I truly believe in the next 12 to 18 months we will agree upon a project with a firm that will come in and build an assisted-living facility."

The location of such a facility, said Richards, will not only keep residents in the community, but perhaps attract newcomers who would prefer to spend their retirement years in a small-town environment.

"We really think that that also is an issue," he said. "We see a lot of people who are on fixed income, and smaller communities have a lesser tax base. They have a lower crime rate, they are easier and less confusing to get around in in traffic.

"And something we're finding out in this age of individualism is that they like to be close to a metropolitan area, but still have it at arm's length. They can have the advantages of the small town, but Odessa-Midland's just 30, 35 minutes away."

According to Richards, Andrews could become the ideal location for those who want a combination of big-city services and small-town comforts, taking advantage of the best that both have to offer.

"We are a mecca that can provide all that," he said.

DESERT: Area professionals augment staff

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when it was purchased two years ago by HSA.

The facility itself has a staff of around 100. Beyond that, it has working relationships with professionals in a variety of areas throughout the community, individuals who come into contact with those who might need the services of Desert Springs.

"We do have relationships with all the hospitals and with agengies like the Centers for Children & Families, Child Protective Services, Adult Protective Services, Rape Crisis, Alzheimers Association, Hospice," Ms. Dresel said. "There are hundreds of them out there."

According to Ms. Dresel, the relationship works both ways.

"We use them when the patients are discharged from us, or when they don't need our services," she explained. "When someone comes in and sits down with a counselor, we determine their needs. It might be something we don't have. We tell them we don't have what they need. And we give them direction. We tell them who can help."

Desert Springs has establised a partnership with the community at-large.

"We work with individual psychiatrists, psychotherapists, counselors, medical doctors, churches, agencies," she said.

Ms. Dresel added that professionals in other fields may be called upon to perform services for patients in the care of Desert Springs. An inpatient, for example, with a tooth problem might be visited by a dentist.

"We will arrange to get them what the need, to get that while they're here," she said.

Desert Springs also reaches out to the community, offering the information individuals and groups need.

"We do speaking engagements, in-services, and we have information that is availabale to the community," said Ms. Dresel. "At the hospital, we do a monthly luncheon that is an educational luncheon."

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Expansion is being considered for Manor Park, Trinity Towers

Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

With a grant from the Abell-Hanger Foundation, officials at Manor Park Inc. have embarked on an ambitious expansion feasibility study that will affect residents at both its Manor Park and Trinity Towers facilities.

"We have what we call our 'dream list,'" said Lynn Starr, director of marketing. She was surveying a map of the Manor Park grounds, with shades of brown outlining facilities already constructed and other colors detailing the wish list, which includes a wellness clinic, expanded dining facilities and a business center and additional cottages and villas on the Manor Park grounds.

The dream list also includes an assisted-living facility that would complement the two nursing facilities that serve those who are cognitively aware but need nursing care and those suffering from Alzheimer's and related cognitive disorders.

One project identified by the study is a child care center for children ages 2 to 5. A pilot child care program is expected to open mid-year on a small scale.

"Those residents who enjoy children will have access," said Ms. Starr, who added that she hopes that all residents of the Manor Park campus will try to become involved with the center, not just those in the nursing facility.

She said one of the center's goals is extending its Eden Program concept, which uses animals, plants and children to assist with residents' mental health.

"The whole concept of the Eden Program is to make it less clinical, and children by their very nature accomplish that," she said.

Ms. Starr stressed that the Eden Program is a philosophy that will be extended not only through Manor Park but Trinity Towers.

"We know the Eden Program will work better in a different setting," she said. "We want to change that setting not just at Manor Park but at Trinity as well. What those changes are and when they will be made isn't known yet."

While construction of additional cottages is under way on the Manor Park grounds, officials are also looking to add supplemental care to help residents remain in their own homes as long as possible by providing homemaker service. This can include ironing or lawn care or even more personal care, Ms. Starr said.

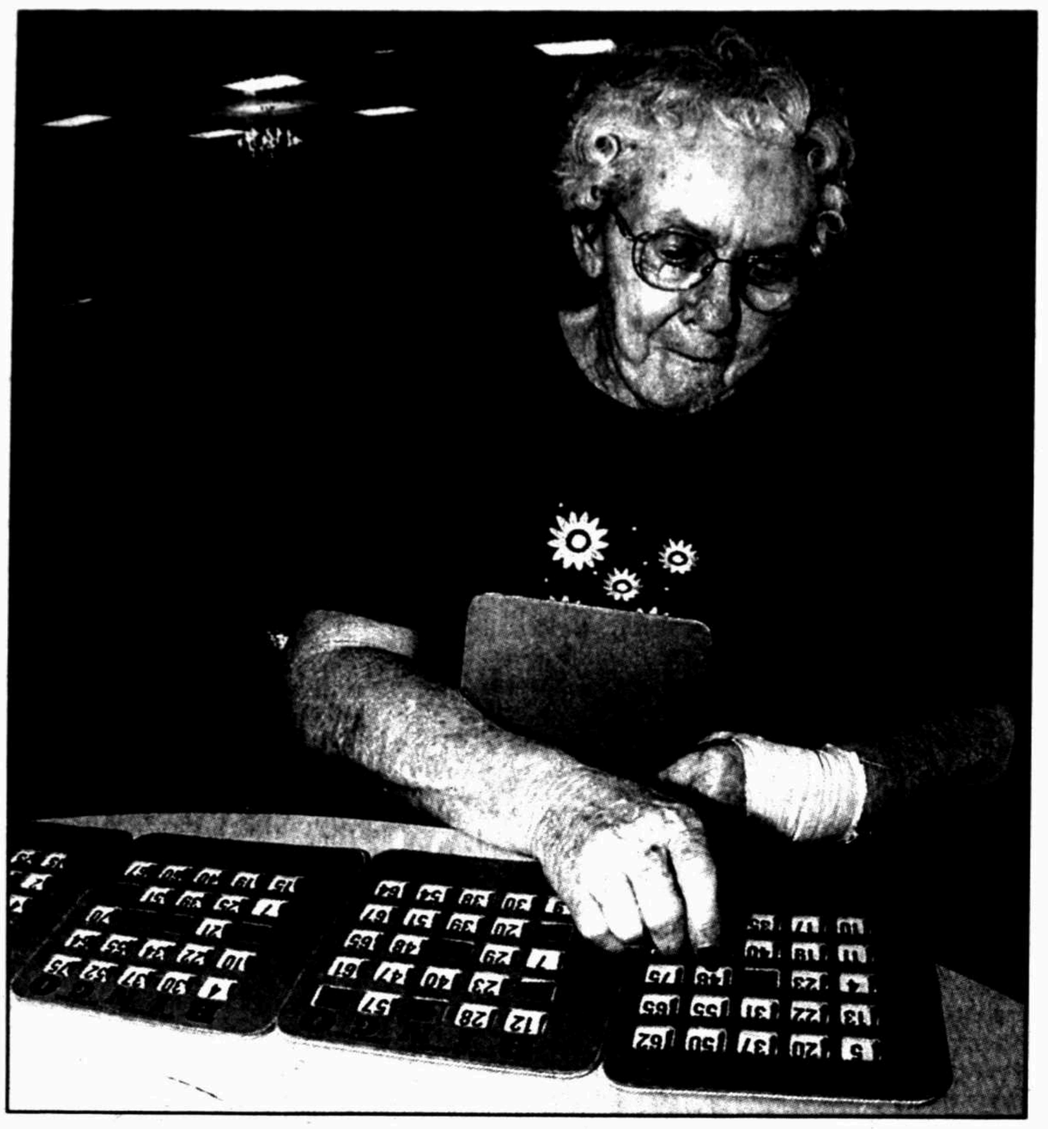
Plans are also under way to expand the music ministry, where an employee walks around both Manor Park and Trinity playing guitar, singing for residents and putting on mini-concerts for residents, whether of old standards or favorite hymns. The musician would also work one-on-one with residents.

Midland College instructors and students recently donated rebuilt computers to Manor Park for a computer lab, and a Boy Scout troop will be working with residents who wish to become more proficient on the computer.

While establishing a wellness clinic is under study, plans are to continue making the wellness program a priority at both facilities. Residents are provided transportation to the Mabee Aquatic Center for water aerobics and therapies; walking, dancing and "sit-er-size aerobics' classes are provided weekly at both facilities.

Manor Park's fitness center features Nautilus exercise equipment specially designed for seniors and the Roy Campbell family recently donated two pieces of equipment to the center. A personal trainer works closely with each participant.

"Thirty years later, I think we're approaching what Mrs. Fasken wanted" when she helped found the non-profit community that became Trinity and Manor Park, "a nice place for those experiencing the aging process but one that's not exclusive," Ms. Starr said.







File Photos
TOP RIGHT: Manor Park resident Beulah Chance is an avid bingo player. ABOVE: Manor Park staff members Bertha Conner, left, and Joyce Bowling, right, walk with residents Bennie McDonald, second from left, and Mary Ann Williams. BOTTOM RIGHT: Residents at both Manor Park and Trinity Towers are often entertained by employees.

Parks Methodist Retirement Village almost full after new homes, apartments added

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

After what seems like two years worth of expansion packed into a single year, Parks Methodist Retirement Village will spend this year settling into its new facilities.

"Last year, we almost doubled in size," said Burt Stovall, director of marketing and public relations for Parks Methodist. "This year will be spent getting the new facilities filled. We're at 90 percent occupancy now" and he predicted the facility will fill quickly.

There are no new plans for expansion this year, he said, adding "last year was enough."

There are plans, though, for a second phase of expansion — probably an additional 75 independent residences — in a year or two, he said. That expansion would be on a smaller scale than last year's phase.

Last year's $8.3 million expansion created 33 new independent living retirement homes, completed in the summer. By early fall, Parks Methodist had added a 30-bed wing to its health care center and a 23-apartment assisted living facility.

Stovall said that the expansion represented an economic impact of $25 million to the area and created 40 new jobs.

The expansion, he said, was because of demand.

"We look at the future, and the aging population is the fastest growing population in the country," he pointed out.

Stovall also attributed the growth in demand to the efforts of the Midland-Odessa Health and Retirement Endeavor to market Midland and Odessa as a prime retirement center.

"MOHRE's efforts will definitely benefit the Midland-Odessa economy and the retirement centers in Midland and Odessa," he said.

The facility, located west of The Club at Mission Dorado at 7801 San Machel, is owned by the Sears Methodist Retirement System of Abilene that was established in 1965 and has facilities in Midland, Abilene, Amarillo and Odessa.

The facility targets retirees 60 and older who are still active and need little or no assistance and assists retirees who need some assistance with daily tasks. The health care center serves those who need constant medical care. Services include meals, housekeeping, social services, laundry, a beauty and barber shop and transportation.

Saddleridge Lodge occupied, now has growing waiting list

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Approaching its third anniversary, Saddleridge Lodge is expected to continue on its present "wonderful path" this year, said Executive Director Viola Adams.

The 70-unit assisted living facility at 1808 W. Loop 250 North is 100 percent occupied, she said, "and we now have a waiting list and expect it to grow."

She said part of that success is due to the success of the Midland-Odessa Health and Retirement Endeavor (MOHRE), a public-private organization that works to attract retirees to the area. It is a group that Saddleridge Lodge cooperates with completely, she said.

The facility is owned by Emeritus Corp., the Seattle-based company that Ms. Adams called the largest assisted living corporation in the world.

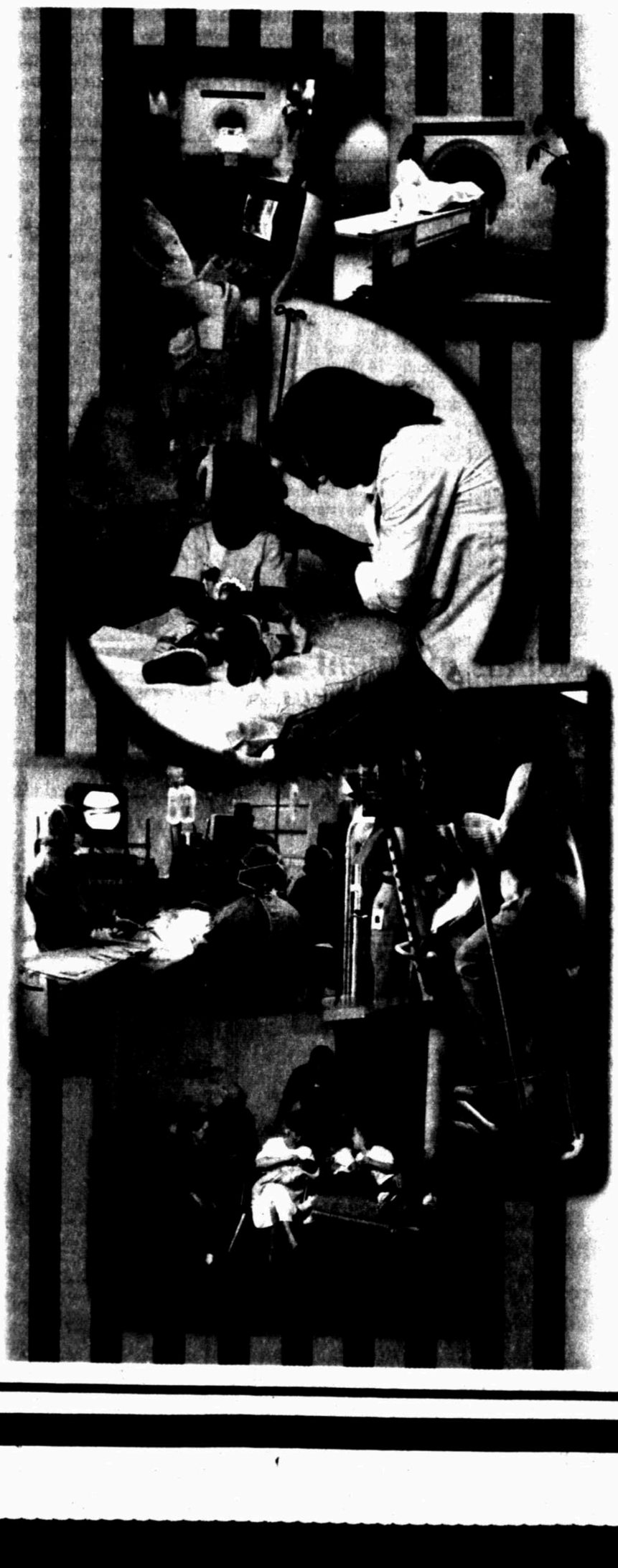
The company utilizes a team concept, assigning two team members to a group of residents to provide assistance with daily living tasks, from bathing and dressing to meals and housekeeping, medication, therapy or emergencies.

Ms. Adams said that four basic philosophies drive the facility:

- respect for privacy and individuality,
- community atmosphere,
- maximizing independence and
- a team concept that includes staff, family and friends.

The two-story building's common areas include a library, beauty and barber shop, large screen television room, exercise room and a kitchen so residents can cook meals for family and

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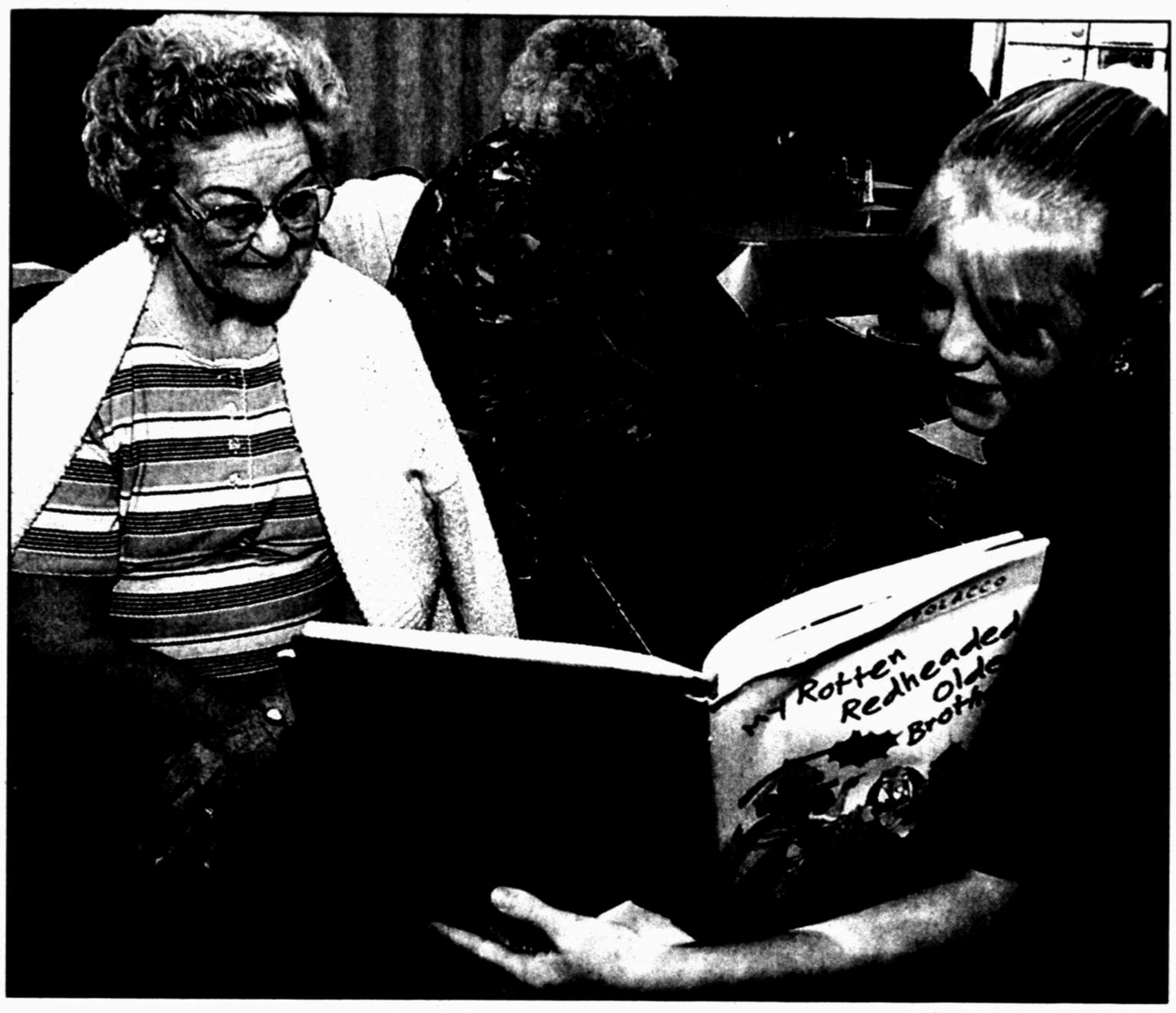
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'We try to involve (the residents) in all we do because this is their home.'

— Kathy Whisenant,
operations manager at Cimmaron House



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Local school children often visit residents at Cimmaron House. The students may bring them cards, right, or spend time reading to them, above.

Social interaction makes Cimmaron House residents feel like 'they're a part of life,' manager believes

By Melia McEwen
Staff Writer



Increased involvement are the watchwords for the staff at Cimmaron House, an assisted-living center at 3400 Caldera Blvd.

"We're always trying to bring in more students and community groups," said Kathy Whisenant, operations manager at the 50-unit facility. "Outside involvement helps our residents with social interaction and feeling like they're a part of life."

Students from Jane Long Elementary School will be bringing valentines to the residents this month and in the spring, residents will have gardening chores outside in the facility's patio area.

Monthly events include birthday parties and family night, she said, and each month members of the tenant's council meet with the program director to discuss issues and concerns.

"We try to involve them in all we do because this is their home," Ms. Whisenant said.

The facility, built in 1996, is owned by ALC of Portland, Ore., and is comprised of 50 studio apartments and one-bedroom apartments. The units have their own locks and thermostats, and kitchenettes with refrigerators and microwave ovens.

Cimmaron House is wheelchair accessible throughout, she said, and that accessibility is aided by the building's single story design.

To promote a home-like atmosphere, residents are invited to bring their own furniture and mementos and pets are also welcome. The units have voice-to-voice emergency communications systems.

Cimmaron House is staffed 24 hours a day to assist residents with emergencies, with medication or therapy. Staff will also help with the activities of daily living, from bathing to dressing, personal hygiene and getting around.

Housekeeping and laundry services are included, and meals are served three times daily restaurant-style, with residents given their choice of dishes. The facility also has a beauty shop, enclosed patio and courtyard and a common living area complete with a fireplace.

When a resident moves into Cimmaron House, he fills out an activities interest sheet and the staff tries to plan activities the residents would like. Service plans are developed around the new resident's needs and those plans are updated every 90 days, Ms. Whisenant said.

At the present, the facility has only five vacancies, "so I expect to have a full happy house this year," she said.

'Celebrating life' is what Polo Park is about, manager says

By Melia McEwen
Staff Writer

There are no plans to expand the facility and management plans to continue with programs already in place at Polo Park Estates. But managers expect a busy year nonetheless.

"As of today, we're 92 percent occupied and what we're aiming for is to be 100 percent occupied and to have a waiting list," said Flo Wade, who with husband Silas makes up the management team at Polo Park. "We hope to have that accomplished by this spring."

Even if someone is on a waiting list, she said, "it means they have a choice."

She said a recent experience sums up what the center is all about.

"Recently six residents rented a limousine and went to Sweetwater and had the best time of their lives," she said. "They decided they wanted to go to dinner so off they went. Now that's celebrating life, and that's what we're about."

Residents are encouraged to consider their apartment their home, decorating them to their satisfaction, and overnight guests are welcome. Except for telephone, all utilities, are paid, including cable or satellite television. The center furnishes toilet tissue, garbage bags, light bulbs, towels, linens and housekeeping service.

Also included in the rates are three meals a day, served in courses at a table in the center's dining room or sent to the resident's apartment.

Even there, Ms. Wade said, residents have a choice.

"Every meal is prepared by a chef, and there are choices. They aren't locked into the menu," she said. "Sandwiches or even fruit plates are also available."

And "if a resident reaches a point where he needs a personal care assistant, they can hire whoever they choose. We even have a home health care provider on the premises," she said.

The center, owned by Holiday Retirement Corp., also provides laundry facilities, a beauty/barber shop, a chapel, library, billiard room and giant screen television lounge and craft, activity, exercise and card rooms.

Ms. Wade said that residents are encourage to socialize "so they're not isolated; the other residents are ready-made companions if they choose to be sociable."

A climate-controlled bus provides transportation and the managers also arrange bus trips to restaurants, shopping centers, museums, art galleries, historical sights and other points of interest. Other special activities include dances, parties, style shows, special buffets, brunches and picnics.

Families are always welcome to join in the special activities, she said.

LODGE: Residents have activities with scouts

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friends.

Residents are encouraged to dine in the two-story dining room complete with windows, chandeliers and a piano stage in order to create a sense of community. Along with meals, housekeeping and laundry service are provided, as is transportation.

Activities range from church services to bingo. Community groups are encouraged to visit the residents at Saddleridge Lodge.

Ms. Adams said that among the projects on the schedule for the year are "Reading with a Friend" with local Brownies and Girl Scouts, where residents listen to scouts who read to them out loud. The children from Safe Place will attend a Halloween costume party and receive treats from the residents, and residents will build gingerbread houses and other arts projects with the children from the Boys and Girls Club of Midland.

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There are many activities to occupy the time of Midland's senior citizens. These range from water aerobics classes at Central YMCA and Mabee Aquatic Center; playing at Hogan Park Golf Course; volunteering at schools and for various non-profit organizations; and socializing at one of the city's senior centers.

FAR LEFT: A group of seniors participate at a water walking class at Mabee Aquatic Center.

TOP LEFT: Pauline Stopp works out on a Nautilus machine.

BOTTOM LEFT: Making arts and crafts is one of many activities available at Casa de Amigos, Southeast Senior Center and Midland Senior Center. Another gathering place for seniors is VAN - Serving the Visually Impaired, 2908 W. Ohio Ave.

Story by
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Having an active lifestyle

Many senior citizens keep busy with sports, games, classes

"Do you have anything for old fogeys?" the caller asked the person who answered the telephone at Central YMCA.

"Well, yes, we do," laughed Deborah Posson, the Y's fitness director, and she recited a list of classes designed for seniors.

The nation is witnessing an increasing aging population. With most of these people being retired, they are looking for ways to spend their time. Midland is no different.

No longer tied down to jobs or raising children, these seniors are seeking ways to make their days productive, whether it's through volunteer work, education, exercise or time spent with friends at specially designed centers. Their chronological age may be farther down the scale, but their desire to stay active has escalated.

A swinging age

Staying healthy as long as they are alive is one goal of an increasing number of seniors, reported people who work with this group.

The Central YMCA, for example, has expanded its water aerobics offerings. Senior water aerobics is offered five days a week, said Ms. Posson. Arthritis classes in the pool are offered at other times during the week. "We also have a number of seniors doing lap swim and water walking. They get in the water and use the resistance of the water" for strengthening muscles.

But it's not just water exercise that pulls in the seniors, she noted.

"We have an evening yoga class that would be ideal for seniors. There's no impact. There's another class that is a core muscle training class and it's done on the floor. We see more people asking for weight training. I worked with a woman this morning who was about 75. I have them warm up on the treadmill and then start them on the weights. This increases bone mass, no matter how old you are.

"I'm amazed at how good a shape some of these older people are in," Ms. Posson said. "It's always motivating for younger people to see older people exercising."

Leaf Faller, YMCA's aquatics director, also has noted an increase in the number of seniors utilizing the facility and especially the water aerobics classes. "You can converse better in the water," she said.

"There's a lot of interaction in the group. The members of one class even meet once a month for lunch."

Mabee Aquatic Center, where people of all ages go for swimming lessons or just to swim, is becoming a popular spot for seniors, said Director Brad Swendig.

"Our program grows every month," he said. "It's been a huge surprise that there's so much demand for it."

'We have a number of seniors doing lap swim and water walking. ... We have an evening yoga class that would be ideal for seniors. ... We see more people asking for weight training.'
— Debra Posson, YMCA fitness director

What started out as an opportunity for seniors to do some lap swimming has grown into some specially designed classes. The seniors' membership numbers about 300, and the addition of a new pool allowed for more classes. With such a demand, another pool designed for seniors is under construction and should be finished in May, according to Swendig.

"This one will have a ramp, stairs and a lift. And the seniors will have their own locker room. It will be a great setup for these people," he said.

Classes include water aerobics, back classes, knee-hab, water walking and general exercising under the supervision of Rhonda McCarty.

"It's unbelievable what a difference this exercise makes in the health of patients," Swendig said. "I've seen people who couldn't walk in here. A month later, they're walking in here on their own and getting in and out of the pool by themselves. The change is dramatic," he said.

Swimming may not appeal to all seniors. When some people reach retirement age, they view it as a time to change their address to a golf course, especially since the green fees drop for them. "We have a senior green fee for playing during the week and a senior annual fee," said Thad Reese, assistant golf pro at Hogan Park Golf Course. "If someone plays 50 times a year, he gets his money's worth on the annual fee."

Of the senior players, Reese said a large number play three times a week and a small group plays once a week. "About 75 percent of our seniors play twice a week," he said.

But they often don't use golf carts. A round of golf means not only time to laugh with friends, but a way to fit some walking into their busy schedule. "About 70 percent of our seniors walk (the course)," Reese noted. "For a lot, this is the only exercise they get."

Hogan Park doesn't sponsor a senior tournament, but officials are considering adding a senior flight to the Men's Championship this year, he noted. "We're seeing an increasing number of seniors out here."

The course is open from sunup to sundown during the summer. "There will be a line of 40 people standing out there at 6 a.m., ready to get in and play golf. We don't let them tee off until 7. Sometimes, they'll play the first few holes in the dark," he said, laughing.

The mind games

Other seniors prefer to exercise their mind, and Midland College has been offering special classes for seniors since 1989 called College Classics. This spring brings three sessions, each one consisting of four weeks. The variety of classes include: American History, U.S. Since 1945; Current Economic Issues; Genesis, A Living Conversation; Growing Roses in West Texas; Internet for Grandparents, Travel, 55 Alive/AARP Mature Driving; and Opera.

Will Morris has been teaching the U.S. History class for 11 years and some of his senior students have signed up every year. "My class is like a family. It's a continuing story. We've had deaths, births of grandchildren and a wedding or two. We spent all fall on 1945. They told me what life was like in 1945.

"We have a coffee break and they share stories. I tell them about books, movies and grandkids. I've had some wonderful people in the class, including Laura Bush's mother," said Morris.

After exercising the body and mind, some seniors find they still have plenty of time for more activities, like volunteering to help others.

The Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) boasts a membership of 500 seniors who offer their expertise at various non-profits throughout the city. Some of that group also gather when called to help on mail-outs.

One woman noted, "If I weren't here doing this, I would just be home cleaning house. I like to laugh and have a good time" and that's what she finds when working on the mail-outs.

"Studies have shown that senior volunteers are in demand because they bring a lot to the table," said Saul Herrera, RSVP director. "They provide stability, experience and dedication to whatever they are committed to. RSVP serves as a vehicle to keep that person active and social in their community." RSVP is a federal program that is locally sponsored by Community & Senior Services.

"Volunteers serve for a variety of reasons: some because they want help, some because they want to be needed, some because they are lonely and need to meet people and feel wanted."

RSVP recruits persons 55 or older and places them at businesses or organizations throughout Midland — wherever that person is interested in spending some time, according to Herrera. Volunteering gives the seniors — including newcomers — a chance to meet people and to make new friends. "RSVP can do so much for the well-being of a person by giving him or her a reason to get up in the morning and look forward to the daily tasks," Herrera said.

One-stop shopping

Some seniors prefer one-stop shopping. That's where the three senior centers play a major role in offering a variety of activities under one roof.

Casa de Amigos operates a senior center at its 1101 E. Garden Lane address. The other two centers are operated by Community & Senior Services: Southeast Senior Center is located at 1803 E. Indiana Ave., and Midland Senior Center is in Kingsway Center at 3303 W. Illinois Ave.

All offer nutritional lunches, sewing and ceramics classes, pool, card games, exercise classes and wellness classes. And they all serve as a place for nurturing friendships. But each offers something that distinguishes it from the others.

Midland Senior Center is represented throughout the city, and even the state, by its Line Dancers and the Kitchenette Symphony. "These two performing arts groups bring our center's enthusiasm and excitement outside to people not familiar with them," said Director Kathy Gilully.

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— Ellen Smith, director of Southeast Senior Center

"The Line Dancers introduced line dancing into the Permian Basin and the routine of taking their act into nursing homes."

The Kitchenette Symphony, under the direction of pianist Neta Heckathorne, uses music to reach out to people in nursing homes and even to the whole community, according to Ms. Gilully.

The Southeast Senior Center's Golden Guild Singers reach out to other people by performing at various events outside the center, said Southeast Director Ellen Smith. "These singers are our biggest advocate for the center."

Casa de Amigos boasts a group of dynamite pool, dominoes and card game players. These seniors participate in regional games in San Angelo and often come home with prizes, according to Isabel Gonzales, director of senior services.

Midland Senior Center, like the other two centers, offers painting and ceramics classes. But last fall these artists' works were featured in a center exhibit, said Ms. Gilully. "It allowed these people to showcase their work, and it was extremely well- received by the membership."

The centers are more than art exhibits, performing arts groups and winning dominoes players. They draw out seniors who have a tendency to stay at home and keep them involved with society.

"Socialization is the biggest draw," said Ms. Gonzales. "It's what they do for each other. We have some seniors who don't participate in anything, but they come here every day. One man who was over 90 had been ill for awhile and his family encouraged him to start coming back to Casa. He came this morning and he was glad to be back. And the others showed they were glad he was back.

"A lot of these people don't have anything to do at home. Their families care about them, but they're busy during the day," Ms. Gonzales explained. "What better way to fill your time than with your peers?"

Two Americorps volunteers at Casa de Amigos are designing programs that will involve all the generations, she noted.

Seniors at Casa " like to celebrate everything there is to celebrate. Valentine's Day is approaching and an evening dance is planned. But for those who don't want to attend the dance, a party during which a king and queen will be crowned, is planned during the day," Ms. Gonzales said.

For some people, Midland Senior Center is a place to play bridge or eat a noon meal and nothing more. "It's safe, convenient and the coffee's made," said Ms. Gilully of the bridge players.

Other people find numerous ways to while away the hours, even if they aren't singers or dancers. One gentleman showed up recently and by the end of the day had formed a dominoes group with three other men. The next day, this senior citizen listened to the gospel singers and then organized a gospel quartet. "If we don't have an activity someone's looking for, we'll try to set it up," she said.

Center members have a tendency to ensure their friends are doing well, added Ms. Gilully. One woman who was depressed over the loss of a family member began going to Midland Senior Center. She soon made friends, and these people set up a phone line. Each afternoon someone calls this woman to see if she's OK.

Social interaction is the key to an active life, according to Ms. Smith at Southeast Senior Center. "It helps them to live longer and keeps them from being isolated. They become involved in activities they've never had the opportunity to do.

"Ceramics is a major activity here and probably has impacted more of our seniors. They've been able to create items. They learn they have so much hidden talent. And our exercise classes mean a lot to their health and well-being."

Projects made in sewing classes, such as quilts and caps, have been donated to the veterans' hospital in Big Spring, nursing homes and the Look Good, Feel Good Shop at Midland Memorial Hospital.

This is another way the seniors can share their talents with others.

Ms. Smith told the story of one woman who needed a cane when she started going to the Southeast Center. "A few months later, she was in our style show and today is one of our most active models. She threw away her cane as a result of exercise and interaction with other seniors here."

Without the Southeast Center, more seniors in that part of Midland "would probably be homebound or in a nursing home. We provide the three most important components for a healthy lifestyle: exercise, a healthy meal and interaction with other people."

As with the other centers, these seniors form close friendships. When Monday mornings come, "it's like a family reunion here," laughed Ms. Smith. "The center is like an extended family for so many. It gives them a purpose for life."

Does Midland have anything for "old fogeys?" The answer could be: "Let me count the ways."

Sitting in front of the television set and rocking away the remaining years is a thing of the past.

Hospice of Midland continues to expand its ministry

By Paul Wiseman

If you talk to Hospice of Midland Executive Director Carol Armstrong very long, you'll hear a theme and variations repeated as regularly as a theme in a Bach fugue. Expand the hospice model; community-minded board members; we've tried to add to the model; who in the community needs help; this is a ministry.

This is a song sung by someone who doesn't simply come to work to put in her 40 hours a week and go home. Hospice is an entity that by its very nature loses 100 percent of its main clients and would seem to be the last place that would spawn any music other than dirges. However, Ms. Armstrong and those at Hospice see themselves as serving the community in its most basic hour of need, and they are constantly looking for ways to expand that service.

It starts with service to the terminally ill and their families and friends. "The patient and the family are one unit of care, not separate," Ms. Armstrong explained.

The biggest help the nonprofit hospice can give to the family is to let them see the patient cared for and treated with compassion and competency. That helps the family feel better about the situation of their loved one.

Hospice does address the needs of the caregiver. "Caregivers are often physically overwhelmed, emotionally overwhelmed and even spiritually overwhelmed," Ms Armstrong explained. "Teaching, reassuring, helping them walk through the journey is our responsibility." She said that many who come through the passing of a loved one emerge with hitherto unknown strength, saying, "I can do anything now."

Open and honest communication is vital at this time, because it will not come again for that relationship. "We don't want regrets later, with people saying, 'I wish I had said, I wish I had thought, I wish I had done…'" It is hard, she noted, when Hospice receives a referral too late to help with closure as they would like.

While most hospice clients are older, some leave behind young children. The Rainbow Spectrum program aims at helping young children cope with the death of a parent or grandparent. This program also assists children whose parents have divorced, because that is often as traumatic as a death. Here is one area in which Hospice of Midland has stretched the hospice model.

"This is a ministry," Ms Armstrong declared. "If we can help kids learn coping skills now, it will help them all their lives." Rainbow Spectrum also helps adults understand the needs of children in these traumatic situations.

There are four things the program strives to teach children: I am special; I didn't cause it; I cannot cure it; I can cope with it. "What a freeing-up this is," Ms. Armstrong explained.

Hospice of Midland participates with the Junior League of Midland in a summer camp for Rainbow Spectrum alumni. "It is amazing how much creativity the Junior League volunteers allow these children — they create things to express their personal journey," noted Ms. Armstrong.

Sometimes, it is the children themselves who are terminally ill. "More and more pediatric treatment modalities are becoming available in town now," Ms Armstrong said, which means fewer families are traveling to Dallas or Houston for treatment. When these treatments are not successful, it creates more opportunities for Hospice to minister to people here in Midland.

To deal with this, Hospice is beginning the Butterfly program. Phase one will involve identifying families with a child who is not expected to survive childhood. A team of volunteers will assess the situation, along with a nurse assessment team. Part of the help for families would include a volunteer watching the sick child while the parents attend a soccer game played by one of their other children.

The final phase would include a special room at the hospital, for use if the child were not able to spend his or her final earthly hours at home. "This room would be decorated to be more gentle than a regular hospital room," said Ms Armstrong.

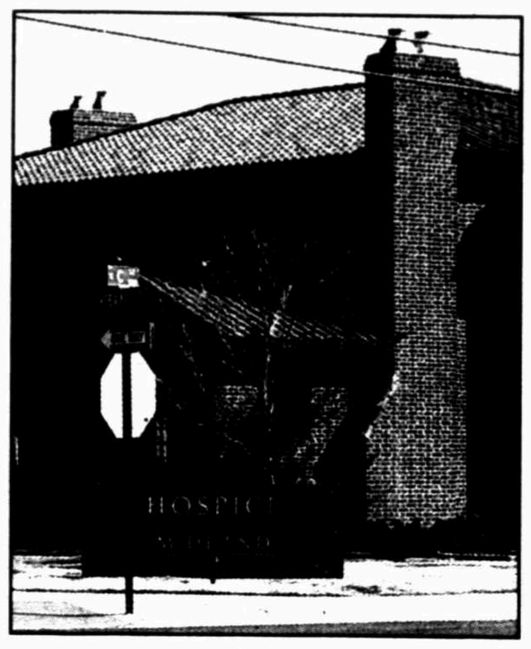
Discussing a program of fellowship for widows and widowers, Ms Armstrong asserted, "We have tried over the years to add to the hospice model, identifying who in the community needs help." This program's goal is to help participants rebuild their lives after the loss of a spouse. "We often hear from grown children of these folks, who say, 'I'm no longer worried about Mom. What a blessing this is!'"

Hospice of Midland also helps people deal with the death of a co-worker — whether the death occurred on the job or not. They also help someone who is having to care for a terminally ill family member try to work out a schedule with their employer, to the benefit of both employee and employer.

Much of the attitude of community care is born of the fact that the agency is nonprofit, believes Ms Armstrong. "Our board (members) all are citizens of Midland. They define how we look and feel to the community."

The board was very involved in the recent remodeling and additions to the building. The building has given Hospice more room for operations, meetings, volunteers, support group gatherings and more. The grand opening was Oct. 7.

Ms Armstrong's own experience has included its share of grief, which is part of why she is at Hospice. The sudden death of five classmates when she was a junior in high school, followed later by the death of her father in an oil-field accident (he was buried on Christmas Eve) made her more sensitive to the suffering of others. "I believe this (Hospice) is a wonderful place to help people identify their own strength. We do not run away from the problems — we teach. We grow through the process."



Executive Director Carole Armstrong said that those involved with Hospice of Midland see themselves as serving the community in its most basic hour of need and they are constantly looking for ways to expand that service. It starts with service to the terminally ill and their families and friends. "The patient and the family are one unit of care, not separate," Ms. Armstrong said.

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Home Hospice plans inpatient facility

By Paul Wiseman

In response to a need that Home Hospice thinks is unmet in the Permian Basin, the company is looking to build an inpatient facility.

"Many terminally ill patients are not qualified for Medicaid but can't afford a nursing home, yet they are too ill to stay at home. An inpatient facility would allow them a place to go," said Grayson Hankins, co-owner and chief operating officer of the for-profit company.

Home Hospice is planning to open a facility to house patients who need care but cannot afford a nursing home. It would be in a building separate from any hospital, but would have a registered nurse on duty 24 hours per day, seven days per week, he said. A physician would be available on a daily basis. This 10-bed facility would also benefit people who have no family or friends nearby to care for them.

Often, even when family members are nearby, they are unable to provide care. "If the patient's wife is 84, she's not able to turn him in the bed when needed."

With someone always on call, help would be available.

This would help bring health care full circle. "A hundred years ago, people died at home, with family and friends caring for them. With the advances in medication and technology, family members are often not qualified to give the care needed at home. People stay in big hospitals," said Hankins.

Home Hospice's proposed facility would help take more personal care of patients.

All patients would be under the supervision of their physician. The nurse at the facility would be the eyes and ears of the doctor, notifying him or her when necessary.

Degrees of family involvement vary, Hankins said. Many are willing to do what it takes to care for their loved one, dealing with the fact that this situation invades their lifestyle. "I see lots of people take a leave of absence from work —or pay a lot of money for 24-hour care," he said, adding that this type of care can cost $4,000 to $6,000 a month. When it appears that family members are neglecting the patient, Home Hospice brings that to their attention. "We try to give them the benefit of the doubt," he said.

Cancer patients are less than a third of the facility's caseload, owner says

By Paul Wiseman

When most people think of hospice care, they associate it with patients who are terminally ill with cancer. Nationally, most hospice clients are cancer patients. However, for Home Hospice, cancer patients make up only 20 to 30 percent of the caseload, according to Grayson Hankins, co-owner and chief operating officer of the for-profit company.

Home Hospice, which is headquartered in Odessa with offices in Midland and Fort Stockton, also cares for patients (and their families) who have chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, congestive heart failure, AIDS, Alzheimer's, and a variety of other diseases.

To qualify for hospice care, a patient must have been certified by a physician as terminally ill, with a life expectancy of approximately six months. They must have given up on aggressive curative treatments as a result of a physician's decision or their own.

"If the doctor tells the patient that a treatment will only give them a 15 percent chance of getting better the patient may say it's not worth it," qualifying them for hospice care, Hankins explained.

Home Hospice services include support for the caregiver (who is usually a spouse or grown child) and educating them on the care of their loved one. They also provide home health aids and nurses, along with what Hankins called holistic care, taking into account the emotional and spiritual needs as well as the physical ones. Their bereavement service includes follow-up with the family for approximately one year.

The spiritual element is very important to Hankins and his part-

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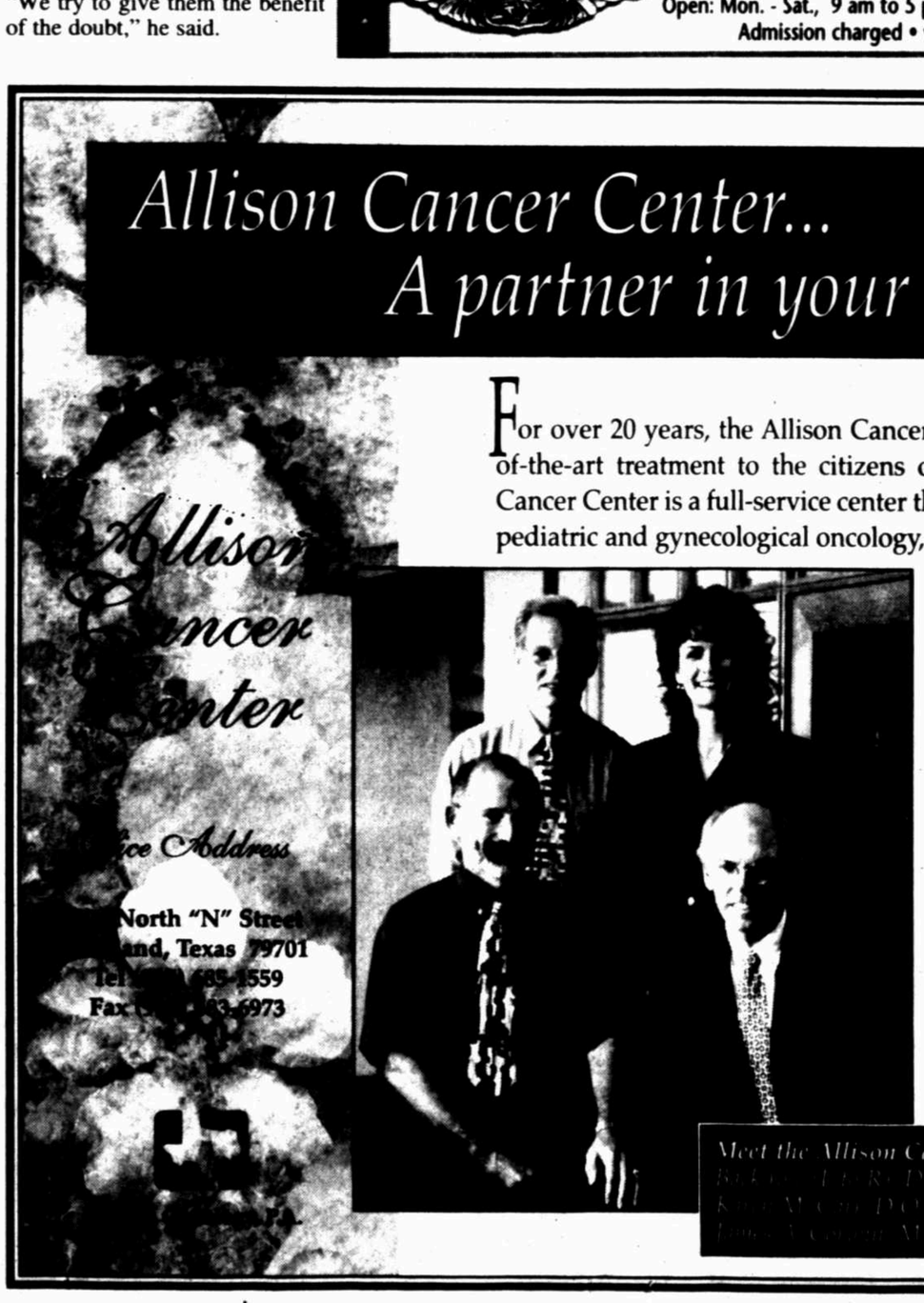
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Meet the Allison Cancer Center Doctors

Infusion Plus is preparing for expected changes in Medicare rules, cuts

By Lana Cunningham

Changes in the home health care industry for the near future will be controlled to some extent by Medicare. Infusion Plus is trying to prepare for changes that Medicare has said are coming in October, according to Martha Ortiz, R.N., director of nursing with the home health care service.

"Medicare is going to instill another cut" in payments for services, she said. The major change is the federal agency will pay a home health care agency a set amount every 60 days instead of reimbursing for each visit.

"Where once we got paid $9,000 for seeing a patient daily for two months, now we will get only $3,000," she said, explaining the fee includes the cost of supplies.

"We will have to adjust our resources but not deny anyone home health care. We've never denied anyone our services."

Infusion Plus at 501 Andrews Highway provides comprehensive home care service throughout the Permian Basin by providing nursing services, durable medical equipment, social services, respiratory care, physical and occupational therapy, speech therapy and nutritional services.

Along with the cuts comes an increase in paperwork, Ms. Ortiz noted.

"When a nurse goes to a patient's home, she is the critical point as to how much the agency gets paid. She makes the assessment."

And the nurse is required to fill out the increasing mound of paperwork. To make Infusion Plus nurses more productive, Ms. Ortiz said she is researching software packages in which data can be input by the nurse at the patient's home. The cost, however, is running between $80,000 and $100,000.

This computer software can outline the clinical application needed on that patient and how many visits will be needed, Ms. Ortiz said.

"These systems collect the data and send it to the state once a month," she noted.

Changes in Medicare reimbursement also are revamping the role of nurses. "I didn't go to nursing school to become a financial analyst," she said. "These changes put the burden of paperwork on a nurse and physician."

Until the Medicare changes are implemented, Infusion Plus will continue to provide its services to patients ranging from newborns to geriatrics.

A pediatric department specializes in the care of infants and children.

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CANCER: Spiritual element important

(From 7AA)

ners. One is a Presbyterian minister, the other is a licensed social worker who also has a spiritual background.

It is somewhat surprising to Hankins that so many people turn to hospice agencies instead of a church for their spiritual help. "Here, in the Bible belt, the majority of our patients have no church home (one church of which they are a member)." He adds that his agency considers the spiritual aspect of hospice care to be even more important than the physical.

While most services are paid for by Medicare, Medicaid or private insurance companies, Hankins said about 5 percent of their clients are indigent. "We never turn anyone down."

Home Hospice pays for many medications that are not covered by Medicare or insurance.

"Reimbursement is tied to a daily per diem," said Hankins, noting that because hospice sometimes pays for medications for which there is no coverage, they may come up short on a particular day. "But overall, things average out. The bigger we get the easier it is to cover the extra needs."



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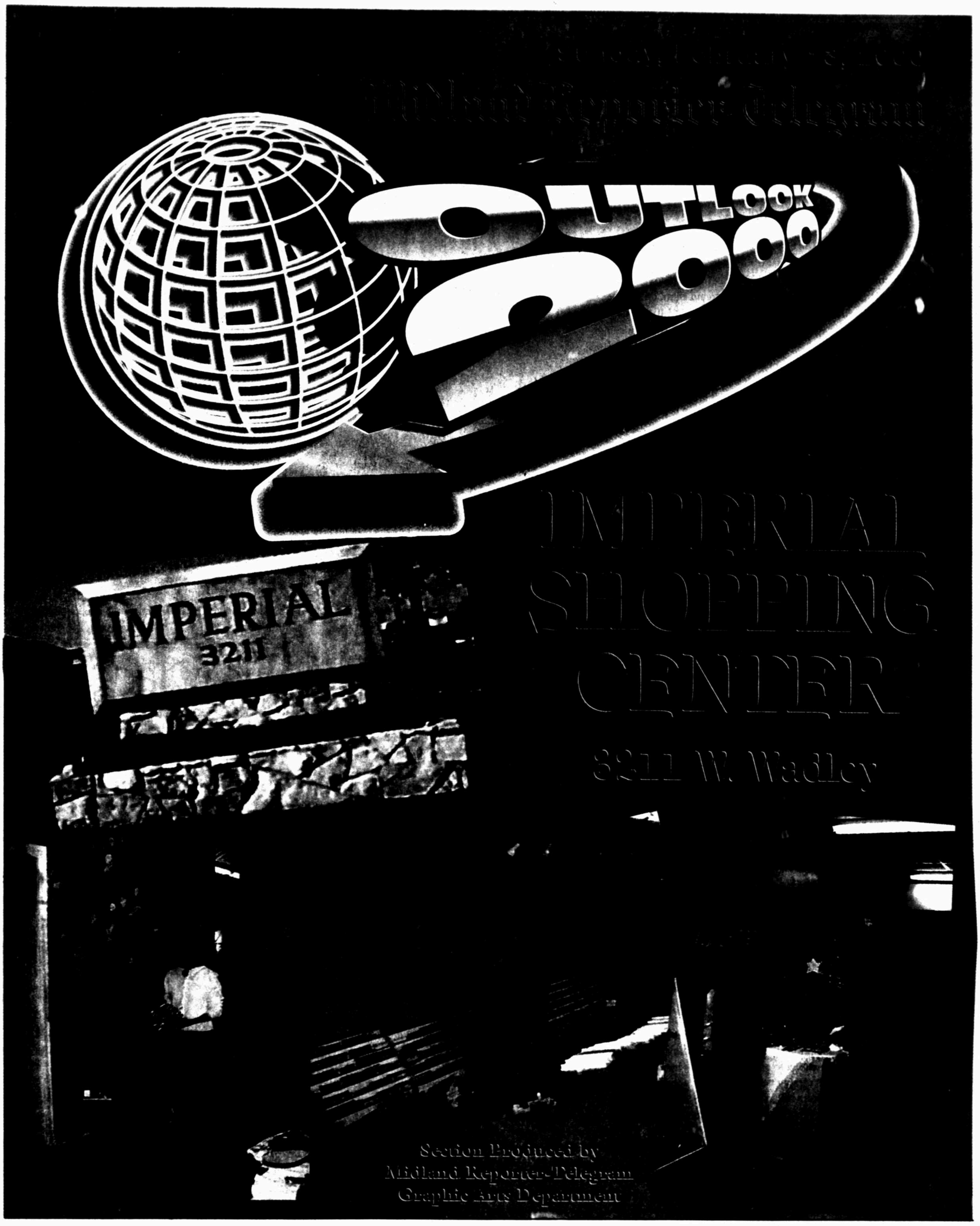
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Just 4 Kidz is a very special store for the little ones in your life

Just 4 Kidz, owned by Dorothy Davis, is a very special store for the little ones in your life, located at #10 Imperial Shopping Center. It's the perfect place to shop year-round, specializing in items ranging from "preemies" to "preteen" for girls, and infant to T-4 for boys.

Join the "Grandparents" Club for a 10% discount on each purchase. Simply bring a picture of your grandchild to obtain your membership and receive your free gift of a bib. Remind us of your membership when you make your purchase and we will apply your discount."

Just 4 Kidz is a full service store. For your convenience, there is a Baby Shower Registry, free gift wrapping of your purchase, delivery service, and alterations for that perfect fit. Use the lay away plan with 1/3 down payment and pay the balance within 90 days.

Many unique items are available. For preemies, select diapers, pacifiers and clothing. Gifts for children include those wonderful books, some even accompanied by a stuffed toy of the main character - such as Elmer the Elephant and Daisy the Duck. You will find many baby gifts - accessories, three Weaver blankets for

For your convenience, there is a Baby Shower Registry, free gift wrapping of your purchase, delivery service, and

monogramming and cute nap pads which can be personalized.

Just 4 Kidz has special gifts for girls of any age. A special item is a jewelry box which can be given on a birthday or any other special date. Add a photograph of her favorite pet, grandmother or best friend to create a personalized gift. Fun items are packages of pretend makeup with nail polish, lipstick and perfume, and body paint sticks. Every young lady should have a bow holder for organizing hair bows and preventing them from getting "messed up" in the bathroom drawer.

Toys from Manhattan, Applause, Gund (Gotta Geta Gund) and Eden are available. The all-time favorites, "Raggedy Ann and Andy" are in stock now, and according to a recent article in The Wall Street Journal, they will be a big selling item this year.

Just 4 Kidz is the perfect place to shop for clothing. Popular clothing lines for young infant boys and girls which are available include Feltman Brothers, Allison Rose, House of Hatten and Garden of Angels. Clothing from Imp, Zoodles, Funtasia and Kite Strings are always popular for the toddler boy.

The larger size girl will like the sports line of Alley Girl and Glitter Girl. Other lines include Psketti, Balu (hand painted dresses), Zoodles, Hart Strings, Judy Lynn, Michael Simon, Jane Copeland and Funtasia.

Don't forget shoes made by I'm Link for your girl or boy, and socks from Jefferies and Country Kids.

Fashion accessories for the girl include beaded headbands (hot item this year), beaded pins, decorative hair clips and barrettes.

Just 4 Kidz is Midland's full-service children's store to help you conveniently clothe a child, select just the right gift and now to help you comfort a child. You may want to quickly purchase "Stops Crying Guaranteed Satisfaction". It is made by Heartbeat Musical Therapy and is recommended to help a child sleep all night.

Dorothy and her staff of Grandmothers, Pat Craig, Suzy Hill and Nelda Sweazy, invite you to come by and browse while your children play in the playroom designed just for them.

Just 4 Kidz is located at #10 Imperial Shopping Center. Store hours are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Phone 694-1363.

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Judy Jackson offers a "World of Bargains"

Judy Jackson's Consignment Collection and Bargain Barn

The search for the perfect piece of furniture or just the right accessory item can befrustrating. You travel to store after store. Often you find nothing but ordinary, common choices that don't seem quite right for the look you want in your home.

Why not widen your selection by shopping at one of Judy Jackson's consignment stores? The Consignment Collection, in Imperial Shopping Center, at the corner of Wadley and Midkiff, is just a few steps away from major shopping locations in Midland. And the Bargain Barn, on Front Street just west of Garfield, is just off the beaten path of Wall Avenue.

Both stores offer a wide selection of pre-owned, gently used furnishings to suit your fancy and your pocketbook. Where else but at the Consignment Collection can you find a leather wagon wheel sofa and chair, or a custom made wrought iron headboard? And at what other stor t the Bargain Barn would there be such a selection of Southwest art and small wood carvings at such low prices?



Judy Jackson and Frances Porter

Judy Jackson's Consignment Collection High Style at Affordable Prices

There is a big difference between used and pre-owned, according to Judy Jackson. Everything in the store, often from many of Midland's finest homes, is on consignment and one- of-a-kind. So many fine pieces are offered that space is always at a premium.

Everything is really different and wonderful, and Judy and her manager, Frances Porter, are careful to group items in tasteful arrangements that enhance each piece. It's fun to visualize just how this sofa or that table or chair would work in your home, and the selection just keeps getting better and better. You can do a lot of upgrading in the Consignment Collection. Some pieces of furniture are fine antiques, but most are quality pre-owned pieces. And prices are affordable, usually from one-third to one-half the original price.

Featured items include a fine selection of Waterford crystal, also Fostoria and other collectibles. Furniture lines include such familiar names as Henredon, Drexel, Baker and Ethan Allen, as well as many less familiar, yet even better furniture.

Where does all this selection come from? From people who are moving or downsizing their homes. Some pieces may be virtually brand new, the result of a decorating mistake, or simply a change of the owner's mind. From six months to one hundred years old, the selection fills the entire decorating scale from A to Z. You'll find a good 30-day layaway program at the store as well as a "want" list for that hard-to-find special item that may not be at the store that day. It's a good idea to plan to stop in often, because there are new arrivals every day. Judy expects more new items than usual to be brought into the store in the spring. Many pieces sell within a few days of their arrival.

There are several advantages to consigning your quality furniture with Judy Jackson. Her store location, with everything in one place, often means your piece of furniture or accessory item will bring a better return than if you tried to sell it yourself, as well as freeing you from the need to run an ad in the paper, and the stress of having strangers in your home.

Judy maintains a large reference library and resource list of experts, built over the five years that the Consignment Collection has been open. She feels it is important for people to know that, even if she is not certain where something falls on the quality scale, that there are resources she can call upon to give her as much knowledge as possible about each piece, and she shares what she has learned. Every day, she says, she learns something new.

The Consignment Collection offers free pickup. Judy will come to your home to see where your things will best fit into the store, and her truck will pick them up and bring them to her location. All the work of advertising and merchandising is done by the store, but you get the lion's share of the profit.

Constantly changing, Judy Jackson's Consignment Collection invites you to return again and again to look over the new arrivals. It is exciting to consider the creative possibilities, and to realize that all this style can be yours for such affordable prices.

Judy Jackson's Consignment Collection, located in the Imperial Shopping Center at 3200 W. Wadley, #6, is open from 10:30-5:30 Monday-Saturday. Phone 689-3536.

The Bargain Barn

The big white building that houses Judy Jackson's Bargain Barn and the attendant cats that greet you when you shop is a friendly place crammed with treasures of all kinds. You will find good quality pre-owned consignment furniture as well as a nice selection of antiques and collectibles.

The Bargain Barn started in another location on S. Main Street ten years ago, but quickly outgrew its quarters and soon moved to its present familiar location. Many customers from Midland and other areas shop here regularly for household iten glassware, tapes nd costume jewelry, as well as for furniture and accessory pieces. Some come in as often as once eek to browse, and usually find something to complement their home decor.

Recently, the store began accepting consignments of good quality refrigerators, washers and dryers in good working order.

Sale items throughout the store reflect savings of up to 75 percent off the already low prices.

You will probably find what you're looking for on one visit or the next. Layaways are provided, or you may pay for your purchases by credit card.

From fireplace tools to heavily carved mantels, unusual items find their way here, and what comes into the Bargain Barn stays until it is sold, often on the day of its arrival. Many hidden treasures can be found here, placed in a nice arrangement to give you an idea of just how a piece will look in your home. From antique German china to exercise equipment, from rocking chairs to a professional hair dryer, from practical to fun, there is always something here to tickle your imagination.

Judy Jackson's Bargain Barn, at 2420 W. Front Street, is open from 10-5:30 Tuesday-Friday, 10- 4 on Saturday. Phone 682-0227.

Judy Jackson's Estate Sales

When your circumstances change, often the task of disposing of an entire houseful of memories or lifetime of acquisitions can be daunting at a stressful time. Whether you're moving into a smaller home, relocating to another area without wanting the fuss of moving your present furnishings, or even if you suddenly find yourself the executor of a loved one's estate, the professional staff at Judy Jackson's Estate Sales can take over this sensitive task with respect, dignity and confidentiality.

On the other hand you may realize, after you have moved into a new home, that you have more space to furnish than there is time or money to work with. The answer here can also be an estate sale, where the good value evident in pre-owned furnishings equals your finding surprisingly low prices and many wonderful things at one location. Most estate sales are not packed with antiques, although many fine pieces may be offered. What you will find when you shop one of these sales are g od, usable things for everyday living.

All over Midland, posted on important street corners on twenty or more weekends a year, you can see the friendly yellow and red signs that announce another of Judy Jackson's estate sales. Judy also believes in advertising through the classified ads, in the garage sale section. You can plan your weekend's shopping by beginning to look on Thursday to see where the next Judy Jackson estate sale will be located.

When you do attend a Judy Jackson estate sale, you will find that everything is presented attractively. Everything has been cleaned, glassware and dishes have been washed, and linens are grouped together and tied with ribbon or yarn for convenience. Items are presented tastefully and grouped together for convenience and appearance.

As more and more people have realized estate sale services are available, and the advantages of the assistance, Judy Jackson's business has grown rapidly. Regular estate sales, quality moving sales and even business closeouts handled by Judy Jackson have resulted in expansion during the last three years. Judy has built up quite a following of customers who come to her sales week after week, knowing they will find good items for sale, at reasonable prices.

Businesslike and professional, yet friendly and warm, Judy Jackson and her team of ladies, several of whom have been with her for years, will come into your location and take care of everything, relieving you of the stress of preparing for the sale, pricing all the items, and worrying about security. Judy gives receipts in triplicate, and maintains records so that the family can see exactly how each item has been sold. If an estate inventory is needed, she will work with the family or the trust department. If circumstances make it inconvenient for a sale to be held in the home, it will be moved to another location.

Judy Jackson maintains an extensive reference library on antiques, collectibles, furniture makers, and similar topics. She has access to a large circle of experts who may be consulted whenever the need arises. Also, individual items may be appraised to ensure that every piece is correctly and fairly priced.

Not just Midland is served. Sales take place throughout this area in such towns as Andrews, Odessa, San Angelo and even Hobbs, NM. "Have team, will travel," might well be the motto for the ladies of Judy Jackson's Estate Sales.

Whatever your needs, Judy Jackson will make every effort to satisfy them. It is this attention to detail and care for your individual concerns that has made Judy Jackson's Estate Sales a leader in Midland, and will keep her businesses growing in years to come.

Judy Jackson

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A WORLD OF BARGAINS

Show Offs
Bargain Barn
Consignment Collection
Midland Estate Sales



Judy Jackson brings to Midland the ultimate in consignment experience - three stores representing everything for you and your household. From the Bargain Barn which she started in 1988, then moved to it's current location in 1990, to Showoffs, opened in 1993, to the Consignment Collection, opened in October of 1995, we can find wonderful examples of Judy's own philosophy of "It's not what you buy, but where you buy it." You, the seller, get the largest share of the profits and you don't have all the fuss of selling your precious items yourself! In all three of her stores you will find a friendly atmosphere, good service, and best of all a **BARGAIN**!

Bargain Barn
2420 W. Front • 682-0227

Moved to the Front Street location in 1990, Bargain Barn is a true "Trash to Treasure" experience. At any given time you could find everything from Baccarat crystal to antiques, furniture and decor. As the inventory in resale shops change daily you need to shop often for the best selections.

WANT TO HAVE AN ESTATE SALE OR AUCTION?

Judy's services are available through Midland Estate Sales & Auction Service. Call her at 689-3536.

Consignment Collection
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Consignment Collection, where the past is comfortable, an old friend too dear to be discarded. A vast array of furniture and decorator items that have come from some of the finest homes in Midland can grace your home for many years to come.

Come in, browse and picture yourself on a luxurious piece of well cared for furniture that is just perfect for that special area of your home.

"Fun places to shop with bargains for everyone!"

Small on the outside but large in the inside, BeDazzle features unusual women's apparel, as well as other specialty shops

When you are looking for contemporary looks in apparel, jewelry and fashion accessories, always shop BeDazzle! Small on the outside but large in the inside, this store features unusual women's apparel, as well as other specialty shops you might not imagine would fit inside.

But step into BeDazzle next to Great Wallpapers in Imperial Shopping Center on the corner of Wadley and Midkiff, and prepare to be dazzled!

Geared mostly to the 25-year-old and up crowd, BeDazzle features strikingly different shoes, beaded scarves, belts, purses and unique jewelry. Everywhere you turn, you'll find lovely things that you won't see anywhere else. Owner Sue Barker never stocks a lot of any item, to keep the selections fresh.

BeDazzle features such lines as Jane Doe T-shirts, Rico sweaters, Zoe clothing, Shelley & Co. tops and skirts, What's Up and White Wash linen clothing, and Leatherock beaded and decorated jeans.

In business since 1991 at this same location, BeDazzle offers free gift wrap mostly in BeDazzle's signature zebra or leopard print 60-day layaway, and acceptance of all credit cards.



JoAnn West, Sharla Swain, Melissa Davis and Sue Barker (at right) invite you to the many store inside BeDazzle.

Angel Art, run by JoAnn West, is a specialty shop within BeDazzle. The store specializes in imprinting stationery, note cards, business and personal cards, wedding announcements and invitations, and specialty plates, as well as photo cards for holiday and other occasions. Many designs and styles are available. Choose a card to make your individual presentation stand out.

Missy's, with Melissa Davis in charge, offers scrapbooking materials: papers in solids and prints, and stickers to decorate your individual scrapbook and make it special.. She also offers handpainted ceramics, specializing in crosses for home decoration in sizes from 3x4 to 8x12. as well as necklace crosses decorated in such designs as leopard and zebra.

Home Matters is the place to shop for antique pine reproductions of hutches, coffee tables, entertainment centers and plate racks. Wrought iron screens are also available as well as accent pieces such as candlesticks and ornamental plaster pieces. Some ceramic decorating items such as magazine racks and coffee tables are offered.

Zuzu's Puddles is Sharla



Swain's shop within BeDazzle featuring unusual furniture pieces which she designs and paints, often with fabric and trim applique. All pieces are one of a kind, and all are hand done. Also featured are handpainted small signs and plaques with unusual designs and phrases.

The shops at BeDazzle are open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday, at Imperial Shopping Center, 3200 W. Wadley #18. Phone 689-3104. Or phone Angel Art at 697-2502.



Folger Galleries offers a wide variety of fine art to compliment your home

If you're looking for fine art to compliment your home, there's plenty to choose from at Folger Galleries. In its location at 3111 W. Wadley, Folger Galleries carries one of the Southwest's largest collections of signed and numbered limited edition graphics, many on fine art canvas. Original paintings by many nationally known artists working in oils, watercolors and acrylics are also represented here. Old masters reproductions, which are coated with a sealant that provides texturing, give the impression of originals.

Dedicated to bringing the Permian Basin fine art by established and emerging artists, Folger Galleries handles wildlife art, landscapes, seascapes and impressionistic works by the finest artists in America today.

At present, Folger Galleries features paintings by George Kovach, whose nostalgic oils on canvas bring the past back to life. Kovach was selected by US Art Magazine in December, 1999, as one of the four artists to watch in the new millennium.

As you enter the front doors of Folger Galleries, your attention is captured by the bronze lion head "Serengeti Breeze" by San Antonio



Therese Sitzman, owner of Folger Galleries welcomes you to visit her store located in Imperial Shopping Center.

sculptor Bob Guelich. His work has been selected for exhibition in the Masterworks of American Sculpture 1875-1999 show at the Fleischer Museum of American Sculpture in Scottsdale, Arizona, running through May, 2000. The lion head is a study done while Guelich sculpted a monumental bronze of a pride of lions for the Omaha Zoo, and another for the San Antonio Zoo.

Other artists represented in original art include Don Sahli, Dustin Lyon, Earline Barnes, Jo Beth Gilliam, Cletus, Herb McKinley, Mark Hopkins and Kent Ullberg.

The business began as a traveling graphic show, developing in 1970 into Folger Ranch Gallery specializing in western art and housed in what was originally an eight-stall horse barn. In 1986, the gallery moved to a location in town and became Folger Galleries. It is currently owned by Therese Folger Sitzman, daughter of founder Richard Folger, and both still operate the gallery.

The constantly changing selection also includes folk art, Celtic crosses, porcelain collectibles as well as books on art, fine art ties, and one-of-a-kind pieces.

Folger Galleries also has a custom framing department specializing in conservation framing, utilizing acid-free materials and glass which is 98 percent UV resistant for the protection of your fine art or cherished family photos or diplomas.

Restoration and cleaning are also available here. Art appraisals can be arranged, and 90-day layaway is available.

For your art needs, or answers to your art questions, Folger Galleries is always ready to serve you. And for online information, check out their website at www.folgergallery.com.

Folger Galleries is located at 3111 W. Wadley in the Imperial Shopping Center. Open Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and online 24 hours. Phone 697-3778.

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www.folgergallery.com

Joanne's Fine Gifts offers beautiful figurines, fine china, picture frames, and gift items that run the gamut from practical to whimsical

When you walk in the door of Joanne's Fine Gifts, you know immediately that you are in for a wonderful shopping experience. The store sparkles with light reflected from fine crystal.

Everywhere you look there are beautiful figurines, fine china, picture frames, and gift items that run the gamut from practical to whimsical.

Joanne's Fine Gifts is probably the best location in Midland to register your desires if you're going to be a bride soon. But register early, so that your patterns will be stocked. Wedding dates used to be clustered in springtime, especially in June. Today the events are spread out year round. Joanne's bridal registry maintains a comprehensive list of crystal, china, silver and other patterns chosen by the bride-to-be.

Wedding guests find that shopping for that perfect gift is made simple when they visit the store. Owner Joanne Gentry or her daughter Debbie O'Neill produce the bridal register and from it, selection is easy. Merchandise is usually in stock and may be purchased on the spot, making the slightly awkward gift card unnecessary. Joanne's will do free gift wrapping and delivery to make that bridal shower or wedding day less stressful.

Choices for the bride are almost unlimited. Crystal



Owner Joanne Gentry or her daughter Debbie O'Neill produce the bridal register and from it, selection is easy.

glassware is available from such prestigious names as Lenox and Marquis Waterford. Lead crystal serving pieces and accessories tempt the eye. Acrylic pitchers and punch bowls are a practical choice.

In silver flatware, the selection is enormous. Sterling silver, silver plate and fine stainless steel are produced by such manufacturers as Oneida, Gorham, Reed & Barton and Dansk. Silver holloware, bowls and trays complement the flatware. Unique metal ware from Nambe is a lovely alternative. Or for a practical note, choose silver care items.

Fine china and stoneware dinnerware is in stock from many worldwide manufacturers. Selections from Wedgwood, Noritake, Royal Doulton, Spode and many others are beautifully displayed. An accent might be contrasting napkins and place mats or a decorated serving tray.

Accent pieces for the home include fine picture frames in silver, pewter and other beautiful materials. Unique photo holders come in many sizes and styles. Useful and attractive items such as canisters, salt and pepper mills or cookbooks would be practical for the bride's kitchen.

Finish off your selection with a greeting card or personalized note. Then turn the shipping over to Joanne. She will pack and prepare your gift at no cost you only pay the UPS charge.

Now that you've chosen the perfect gift, check out selections from the Disney showcase collection, Royal Doulton figurines, or add to your Mary Furlong collectibles.

Place unusual pieces throughout your home. Joanne's stocks bears and stuffed animals in several sizes from Coca-Cola, Harley-Davidson, and Ty Beanie Babies. Try a Harley tankard on your bar shelf. Wouldn't an NFL Pro Bear look great on your computer, or a teacup collectible on your windowsill? How about a wooden model sailboat on the bookcase, or a Mexican silver cross on your wall?

Or treat yourself to some lovely silver jewelry, or a facial from the Meredith Baxter collection.

After 31 years working for Kruger's Jewelry in downtown Midland, and 18 years at he present location in the Imperial Shopping Center, Joanne has got it right. From the friendly warm feeling the store projects, to the personal service that larger stores don't provide, you'll enjoy your visit to Joanne's Fine Gifts. And you'll be back again soon.

Joanne's Fine Gifts is located in the Imperial Shopping Center at 3211 W. Wadley #11. Open Tuesday-Friday 10:00-5:30, Saturday 10:00-4:30. Phone 694-9812.

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Natural Foods Market goal is to educate customers and provide them with a selection of tasty and healthy foods that can improve their quality of life

It's no mystery to Natural Foods Market owner Larry Satterfield why 400,000 cases of colon cancer are diagnosed every year in America. "The computer saying, 'garbage in, garbage out' also applies to eating," says Satterfield. "Many people don't know how or what to eat to be healthy." The good news is that two relatively simple changes can help a lot.

The first is to change your eating patterns. "Eat breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and dinner like a pauper," quotes Satterfield. A good breakfast gives your body the energy it needs for the morning hours. A moderate lunch keeps you from being sleepy in the afternoon. A small dinner is all you need because most of us do not use much energy in the evening. You'll also sleep better.

Satterfield holds that fresh fruit is a perfect breakfast. Its natural sugar gives you a healthier energy boost than caffeine, it satisfies your sweet tooth and all that fiber helps to keep you regular.

"Most people do it backwards," Satterfield points out, reserving the biggest meal for the evening meal, when it won't be burned off because of inactivity.



The friendly and knowledgeable staff at Natural Foods Market is ready to help you with your individual health concerns.

Another key to how you eat is what foods you combine at each meal. "Proteins and starches don't combine well in your digestive system," explains Satterfield, "because of the different juices the stomach produces to break down the various types of food. People should eat one or the other at each meal."

He suggests starting lunch and dinner with a fresh green salad, then carbohydrates or protein, but not both at the same meal. "I've been eating this way for six years now, and I've not had a headache or stomach ache during that time," he says.

As for what you eat, Satterfield lists three main points.

1. Raw vegetables are better than cooked food. Cooking destroys vitamins, fibers and enzymes, robbing your body of many things it needs to function properly.

2. Plant foods are better than animal foods. Plant foods have lots of fiber and no cholesterol. Animal products contain significant amounts of cholesterol and no fiber.

3. Whole foods are superior to processed, refined or fragmented foods. Like cooking, processing removes much of food's benefits.

"People complain about the high cost of health care and then eat diets that are proven to be a factor in heart disease, colon and other cancers and diseases," Satterfield says. "Look at the Japanese and Chinese: in their native countries, they eat mostly grains and vegetables (high in fiber) with a bit of fish and small amounts of meat. Colon cancer is practically nonexistent in their countries. When they move here and adopt the Standard American Diet (SAD), their cancer rate is the same as ours." This is one of the reasons Satterfield opened Natural Foods Market: to educate customers and provide them with a selection of tasty and healthy foods that can improve their quality of life. The store carries a wide selection of organically grown fresh and dried foods. There is also a forty foot wall of vitamins, minerals, herbs and other supplements.

Listen to the nation's #1 health show on KJBC radio (1150 AM), Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. with Dr. Jan McBarron, a board-certified M.D., and very knowledgeable of vitamins, herbs and natural alternatives to

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The "Nook" moved in March, 1999 from #12 to #16-B in the Imperial Shopping Center at Midkiff and Wadley, enlarging their shop space by about 1,000 square feet, to accommodate their new addition of a Gammill Quilting Machine — fourteen feet of laser driven custom quilting power, and to allow more space for their classes. You will find everything for the quilter, whether you are just beginning in quilting or are a seasoned professional.

Needle Nook is owned by Joyce Sledge, but she's better known as "Ms. Nook" (even on the Internet); and managed by Suzanne Garman; with Jane, Linda, Barbara, Lona and Sheila assisting.

The "Nook" carries a variety of fabric lines by various manufacturers such as Hoffman, RJR, Benartex, Maywood and Chanteclaire; and now includes new lines by Moda, In the Beginning, Jennifer Sampou, Kaufman, and P & B . The west wall of the shop displays 2,200 bolts of fabric - a rainbow - totally organized by color tones and hues! They even have feed sacks and feed sack squares for quilt making, along with vanilla colored muslin to back the feed sack quilt tops.



Joyce Sledge, owner, and Suzanne Garman, manager invite you to visit Needle Nook, located in Imperial Shopping Center.

"Nook" also has a variety of fabric kits including Timid Thimble Creations Patterns by Nancy Odom, Timbleberries, Piece of Cake, Mary Lou & Company, and Jukebox Patterns. Lace Tales is reviving the nostalgic look of our childhood with redwork embroidery patterns — which are in stock at Needle Nook.

Instruction books and quilting guides abound. Browse through the Australian Patchwork magazines, then choose from several patterns for quilts from Australia. The "Nook" always has the latest and newest quilting books available.

If you are tired of being the Queen of Tops, bring your quilt creations to the "Nook" for finishing on the new Gammill Quilting Machine.

Looking for the perfect gift for your favorite seamstress? Silver pincushions and thimbles, tea towels and table linens are a few of the things you'll find at the Nook. The colorful tablecloths of the 30s have been revived and are in stock at the shop. If you want to browse the store on the web, the internet address is www.needlenook.net.

Suzanne produces a newsletter which is published 3 times a year — Winter and Spring, Summer, and Fall. It includes a smorgasbord of classes available for the taking! Anywhere from 40 to 50 instruction classes each season — days, nights and Saturdays teaching a variety of needlecraft arts including applique, embroidery, hand quilting, machine quilting, fashion design and creation; taught by Nell, Edith, Ann, Jane, Linda, Barbara, Jean, Joyce and Suzanne. You may want to join the "Christmas Club", where once a month you attend class and start a project, and by the time Christmas comes around, you have 12 finished gifts. There's a Block-of-the-Month Club, which finishes a quilt by the year-end. The "Nook" showcases a different customer's work each month.

Every year the staff at the "Nook" does a very special project. Each staff member creates hand appliqued blocks for a quilt, then the project's quilting is done on the new Gammill. The finished quilt is donated with love —to be auctioned off at the Annual Cancer Society Round-Up.

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Join the staff at Needle Nook at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, March 4, to see new quilting notions and fabrics, and receive instructions to construct a 12" quilt block. Then, come back each month for the "First Saturday of the Month"!

We are now doing CUSTOM QUILTING on the GAMMILL QUILTING SYSTEM. Check out our samples of quilts throughout the store - and bring in your unquilted tops, - we'll quilt them for you!

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Ginny's Collection is a success story we love to tell!

If you love to shop, you've got something in common with Virginia Lyle, owner of Ginny's Collection, a clothing and accessory store that has been a fixture in Imperial Shopping Center, 3211 W. Wadley, since 1986. Virginia began with a small space and a lot of talent for being able to select wonderful, unique merchandise.

Through the years Ginny's has expanded to include timeless, quality, fun sportswear with lines such as City Girl, Starfire, Peter Popovitch, Christine Alexander, French Dressing (Canadian made jeans that come in many colors and styles), M.MAC, Casey Coleman, Sonya and Faith.

Most recently two new lines have been added -- Stephanie Thomas and Cover Charge. These lines feature a more generous fit but are very stylish and cute.

This ladies clothing and accessory shop is bright and friendly with a wonderful staff who will help you have fun while updating or completing your wardrobe. To complement the fun clothes, you will find wonderful hand-crafted jewelry -- both sterling silver and ceramic and one of the best belt selections anywhere in the Permian Basin. Lots of jewelry, fun watches, scarves and pins are always in abundance.

Ms. Lyle says she's trying to attract "both the working girl as well as those who like fun clothes...comfortable, affordable, casual."

Several items in the store are handcrafted including painted, embroidered and appliqued vests, jackets and T-shirts, as well as Timmy Woods Collectible wooden handbaghs. Ms. Lyle traveled as far as San Miguel, Mexico to find one of her lines of hand-crafted jewelry, IXEL. "Each piece is unique," says the avid shopper. "No two are exactly alike."

The moment you walk in Ginny's Collection you will notice something else Ms. Lyle is fond of -- bright, cheery colors. Color has so much to do with how we feel.

After your eyes have taken in the brilliant hues, your ears are likely to perk up to something more subtle, the shop's relaxing background music. The nonvocal, easy-listening selections from Greenhill not only set a calming tone for your shopping, but may be purchased on CD and tape in the store.



Our ladies clothing and accessory shop is bright and friendly with a wonderful staff who will help you have fun while updating or completing your wardrobe.

Ginny's Collection has lured many faithful customers during its more than 14 years in Midland. Perhaps one reason Ms. Lyle has maintained her spot on Wadley Avenue, watching other businesses come and go, is her dedication to customer service.

"We pride ourselves on customer service," Ms. Lyle explains. "We do a lot of special orders, layaway, free gift wrapping.

Ginny says, "We love our customers -- they have become our friends. We try to listen to what they really want. A lot of people come by just to visit. I feel as if we have become a family. Come shop with us!"

Ginny's Collection is located in Imperial Shopping Center, 3211 W. Wadley. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday. The store accepts personal checks as well as Visa, master Card and Discover.

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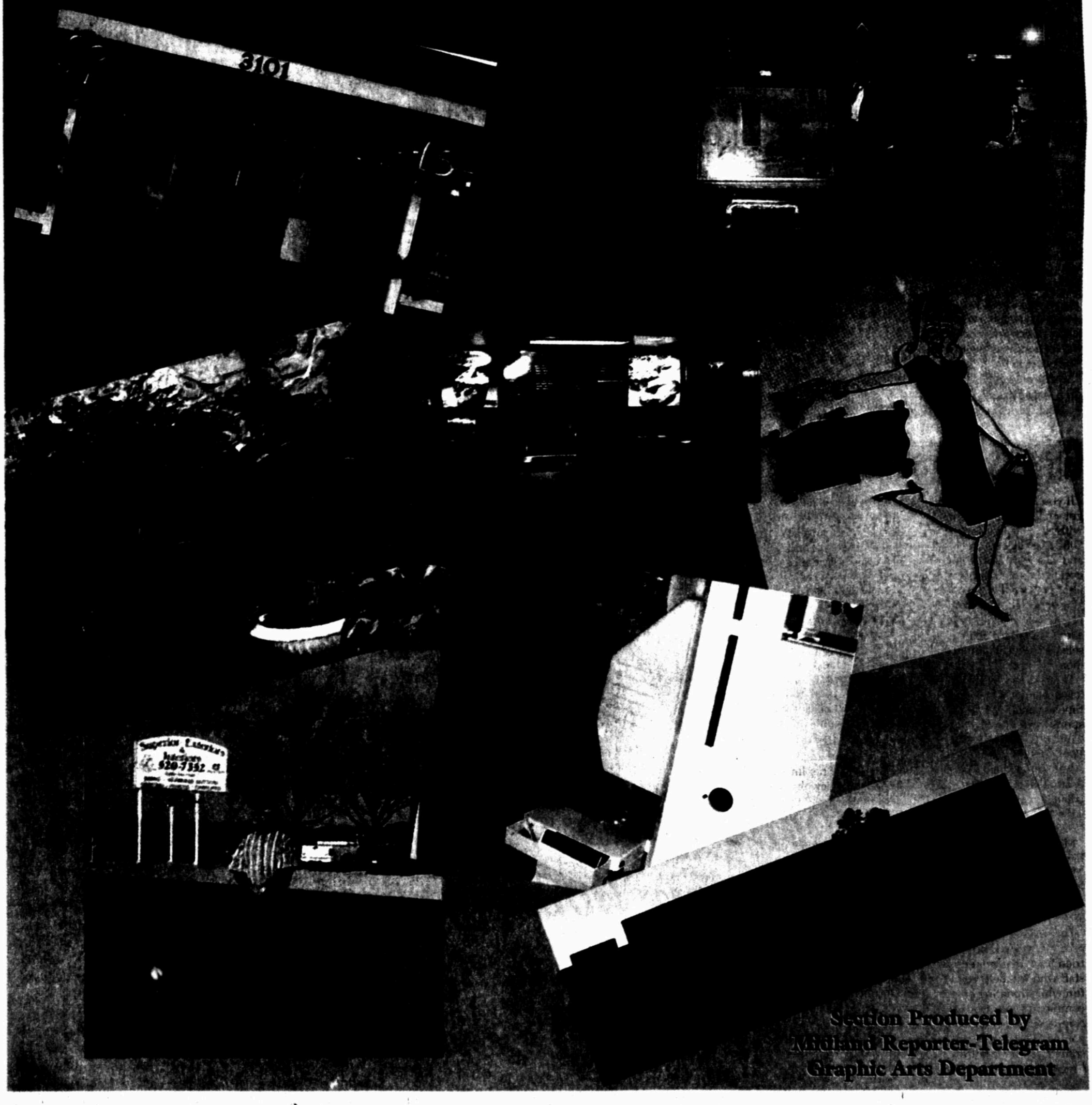
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The local office is a member of the Better Business Bureau of the Permian Basin. The company's home office was formed in 1991 in Lubbock, then incorporated in 1995, and also has representatives in other Texas cities as well as Georgia and California, expecting to add more offices nationwide to better serve clients around the country. Since 1991 the firm has helped people in the Permian Basin, in addition to the South Plains, and opened the local office in April, 1999 to address a growing opportunity to help even more people in the cities and communities of this region.

Financial Freedom Inc. is a member of the national Association of Christian counselors. Through their affiliation with a national non-profit organization, in most cases, they already have preset arrangements with over 10,000 creditors nationwide.

They can normally maintain a good credit rating if you are current. If you are past due, their service can easily bring most accounts current. They can stop harassing phone calls, most past due and over limit fees, and help you start showing a positive credit status again.
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Although bankruptcy is sometimes a necessity, the firm believes over 50% of all bankruptcies could be avoided. They believe most are filed because of stress and a lack of an alternative way to handle the situation.

Unlike bankruptcy, Financial Freedom works with the blessings of most creditors. Their services are confidential and done in the privacy of their offices. You avoid the embarrassment of appearing in a crowded public courtroom and your name being printed in the local newspaper.

Additionally, most people who file bankruptcy, are considered "high-risk" for many years. If they even manage to qualify for credit somewhere, they are charged much higher interest rates for the financing, therefore paying much more for their purchase. Often, they even end up paying more than the amount on which they originally filed bankruptcy. Call Financial Freedom at 620-0620 to help you avoid this.
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Home Equity Loans are new to our state and they need to be understood. Financial Freedom will be able to better serve most families. The questions most people need to ask themselves are:
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2. Are we eliminating our debt, or just dragging it out over a longer time?

Financial Freedom's services do not make you risk the roof over your family's head. Also, through a home equity loan's interest rate may be lower than your current credit card interest rate, in most cases, home equity loans are financed over a very long time span. This not only makes it very costly, but also very risky.

Remember, as you created the debt you are now trying to reduce, you didn't anticipate this would be your current situation, so who's to guess what may happen in the future.
Other Options

You could get a part-time job giving up time with your family and friends to make a few extra dollars, just to pay towards interest. You could cut corners at home, "do without", and double-up on payments, again to pay interest. Either way, 'interest' is the problem and it would still take many, many years for most people to pay off their debt.
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Family Maytag celebrates 5th Anniversary, offers not only name brand appliances, but service on all makes and models

Family Maytag - as the name implies, this is a family-owned business where you'll find Blaine, Sharon and Clayton Hale in their store, located in Cornerstone Shopping Center between Weight Watchers and Cici's Pizza.

The Hale's just celebrated their 5th Anniversary, having opened their doors in January 1995. To-date, they have sold over 8,000 appliances! Blaine states, "We sell an average of 150 appliances a month, of which 65 are reconditioned and 85 new. We service the entire Permian Basin. We've had customers purchase appliances and then had us ship them as far as Saudi Arabia."

Family Maytag carries a full line of new and reconditioned appliances with warranties; a full line of Neptune washers and Gemini stoves. For the kitchen, they have garbage disposals, trash compactors, refrigerators, deep freezers, microwaves, cook tops, built-in ovens and ranges, stoves, and dishwashers. Washers and dryers from apartment-sized stackables to the heavy duty capacity are available, along with water heaters. They also sell and service commercial laundry products for apartments and Laundromats/ washaterias. Recently, Maytag bought Hoover, and in the very near future the Hales will be carrying vacuums, too!



Family Maytag carries a full line of new and reconditioned appliances with warranties.

"We service all makes and models of appliances - no matter where you purchased it, we'll repair it," says Blaine, adding, "If you have an 18-year old Kenmore, we can sure fix it for you. And we do warranty work on Maytag, Magic Chef, Jenn-Air, and Admiral."

He adds, "We have a fully-stocked parts department, it's quicker that way. If we weren't fully-stocked in parts, we would have to check out the appliance, order the parts, wait days to weeks for the parts to come in, then go back and do the repair work. Since we have the parts in stock, it really speeds up our service."

Maytag also has a charge card - just pick up the application in their store. Lay aways can be made, too! They have 6 months to a year - same-as-cash - financing available.

For reconditioned or new appliances, parts, and service — come by Family Maytag in the Cornerstone Shopping Center at Midland Drive & Loop 250, between Weight Watchers and Cici's Pizza — or call 694-2733. Store hours are 9-6 Monday-Friday, and 9-5 on Saturday.

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Learning Express is the most exciting new toy store in West Texas

Learning Express is the most exciting new toy store in West Texas. It is the largest and most successful retail franchise of specialty toys in the U.S. Mike Sledge, owner of the Midland store, is a native Midlander with an entrepreneurial spirit. He opened his doors at 4706 N. Midkiff and Loop 250, near Hobby Lobby in June 1999.

"Midland had a need for this kind of store," Sledge says. He was in the family-owned drilling contracting business for 13 years. His daughter, Ashley, and son, Spencer, give him great advice on what toys will sell!

Learning Express offers high-quality games and specialty toys categorized by age and activity, while providing areas for children to play while their parents shop. The products are unique, you won't find them in the mass market! Learning Express is geared to fuel curiosity, introduce ideas, and inspire young minds at each developmental stage from infant to young adult. Their philosophy is based on the idea that learning should be fun, and fun should involve creativity and intellectual growth.

This toy store is a business with a soul! It attracts new customers and generates loyalty. Its highest priority is to provide quality, educational, non-aggressive, fun toys to their customers. The product mix runs the gamut from science and nature, to games and puzzles, to arts and crafts, construction, trains, books, plush, dolls, dress-up, and more. Their relationship with their customers shall always be characterized by integrity and honesty.



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Learning Express is dedicated to giving back to the community. Each store offers a unique fund-raising program to local schools, churches and civic organizations, and they get involved in important local causes. Learning Express contributes hundreds of thousands of dollars to their communities through the fund-raising programs and through outright donations of children's products.

Some of the unique benefits provided to their customers are:

◊ Free gift wrapping every day.

◊ V.I.P. Shopping Reward Program - which encourages and rewards regular customers.

◊ A bimonthly newsletter with coupons and great new products.

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Carousel Foto makes photographs a comfortable and pleasant experience

Carousel Foto opened 12 years ago in Odessa. The Midland store opened six years ago, and Gary Gibson became the manager and owner three years ago. They moved from the mall at that time to their current Courtyard Shopping Center location across from BankOne. The Odessa store is across from WalMart behind Grilz.

Owner, Gary Gibson says, "Fast Photo was built out of frustration." As many young mothers knew from experience, having their babies photographs taken could be a major ordeal. Many would take their babies in to have photos made and have to wait in long lines at the studios. The babies that started off in good moods, were usually fussy by the time it was their turn to be photographed. An unpleasant situation was them compounded by having to wait weeks to get the proofs back. The final blow was getting stuck buying big package deals that they really didn't want.





Carousel Foto not only does children's photography, but also glamour photography, publicity pictures, and family group shots.



This is what prompted a young mother to originally start Carousel Foto. Gary was the first to have "drop-ins" - without making appointments first. Clients can mix and match pictures, whether you want to buy 1 or 100 - any way you want it. "We take 6 to 10 great shots and dare you to buy just one," Gary adds, adding "Producing good portrait photography is more about making people feel comfortable than about the technical abilities."

Carousel Foto not only does children's photography, but also glamour photography, publicity pictures, and family with mementos. You can go in without makeup or doing your hair . . . they'll do it all for you. You come out looking like a million bucks, with photographs to show-off, plus you had a fun and exciting time doing it. Guys — what a perfect valentine's day gift!

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Whether you are remodeling or need a hole in the wall repaired, the experts at Superior Exteriors & Interiors will listen to what your needs are, discuss what options are available, and give you a free estimate.

The exterior services Superior Exteriors & Interiors provides are numerous: steel and vinyl siding, seamless gutters, storm windows, replacement windows, screens, shutters, skylights, carports, patios, painting, stucco repair, and even high pressure washing.

Their interior services include painting, drywall, textures, acoustics, wall coverings (vinyls, borders, murals), ceramic tile, and formica countertops. And when it comes to repairing that hole in the wall or ceiling, they pride themselves on blending textures or acoustics for unnoticeable repair.

When asked what suggestions he has for anyone in need of repair or remodeling services, Dan Nicholas says:



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✔ Make sure any contract you sign clearly states the work to be done.

✔ Check references of the company you're considering to repair or remodel your home or business.

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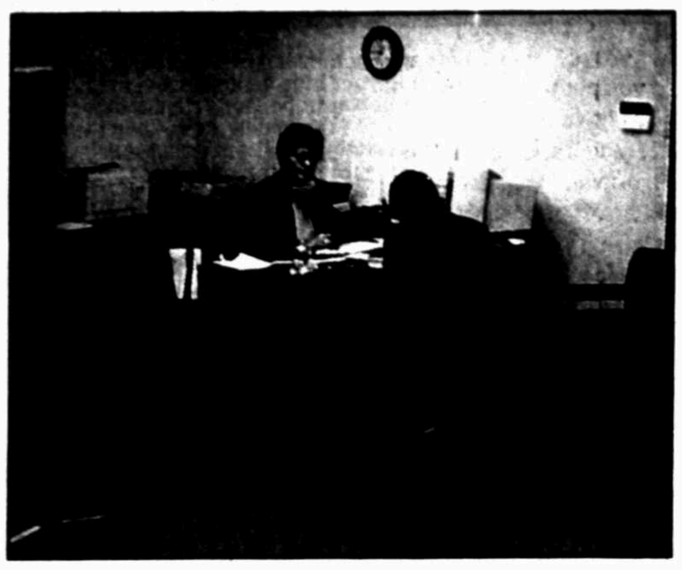
Cosden Federal Credit Union has new community charter, now serving Howard County

Cosden Federal Credit Union recently received a community charter for Howard County. The charter change ensures the credit union's continued growth and health. "Having a community charter means that all persons who live, work, worship or attend school in Howard County can become members. This includes contract workers living elsewhere, but working in Howard County, and students living elsewhere, but attending Howard College," states Cary Anderson, president and chief executive officer.

Cosden FCU offers its depositors aggressively competitive dividends over a wide range of savings products.

Today, with assets totaling about $20 million, it is a full-service financial institution, offering credit cards, auto loans, mortgages, free on-line home banking, telephone banking, and debit cards. They recently introduced the MasterMoney Debit Card, which replaced the ATM card. The debit card allows members to pay for purchases without having to write a check, and can be used anywhere MasterCard is accepted. The popularity of the debit card has been overwhelming, monthly transactions have tripled since its introduction.

Another new and exciting service is the telephone lending center. Members can apply for loans 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from the convenience of their home, office or car! In most cases, they have a decision



on their loan application before they hang up the phone. The response to this service has been phenomenal. Applications can be taken in Spanish for their Hispanic members.

CFCU's Internet site, www.cosden.org, has continued to improve. You can access C.O.O.L. Home Banking, calculate a loan payment, compare a conventional loan to a Driving Advantage Loan, apply for a loan, become better informed with the links to consumer and youth on-line magazines and purchase life insurance.

"We offer everything a bank does, as long as it is consumer related. We do not do commercial loans," says Anderson. Cosden FCU deals in signature loans, mortgages, college loans, loans on watercraft, RVs, computers, motorcycles, home improvements, new and used car loans - even one with a balloon payment at the end that may not be a lease, but certainly acts like one, right down to the freedom of the borrower to turn in the keys and walk away at the end of a specified time. Along with car loans, members are also offered some advantageous insurance options, such as a payoff policy to cover disasters such as a wreck that totals the car, which would normally leave the owner stuck with the difference between the insurance payoff and the payoff on the loan.

Anderson states that the Cosden FCU has been an active community member for years, it has sponsored a little league baseball team, it contributes to the annual county fair, and participates in the Chamber of Commerce and other events and organizations.

Another civic-minded activity Cosden offers is its outstanding web page, offering a capsule history of CFCU, information on products, rates and how to reach key people in the organization, as well as some on-line application forms, a loan and pay-off calculator, and other internal information available only to members entering their unique codes. Available to everyone, however, are a couple of invaluable automobile evaluation links (click on Auto Info-Plus), as well as CFCU's on-line magazine, Home & Family Finance.

With the recent world-wide Y2K scare at hand, Cosden FCU tested their manual systems. They want to thank their members for being so patient with them during the trials. It's good to know the manual systems are in place and working if ever needed in an emergency situation.

"Watch for an improved checking account program, more valuable links on our Web site, and Home Equity Loans," says Anderson, "and remember, our vision is to be your best choice of financial institutions."

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Once Upon A Time provides the Permian Basin a perfect place to find that whimsical or special gift

Once Upon A Time owners Rixie Connell, Patti Eager, and Donna Snyder provide the Permian Basin a perfect place to find that whimsical or special gift. Located in Midland Plaza Shopping Center, just east of Loop 250 and Midkiff, you'll find one-stop shopping a comfortable experience.

Mary Engelbreit - We offer the widest selection of Mary Engelbreit products in the West Texas area, ordering from over 30 different suppliers. You will find cute teapots, cookie jars, mugs, and canister sets for your kitchen. Decorators will appreciate the wallpaper borders, pillows, drawer pulls, frames, and rugs. Mary Engelbreit books, stationery, journals and pens make great gifts, or pamper yourself with one of her watches, pins or cosmetic bags. For the collector, there are many figurines and porcelain hinged boxes to choose from.

Coca-Cola - We have one of the largest selections of Coca-Cola collectibles in the area. You will find many usable items for your kitchen including cookie jars, canisters, napkin holders, salt & pepper shakers, as well as paper plates, napkins and cups. For the collector, a large variety of magnets, replica signs, license plates, tins, trays and steins are available. "We receive new additions to the collection regularly, and are expecting some great new usable lunch pails any day," states Donna.

Invitations - The invitation center, Pretty In Print, offers an extensive assortment of invitations for all occasions. You may buy just one invitation or as many as needed. Gina Lann will be happy to custom print your order within 2 to 3 days.

Scrapbooking - To help preserve your treasures, the shop offers a scrapbooking center, where Gina presides over scrapbooking workshops. She can answer your scrapbooking questions, and offers a custom service where she can make



Once Upon A Time owners Rixie Connell, Patti Eager, Donna Snyder and Gina Lann have everything from whimsical to special gifts, invitations, collectibles, scrapbooking and more!

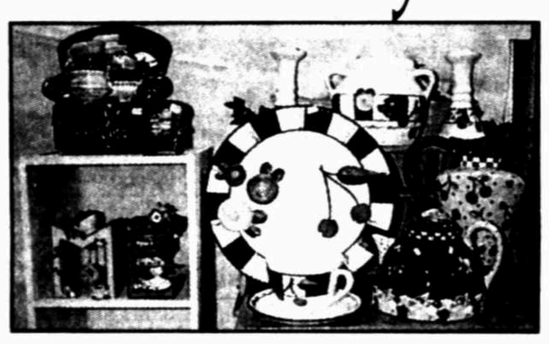
your pages for you. Fabric covered albums are a specialty, with many to choose from in the store, or bring in your own fabric for a custom look. A large variety of acid-free papers, stickers, punches, and pens are available, as well as all the latest in scrapbooking supplies. Classes may be arranged to be taught in the store, and she also gives programs for clubs and businesses.

Gifts - Once Upon A Time provides gift ideas ranging from a large selection of stationery from Lang Graphics, Carol Wilson and Suzy's Zoo, to whimsical windchimes, or birdhouses hand painted by Rixie. You'll find a wide variety of items perfect to include in gift baskets, like handmade scented soaps, candles, cappuccino, and sweets, including two locally made brands of candy. Holiday decorating for all seasons is livened by the whimsical figures from Eddie Walker and Sandi Gore Evans. Out-of-town visitors will appreciate our selection of Texas souvenirs, and Texas collegiate gifts are a specialty.

The store also carries 7 different lines of greeting cards for holidays and all occasions, making it the perfect place to drop by and pick up a gift for that special someone on the spur-of-the-moment. "Everyone's so busy these days that people wait until the last minute, but they want a nice gift . . .something quick and simple, while still being special. You can pop into our shop, pick out a present and a card to go with it, and we'll even gift wrap it for free," states Patti.

Once Upon A Time has an intimate, easy and friendly atmosphere, perfect for browsing or serious shopping. "We like to keep our store light and cheery, and very casual. We buy merchandise that brings a smile to your face, something that's fun for our customers and us, too," says Patti about the store.

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Friendly staff at Carter's Furniture keeps on top of latest trends

Over a 49-year span, Carter's Furniture may have drastically changed its line of furniture from the used furniture store of 1951 — to the unlimited options available in its stylish interior design furnishings of today's store, which covers half a city block and is still expanding; but still manages to maintain the family traditions of value and keeping their customers satisfied — and coming back.

The friendly staff at Carter's keeps up with the changes and on top of the latest trends and styles to aide you in your interior design needs.

Carter's has the only Broyhill Showcase Gallery in the Midland/Odessa area; a 5000 sq. ft. La-Z-Boy Gallery, among numerous other brand names. Tim carries a huge variety of styles ranging from casual to classic to the unique in his fashions to accommodate all of his customer's furniture needs. He keeps abreast of the new trends and styles to offer his customers the latest options available. Twice a year he attends the international home furniture markets located in High Point, North Carolina — the capitol of the world of furniture, and quickly sees the direction the furniture industry is taking.

In preparation for their 50th



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Anniversary next year, they are adding on another 5,400 sq. ft. to the store in the near future. They will revamp the back 1/3 of the store, adding home office and small office displays, a Youth Furniture Gallery, new entertainment and curio areas, and new bedroom displays. The leather sofa display area will be remodeled, to keep up with customer interests. The delivery and accessory area will be moved to create a clearance nook. Another 2,500 sq. ft. will be devoted to the La-Z-Boy Gallery to keep up with the dynamic changes in their lines. In 1999, Sealy mattresses were added to their line, with a great response from the customers. Now they carry 3 of the 4 major bedding manufacturers — Sealy, Spring Air and Simmons.

La-Z-Boy itself has undergone major changes. It is no longer just a chair manufacturer, it is now a major player in stationary upholstery sofas, loveseats and occasional chairs. Carter's La-Z-Boy Design Center enables shoppers to select the frame of their choice along with the fabric of their choice for that customized selection, with delivery in six to eight weeks.

Carter's also maintains their Catalog Room with many manufacturer's catalogs, so if you don't see it on the floor, you can find that exact piece and they will special order it.

When you find that piece that's "to die for" and find that you haven't budgeted your finances to your advantage this month, Carter's not only takes Visa, Discover and MasterCard; has a lay-a-way plan, and can arrange financing, too.

Tim Carter continues to carry on the family traditions that date back to his grandfather, John W. Carter, who began his business in Big Spring in 1946, which was later owned and operated by his uncle, Terry Carter. Tim's father, Jimmy, opened his Midland store in 1951, which he owned and operated until 1986, when ownership was transferred to Tim. Jimmy and wife, Elouise Carter are still very active in the business.

Because of Tim's "favorable rent negotiation" with Jimmy, he has an advantage over other furniture stores — which allows him to keep his prices lower and pass his savings on to his customers. Carter's also has a clearance sale twice a year — so the customers keep coming back — for generations.

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Fun, fun, fun defines the shopping experience at The Boutique

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At The Boutique, they can help you look like a million and have a great time doing it.

They just opened this past Monday, and they are really EXCITED about enjoying life and helping you do the same as you shop for the latest looks in shoes, clothes and accessories. They are Machelle Williams, Marla Scott, Dawn Halcom and Linda Schmalz and the store's name is deceptively simple- The Boutique.

Listen, you already know that your closet contains NOTHING to wear, so throw SOMETHING on and hurry over to The Boutique, where you'll have a blast shopping for what you really need. You'll quickly see that they say it's fun, fun, fun for a reason.

FUN: Take a spin through the contemporary clothing styles epitomized by designer names like Karen Kane, Flax and Michael Simon. Need some help finding your perfect look? Ask! They'll be glad to help you look your best.

FUN: Revel in the fun-tastic collection of designer and unusual shoes-there's an amazing selection for a store as cozy as this one. They include brands like Naked Feet, Donna Karan, Rocket Dog and Yellow Box, in sizes 5-1/2 to 10. They'll make you feel like dancing!

FUN: Accessorizing your look can be the most fun of all-if you have lots of exciting looks to choose from (like they do at The Boutique). Obsidian, Dian Malouf and Adrianne Vittadini are among the designers whose exciting items you'll find among the store's eclectic mix. It's a little cutesy, a little funky, with a touch of traditional. The jewelry includes everything from semi-precious to purely fun and trendy. Try out their handbags and hair accessories, too.

"Lots of women are afraid to try out certain 'new' looks," says Dawn. "We can help you put together the right look to fit your lifestyle." Moms and daughters alike can find just what they need, from sizes 2-2X. All the girls at The Boutique have lots of experience. Even if you don't need anything right now, stop by and they'll be glad to help you find something you just can't live without.

There is no further need to complain about your wardrobe, or about shopping for what you need. At The Boutique, they can help you look like a million and have a great time doing it. It's almost like the clothes are free, and they just charge a little for the entertainment!

The Boutique is located in the Plaza Oaks Shopping Center at Garfield and Wadley in the former location of the Kitchen Shop of Driscoll's Gifts-that's behind Toddy's, which used to be El Chico. Store hours are 10-6 Monday through Friday and 10:30-4:30 on Saturday. The phone number is 683-1699.



Betty's Bobbin Box is the #8 Janome dealer in the United States with over 800 dealers nationwide

Sewing, embroidering and quilting are not what they used to be! The sewing industry has changed dramatically toward automatic embroidery and quilting. Betty and Caren Reneau, owners of Betty's Bobbin Box, first opened the Odessa store in September 1993. The Midland store started out inside Clothworld in 1995, moving to the 2603 N. Midland Drive location in May 1998. In the very near future, they will be expanding to Lubbock. Their business is built on being customer oriented and they pride themselves on their honesty in the business.

Kamie Prather and Helen Provins are two of the quality, well-trained employees in Midland. Ben Kinnard is certified to work on Janome machines, but is also qualified to repair all makes of machines.

Janome was the first embroidering sewing machine to hit the market in 1991. Today, they are still the largest manufacturer of computer machines. Betty's Bobbin Box carries the full line of Janome, from the Memory Craft 9000 (the top of the line) down to the economy model, Jem Gold, which weighs only 11 pounds and is great for carrying to class. It even comes with a needle threader and top loading bobbin.

Betty's will show you the Memory Craft 9000 or 5700 for which there are almost 100 memory cards available, and both machines are compatible with computer programs, Customizer 2000, Digitizer 2000, and allow designs to be downloaded from the Internet. With the addition of Digitizer 2000 software, even the customer's personal designs will be brought up to the commercial quality of the purchased memory cards!



Left to right: Helen, Kamie, Betty and Caren are available to help you with training on Janome machines, and other sergers or sewing machines.

Betty's Bobbin Box is the #8 dealer in the United States with over 800 dealers nationwide. Caren stays up-to-date on the new technology. They've never missed a Janome training session since opening and make all the trade shows possible. The last trip, they took five people to the Janome Sewing Machine Institute and loaded up on ideas for classes.

Betty's Bobbin Box provides classes to teach customers how to use the Janome products. Whether they sell a sewing machine or a serger, they teach the customers how to use them, making certain they are happy with the selection they have made and will enjoy using it.

Caren has been spending time in Huntsville, Alabama, studying with Martha Pullen, who hosts the PBS TV show Martha's Sewing Room. Caren is now trained and licensed as an heirloom instructor for Martha Pullen. She will be instructing heirloom classes this Spring in the Permian Basin and will be available to travel to conduct classes for other Janome dealers across the nation.

You will find their class schedules in their Newsletter, which you can pick up in the store. They have very qualified teachers. Anyone interested is welcome to join their once-a-month Saturday afternoon Sewing Club.

They carry a full line of quilting fabrics including Moda, Hoffman, Bernartex, etc., as well as some fashion fabrics. They also carry a full line of heirloom sewing supplies including the Swiss Batitse, French heirloom laces, specialty needles, etc.

Betty says, "Our sales representative said we sell more thread than anyone in the entire Permian Basin." They probably have the largest supply which includes serger thread, embroidery thread, quilting thread and all-purpose sewing threads. They also carry patterns, specialty needles, various quilter's rules, quilting books, sewing books, steam irons, etc.

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Betty's Bobbin Box is located at 2603-A N. Midland Drive. Store hours are 10-6 Monday-Friday, and 10-4 on Saturday. Call 520-7273.



Fast Photo and Custom Framing, was one of the first one-hour photography businesses in Texas

Fast Photo and Custom Framing, across from Hastings on Cuthbert, was one of the first one-hour photography businesses in Texas, dating back to 1982. Gary Gibson, manager and owner, stepped into the picture in 1992, and has added to the services they offer.

They provide affordable photographic services including quality one-hour photo processing, one-hour film development, digital photo restoration, passport pictures, sports team photography, enlargements up to 20" x 30", slides, black and white services; and recently added custom framing at affordable prices.

Digital Photo Restoration - Everyone has at least one important photo that started out in their billfold or wallet, then years later made it to that "safe place" where it was to reside temporarily until being added to the photo book, scrapbooked, framed or boxed for safekeeping. The next time you see it, the dog, cat or toddler located it 10 minutes before you.

Don't throw it away! Whether the damage is from years of wear and tear, or a portion of the picture is missing, bring it in to Fast Photo and Custom Framing and let them digitally restore it. It is truly amazing what can be done to restore them - even add color to a black and white!



Fast Foto offers many services including One Hour Developing, to custom framing and restoration of photos.

Fast Custom Framing - This service developed out of aggravation with area frame shops. Gary is an artist, currently working with watercolors. Every time he finished one of his pieces and took it to be framed, he states, "They wanted too much, and took too long." A lot of us know about this from first-hand experience. Gary went to Dallas for training and became certified by the Professional Picture Framers of America. He hired a top-notch, experienced framer, and now offers professional custom framing at prices that compete with Hobby Lobby, and the job is completed within 48 hours. "Before the year is out, we hope to be doing custom framing service as 'same day service'. No one has ever done that," Gary gleams. You can always tell when someone loves their work, and it is very obvious that he loves what he does!

From being told, 'you can't do quality films in one hour', 'you can't turn quality portraits around in one hour', and 'you can't do quality framing in less than 4 to 6 weeks', sprung the ideas for the businesses that make life more convenient and enjoyable for the rest of us. If you want something done in photography or framing, that everyone tells you can't be done, go tell Gary Gibson 'it can't be done'. He will come up with a way to do what everyone else settles for as the impossible! He's turning around the film business.

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Midland Gallery, literally lets you view the world of art

Walking through the doors of Midland Gallery, you can literally view a world of art. In the foyer the beautiful figures of Giuseppi Armani (Italian sculpture d'arte) are displayed. And nearby, from the south of France, the "glass objects d'art" of Jean-Claude Novaro will dazzle your eyes. Novaro's creations are exhibited world wide in very prestigious, private collections and museums. Also, be sure to take a look at the handmade velvet-lined trinket boxes made from picture frame moulding to coordinate with the finest decors.

The 5400 square foot gallery has a showroom of more than 4500 feet, including the largest selection of ready-made frames in the area. Let owner Mike Crume take you for a stroll: from Russia, Viktor Shvaiko depicts beautiful European street scenes, from Korea, Sam Park brings Mediterranean villas to life, or he can take you back to San Diego when you visited the island resort of La Jolla.

Ming Feng, originally from China, paints our own East Coast in colors so fabulous you will want to stay forever in one of his seaside garden cottages.

A must to see is works from new artist, Leonard Wren. Leonard is from Tulsa, Oklahoma who depicts the wonderful small villages and architectural landscapes of rural France.

Too cosmopolitan? How about a country landscape by Salvador Caballero from Barcelona, Spain. Or, maybe you would prefer the small villages of "Barbera" from Valencia.

Back home, CA (Cowboy Artist of America) artist, Wayne Baize brings Western art alive in a West Texas setting only those who have witnessed will believe. And, Curtis Dykes portrays his Western Landscapes of the Hill Country at its best.

Mikki Senkarik changed her career from a medical illustrator, to be able to use the bright colors she loves. Her artwork will absolutely amaze you will brilliance.

Ready for a stroll on the wild side? Let's start with J.W. Thrasher, National Wildlife Show Award winner. J.W. combines his knowledge of wildlife with the uncanny ability to capture animals in their natural state.

Not into the wildlife scene? View a collection of 17th century Rembrandt etchings, signed Dali's lithographs, Joan Miro's, or signed original Calders.

Mike and Karen Crume purchased Midland Gallery when it was a small custom frame/print shop. As long-time lovers of good art, they developed a plan to expand into a "real" gallery. The first step was to make sure each piece of art that left the frame shop was framed to absolute perfection. Mike says that was achieved by bringing in Heap Taing as the shop manager. "Heap and I have the same philosophy," Mike says, "Midland Gallery will offer the very best picture framing



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available...Anywhere."

That accomplished, the Gallery moved to its present location at about twice its former size and a concentrated search began for new artists. "We wanted to offer the best QUALITY, the best SELECTION, all at competitive PRICING." Mike says that philosophy earned the Gallery the prestigious National Decor Award of Excellence in Atlanta in 1993. But, he continues, "We will always strive to offer a BETTER quality, a BETTER selection, still at a competitive PRICE."

Mike says the Gallery tries to have four or five shows each year where art from all over the world is offered for sale at unbelievable prices. "We can do this because the art is brought in on unstretched canvasses, thus cutting down tremendously on freight charges, and high mark-ups that you would normally see at the "big galleries."

"So far we have been talking about original art," Mike says, "But we offer so much more." one new technology allows artists to print their work on canvas instead of paper, thus eliminating the necessity of glass. This process achieves a truer image than a paper offset lithograph. Canvas has texture, and with texture we get better, more brilliant color. "The giclee is a process I am really excited about...we handle Mikki Senkarik's originals as well as her giclees. Very few people can distinguish one from the other. We usually tell them to look at the price and they will know which is which."

In closing, Mike invites you in for a tour, and if you are a first time visitor, three to one he will hear, "Oh my, I didn't know

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Kids Only Toy Store is your imagination place

Can you imagine a place where kids want to go and play games that help them learn to use their imaginations? Where the toys last a whole generation or more, not just till you get them home? That place could be their own rooms when you've been to Kids Only Toy Store.

"To be carried in my store, a toy must be child-driven-the child must use his or her imagination actively to play with the toy," says owner Kathy Wurster. If you have any of your childhood toys, you know they're made differently from most mass-market toys today. Ones that have lasted were made of metal or wood-like most of the toys you'll find at Kids Only Toy Store.

If you can't imagine what to get for that birthday or other special occasion, Kathy and her staff can help you. They can show you age-appropriate toys, and they can tell you all about any toy-its history, its play value-they'll even take it out of the box and show you! The staff can also tell you about the keepsake value of toys-like those you had when you were young. Kids Only Toy Store also provides complimentary gift-wrapping and mail wrapping-they will even mail the package for you!

Kathy, a former schoolteacher, stays current on childhood development research; how toys and music help children grow, what stimulates them to develop a healthy body and mind.

Now you're trying to imagine just what toys provide all these good things. Let's start with the doll section, which takes up the entire east wall of the store. The roll call includes Madame Alexander, Turner Dolls, Susan Wakeen, Corolle, Celia porcelain dolls from England, G'tz and the Diana baby doll collection. You'll have to see the 85th anniversary Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy dolls, too. Kathy will soon have the Mattel limited edition Barbie dolls, along with the Lee Middleton dolls.

Accessories include doll buggies from Germany, doll prams from Sweden and a very sturdy line of wrought iron buggies, cradles, high chairs and hand-painted wooden cradles. There are also doll clothes, bottles, diapers and everything you could imagine.

Kids Only Toys also carries sturdy wooden children's furniture including tables, chairs, maple hand-painted rocking chairs, wooden toy boxes and more.

Looking for Breyer Horses?



Kids Only Toys owner Kathy Wurster stands in front of the store's wall of dolls, showing off a Madame Alexander Millennium Doll.

The store has a large assortment of these highly-sought-after collectibles.

Other quality toys include Rokenbox, Robotix, Zoob Toobs, Radio Flyer, Sanrio (Hello Kitty), Brio, Thomas the Tank Engine, Playmobil and so much more, for children of all ages.

If you've ever seen a three-year-old take "ordinary" blocks and build a fortress or a bridge or some other structure, you've seen the value of stimulating their imagination. That child may grow up to build things we can't even begin to think of today.

Imagine!

Kids Only Toys, Inc. has been locally owned by Kathy Wurster for 19 years. It is located at 3001 West Loop 250 North, close to Mervyn's. The phone number is 699-5911. Store hours are 10-6 Monday through Saturday and 1-5 on Sunday.

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National Mortgage is a recognized leader in the local real estate finance industry. Because National Mortgage is a mortgage broker, they are able to offer their customers many more options and flexibility than an ordinary mortgage banker. National Mortgage currently has over 30 lenders they broker mortgage loans to. Some of the advantages this offers the home buyer are the best interest rate available, a financing program to fit the credit needs of the customer, flexibility in underwriting requirements, and credit approval in 24 hours.

Buying a home can be a tedious and difficult process, often involving many complicated decisions. Financing sometimes sounds like a foreign language, it can be complex and intimidating; rates, indices, margins, fixed, adjustable, convertible, caps, etc. Working with the right mortgage professional who is willing to educate the home buyer is essential.

A sometimes forgotten point in the home buying process is the importance of prequalifying. This step can save the buyer considerable amounts of time, money, and frustration. Time can be saved during the escrow process if a buyer is prequalified. The buyer can save money when making an offer if the seller knows the buyer has the financial capacity to afford the house. Prequalifying also helps the buyer determine, in advance, his limit for payments and purchase price.



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Flowerland specializes in weddings and parties with a full service shop that can design anything for any budget

For over 30 years Flowerland has been providing fresh flowers for all occasions, "while getting our best ideas from our customers," states Peggy Parkinson, manager of Flowerland. "We love our customers and give them a lot of credit for their ideas."

The store's nine designers are experienced in all areas of the flower business and pride themselves in satisfying just about any creative request, from floral arrangements to gift baskets.

According to Ms. Parkinson, "When a customer calls, they tell us about the occasion and the emotion of the situation, whether it is a wedding or a birthday– Our designers then create something appropriate for that event. We are a service-oriented organization that can basically produce whatever our customer wants."

Flowerland specializes in weddings and parties with a full service shop that can design anything for any budget - They also offer a variety of gifts for any occasion including silks, gift baskets and gourmet items. Even teddy bears can be found around the shop.

Holidays are especially busy for Flowerland, but



Flowerland has a full service shop to meet their customers needs.

Parkinson proudly points out that their staff can be very creative under pressure. "Working with flowers can be a hectic business. while at the same time being a lot of fun!" adds the store's manager.

The design staff is quite talented at creating something comforting, as well. "Funerals are a difficult time. people need someone they can trust to give them fresh flowers. Flowers are such a personal statement, it is the last thing we can do for a person." says Ms. Parkinson. "We are in an emotional business. It is great to fill orders for the special needs of our customers.

"We do our best to get the freshest flowers. We have products that come from places as far away as South America and Hawaii," adds Ms. Parkinson. The life cycle of flowers is longer because the staff at Flowerland is very knowledgeable about processing and hydrating their products with fluids.

The Flowerland designers also offer free consultations at your home. "We can customize silk arrangements for any decor. The business of flowers is very personal because the customers tell the designers what they want to have expressed with their arrangements," remarks Ms. Parkinson.

As manager of the flower shop, she enjoys her job and the fact that the most beneficial thing about the floral business is giving something back to the people that are its customers "Nothing is ever the same. There is never a dull moment when working with people to design new arrangements, " says Ms. Parkinson.

The customers are what make this business great,' she continues." "There is something about fresh flowers. They can change a person's whole mood. That makes our job rewarding."

Flowerland was established in 1947 by Mr. Jim Kent, who then sold it to Ron Johnston. In 1968 Mark and Jane Knox purchased the flower shop. Mr. Knox was the president of FTD in 1992, and remains an influence within the floral industry today.

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Swensen's: One of Midland's "Best Kept Secrets" has new look for the new millennium

After five great months of business and working hard to sustain our commitment to delivering superior customer service and only serving the freshest food products available, owner, Rona Valadez, and her staff are ready to share one of Midland's best kept secrets, "Swensen's Ice Cream & Food Store," located at Loop 250 & "A" Street.

Rona opened the Odessa store 2 1/2 years ago, with the traditional Swensen's appearance. She wanted something different for the Midland store - a little old with a little new. Turned down at first, her perseverance paid off and the Vice President of Franchises decided to let her have her new look for the new millennium, adding that, "She's a Midlander and knows what will go well." After the stores completion, Swensen's VIP's came to see the store. Rona says, "The ones that fought against it the hardest are the ones that like it the most."

Swensen's Ice Cream has been around for over 50 years (founded in 1948), and many of you have enjoyed this great product in other parts of the states and country. Well, we are excited to bring Swensen's to Midland. Following are just a few of the favorite ice cream desserts and flavors available:

Desserts — Go Getcha One!

Peanut Fudge Brownie: a rich, chocolate brownie, Chocolate Peanut Butter Cup Ice Cream, peanut butter topping, hot fudge whip, Spanish peanuts, even a mini Reeses Peanut Butter Cup ..... only $3.95

Very Berry Shortcake: Strawberry & blueberry shortcake. White cake, Vanilla Ice Cream, strawberry and/or blueberry topping topped off with a creamy whip, and a cherry. My favorite! ..... only $3.95

Oreo'ver Load: Cookies'n'Cream Ice Cream smothered in crushed Oreos, hot fudge and creamy whip, with a chocolate cherry on top. Sounds good to me! ..... only $3.95

U.S. Mint: Thin Mint Ice Cream with hot fudge and creme de menthe toppings spooned into a tall glass and capped with a creamy whip - plus a drizzle of creme de menthe. Finishing touches include a rolled wafer, a cherry and a sprig of genuine mint! ..... only $4.95

Chocolate Macadamia: Chocolate Macadamia Ice Cream Topped with hot fudge, chocolate chips, a chocolate cherry, macadamia nuts and a crispy chocolate wafer. This one will take care of your Chocolate Fix'! ..... only $4.25

We'd better stop here. I still have to tell you about our burgers, sandwiches and salads. One more thing about our Ice Cream, if you have a special diet need but enjoy the delicious taste of Swensen's, be sure to check out — Low Fat, Fat Free, Yogurt & No Sugar Added desserts!

OK, let's move on to some more good stuff. Favorite Burgers & Sandwiches - stop by for lunch or for dinner, our kitchen stays open till 10 p.m. Sunday - Thursday, and till 11 p.m. on Friday & Saturday.

The Gourmet Burger: Sauteed mushrooms, melted Jack and Muenster cheeses, chopped scallions, sour cream, shredded cheddar on a whole wheat bun (6.5 oz. fresh pure beef patty) with (1) side of the following: wedge fries, cottage cheese, potato salad or cole slaw. You will love this one and will not leave hungry! ..... only $5.50

The California Patty Melt: Grilled sourdough bread with Jack cheese, avocado, sauteed mushrooms and grilled onions (6.5 oz. fresh pure beef patty) with 1 side order ..... only $5.50

The Burger Ole': Melted Jack cheese, green chilies, and salsa on a sesame bun (6.5 oz. fresh pure beef patty) 1 side ..... only $5.25

The Old Fashioned Cheeseburger: Melted cheese, tomatoes, shredded lettuce, onions, 1000 Island dressing, pickles on a sesame bun (6.5 oz. fresh pure beef patty) and 1 side ..... only $5.25

The Motherlode: Roast beef, Monterey Jack cheese, sauteed peppers and onions on sourdough grilled in our special Parmesan cheese and butter spread. With (1) side ..... only $5.25

The El Dorado: Turkey, bacon and Cheddar cheese on sourdough grilled in our special Parmesan cheese and butter spread. With (1) side ..... only $5.50

The Blue Max: Ham & turkey, crisp bacon, tomato and bleu cheese dressing on rye bread under hot melted Muenster cheese. With (1) side ..... only $5.95

The French Dip: Hot thin sliced roast beef on a baguette with au jus on the side. With (1) side ..... only $5.95

Wow! What a sandwich line-up, and I just mentioned a few, but also available are your "light fare" sandwiches. These are:

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Chicken Ole'
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Healthy Turkey
Grilled Veggie Sandwich

Ok, let's keep going, next up are Gourmet Salads.

Cobb Salad: Diced turkey, tomato, avocado and hard boiled egg in generous portions on a bed of salad greens. Topped with bleu cheese, crunchy bacon crumbles and your choice of dressing ..... only $6.95

Chicken Fiesta Salad: Sliced grilled chicken breast surrounded by salad greens, diced tomato, grated mild cheddar and Monterey Jack cheeses, guacamole and sour cream. Served with tortilla chips and a choice of dressing or salsa ..... only $6.95

Chicken Caeser Salad: Sliced grilled chicken breast over a bed of Romaine lettuce, cherry tomatoes, black olives and croutons. Served with a creamy Caeser dressing and a Parmesan grilled baguette. ..... only $5.95

Swensen's Ice Cream & Food - 7 minutes from downtown at N. Loop 250 and A Street, where there's something for everyone, whether you want one of the fantastic desserts or a scrumptious meal. They even developed new life style items including sugar free, non-milk, low fat and fat free ice cream, without sacrificing the delicious taste. And it's the only place you will find the true old-fashioned soda (made from muttle with your choice of ice cream balanced on the rim of the glass). They also have ice cream cakes, chocolate covered bananas, and will do special orders for you.

Swensen's has grown from the ice cream store on the corner in San Francisco that Earle Swensen founded in 1948 (which is still there) — to the national food and ice cream store we know — to the international success now in 14 other countries! This year Swensen's is celebrating its 51st anniversary.

Rona's store conveys a very unique, but warm, cozy, homelike atmosphere. Rona says, "We will do 'take out' or 'to go' orders, but I prefer to serve them here to oversee that the food is fresh and warm, the ice cream hasn't melted, and that everyone is satisfied — the way I would at home."

For the best food and desserts, come to Swensen's Ice Cream & Food Store, open Sunday-Thursday 11 a.m.-10 p.m. —Friday & Saturday 11 a.m.-11 p.m., at Loop 250 & "A" Street in Midland.

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Roofs by Nicholas specializes in cost-effective roofing, maintenance and repair

There's no quicker or simpler way to get a roofing job done — whether you need your roof totally replaced or just repaired — than having the friendly professionals at Roofs by Nicholas do the work! Just a phone call away, they can come in, do the job, and be gone — usually in 1 to 2 days.

Your Nicholas representative will be glad to assist you by giving you a free estimate, answering your roofing questions and helping review your insurance claim. He will be available while the job is underway and throughout to its completion, to ensure your complete satisfaction.

Owner Dan Nicholas says, "We strive to achieve optimum customer satisfaction by providing the best quality workmanship and materials in the business." With this in mind, it is easy to understand why thousands of Permian Basin home and business owners have chosen Roofs by Nicholas as their preferred professional when the time comes to replace or repair their roofs.

"Much of our business over the years is from repeat customers, and the friends and neighbors of those satisfied customers," states Nicholas. "We're very grateful for them. A large part of our business is by word-of-mouth."



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Roofs by Nicholas specializes in cost-effective roofing, maintenance and repair. They have the professional manpower and the experience to make the process quick and simple, from the initial estimate to the final inspection of the finished roof. Never satisfied to rest on their reputation, they continue to examine new technology and materials in order to offer home and business owners a choice of materials, styles, colors and warranty periods (warranty periods are available from 10-50 years).

Roofs by Nicholas is a member of the National Roofing Contractors Association, the Cedar Shake and Shingle Bureau, the Roofing Contractors Association of Texas, and the Better Business Bureau Care Program.

Nicholas reminds us that Roofs by Nicholas and its home-improvement subsidiary, Superior Exteriors & Interiors, both service the entire Permian Basin area. "Our red, white, and blue yard signs are a familiar sight all over the Permian Basin throughout the year, and especially during hail season," Nicholas says.

What suggestions does Nicholas have when you're in need of roofing services? Here are his recommendations:

- When comparing quotes from various roofing companies, make sure all quotes are for the same amounts and quality of materials, work and services.
- Make sure any contract you sign clearly states the work to be done.
- Check references of the company you're considering to replace your roof.
- Ask for proof of workers compensation and general liability insurance.
- And finally, don't put off calling the professionals at Roofs by Nicholas —they top 'em all.



Library is the best kept secret at the Presidential Museum

"The Presidential Museum is the only one of its kind," according to Executive Director Carey Behrends, "and the library is its best kept secret. There are periodic book reviews, special programs with guest speakers that either worked with or in the presidency - such as a speaker from White House News Photographer's Association; and the books may be used in-house for research. Teachers bring their classes to tour the museum, it's educational and exciting."

The Presidential Museum is dedicated to the office of the Presidency, to the study and understanding of constitutional government and elective process culminating in the Presidency. Through its collections, exhibits, publications, educational and entertaining programs, it offers insights into democracy and its offices for all to understand.

The concept of organizing such a tribute began immediately following the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, November 22, 1963, by a small group of Odessa visionaries who shared concerns about the need to restore confidence in the nation's highest office. William Holm (superintendent of Ector County School District) and Dr. Luis Morton (Odessa College professor) were so moved by this tragic event; the two introduced the idea of establishing a tribute to the slain president to Mrs. Leland (Dorothy) Croft. This core of three recruited others to serve on the development committee; primary forces in the project included former Texas State Attorney General John Ben Shepperd and local business leader, J. Camden Chancellor.

The idea was quickly expanded to encompass the entire presidency - honoring all those occupying the office - past, present and future. The Presidential Room in the Ector County Library of Odessa, Texas was officially recognized on January 1, 1964, only 40 days after the death of President Kennedy. The Presidential Room was opened for public viewing on February 25, 1965. The museum was granted its IRS 501(c)3 status in March 1965; and it was recognized by the State of Texas as an incorporation in September 1978.

With an ever-increasing collection of campaign memorabilia, portraits, signatures, documents, commemorative items, and political cartoons of the Presidents, Vice Presidents, First Ladies, "also-ran" candidates, as well as the Presidents of the Republic of Texas and the Confederate States of America, the museum grew. Eventually occupying the 3,000 square foot basement, in February 1969, the name was officially changed to The Presidential Museum.



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Extraordinary collections and exceptional library and archival materials are being acquired to detail the private and public lives of our country's first families. The Presidential Museum strives in every way to maintain utmost quality in exhibits and artwork. Because of its efforts, the museum has attained a qualified reputation of superior educational exhibitions and programs. School groups and adult groups from across the nation have taken the opportunity to gain a new respect and appreciation for our American principles. House Resolution Number 677, signed by Pete Laney, Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, states, "The Presidential Museum has consistently striven to preserve and present to the citizens of this state and nation a wealth of historical material related to the nation's highest office in an entertaining, informative, and accessible manner . . ."

In July 1981, the Ector County Library moved to another location and the museum was allowed to occupy the entire building. With the expansion to include the 13,200 square foot ground floor, a renovation and design project was undertaken with a grant from the City of Odessa.

The Library of the Presidents (dedicated as a memorial to John Ben Shepperd, Jr. on June 27, 1971 by former President and Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson) is an exceptional repository for 4,500+ volumes, journals, periodicals, newspapers, and documents pertaining to topics related to the presidency. Researchers are invited to use the resources for on-site research.

According to A Position Paper for the White House Conference on Travel and Tourism, "Cultural tourism - travel directed toward experiencing the arts, heritage, and special character of a place - is an important component of the United States' travel and tourism industry. American's rich heritage, rooted in our history, our creativity and our diverse population, provides visitors to our communities with a side variety of cultural opportunities, including museums, arts and crafts, historic sites, dance, music, theater, festivals, historic buildings and neighborhoods, landscapes, and literature." With such a melding of educational and economic goals in mind, a number of programs have been designed to meet the needs of the pluralistic population of our nation, and in particular, our West Texas community. Visitors expect to learn from their experiences and the museum can easily be a part of that intellectual stimulation and rekindling of our national spirit.

The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is $2 per adult (18+), $1 for Seniors (65+), and all students and preschoolers are free. Students and adult groups are welcome to tour either on their own or with the guidance of a docent. (Although student groups are not charged admission, donations are greatly appreciated.) Conducted tours for organized groups may be arranged. Groups are requested to allow at least two weeks lead time.

Mary Frances Beverly, a West Texas freelance writer closed her feature article in the February 1998 issue of Texas Highways magazine, "So, here's your ballot. Is Odessa's presentation of U.S. presidents fun? Educational? Worth the trip? No doubt about it. But in true democratic spirit, come see the museum for yourself, and cast your own vote. Remember, every day here is Presidents' Day." It is worth the trip to this one-of-a-kind museum just to remind yourself of the proud and important heritage surrounding the office of the American presidency.

The Presidential Museum is a special treat for students on class field trips, area residents and visitors alike. Located at 622 N. Lee, a few blocks south of 2nd Street in Odessa. Admission is free for students/preschoolers, $2 for adults (18+), and $1 for Senior Citizens

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or
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The staff at Phillips Interiors Ethan Allen Gallery is committed to working with you to help you select the perfect piece or accent

In today's world, the pace of living brings on stress. We need a retreat, an escape from hectic outside pressures.

Your home is your haven, and you want the best furnishings for it that you can obtain. In the Permian Basin, your source for good quality furnishing and custom design creation is Phillips Interiors Ethan Allen Gallery in Odessa. Located at 2500 Andrews Highway, the 25,000 square foot building is the largest Ethan Allen Gallery in the Southwest. Its roomy size allows for a much larger selection than can be found almost anywhere else.

The Phillips family has owned the business for over 40 years and affiliated with Ethan Allen in 1990, making it their third gallery. The Phillips also own Ethan Allen Galleries in Austin the highest volume Ethan Allen Gallery in the Southwest and Abilene the only Ethan Allen Gallery for 150 miles. The Permian Basin Ethan Allen Gallery serves the largest geographical area in the Southwest.

Manager Sherry Sivils and her designers know that shopping for just the right home furnishings can be a real challenge. They are committed to working with you in the store, and will come to your home, make a complete design presentation or simply help you select the perfect piece or accent.



Phillips Interiors Designers, L to R: Vicki Turner, Chris Thiebaud, Gwen Guidry invite you to come visit our roomy showroom

In addition, Ethan Allen has recently gone online with an incredible website www.ethanallen.com. The company is one of the first in the retail furniture business to offer you a place where you can purchase fine furniture online at any hour of the day or night. The site features online catalogs by type of furniture, or you may order a printed catalog.

You can choose upholstery, textiles and accents, or find out what's on sale. You can compare Ethan Allen's more relaxed Casual style category with their timeless Classic line. You can check out the E. A. Kids line of furnishings that addresses kids' needs with all the fashion, function and quality you expect from Ethan Allen.

Accessories such as lamps, rugs, mirrors and accent wood pieces are expected to sell well online, as they do in the stores.

The new website will also link with the retail stores, and allow the option of working with an Ethan Allen designer in your area.

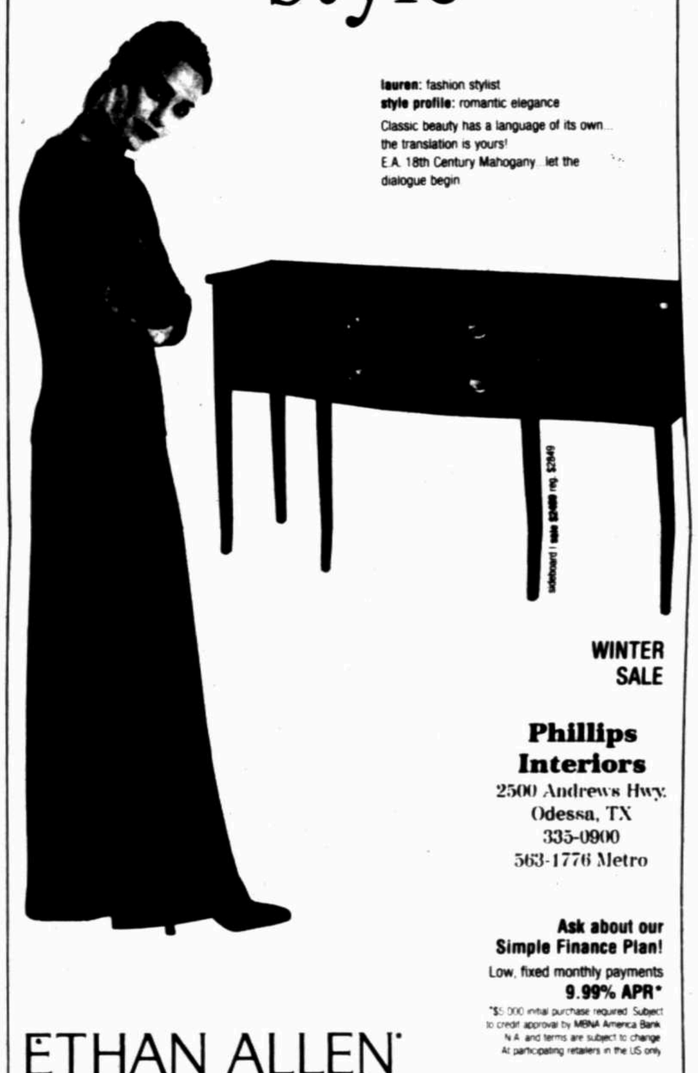
All this is available in a user-friendly, easily accessed format that even includes tips on everything from the care of fine wood to what to do to remove lipstick marks or water rings. By learning how to care for your investment in good solid wood pieces, you'll enjoy them for a lifetime and they will become treasured family heirlooms.

Ethan Allen operates 21 manufacturing facilities and three sawmills in the United States, and is dedicated to manufacturing products in America. By balancing craftsmanship with new technology, Ethan Allen can manufacture products of exceptional quality at the best possible value.

Phillips Interiors takes pride in continuing to offer West Texas the finest in interior design, decorating and fine furnishings at their Odessa location.

Phillips Interiors-Ethan Allen Gallery is located at 2500 Andrews Highway, Odessa. The store is open from 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Visa, MasterCard and Ethan Allen cards accepted. Phone from Midland 563-1776 or 915-335-0900.

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Is it real or is it Forever Green?

No, it's not the Garden of Eden, but you'll be tempted to smell the flowers and eat the fruit - they look so real! The lush foliage, the soothing sound of the waterfall and the faint sounds of music make for an exceptionally pleasant shopping experience when you come inside the paradise of Forever Green.

Fantastic display arrangements throughout the store truly reflect the seasons. This seasonal transformation is further enhanced by the beautiful creations of floral designer, Elaine Barrett. If the perfect floral arrangement eludes you, Elaine is exceptional at capturing the essence of your decor in one of her beautiful creations.

Forever Green specializes in arrangements - all sizes, all colors, all designs. Floral greenery and the natural look, that includes a selection of curly willow branches, wildflowers, pussy willows and preserved leaves, lend an elegant flare to any arrangement. With the different shades of foliage, trees and plants, the wide variety of colorful flowers and the realistic selection of fruits and vegetables, Forever Green is the ideal place to find creative designs for your home or office.



Owner Gail Cast & Floral Designer, Elaine Barrett can help make the perfect arrangement, or help you find that special decorating item that you may need.

Need a little something for that special room? Accessories abound in this store! Decorative balls, candles, twig ribbon garlands and magnificent wreaths can be found in almost every nook and cranny. More than likely, you will see your reflection in the most unique collection of decorative mirrors that are designed to enhance any wall.

The "Brian Baker Collection", which includes recreations of historical churches, houses and other warm memories of days gone by, was recently introduced in the store. Along with the interesting collections, there is an extensive selection of fine gift items including the spectacular series of clown sculptures, inspired by Chuck Oberstein, one of the world's foremost clown painters. And when you are talking about cute, you have to include Kutie Pies and Sweet Cakes. These adorable figurines that feature children dressed up in their dreams of becoming nurses, teachers and sports stars make wonderful gifts for both the young at heart and the young in age.

For the young ladies in your life, Forever Green offers an extensive line of American Girl Products. Along with the books on individual American Girl dolls, there is a selection of HELP books, Games & Giggles and Backpack Books. Theater Kits puzzles and games are also favorites among many young ones.

And something you won't find many places are "Critters". Dragonflies, hummingbirds, ladybugs, bumble bees, turtles, rabbits, pheasants, and more add a touch of charm to arrangements and other home decor.

Since there is a constant flow of new items passing through, many customers stop and shop regularly to catch them -- so as not to miss anything new! Whether you are interested in whimsical, fun items or have decorating needs with a touch of elegance, you will find them at Forever Green. Once you've shopped at Forever Green, you will remember that for every season, for every reason, there's Forever Green.

Forever Green is located on the east side of the Colonnade at North Loop 250 and Garfield. Store hours are 10-6 Monday through Saturday. Call (915) 687-0717.



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Inner Strength is the Beauty of this Jeweler

Occasions Fine Jewelry is well known for beautiful jewelry. A peek in the door proves that. Dig a little deeper though, and you'll find that the secret to their success comes from the talented people tucked inside this West Texas jewelry landmark.

Owners Mike and Cathy Fleck asked us to take a look inside. So we did.

The epicenter of Occasions' booming business is not the showroom floor. It's what goes on behind the scenes, in the workshop, that truly is the heart and soul of this business. The staff of the workshop must be the finest in West Texas. With experience unparalleled in this part of the country, the skyrocketing success of Occasions Fine Jewelry can surely be attributed to these hard working folks.

For 29 years, Randy Burrell has worked in the jewelry industry. Graduating from the Institute of Technology with a degree in Jewelry Technology, Randy went on to work for Basham's Jewelers in Seminole, Texas before coming to Midland in 1976. For five years he was employed by Houck's and Kruger's jewelry stores until he made the decision to open his own business in August of 1981. In 1998, he brought all of his expertise to Occasions.

Donnette Sartain is no stranger to the jewelry industry either. She was the manager of Castle Gap jewelry from 1981 until 1991. She went on to form Treasures of the Earth with partner Anita Goudeau. It was there that Donnette became a specialist in bead stringing and design. Donnette has been a vital part of Occasions since the beginning, working with Mike and Cathy during four seminal years of growth. She retired in 1994 but could not forget her love of the jewelry business. She returned to the Occasions family in August of 1999.

Mike Porter is the newest member of the Occasions staff, but he brings with him a healthy portion of jewelry experience. Mike attended the German Gemological Institute in Idar-Oberstein, Germany in 1978. His diploma in Diamonds and Colored Stones is from the Gemological Institute of America. Mike is also an American Gem Society Affiliate. He worked for Kruger's Jewelry and Morris Jewelry during the 1980's, Sam L. Majors from 1986-1992. He was employed at Houck's Jewelry until he joined with Occasions in January of this year.

Mike Fleck hails from Odessa, Texas, where he graduated from Permian High School. He then attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University. Since college, Mike has experienced 30 years in the jewelry business. He's been everything from a bench jeweler and designer to store manager,



Owners Kathy & Mike Fleck

Mike Porter, Donnette Sartain, Randy Burrell

and, finally, independent business owner. In the early 70's, Mike was a manager for the Zales Corporation, winning many sales awards during that time. He eventually left the corporate world to manage the diamond department of a major independent jewelry store in Oklahoma. In 1984, Mike took a stab at being an independent jeweler. The rest is history.

Mike set up shop in Midland in the fall of 1988. Oddly, it was inside of a drugstore, his Uncle Don Haynes Service Drug store, to be exact. Mike repaired jewelry and designed custom pieces, while his wife Cathy Fleck, pitched in all she could while teaching Fine Arts for MISD. Years passed and success inside the old drug store led the Fleck's to their own location in the Courtyard Shopping Center. It was then, in the spring of 1993 that Cathy left MISD to help out full time in the store.

Seven years, two moves and several expansions later, Occasions Fine Jewelry and Gifts has become one of the premier independent jewelry stores in the state. They have all the fine diamonds and jewelry a person would expect from a jewelry store, and a whole lot of unusual gifts that you wouldn't expect. From the outside this is one very pretty operation. But when you meet Occasions' nine employees, the ones that work on the floor and in their full service repair and custom shop, you soon realize that the beauty of this place comes from the inside.



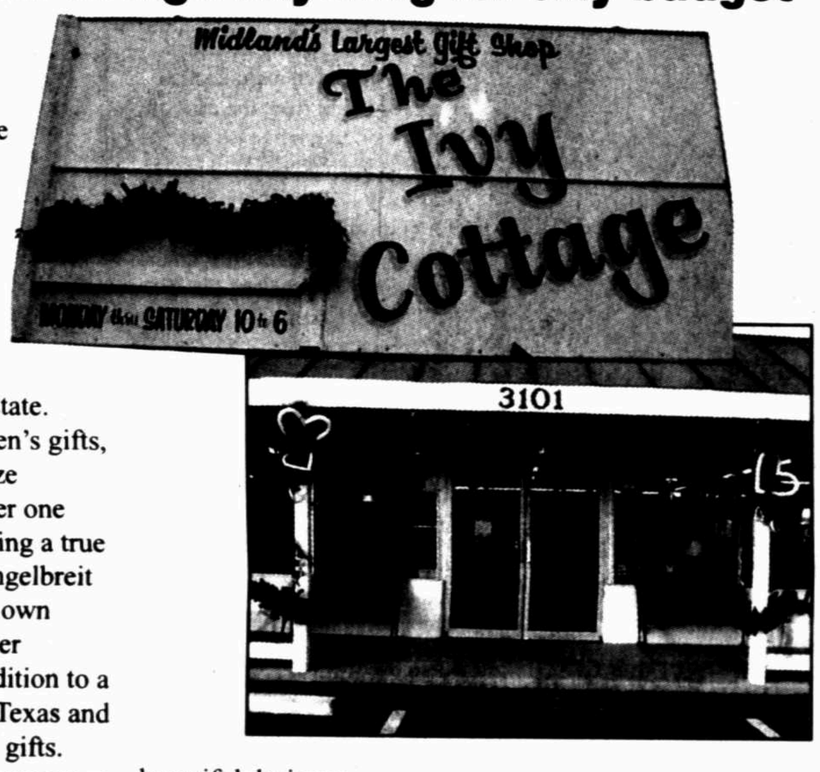
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Flowerland specializes in weddings and parties with a full service shop that can design anything for any budget

As you enter The Ivy Cottage, located at 3101 N. Big Spring, in Midland, a fabulous aroma greets you from the hundreds of candles, potpourri, and home fragrance accessories found throughout the store. Established as Midland's "Best Gift Store" for three consecutive years, it is absolutely the 'talk of the town' as the shop that has everything-including beautifully wrapped ackages at no charge.

For a group of Midland women with a vision of an empty 10,000 square foot building becoming a home for the most wonderful gift store ever conceived, the opening of The Ivy Cottage was a dream come true.

With the distinction of many exclusive collectibles, such as Harmony Kingdom, a Presidential Arthur Court Gallery, the largest selection of Fitz and Floyd, designer jewelry, famous bath lines, and all patio accessories, this store will make your shopping hours an adventure never to be forgotten. Experience a real treat as you take in the work of their custom floral designers from all over the state. Kaleidoscopes, men's gifts, and Western bronze sculptures all under one roof makes shopping a true pleasure. Mary Engelbreit even has her very own room with all of her collectibles, in addition to a large selection of Texas and collegiate unusual gifts.



The baby department at the Ivy Cottage is loved by aunts, grandmothers, and especially moms who appreciate all the latest items for the little ones being in one store. The bridal registry, acknowledged in Midland by the brides as the "place to be," along with the beautiful designer stationary, invitations, and cards makes planning a wedding a breeze.

The Ivy Cottage, serving complimentary cappuccino everyday, is the retail outlet for many Midland produced items such as Limited Edition Honey Butters, Duo Delights, White Trash, and Udderly Delightful. For all gourmet lovers, tasting is offered each day.

Come see why The Ivy Cottage is "Midland's Best Gift Store." Store hours are 10-6, Monday through Saturday. Personal checks and major credit cards accepted. 915-687-6010.

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Antiques, Etc. offers a larger selection of antiques to increase the variety available to buyers

Antiques, Etc. was started 15 years ago to offer a larger selection of antiques from a collection of dealers to increase the variety available to the buyers. It has been in the Plaza Oaks Shopping Center for 12 years. Dan Haller bought Antiques, Etc. in February 1991. He will be celebrating his 9th Anniversary this month. Dan moved to his current location, Plaza Oaks Shopping Center at Wadley & Garfield, 5 years ago.

The dealers then shared expense, so that they could collectively advertise, and offer a bigger selection. This allowed a central point of sales (cooperatively working together to sell everybody's merchandise), by taking turns actually being in the shop.

Antiques, Etc. is open 7 days a week, with 2 to 3 dealers in each day. Today, there are 27 different merchants, ranging in age from 30-something to 70-something providing for a variety of interests in the collections. They serve a broad area for Midland's market; most are from Midland, one is from Andrews, one from Big Spring, and two from Odessa



Celebrating it's 9th Anniversary this month, Antiques, Etc. is located at Plaza Oaks Shopping Center, Wadley & Garfield.

— in the past there were some from Abilene. Haller says, "Diversity has been a very important offering - we are an extremely eclectic shop."

"Antiques, Etc. is more than just antiques," says Dan Haller. "We have original art work that is contemporary, some home accessories that are new, but complement the antiques - gently used furniture with some history to them," he explains, "Antiques mix well with contemporary - you are not going to see your piece in another store or home - every accent piece is more or less unique."

Each of Antique, Etc.'s 27 dealers has their own identity - stressing their individual style and interests through their collection of merchandise - to the benefit of their clients.

Wintertree (from Big Spring) has new traditional furniture, a new line and will custom order; Motif specializes in European furniture and accessories; Joanna's is a glass and china specialist; Doll House and Just Because are specialists in dolls, including new collections (i.e. beanie babies); new imported Mexican ironwork at For All Seasons; Ruthie's Serendipity makes custom, handmade doll clothes for American Girl Dolls; Matteucci's has 19th century art; A. W. Designs and Time Passages offer American colonial/country furnishings.

"Antiques, Etc. covers 15,000 square feet," Haller advises, "It would take 2 to 2-1/2 hours for someone to seriously browse through the shop." The prices range from $1 to $6-$7 thousand — there's something for everybody, a wide variety of merchandising availability to reach the largest number of people, and something for all budgets.

Antiques Etc.
2101 W. Wadley, Suite 9
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915-682-9257
Mon.-Sat.: 10:30AM-6:00PM
Sunday: 1:00-5:00PM

Dan Haller ANTIQUES, ETC.	Cynthia Howard GENESIS	Ruthie Owens SERENDIITY
Ann Wambaugh A. W. DESIGNS	Joanna Yeates JOANNA'S	Ann Sams SOMETIME'S BOUTIQUE
Debbie Chiu AMY'S FOREVER	Pat Goldsmith JUST BECAUSE	Shirley Bruner SOMEWHERE IN TIME
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Lynda Mears COUNTRY COTTAGE	Barbara Matteucci MATTEUCCI'S	Joan Haynie THE DOLL HOUSE
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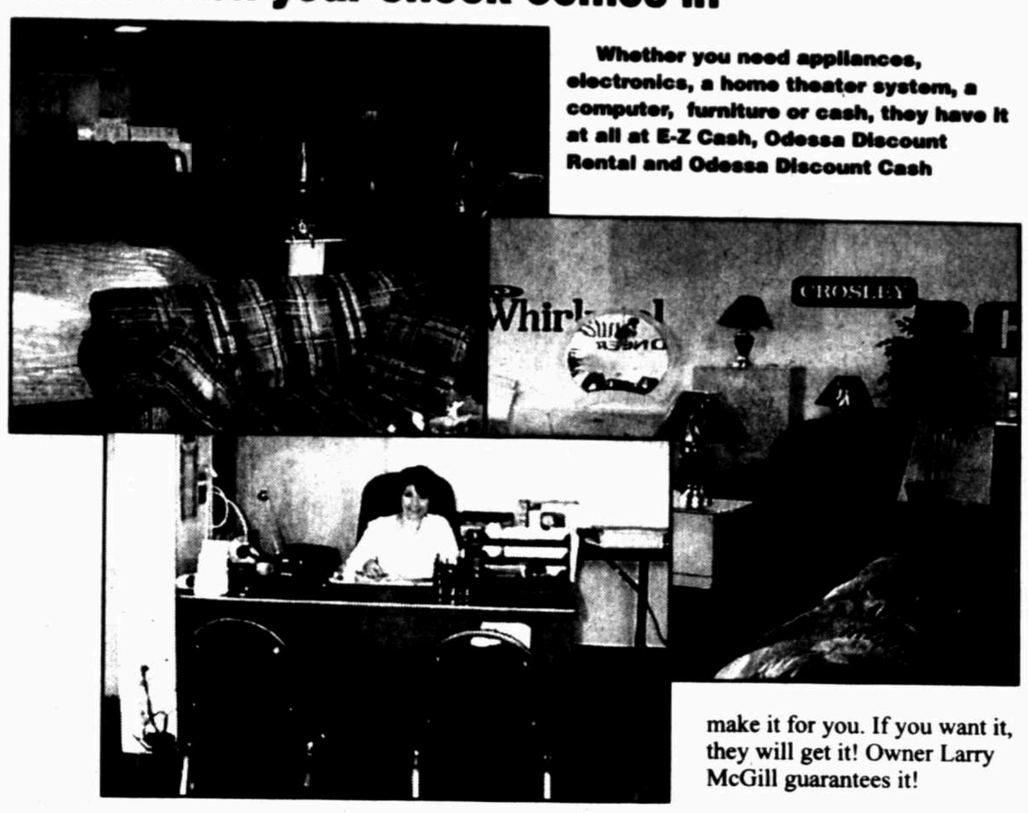
E-Z Cash allows you to get a cash advance on your paycheck now - and pay it back when your check comes in

E-Z Cash, located at 206 N. Midkiff, allows you to get a cash advance on your paycheck now - and pay it back when your check comes in a week or two later. "There's no hassle, and no credit checks," according to Manager, Albert New, "and it only takes 5 - 10 minutes to get the money." Advances can be anywhere from $100 to $1,500, depending on your income or paycheck. The only requirements are that you have a checking account and a steady job. This is called a "lease buy-back program" and is available at the Midland and Odessa locations.

Albert New also manages Odessa Discount Cash at 116 E. University, and his brother, Diron New, manages Odessa Discount Rental next door at 114 E. University. The store hours are 9 - 6 Monday through Friday, and 9 - 1 on Saturday for all three stores.

Odessa Discount Rental make what you need now, available now - without having to pay the whole amount now. You can rent-to-own, making small weekly payments, and use it while you pay for it - and with the last rental payment, you own it.

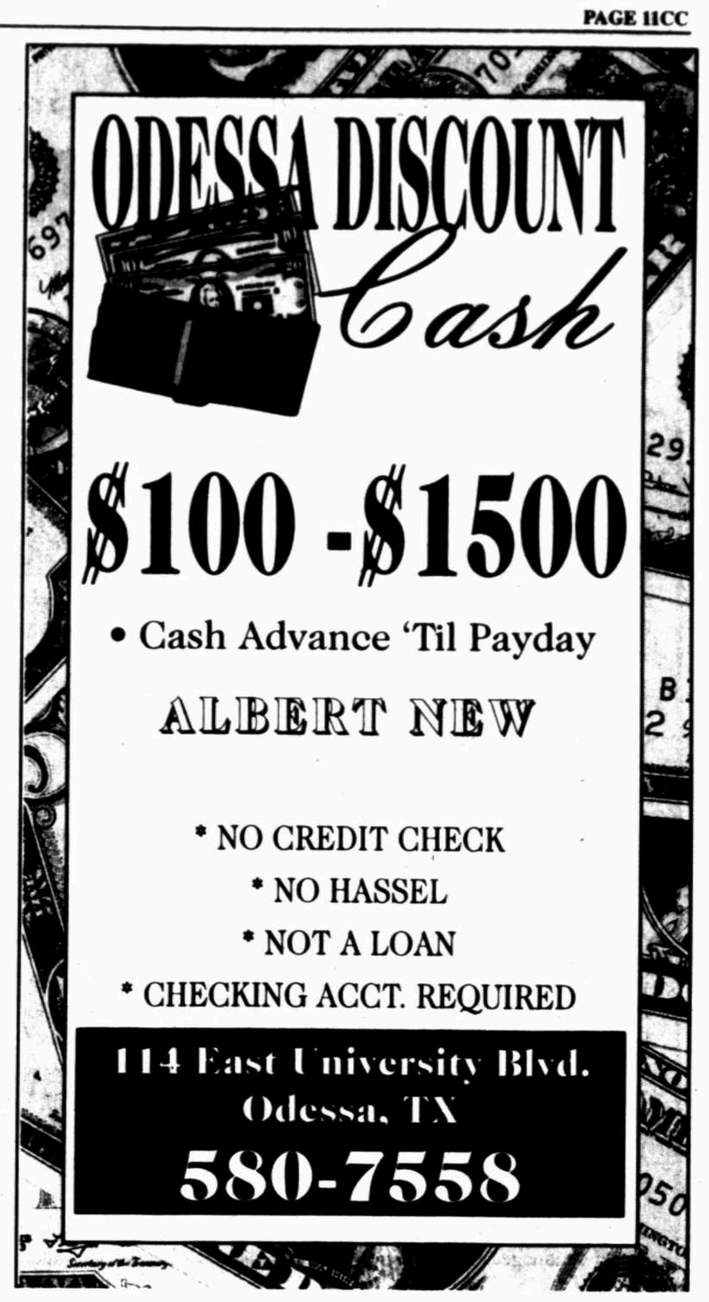
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Your senses will definitely come alive when you visit Expressions...an uncommonly wonderful and unique gift store. Located at 3201 N. Big Spring, in Midland, Expressions is filled with a variety of one-of-a-kind gifts, decorative items, and collectibles guaranteed to bring a smile to anyone's face.

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Expressions is the winner of the Sam Walton Business Leader Award for community service in Midland, and the staff always has the customer's well-being in mind.

In November 1999, Expressions designed and initiated its own web site: www.expressionsonline.com -- realizing the need to reach the outlying areas of the Permian Basin as well as out of state. Green noted that the site proved to be a real asset with orders being shipped throughout the United States.

Be sure and put Expressions in Midland on your list to visit, but remember to allow plenty of time to browse every inch of their 5,500 square foot shop and enjoy all their hospitality -- Midland style. Store hours are Monday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. AMEX/MC/V/D and checks accepted. Call them at 685-4172, or for further shopping visit them on their website.



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Jones Piano offers quality service on pianos & clocks

At Jones Piano, there are three certified factory technicians on-site who can install the Player Action in the pianos; no matter if the piano is owned by the customer or purchased from Jones.

"We are one of the few stores in the country that actually installs the digital player into the piano," Jones said.

The large showroom is located at 428 Andrews Highway, and has been helping students and music teachers in the Permian Basin since 1964.

At Jones Piano, the customer comes first. Jones keeps a book of letters from past customers stating their appreciation for his efficient service.

Happy customers include the Music City Mall in Odessa, which purchased a 7 ft., 4 inch Semi-concert Grand custom-made Player Piano System Music Background.

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Jones Piano has the largest selection of pianos, organs and clocks in the area. The showroom is filled with pianos and organs with name-brands like Baldwin, Chickering, Yamaha, Wurlitzer and Howard-Miller Grandfather Clocks.

Jones said that Yamaha and Baldwin are the main brands. Chickering is the mid-priced, and Wurlitzer and Samick are the least expensive lines.

"We guarantee our price to be the best in the country," said Jones.

The family owned business orders directly from the manufacturer at the right time for the buyer to get the best price for the customer. There is no middle guy or overhead. You can select your piano, organ or clock, have it delivered, financed and serviced, all from the same location.

While you are there, take time to look over the digital Yamaha Clavinova, the latest in the music business technology. The Clavinova has won "Digital Piano of the Year; for the last three years.

They care about handling the instruments at Jones Piano and deliveries are made with a custom-made delivery diesel truck with a lift.

Another guarantee that makes the delivery a safe one for the piano -- "Every truck has a tuner or clock technician riding in it."

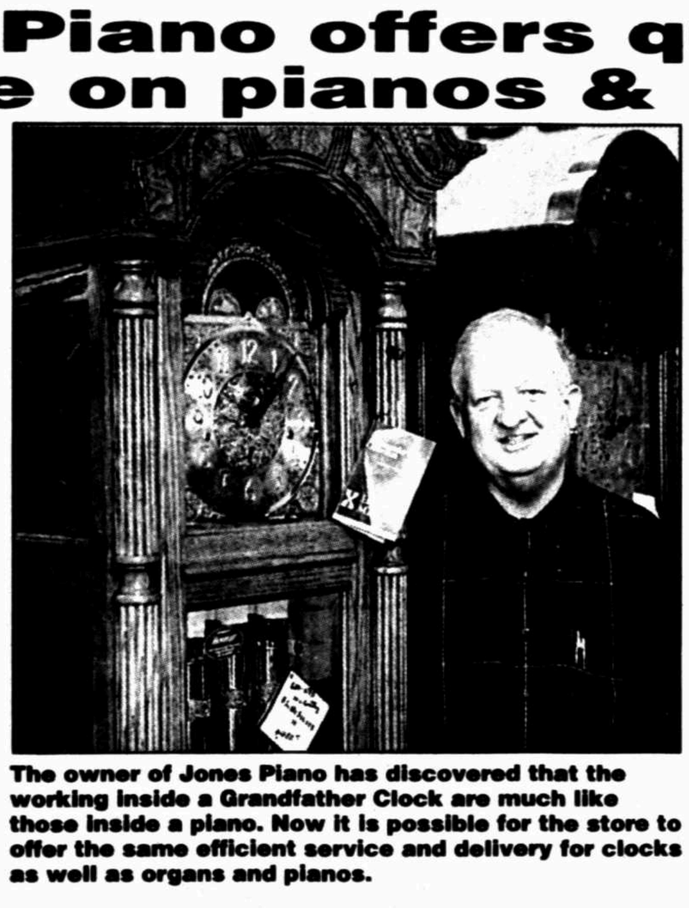
One more guarantee. Most of the pianos have a 10-year trade back at the original price.

At Jones Piano, they also carry the Howard-Miller Grandfather Clock line.

"There is something that relaxes you with its ticktock," he said.

They also repair and service clocks and pianos.

Jones has discovered that the workings inside a Grandfather Clock are made like those inside a piano. Now it is possible to offer the same efficient service and delivery for clocks as well as organs and pianos at Jones Piano.



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Midland needs to take a serious look at its economy. This one-day conference will address many of the economic issues that now confront us. Speakers will outline the past in economic terms and give predictions. Those speakers come from economic communities which have experienced economic challenges and met them head on. The entire day's program will attempt to determine where our economy has been, where it is heading and what steps we need to take to improve our economic future.

It is our hope that this important forum will set the stage for key discussion and decisions about Midland's future economic opportunities. This conference is an important forum for businesses and key leaders in our community to come together.

It's an important day to mark on your calendar. Secure your reservation today!

Program Agenda

Morning Session

7:30 am Continental Breakfast
8:00 am Welcome by Mayor Bobby Burns
8:10 am Jack Rathbone (Vice-President/Titan Exploration) - Breakfast Speaker
8:45 am "Reality Check on Area Economy" by Economist Ray Perryman
9:15 am Tucker Bridwell of Abilene (State Economic Development Board Member)
9:50 am Bill Wright (Abilene Arts Enthusiast, Downtown Development Leader)
10:30 am Break
10:55 am Tim Brookshire of Tyler
(Officer of Brookshire Groceries-Instrumental in Ecomomic Development in Tyler)
11:35 am Kevin Eltife (Mayor of Tyler Texas)
NOON Lunch Break
12:30 pm Lunch Speaker David Smith,
(Dean Of Texas Tech Health Sciences Center. Opportunities in the medical industry.)
1:15 pm Drawing For $2000 Certificate Of Deposit
1:30 pm Ray Perryman - Transportation

Afternoon Session 2:00 to 3:00

Panel Discussion/Questions And Answers Of All Morning Speakers and Others.

- -Medical
- -Tax Incentives
- -Oil And Gas

Registration Form

Reservation Request: State of The Economy - Midland 2000, Feb. 23, 2000

Payment must be received by noon, Friday, February 18, 2000 to ensure your tickets. Reservations are limited to the first 1000 tickets purchased. These reservations are guaranteed (no refunds). Tickets may also be purchased at the Midland Chamber Office - 109 N. Main./Midland, TX.

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The rig count for this week remained the same as last week.
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Vapor recovery

The Petroleum Technology Transfer Council of the Permian Basin will hold a mini-workshop on vapor recovery.
The two hour workshop, designed to inform independent oil and gas operators of various vapor recovery methods will address the advantages of capturing vapors from both oil tanks and water tanks at the lease.
The workshop costs $10 and will be held February 17 at Midland Petroleum Club. To register call Bob Kiker. 682-5422.

SPR Warning

Texas Railroad Commissioner Michael Williams has warned lawmakers not to pass U.S. Senate Bill 1951, which allows for the sale oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserves, when energy prices rise as a result of allegedly "anti-competitive measures." The bill is sponsored by Senator Charles Shumer (D-NY).
"The Strategic Petroleum Reserve is America's energy savings account," said Williams. "Unnecessarily depleting the reserve would jeopardize our national security and put American families and factories at risk."
Williams said selling oil could be devastating to Texas producers as they begin to recover from the lowest prices since the Great Depression.
Williams, who was raised in Midland, was appointed to the Texas Railroad Commission by Governor George W. Bush in December of 1998.

EOG stock buy

HOUSTON (Bloomberg) — EOG Resources Inc., an oil and natural-gas exploration company, said it plans to buy back as many as 10 million, or 8 percent, of its common shares outstanding.
The shares would be valued at about $155 million based on today's closing price. They fell 3/16 to 15 1/2 on the New York Stock Exchange, and are down about 9 percent in a year.
EOG, formerly Enron Oil & Gas Co., is replacing a buyback program that had about 4 million shares remaining. The Houston-based company had 119.2 million shares outstanding as of November.
EOG had 1998 sales of $750.9 million. It explores in the U.S., Canada and Trinidad.

PBGC stratigraphic

Essential Elements of Stratigraphic Exploration Plays in Ordovician to Lower Permian Carbonates, Midland Basin & Eastern Shelf, Instructor: Dr. S. J. Mazzullo, Wichita State University February 25, from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Cost: $175, includes text.
This course will examine the major play types and conditions of entrapment, of typical stratigraphic traps in Lower Ordovician to Lower Permian age in the Midland Basin and on the Eastern Shelf. Focus will be on recognition of depositional and diagenetic facies control on reservoirs in these rocks, and relation to structure and unconformities.
To register or for further information, call the Graduate Center at 915/683-2832 or visit our Web site www.pbgc.org.

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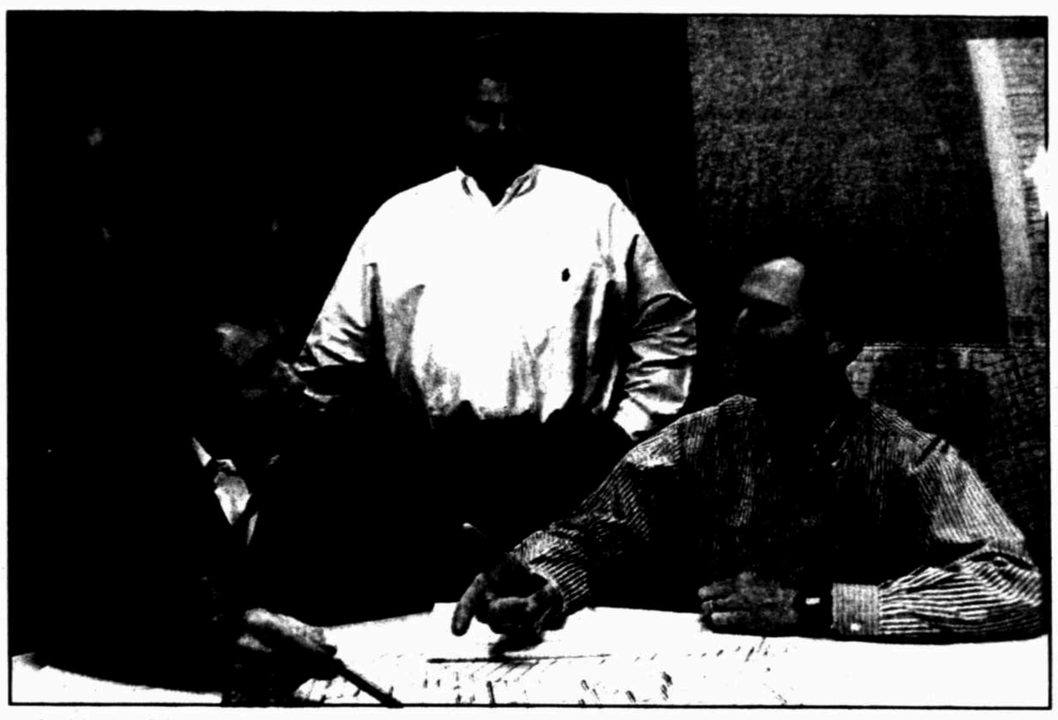
Working outside the oil box

Southwest Royalties diversifies beyond oil

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

Many independent oil companies will diversify from E&P into the "natural extensions" of the oil and gas business — gathering, transportation, venture capital projects, drilling, well service, etc., but they are generally reluctant to move outside the boundaries of the industry.

H.H. "Tripp" Wommack III says that if economic diversity is good for communities, it is also good for oil companies. He has diversified within the boundaries. His successful oil and gas company Southwest Royalty owns Sierra Well Service, which is the third or fourth largest well service company in the U.S.. He also owns Southwest Software, which develops and markets computer software for oil and gas operators. But, Wommack has also elected to venture outside oildom and find a niche in the real estate market.



The team at Southwest Royalty has dared to work outside the oil and gas box, and in doing so have build a solid real estate division that is a good fit to the oil and gas business. Talking over a development project is: left to right, Neill McClung, president of Midland Red Oak Realty, Steve Persons, vice president corporate development, and Tripp Wommack, president of Southwest Royalty.

Photo by U. Frank Williams Jr.

In this case it is no little niche, his realty company Midland Red Oak Realty (MRO), is now the 55th largest real estate management firm in the nation and expects to double in size in the next 18 months.

Over that same period the company, which owns $200 million in properties across the Southwest, expects to acquire another $100 million in properties in the same area. The Midland-based company, with 140 employees, also manages 55 million square feet of property. The 27 properties owned, are valued at $200 million, and consist of shopping centers, malls and office buildings in Midland, Odessa, San Antonio, Victoria, Lewisville, San Angelo, Austin, Tulsa, Oklahoma City, and Tuscon.

Midland Red Oak Realty, like Southwest Royalties, Southwest Software and Sierra Well Service, belong to Southwest Royalty Holding Co. This diversification, said Wommack, allows for one to diversify away from the profitable but volatile oil and gas business, allowing for business bright spots, even when it is very dark in the oil patch. But so far, notes Wommack, real estate income has not been used to prop up oil enterprises. Each company has been able to ride out downturns on their own.

He said Southwest Royalty was an entrepreneur company, and that real estate can be a natural extension of the oil business. "We are in the business of buying streams of cash flow. Buying real

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Conoco says there's no turning back from business globalization

HOUSTON — Companies that don't learn to manage political risk run the risk of being replaced in an interconnected world, predicted Conoco Chairman and CEO Archie W. Dunham.

"In the process of globalization, there are obstacles," Dunham explained. "But there's no turning back. People in developing countries have seen first-hand that free enterprise creates opportunity — and they want more of it. The petroleum industry can and should be a strong advocate for creating a truly interconnected world."

Dunham told an audience of executives at the Cambridge Energy Research Associates annual conference that, "The global economy of the future will be one in which capital, goods and services move seamlessly among countries. Ideas, information and technology will be shared more openly and more companies — large and small — will participate in the global marketplace, serving a world market, rather than a market defined by politics or geographic limits."

In addition, Dunham said energy companies will face tremendous change as they learn to successfully negotiate the growth of e-business, increase their focus on sustainable development, navigate a more demanding business environment and simultaneously attract "knowledge workers."

"In the past, petroleum companies have tended to focus on 'hard assets,' — production platforms and refineries, pipelines and C-stores. Too often, we looked at human resources as a cost," he added. Today, Dunham said employees are "creators of value." "Innovation, decisiveness and new approaches to capturing value ahead of the competition. These are the advantages that come from the

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Patterson purchasing eight rigs

SNYDER — Patterson Energy, Inc. and High Valley Drilling, Inc. have signed and agreement of principal whereby Patterson will acquire High Valley.

The assets of High Valley consist of eight drilling rigs (four diesel-electric and four mechanical) and other related drilling equipment. The rigs range from 1,000 to 2,500 horsepower with drilling capacity ranging from 10,000 to 25,000 feet. Consideration for the acquisition will include 1,150,000 unregistered shares of Patterson's common stock and three-year warrants to acquire an additional 127,000 shares at an exercise price of $22.00 per share.

Consummation of the acquisition is subject to among other matters, the execution of a mutually agreeable definitive agreement. Consummation is expected to occur during the first fiscal quarter of 2000.

The eight drilling rigs require certain capital expenditures including, but not limited to drill pipe for each of the rigs. Patterson's management estimates these expenditures to approximate $8 to $10 million. Three of the rigs are expected to be operable by the end of the second fiscal quarter 2000 with the remaining five rigs entering the Company's operable drilling fleet by fiscal year end 2000.

Cloyce A. Talbott, Patterson's Chairman and CEO, stated " ... we believe that the diesel-electric rigs will enhance the Company's presence in the deep-onshore natural gas markets and the four mechanical rigs will further enhance our operations in the Permian Basin."

Patterson Energy currently owns 119 drilling rigs (114 of which are currently operable) with operations in Texas, New Mexico, Utah, Oklahoma and Louisiana.

Singapore firm opens Web site for oil swaps

SINGAPORE — SwapNet Ltd. said it hopes to become the world's first internet site enabling companies and banks to trade oil swaps on the Internet when its trademark system goes online in a couple of months.

"All the infrastructure is in place," said Tom James, SwapNet's chairman, in a Bloomberg Forum interview. "We're kicking off from Singapore in a month or two, as soon as we get enough people signed up for sufficient liquidity."

Oil swaps are agreements to exchange the difference between two prices — one fixed, one floating — for a petroleum product over a specified period.

Singapore-based SwapNet aims to cement a fragmented global marketplace that sees companies trade $200 billion worth of swaps annually to hedge against oil price fluctuations. SwapNet hopes companies will find its system a faster, more secure and more transparent way to trade than by telephoning associates.

James, a former oil trader at Credit Lyonnais Rouse Pte., says SwapNet will initially let companies trade swaps based on oil and petroleum products, and eventually swaps based on gas and electricity, metals and even bonds.

When it moves beyond oil swaps, SwapNet may find the field already crowded. By 2005, between 40 and 60 percent of all metals traded will be sold through the Internet — up from less than 3 percent now, according to Andersen Consulting, the world's biggest management consulting firm.

Since September 1998, e-Steel.com of the U.S. has enabled more than 400 companies, including General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co., to choose steel suppliers through its web site. It was joined in November 1999 by iSteelAsia.com, the first Asian-owned Web site to trade steel.

Japan's Mitsubishi Gas Chemical Corp., 10 Korean companies including Kohap Ltd., and Taiwan's Formosa group are readying Internet marketing of their products and trading of raw materials, and ThyssenKrupp Stahl AG of Germany said it will start selling steel via the Net this month.

Trading Game

While these Net commerce plays do not involve trading per se, Hong Kong commodities trader Noble Group Ltd. plans by July to have a Web site for trading most commodities not yet traded on a central exchange, such as steel, bauxite, alumina, coal, and most chemicals.

"We could end up with as many as 350 pages of commodities," said Richard Samuel Elman, chairman and founder of Noble Group, who expects at least 350,000 companies and trading firms to register as users this year.

This week, Citicorp Investment Bank's Singapore arm decided to buy up to 15 percent of SwapNet, tempted by its potential for trading financial securities. Citibank earlier agreed to be the central cash clearer for users trading on the system.

"SwapNet initially approached Citibank for venture capital funding but the bank saw wider opportunities," said Agnes Liew, Citibank

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JOHN PAUL PITTS

When is an energy crisis not considered a crisis?

Please somebody help me — I'm gagging! I am choking on a 56 inch wire story I just finished reading. It's all about "What went wrong in New England and the great heating oil crisis of 2000."



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Supposedly the "worse heating oil crisis since the 1980s," the article states that it may have been a "classic case of market failure" that caused the unfortunate poor and middle-class Bostonians to have to pay heating oil bills twice the normal.

Then there is the poor Boston truck drivers. In another wire story about the "Great Boston Energy Crisis" one truck driver says, "If the price of fuel keeps going up, we will have to stop making deliveries, because we lose money every time we leave the yard. I have been in the industry 25 years and this is the worse I have ever seen. We may all go out of business."

Truckers say their rigs require five or six gallons of fuel to move just one mile — and with current prices at $2.12 a gallon, that means more than $400 a week for the 200 gallons required to fill their tanks.

A 68-year-old widow from Hyde Park, got half a tank of oil from a heating assistance group a couple of weeks ago, but worries that it won't be enough to last the winter.

"I'm very careful and frugal; I'm not a woman who uses heat to excess. I put on all the storm windows; I clog up the spaces under and over the doors to prevent drafts. . . . I even put a piece of foam in the mail slot. And I wear sweat suits and jump around to keep warm." she said.

The Boston-based, Kennedy-family run Citizens Energy Corp., whose Oil Assistance Program has provided subsidized fuel to more than 8,300 needy families this winter, announced last week that it had to temporarily suspend its program, saying it was unable to keep up with current levels of demand.

This is a problem that administrators at other fuel-assistance programs say they have seen. As fuel prices continue to spike, increasing numbers of people, particularly the working poor and middle-class families, are being forced to rely on charitable programs in order to heat their homes.

"Everybody's in a crisis situation right now," said Kathy Tobin, who directs the fuel assistance program for ABCD, a charitable group in Boston. "Some have gone for days without heat as they try to scrape some funds together, from family or friends or the program. Way back in the 70s, during the energy crisis, it may have been bad, but I've certainly never seen it this bad."

I don't deny that double-the-price heat and double-the-price gasoline and diesel creates a true hardship for the poor and the middle class. I have sympathy for anyone that gets over a barrel financially, because of high energy prices. Yankee or Texan, high energy prices can knock us all for a loop.

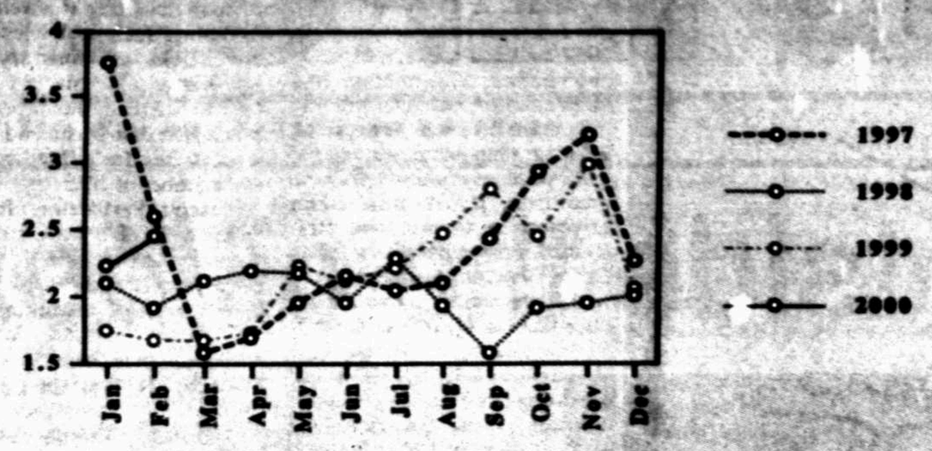
I recall some years ago, one hot summer when, temperatures soared past 110. The asphalt melted and air conditioners whirred continually day and night. That also was about the time TXU decided to up rates to capture some of the Comanche Peak losses. The net result was that I had to go to the Credit Union and get a loan to pay my electric bill. However, I didn't call this an "energy crisis." It was an "personal financial crisis."

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Spot Gas Price Comparison

Waha Price Profile



*Waha is a major natural gas collection header for the Permian Basin located in Pecos County

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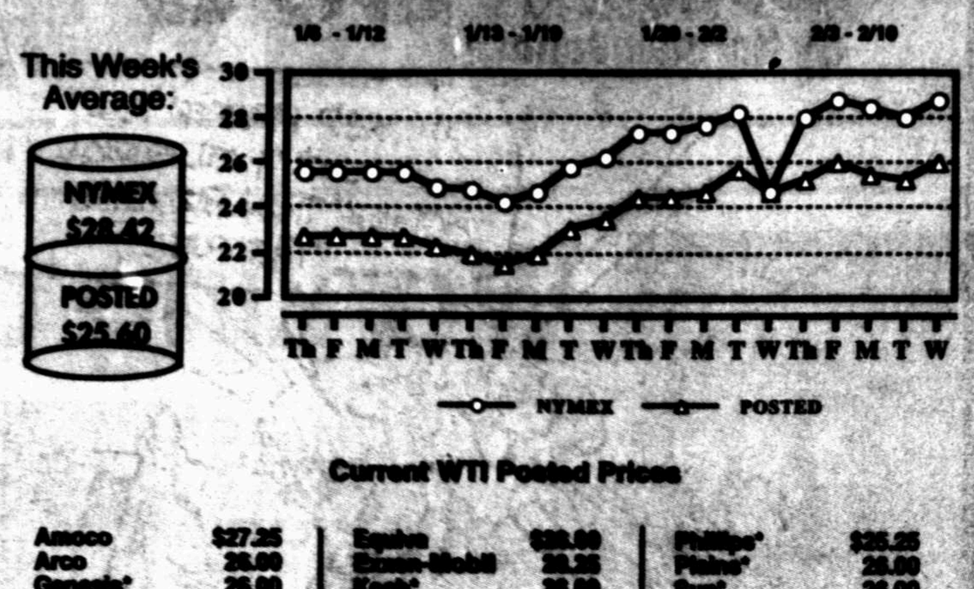
Waha Averages

This month	Last Month
$2.45	$2.23

Current Spot Prices

- Mid Continent (Arkoma) $2.45
- Gulf Coast (Louisiana) $2.58
- Rocky Mountain (Wyoming) $2.34

Crude Oil Prices



Current WTI Posted Prices

Amoco	$27.25	Equiva	$28.00	Phillips*	$26.25
Arco	28.00	Exxon-Mobil	28.25	Plains*	28.00
Genesis*	28.00	Koch*	28.00	Sun*	28.00
Chevron	28.19	Navajo WTI*	28.00		
E.O.T.T.	28.00	Navajo NM*	28.55		

Oil prices effective 2/9/2000

*Net Price without transportation charge

*Oil Prices effective 2/10/2000

BJ Services signals upturn in oilfield service business

HOUSTON — A significant improvement in revenues by BJ Services Co. sends a strong signal that things may be turning rapidly for the oilfield service section.

BJ Services recently reported a significant improvement in revenue and profits due to increased North American drilling activity and benefits from the acquisition of Fracmaster Ltd. in June 1999. Revenue for the quarter was $354.8 million, an increase of 21% from prior year's first quarter, and net income was $20.5 million ($.25 per diluted share), almost tripling prior year's earnings excluding unusual charges.

The Company's operating income margins increased to 11.5% from 7.1% in the prior year's first fiscal quarter, both figures exclusive of goodwill amortization and unusual charges. The margin improvement is primarily a result of cost reduction programs implemented during 1999 as the oilfield industry was experiencing a severe recession.

The Company's U.S. and Mexico pressure pumping revenues increased by 33% from the year earlier period. The Company's U.S. operations contributed all of the increase, up 37% despite drilling activity increasing only 12% during the quarter. The improvement resulted primarily from a resumption of business from independent operators due to higher commodity prices. Workover activity, especially coiled tubing and acidizing work, was especially strong during the quarter. The largest revenue increases occurred in Texas and in the Rocky Mountain regions. Pricing improved marginally on a sequential basis as a result of a 6% price book increase implemented during the quarter. The majority of the benefit of this price book increase, however, is expected to take place in subsequent quarters. U.S. operating margins also improved dramatically as the Company benefited from improved utilization of its personnel and equipment.

Operationally, the Company has successfully completed over 100 frac jobs using its new proppant product, FlexSand(TM), which has improved proppant flowback characteristics compared with conventional proppant products. In addition, the Company is continuing to perform a larger percentage of jobs using its high-efficiency fracturing fluid, Vistar(TM), which was introduced in fiscal 1999.

International Pressure Pumping Due to increased Canadian drilling activity along with revenue generated from the former Fracmaster operations in Canada and Russia, international pressure pumping revenue increased by 17% compared with the first fiscal quarter of the previous year. Canadian drilling activity has improved dramatically during the second half of 1999 and the winter 2000 drilling season is expected to be the busiest in history.

Outside Canada, international pressure pumping activity declined on both a year-over-year and sequential basis. The North Sea and Asia Pacific regions continue to experience the largest declines. As a result of new contracts and improving activity in selected locations, management believes activity levels have bottomed and is expecting sequential revenue increases in each of its international regions during the second fiscal quarter.

CEO J.W. Stewart commented, "We are encouraged by the quick turnaround in North American drilling activity levels. With a lower cost structure and strong customer relationships, we are well positioned to take advantage of the recovery. The addition of the Fracmaster operations couldn't have come at a better time as we have successfully added much-needed equipment and personnel to the growing Canada and Russia markets. Based on recent customer spending surveys, we expect the North American recovery to continue and our international markets to experience improvements in the second half of the year. As a result, we are optimistic about the prospects for a much improved earnings environment."

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SOUTHWEST/ *Real Estate business has branched out into smaller "cottage industry" projects*

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estate is just like buying oil properties." He noted that Dallas Oilman Ray Hunt had done very well balancing oil and gas enterprises.

The keys said Wommack are finding the key person to manage and add value to each stream of cash. Wommack entered the real estate business in 1986, after the oil crash, by purchasing and developing the Polo tract near Midland Country Club and A Street. The next purchase was Plaza Oaks Shopping Center.

"Oil money was used to buy the first properties, and provides a make-shift infrastructure from which to launch the real estate business," said Wommack, "then we got on a roll and it took on a life of its own." Since then, the real estate company has launched several "cottage industry" businesses that include a landscaping company, janitorial company, construction company and security company. "We are now looking at launching a parking service company," said Neil McClung, president Midland Red Oak Realty, who has guided the real estate business through much of its growth. He now spends much of this time traveling around the Southwest evaluating other real estate opportunities.

Asked why he did not focus all his attention and resources toward making money in the oil business, put it simply: "That would mean not capitalizing on other streams of revenue." He said maintaining some diversity outside the oil industry had now

CONOCO/ *Employees seen as advantage to company, not as cost*

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minds of our people."

In addition to attracting the right talent, Dunham said future energy "superstars" will be those companies that have a clear vision and are quick and aggressive in responding to opportunities. "Having these attributes isn't a matter of size. It is a matter of leadership," he added.

"In Syria, for example, Conoco saw an opportunity for harnessing a large associated natural gas stream that was being flared. We responded with a creative technical and commercial approach that will turn this resource into a clean and valuable product for the people of Syria," Dunham said. "In short, we saw an opportunity to capture value for Conoco and Syria and we acted on it."

PITTS/ *High priced oil is not an energy crisis, price crash is*

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What offended me and gagged me by this story was the fact that I didn't see that many 56-inch wire stories about the plight of West Texans when oil prices dropped to less than half in a matter of months. Energy prices double and its a crisis. Energy prices crash and its a non-event. It's almost impossible to beg, borrow or steal a headline on the wire services.

Second, what's happening in New England is not a real energy crisis. Remember when Crocodile Dundee flashed his over-sized knife to the switchblade wielding thug and muttered: "That's no knife. This is a knife."

High priced heating oil, diesel oil? That's no energy crisis. A real energy crisis is when OPEC gets America by the throat, 75 percent of the rigs stop drilling, 50 percent of the workover rigs are stacked, oil production drops 300,000 barrels a day, and tens of thousands of jobs were lost in a matter of weeks. That's a real energy crisis.

I feel sorry for the people in Boston. Some how, I don't think they feel very sorry for us, when their fuel bills were cut in half by low oil prices.

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John Paul Pitts is oil editor of the Midland Reporter-Telegram.

SWAPS/ *Swapnet will allow trading firms to cut back office work*

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N.A.'s managing director for conglomerates and specialized industries.

SwapNet tied up with U.K.-based Garban-Intercapital Plc, the world's largest over-the-counter derivatives trading firm, which will market the SwapNet software. Clients won't pay fees to use the system; instead, Garban will charge commissions on swap transactions and share that revenue with SwapNet.

The system will let oil trading firms cut back office work, by processing and storing information on every transaction, said James. Up to 150 million barrels of crude oil and refined products is traded as swaps in Singapore every month.

As many as 32 Singapore banks and oil companies, including arms of Royal Dutch Shell Group, BP Amoco Plc, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter & Co. and Societe Generale, are testing the SwapNet system, James said.

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Michael E. Wilson, has joined, **Ref-Chem Corporation,** as Vice President of Business Development for Ref-Chem's Permian Basin Division.

Ref-Chem was founded in 1957, and is a major merit shop engineering, construction and maintenance contractor serving the petrochemical, chemical, refining, pulp and paper, oil and gas industries in a thirty-six state area from its Permian Basin Division in Odessa and Ref-Chem Construction Corp. (Gulf Coast Division) in Houston.

Wilson will be responsible for coordinating all of Ref-Chem's Permian Basin Division business development activities and will be reporting to Ben H. Nichols, Executive Vice President and C.O. O. of Ref-Chem's Permian Basin Division.

Willson, formerly with Holloman Construction Company in Odessa, brings more than twenty-five years experience in project and construction management to Ref-Chem. Wilson has a B.S. degree in economics from Texas Christian University at Ft. Worth. H. J. Page further stated: "Mickey started his construction career with Ref-Chem and we are fortunate to have him back on our team ."

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Ralph Gillette, has joined **The Nicholas Consulting Group** of Midland, an oil and gas engineering and consulting firm. Gillette will be responsible for business development. Gillette, who has 40 years experience in engineering and construction, previously worked for Ref-Chem.

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Cliff Hicks has joined **Prescott Perforating Inc. (PPI)**, a tubing conveyed perforating company based in Roswell, as a consulting Technical Sales Engineer. Hicks was formerly with Halliburton. He has over 19 years in field and sales experience in the Permian Basin and overseas. He resides in Midland and is a member of SPE.

Prescott Perforating Inc. is owned by Dick Prescott, who was a pioneer in the field of tubing conveyed perforations. He began his career in 1976 working with Roy Vann, creator of the VannSystem, which was purchased by Halliburton.

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Devon Energy Corp. announced today that **Moulton Goodrum, Jr.** has been elected to its board of directors. Mr. Goodrum replaces Terry L. Savage, who resigned from the board. Mr. Goodrum's term will expire in 2001.

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HOUSTON — **Preston Johnson** has joined Reliant Energy as senior vice president, human resources. Johnson comes to Reliant Energy after more than 20 years with Dow Chemical Company where he most recently served as global director of human resources. He holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from Sam Houston State University and a master's degree in business administration, industrial management from the University of Houston.

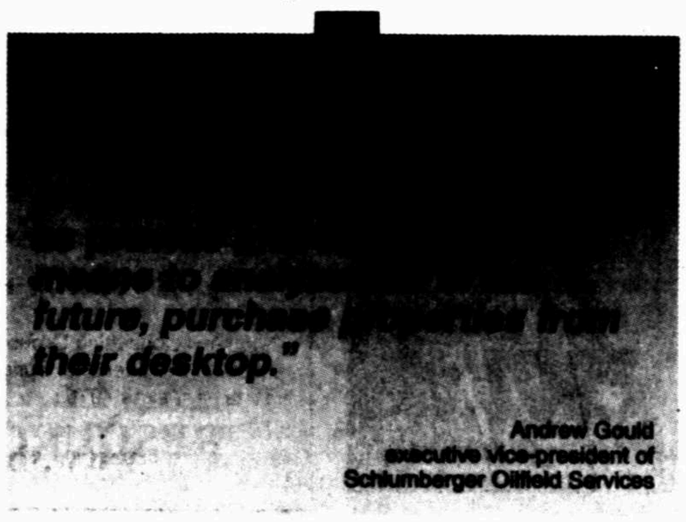
Schlumberger Web portal offers the first global on-line service for acquisitions and divestitures

HOUSTON — Schlumberger says its new e-business venture, www.IndigoPool.com, will provide the oil and gas industry a new portal to enhance and expand business.

The new Web portal, which was unveiled Feb. 2 at the North American Prospect Exposition in Houston, will provide an industry-unique global gateway for clients to market oil and gas properties and data, and will be will be rapidly expanded to offer global information-management services for the exploration and production industry.

"This new Internet-based workspace will give our clients a global vehicle to market and sell property assets and data, as well as provide interested buyers a means to analyze and, in the future, purchase properties from their desktop," said Andrew Gould, executive vice-president of Schlumberger Oilfield Services. "We anticipate the on-line services offered by IndigoPool.com will significantly expand the asset trading market and help our clients get information to the market more efficiently, while saving them millions of dollars each year."

He said the new environment represents a step-change from the traditional paper-based, and logistically demanding, acquisition and divestiture (A&D) process of the upstream oil and gas industry. Through IndigoPool.com, oil and gas companies, regulatory agencies and brokers will be able to market their international properties on-line to a worldwide audience, with secure access to commercial and proprietary data sets, scaleable property marketing services and virtual interpretation centers. In addition, clients will have access to evaluation tools, consulting services and industry-related news.



For the acquisition and divestiture of properties, three levels of services will be offered, each with appropriate security access. Qualified clients will be able to browse general information about assets or access one of the virtual data rooms for in-depth asset analysis. The current network of GeoQuest data management centers will offer a variety of services to support IndigoPool.com, including:

- gathering and quality checking data
- developing asset packaging for portfolio rationalization
- developing data books
- accessing on-line application service provider (ASP) tools
- setting up on-line virtual data rooms.

"Clients can expect reduced cycle time for asset disposal, improved asset value from portfolio packaging and analysis with immediate access to a larger customer base," said Alfredo Santolamazza, general manager of IndigoPool.com.

The portal will be open to all owners of data, both commercial and proprietary, and will offer a broad range of transaction services in information and knowledge management. Owners and brokers of non-exclusive seismic surveys as well as the owners of public domain data can also use this unique gateway.

IHS Energy Group, the world's leading resource for information relating to oil and gas exploration, development and production activities, is supporting IndigoPool.com. Dave Noel, president and chief executive officer of IHS Energy Group, said his organization is looking forward to working with Schlumberger. "We immediately recognized the value IndigoPool.com will bring to the industry worldwide," said Noel. "Our mutual customers will benefit from the integration of our data with the technology and processes of IndigoPool.com."

As a neutral service provider, Schlumberger will only facilitate the purchase or disposal of property, while all financial transactions related to properties will continue to be handled by participating companies, brokers and financial institutions.

Working with the UK Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and the UK Offshore Operator's Association (UKOOA), GeoQuest, an operating unit of Schlumberger, developed the License Information for Trading (LIFT) Web site (www.uklift.co.uk), which was launched last November to encourage oil and gas license trading in the United Kingdom. Today, 93 properties valued at US $370 million are on the UK LIFT Web site and clients include Amerada Hess, BP Amoco Exploration, Burlington Resources (UK), Chevron UK, Elf Exploration UK, Enterprise Oil, Kerr-McGee (UK), OMV (UK), PanCanadian Petroleum (UK), Shell UK, Texaco, Veba Oil & Gas UK, and Wintershall (UK).

"Based on the immediate acceptance of LIFT by the industry, Schlumberger recognized the opportunity to provide a dynamic service to the E&P industry for expediting the asset trading process through technology access, domain knowledge and confidential data management services expertise," said Thierry Pilenko, president of GeoQuest. "IndigoPool.com is the result," he added.

IndigoPool.com is powered by GeoQuest technology including the Finder* integrated data management system and Merak online Value Management software. User security is assured by Schlumberger's experience in network solutions enhanced by the company's leadership in smart card technologies. On-line GeoQuest geoscience and engineering applications are available to support use of the site for in-depth asset analysis.

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BHP reveals Gulf of Mexico confirmation well results

HOUSTON — The Broken Hill Proprietary Co. Limited has announced the results of its first appraisal well on the Mad Dog discovery located in the Atwater Foldbelt in the ultra deepwater of the Gulf of Mexico.

The appraisal well, located in Green Canyon Block 782 in 4420 feet of water, reached a total depth of 20,268 feet and encountered 265 net feet of oil pay. Fluid samples were taken and 140 feet of core was recovered from the well.

A sidetrack from the original well location was drilled to a total depth of 21,560 feet and the results are under evaluation.

The appraisal well is located 1000 feet inside the northern boundary of a two and one half block unit comprising Blocks GC 825,826, and the southern half of 782 with equity interests BP Amoco (operator 63.56%) BHP (11.44%) and Unocal (25%). BHP also has a 44% interest partnership with BP Amoco (56%) in four and one half blocks (GC 738,739,781,783 and the northern half of 782) which are adjacent and contiguous with the drilled unit, and into which a significant part of the Mad Dog structure extends.

The results of the well are being evaluated and it is likely that a further appraisal well will be drilled by BHP and BP Amoco outside the two and one half block unit in the near future.

This second well on the Mad Dog discovery has been drilled two miles to the north of the discovery well (GC 826-1), completed in December 1998, and which encountered 300 net feet of hydrocarbons.

Mad Dog is an important discovery and one of three BHP/BP Amoco discoveries in the Atwater Foldbelt. Neptune was discovered in 1995 (BHP 42.5%) and lies 32 miles to the north east of Mad Dog in 6,200 feet of water. Atlantis (BHP 44%) was discovered in 1998 and is located between Neptune and Mad Dog in 4,400 feet of water. The significance of these discoveries is under assessment and an appraisal well at Atlantis is scheduled for later this year.

BHP has interests in a total of 128 blocks in the Atwater Foldbelt trend making it an important component of BHP's focused deepwater exploration strategy.

Mr. Philip Aiken, President of BHP Petroleum said that the encouraging results of the Mad Dog appraisal well give continued stimulus to BHP's focused deepwater exploration strategy and represent a further important step in delivering value from the area.

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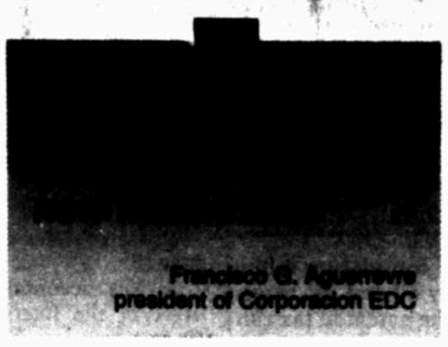
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Coastal launches venture in Venezuela

HOUSTON — The Coastal Corporation (NYSE: CGP) and Corporacion Electricidad de Caracas, C.A., (CEDC) today announced the signing of a letter of intent to negotiate a joint bidding agreement regarding natural gas projects in Venezuela.

The projects will be offered for public tender by Petroleos de Venezuela, S.A. (PDVSA). Decisions regarding projects, if any, on which to place bids will be made jointly at appropriate times in 2000 by the boards of directors of Coastal and CEDC.

"We are extremely pleased with our new partnership with CEDC," said David A. Arledge, Coastal's chairman and chief executive officer. "We believe Venezuela natural gas has considerable promise as an economic and environmentally friendly fuel." Mr. Arledge signed the letter of intent on behalf of Coastal Gas International Ventures, Inc.


Francisco G. Aguerrevere president of Corporacion EDC

"Natural gas is the resource of Venezuela for the new millennium," said Francisco G. Aguerrevere, president of Corporacion EDC, C.A. "Our partnership with Coastal will help Corporacion EDC to increase our activities in the hydrocarbons business area."

Corporacion EDC is one of Latin America's premier multi-utility companies and concentrates its activities in electricity (generation, transmission and distribution), telecommunications, water and gas businesses in the Andean region and Central America. It is based in Caracas, Venezuela. CEDC's World Wide Web site at www.edc-ven.com may be accessed if additional information is needed.

The Coastal Corporation is a Houston-based energy holding company with consolidated assets of more than $14 billion and subsidiary operations in natural gas transmission, storage, gathering/processing and marketing; oil and gas exploration and production; petroleum refining, marketing and distribution; chemicals; power production; and coal. Coastal's World Wide Web site at www.coastalcorp.com provides additional information on the company.

Oneok to purchase Kinder Morgan's West Texas assets

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Oneok Inc., the parent company of Oklahoma Natural Gas Co., has signed a definitive agreement to purchase Kinder Morgan Inc.'s natural gas gathering and processing businesses in Oklahoma, Kansas, and West Texas.

Oneok also will buy Kinder Morgan's marketing and trading business and certain storage and transmission pipelines in the mid-continent region, Oneok announced Tuesday.

Oneok will pay about $114 million, plus an amount equal to net working capital at closing, officials said.

Oneok also will assume the operating lease associated with the Bushton, Kan., gas processing plant, and it will assume long-term capacity commitments on Natural Gas Pipeline Co. of America and on Kinder Morgan Interstate Gas Transmission.

"This is a continuation of our strategy of expanding our ownership of natural gas assets and marketing capabilities in the mid-continent region," David Kyle, Oneok's president and chief operating officer, said in a news release.

Rich Kinder, chairman and chief executive officer of KMI, said the company has been trying to get out of the businesses it sold to Oneok.

"With this sale, KMI's divestiture program is more than 80 percent complete."

Kinder Morgan is one of the largest midstream energy companies in the nation, operating more than 30,000 miles of natural gas and products pipelines in 26 states.

Oneok is the largest natural gas distributor in Oklahoma and Kansas, operating as ONG and Kansas Gas Service. The company has 1.4 million customers.

Phillips plans to spend $2 billion on fields, buying back shares

BARTLESVILLE, Ok. (Bloomberg) — Phillips Petroleum Co., the sixth-largest U.S. oil company, said it might spend some of the $2 billion it plans to raise from two new joint ventures to acquire fields and buy back shares.

The company said Monday the money first will go toward cutting its debt to-capital ratio to 31 percent from 45 percent.

Phillips and Chevron Corp. agreed Monday to combine their chemical businesses, which would give Phillips $800 million in cash. The company said in December it is forming a natural gas-processing venture with Duke Energy Corp. that would raise $1.2 billion.

Phillips, based in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, is forming joint ventures to cut costs and focus on its more-profitable oil and gas exploration business. The company wants to put its refineries and gasoline stations into an alliance within two years.

The ventures will allow Phillips to stay independent and compete with larger rivals created by a recent wave of mergers, such as Exxon Mobil Corp. Phillips had sales of $13.9 billion in 1999 while Exxon Mobil, the biggest publicly traded oil company, had sales of almost $187 billion.

Phillips shares fell 9/16 to 38 7/16 in midday trading.

If Phillips makes acquisitions, the company would like to replicate the success of its Bohai Bay field in China. The field holds much more than the 400 millions of oil already announced, Phillips said.

Phillips repurchased $585 million of stock in 1998 in two separate buybacks.

Chevron launches new tanker

SAN FRANCISCO — In a ceremony held today in Koje, Korea, Mrs. Di-Hwa Tien christened the tanker vessel CHANG-LIN TIEN, named for her husband, who is a director of Chevron Corp. (NYSE: CHV).

The CHANG-LIN TIEN is the last in a series of four double-hull very large crude carriers (VLCCs) built for Chevron by Samsung Heavy Industries Co. Ltd. at its Koje Island shipyard. Chevron will operate these tankers under long-term bareboat charters.

The 308,500-deadweight-ton ship is one of the largest double-hull tankers in the company's owned and controlled fleet, bringing to 14 the number of double-hull ships operated by Chevron. This addition is part of Chevron's ongoing fleet retirement and renewal program started in 1990.

The CHANG-LIN TIEN will move crude oil from the Middle East to Chevron's U.S. gulf and west coast refineries. On each voyage, the ship will carry approximately 2.2 million barrels of oil, using a state-of-the-art, fully integrated navigation, engine and steering bridge with redundancy of all critical control systems.

Chang-Lin Tien is university professor and NEC Distinguished Professor of Engineering at the University of California, where he served as Chancellor of the Berkeley campus from 1990 to 1997. A world-renowned scientist, he is recognized for his research in thermal science and technology. Dr. Tien consults with industry and governments on many high-tech issues, and was recently appointed a member of the U.S. National Science Board. He was elected to Chevron's board in 1997.

Noble Drilling Company reports year end, fourth quarter results

HOUSTON — Noble Drilling Corp. has reported net income for the fourth quarter of 1999 of $21.4 million, or $0.16 per diluted share, on operating revenues of $173.5 million. Compared to net income of $34.7 million, or $0.26 per diluted share, on operating revenues of $187.9 million for the fourth quarter of 1998.

The quarterly results included net non-recurring charges of $4.9 million for 1999 and $1.9 million for 1998 related to a restructuring charge and contract losses on third party rigs which were not expected to be utilized in 1999, respectively. The restructuring charge of $7.5 million ($4.9 net of taxes) was related to early retirement packages offered to a number of employees and the relocation of the company's Gulf Coast Marine division office in Lafayette, Louisiana and its Triton Engineering Services subsidiary to the centralized Houston office, which is expected to be completed by July 2000.

James C. Day, chairman and chief executive officer, said, "1999 was a year of significant emotional contrast. Investors basically gave up on the sector early, only to return aggressive late in the year. The company, however, continued to remain focused, which resulted in achieving some of the best financial results in the sector."

Excluding the effects of non-recurring items, net income for the year ended Dec. 31, 1999 was $100.2 million, or $0.76 per diluted share, on operating revenues of $705.9 million, compared to net income of $163.9 million, or $1.24 per diluted share, on operating revenues of $788.2 million for the year ended Dec. 31, 1998. Results for the year ended Dec. 31, 1999 included an extraordinary charge of $10.8 million, net of taxes of $5.9 million, and the restructuring charge taken in the 1999 fourth quarter. The extraordinary charge was related to the company's purchase and retirement of $125 million principal amount of its 91/8% Senior Notes due 2006.

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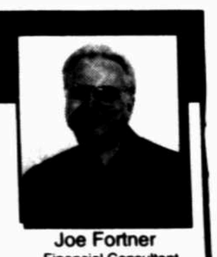
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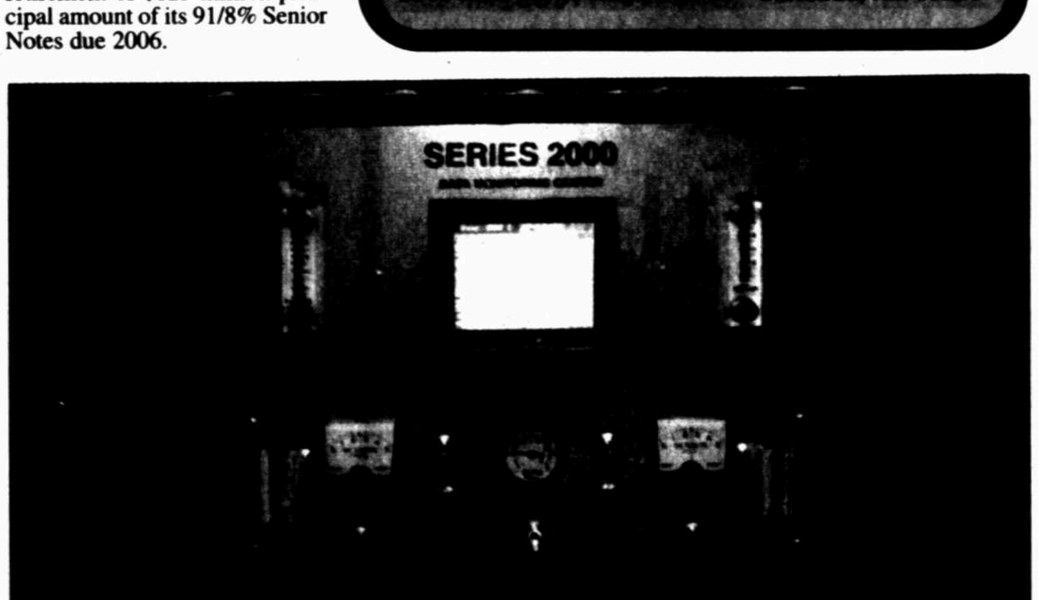
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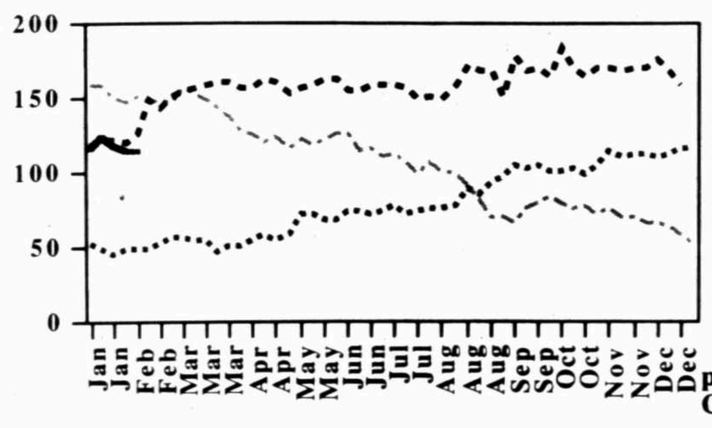
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USA Land	617	617	439
USA Offshore	127	125	103
Canada	545	558	345
U.S. Directional	184	176	146
U.S. Horizontal	57	56	36
U.S. Gas	624	624	433
U.S. Oil	133	131	125

This information updated February 4, 2000

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TEXAS		Howard	04	Garza	00
	DIST. #7C	Hudspeth	00	Hale	00
Coke	00	Jeff Davis	00	Hockley	02
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Crockett	02	Martin	04	King	00
Irion	00	Midland	08	Lamb	00
Kimble	00	Mitchell	00	Lubbock	00
McCullough	01	Pecos	04	Lynn	00
Menard	00	Presidio	00	Motley	00
Reagan	01	Reeves	02	Scurry	00
Runnels	00	Sterling	01	Terry	02
Schleicher	00	Ward	05	Yoakum	02
Sutton	02	Winkler	01		
Terrell	02			*TEXAS TOTAL*	*60*
Tom Green	00	DIST. #8A			
Upton	03	Bailey	00	NEW MEXICO	
		Borden	01	Chaves	01
DIST. #8		Cochran	00	Eddy	23
Andrews	03	Cottle	00	Lea	30
Brewster	00	Crosby	00	Roosevelt	00
Crane	00	Dawson	02	*N.M. TOTAL*	*54*
Culberson	00	Dickens	00		
Ector	03	Floyd	00	Basin Total	114
Glasscock	02	Gaines	03	Year Ago	51

Rig Count Profile



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Energy Finance

Consult a tax advisor to avoid consequences of selling assets

By Art Hobbs

Q. I am considering selling some of my oil and gas assets, what are the potential tax consequences?

A. The first thing you want to do is consult with a tax advisor who is familiar with these types of transactions. Keep in mind that not all accountants are created equal. You need to find one that has the expertise you are looking for. Oil and gas properties are treated as real property in the State of Texas, and are subject to capital gains taxes. There are short and long term capital gains taxes. Short term, being less than a year, has a tax of 39.5% on the gain while long term, which is more than one year, has a tax of not less than 20%. The term begins when ownership of the property was transferred into your name.

Q. Can I defer capital gains taxes?

A. Yes, according to Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code, which describes a like-kind exchange, real property can be exchanged without paying capital gains on the transaction at the time of the sale as long as it conforms to the tax code criteria. You are in effect selling real property, placing the sale proceeds with a qualified intermediary, identifying another real asset to purchase, and using the proceeds from the sale to purchase the new asset.

The benefit lies in using the money that would have gone to pay taxes to purchase a higher valued asset. Time is a factor in these exchanges, so if you have the time to consider different options, then this is one that is available.

Q. Who do I need to talk to about a like-kind exchange?

A. To complete a like-kind exchange, a qualified intermediary has to be used. In Midland, Petroleum Strategies, Inc. (682-0292) is, in my opinion, the expert. Kerr and Ward, LLP. (684-9990) and Lynch, Chappell, and Alsup, PC. (683-3351) also provide like-kind exchange services. Keep in mind that when dealing with tax issues it is always best to consult your tax advisor first.

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Phillips, Chevron merge chemical businesses

BARTLESVILLE, Okla. (AP) — Phillips Petroleum Co. and Chevron Corp. have agreed to a 50-50 joint venture of their chemical businesses, creating a company with assets of more than $6 billion.

The as-yet-unnamed petrochemicals company, which will be based in Houston, will employ up to 6,000 people. As a result of the combination, 600 jobs will be cut.

"Phillips and Chevron are strong companies with excellent chemicals assets and a shared vision of growth for their chemicals businesses," said Jim Mulva, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Phillips. "This joint venture creates one of the world's leading chemicals producers, with a global market presence, excellent growth prospects and a strong financial position."

San Francisco-based Chevron is the second-largest U.S. oil firm in terms of revenue, while Phillips, based in Bartlesville, is the nation's eighth-largest oil company.

Jim Gallogly, Phillips' vice president of chemicals, has been named president and chief executive officer of the new company. Kent Potter, vice president of finance for Chevron Overseas Petroleum Inc., will be chief financial officer.

The new company will be one of the world's top five producers of olefins and polyolefins, which are used in the manufacture of basic chemicals and plastics. It also includes the companies' aromatics and styrene businesses.

The agreement does not include Chevron's Oronite additives business, which develops, manufactures and markets fuel and lubricant additives.

Under terms of the agreement, the joint-venture company will arrange $1.6 billion of debt financing and will make one-time cash distributions of $800 million to each parent company.

The transaction is expected to close by midyear and is subject to final approval by the companies' boards of directors and regulators.

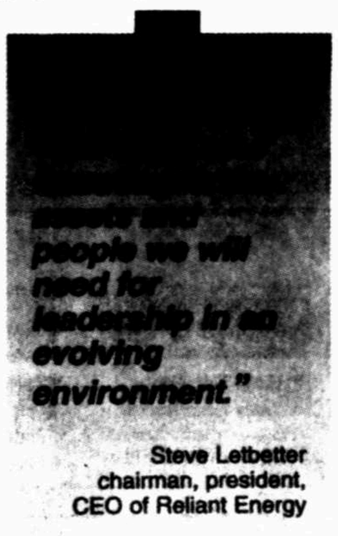
Chevron employs 31,000 people worldwide and has about $40 billion in assets. Chevron Chemical Co. produces commodity petrochemicals, plastics and additives in nine U.S. states and in Brazil, France, Japan, Mexico, Saudi Arabia and Singapore.

Reliant Energy reports 1999 earnings

HOUSTON — Reliant Energy's adjusted earnings for the fourth quarter of 1999 rose to $98 million, or $0.34 per share, from $45 million, or $0.16 per share, for the same period of 1998.

The increase was primarily due to earnings from the company's Reliant Energy Europe segment, which was formed in the fourth quarter of 1999, and increased equity earnings from its Reliant Energy Latin America segment. These increases were partially offset by lower earnings at the company's Natural Gas Distribution segment.

For the year ended Dec. 31, 1999, Reliant Energy reported adjusted earnings of $601 million, or $2.11 per share. This compares to adjusted earnings of $622 million, or $2.19 per share, in 1998. Adjusted earnings for 1998 included an $80 million, or $.28 per share, gain on the sale of an Argentine electric distribution system. The Natural Gas Distribution, Interstate Pipelines and Wholesale Energy segments had lower earnings in 1999. Improved earnings from Reliant Energy Latin America, excluding the effects of the devaluation of the Brazilian real, and earnings of Reliant Energy Europe partially offset these declines.



Steve Letbetter chairman, president, CEO of Reliant Energy

"In 1998, we established an aggressive goal of achieving an annual growth rate of 8 to 10 percent in earnings per share," said Steve Letbetter, chairman, chief executive officer and president. "We surpassed our goal with a 10.5 percent increase over 1998 adjusted earnings, excluding a $.28 per share gain on the sale of an investment in Argentina. Our European energy services business, launched in the fourth quarter of 1999, produced $32 million of operating income.

"We achieved our earnings goal for 1999 while also investing in the assets and people we will need for leadership in an evolving environment," Letbetter added. "Over the last three years, we have substantially transformed Reliant Energy, and that transformation will continue. We are increasing our focus on businesses that allow us to differentiate ourselves and create maximum value by leveraging our advantaged asset positions and unique set of commercial skills. We are committed to investing at a pace that will position us for the future while allowing us to continue meeting our near-term earnings goals."

Meetings

Dr. Anthony Reso will speak on the 90 most influential people in the world at the annual SIPES ladies night Feb. 17, at the Midland Country Club.

An earth resource scientist, Reso was born in England and came to America in his youth. He received BA and MA degrees in Geology from Colombia University and earned a PhD. in Geology from Rice. He speaks frequently as an educator and scientist.

For reservations call 685-3116.

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Dale Littlejohn will speak to the **Environmental Subcommittee of SPE** 11:30 a.m., Feb 17, at Midland College Road Runner Room. Cost is $10 per person. For reservations call 686-7329.

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Roger Fox of Huntsman Polymers Corp. will speak to the American **Society of Safety Engineers** on the topic of emergency responses. The meeting is 11:30 a.m., Feb. 17, at the Radisson Hotel and Convention Center in Odessa.

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Reagan County

TMBR/Sharp Drilling, Inc.
Scottich Rite Schumaker #2
Pink Draw (Fusselman)-D; T & P RR Co./R. H. Sherwood; A-418, Blk 1, Sec 24; 635.94 FEL 2650 FNL of lse; 110 FS'LYWL 8 FS'LYSL of survey; 18 miles N of Big Lake; obj:10500; permit #491424; API #383-35042

Sahara Operating Co.
University-Pickrell "23" -A- #3
Pickrell (Lower Queen)-D; UL; A-000000, Blk 8, Sec 23; 330 FWL 339 FNL of lse; 2310 FEL 2310 FSL of survey; 4 miles S of Santa Rita; obj:2900; permit #491616; API #383-35043

Sutton County

RLO Partnership
Allison #1
Sonora, SE. (Canyon Reef)-Recompletion; HE & WT RR Co.; A-348, Blk B, Sec 7; 150 FNL 1100 FEL of lse; 1500 FWL 2500 FSL of survey; 8.5 miles NE of Sonora; obj:5251; permit #491629; API #435-30021

Tom Green County

Mayo, Eddie
Ashland #1
Christoval (Canyon)-Re-Enter; H & TC RR Co.; A-1224, Blk 23, Sec 1; 669 FSL 752 FEL of lse; 669 FSL 752 FEL of survey; 4 miles NE of Christoval; obj:5100; permit #491594; API #451-00050

TEXAS RRCD 8

Andrews County

Belco Energy Corp.
Andrews Unit #538
Andrews (Wolfcamp-Penn.)-D; PSL/F. E. Cowens; A-2229, Blk A-46, Sec 15; 660 FSL 2650 FWL of lse; 660 FSL 2650 FWL of survey; 3 miles NW of Andrews; obj:9700; permit #491647; API #003-38570

Crane County

Apache Corp.
North McElroy Unit #3933F
McElroy-D; UL; A-000000, Blk 30, Sec 39; 3800 FSL 6250 FWL of lse; 1900 FSL 650 FWL of survey; 4 miles NE of Crane; obj:3400; permit #491681; API #103-34705

Apache Corp.
North McElroy Unit #3936F
McElroy-D; UL; A-000000, Blk 30, Sec 39; 3850 FSL 7300 FWL of lse; 1980 FSL 2600 FEL of survey; 4 miles NE of Crane; obj:3400; permit #491680; API #103-34709

Apache Corp.
North McElroy Unit #3937F
McElroy-D; UL; A-000000, Blk 30, Sec 39; 3900 FSL 7600 FWL of lse; 1980 FSL 1980 FEL of survey; 4 miles NE of Crane; obj:3400; permit #491679; API #103-34710

Apache Corp.
North McElroy Unit #4609F
McElroy-D; UL; A-000000, Blk 30, Sec 46; 2200 FSL 4900 FEL of lse; 1350 FNL 700 FWL of survey; 4 miles NE of Crane; obj:3400; permit #491678; API #103-34711

Apache Corp.
North McElroy Unit #4755F
McElroy-D; UL; A-000000, Blk 30, Sec 47; 1000 FSL 830 FEL of lse; 598 FSL 830 FEL of survey; 4 miles NE of Crane; obj:3400; permit #491677; API #103-34712

Arco Permian
Block 31 Unit #N 4
Block 31 (Atoka 7900)-Recompletion; UL; A-000000, Blk 31, Sec 39; 900 FSEL 5940 FEL of lse; 660 FEL 2030 FNL of survey; 4 miles NW of Crane; obj:9000; permit #491596; API #103-30753

Howard County

Santa Fe Snyder Corp.
Powell Ranch "14" #3
Signal Peak (Wolfcamp)-D; T & P RR Co./J. T. Johnson; A-1285, Blk 31, T1S, Sec 14; 1200 FWL 660 FSL of lse; 1200 FWL 660 FSL of survey; 3.5 miles S of Coahoma; obj:8300; permit #491626; API #227-35454

Midland County

OXY USA Inc.
Dora Roberts Ranch Unit #1508
Virey (Consolidated)-Recompletion; T & P RR Co.; A-360, Blk 41, T3S, Sec 15; 8580 FSL 660 FEL of lse; 1980 FNL 660 FEL of survey; 6 miles SE of Odessa; obj:10470; permit #491638; API #329-10063

OXY USA Inc.
Dora Roberts Ranch Unit #1004
Virey (Fusselman)-Recompletion; T & P RR Co./W. Martin; A-960, Blk 41, T3S, Sec 10; 8580 FNL 4290 FEL of lse; 1980 FSL 990 FWL of survey; 5 miles SE of Odessa; obj:13015; permit #491637; API #329-00413

Texaco E & P Inc.
Scharbauer, C. "A" NCT-2 #3H
Bryant -G- (Devonian)-D-Horizontal Well; T & P RR Co.; A-268, Blk 40, T2S, Sec 33; 4535 FSL 2050 FEL of lse; 760 FNL 2050 FEL of survey; 10 miles SW of Midland; obj:15600; permit #487069; API #329-34185

Pecos County

Phillips Pet. Corp.
Rosa -A- #2
Puckett (Ellenburger)-Recompletion; EL & RR RR Co./I. C. Roark; A-7116, Blk 100, Sec 36; 1980 FNL 660 FWL of lse; 1980 FNL 660 FWL of survey; 31 miles SE of Baldridge; obj:15100; permit #491642; API #371-34213

Lamb, James L., Jr.
Millard, North (Soma) Unit #208J
Millard, North (Soma)-D; I & GN RR Co.; A-720, Blk 1, Sec 52; 1298 FNL 1810 FWL of lse; 1032 FSL 338 FE (River) L of survey; 6 miles S of Iraan; obj:350; permit #491566; API #371-36980

Lamb, James L., Jr.
Millard, North (Soma) Unit #304J
Millard, North (Soma)-D; I & GN RR Co.; A-719, Blk 1, Sec 51; 1800 FSL 1100 FWL of lse; 81 FNL 416 FE (River) L of survey; 6 miles S of Iraan; obj:350; permit #491565; API #371-36981

Winkler County

Prize Operating Co.
State-Walton 'E' #36M
Kermit (Fusselman) & (McKee)-D; PSL/J. B. Walton; A-1854, Blk B-3, Sec 14; 660 FSL 1830 FWL of lse; 660 FNL 1830 FWL of survey; 3 miles N of Kermit; obj:10500; permit #491658; API #495-32777

TEXAS RRCD 8A

Garza County

Wheeler Operating Corp.
Post-Montgomery "20" #4
H & L (Glorieta)-D; K. Aycock; A-473, Blk 4, Sec 20; 1320 FNL 1980 FWL of lse; 1320 FNL 1980 FWL of survey; 8 miles NW of Post; obj:4000; permit #491669; API #169-33568

Hockley County

Wheeler Operating Corp.
Campbell #2
Linker (Clear Fork)-D; Baylor CSL, LGE 31, LAB 20; A-3, Blk N/A, Sec N/A; 440 FWL 1010 FSL of lse; 440 FWL 1010 FSL of survey; 3 miles S'LY of Levelland; obj:9000; permit #491667; API #219-36501

Wheeler Operating Corp.
Campbell #1W
Linker (Clear Fork)-Re-Enter; Baylor CSL, LGE 31, LAB 20; A-3, Blk N/A, Sec N/A; 750 FNL 467 FWL of lse; 750 FNL 467 FWL of survey; 3 miles S'LY of Levelland; obj:9000; permit #491668; API #219-33153

King County

Burns, P. C. Oil Producers Inc.
Masterson "J" #1
Juniper (Bend Congl.)-D; J. B. Rector; A-414, Blk A, Sec 68; 660 FNL 1700 FEL of lse; 660 FNL 1700 FEL of survey; 18 miles NE of Guthrie; obj:6100; permit #491500; API #269-32362

Hunt Oil Co.
Burnett, S. B. Estate 1A/2A
Twin Peaks (Strawn, Up)-Recompletion; J. L. Parsons/S F 3946; A-1186, Blk T, Sec 45; 320 FWL 687 FNL of lse; 2000 FWL 2520 FSL of survey; 16 miles SW of Guthrie; obj:5308; permit #491591; API #269-30167

Primrose Oper. Co.
Bateman Trust Est. Account No. 1 #106
Bateman Ranch (A-Zone) & (B-Zone) & (C-Zone)-D; John B. Rector; A-370, Blk A, Sec 101; 5000 FEL 4500 FSL of lse; 1206 FWL 2257 FN (River) L of survey; 11 miles E of Guthrie; obj:6000; permit #491674; API #269-32363

LOCATIONS AND RE-ENTRIES

Chaves County

Yates Pet Corp
Ruby Jo ATY #1
T8S, R26E, Sec 14; 660 FSL 1980 FEL of Wildcat; 12 miles SW of Elkins; Rot 6458 Ordovician; Re-Entry of DeKalb Agril, Assoc. Joan Duke #1, P&A, Old TD 6458; API #30-005-00158

Yates Drlg Co.
Cactus Queen Unit #16
T12S, R31E, Sec 34; 750 FNL 1000 FWL SE of Chaves; 12 miles SW of Caprock; Rot 3100 Queen; API #30-005-21159

Eddy County

Anadarko Pet Corp
Baish Federal #5
T18S, R31E, Sec 9; 1980 FNL 1980 FWL of North Shugart; 7 miles SE of Loco Hills; Rot 9300 Bone Spring; API #30-015-30901

Anadarko Pet Corp
Baish Federal #6
T18S, R31E, Sec 9; 1980 FNL 660 FWL of North Shugart; 7 miles SE of Loco Hills; Rot 9300 Bone Spring; API #30-015-30902

Anadarko Pet Corp
Baish Federal #7
T18S, R31E, Sec 9; 1980 FNL 660 FEL of North Shugart; 7 miles SE of Loco Hills; Rot 9300 Bone Spring; API #30-015-30904

Anadarko Pet Corp
Baish Federal #10
T18S, R31E, Sec 9; 1980 FSL 660 FEL of North Shugart; 7 miles SE of Loco Hills; Rot 9300 Bone Spring; API #30-015-30905

OXY USA Inc.
OXY Bay State #2
T17S, R29E, Sec 33; 440 FSL 1980 FEL of Grayburg; 6 miles SW of Loco Hills; Rot 11,300 Morrow; API #30-015-30903

OXY USA Inc.
Beretta 9 State #1-Y
T23S, R26E, Sec 9; 1980 FSL 2180 FWL of South Carlsbad; 6 miles SW of Carlsbad; Rot 11,300 Morrow; API #30-015-30895

Lea County

Yates Pet Corp.
Sand Springs ASU State #4
T11S, R34E, Sec 11; 700 FNL 1650 FEL of Sand Springs; 13.5 miles SE of Caprock; Rot 13,200 Devonian; API #30-025-34899

Yates Pet Corp.
Eclipse AUN State #1
T11S, R34E, Sec 21; 2000 FSL 2050 FWL of Wildcat; 11.5 miles SW of Caprock; Rot 13,250 Devonian; API #30-025-34900

Yates Pet Corp.
East Sand Springs Unit #3
T11S, R35E, Sec 6; 1000 FSL 1400 FWL of Wildcat; 12 miles NW of Tatum; Rot 12,500 Miss; API #30-025-34898

Manzano Oil Corp.
Citation #1
T18S, R34E, Sec 20; 1650 FSL 330 FWL of EK; 6 miles SW of Buckeye; Rot 4800 Yatres Seven Rivers Queen; API #30-025-34880

Wildcats

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Reagan County

CMS Oil & Gas Co.
SRH "BA" #1704
Wildcat-D; Mrs. Sarah Taylor; A-439, Blk A, Sec 17; 2068 FNL 2225 FWL of lse; 1965 FN'LYSL 660 FE'LYEL of survey; 17 miles N of Big Lake; obj:8000; permit #491645; API #383-35045

CMS Oil & Gas Co.
SRH "BA" #916
Wildcat-D; T & P RR Co.; A-477, Blk 1, Sec 9; 660 FSL 3309 FEL of lse; 660 FSL 660 FEL of survey; 17 miles NE of Big Lake; obj:8000; permit #491644; API #383-35046

CMS Oil & Gas Co.
SRH "BA" #1706
Wildcat-D; Mrs. Sarah Taylor; A-439, Blk A, Sec 17; 660 FN'LYSL 2335 FWL of lse; 660 FN'LYSL 660 FE'LYEL of survey; 17 miles N of Big Lake; obj:8000; permit #491643; API #383-35047

CMS Oil & Gas Co.
SRH "BA" #906
Wildcat-D; T & P RR Co.; A-477, Blk 1, Sec 9; 2011 FNL 4878 FWL of lse; 2011 FNL 1993 FWL of survey; 17 miles NE of Big Lake; obj:8000; permit #491641; API #383-35048

CMS Oil & Gas Co.
SRH "BA" #909
Wildcat-D; T & P RR Co.; A-477, Blk 1, Sec 9; 1980 FSL 3545 FWL of lse; 1980 FSL 660 FWL of survey; 17 miles NE of Big Lake; obj:8000; permit #491640; API #383-35044

CMS Oil & Gas Co.
SRH "BA" #914
Wildcat-D; T & P RR Co.; A-477, Blk 1, Sec 9; 660 FSL 4975 FWL of lse; 660 FSL 1980 FWL of survey; 17 miles NE of Big Lake; obj:8000; permit #491639; API #383-35049

Runnels County

Bettis, Boyle & Stovall
Watkins #1
Wildcat-D; Henry L. Bays #444, Lot 14; A-17, Blk N/A, Sec N/A; 500 FSL 1000 FWL of lse; 1000 FSWL 500 FSEL of survey; 1 mile NE of Wilmeth; obj:5000; permit #491615; API #399-34674

TEXAS RRCD 8

Glasscock County

Range Prod. Co.
Powell "5" #2
Wildcat-D; T & P RR Co.; A-314, Blk 35, T3S, Sec 5; 43 FE'LYSL 1000 FEL of lse; 725 FSL 2316 FEL of survey; 13 miles NW of Garden City; obj:8999; permit #490862; API #173-33016

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Program Agenda

Morning Session

7:30 am Continental Breakfast
8:00 am Welcome by Mayor Bobby Burns
8:10 am Jack Rathbone (Vice-President/Titan Exploration) - Breakfast Speaker
8:45 am "Reality Check on Area Economy" by Economist Ray Perryman
9:15 am Tucker Bridwell of Abilene (State Economic Development Board Member)
9:50 am Bill Wright (Abilene Arts Enthusiast, Downtown Development Leader)
10:30 am Break
10:55 am Tim Brookshire of Tyler
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11:35 am Kevin Eltife (Mayor of Tyler Texas)
NOON Lunch Break
12:30 pm Lunch Speaker David Smith,
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1:15 pm Drawing For $2000 Certificate Of Deposit
1:30 pm Ray Perryman - Transportation

Afternoon Session 2:00 to 3:00

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