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Basin to conduct new mass transit study

By Ian Heald
Staff Writer

The Permian Basin Planning Commission (PBPC) will revise its 1996 public transportation study to evaluate the feasibility of a mass transit system in Midland and Odessa.

"There is a lot of continued discussion brought up by individuals as well as groups of people interested in public transportation in our community," says Odessa City Manager Jerry McGwire. "It continues to surface as a fairly high priority."

Odessa Assistant City Manager Richard Mortan said McGwire had wanted to look into transportation options again because public support has been high. There is a need for public transportation, says Mortan. That need has prompted this second study by the PBPC.

LKC, a Houston consulting firm, conducted the first study in 1996 that explored various forms of public transportation systems including buses, taxi vouchers and vans. But, after review, both Midland and Odessa city councils determined the cost of a transportation system would outweigh the benefits.

"We're doing a study because there is an interest in both cities,"



says PBPC Director of Regional Services Jerry Tshauner. "In Vision 2000 transportation was shown to be one of the highest needs."

Richard Jolly served as chairman of the Vision 2000 transportation committee. He said one of the main goals of his committee was to encourage public transportation, but no surefire solution was found, he said.

"The main problem here is public transportation isn't profitable," says Tshauner. "It's not a moneymaking deal. The City Council has a hard time passing something like this because the system doesn't pay for itself. To break even, the fare structures would be too high

for people to pay for the transportation. That's the problem, it just doesn't pay for itself."

Mayor Bobby Burns (also chairman of the PBPC) says there's no way Midland will ever raise taxes to begin a mass transit system.

"When the last study was done it was determined we could do it, but only if taxes were raised," says Burns. "I said no way. I don't believe Midlanders would support that. We've really got to continue to work. Everyone's trying to figure what the best thing is. I do believe it's going to become an important issue to make this city better. I'm looking for something that will fit our budget. No tax increase."

The steering committee and TxDOT officials will meet Jan. 12. "TxDOT people from Austin are coming up to talk about public transportation, sources of money, what's out there and available," says Midland Director of Engineering and Development Marcus Johnston.

"Between Midland and Odessa we can access \$1.4 million in federal funds to run a program," says Johnston. "That's the tip of the iceberg on expenses." Johnston said there's been talk of using buses, vans or vouchers for taxis.

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Worst ever drought?

Drought persists even as light rain is welcomed by farmers, ranchers

The first rainfall of the year 2000 in Midland was just a shower that settled the dust and cleansed the air but did little more.

It was not a drought-buster, noted Midland farmer-rancher J.D. Crawford. As a young man just out of World War II, he survived the seven-year drought of the 1950s. And he withstood the 1990s drought 50 years later.

"It's going to rain one of these days," figured Crawford, and eventually will break the drought. "The only thing I know to do is just pray (for rain)."

Friday's showers lasted several hours and officially brought 0.61 of an inch of rain, as measured at the National Weather Service (NWS) at Midland International Airport.

The good news is that the moisture exceeded the average January rainfall for Midland by 0.21 inch and bodes well if the pattern continues — which it hasn't in recent years.

Midland's average precipitation is 14.96 inches over the last 30 years. Monthly totals in inches are January, 0.4; February, 0.62; March, 0.58; April, 0.83; May, 1.98; June, 1.55; July, 1.70; August, 1.69; September, 2.62; October, 1.74; November, 0.69, and December, 0.56.

For rainfall, 1999 was not a good year. At 7.6 inches, it was the sixth driest year on record since 1930 when the NWS started keeping weather data for Midland.

The driest year on record in Midland was 1951, with 4.24 inches of precipitation. The second driest year was 1998 when 5.14 inches of moisture fell over Midland. Other bone-dry years include 1933 at 6.76 inches, 1977 at 6.84 inches, and 1953 at 7.45 inches.

The combined rainfall for 1999 and 1998 "officially are the driest two consecutive years on record in Midland," according to Mike Wrinkle, hydrometeorological technician, and Dan Koch, senior forecaster, at the NWS in Midland.

By contrast, the heaviest rainfall years for Midland included 32.13 inches in 1986, 30.33 inches



An empty cotton trailer sits at the Midland Farmer's Co-op cotton gin southeast of town. Friday's rains did little to relieve the drought and area farmers worry this year's planting and growing seasons may suffer from the lack of moisture in the soil.

in 1941, and 27.42 inches in 1932. "It's real dry" going in 2000, Crawford said. January 2000's first shower will help keep the farmland "from blowing for awhile. We will have to have some rains in April and May" for planting cotton this spring.

More crucial than just the volume of rain is the timing of the rainfall and how much rain falls in the planting and growing seasons to bring moisture deep into the soil profile to nourish vegetation and crops.

"We probably really need an inch and a half and two inches to break our ground," Crawford said. "It's real dry; it's in bad shape. If this thing (show-

er) had lasted a couple of days, it really would have been a benefit" since it was a slow rain and would gently soak into the ground and not run off.

On the rangeland, "The grass is dying out on us," Crawford said. "In a clump of grass, there will be two or three sprigs to come out on the side."

Still, the rain "does real good because there's not any weeds growing to take the moisture, so it goes on down" into deeper soil, where it does long-term good for the soil.

But far, far more is needed.

George Mathews, the Midland NWS warning-coordination meteorologist, said, "Hopefully, we

will come out of this one (the drought). I thought we were coming out in the spring (of 1999) when Midland got a fair amount of rain, such as the 1.22 inches in March, the 1.10 inches in May, and the 2.87 inches in June.

By year's end, the 1999 rainfall tapered off to a total of 7.6 inches or about 50 percent of the 30-year average of 14.96 inches.

"My rain gauge (at home) collected more dust and insects than rain in the past year," Mathews said.

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Odessa fire

Odessa firefighters have called a fire at the Quail Run apartments in Odessa Thursday night an accident. 4A

Campaign 2000

Lozano: Ex-informer now wants to be sheriff

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Joe Lozano, the 43-year-old independent candidate for Midland County sheriff in 2000, is a former informer who assisted Sheriff Gary Painter in making drug busts from the late 1980s well into the 1990s.

In fact, he was the "springboard" in the sheriff's controversial reverse-sting operations that flourished in the late 1980s and netted the sheriff's department about \$1 million in drug money legally converted for law-enforcement use.

"With the good Lord's help, I will be your next sheriff of Midland County," said Lozano, a Midlander who deals in home appliances and service. "I prayed about this before I decided to run. And without Him (God), I won't succeed."

After he was arrested and indicted for possession of almost five pounds of marijuana in 1986, Lozano met Painter.

A year later, in October 1987, the indictment was

moved for dismissal by District Attorney Al Schorre since, according to the court-dismissal order, "current circumstances warrant dismissal in the interest of justice and fair play."

Those "circumstances" allowed Lozano to become a sheriff's informer.

"The best I can remember," Painter said this week, "in an effort to assist (law enforcement) and to reduce the sentence, he (Lozano) cooperated with law enforcement and helped make several cases on other individuals."

"I believe it was (a fair trade-off)," Painter, 52, said. "And as a result of that, a recommendation was made to the district attorney's office, Al Schorre, and the case against Mr. Lozano was dismissed."

Lozano, who said that he had been arrested in the presence of his wife and young son and daughter, said that during that period that he was "showed the light" and gave his life to God.

"I almost lost my family — almost lost them all." Please see LOZANO/4A





AP Photo
Refugees from Chechnya look through a window as they stand in a line for humanitarian aid in the Georgian village of Duls, near the Chechen border, Friday. Russian soldiers said Saturday that the military is understating casualties in Chechnya, hushing up the deaths of scores of men to avoid a public backlash against the increasingly bloody war.

Russian soldiers claim military is understating Chechnya casualties

SLEPTSOVSKAYA, Russia (AP) — Russian soldiers said Saturday that the military is understating casualties in Chechnya, hushing up the deaths of scores of men to avoid a public backlash against the increasingly bloody war.

In a series of interviews, Russian soldiers in Chechnya and the adjoining region of Ingushetia claimed their units had suffered numerous casualties that have not been reported. It was not possible to obtain overall figures, but soldiers in some units said more than half the men in their detachments had been killed or wounded in recent weeks.

At the Kavkaz checkpoint near Sleptovskaya, Interior Ministry soldiers said Saturday that they see trucks coming from Chechnya every day with dead and wounded personnel despite official claims of very few casualties.

"They would announce that two or three people have been killed, but the actual number is two or three times higher," said one of the soldiers at the checkpoint, who identified himself only by his first name, Sergei.

"We can see that because all the corpses go through us."

Ever since its Chechen offensive began in September, the military has stressed that casualties have been low, hoping to avoid public opposition of the kind provoked by heavy Russian losses in the 1994-96 Chechen war. The military's strategy is based on heavy air and artillery bombardment of rebel positions, followed by mopping-up operations.

The most recent official casualty figures, released Thursday, say 465 Defense and Interior Ministry troops have been killed and 1,583 have been wounded in Chechnya since fighting began in September. The numbers do not include any figures for soldiers missing in action or those whose bodies are too badly disfigured to allow identification.

Independent analysts and soldiers' rights groups have disputed the numbers for months, saying the toll is much higher. Accounts by sol-

diers on the ground support the claims.

Of the 115 men who have been guarding a stretch of road in the Grozny neighborhood of Chernorechye since September, only 58 are left. Some were wounded, but most were killed, members of the unit said.

"The company is gone already. And they (the military) keep saying there are no casualties," said Pyotr, a young conscript who refused to give his last name. He said that another 115-strong company was stationed nearby on Dec. 11, and that only 17 men were left when it was redeployed on Jan. 2.

Russian troops faced little resistance as they took control of Chechnya's lowlands in the autumn, but they have been stalled in their two-week push to seize Grozny and penetrate into the rebel-held southern mountains.

The Grozny area was mostly quiet Saturday, one day after Russian commanders declared that the bombardment of the shattered capital would be reduced. Weather also appeared to be a factor in the lull in air and artillery raids, with the capital shrouded in heavy fog.

The military command said the pause in bombardment was announced in part to allow thousands of civilians who have been trapped in Grozny to escape. However, no large movements of civilians were reported Saturday.

The military may be using the lull to prepare for a major new drive to take Grozny, although Russian commanders refused to say anything about their plans.

The military said 40 militants had been killed in airstrikes on rebel bases, and that only one Russian soldier was killed in the fighting, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

The Russian government on Saturday tried to play down its decision to replace the two top combat generals in Chechnya. Lt. Gen. Gennady Troshchakov and Maj. Gen. Vladimir Shamanov were returned Friday to the posts they occupied before the war, and their deputies took their places.

Cleric says his only fight is against India

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — A prominent Muslim cleric whom India freed to end the Indian Airlines hijacking has backed off his threats against the United States, saying he is no Osama bin Laden.

Maulana Masood Azhar partially retreated Friday from comments he made in a fiery speech two days earlier in Karachi, where he told thousands of people that they should destroy the United States and India.

"I want Muslims to unite against Indian terrorism being inflicted on Kashmiri people," Azhar told The Associated Press in a telephone interview from his hometown of Bawalpur. "I am not Osama. I am just fighting for Kashmir."

He said India is the only target in his campaign to free Kashmir, the mountainous region that is the focus of a decades-long border dispute between India and Pakistan.

India freed Azhar along with Mushtaq Zargar, an Indian Kashmiri, and Ahmed Umar Saeed Sheikh,

a Pakistani-born British citizen, on Dec. 31 in exchange for 155 passengers and crew members aboard the hijacked aircraft in Afghanistan. The plane was hijacked after it took off from Nepal on Dec. 24.

The freed prisoners came to Pakistan, while the five hijackers disappeared in Afghanistan. They were given a 10-hour deadline to leave Afghanistan, although their whereabouts are not known. India says they are in Pakistan, but Pakistan denies this.

Azhar said the comments in his earlier speech were taken out of context and that he had only warned the United States not to involve itself in the dispute over Kashmir.

The United States accuses bin Laden, a Saudi dissident, of running an international terrorist network and masterminding the bombings of its embassies in Africa in August 1998. Bin Laden, who is in Afghanistan, denies the charges.

Azhar said the United States "should not interfere in matters which do not concern it."



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Doctors face tough decisions in South Africa's AIDS epidemic

PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa (AP) — Doctors scribble notes into patients' folders while a young man lies nearby on a gurney, dying from AIDS-related tuberculosis.

His abdomen convulses with gurgling gasps as he struggles to fill his saturated lungs. The doctors will not transfer him to a bed in the intensive care unit because of lack of space.

"He's busy dying," says Dr. Iwan Bekker, sweeping past the youth in Dora Nginza Hospital. "Sometimes we have to play God."

The AIDS epidemic is overwhelming South Africa so badly that some public hospitals are turning people away, limiting treatment and forcing doctors to make hard decisions about whom to save.

Looking for desperately needed help from the developed world, the governments of South Africa and other African states are eagerly awaiting a speech Monday by Vice President Al Gore to the U.N. Security Council on the impact of AIDS in Africa.

With an estimated 4 million South Africans — one of every 10 people — already infected with the AIDS virus, the epidemic poses a huge challenge to the country's public health system.

At Hlabisa Hospital in KwaZulu-Natal Province, some patients must sleep on foam mats underneath beds holding other patients.

Hospitals in the Johannesburg area are trying to stretch their budgets by limiting lab tests and releasing patients sooner. They are also training families of AIDS sufferers to care for them — and prepare for their deaths — at home.

In the developed world, debates sometimes arise over whether heroic measures should keep a critically ill person alive. In state hospitals in South Africa, as in the rest of sub-Saharan Africa, such



AP Photo
A woman, who would only give her name as Fanizwe, holds her unidentified child, both of whom are HIV positive, in her shack in the Zakele township near Port Elizabeth, South Africa Oct. 29, 1999. The AIDS epidemic is so overwhelming South Africa that some public hospitals are turning people away, limiting treatment and forcing doctors to make hard decisions on whom to save.

expensive measures are rarely an option.

"We can't afford to spend money on people who are going to die," said Karen Michael, a researcher on AIDS at the University of Natal in Durban.

Health Minister Manto Tshabalala-Msimang is trying to recruit all sectors of society into the fight against AIDS. "The government will never be able to cope with it alone," she said in a phone interview.

Tshabalala-Msimang said the government is considering inviting the private sector to create a fund to help fight the epidemic. It also plans to step up its AIDS awareness campaign and the promotion of abstinence or safe sex practices.

With limited resources, the government can only take limited measures. In fiscal year 1997, the government spent \$3.4 billion on health care for the nation's 40.5 million people, or less than \$85 a person, the statistics office said.

Unless health funds are increased — and that would mean taking money away from housing, education and other strapped programs — the government can't afford costly AIDS drugs like AZT.

But some people say the government must throw its resources into halting the epidemic.

"We need a 'war cabinet' for AIDS," said the Rev. Barry Hughes-Gibbs, an Anglican priest who runs AIDS home-care train-

ing in a black township near the capital, Pretoria.

Public hospitals, which serve 86 percent of black South Africans, are on the front line in the fight against AIDS, which in sub-Saharan Africa is transmitted primarily by heterosexual sex.

Hospitals are now stretched to capacity," said Michael, the AIDS researcher. "Staffers are working chronic overtime without overtime pay, and they're having a flood of patients who are not able to look after themselves. It's pretty bleak."

At Dora Nginza Hospital near the Indian Ocean city of Port Elizabeth, HIV-positive babies will be admitted for treatment only once, then are restricted to outpatient care, said Bekker, the head of pediatrics.

He pointed out rooms crowded with HIV-positive babies.

"We have a limited budget," Bekker said. "When a baby gets bad, like with pneumonia, we won't admit it for the second time, but will tell the mother to take it home and let it die."

It's a grim policy for Fanizwe, a young mother whose HIV-infected baby has already been admitted once for pneumonia and released. Infected with the AIDS virus herself, Fanizwe now faces the prospect of sitting in their shack, helplessly watching

her baby succumb to the disease. "If the baby gets sick again, he

will be beyond my care," she says, cuddling the youngster.

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Tibetan leader rests after fleeing China, meeting with Dalai Lama

DHARMSALA, India (AP) — Still recuperating from an eight-day trek across the Himalayas to escape Chinese-ruled Tibet, a teen-age Buddhist leader was all smiles Saturday after a visit with the Dalai Lama.

The 17th Karmapa, wearing a dark brown monk's robe and light orange scarf, grinned as he walked easily from the gate of the Dalai Lama's house to a yellow car.

The teen-ager, who arrived unexpectedly at a hotel in this Indian city on Wednesday, had been described by sources close to the Dalai Lama's administration as exhausted and suffering from blistered feet and scratched hands after his journey. He appeared well during the brief moments journalists saw him Saturday.

His defection and that of five followers, including his 24-year-old sister, a Buddhist nun, cheered Tibetan exiles, embarrassed Beijing and surprised the Indian government. It is the most significant exodus since the Dalai Lama and tens of thousands of Tibetans departed their homeland after a failed 1959 uprising against Chinese rule.

The Dalai Lama's administration-in-exile made its first public comment about the defection Saturday. It has been quiet on the subject for fear of reprisals in Tibet and out of consideration for India, which fought a war with China in 1962 but has recently enjoyed progress in trade relations.

"He is 14 years old and he has undertaken a long and difficult

journey. He is not talking properly. He is very tired and very restless," said Kalong Tashi Wangdi, minister for religion and culture in the Dalai Lama's administration.

Also Saturday, monks lined up to present the teen with mustard-yellow wool shawls, mushrooms and other gifts while the Dalai Lama's guard service and Indian state police watched closely.

The Karmapa, head of the Karma Kagyu religious order, escaped to India by crossing Nepal on a route followed by most Tibetan refugees, said sources close to the case who asked not to be named.

The Karmapa eluded his guards at the 800-year-old Tsurphu monastery in central Tibet by saying he was going on retreat, the sources said. He and a few followers set out across the mountains on Dec. 28, hiking along rocky paths lined with thorny bushes.

Those close to the Dalai Lama's administration said the teen was frustrated at not being allowed to meet with his teachers. Chinese authorities had repeatedly denied a visa to his principle teacher, Tai Situ Rinpoche, who has a monastery near Dharmasala.

The escape could prod the Chinese communist leadership to intensify an already stern four-year campaign to purge Tibetan monasteries of Dalai Lama supporters.

Tibetan officials said they would talk with the Karmapa next week to discuss his plans for the future.

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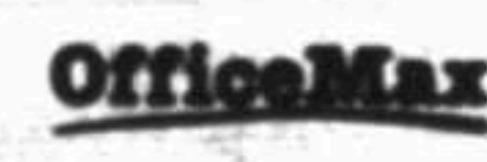
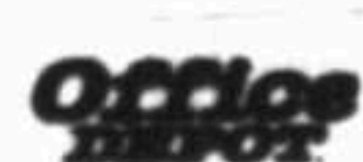
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Midland forecast

3-day forecast

Today	Monday	Tuesday
Sunny	Sunny	Sunny
High 65	High 70	High 72
Low 30	Low 30	Low 33

Today's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies and breezy. The high will be 60-65. The wind will be from the west to northwest at 15-25 mph.

Sunday night will be mostly clear with a low around 30.

Monday will be mostly sunny and unseasonably warm with a high around 70. Monday night will be fair with a low around 30.

Tuesday will be dry and unseasonably warm with highs in the 70s. After an overnight low of 31, Saturday's high was 56, compared to the record high for that date of 81, set in 1969. The record low of 10 was set in 1967.

Yesterday's precipitation	Yesterday's temperatures
Rainfall Saturday .00 in.	High .56
Rainfall Friday .06 in.	Low .31
Total for month .06 in.	Normal high .56
Total for year .06 in.	Normal low .28
Normal total (year to date) .09 in.	

Sunrise ... 7:50 a.m.

Sunset ... 6:02 p.m.

National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Sunday, Jan. 9.

Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



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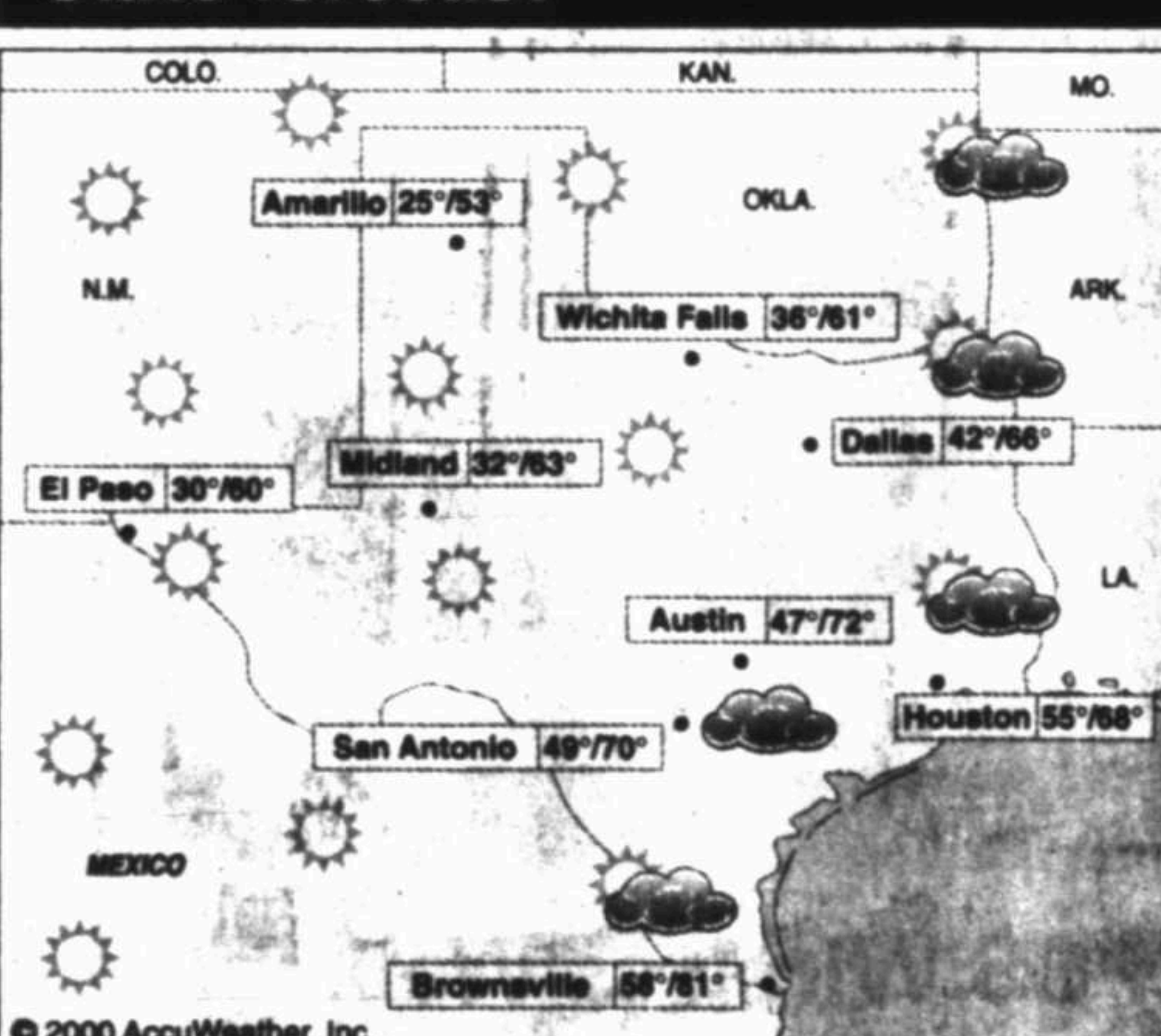
High Low Showers Rain T-storms Flurries Snow Ice Sunny Pt. Cloudy Cloudy

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United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate Saturday's high and overnight low to 8 p.m. Eastern Time.		
City	High	Low
Atlanta	54	37
Baltimore	42	20
Boston	38	30
Casper	37	24
Chicago	45	22
Cincinnati	39	18
Cleveland	44	23
Daytona Beach	78	57
Denver	46	24
Detroit	46	19
Fargo	36	18
Flint	47	17
Green Bay	37	14
Greensboro, N.C.	52	27
Honolulu	82	72
Huntsville	49	34
Indianapolis	49	24
Jackson, Miss.	61	40
Jacksonville	71	45
Juneau	38	34
Kansas City	49	31
Knoxville	44	25
Lake Charles	71	53
Lansing	46	17
Las Vegas	55	32
Lexington	43	21
Lincoln	51	25
Little Rock	48	43
Los Angeles	65	42
Memphis	50	42
Minneapolis	41	18
Mpls.-St. Paul	38	19
Nashville	46	28
New Orleans	74	51
New York City	39	31
Omaha	50	46
Philadelphia	41	26
Phoenix	63	39
Pittsburgh	38	20
Richmond	49	25
St. Louis	47	35
Salt Lake City	36	26
San Diego	61	46
San Francisco	57	49
San Jose	56	47
San Juan, P.R.	82	73
Santa Fe	41	18
Seattle	46	43
Shreveport	49	47
Tampa-St. Petersburg	71	62
Tucson	63	34
Tulsa	48	45
Tupelo	49	40
Washington, D.C.	45	30
W. Palm Beach	79	63
Wichita	46	30

State forecast



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Sunny Pt. Cloudy Cloudy Showers T-storms Rain Flurries Snow Ice

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Texas temperatures

Highest temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 18 hours and precipitation for 24 hours at 6 p.m.		
City	High	Low
Abilene	49	42
Amarillo	49	26
Corpus Christi	74	67
DFW Airport	57	46
El Paso	49	29
Fort Stockton	36	31
Houston	58	47
Huntsville	56	49
San Antonio	58	51
Victoria	55	55
Waco	52	49
Wink	49	30

Firefighters call Odessa fire accidental

By Rick McLaughlin
Staff Writer

Odessa firefighters have called a fire at the Quail Run apartments in Odessa Thursday night an accident and have blamed a faulty ceiling-mounted heating and air conditioning unit, according to Odessa Fire Department Battalion Chief Rick Dietz.

The fire broke out in the heating-air conditioning unit in a downstairs apartment of Unit 11 of the Quail Run apartments on 52nd Street and Grandview about 6 p.m. The fire then spread to upstairs apartments, he added.

No one was injured, but the eight families in the eight apart-

DROUGHT: Lake Ivie is 52 percent full

(From 1A)

From his vantage, John Grant, general manager of the Big Spring-based Colorado River Municipal District (CRMWD), said that the drought starting in the winter of 1992-1993 following "torrential rains out here" that filled the CRMWD's O.H. Ivie Reservoir, which had been completed in 1990 and was ready to take in water.

The 30-square-mile Lake Ivie, about 158-pipeline miles from Midland near Ballinger, is the principal source of water for Midland, which also pumps in supplemental water from the Paul Davis Well Field 25 miles north of Midland in adjoining Martin County.

In two years, the 554,340-acre-foot-capacity Lake Ivie has dropped from 92 percent full in January 1998 to 58 percent full in January 2000.

The CRMWD's two additional reservoirs, Lake Thomas, which was opened in the early 1950s, and Lake Spence, which was completed in the late 1960s, are, respectively, at 14.4 percent and 11.8 percent capacity.

"It's always possible," Grant said of the lakes filling up in short order via downpours.

Currently, all three lakes have about 400,000 acre feet.

"We are real happy with where it is," Grant said.

An acre foot is that volume of water covering an acre (43,560 square feet) and one foot deep.

Last year, the lakes took in 80,000 acre feet via runoff, Grant said. Lost to evaporation was more than 105,000 acre feet. And the CRMWD in 1999 delivered about 75,000 acre feet of ground-

water and surface water to such places as Midland, Odessa, Big Spring, Snyder and San Angelo. "Evaporation is our biggest water user out here," Grant said.

In recent years, there has been a net loss of CRMWD surface water.

"That's why you build reservoirs for storage," Grant said. "In years when you don't get a lot of runoff or rainfall, during those periods, hopefully you've got that water stored up that you can use. And by the time you get to the end, it will rain again."

"We are going into the spring and summer in good shape," he said. "Out here, you never want to waste water. You want to use your water wisely."

Other than for crops, rangeland, and for reservoirs, rainfall is vital for trees, shrubs, flowers, gardens, and lawns.

"I know those plants are rejoicing," Deborah Benge Frost, horticulturist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service (TAEX) in Midland and Odessa, said of the rainfall.

Rain water, Ms. Frost said, also reduces the amount of salts in the soil.

Jim Word, TAEX agricultural agent in Odessa, said that the recent shower was "ideal for what we need."

"It's all going in the ground," Word said. "We have been in a drought for so long that our sub-soil moisture is totally depleted. And it is going to take a tremendous amount of rainfall to replenish that soil moisture that's we've lost over these drought years."

Until Friday, Midland had been without rainfall, except for a trace, for more than two months.

"This is not a drought-breaker by any means," Midland farmer-rancher Roy Graham said of the recent shower, which covered much of West Texas east of the Pecos River and parts of New Mexico.

"It's a start," Graham said. "It's something to be thankful for. This is the one we needed. We need one today. Today is the day you need it."

"This is the best rain we've had all century," he quipped.

Graham was a teen-ager in the 1950s when his father, Bethel Graham, farmed on dryland acreage before irrigation was practiced in the Midland area.

"The strain was on my dad then, and now it's on me," Graham said. "I'm much more aware of the effects of this drought than I was" in the 1950s. "We produced very little cotton on lots of acres in those years."

"You expect blowing dirt in dry times. When you're actually trying to make a living at it, it's a different situation."

Graham said that the recent shower "was a surprise that it showed up. I'm sure glad it did. We've got quite a deficit in rainfall now. Our old soil profile has a lot of makeup to do."

"So, we are going to be looking for a lot of rain," Graham said. "We need a good rain to get us back to normal conditions. It takes time to get it back in shape. We can't give up; we've got to keep hoping and praying for more."

Hoot Leonard, a former cotton farmer, now foreman of the Texas Ten Ranch, said that January's light rain "will freshen up the old grass that's there — which most of us don't have much."

"It was so dirty from the sand storms that it wasn't much good," he said. And the shower "will start some winter weeds (most wildflowers) growing" and "will soften the ground up where, maybe, we will get a little more moisture" into the soil profile to feed the roots of grasses, crops, and other plants. "It's terribly dry. There's not any moisture in that ground."

Cattle have been feeding on mesquite leaves and mesquite beans, he said, which are nutritious, "but they are just about all gone."

"The cattle are beginning to lose weight. We are having to feed" supplemental feed, including hay."

Bobby "Sonny" Matthews, foreman of the Ted C. Johnson Ranch north of Midland, said that the grassland is in "terrible" shape.

"I've never seen it this bad before" in the past 30 years, Matthews said. "Old-timers tell me it's worse that it was in the 1950s."

The soil is so dry that any sub-soil moisture "may be plumb to China," Matthews said. "It's more dry now than it was in the 1950s. So much of this old grass has died — the turf. It's going to have to come back from seed."

What Matthews is waiting on is a "good, slow soaker" over several days to replenish the soil moisture. "We'll take it (rain) anyway it can get it."

Midkiff rancher T.O. Midkiff observed that the shower was "a start on our fighting the drought, but it's not near enough. There's nothing green" in the pastures ... but it (the light rain) will stop the dust from blowing for awhile."

LOZANO: Ex-informer for sheriff seeks office

(From 1A)

he said. "At that point was when I was at the bottom of my life."

"The Lord, I found Him, and turned my life around and decided to clean up Midland from these drugs."

That, he said, moved him to become an informer.

"I did a lot of things before I found the Lord," Lozano said. "I turned my life around in 1986 and to fight these drugs (dealers). Everyone that we have charged, they are all doing penitentiary time."

Lozano said that he is running for sheriff "so I can serve and protect the innocent of Midland County ... and clean up this county."

"I've been in those trenches and put my life on the line for Midland County for over 10 years," said Lozano, who is a Lamesa native and a 1974 graduate of Lamesa High School.

Lozano said that he ceased being an informer in 1996 but why he quit that role is "another story."

Tops in his campaign platform is to "clean up Midland County." To be elected sheriff in the Nov. 7 general election, the 5-foot-1-inch Lozano would have to defeat the victor of the three-way March 14 Republican Party primary elections between the incumbent Painter, sheriff since 1985; 52-

year-old Mike Hall, a Midland County Sheriff's Office patrol sergeant; and by 42-year-old Patrick Bostick, a district attorney's investigator and a former deputy sheriff.

Painter noted that "anyone that runs for any public office opens the door for public inspection to not only their current life but their past life and everything that they have ever done. And that's just the way that things are done now."

For law-enforcement agencies to engage an informer to solve crimes and to make drug busts is "not an uncommon thing," Painter said.

"It's a very common occurrence in law enforcement," Painter said. "When someone gets arrested, you go talk to them. And if they are cooperative and are willing to help you arrest or bust other people, then you use them as an informer. And they go in and do a lot of leg work, and they introduce you to other criminals."

And Lozano's 1986 arrest was in the "particular time period that we started doing reversals," Painter said. "It was a springboard for us to begin (reverse drug-sting operations). It was the first time that I know of that reversals had been done (in Midland County)."

"As a result of that, over the next two or three years, we made numerous arrests and brought in

probably close to a million dollars cash for Midland County." The stings allowed the sheriff's office to buy patrol cars, radios, computers and "all sorts of equipment to reduce the burden to the taxpayers of Midland County. It was very successful," Painter said.

A 1992 court order curtailed the sheriff's out-of-county operations, including drug busts.

Painter said that Lozano recently visited him "and wished me a merry Christmas. He sure did. I don't know that there is bad blood (between him and Lozano)."

"All I've ever done is help him — kept him out of the penitentiary more than once," Painter said.

"I think that there is some collusion between Mr. Lozano and Commissioner Louisa Valencia" to get the sheriff out of office, Painter said.

That is not so, the 67-year-old Ms. Valencia said, adding that she hardly knows Lozano.

Ms. Valencia has "voiced clear and loud for years" that Painter needed to be replaced, she said.

"It is no secret that I am still supporting Mike Hall. He's the best candidate for that (sheriff's) position."

If Lozano were elected sheriff, he would have two years from the time he took office to become a certified peace officer through the Texas Commission on Law

Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOS).

Otherwise, as a noncertified sheriff, he would be subject to removal from office.

To accomplish that, Lozano would attend a commission-approved police academy and make a passing score on the TCLEOS test.

Unlike a sheriff, a constable, for instance, has 270 days to become a certified peace officer before he or she would be subject to removal from office by the Commissioners' Court.

A person has three chances to pass the TCLEOS test after each attendance of the academy's basic 560 hours (about 14 weeks) of classwork.

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SEC suing oil firms over alleged fraud

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — The Securities and Exchange Commission is accusing two oil companies and three businesses involved in selling their stock of deceiving investors in an \$8 million oil well scheme.

Petro Resources Corp. of Scottsdale and its president, Samuel McClintock, and Austral Oil & Exploration Inc. of Sulphur, La., and its president, Myron Palermo, are named in the civil suit accusing the group of securities fraud.

Also named were ITS Consulting Inc. of Newport Beach, Calif.; Integrity Financial Group of Montreal; and Tritech Investment Group of Laguna Beach, Calif.

According to the complaint, Petro Resources and Austral obtained oil leases in Oklahoma and Texas and then contracted with ITS Consulting and its president, Alan B. Baiocchi, to raise money from investors to drill wells.

Baiocchi and his associates directed the sale of securities "through a 'boiler room' involving unsolicited cold calls and high pressure sales techniques" and directed similar sales through Integrity and Tritech, the suit said.

Investors were promised "fantastic" returns but

were not told of the risks or that most of their money would go to sales commissions, said Don Hoerl, associate regional director of the SEC office in Denver.

According to the lawsuit, filed Thursday in federal district court in Orange County, Calif., about \$8 million was raised from about 400 investors nationwide from January 1996 through July 1997.

Palermo denied any wrongdoing and said he used about \$750,000 to drill two new wells and re-enter two previously drilled wells. Only one produced oil.

"I lost a quarter of a million dollars on it, and I can prove that," Palermo said. "I didn't have anything to do with raising the money. All I did was drill the wells."

Officials at the other companies could not be reached for comment Saturday.

A few investors received a small amount of their investment back, but the majority lost most of their money, Hoerl said.

"All of the defendants misrepresented ... facts to investors or prospective investors," the suit said. It also said none of the securities, brokers or dealers was registered with the SEC.

TRANSIT: Second study to be conducted

(From 1A)

New Benetton ads feature condemned on death row

ROME (AP) — Fashion giant Benetton is joining Italy's offensive against the death penalty with its latest advertising campaign — piercing portraits of American death-row inmates.

The posters, which will hit billboards worldwide at the end of January, feature death-row inmates in prison uniforms staring into the camera over the words, "Sentenced to Death."

The prisoner's name, date of birth, crime and expected method of execution follows.

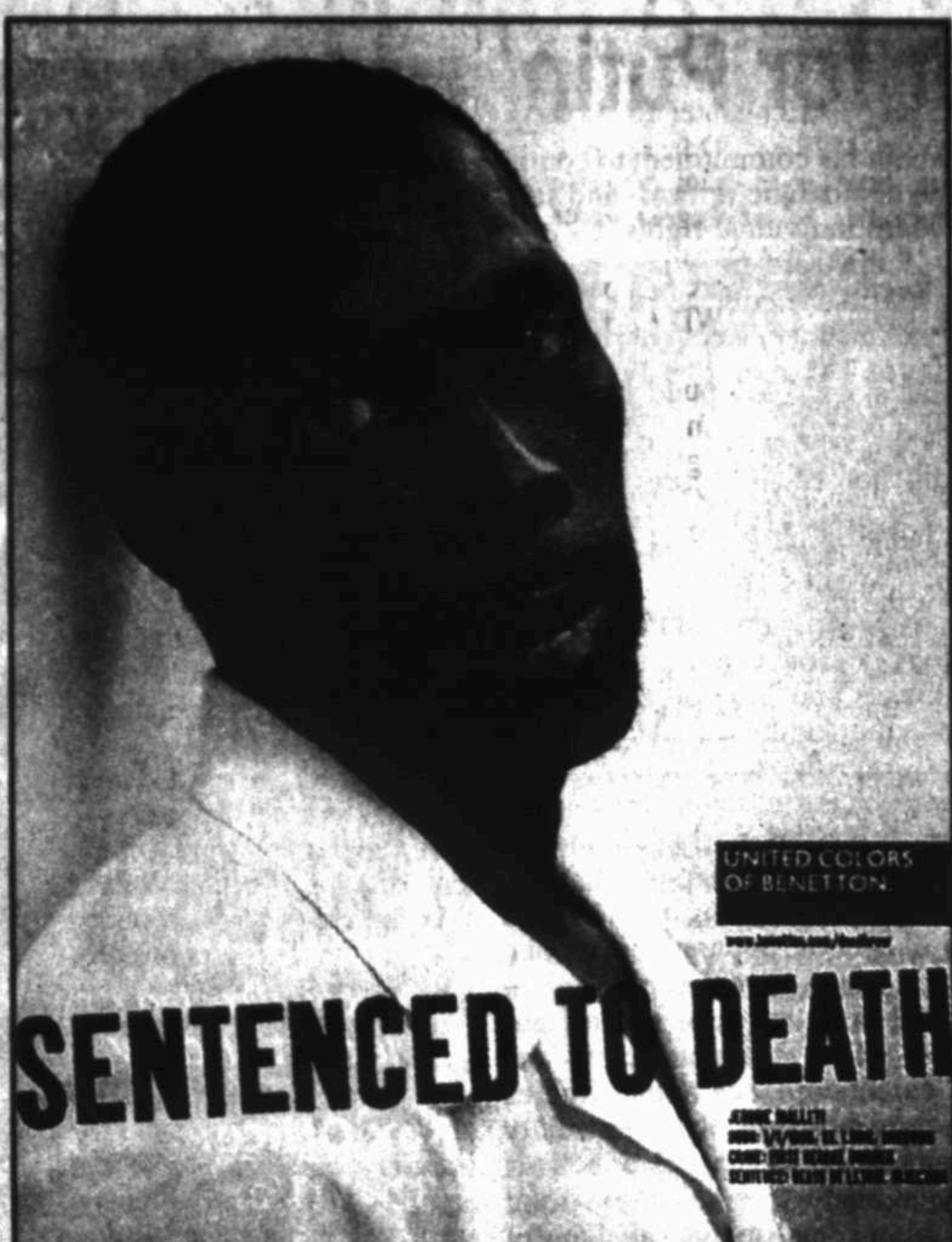
Photographer Oliviero Toscani, known for socially provocative Benetton ads that seemingly have little to do with fashion, visited prisons across the United States over two years to create the series, called "Looking Death in the Face."

Toscani is now promoting his campaign in the United States, where the number of executions last year was the highest it has been since 1954. Toscani said he wanted to foster debate on capital punishment, even at the cost of losing American customers.

"Of course, that may happen," Saturday's English-language "Italy Daily" quoted him as saying. "But as a result of the campaign, we may gain new customers. If advertising made everyone happy, it would be an act of hypocrisy."

Italians, longtime opponents of the death penalty, increasingly are crusading against its use abroad. Over the coming year, Rome's Colosseum is to be lit up for 48 hours every time a death sentence is commuted anywhere in the world or a country abolishes the death penalty.

Since the late 1980s, when Toscani took over the fashion giant's advertising, Benetton has made headlines with ads addressing such topics as AIDS and



AP Photo
Death row inmate Jerome Mallett is seen in this undated advertising campaign poster released by the Benetton Group SpA., Friday in New York. The United Colors of Benetton launched a worldwide advertising campaign Friday featuring death row inmates in order to show the reality of capital punishment.

racism — sometimes at the cost of accusations that it provokes or sympathizes simply to promote sales.

In 1993, AIDS groups in France sued over Benetton ads that showed the words "HIV positive" on buttocks and other body parts, calling them "commercial exploitation of suffering."

Also in the 1990s, the Roman Catholic Church protested a campaign that featured models dressed as a priest and a nun kissing, and some human rights groups condemned ads that showed what was supposed to be the bloodied clothing of a Bosnian war victim.

Benetton concedes the ads are meant to increase consumer awareness of the label — but says they also are intended to raise awareness on social issues.

In announcing its death-row campaign, Benetton credited itself with "tearing down the wall of international indifference."

No one answered the phones at Benetton headquarters on Saturday.

The Italian-based vendor of trendy sweaters, scarves and other clothing for men, women and children has retail stores worldwide. Forbes magazine listed the Luciano Benetton family at No. 111 on its list of billionaires last year, with \$4 billion in wealth.

Eid al-Fitr stops fighting in Indonesia

AMBON, Indonesia (AP) — Thousands of Muslims left their weapons at home Saturday as Islamic religious holidays quelled two weeks of bloody Muslim-Christian fighting in eastern Indonesia's islands.

Troubled Maluku and North Maluku provinces were quiet as Muslims prayed on the holiday of Eid al-Fitr and celebrated in the streets under heavy security. The holiday marks the end of Ramadan, the Muslim holy month of fasting.

"Last year the violence started on Eid al-Fitr. Let us hope this year's celebration means an end to the fighting," said Sanusi, a Muslim cleric in Maluku's capital, Ambon. Like many Indonesians, he uses only one name.

Despite calls for peace for the holiday, Indonesia's military took no chances. Hundreds of heavily armed soldiers, backed up by armored personnel carriers, stood guard across the badly damaged town in case fighting broke out.

Nearly a year ago, as Muslims celebrated the Eid al-Fitr holiday week, a minor scuffle in Ambon sparked violent clashes that have left at least 1,800 dead. In the past two weeks alone, officials say hundreds of people have been killed in pitched battles across the provinces, some 1,600 miles east of Jakarta, the national capital.

In Ternate in North Maluku, the site of some of the worst fighting in recent days, hundreds of people took to the streets Saturday to celebrate.

"Even the refugees who have come from other islands are celebrating," said one resident, Maruf Rifai.

Jakarta was also quiet Saturday following three days of large Muslim protests. On Friday,

about 80,000 Muslim demonstrators threatened to declare a holy war if the government did not immediately put an end to the sectarian bloodshed.

The Maluku provinces were known as the Moluccas or Spice

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Customs find scud missiles bound for Libya

LONDON (AP) — Components of Scud missiles capable of carrying chemical or biological warheads were illegally smuggled into Britain and seized before their shipment to Libya, a British customs official said Saturday.

A Customs and Excise official said crates carrying the missile components were found at Gatwick Airport, south of London, and were bound for Tripoli. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said an investigation was being conducted and that no further details were being immediately released.

According to The Sunday Times newspaper, 32 crates of missile parts were discovered Nov. 24 in an airport transit shed during a joint investigation by customs and intelligence officers.

The parts included components of the jet propulsion system for Scuds with a range of up to 600 miles, the report said.

Paperwork seized along with the crates indicated the shipment originated in Taiwan and that other crates had already reached Libya, the newspaper said.

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Russia's election looks like pushover for Putin

MOSCOW (AP) — Vladimir Putin appears headed for easy victory in Russia's presidential election, even though he says he'll be too busy as acting president to campaign and has barely mentioned his platform.

Even some of the opposition candidates say Putin is unbeatable and they are just running for appearances' sake in an 11-week campaign that is looking more like a formality than a test of candidates and ideas.

"I imagine that Putin will not have any particular election campaign," said Igor Shabdurashov, deputy chief of the acting president's staff.

The presidential contest set for March 26 looks to be very different from recent Russian elections, when candidates savaged each other and tried every trick and gimmick their strategists could come up with.

Boris Yeltsin won re-election as president in 1996 only after a frenzied campaign that included the ailing incumbent stiffly strutting in front of rock bands to appeal to young voters. Recent elections have been dubbed wars of "kompromat," or compromising materials, because candidates focused on leaking claims of immorality and criminality against opponents.

Unlike most Russian politicians, Putin is not tainted by corruption allegations. His unsmiling, stern manner exudes rectitude, appealing to voters desperate for a strong leader to tackle Russia's problems after years of stagnation under Yeltsin.

Some politicians who were top presidential prospects just a

"If everything stays the same, Vladimir Putin will win."

— Grigory Yavlinsky, liberal candidate

few months ago, such as former premier Yevgeny Primakov and Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov, are now considering whether to run at all.

The three other men who have declared their candidacies stand no chance of winning, analysts say. They expect Communist Party leader Gennady Zyuganov, who lost to Yeltsin in 1996, to get 25 percent of the vote, and predict liberal Grigory Yavlinsky and extreme nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovskiy will get about 5 percent each.

"If everything stays the same, Vladimir Putin will win," Yavlinsky conceded when he announced his own candidacy Wednesday.

Aside from his strong popularity, Putin has an enormous advantage as the de facto incumbent. He will get the full support of state-run television networks, which already portray him daily as a dashing, competent leader and which likely will be ready to attack any candidate who even looks like he could challenge Putin.

Caught by surprise by Yeltsin's Dec. 31 resignation, rival candidates have very little money and even less time to assemble campaigns. Regional governors and big businesses will be wary of financing them because a Putin victory seems inevitable — and

they'll want to stay on his good side and avoid making an enemy of the federal government.

Although the popularity of politicians can evaporate overnight in Russia and things could go wrong for Putin, most analysts say the only real question is whether he can win more than 50 percent of the votes and avoid a runoff with the No. 2 vote-getter.

Some politicians worry a barely contested election may not be the best thing for the country's fragile democracy. They say candidates and issues should get a rigorous testing.

"If there are no other contenders, that means we have no democracy," said Vasily Starodubtsev, governor of Tula Province.

The election will be viewed as a test of how serious Putin is

about his commitment to continue democratic reforms and safeguard individual rights.

Putin said he wants a clean election and criticized the Dec. 19 parliamentary elections, in which state TV mercilessly vilified some opposition leaders. But Putin, who was prime minister, did not voice objections at the time, and he was one of the main beneficiaries when parties allied to him did well.

Russians applaud Putin's calls to revive the country as a global power and support his tough handling of the war in Chechnya.

Some Western analysts are wary of Putin, saying they detect an authoritarian streak in the ex-KGB officer. Others say it is too early to tell, arguing his intentions will become apparent only when he forms a government.

"I think we need to wait and see who's reappointed to the Cabinet and see what figures emerge before we can really understand what policy directions he's likely to take," said Rani Kronick, an analyst at Control Risks Group Ltd.

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Iowa Democratic debate

Bradley accuses Gore of using scare tactics; Gore says he's been fighting for future

JOHNSTON, Iowa (AP) — Bill Bradley accused Al Gore of trying to scare Iowa voters with misrepresentations of his health care proposal on Saturday. The vice president said he has not been hiding in a Washington bunker but campaigning on "the front lines in the fight for our future."

Bradley got the last words, and used them to slap Gore on an issue central in the farm state that will register the first Democratic decision of the 2000 presidential campaign, in party caucuses Jan. 24.

"Al's been hammering me on my agriculture votes 15 years ago," the former New Jersey senator said. "But I would simply ask the family farmers of Iowa today, are you better off than you were seven years ago or do we need a change?"

Despite a robust U.S. economy, the agriculture sector is suffering through its worst downturn in more than a decade. Net farm income in Iowa is projected at \$40.4 billion in 2000, down \$7.6 billion from 1999.

Bradley's "better off" line echoed a theme used by Republican Ronald Reagan in his winning, 1980 campaign, which Bradley has said he admires for its concentration on big-issue proposals.

The contenders argued about health care, farm policy, education — a familiar array after four prior Democratic presidential campaign debates — and Gore revived his challenge for even more. He said they should meet twice a week, scrap TV ads, and debate next in Iowa on agriculture policy.

"I know that you have said no, but as they say on that millionaire television show, is that your final answer?" he asked. Evidently so, because Bradley ignored the question.

Gore had opened the debate with a rebuttal to Bradley's claim that he'd been down in a Washington bunker in an administration trying to survive scandal and impeachment. He said his seven years as vice president to President Clinton have been a time of the greatest economic progress in American history.

"I want to start by telling you what we have been doing in that Washington bunker," Gore said, saying the administration has delivered on health reform, job creation and budget surpluses. The vice president said that as president, he would deliver on those fronts and more. "That's not a bunker," he said. "Those are the front lines in the fight for our future."

Gore said repeatedly that Bradley's health care proposal would end Medicaid and leave the needy in Iowa and elsewhere without the coverage. Bradley said he would replace it with a better plan.



AP Photo
Democratic presidential hopefuls Bill Bradley, left, and Vice President Al Gore wave to the crowd at the beginning of the Democratic presidential candidates debate sponsored by the Des Moines Register on Saturday in Johnston, Iowa.

That prompted Bradley's sharpest retort in a generally placid debate.

"What we have here is a scare tactic," he said. "... I reject that kind of politics."

The debate was sponsored by the Des Moines Register, with editor Dennis Ryerson as moderator. Televised nationally by CNN and C-Span, it was set in a suburban public TV station before an invitation-only audience of 300 — including some of the candidates used to demonstrate points.

On agriculture, Bradley said family farmers have had no real help, "no safety net whatsoever," from the current administration. The former New Jersey senator said he wants policy changes to help small farmers. "You can talk about the past, but I want to talk about the future," Bradley told Gore.

Gore said he could understand Bradley's reluctance to talk about the past, saying his rival had voted against emergency aid to farmers in midwest floods, and against subsidies for ethanol, a fuel derived from corn.

Both candidates talked tough

on farm policies important in Iowa, demanding that foreign markets be opened to genetically modified commodities. Europe and Japan resist those products.

"We can't let Europe and Japan determine our farm policy," said Gore, who said "sound science" should govern.

"The most important thing we can do is use our authority to petition to get access to markets," said Bradley. "The problem with agriculture in America is serious, in Iowa it's dead serious."

The latest Iowa poll showed the challenge facing Bradley: Gore led him by 21 percentage points in a survey for the Des Moines Register among Democrats who said they intend to vote in the party caucuses two weeks from Monday.

The numbers: Gore 54 percent; Bradley 33 percent. The margin of error was 4.4 percentage points either way.

On the way to the debate, Gore stopped his motorcade outside a Titan Tire Corp., to shake hands with picketing steel workers. "I want to fight for you as president," he told them. "I need you to fight for me at the caucuses."

versy over the boy, whose mother died trying to get to Florida, is a political headache for the administration. The Immigration and Naturalization Service has

ordered the boy returned, stirring Cuban American demonstrations in Miami and Republican demands that he stay. Gore says the courts should decide.

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Leaders decide to temporarily halt Cuban-boy protests

MIAMI (AP) — Cuban-American leaders, encouraged by a law-maker's bid to keep 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez in the United States while a judge considers his case, said Saturday they would temporarily halt protests against plans to return the child to Cuba.

"We have called for a cautious, temporary hold of the civil disobedience campaign," said Ramon Saul Sanchez, head of Democracy Movement. About 100 protesters have been arrested since Thursday, and another protest had been planned Monday to block access to Miami International Airport.

The organizers cited a "more positive course" in the ongoing custody battle over Elian. That included a subpoena issued Friday by Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., to have the boy testify before a House committee Feb. 10.

The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service said last week the boy should be sent back to Cuba by Jan. 14. President Clinton and Attorney General Janet Reno have both indicated support for the ruling.

"This is a matter that should be decided on the facts and the law and not in the political arena," White House spokesman Jim Kennedy said Saturday.

Burton, chairman of the Committee on Government Reform, said he subpoenaed Elian to block "precipitous action" until Florida courts can address the case. Committee sources who spoke on condition of anonymity said it is unlikely Elian will actually be asked to appear.

In Cuba, Elian's father was out-

raged.

"I am the father of Elian and Immigration has said that I am the only one who can speak for him," Juan Miguel Gonzalez said. "Why should it be delayed? Who is he? He is no one. I am the father."

On Saturday, thousands of Cubans packed the grounds at Ciudad Libertad, a pre-revolutionary military base transformed into a school complex, waving flags and chanting, "We will save Elian!"

Communist officials have called for residents to keep protesting until the child is reunited with his father on the island.

Meanwhile, Sen. Bob Smith, R-N.H., a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, which has

INS oversight, met with the boy's relatives in Miami.

Smith said Elian told him in Spanish: "Help me. I don't want to go back to Cuba."

"This is a good family," Smith said. "I saw enough and heard enough to know he wants to stay in America."

He said Elian's relatives gave him information that his father may have known Elian's mother was bringing him to the United States and supported that decision — something Gonzalez has denied.

Elian was found Thanksgiving Day clinging to an inner tube after his mother, stepfather and others drowned attempting to reach the United States. Two other adults survived.

Adding to the controversy was a petition filed by lawyers Friday asking that Elian's great-uncle, Lazaro Gonzalez, be named his guardian, a position that would allow him to seek asylum for the boy. Elian's father is now his guardian.

Neither the lawyers nor Elian's relatives would comment before the judge's ruling, which is expected early next week.

Miami-Dade Mayor Alex Penelas and Miami Mayor Joe Carollo, accompanied by one of the family's lawyers, met with Attorney General Janet Reno on Friday evening to plead the case that the boy should remain in America at least long enough to have a fair hearing.

Penelas said Reno told them

she would respond "very, very shortly."

Despite calling off the protests, a pre-planned parade of about 40 tractor-trailer cabs with a police escort coursed through the city

Saturday. Sanchez, who said the caravan was to thank supporters, warned that organizers would resume the protests if the U.S. government attempted to return the Elian to Cuba.

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Little face-to-face interaction marks 1st week of talks

SHEPHERDSTOWN, W. Va. (AP) — The Israelis and Syrians began the week chugging along the path to peace. A couple of days later they were trotting. At the end of the week, they were moving on down the track.

That was the State Department's assessment of five days of talks between the two longtime foes — diplomatic-speak for little progress achieved.

During that period, there were only two face-to-face meetings between Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa. And that took President Clinton four trips to this town to arrange.

Also, most of the negotiating was done indirectly in separate, bilateral meetings between the U.S. team and the two sides.

The talks, which recessed for the Jewish Sabbath and the Muslim feast marking the end of the holy month of Ramadan, were expected to resume Saturday evening.

"I indicated that my definition of progress is going to be where we've moved forward; where new ideas have gelled. And when I'm ready to report progress, I will do so," said State Department spokesman James Rubin at a briefing Friday.

"This is a long, longstanding dispute," added Rubin. "It is one that is very emotional and very substantive and carries with it enormous security implications. We don't expect in a few days for those kind of issues to move dramatically forward."

There was a lot of expectation in the Middle East last week that the Shepherdstown negotiations — the most technical since 1996 — would plunge immediately into serious discussions on the four main core issues keeping the parties apart: demarcation of borders, security arrangements, water rights and normal, peaceful relations.

But the talks got mired in procedural quibbling almost from the start, with the two sides divided over what to talk about first. Neither side wants to make a concession without knowing exactly what they are getting in return.

The Israelis wanted first to discuss security — their major concern — wrap up that issue and move to another subject. The Syrians refused, saying the root problem — Israel's occupation of the Golan Heights — and the demarcation of borders should be addressed first.

A compromise was reached whereby all the four working groups handling the contentious issues would meet concurrently.

But by midday Saturday only the security and normal relations committees had met. Rubin said Friday that the panels on the timetable of Israeli withdrawal and on water resources would convene before the round ends.

William Quandt, who had taken part in the Israeli-Egyptian negotiations that led to the 1979 Camp David agreement, said the hurdles are surmountable.

"Every negotiation I've been at ... just before the agreement is reached it looks like it's about to collapse. Always," said Quandt.



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Lawyers blame 'walking, talking Three Mile Island' for man's wrecked life

By Mark Warbes
Associated Press

SODA SPRINGS, Idaho — The thoughts are there, somewhere behind Scott Dominguez's largely expressionless stare.

So are the words. But only a few get out — in a kind of muted slow-motion staccato, syllable by syllable, preceded and often interrupted by stuttered breaths. It's difficult to listen to, all the more because it clearly is far more exasperating for him.

"I pray for myself to get 100 percent better," Dominguez said, nostrils flaring and tears welling up as he struggles to express the frustration of being trapped for the rest of his life in a body unable to respond to a brain ravaged by industrial cyanide poisoning.

A jury already has concluded what happened to him in August 1996 was no accident.

Dominguez was only two years out of high school in this southeastern Idaho town, where many of the 3,200 residents make their living mining rich deposits of phosphate from the nearby hills or processing it for fertilizer and other products.

Working for a small business that extracted silver from the waste produced by a processing plant, he was trying to earn some money for a future he hoped would include college.

Instead, he was overcome by hydrogen cyanide gas as he cleaned the inside of a 25,000-gallon storage tank for his employer — a man already so well known for scores of environmental and worker safety violations that federal and state regulators speaking among themselves sometimes called him "Idaho's walking, talking Three Mile Island."

Allan Elias was convicted in May. Unless U.S. District Judge B. Lynn Winnill approves his request for a new trial, Elias is expected to be sentenced soon on federal charges of knowingly exposing Dominguez to cyanide, illegally disposing of hazardous waste

and lying to investigators. Elias, 61, faces up to 30 years in prison.

The case is the Justice Department's only conviction of an employer for knowingly exposing a worker to hazardous waste.

"It's the kind of frightening and harrowing tale of abusive conduct by an employer that you would expect to hear about, if at all, in another part of the world," said David Uhlmann, who helped prosecute Elias.

Another trial is set for Nov. 6 in state court on a lawsuit filed by Dominguez and his mother, Jackie Hamp, against Elias; the company he ran, Evergreen Resources Inc.; and Kerr-McGee Chemical Corp. and Kerr-McGee Chemical LLC; to which Elias sold Evergreen Resources in March 1995.

Dominguez's lawyer, Brent Roche, said the trial could for the first time in Idaho result in an employer being found liable for an employee's injuries. Worker's compensation coverage in all other cases has foreclosed legal remedies.

Elias's lawyer, Craig Jorgensen, did not return repeated calls from The Associated Press. Elias's listed telephone number was disconnected, and he did not respond to a message left at his Soda Springs home. So far, Roche said, he has refused to be deposed for the civil case.

During his 3 1/2-week trial, Elias relied on a defense of denial. His silence leaves unexplained the question Dominguez said he most wants to ask: Why?

Dominguez was glad to be working for Elias, "a pretty cool guy" who always seemed willing to advance a little cash against his next paycheck.

Sure, there were signs of trouble. Sometimes so much sulfuric acid would spill onto his clothes while he was unloading it from railroad cars that his jeans and T-shirt would be eaten through by the end of the day. But Dominguez, unaware of the safety rules Elias had repeatedly been

'I pray for myself to get 100 percent better.'
— Scott Dominguez, poisoned at work

directed by regulators to follow, was not about to complain. At the age of 20 — still young and nimble enough to keep a Hacky Sack in the air for 200 kicks — he felt invincible.

Then one day Elias ordered him to clean sludge out of an 11-foot-high, 36-foot-long steel tank that, unbeknownst to Dominguez, contained sodium cyanide and phosphoric acid. Dominguez was given no protective clothing, breathing gear or even safety training — only a broom and a fire hose.

The chemicals that sloshed together as he washed down the tank's walls produced the same compound that Nazis used to gas victims of their World War II death camps.

"I just remember my co-workers saying 'You have to breathe,' and I said I couldn't," Dominguez said.

It was almost an hour before rescuers cut through the steel and got him out. Experts testified that the damage

Dominguez suffered was compounded by treatment delays caused by Elias's refusal to acknowledge what was in the tank.

Elias backdated a safety permit required by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, indicating employees were given safety gear before entering the tank. He also gave police a false report claiming the safety equipment was stolen.

Elias even went so far as to pay \$5,000 to have former Gov. Cecil Andrus, through an inter-

mediary, deliver to federal investigators affidavits that turned out to contain false information. Andrus said he had no idea, and authorities confirmed he was never implicated.

The site of Elias's defunct company in Pocatello is abandoned along with up to 2,300 tons of cadmium-contaminated waste that the EPA estimates could cost up to \$800,000 to remove. Cleanup of an additional 800 tons of cadmium-contaminated waste at the Evergreen Resources site is expected to cost more than \$364,000.

Elias "is somebody who has demonstrated an uncanny ability to evade responsibility for his actions through legal maneuvers, force of persuasion and false assurances to regulators," Uhlmann said.

Federal prosecutors want Elias's sentence to include almost \$6 million in restitution, enough to cover a lifetime of special care for Dominguez, who has made more progress than doctors expected but probably has advanced as far as he ever will.

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Rebels' parade offers chance to cheer team!

Come Tuesday, it will be celebration time! We're talking about the Midland Lee Rebels football team that won the state championship on Dec. 11 with a 42-21 victory over Aldine Eisenhower.

That victory "proved" something a lot of Midlanders had known for quite awhile: That the Lee Rebels were a top-notch high school football team that fully deserved to be called the state champions. The title fit because their play on the field and their conduct was that of true winners.

Head Coach John Parchman, the rest of the members of the Rebels coaching staff, parents of every player on the team, every trainer, every cheerleader, and all the other friends and acquaintances who invested time and effort to help make this season a magical one for the Rebels, have every reason to be proud of the Lee Rebels.

So do all the students at Lee High School, who now can proudly note that their football team is the best in the state of Texas. And the students at Midland High School who have already shown their support for the Lee team, as well as residents from throughout Midland who also supported the team and who typically stand behind Midland students from whichever high school to underscore their respect for achievement. In fact, in recent years Midland High School's Bulldog basketball team won the state championship and Lee's football championship was a repeat of the title earned the year before. Other championships in 1999 included the Trinity Chargers' first TCAL state six-man football sweep and Midland Christian won its first TAPPS 4A softball state championship. It all adds up to truly making Midland a City of Champions!

Tuesday's parade will give every resident of Midland a chance to cheer the Lee Rebels, to say we are proud of their accomplishments on the gridiron, and to give all those who played a role in the Lee Rebels' state championship the honor they fully deserve. It will be the Rebels' moment in the sun!

Make plans to see the parade and cheer our champions!

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Jan. 9, the ninth day of 2000. There are 357 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 9, 1788, Connecticut became the fifth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

On this date:

In 1861, Mississippi seceded from the Union.

In 1913, Richard Milhous Nixon, the 37th president of the United States, was born in Yorba Linda, Calif.

In 1945, during World War II, American forces began landing at Lingayen Gulf in the Philippines.

In 1957, Anthony Eden resigned as British prime minister.

In 1964, anti-U.S. rioting broke out in the Panama Canal Zone, leaving 21 Panamanians and three U.S. soldiers dead.

In 1968, the Surveyor Seven space probe made a soft landing on the moon, marking the end of the American series of unmanned explorations of the lunar surface.

In 1972, reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes, speaking by telephone from the Bahamas to reporters in Hollywood, said a purported biography of him by Clifford Irving was a fake.

In 1980, Saudi Arabia beheaded 63 people for their roles in the November 1979 raid on the Grand Mosque in Mecca.

Ten years ago: The space shuttle Columbia was launched on a 10-day mission that included retrieving a drifting scientific satellite.

Five years ago: In New York, trials began for Sheikh Omar Abdel-Rahman and 11 other defendants accused of conspiring to wage a holy war against the United States. Nine were convicted of seditious conspiracy, and two reached plea agreements with the government. Severe flooding forced people to flee resort communities in the hills north of San Francisco.

JACK ANDERSON & DOUGLAS COHN

Third party keeps others from going astray

WASHINGTON — America has had very little political party history. We began with the Federalist Party of John Adams and Alexander Hamilton. It was soon contested and defeated by Thomas Jefferson's Democratic-Republicans, which would eventually become known simply as the Democratic Party.

This whole concept of vying political parties had not been envisioned by the Founding Fathers and was lamented by President George Washington. Even so, just as the U.S. Constitution and the economic system of capitalism which it protected sought and largely succeeded in making the most of human nature, so too did that document unintentionally give rise to political parties — human beings having from earliest times found security and power in numbers.

The passage of time has served to increase the

Constitution's stature. Its simplicity and brevity resulted from its writers' radical desire to capitalize rather than control human nature. In so doing, they left the door for human innovation and genius perpetually open. Precisely because they could not see the future, they did not attempt to unduly harness it. And so, political parties came naturally into being.

Just as naturally, third parties never lasted as third parties. They absorbed or were absorbed: The Whigs eventually took the place of the Federalists, only to be absorbed by the Republicans. Such is our short history of political parties — at least of parties that nominated successful candidates for the presidency.

The best known third party attempt in this century was initiated by ex-President Theodore Roosevelt's Bull Moose Party in 1912, but all he succeeded in doing was splitting the vote of the Republican Party from which he sprang, electing Democrat Woodrow Wilson in the process.

And so we come to the Reform Party of H. Ross Perot, the Texas billionaire. And he is always described thus because his money injects a factor never before seen in American

politics. No other political figure in this country has ever come close to making such an effort. No other political figure in this country has ever had the resources to do so — not Nelson Rockefeller, not John F. Kennedy, not even Steve Forbes.

While other candidates are out begging for money — and candidates for public office spend much of their time doing precisely that — Perot's nominee can spend his time (and money) getting the message out.

When political parties have gone astray, if their manner and means no longer produce acceptable leaders, then new entities and methods are not inhibited by law from replacing them. Perhaps this is why we are witnessing the insurgent candidacies of Republican John McCain and Democrat Bill Bradley. They may owe much to the Reform Party.

Political correspondent Eleanor Clift contributed to this story.

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COKIE & STEVEN ROBERTS

Mama mia — no more babies in Italy?

ROME — Here's the good news: This new millennium's likely to mean a marked improvement in the lives of women. Here's the bad news — no babies. Italy, of all places, serves as the warning signal for the industrialized world.

As Romans celebrated 2000, it was with dire predictions that by the year 3000 there will be no more Italians. As far as we're concerned, that would be truly bad news.

All of the statistics about Italy as it enters the new century are counter-intuitive. We still harbor images of the Italian Mamma, apron tied around her ample waist, at home with the bambini running around a table laden with massive platters of home-cooked pasta. These days you have to go to the movies to see someone like that. Italy's birthrate has decreased by 50 percent in the last 30 years, to an average of 1.17 births per couple — the lowest in the world. That means more people are dying than being born; the over age sixty population is higher than the under age twenty. And as women have fewer children, they live longer. Italian women now boast one of the world's highest longevity rates, with a life expectancy of eighty-one years.

Here's another counter-intuitive fact: immigration into Italy now outpaces emigration out, but simply maintaining a constant labor force over the next thirty years would require the addition of three hundred thousand immigrants per year. No social scientist or politician thinks this country of 50 million people is ready to amicably absorb that kind of influx.

But Italy is not alone — more and more rich countries find their birthrates dropping below replacement levels. At the same time that poor countries struggle with populations out of control and governments and religious institutions battle over contraception and abortion, rich countries are paying families to produce more children. But educated working women living in modern cities can't be bought off by government programs. In Italy today, women on the average are better educated than the men, and they work harder.

A 1995 survey conducted by the United Nations named the Italian woman as the hardest working

person in the industrialized world, putting in more hours per week than men or women of any other nation. No wonder these women aren't rushing into motherhood.



Steven and Cokie Roberts

And what about the men? Well, they're still looking longingly at those pictures of the pasta platters covering the table tops. Italian men work 28 percent fewer hours than the women and make 20 percent more money. The government has so far failed in its efforts to encourage the men to do more at home — only 18 percent say they've ever changed a diaper — and the Church has failed in its efforts to convince men to leave home. Young Italian men stay firmly tied to their mothers' apron strings, even if the mothers have discarded the aprons.

More than 60 percent of the men aged 25 to 29 live with their mothers, and a third of those over 30 do. These so-called mammistas expect their mothers to wait on them hand and foot. When one exhausted woman threw out her 24-year-old son and changed the locks, the courts ordered this "unnatural mother" to take the young man back. Even the men who move out generally stay within walking distance of home and can be counted on to bring Mamma their laundry. So an Italian woman contemplating motherhood expects the bambino to stick around until she's in her 60s. Not an encouraging prospect.

Even without mammistas, and even in countries that provide family allowances and child care, women are opting out of motherhood, or choosing to have only one child. As more people move into crowded, expensive cities it means less space for children, and less need for them. Big families make life on the farm easier, life in the city harder. Educated women know that, and more and more women are becoming educated. That's the great hope for the overpopulated developing world, but what about the industrialized nations?

Where will those children come from? Do we really want to live in a world without Italians?

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Doonesbury Flashbacks



BY GARRY TRUDEAU

GEORGE WILL

Ironies abound in fourth branch of government

WASHINGTON — Assuming that God does not interfere — He would be guilty of lese-majeste — the fourth branch of government, aka Alan Greenspan, 73, is shipshape for four more years. Ironies abound.

Greenspan's predecessor as chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, Paul Volcker, was nominated by Jimmy Carter. Volcker's task was to extinguish inflation. Inflation, like the Iranian hostage crisis and the oil shocks of the late 1970s, told Americans they had become playthings of forces their government could not master, and that their government could not protect the currency as a stable store of value.

Volcker's success against inflation was crucial to the 49-state re-election victory of the man who defeated Carter in 1980. Now Bill Clinton has renominated Greenspan, who was nominated to his first term by President Reagan. Clinton's hope is that his legacy, aka Al Gore, can run on President Eisenhower's 1956 slogan of "peace and prosperity."

Clinton began his first term exasperated by the need to keep the bond markets mollified by restraining public borrowing and dampening fears of inflation. Bob Woodward, in his book "The Agenda: Inside the Clinton White House," reports Clinton exploding during an April 1993 meeting with aides: "I hope you're all aware we're all Eisenhower Republicans," he said, his voice dripping with sarcasm. "We're Eisenhower Republicans here, and we are fighting the Reagan Republicans. We stand for lower deficits and free trade and the bond market. Isn't that great?"

Greenspan, then in the private sector, campaigned with Reagan 20 years ago, when conventional economic wisdom was pessimistic. The theory was that inflation is the systemic disease of democracy: The dynamic of democracy — people wanting to consume more than they produce — produces inflation, and the low pain threshold of democratic people makes it impossible for democratic governments to suppress inflation. That theory was slain by a fact: Despite the 1981-82 recession — the worst since the Depression — in 1984 Reagan carried every state but Minnesota.

"The Buck Starts Here," proclaims a sign in Greenspan's office, epicenter of economic policy, from which he has seen something no other economic policy-maker has seen — a fundamental transformation of America's economy during his tenure. The transformation is the "dematerialization" of the economy.

Greenspan says: "While the weight of current economic output is probably only modestly higher than it was a half-century ago, value added, adjusted for price change, has risen well over threefold."

That is, 50 years ago "output" meant "things, big physical things." But soon "concepts and ideas would substitute for physical resources and human brawn." As examples, transistors replaced vacuum tubes in radios, delivering higher quality with a fraction of the bulk; fiber optics replaced huge tonnages of copper wire; architectural and engineering advances produced buildings with much greater floor space but significantly less physical material.

The resulting wealth creation is radiating large, if unpredictable, consequences. Neal Freeman of the Foundation Management Institute says America is about to experience a stunning intergenerational transfer of wealth: "The Reagan entrepreneurs, lots of them, are about to leave large estates, lots of them, to their baby boomer children." Between now and 2020 Americans between ages 35 and 53 will inherit \$12 trillion. "Nothing of this financial magnitude has ever happened — in this economy or any other — and its effects on our society will be transformational."

That may trigger irrational exuberance, and then a scowl from the fourth branch.

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Anyone can have a relationship with Christ

I want to make a public profession of my faith in Jesus Christ, my God, my Savior, the Lord of my life, and my best friend. My faith is based on the Word of God. I was found guilty of sin and my punishment was death. Jesus paid my death penalty for me on the cross. I was born dead in my sins, but have been made alive (born again) through the resurrected life of Christ Jesus. I can go confidently to my Father (God), because I have been made perfect through Christ's finished work on the cross, not my own self effort.

I say it's finished because my sins — past, present and future — were dealt with and paid for 2,000 years ago at Calvary. This forgiveness and life is available to everyone. All you have to do is ask Jesus to come into your life and be your Lord and Savior. Admit that you are dead in your sins and ask him to give you life, eternal life. You can do this in the privacy of your own home.

This is something that you have to do yourself. Nobody else and no church can do it for you. This is a personal relationship between you and Jesus Christ. We don't have to live in fear or in bondage to circumstances. We have been set free from bondage and the death penalty by and through Christ Jesus. You would be amazed at what the grace of God can do in your life. The only thing that separates man from God is pride. The grace of God that we experience through Jesus is a gift that cannot be bought or earned.

John Pierce

GISD doing better at money management

I commend you and staff writer Ed Todd on your front page article in the Jan. 2 newspaper regarding the debt of the various taxing entities in Midland County.

Only Greenwood Independent School District is debt free and two of the other five are up to their eyeballs in debt. The GISD board of trustees is to be com-

mended on its astute handling of the district's finances. With two school districts, GISD and MISD, approximately 10 miles apart, why is one debt free and the other mired in debt? Is it good management vs. poor management? Does GISD pay transportation allowances ranging up to \$1100 per month to its superintendent as MISD does? I think not. This allowance totals \$13,200 per year. I am sure there are people living in this city on total annual incomes that are less than this amount. Does GISD employ eight executive directors at salaries in excess of \$80,000 per year (plus transportation allowance). I think not.

Most taxpayers in Midland pay their own transportation expense. Why are these highly paid people furnished such high transportation allowances at taxpayer expense? MISD recently hired a spokesperson for \$70,000 per year which is \$22,500 (43 percent) above the salary for a similar position in Odessa which has a larger school enrollment. Why such a premium?

One of the executive directors told your reporter that more than half the MISD debt was incurred in the last two years. He also said state records indicate that in 1997 MISD debt was \$192 per student, about 60 percent of the state average in 1997. Should we conclude that MISD debt per student is now much more than the state average after expenditures of \$39.5 million in 1998 and 1999?

Our spendaholic City Council has managed to indebted us more than MISD. Midland city debt is currently \$108 million including interest and will increase to \$143 million when bonds are sold for the sports arena. Incidentally, anyone who thinks that the one-quarter cent sales tax will pay off the sports complex is probably a great believer in the tooth fairy. The city assumed a 5.5 percent interest rate for the sports complex bonds. Unfortunately interest rates are now 6.3 percent on the long bond and headed higher. Will the sports complex "fly" at this rate?

Is there any way we can contract out management of MISD and Midland city government to

the trustees of GISD? I am sure they would serve us better.

W.J. Sandidge

Pastors should stop arguing doctrine

I read the article published in the Reporter-Telegram on Saturday, Dec. 18, headlined "While on Earth, was Jesus Christ God in a Human Body?" I am also familiar with the broadcast of the teaching that some pastors say denies Jesus Christ as being 100 percent God and 100 percent man.

Why are the pastors wasting time arguing doctrine? Since Jesus Christ left Earth to return to the Father, the "Church" has been arguing over doctrine. Acts 15 records a dispute over the law of circumcision, but Peter argued that it is by grace we are saved, not by circumcision or belief in the correct doctrine.

For nearly 2000 years the church continuously has been split because of doctrinal dysfunction. Are we to have yet another split? It is parishioners that lose from such splits.

I do not know if Jesus was 100 percent God as he walked this Earth, I only know that through him I am saved. There are more doctrines in the Holy Bible than there are denominations in the church, but I believe the pastors should stop arguing doctrine, and start teaching as Jesus taught:

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law of the prophets." (Matthew 22:37-40). It is not whether Jesus was 100 percent God or 100 percent man that brings salvation, but it is by His death and resurrection, and the grace of God, that we are saved.

I pray that someday the pastors will stop splitting churches with doctrine, and start unifying the church with the salvation of Jesus Christ. Was this not, after all, His intention? Is this not also the message of the Bible?

Jack Byrnes



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HOWARD KLEINBERG

Get your bets down on the new, retro-looking, Coca-Cola bottles

One of my new millennium resolutions is to share with you the really important happenings that often are placed on a side-track by disasters, wars, protests and scandal.

Likely it slipped past a lot of editors last week that Coca-Cola, a k a Coke, is coming out with a new bottle, one whose labeling and green glass more closely resemble what was in use before the 1950s.

Now, that might not be enough to get excited about, but there's more. Coke also announced that the bottoms of the new bottles would carry the names of 12 U.S. cities. This is a token return to what once was, when Coke's embossed city-named bottoms were the source of playful workplace gambling, much as is the football pool today.

Embossing Coke bottle bottoms with countless city names began as early as 1915. They represented the plant where that Coke was bottled. As you can imagine, some Coke bottles traveled. Bottles of Coke produced in, say, Chattanooga, found their way to, say, Roswell, N.M.

Someone eventually came up with an idea of how to have fun buying Coke. Gather some of the office staff around the Coke machine, or at a gas station, put your nickel in — yes, a nickel! — and see who gets a Coke bottle filled at the vending point.

The winner got the money from the "Furthest Away" pool.

As unbeatable as Joe DiMaggio's 56-game hitting streak was the bottle from Nome, Alaska, which popped out of a vending

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machine in our Miami News newsroom in the early 1950s. You just couldn't be further from Miami; it was unbeatable. (I wasn't the one who got it.)

Today's Coke people are limiting the city names to those who have a special connection to the drink; just 12. But that ought to be enough to get the office staff started off.

Oh, heavens! Did I just suggest gambling? Well, no. I'd rather call it an adjunct to legalized lotteries, or governors betting cases of their state's fruit or produce with other governors, all over a football bowl game.

In earlier Miami, we just kept looking for ways to gamble with the Coke machine. When there were lesser crowds in our "Furthest Away" game, we'd resort to putting the nickel into the machine, hitting the coin return button and betting on whether or not the coin came back heads or tails.

That Coke is changing its 8-ounce bottles probably is the biggest modification since the appalling decision in 1985 to alter the formula of the drink. So upset was the public with the new (inferior) taste, that within three months, it pressured the Coca-Cola Co. into restoring the old formula under the name of Clas-

sic Coke. The 2000 alteration should bring nothing but joy to petty gamblers. Right now my eyes are searching for Cokeville, Wyo., one of the 12 cities named. It's not Nome but best I can tell, it's going to be the "Furthest Away" from any Coke machines I might find in Miami.

With Coke returning to one of its old patterns, I wonder if the people at Dr Pepper might think of returning to its 1927-originated "10, 2 and 4" identification that appeared on bottles for a half-century.

According to Dr Pepper aficionados, the numbers represented the times of day you needed perking up; and the caffeine in Dr Pepper was there to offer the boost.

As a Dr Pepper drinker (with salted peanuts poured into the neck of the bottle for flavor and fizz) the caffeine certainly kept me alert, alert enough to go over and play the Coke machine games.

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Readers' view on Dr. P.V. Patel's hospital contract being revoked

Patel's patients were not even considered

I am one of many patients who has used the cardiac services at Midland Memorial Hospital, and I'm so very happy to have P.V. Patel as my doctor. I can't believe that the doctors who so candidly took it upon themselves to hurt Dr. P.V. Patel by doing what they've done is to say the very least "sorry and demeaning" to Dr. P.V. Patel and to his patients.

To those of you who call yourselves doctors, at what point do you draw the line, just how low can you get? At no time did you ever consider Dr. Patel's patients and what you've done to them. Yet you call yourselves doctors! It's the only thing you were and are after, to hurt a person who has helped so many people. Dr. Patel is without reproach. If you had any decency about you, you would do everything you could to

set a standard of being the best doctor you could be to help your patients just as Dr. Patel has.

R.W. Hudgins

Hospital board letting bigotry replace care

Let's set the record straight! If it had not been for Dr. P.V. Patel, Midland Memorial Hospital would not have a decent Cardiac Surgery Unit. As a matter of fact, Patel pioneered the cardiac surgery in this area. Midland should be proud that a doctor like P.V. Patel settled here to serve this area. He has shown outstanding skills, and provided for the community in ways many people may never know of.

Above all, Patel is 100 percent for his patients and goes out of his way to secure the very best possible in medicine and caring for them.

A few self-righteous bigots (you

know who you are) basically run the hospital.

You need to take the time to realize that Patel and his assistant and staff are some of the best doctors anywhere, and also, realize what a disservice you have done to Patel, his assistant, as well as his patients.

If some of you were half the doctor that Patel is, you just might have to respect what Patel has earned.

From all my family to Patel, we could not do without you, for without your skill, knowledge and caring, so many of us would not be here today.

We support you in all you do and I, for one, will not hesitate to tell the world or certain so-called members of the hospital to back off. Let this man do his job. Don't let your self-serving bigotry get in the way of what is best for the cardiac patients in this area.

Cindy Reed

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SPEAKING OUT

Decision to reduce schools' government course only hurts students

By James M. Bradford

As the new year progresses it appears that the Midland Independent School District Board of Administration and School Board are geared up to revisit an issue that strikes at the heart and future of citizenship development and preparation of future graduates. The issue involves reducing the American Government course to one semester versus expanding the elective offering to accommodate a very small percentage of students, parents and school scheduling officials.

MISD has always been in the forefront of curriculum development in social studies to meet the needs of students and to sustain the democratic process. Students have acquired a knowledge component in history and citizenship participation skills that far surpasses most students across the state. Local business and criminal justice officials are very

impressed and appreciative of what social studies teachers are teaching students in order to become better citizens.

The second semester of government has been an excellent example of how students have been exposed to community sources to enhance their knowledge of career opportunities, how the entire criminal justice system works and the role of citizens in a democratic society. This student age group is ready to internalize and refine traditional American values and at the same time foster needed changes. Judges, lawyers, the district attorney's office, juvenile and adult probation officers who serve as resource persons were amazed at the



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breadth of the government curriculum and the involvement of students. The FBI had no idea that area schools were teaching constitutional and case law.

In addition to the Justice and Pursuit of Justice unit described above, there are two very involved simulation units that are the core for training students to become active participants in the democratic process. They are the mock political party project and the mock congress activity. These are issue-oriented exercises designed to involve students in the critical thinking and decision-making process using present day issues. Informed students are those who acquire high level thinking skills. A one semester course is not sufficient to achieve the goals and objectives desired.

Technology is bringing the global community closer together. An understanding of the workings of other political systems is paramount. The second semester of

government is also designed to give students the opportunity to study global issues, compare and contrast other forms of government with the political system of the United States. Because of the interlocking relationship of political and economic activities affecting the global community, it is vital for students to know and be able to function in a competitive world.

Experience has shown that far too many students and adults have very little or no knowledge of how local governments work and the effects they have on their lives. It is in the second semester of government when students will study state and local governmental decision-making.

Those who wish to cut the government course to one semester are eager to point to the fact that other districts only have the state requirement. That is true. What they fail to point out is that students are denied the opportunity to acquire the knowledge and

skills afforded Midland students. The scope of the curriculum and the quality of instruction in other districts do not compare with the Midland program. Often the same teacher teaches one semester of government and one semester of economics. Teachers will tell you that both semesters are neglected. A post-hole approach is used. Learning activities take a back seat to answering questions at the end of the chapter, showing films and filmstrips, many having been shown in history classes previously. In addition, the worksheet becomes the focus of instruction.

Should the school board ignore the merits of retaining the present government course as it affects all students and proceed to go to the one semester plan, which will affect the majority of students, yet leave intact the present course for honors students only, a terrible message is being sent. That message is discrimination against the majority and preferential treatment

for a small minority competing for ranking in the graduating class and those seeking concurrent credit.

I would like to think that the administration and the school board would think twice before they attempt to turn the clock of progress backward. The proclaimed "good faith" effort in achieving unitary status is certainly being tested. To avoid sending the wrong message, I suggest that the school board adopt the principle of "Stare Decisis," let the precedent stand. Retain the government course as it exists today for all students.

A retired government teacher and Social Studies chairman at Lee High School, James Bradford taught honors and regular government classes for 23 years. In 1991 he was selected by the National Council For The Social Studies as the Outstanding Secondary Teacher of the Year. He was a member of the State Social Studies TEKS Writing Committee 'K-12.

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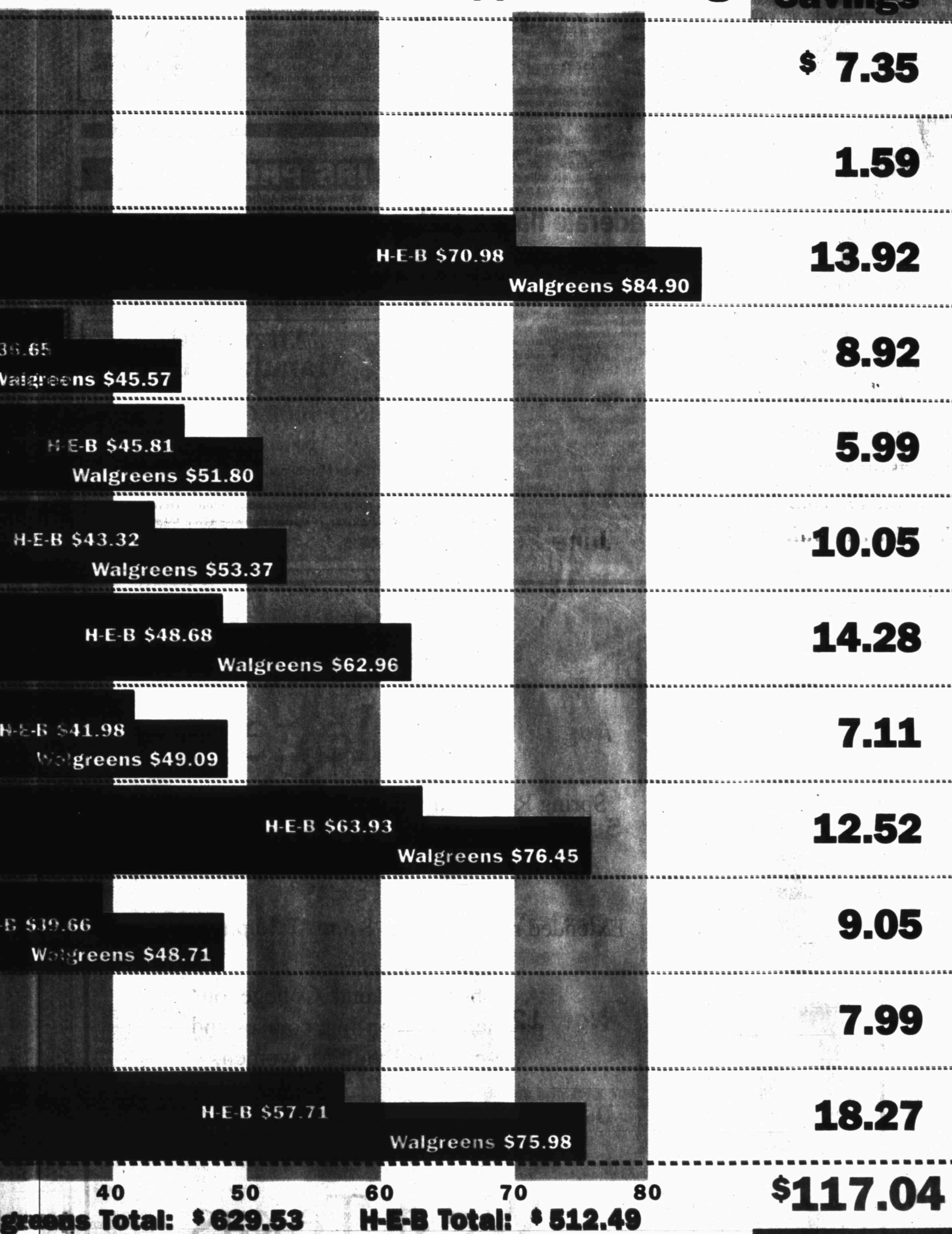
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Four debates open candidates to closer inspection

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a whirlwind week of presidential politics, four televised debates cracked with conflict, humor and policy discussions that opened the candidates to closer inspection to a public that begins judging them two weeks hence.

Just as many voters started to pay attention, Republican John McCain and Democrat Al Gore got off to a rocky start. Taxes emerged as the central issue in the Republican race last week, and the Democrats squawked over health care.

One debate question raised an emotion-charged dialogue in both parties: Should gays be allowed to serve openly in the military? Al Gore said yes, and suggested that his appointees to the Joint Chiefs of Staff would be required to agree. The Republican candidates protested, as did military brass and some Gore allies.

The vice president backpedaled Friday night: "I did not mean to imply that there should ever be any kind of inquiry into the personal political opinions of officers in the U.S. military."

It was basically the same answer delivered in the debate two days earlier by Gore's rival, former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley. Gore also struggled with a staff-made controversy when his campaign manager suggested retired Joint Chiefs Chairman Colin Powell was being used by Republicans who "would rather take pictures with black children than feed them." Powell, a popular Republican figure who is black, received a telephone call Friday from the vice president. Gore would not say whether he apologized.

No public regrets, either, from John McCain, the chairman of a powerful Senate committee who spent most of the week explaining why he wrote letters to federal regulators on behalf of big campaign donors.

"My job is to make the bureaucrats work for the people," McCain said. "I would do the same thing again, almost anytime."

The practice is common in Washington, where many people doing business with government agencies also donate to lawmakers whose duties include oversight of those agencies. But McCain, who made political reform the core of his campaign, may be held to a higher standard by voters.

George W. Bush sure hopes so. "I think somebody who makes campaign financing an issue has got to be consistent and walk the walk," the GOP national front-runner said in New Hampshire, where McCain is courting independent voters with his good-government platform.

New Hampshire's primary is Feb. 1; the campaign's first votes are cast in Iowa's caucuses Jan. 24.

The new year rang in the toughest ad produced by one of the presidential campaigns. Self-financed conservative Steve Forbes, accused of running attack ads in his failed 1996 bid, aired a spot accusing Bush of breaking a no-tax pledge as Texas governor.

As the ad was being shipped to TV stations, Bush promoted his \$483 billion tax-cut plan with a debate-night pledge: "This is not only no new taxes. This is tax cuts, so help me God," he said.

Forbes' good timing did not make up for a bad showing in the debates. His voice was rarely heard amid the clash between Bush and McCain as they tangled over taxes and campaign finance reform.

Aides blamed the moderator, the format and their own candidate for getting few words in edgewise.

"I think Steve was too much of a gentleman in terms of getting his face in theirs and getting his message out," said Ken Blackwell, his campaign chairman.

Bush flew early in the week to Iowa, where Forbes is threatening his wide lead in state polls with a strong organization.

Calling McCain's tax plan too small, Bush said, "There is a tax gap in this campaign."

Without mentioning Forbes — champion of the flat tax — the Texas governor also was trying to undercut the rival's gains in Iowa.

McCain unveils a modest-sized tax cut plan this week, but he is already calling Bush's package reckless. It benefits the wealthy and spends billions of dollars that could be better spent bolstering Social Security, he said.

Republican strategist Scott Reed, who managed Bob Dole's 1996 campaign, said McCain is taking a huge gamble criticizing a big tax cut in a GOP primary.

"You can't tack to the left on taxes, especially with economic conservatives in New Hampshire. I really think this will hurt him worse than" the ethical questions, Reed said.

Three other GOP contenders — Orrin Hatch, Gary Bauer and Alan Keyes — got valuable exposure to the voting public, though they remain mired in single digits in opinion polls.

In the Democratic contest, Gore continued to warn that Bradley's promise to provide nearly all Americans health insurance would be a disaster. Bradley said it will not, and pumped \$250,000 into a new TV ad to defend his campaign of "big ideas."

It got personal. "I think you're in a Washington bunker," Bradley told Gore in one of their two debates. The high point for Gore came before the debates, when he picked up the endorsement of Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass.

One of the funniest exchanges, typical of the wounding humor that energized all four debates, came after Gore said he opposed Bradley's policies but respected the man.

Fishing for a compliment for Gore, the moderator asked Bradley, "Do you agree?"

"I agree with what he said," replied Bradley, not willing to play nice. "I think I'm genuinely a good person."

Thousands of fires leave California firefighters \$62 million over budget

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — The fires that swept California last summer and fall cost the state at least \$92 million, more than triple the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's emergency reserve.

The governor's top budget writer, Finance Department chief Timothy Gage, urged the Legislature to approve \$62 million as soon as possible to make up the shortfall, according to internal documents detailing the impact of the fire season that were reviewed Saturday by The Associated Press.

California's 1999 fire season was one of the worst on record, with more than 7,000 wildfires burning at least 275,000 acres. The CDF's air-tanker fleet spent 12,100 hours in the sky, 700 hours more than the previous record set in 1996.

The fires were aggravated by parched conditions and high winds, particularly in August and October, when firefighters' spending averaged

about \$1 million every two days. In those two months alone, President Clinton issued emergency declarations for nine counties due to fires.

In Southern California, fire operations normally scaled back during the wet season in winter and spring were extended into the new year because of the threat from dry and windy conditions, a move that is costing the state roughly \$1 million a month.

Some of the costs could be recouped by delaying when firefighters go on alert and gear up this spring by six weeks, the CDF wrote to Gov. Gray Davis' budget office. But it added, "We currently do not have any weather information indicating this will be possible."

Authorities estimate the total cost to the state for emergency fire fighting for the state's fiscal year, July 1, 1999, through June 30, 2000, will reach \$145 million.

About 6,000 rally 'round the Confederate flag in S.C.

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — An army of 6,000 people gathered Saturday under a sea of red Confederate flags to defend the banner that has flown from the Statehouse dome for 38 years and thrust the state into the national spotlight.

There were no reports of violence during the rally or along a parade route that wound from a cemetery holding Confederate dead down the city's Main Street.

Saturday's event was the second day of a three-day rally being staged by supporters of the flag, who say it stands for defiant defense of freedom and Southern heritage.

The NAACP says the banner is a symbol of slavery. And at the other end of Main Street, leaders of the state NAACP met but did not decide to widen economic sanctions against South Carolina beyond a tourism boycott that started a week ago. The civil rights organization hopes to force the flag from the Statehouse dome and its legislative chambers.

At the pro-flag rally, a group of ministers carrying a banner that read "No King but Jesus," followed three bagpipers to lead the procession.

Behind them were thousands of people, including 92-year-old Alberta Martin of Elba, Ala., a Confederate widow. About three dozen women dressed in period costume and widow's black marched next.

Rank upon rank of Confederate re-enactors followed with muskets shouldered and bayonets and mess cups at their sides. The crowd that followed stretched more than six blocks.

After the parade, speakers at the Statehouse rally derided the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People as outsiders and agitators.

Sen. Arthur Ravenel, R-Mt. Pleasant, said lawmakers cannot cave into the pressure of outside influences when they return next week for a legislative session that could be marked by the divisive issue.

Ravenel said an out-of-state reporter asked him recently, "Aren't you people in South Carolina worried about what the people in the rest of the country think about you?" The crowd shouted back with a resounding "No."

"Can you believe that there are those who think that the General Assembly of South Carolina is going to ... knuckle under, roll over and do the bidding" of

"that organization known as the National Association for Retarded People?" Ravenel asked the cheering crowd.

"He's entitled to his opinion," said state NAACP Planning and Research Committee Chairman Lonnie Randolph, who is leading the boycott effort. "We don't dignify ignorant comments and ignorant statements with a response."

The flag issue came up in the opening moments of a debate Friday in South Carolina among Republican presidential candidates.

George W. Bush said South Carolinians should decide for themselves whether the flag should fly atop their Statehouse. Earlier, publisher Steve Forbes also called it a local issue.

Soldier pleads guilty to lesser charge in killing

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. (AP) — A soldier pleaded guilty to a reduced charge Saturday in the beating death of a barracks mate who had been rumored to be gay.

Army Spc. Justin R. Fisher, 26, was sentenced to 12 1/2 years in prison. Fisher admitted he lied to military investigators and obstructed the investigation when he wiped blood from a baseball bat that Pvt. Calvin Glover used to kill Pfc. Barry Winchell, who had been sleeping.

During sentencing, Fisher wept as he apologized to his family and to the relatives of the victim.

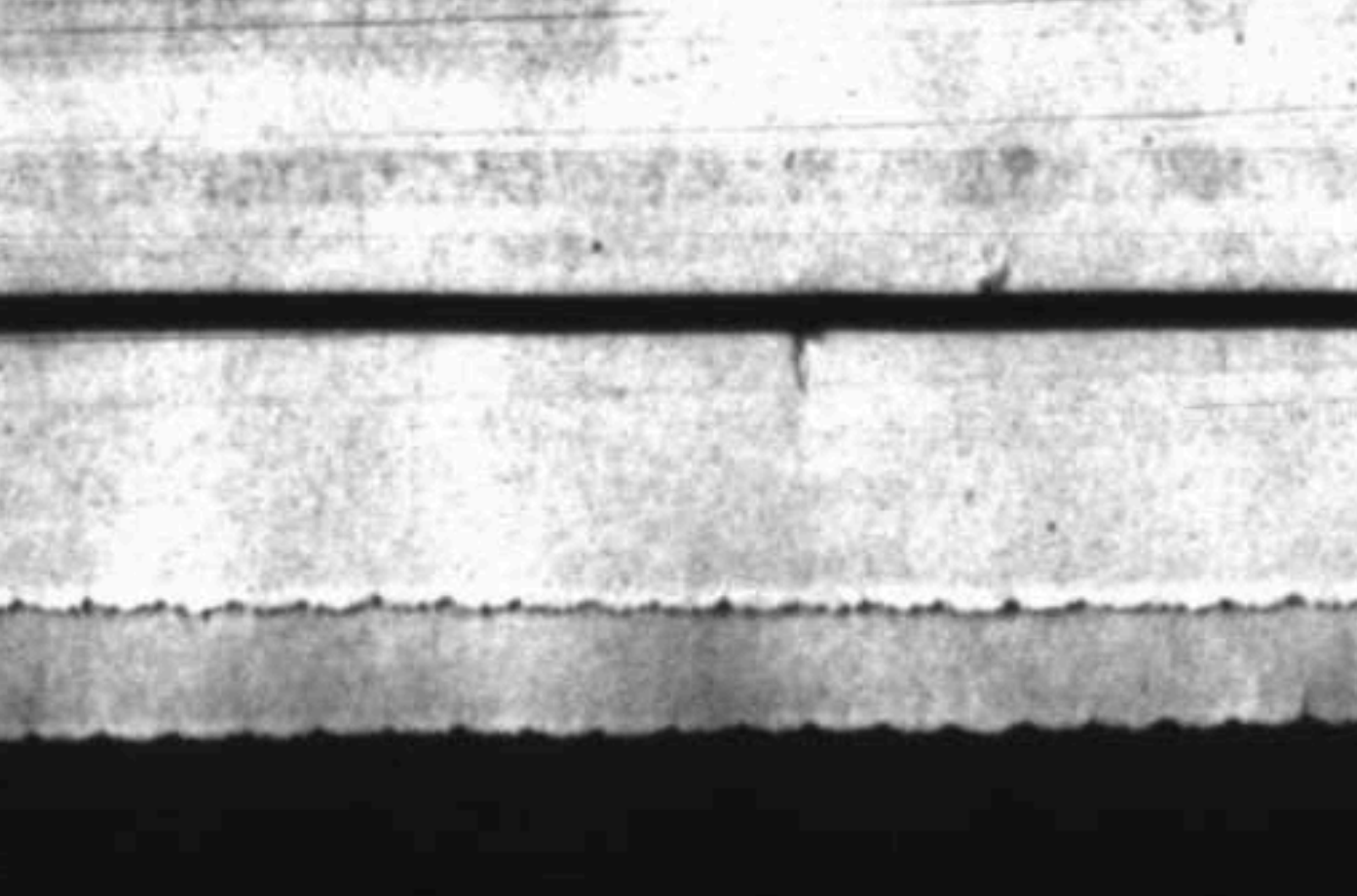
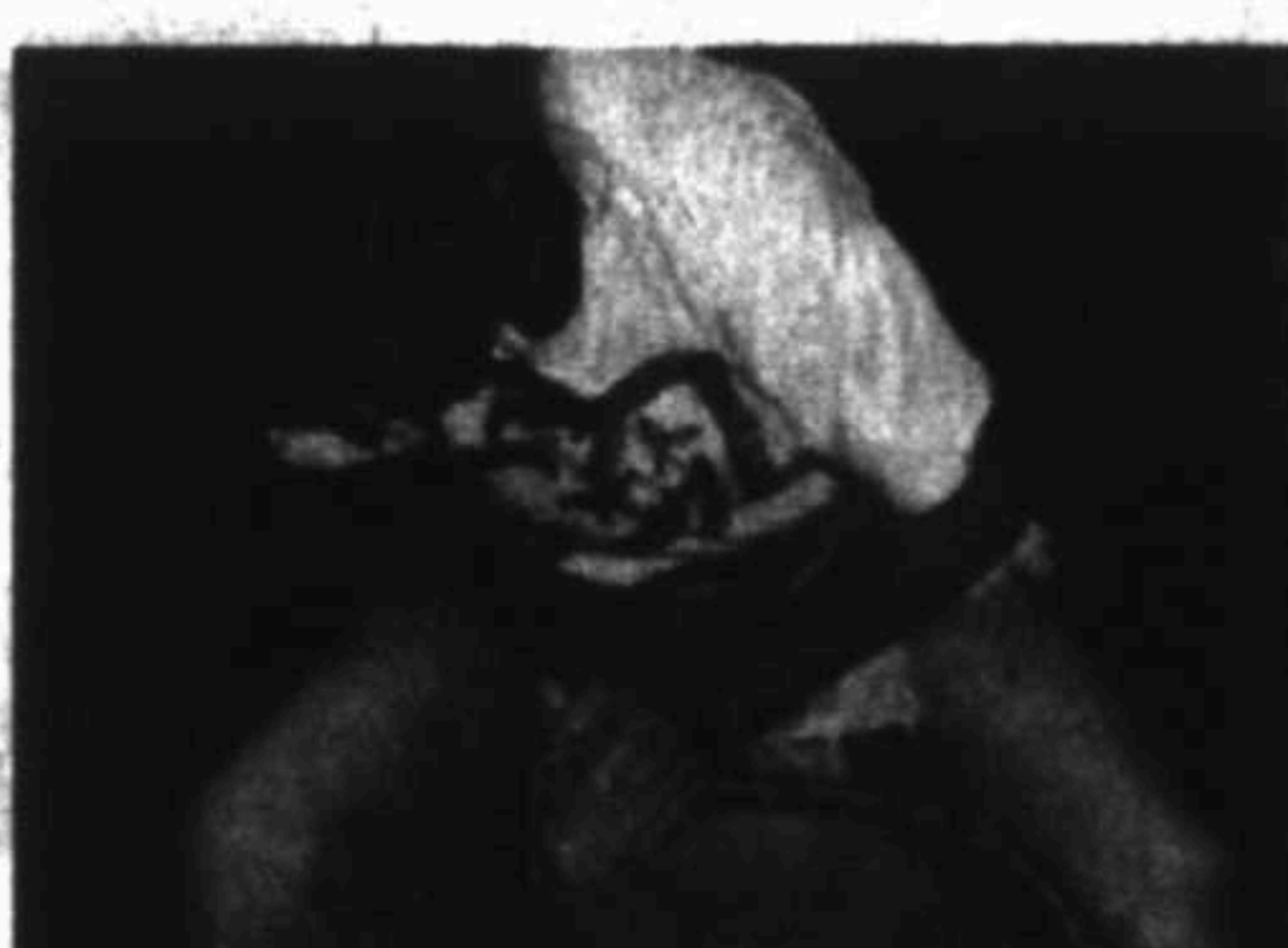
Under a plea agreement, the Army dropped other charges, including participating as a principal to premeditated murder and acting as an accessory after the fact.

Fisher's court martial trial had been scheduled to start Saturday. Winchell, 21, was killed while he slept in his cot at Fort Campbell. Rumors had circulated on the post that the soldier from Kansas City, Mo., was gay, and prosecutors said Glover was driven by hatred of homosexuals.

Glover, 19, of Sulphur, Okla., was convicted of premeditated murder and sentenced to life in prison. He never addressed the allegation that he despised homosexuals. His attorneys argued that Fisher goaded Glover into the attack.

The killing led to criticism by gay-rights groups and by Winchell's parents of the Pentagon's policy on homosexuals in the military. Under the policy known as "don't ask, don't tell," gay members of the military can continue to serve as long as they keep their sexual orientation to themselves.

"We knew Barry could be deployed and come into harm's way for our country. We never dreamed that he would be killed by labeling, prejudice and hatred at home," his parents, Pat and Wally Kutteles, said after Glover's conviction last month. "Don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" did not protect our son. It won't protect anyone else's child. This policy must end."



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By Barnaby R. R. N.Y. Times News

Whether it is or resignation, experts and managers brush that they overre threat, that they computer comp tants positioned fear.

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Experts left to explain why turnover was problem-free

By Barnaby Feder
N.Y. Times News Service

Whether it is with scorn, anger or resignation, most computer experts and year 2000 program managers brush off suggestions that they overreacted to the Y2K threat, that they were taken in by computer companies and consultants positioned to profit from fear.

Still, like the skeptics, many wonder: How did countries that started so late — and appeared to do so little — manage to enter 2000 as smoothly as nations like the United States and Britain that got an early jump?

"That question is plaguing all of us, although some people won't admit it," said Maggie Parent, Morgan Stanley Dean Witter's representative to Global 2000, an international banking group formed to coordinate and stimulate year 2000 work. "We expected there to be some significant blowouts."

A World Bank survey published last January concluded that just 54 of 139 developing countries had national year 2000 programs outlined and only 21 were actually taking concrete steps to prepare.

Japan, China, Italy and Venezuela showed up as high-profile question marks in various studies last year. Paraguay's year 2000 coordinator was quoted last summer saying the country would experience so many disruptions that its government would have to declare martial law. Russia, Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova were seen as so risky that the State Department issued a travel advisory in November and nonessential personnel were given home leave over New Year's.

So what accounts for the surprisingly quiet rollover? Computer experts cite several factors. Even the experts may have underestimated how hard many countries worked in the last few months, when the problems were better understood, and how much help they had from others that started early. And in many cases the assessments about overseas readiness were based on scarce, vague or arbitrary data.

But the simplest if most embarrassing explanation is that the same public and private analysts who testified before Congress and were widely quoted overestimated the world's dependence on computer technology. Most countries had much less to do to prepare because they are far less computerized than the United States. The computers they do have are much less likely to be tied together in complex systems and are often so old that they run much simpler software, according to Louis Marcoccio, year 2000 research director for the Gartner Group, a technology consulting firm.

Speaking at a briefing last week on why Pentagon analysts overestimated the risks in many countries, Deputy Defense Secretary John Hamre said, "If we had a failing, it may be that we extrapolated to the rest of the world the kind of business practices that we have developed here in the United States."

Once adjustments are made for technology dependence, some analysts say, the investment of the United States and other pacesetters in year 2000 preparations was not that far out of line with those that started late. Unfortunately, the figures from many countries are so unreliable that it is hard to be sure. Russia, for example, is estimated to have spent anywhere from \$200 million to \$1 billion.

Marcoccio suspects the lower figures are closest to the truth but he adds that based on the government's estimate that the United States spent \$100 billion, "If Russia spent \$400 million, they spent proportionally more than the United States, because the United States is 300 times more reliant on computers."

Such assessments lead down a pathway that only a statistician could love. Use Gartner's estimate that the United States spent \$150 billion to \$225 billion, instead of the government's, and the comparable Russia investment jumps to a minimum of \$500 million. Tamper with Gartner's guess that the United States is 300 times as computer-dependent, and figures dance in another direction.

But nearly everyone agrees that the figures for the United States include substantial sums toward preparations in foreign countries by American multinationals. Motorola said that its \$225 million year 2000 budget included not just repairs at its overseas factories but, for example, helping its Asian suppliers pinpoint potential year 2000 flaws. It also paid overtime for support that helped paging and radio networks in Italy function flawlessly over New Year's.

The federal government also picked up part of the tab for foreign nations. To jump-start lagging nations, the government paid for many of them to send representatives to the first U.N. meeting on year 2000 in late

1998. It distributed hundreds of thousands of CDs in 10 languages providing background and suggestions for how to organize year 2000 projects. More recently, the Defense Department provided the \$8 million needed to set up a joint observation post in Colorado as an extra layer of insurance against miscommunication that could lead to missiles' being launched.

"We got a lot of free consulting from the United States and agencies like the Inter-American Development Bank," said Rodrigo Martin, a Chilean who headed a regional committee in South America of national year 2000 coordinators.

Such aid played a bigger role in helping late starters to catch up than most people realize, according to some computer experts. As John Koskinen, chairman of the President's Council on Year 2000 Conversion, sees it, hype about the magnitude of the problem did not mislead as many people as hype about the impossibility of getting it largely fixed.

"This was a process that could move faster than the preparedness surveys," Koskinen said, noting that alarming press releases and testimony frequently relied on research that became out of date within weeks.

Del Clark, who led the year 2000 program at Phillips Petroleum, concurred, saying: "China was the big question mark for us. Part of what happened was that they were working hard late in 1999 and the status information was out of date."

It helped that repair efforts became less expensive toward the end because of the experience gained by those who did the work early and the tools developed for them, according to Brian Robbins, senior vice president in charge of the year 2000 project at Chase. In addition, Robbins said, it turned

out that some countries like Italy had done more work than reported because leading multinational companies based there started before a government agency began collecting data on the country's preparations.

By 1998, the pacesetters were far enough along for a sense to develop that others were lagging, and fears about the consequences began building. There were extenuating circumstances in some cases, like the economic slump in Asia, and many realized the problems would not be as daunting as in the United States. But with time running down,

industry groups like Global 2000 and a few countries, including the United States, began trying a variety of tactics from threats of isolation to subsidies and other inducements to accelerate year 2000 preparations.

"People outside of information technology don't realize how incredibly mobilized the world became," Ms. Parent said.

Still, many of those most familiar with the relative preparedness and spending levels in many foreign countries wonder whether it will be possible to figure out why things ended up going so smoothly.

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There are plenty of Y2K supplies ready for real disaster

By Tina Kelley

N.Y. Times News Service

When New Year's Day arrived with no sign of millennial mayhem, a lot of people found themselves with more jug of water and cases of Dinty Moore stew than they could possibly use in peacetime.

But unwilling to admit defeat — or embarrassment — many of those people say they have no regrets, and are now ready for whatever sundry disasters — natural or otherwise they could face between now and the expiration dates on their dehydrated carrots.

Worried that his water would stop flowing, John Pfuehl, 56, had dug a six-foot hole in his backyard, in full view of his suburban neighbors in Clinton, N.J. Now, he said, he has to fill it back in. He said he devoted an hour a day to his preparations for the breakdown of the world's computers, even though his family thought he was nuts.

He also had to put up with teasing from his co-workers, who made up a mock cover of "Y2K for Dummies" with his picture on it. "The kidding was unbelievable," he said.

But Pfuehl said he figured that if Fortune 500 companies were worried enough to spend hundreds of millions of dollars preparing, his \$2,000 investment in supplies and food made sense.

"There's an old expression: 'I'd rather have it and not need it, than need it and not have it,'" said Pfuehl, an advertising salesman who works out of his home. "I thought we were looking at something kind of serious here, and I don't regret it."

In retrospect, he said, he learned a lot about food and water filtration, and has decided that time away from the television might be good for his family, even if electricity continues to reach his home.

He figures he will eventually eat three-quarters of the food, and plans to donate the rest to charity.

J. Candy Arnold, 53, wrote a cookbook, "Y2Kitchen," to help people prepare for the millennium.

Some people might say the cookbook was out of date as soon as the clock ticked 12:01 on New Year's morning. But Ms. Arnold thinks she can still fill a need. The book, which includes recipes for healthful meals that can be prepared during times of crisis, will be renamed for use in natural and man-made disasters.

Ms. Arnold, who lives near Seattle, estimated that she spent \$1,500 on her preparations for emergency supplies, including solar-powered flashlights, radios and lights, two 55-gallon drums full of water, and a three-month supply of dehy-

drated and canned food. She also installed a wood stove in her mobile home.

"I think I'm an example of a person who hasn't gone overboard," she said, adding that the food and other supplies she bought could easily be used on camping trips.

If the Internet is any reflection of day-to-day consumer trends, survival gear can be had cheaply now, for a variety of nonmillennial purposes. Saturday on eBay, the online auction service, bidders vied for a Y2K Hand Water Pump, which the seller said "would make a nice landscape piece. Easily painted to make it fit your color scheme."

A Y2K solar oven, which had attracted no bidders Saturday afternoon, was called "great for camping, fishing, outdoor parties, or just trying it out for fun."

After the disaster-free arrival of the new year, many of the well prepared said they considered themselves ready for the next catastrophe to come along: a winter storm, hurricane or earthquake.

Paul Poduska, president of First Millennium, an e-com-

merce startup company, had put together an emergency checklist for the turn of the year, posted at www.baot.com. He has decided to continue it, modifying it for other kinds of potential disasters.

"God help California if there were an 8.0 earthquake," he said. "My house would slide down two blocks. But these things can be prepared for."

Debbie Osborne, 29, a public relations executive in Atlanta, stocked up on imported sauces and other ingredients that she and her husband rely on for the Mexican dishes they like to eat. "I think that it's always wise to take preparations for this, or for any winter storm that might come along," said Ms. Osborne Saturday, adding that she had no regrets about stocking up.

"We would certainly do it again," she said, "should we be around at the next millennium."

Throughout history, a number of common reactions have been seen to false apocalyptic prophecies, said David Kessler, executive administrator for the Center for Millennial Studies at Boston University. They include simply shifting dooms-

day back a bit.

"With Y2K, it would be very difficult to redact," Kessler said. So many people are just redirecting their preparations toward other disasters. He harked back to the biblical tale of Jonah, who, after being swallowed by the whale, emerged to warn Nineveh to

change its evil ways or risk disaster. The citizens repented and nothing terrible happened.

"People look at Jonah and say he was wrong, not 'Oh, we're so happy he warned us,' but 'He was wrong,'" Kessler said. "What's going on in Y2K, you could call it a Nineveh syndrome."

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Gore, Bush hold comfortable leads down stretch in Iowa

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Vice President Al Gore has shored up his lead over former Sen. Bill Bradley among Iowans planning to vote in the Democratic Party caucuses this month, a new poll indicates. Among Republicans, it found George W. Bush holding to his solid lead over five other candidates.

The Des Moines Register's poll of registered voters — 500 Republicans and 501 Democrats — found Gore with support of 54 percent, Bradley of 33 percent. Thirteen percent said they were unsure or uncommitted.

Bush was the favorite of 45 percent of the Republicans polled, down from 49 percent in a similar poll conducted in November, with publisher Steve Forbes second at 18 percent.

The Iowa poll was based on a random telephone survey of people who said they definitely or probably will participate in Iowa's leadoff caucuses Jan. 24. It was conducted Jan. 2-6 by pollsters Selzer & Co. of Des Moines. The poll's margin of error is plus or minus 4 percentage points.

On the Republican side, McCain held third in a statistical three-way tie with conservative commentator Alan Keyes and

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Housing market 'could have been worse' in 1999

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Midland real estate agents happily closed the books on 1999 and look forward to 2000. "The real estate community is very optimistic about 2000 and real pleased with 1999 — it could have been worse," said Bill Scott of Re/Max of Midland and Odessa, current president of the Permian Basin Board of Realtors. Last year, which began with oil prices below \$10 a barrel, "was surprisingly stable considering the single-digit prices," he said, noting that "1999 was similar to 1997 while 1998 was an extraordinary year." As of the first week in January, there were 732 active listings with 45 under contract. Scott said the highest number of listings occurred last summer

"and reflected the Conoco move. By the end of the year, listings had decreased, and now we're seeing pretty even supply and demand."

He said he and his peers "had some concern about ExxonMobil," which just closed its Midland office, "but we're finding it's not going to have as big an impact on the housing market. We're finding we'll see 40 to 50 homes, about half the jobs."

Of the 92 homes sold in December, he estimated 35 to 40 percent were in the \$50,000 to \$150,000 range while some upper-end homes remain on the market. The increase in mortgage rates, he said, has not been substantial enough to affect the housing market.

For all of 1999, according to the board, 1,438 homes were sold, down from 1,642 homes sold in 1998. But Scott pointed out that sales prices rose 2 percent, to \$95,601 from \$93,686 in 1998.

Jennifer Evans, a research associate at the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University, said statistics gathered at the center indicate new construction was hardest hit by the low oil prices last year.

Through October of last year, she said, 107 permits had been granted for single-family homes, down from 220 for the same period in 1998, for an average value of \$103,600. A 12-month average ending October 1999 was \$109,600 for a planned single family home, she said.

"What happened is we had builders that had already started on projects" when the downturn hit, she said, and activity ended as those projects were completed.

Her statistics for the Odessa-Midland metropolitan statistical area indicated 1,400 homes sold through August of 1999, down from 1,800 through

August of 1998, and she said she showed a nine-month inventory of homes, up from a 6-1/2 month inventory in 1998.

Odessa has its own Board of Realtors and is not a member of the Permian Basin board, which is comprised of Midland and Big Spring.

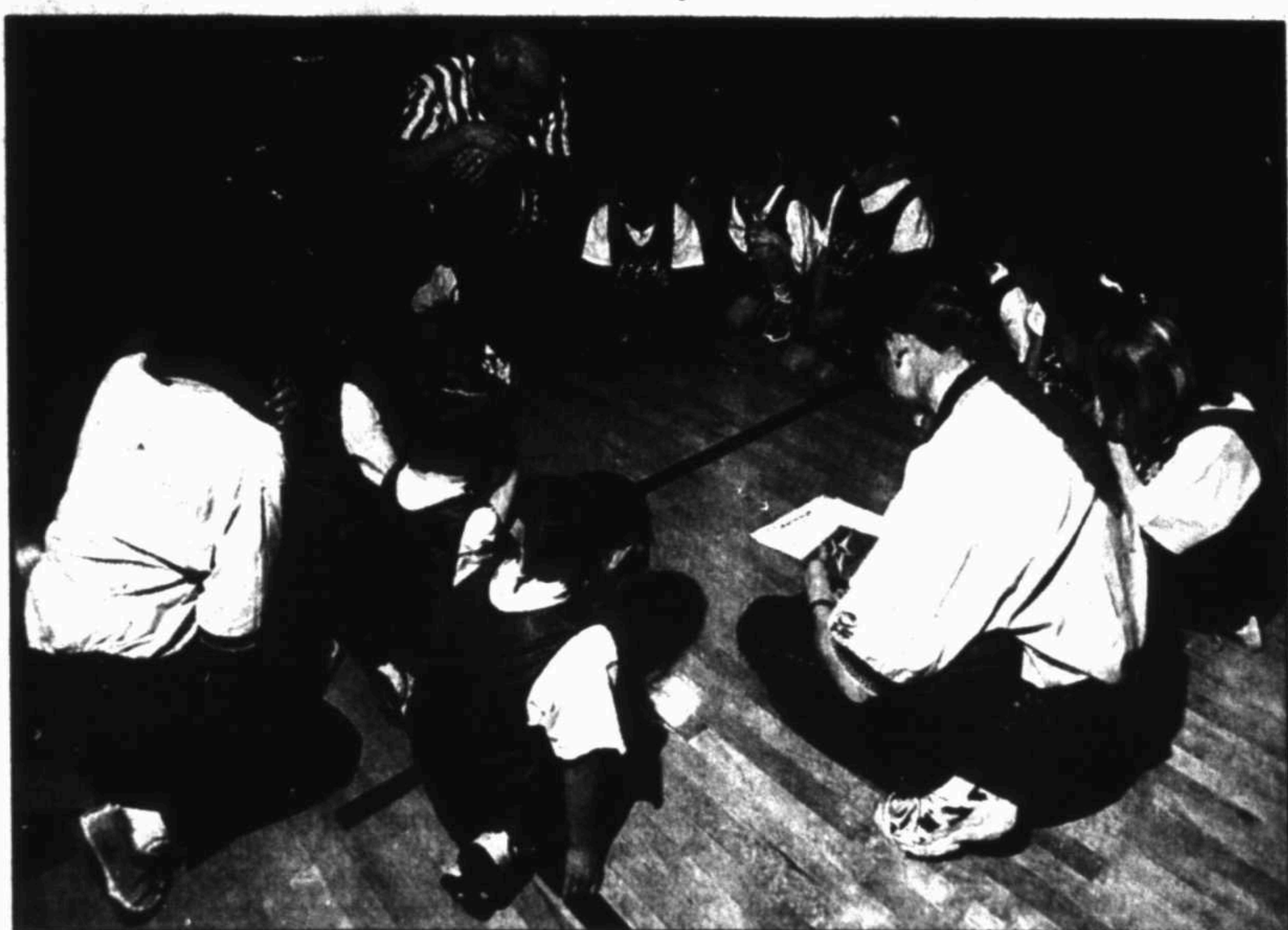
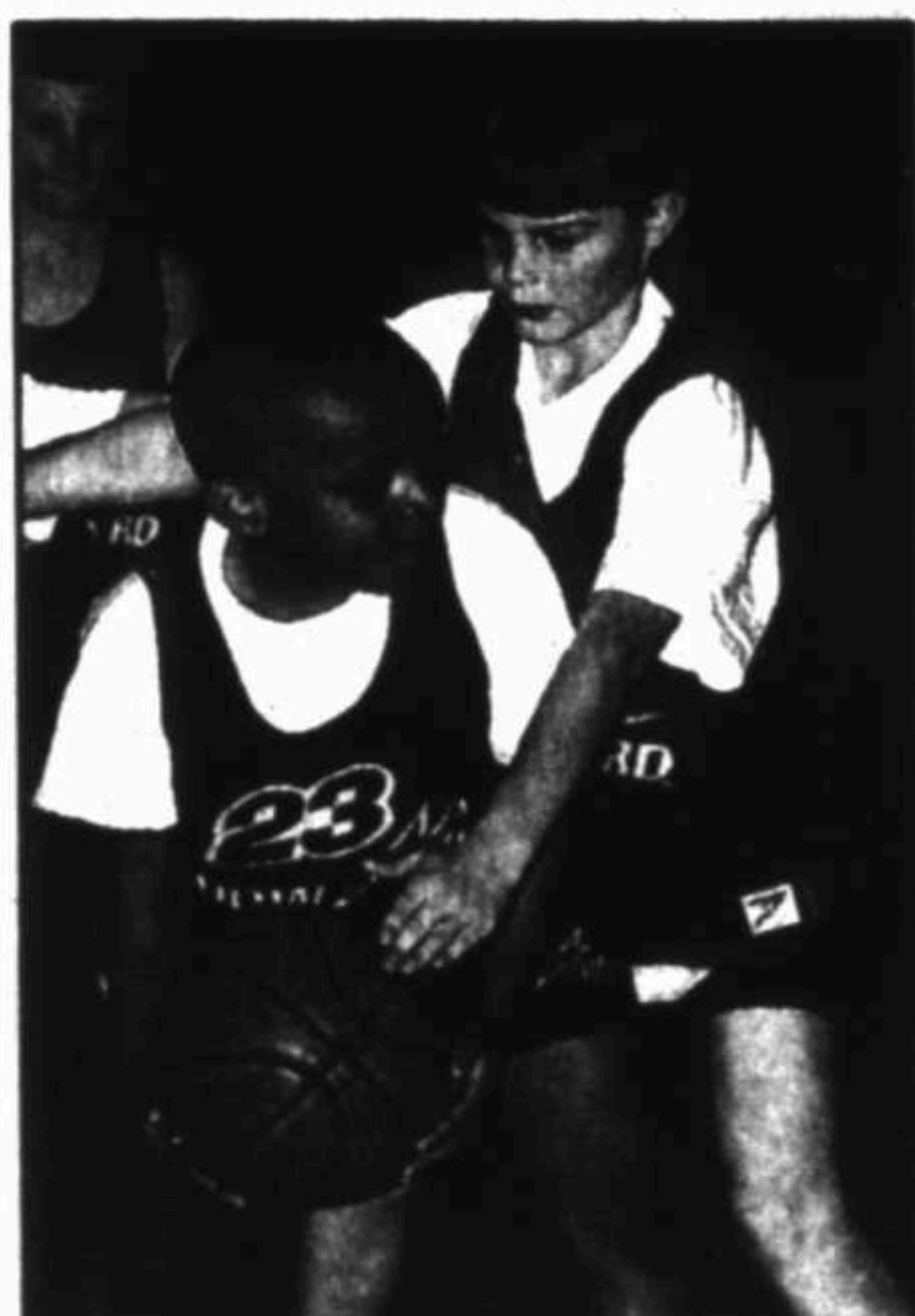
Home values for the two years, she said, are very similar.

Ms. Evans noted that the closing of the Exxon-Mobil office in Midland showed "you're still having effects from the low prices."

Houston was also hard hit, but because it is so much larger and more diversified, it was less affected, she said. Construction projects in the refining centers in Beaumont and Port Arthur also helped those areas, she said.

"Midland and Odessa were the most hard hit, but Please see HOUSING/2B

Holy hoops



Above, the Lady Liberty (red jerseys) and the Lady Dolphins (blue jerseys) join in a pre-game prayer led by Ron Schroeder, referee and director of the family life center at First Presbyterian. At left, Brenton Bowers (23) tries to pass around Justin Miller.

Photos by U. Frank Williams Jr./Reporter-Telegram

Church league focuses children's attention 'Upward'

By Matt Josefy
Staff Writer

Saturday saw more than 450 first- through sixth-graders looking to get the rebound, while coaches, parents and organizers hoped the "Upward" gaze would result in more than improved basketball skills.

For Crestview Baptist and First Presbyterian churches, Saturday marked the kickoff for the second year of "Upward Basketball," a program that encourages character-development through children's basketball.

"It rocks. It gives me a chance to see the inner me — I'm a lot more athletic than I look," said Michael Floyd, a fifth-grader.

"I think it's cool!" Greg Anderson, a sixth-grader,

said. "It's funner than a lot of leagues because it's not as serious. Everybody gets a fair chance to play and be part of the team."

Older brother Sean Anderson, a senior at Midland High School, serves as an assistant coach at First Presbyterian.

"I've played basketball since I was five. This league is less competitive but that helps out the kids because at this age it should still be fun," he said, indicating that an injury has sidelined him from playing this year.

Ron Schroeder, director of the family life center at First Presbyterian, explained the motivation behind the league.

"This is the only Christ-centered athletic program in town," he said. "We build on the self-esteem of the individual players not on the team

winning," he said.

Clay Hopkins, youth and activities minister at Crestview Baptist, heard of the program and brought the idea to Midland where he shared it with Schroeder and other local ministers.

"I liked it because the focus isn't win, win, win," Hopkins said. "We take the time to develop some character. I don't see how that hinders their basketball development at all."

"For our church, it's a tremendous outreach for our community. I would say about half the kids in our league are non-Crestview kids," he continued.

"This is not about the church; it's about the kids," Schroeder agreed.

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Tenants at MISD's downtown building include district's insurance carriers

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

With commercial office space readily available in all parts of Midland, one local governmental body has still found a way to rent its empty spaces.

The Midland Independent School District has two paying tenants at its downtown administration building and at least two nonpaying tenants. According to Art Martin, executive director of business services, Met Life has maintained offices at the administration building for the past two years and the Texas Association of School Boards has had offices there for four years.

Met Life pays \$400 a month and TASB pays \$375 for a total of \$9,300 a year in rental fees. The district also provides space free of charge to D-FY-IT and Teen Court.

TASB was the first business to rent space at the building.

"I think it was mostly convenience for them," said Martin. "since their only business is to work with school districts, and us and Ector county are the largest districts in this region."

TASB provides worker's compensation insurance for the district, as well as property and auto insurance. Martin said the only insurance not provided by TASB is MISD's health coverage, which is offered by Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

Having offices at the MISD building lets TASB serve its two largest clients more efficiently. That would appear to be true of Met Life also, which has offices on the seventh floor of the building. Met Life manages the district's annuity program.

"We are probably their largest client in this region," said Martin. "Plus, it's a convenience to our employees. They can come to one place here at the business office (also on the seventh floor). They can take care of it with Met Life and take care of it with payroll."

According to Martin, the office is a Met Life corporate location (the only one in Midland). He said there are other agents in town who handle Met Life products.

Because both entities provide services for the district, the question of conflict of interest is raised. Insurance of any kind has to be bid out among

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State contest seeks 'Greatest Generation' of Texans

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

They were profiled in Tom Brokaw's book "The Greatest Generation."

Their heroics in World War II were illustrated in Steven Spielberg's movie "Saving Private Ryan."

Now the Texas Department on Aging and Southwest Airlines are planning to recognize a "Greatest Generation of Texans," 10 Texans 65 or older nominated for their heroics or accomplishments.

"I'd echo Tom Brokaw's contention that this is the greatest generation," said Bill Coombes, an American history professor at Midland College. "They were put in a position where they had to overcome tremendous obstacles and find strength within themselves. They survived the Great Depression and then had to go off and save

the world for democracy. That took grit."

Russell Smith, spokesman for the state agency, said "We want you to tell us about your personal hero or heroine so we can share their story with every other Texan. By telling these stories in their lifetime, we're openly acknowledging something we all know in our hearts but don't say often enough: That the senior Texans of today are unique in our history. It's hard to imagine that any other generation will ever be able to surpass their record of achievement and social contributions."

Coombes, also active in the Confederate Air Force, pointed out that before the depression, "there was no government safety net to help people without jobs, without money, from starving to death. This generation not only survived the Depression, they persevered and created an environment that makes it possible we'll never have another Depression or world war."

CAF spokeswoman Tina Corbett said the CAF agrees that recognition has been earned by the generation. The CAF has its own form of recognition, she said.

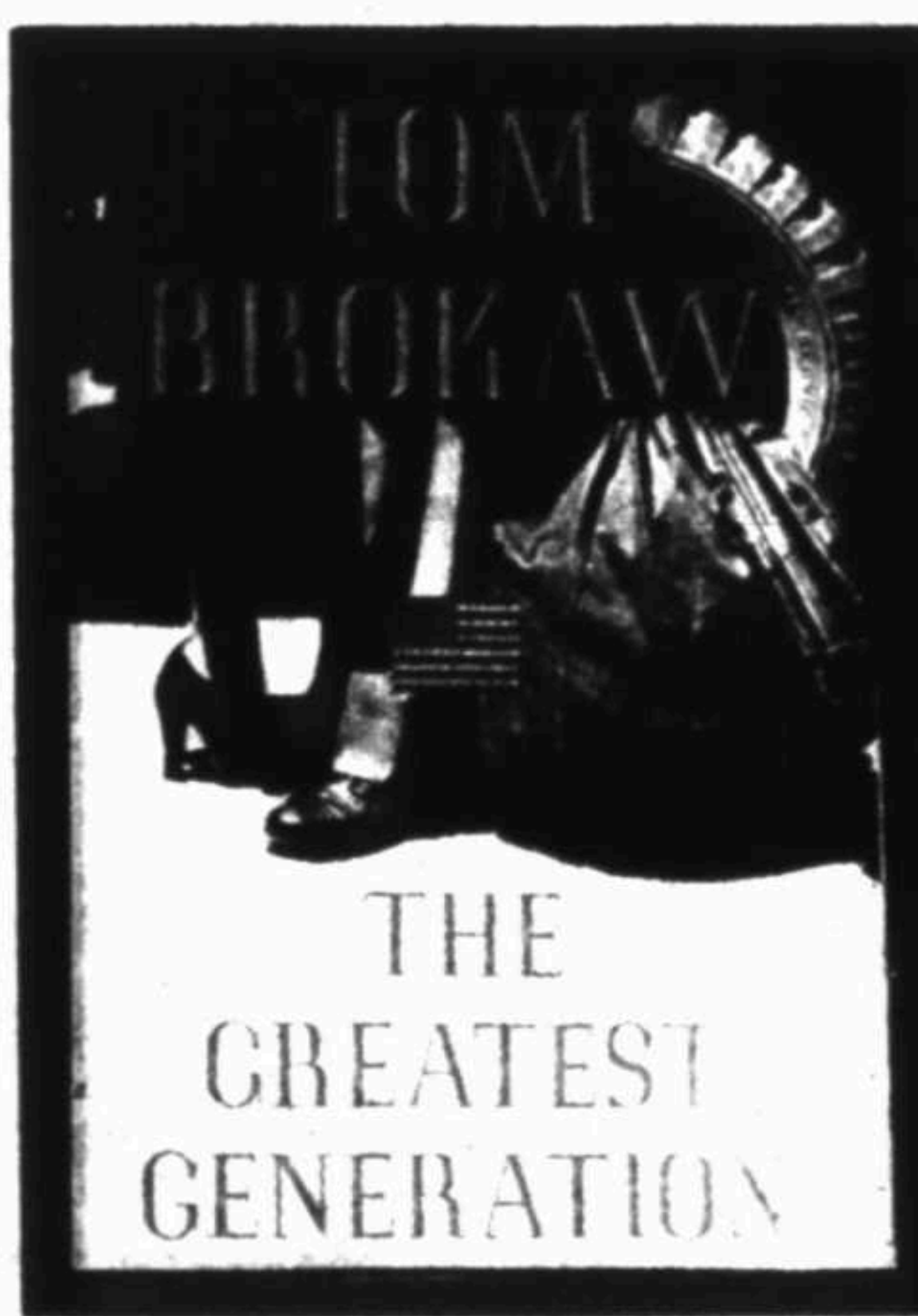
"Here we have the American Airman's Combat Hall of Fame where we induct a unit of individuals each year," she said.

The first unit was the Doolittle Raiders, followed by the Flying Tigers and the Eagle Squadron.

"So many groups and individuals are worthy," she said. "The sacrifices they made — part of our whole mission is to remember what they did."

Cookie Wetendorf, executive director of the Permian Basin Agency on Aging, said she is very excited about the contest, calling it another way for Texans across the Permian Basin to

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The Texas Department on Aging and Southwest Airlines are holding a contest to recognize the "Greatest Generation of Texans," 10 Texans 65 or older, the same generation Tom Brokaw wrote about in his book, "The Greatest Generation."

U. Frank Williams Jr.
Reporter-Telegram

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Yes, it's true ... those old aches and pains do start to appear

An elderly friend of mine once told me, right after I had laughed at him as he moaned about his latest ache or pain, that it would someday happen to me, too.

"You just wait and see," he said. "And I want to be there when it does."

Then he nodded his head knowingly. "How old are you, anyway?"

I told him.

He scratched his chin and pondered the number. "I give you, oh, three more years before it starts." Then he smiled sardonically.

I, on the other hand, just chuckled confidently and said, "Yeah, right, old man."

Then I went about my merry way, worrying about nothing and poking fun at all of those less-fortunate souls who had to struggle, amidst much huffing and puffing, just to rise from their easy chair.

That could never happen to me. No indeed, I would forever be young ... and healthy ... and spry ... active.

Me wake up with some mystery ache?

Surely you jest. I'm just a kid. Nothing bothers me.

Times passes on. One year slips by, and then another, and then another.

It is now three years later ...

And guess what? That old friend of mine turned out to be a shrewd seer of the future. In short, he knew of what he spoke.

Oh, it didn't happen all at once. It was a slow, yet steady, decline. And, somehow, that slowness made what was taking place seem all the more cruel and mean-spirited.

First, it was just a fleeting pain in a joint near the ankle. It was here one minute, gone the next. No problem, I figured. Just a fluke. It won't happen again.

But it did.

A few days later, that same pain had moved to the knee area, and this time it lingered a bit longer, as if to make sure its presence had been duly noted. It had, but by mid-morning the minor ache had quietly disappeared. And life was good again. I was pain free.

Still, a nagging question began to creep into my mind. "Is this going to keep happening every few

days?"

And, of course, the answer was a resounding "no." It was going to happen EVERY morning. And it has. Like clockwork. The only mystery is, "Which part of the body will ache today?"

That's what makes the aging process so entertaining. It keeps you guessing. You go to bed feeling fine; yet, by the time morning arrives, you know some part of you is going to hurt. But which one will it be? Only the man upstairs knows. And he's not even talking.

But it doesn't end there. Sometimes the body part in question will take that extra step. It will make the dreaded "creaking" noise, the one that lets you know, in a playful sort of way, that you are now officially another day older and nothing you say or do — not even whining while curled in a ball on your bed — will ever bring that day back.

And the thing is, "Mr. Creak," as he fondly calls himself, knows full well he has ruined your day. That's why you can sometimes hear him laughing right after a sharp pain shoots through your body.

"Just wanted to remind you that another day of your life has slipped away," Mr. Creak says as his laughter slowly fades into the distance.

I ran into my elderly friend the other day. He was looking good and, as usual, was full of helpful hints about what to expect in the future.

So it was with a great deal of embarrassment that I told him his prediction three years earlier had proven to be accurate.

"I knew it would," he said.

"It's a lousy feeling," I replied, while rubbing my sore elbow.

Then he smiled that sadistic smile again.

"What?" I exclaimed, fear creeping into my voice. "Oh," he replied. "I just wanted to let you know that as you get older, those minor aches and pains are really nothing. So don't worry about them."

"Really?"

He nodded. And added, "It's the shortness of breath that really scares you."

Then that sadistic grin returned to his face.

And you know what? I've never seen the man happier.

Getting even, after all, can be the perfect medicine for what ails you, especially when it involves someone who laughed at you three years earlier.

Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

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OBITUARIES



Harry Lovejoy

Harry Clinton Lovejoy died Friday, January 7, 2000 at Midland Memorial Hospital.

He was born August 15, 1917 in Amsterdam, New York and served in the United States Army during World War II. He married Gretchen Alice Day at King's Chapel in Boston, Massachusetts on January 7, 1943 and passed away 57 years later on the same date.

The couple moved to Midland in 1948. He was employed as an auto mechanic at Elder Chevrolet and Berg Motor Company before opening his own business, H & C Automotive, in 1960. He retired in 1979.

Harry was a member of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, a volunteer with the Texas Special Olympics, and a former member of the Tall City Sams Club.

He is survived by his wife, Gretchen, of Midland; his daughter, Sandra Pfeiffer and husband, Ed, of Brownfield; his daughter, Donna Hewett and husband, Don, and son, Clint Lovejoy and wife, Cathy, all of Midland; grandchildren, Hollee Hewett Hannon and husband, Dan; Heidi Hewett Arthur and husband, D'Nard; Erik Hewett and Scott Lovejoy, all of Dallas; Lance Pfeiffer and wife, Ashley, of Lubbock; Heather Hewett Williams and husband, Jon, of Boston, Massachusetts; the Reverend Ryan Pfeiffer and wife, Keeli, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Amy Lovejoy and Brian Lovejoy, of Midland; and great-grandsons, Christian Marquez of Midland and Jake Pfeiffer of Lubbock. He is also survived by his sister, Nina Porath, and his sister, Doris Aldi, both of Amsterdam, New York; and his sister-in-law, Irma Day, of Midland; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, January 10, 2000 at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, with the Reverend Jeff Fouts officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Victor Brennan, L.B. Garrett, Don Graham, Blackie Kidwell, Johnny Wise, John Young and Howard Madden. Members of the Midland Police Department will serve as honorary pallbearers.

The family has requested that memorials be made to the Special Olympics, the Ronald McDonald House, the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, M.D. Anderson Cancer Institute, or the charity of one's choice.



Lou Peters

Betty Lou Hand Shideler Peters passed away Friday, January 7, 2000 following a lengthy illness.

She was born October 15, 1929 on the 101 Ranch near Ponca City, Oklahoma. Her parents were Delmar Hand and Beulah Hand (both deceased). At the age of 9, she and her sister, Gladys,

were placed in the foster home of Charlie and Lola Shideler (both deceased) in Newkirk, Oklahoma. She graduated from Newkirk High School in 1948, where she was a cheerleader, basketball queen and band queen.

On July 30, 1950, she married A. Wayne Peters in Arkansas City, Kansas.

From 1952 to 1953, she earned her PHT Degree (Putting Hobby Through) from The University of Tulsa. While living in Tulsa, in addition to working full time at Sun Oil Company and Douglas Aircraft, she taught American Red Cross water lifesaving.

In January 1956, they moved to Midland. From 1958 to 1962, she taught swimming and lifesaving at Porter Pools on the Andrews Highway in Midland. She taught in excess of 300 students each summer. In 1963, she co-founded the Midland YMCA Diving Team. From 1963 to 1969, she was the diving coach. Several of her team members received diving scholarships at college.

From August 1978 to August 1994, she owned and managed Lou's Dress Shop in San Miguel Square.

She was past president of the Permian Basin CPA Wives Club, Business and Professional Women's Association, and a local sorority.

She was a member of the Christian Church of Midland.

Survivors include her husband, A. Wayne Peters; a son, Douglas Peters; a daughter, Kelley and her husband, Charlie Chappell; and a son, Ryan Peters and his wife, Leslie, all of Midland; a foster son, Charles Alsheimer of Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina; two grandsons, Tanner Hayes and Landon Hayes, both of Midland; three sisters, Gladys Lake of Parsons, Kansas, Eloise Ellis of Pecos, Oklahoma and Freida Hand, whom she has been unable to locate since she was 12 years old; one brother, Charles Hand of Plano, Texas; eight nephews, three nieces, and several great-nephews and great-nieces.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, January 11, 2000 at the Christian Church of Midland, 2608 Neely, with the Rev. Bobby Duncan officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memo-

rial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Kevin Denney, Roland Unruh, Scott Unruh, Louis Barkley III, Chris Parsley and David Bennett.

Memorials may be made to the Christian Church of Midland, 2608 Neely, Midland, TX 79705; Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas, Midland, TX 79701; or the charity of your choice.



Juanita Young

Juanita W. Watson Young was born on February 21, 1917 in Roxton, Texas to Willie Clyde and Bessie Marie Watson. She was the 2nd of 4 daughters born to this union. Two sisters, Odessa Jones and Willie Mae Harrison both preceded her in death.

She met and married Johnny Jones and to this union one son was born, Julius Edward Jones. The family eventually moved to Midland. Later Juanita met and married Aaron Young. To this union no children were born.

Juanita worked for Mr. and Mrs. Fred Turner for many years. She eventually became a business woman, selling Avon in the Midland-Odessa area. After many years, she became an insurance agent for Atlanta Life Insurance Co. She was employed with Atlanta Life for 17 years, until her retirement.

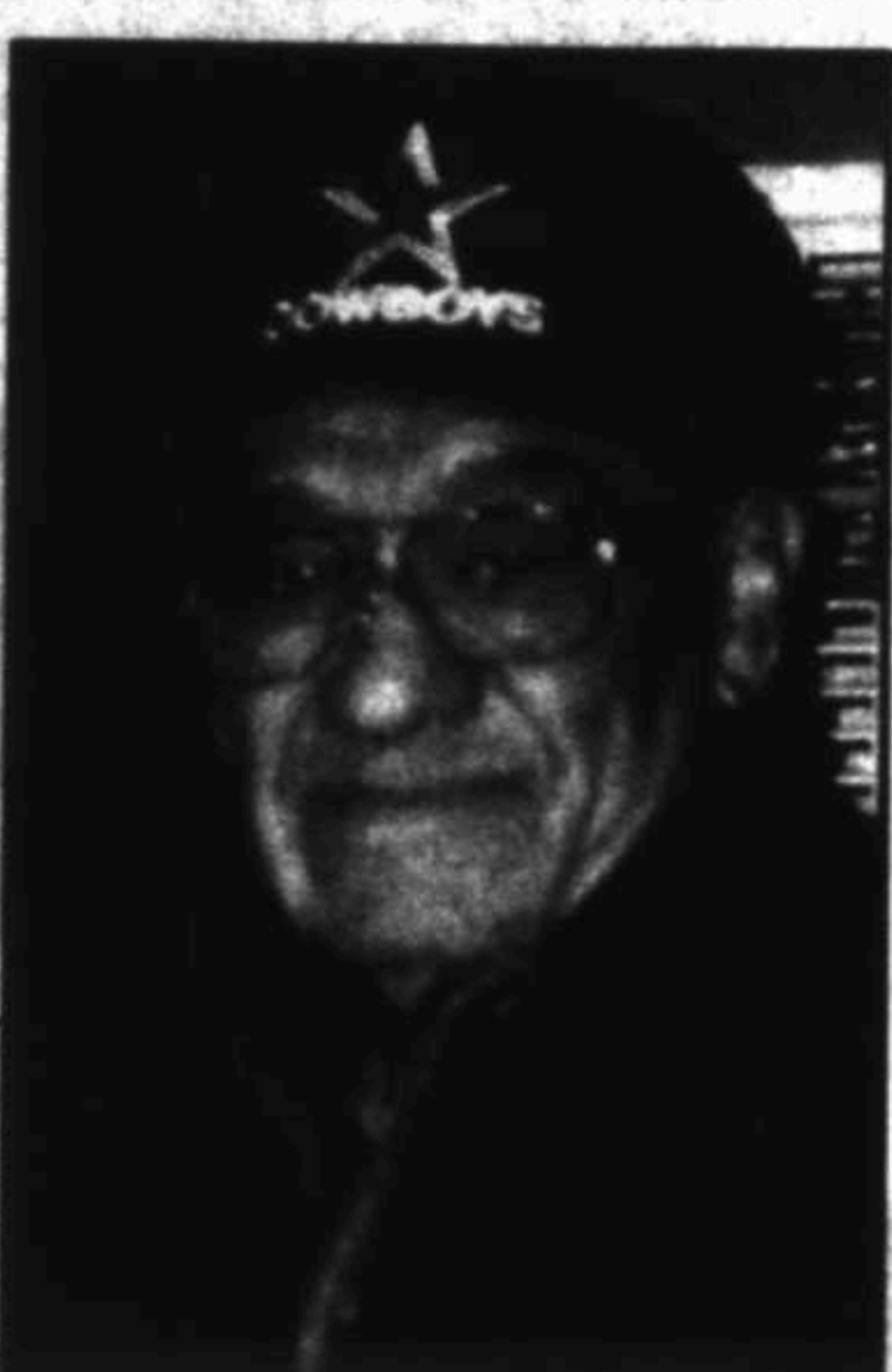
Juanita was once a member of the Fashionette Civic Club, along with her sisters. She was also a member of Macedonia Baptist Church in Midland.

To cherish her memory she leaves her son, Julius E. "JuBa-by" Jones of Midland; one caring sister, Flora Harris of Midland; one beloved niece, Darlene M. Sims of Midland; two nephews, George Simmons and Codis Simmons, both of Las Vegas, Nevada; a loving and devoted friend, Gloria Conley of Midland; 20 grandchildren (one grandson preceded her in death); numerous great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, family and friends.

The family is congregating at 109 E. Dengar.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 10, at Mount Rose Full Gospel Church with Pastor W. C. Palmer officiating under the direction of Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be L.C. Polk, Willie Wilson, Eddie Riley, Marshall King, Leon Bedford and John Anders.



Juan Hernandez

Juan S. Hernandez, 82, died at a local hospital Friday, January 7, 2000.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Monday, January 10, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery, under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

Juan was born June 18, 1917 in Jimenez, Chihuahua, Mexico to the late Carlos and Geromina Hernandez.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Maria Grado Her-

nandez; four sons, Mario Hernandez of Delicias, Chihuahua, Mexico, Jesus Eduardo Hernandez of Mexico City, and Juan Manuel Hernandez and Luis Humberto Hernandez, both of Midland; three daughters, Irma Hernandez of Mexico City, Yolanda Hernandez of Delicias, Chihuahua, Mexico, and Emma H. Ramirez of Midland; two brothers, Rafael Hernandez of Pontana, California and Bartolo Hernandez of Delicias, Chihuahua, Mexico; and one sister, Catalina Mena of Chihuahua, Chihuahua, Mexico; nine grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and a host of relatives and friends.

Charlene Cox

Charlene Gideon Cox, 65, of Midland, died Friday, January 7, 2000.

She was the lifetime partner, friend and wife of W.A. Cox; mother, mother-in-law and friend of Susan and Scott Johnson of Albuquerque; and Steven and Susan Cox of San Jose; and grandmother of William Cox of San Jose, CA, who survive her.

Born in Drumright, OK, daughter of Charles and Nannie Gideon, she is also survived by a brother, Don Gideon of Corpeet, OR; and three sisters, Deloris Patton and Juliene Dorsey of Drumright, OK, and Lou Ella Hayes of Eufaula, OK.

Charlene was that rarest of women who was equally comfortable as the confidant of men and women. Her friends called on her to listen, to give advice, and to do errands for them. As the wife of a sales manager, she was the perfect hostess, the manager of the budget, and the person you could trust with a secret or a joke. Whenever she saw needs, she didn't wait to be asked to do something. She acted.

We'll miss her greatly. A memorial service is scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday in Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Dana Wilson officiating.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Area Missions Outreach Services, 907 S. Loraine, Midland, TX 79701; or to Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas, Midland, TX 79701.

UPWARD: Parents, players like way league teaches game of basketball

(From 1B)

Preparations for the season began months ago as prayer partners and coaches were organized.

"Every player comes as an individual to an evaluation night. We place them onto evenly-matched teams according to three variables: skills, height and experience. They are always matched against an equal-level player during the game, playing one-on-one defense," explained Schroeder.

Watching her daughter Gina, Raelene Bradley was delighted with her progress.

"I think it's really good for the kids to give them goals. They teach them sportsmanship, respect, and (it) connects them with Jesus," she said.

"My daughter played last year. What I like is that everybody gets to play. It's not just the best, the oldest or the tallest," Gwen Taylor, who also has a child in the Crestview league, said.

Ms. Taylor is one of those who found out about the league through an advertisement and was happy to get her daughter involved.

Grandmother Nita Smith was responsible for bringing Ally. "Last year she learned a lot and improved. This is her first group sporting activity. She rides horses, but this is a group activity with other kids her age," Ms. Smith said.

"I like the fact that the referees will stop the game and tell them what they did wrong because they don't know," Ms. Taylor added. "That way, they're teaching them."

Rory McKinney coaches his daughter Ember's third- and fourth-grade team with that thought in mind.

"We try to teach them the basic mentalities of basketball, but we are preaching the Word to the

kids," he said.

Ember wished that another of her friends had been on her team, but "it's still fun," she said.

"I wouldn't change anything," said Ryan Green, a fifth-grader. During half-time of each game, a devotional thought, sometimes using basketball examples, is shared, and afterwards, character awards are given out in the form of star patches to add to jerseys.

"We learn about Christian basketball players, and the Bible, and Jesus and basketball skills," said

fourth-grader Kiaran Milam.

In one such devotional at a practice, Keith Bingham told the kids, "Even is someone is good at basketball, there is always someone a little bit better. God alone is good enough for heaven."

"This teaches you a lot that you don't always hear at other places. They get really deep with some of the questions," his son David, an avid NBA fan, said.

There are actually nearly a dozen leagues at the two churches,

divided into age groups and gender. Some of the smaller leagues were combined between the churches.

"Upward is about promoting that we are all part of the body of Christ; that we're not out to cut each others' throats, and that's kind of what our cooperation shows," Hopkins said.

Upward Basketball has offices

in the Metroplex, which provide jerseys, basketballs and Bibles to each participant. Practices are during the week, and games start at 8 a.m. on Saturdays, continuing until 6 p.m.

"I haven't heard anything negative about it other than the parents of the kids who have to play at eight in the morning," Schroeder said.

POLICE REPORTS

Midland Police Department Tuesday

Burglary: Burglary of a residence was reported at 5511 Hathaway Court at 8:04 a.m. Burglary of a vehicle that was parked in a garage was reported.

Friday

Burglary: Burglary of a residence was reported at 2309 Cloverdale at 9:33 a.m. Diamonds, a wedding ring and \$600 were reported taken.

HOUSING: Agents look forward to 2000

(From 1B)

you're doing better than you could have been," she said.

Scott said agents are optimistic about the new year "but as always we're dependent on oil prices, and it shows how we desperately need an economic package to bring in new industries to the area."

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Questions derived from concerns expressed by grieving people Mark Mercer, M.S., L.P.C., SWA

All your feelings, rational or not, are an important part of the "Three F's" process of working through bereavement:

(1) **Feel the Feelings.** Ask yourself, "What do I really feel?" Not, "What should I feel?" or "What am I expected to feel?" What are your honest emotions? Your feelings don't have to be rational; they don't have to be consistent with the facts. But if you face all your emotions frankly, in time they will blend comfortably with the realities of your situation. (2) **Face the Facts.** Ask yourself, "What is true?" What are the facts about the death itself? Gather more information if you need to. And what was the full truth, good and bad, about your relationship? (3) **Forward Motion.** Stay reasonably busy with something, anything, every day. Keep moving forward with small steps.

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DEATH

Sally Floyd

Sally Floyd Jan. 8, at a local Graveside p.m. Tuesday Fairview Cemetery Bob Porterfield the direction Home.

She was born Midland.

She lived in life. She attended in Midland.

Survivors: Bill and Beverly brothers, Bill Floyd and Ann Midland.

Ida Cox

Ida North Cox Jan. 7, at a local hospital.

Services were Monday, Jan. 10, at the First Baptist Church with Love officiating. Low at Fairview the direction Home.

She was born Navarro County. She was a Baptist Church member. She was predeceased by her parents, two sisters.

Survivors: nieces and ne

June S

June Rose E. died Friday, Jan. 7, at a local hospital.

Graveside services were Monday, Jan. 10, at the Memorial Park in Stockton with Under the direction of al Home. Visitation was 9 p.m. at

She was born Port Arthur.

She lived in the first grade. Hobbs, N.M., years at Holy School in Midland.

Survivors include three nephews. Memorials: Holy Trinity L

Encarnacion Duran

Encarnacion Duran 78, died Friday, Jan. 7, at a local hospital.

Funeral services were Tuesday, Jan. 11, at the Guadalupe Ca

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DEATH NOTICES

Sally Floyd

Sally Floyd, 20, died Saturday, Jan. 8, at a local hospital.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, at Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

She was born Nov. 15, 1979 in Midland.

She lived in Midland all of her life. She attended school at C.P. in Midland.

Survivors include her parents, Bill and Beverly Floyd; and three brothers, Billy Floyd Jr., Roger Floyd and Anthony Floyd, all of Midland.

Ida Caudle

Ida North Caudle, 68, died Friday, Jan. 7, at a Midland hospital.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 10 at Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Andy Love officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home.

She was born May 8, 1931 in Navarro County.

She was secretary for Calvary Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

June Sullivan

June Rose Boggs Sullivan, 76, died Friday, Jan. 7, in a Midland hospital.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Resthaven Memorial Park with the Rev. Stockton Williams officiating under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Visitation will be 10 a.m.-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

She was born April 3, 1923 in Port Arthur.

She lived in Nederland. She taught first grade in McCamey, Hobbs, N.M., Houston, and many years at Holy Trinity Episcopal School in Midland.

Survivors include a sister, Gloria Ware of Lincoln, Neb.; and three nephews.

Memorials may be made to Holy Trinity Episcopal School.

Encarnacion Duran

Encarnacion Chonita Duran, 78, died Friday, Jan. 7 at a Midland hospital.

Funeral Mass will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with

the Rev. Art Flores officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery. Rosary will be said at 8 p.m. today and Monday, Jan. 9 and 10, at Reyes-Garcia Funeral Home.

She was born March 25, 1921 in Patrole.

She moved to Midland in the 1960s. She was a candy-striper at Midland Memorial, president of Headstart, member of Ben Milam P.T.A. and Mrs. Lioness of the Eastside Lions Club. She was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Santos H. Duran.

Survivors include seven sons, Abel Duran, Torivio T. Duran, Jose L. Duran and Fred Duran, all of Midland, Santos Duran Jr. of Indiana and Moises Duran of Dallas; eight daughters, Lupe D. Reyes, Dora F. Duran, Carmen D. Paredes and Anita D. Galindo, all of Midland; Encarnacion D. Murray of Salina, Kan., Lourdes D. York of Friendswood, Mary Ann Arredondo of Duncanville and Elena Duran of Austin; a brother, Ambrosio Franco of Merced, Calif.; 29 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was a self-employed well-logger in Midland. He was a Presbyterian. He was a member of Masonic Lodge in Eldorado and Scottish Rite Body in El Paso.

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p.m. Monday at Iglesia Bautista Central with the Rev. Andres Rodriguez officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park. A prayer service will be at 7 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

She was born May 14, 1931 in Big Spring.

She was a lifetime resident.

She was a member of Iglesia Bautista Central, its choir and the Women's Missionary Union. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Abelardo S. Hilario Sr. Dec. 3, 1980; and an infant son, Ruben.

Survivors include two sons, Abelardo A. Hilario Jr. of Big Spring and David Hilario Sr. of Irving; three daughters, Olga Viera, Sylvia Rodriguez and Elba Pina, all of Big Spring; a brother, Meliton Arriola of Big Spring; 20 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was a resident of Big Spring for more than 50 years. She was a Baptist. She was a Licensed Vocational Nurse for Malone and Hogan Hospital and Scenic Mountain Medical Center, retiring in 1983.

Survivors include two sons, Tom Jackson of Mineola and Craig Jackson of San Angelo; a brother, Harvey Compton of Irving; two sisters, Hazel McCollum and Claudia McCreary, both of Big Spring; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was born March 9, 1931 in Coleman.

He moved to Comanche in 1979, returning to Big Spring in

1998. He was an automobile mechanic for Pollard Chevrolet, Shroyer Motor Co. and Dewey Ray Chrysler, before owning and operating Carter's Automotive. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include three daughters

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 a.m., 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).

MISD: Martin says renting situation win-win for district

(From 1B)

other companies.

With TASB on the scene, it could be seen as having an unfair advantage over competing bidders.

Superintendent Joseph Barresi Jr. says that's not the case. "They are basically paying commercial rent for space," said Barresi.

Martin added that the small amount of rent received from the company would not improve TASB's edge in a competitive situation.

"We spend several hundred thousand a year with TASB. If somebody were to come in and underbid them by \$100,000, we wouldn't pass up \$100,000 for \$4,000 in rent," Martin said.

As for a conflict of interest regarding Met Life, Martin said

the annuity program is not one that is put out for bids on a regular basis. Mike Robinson, director of benefits for MISD, said the district has been with Met Life since 1992 when the district made a change from Western National. MISD had its annuity program with Western National from 1983-1992 and changed only after some problems developed, Robinson said.

He also felt there was no conflict of interest with Met Life having office space at the administration building. Additionally, Robinson said, the situation is a benefit to MISD employees.

Martin said that, although it's uncommon for a school district to rent space to private businesses, it works out to a win-win situation for MISD.

"It's a convenience for us, and that's all it is," said Martin.

CONTEST: Officials encourage family, friends to enter loved ones

(From 1B)

be recognized.

"We encourage people to think about their colleagues, their friends, their neighbors, family members, and follow through. So many people think about nominating people for these wonderful awards but never fill out the forms," she said.

Through May 31, family members, friends, business partners or acquaintances can nominate a Texan aged 65 or over and cite their heroics or accomplishments. The 10 winners will receive tick-

ets for two to any destination served by Southwest Airlines.

Entries, 250 words or less, are to be sent to the Texas Department on Aging at P.O. Box 12786, Austin Texas 78711. Ms. Wetendorf said entries can also be brought to the Permian Basin agency at 2910 LaForce Boulevard or faxed to 563-1728.

Russell Smith, spokesman for the state agency, said nominees do not have to be native Texans; they can be current Texas residents "and certainly we hope the large majority of their life's accomplishments were carried out in Texas."

Valley judge who suggested English lessons unrepentant

WESLACO (AP) — A Rio Grande Valley municipal judge who resigned last week under criticism for sometimes suggesting defendants should learn English is defending his policy, saying he would have continued it had he remained on the bench.

Joe I. Cardenas resigned Tuesday under threat that the Weslaco City Commission would fire him for suggesting that some defendants take English lessons at the local library. The suggestions were nonbinding.

"The old-timers, I generally do not recommend that they take it ... They're very set in their ways," Cardenas said. "They're very good people. A lot of them prefer to stick to their old ways and that's fine."

Cardenas, who served as Weslaco municipal judge for 3 1/4 years, said he offered the suggestion to some non-English speaking defendants because he believes learning the language is a key to success in the United States.

Cardenas, 68, remains in private practice from his downtown office.

TAAS test opponents vow to keep fighting

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Minorities opposed to the state's high school exit test vow to press on with their battle despite a federal judge's ruling upholding the exam.

"It is not a good test," said Al Kauffman, an attorney for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund. "It has hurt minorities, and the judge said that."

U.S. District Judge Ed Prado on Friday ruled the high school Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test is constitutional, rejecting legal claims that the exam discriminates against blacks and Hispanics and thus violates their rights.

The lawsuit's plaintiffs failed to prove the adverse impact of the standardized test on minorities is greater than the positive impact or that other approaches would work as well, the judge ruled.

"The system is not perfect, but the court cannot say that it is unconstitutional," Prado wrote.

The judge said the state has demonstrated a need for the test, and it is not for the court to decide whether Texas has chosen the best way to achieve its education goals.

Kauffman contends there are legal and factual errors in Prado's decision. He said his clients still are considering whether to appeal the ruling. However, he said he and the plaintiffs will fight against the high school TAAS test in the Legislature, before the State Board of Education, and in public forums.

"We will continue working on this issue in every venue," Kauffman said.

Texas students must pass the exit-level reading, writing and math test before receiving a high-school diploma. First comes the 10th-grade exam, then come at least seven

more chances with the test before graduation.

Larger percentages of white students than black and Hispanic students have passed the test since its advent in 1990.

The plaintiffs alleged that ultimately 20 percent of Latinos and blacks fail the exit test, counting all of their attempts, compared with a failure rate of about 10 percent for white students.

The state acknowledges gaps between whites and minorities in TAAS failure rates. Last spring, 60 percent of blacks, 64 percent of Hispanics and 86 percent of white sophomores taking the test passed.

But the state contended in court those gaps are closing.

Education Commissioner Jim Nelson acknowledged the still has "an achievement gap between our minority and white students but thankfully, it is shrinking."

The state is committed to continued efforts to eliminate that gap, he said. That does not satisfy Kauffman.

"The passing rates have gotten better, but the dropout rates have gotten worse," Kauffman said Friday. "That's the reason the results have gotten better."

The state denied the test has led to higher dropout rates or, as the plaintiffs claimed, to the retention of more minority students in ninth grade in order to boost test scores.

Prado agreed that "significant numbers" of minority students are adversely affected by the TAAS exit test.

The lawsuit plaintiffs, represented in court by MALDEF, were two Hispanic rights groups and several minority students who claimed they were harmed by the TAAS exit

test.

"I feel that this test is unfair to thousands of students all over Texas," said Mark Garza, a former high school student and one of the plaintiffs.

Garza failed the math section of the exam after several attempts and couldn't get his diploma despite completing his course work at San Houston High School in San Antonio in 1997. He now works at a box company.

"I've seen a lot of people who dropped out because of the TAAS test," Garza said.

Natalie Martinez, who had good grades, participated in choir and completed her high school course work, lost a college scholarship because she couldn't pass the TAAS math section.

"It was embarrassing for me. I went through a time when I was even a little depressed," she said. Ms. Martinez went to a private program and got accepted into college. Now she's trying to regain her scholarship.

Currently 19 states require students to pass a standardized exit exam before graduating from high school.

Gov. George W. Bush, who took office in 1995 after the TAAS test was implemented, has made education reform a foundation of his Republican presidential bid. He has backed the TAAS test as a key element in educational accountability in Texas, and he rejoined in Prado's ruling.

"The decision is confirming our strong accountability system," he said Friday in South Carolina. "I've always advocated that strong accountability is good for all children."

DEATH NOTICES

(From 3B)

Helen Groce

Helen Sinsick Groce, 94, died Saturday, Jan. 8, at a Midland hospital.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 10, at Resthaven Memorial Park with the Rev. Donald Hafemann officiating under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born Jan. 3, 1906 in Johnstown, Penn.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leo Otto Groce in January 1984; and by two sons and a daughter.

Survivors include two daughters, Sharon Young and Lilly Gertz, both of Midland.

Abraham Gonzalez

Abraham Gonzalez, 58, died Saturday, Jan. 8.

Funeral services are pending with Reyes-Garcia Funeral Home.

Guy Nelson

Guy Troy Nelson died Saturday, Jan. 8, at his residence.

Funeral services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Deborah Stegall

Deborah E. Stegall died Saturday, Jan. 8, at her residence.

Funeral services are pending

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Lena Chapman

Lena Chapman died Saturday, Jan. 8, in Midland.

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Marie Smith

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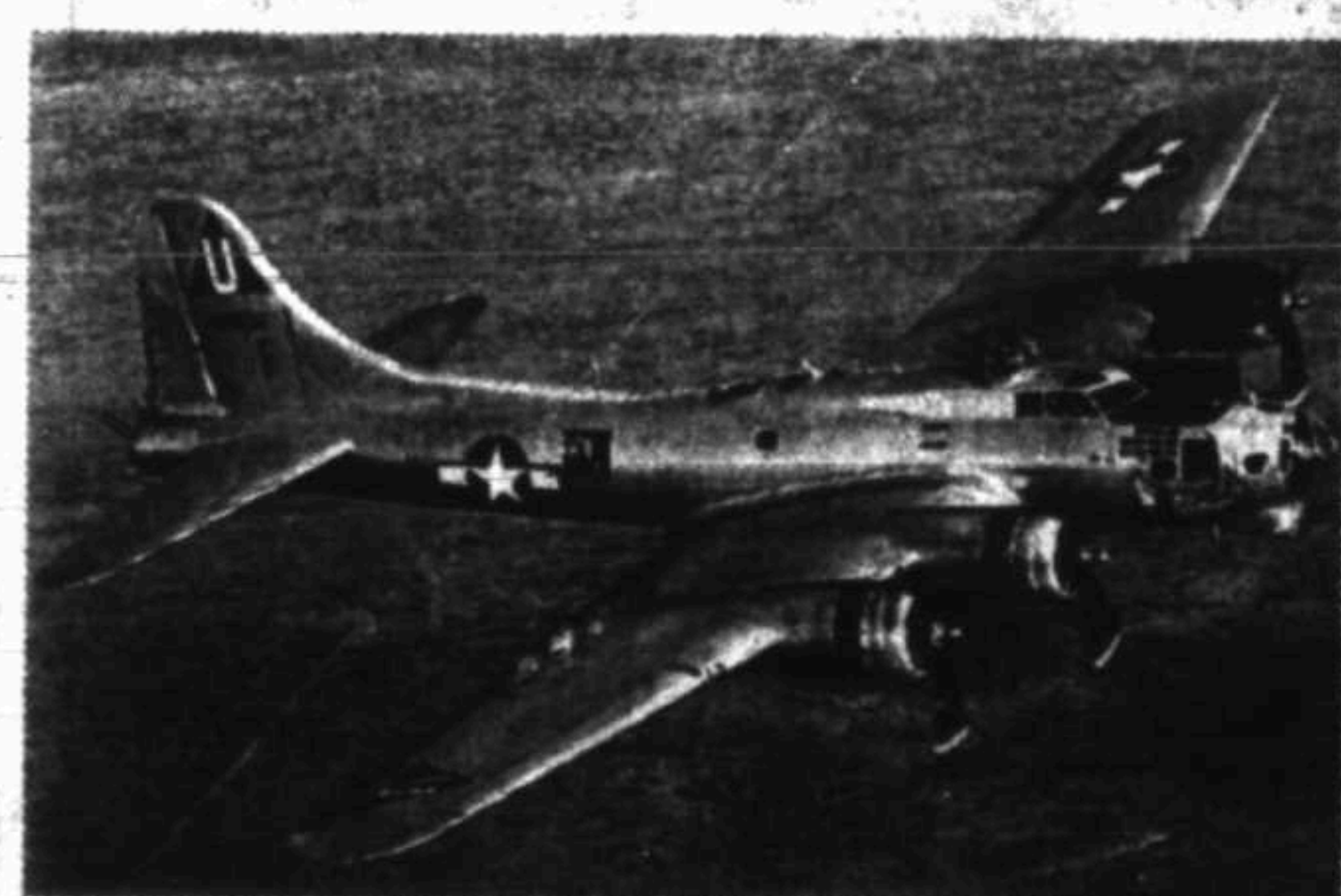
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ADVENTURE Teachers

By R. Eric Seto

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By David Keon Associated Press

DALLAS — Ra riding the crest of revenues, are making tative steps toward prospering as the more powerful.

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Woman ac of giving c to infant s

CANADIAN (AP) die authorities are o for the mother of a year-old Canadian was accused of givi to the child.

A felony compl Wednesday in Hem against Caryn Brown of Canadian, charg abandoning and eno child.

The charges ste investigation of the d of her son, Brendo An autopsy showed from blunt force tr abdomen, which ca bled to death inter

Leland Milburn, v ities identified as boyfriend, was indit tal murder charges in is free on \$100,000 b trial.

The abandonment ters on Ms. Brown al ing her child at Mil The endangerment c on her allegedly givi ijuana.

According to the c plaint against Ms. autopsy also revealed had components of his urine. Witnesses idies that Brown a would give marijuana

ADVENTURES IN TEACHING

Teacher's convention sets backdrop for West Texan's adventure

By R. Eric Setzler

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Guest speakers included astronauts, dinosaur hunters, tornado chasers and undersea explorers. Their talks were fascinating and covered every field of science. Four floors of display booths demonstrated posters, books, videos, Web sites and hands-on materials for laboratories and classrooms. Best of all, there were thousands of other science teachers with whom to compare experiences, share ideas, and form networks. Consequently, I came back with valuable new tools and thoughts for teaching science at my school and in my school district.

Boston, a fascinating city to visit, has major historical sites and cultural centers, including the USS Constitution, Bunker Hill, Harvard, MIT, the Paul Revere House, Old North Church, and the Freedom Trail. Plymouth and Salem were both short train rides away. Everyone should have the chance to visit some of the places you study in the history books. It was quite inspiring.

However, the trip was not all science and history. I also came back with some adventures about the unusual. (As always, all names have been changed to protect the embarrassed.)

While in Boston I stayed in a clean, but rundown, motel — the Dr. Suess Inn. It was located in the distant suburbs. As a former oil field geologist, I'm used to staying in all sorts of places, ranging from marginal to scary, so I wasn't bothered. However, these accommodations were not satisfactory to everyone.

In the motel hallway, three extremely well-dressed science teachers from New Jersey threw a fit about the lodging, ordered a taxi, and left for parts unknown since all the motels in the area were booked up. Judging by their appearance and attitude, New Jersey educators must be paid very well and used to the very best of everything.

Most of the area restaurants were terrific, providing some of the best seafood I've ever eaten. At one place, the clam chowder was served in a big round bowl made of a loaf of bread that had been hollowed out. Another eating establishment prepared awesome swordfish shish kabobs. However, after several days of eating fish, I started craving a charcoal hamburger and visited a Hard Rock Cafe for the first time. This resulted in a heavy investment in some Hard Rock Cafe T-shirts as souvenirs for my family.

A fellow Texas educator, Raymond Henson, and I nearly got kicked out of one eating establishment. Raymond had an

incredibly heavy backpack containing a laptop computer, digital camera and other technical equipment. Since he was also from Texas, we took turns carrying the bulky bag and other luggage.

After an exceptionally long day, we staggered into a posh restaurant. Henson and I were both in a joking mood that resulted from fatigue. When we asked for a table, a bartender asked us if we wanted anything to drink.

Normally, Raymond was a predictable and normal acting person. For reasons known only to him, Raymond asked for a soft drink in a hokey sounding Texas accent, "Do y'all have any Coke-ee Coler?"

This offended the bartender so much that we were nearly refused service and asked to leave. Only after a prolonged conversation with the manager were we finally seated at a table and allowed to have our orders taken.

Since my motel was located quite a distance from the convention center, it was necessary to ride the Boston subways. Out-of-town visitors were easy to identify because of their loud voices and friendly attitudes. Local commuters didn't make eye contact with each other and spoke in hushed whispers, if at all. This provided the setting for many unusual incidents. Underground in the station, I was surprised to see pigeons roosting in the ceiling and mice crawling along the subway rails. Occasionally, the birds flew down onto the subway platform. For entertainment, some commuters flapped their arms and watched the birds fly

into the side of the train.

On our first night in town, Raymond Henson and I helped a couple of frightened teachers from Illinois navigate the subway system to the convention center. Because of our good deed, we became widely known as "the Texans" to other attendees.

While walking down a busy street, one of the teachers thought she saw a small, tan dog running the traffic. Cars honked and swerved at the unfortunate animal.

After the little animal made it to the curb, I realized suddenly it wasn't an adorable dog after all — it was the largest rat I'd ever seen! I leaped back as it ran into a park.

Later, a motel shuttle bus driver told us that there was a major freeway project called "The Big Dig" in downtown Boston where excavation efforts had uncovered thousands of giant rats. In my opinion, they could have saved costs by letting the rats do the digging.

Like many other Midland residents, I've complained about reckless drivers, crowded streets and other traffic problems in our city. However, watching big-city drivers changed my entire perspective. Boston drivers seemed unable to operate their motor vehicles unless they had one hand continuously pressing the horn. Motorists were aggressive, and jaywalkers were fair game. However, on crosswalks painted on the streets, pedestrians would step off the curb into a stream of traffic with impunity. Cars would lock their breaks and let them pass. Apparently, some stiff laws

had been passed against hitting people legally crossing the road.

I noticed people in New England dressed warmly. Most men wore so many layers of coats and sweaters that they looked like haystacks. The women dressed in a similar fashion, except they wore short skirts. This gave them the appearance of haystacks with legs sticking out underneath. This didn't make any sense, but who am I to talk about fashions? The only fashion statement I ever made was "Ouch." During my stay in Boston, I never even wore a coat or sweater. It just didn't seem very cold compared to what we experience in West Texas.

While at the conference, a northern educator told me a remarkable story about a student who posed a mystery several years ago. About halfway through the school year, teachers started noticing one of their students had an unhealthy change in appearance. His skin started changing from a healthy tan to a lemon color.

Over a six-week period, the child turned progressively more yellow. Concerned that the stu-

dent might be suffering from jaundice or some other ailment, the principal called in the district nurse to exam the child. Much to everyone's relief, the mysterious yellow color came off with soap and water.

The answer to the riddle was simple. The child's favorite color was yellow. Consequently, for Christmas, the student received yellow sheets, blankets and pajamas from his family. For reasons unknown, these gifts were never washed and the yellow dye started to stain the kid's skin. There is an old saying, "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade." In this case, when life gives you lemon-colored children, it makes the teachers go crazy.

In conclusion, Boston was a land of contrasts, some easier to define than others. However, one thing was certain — after several days in New England, this West Texan was ready to come home.

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Company's deal signals changes in radio industry

By David Keonig
Associated Press

DALLAS — Radio companies, riding the crest of record-breaking revenues, are making the first tentative steps toward surviving and prospering as the Internet grows more powerful.

One small move in the new direction was this week's announcement that Dallas-based radio giant AMFM Inc. and a technology company will run a radio station featuring only talk about technology.

The AMFM deal was a first, but observers say the tech-talk station is mere tinkering compared with technology-driven changes that will reshape the radio industry in the next few years.

"We're not even at the tip of the iceberg yet — the iceberg is still off in the distance," said Mark O'Brien, vice president of BIA Consulting in Chantilly, Va., an industry market-research firm. "A few years from now it's going to be a vastly different landscape because of the convergence of radio and the Internet."

The biggest changes could come with the arrival of something called digital audio radio. Industry executives see the humble radio being transformed into a multi-use appliance, handy for listening to hundreds of stations of music and talk or downloading information about stocks and sports.

General Motors, Mitsubishi Motors, Motorola, RCA and others plan to roll out digital audio radio this year, which would allow users to get up to 100 channels of digital-quality programming delivered by satellite to their car, home or portable radio.

Woman accused of giving drugs to infant son

CANADIAN (AP) — Panhandle authorities are on the lookout for the mother of a murdered 2-year-old Canadian boy after she was accused of giving marijuana to the child.

A felony complaint was filed Wednesday in Hemphill County against Caryn Brown, 18, formerly of Canadian, charging her with abandoning and endangering her child.

The charges stem from the investigation of the death last May of her son, Brendon Tyler Brown. An autopsy showed the boy died from blunt force trauma to the abdomen, which caused him to bleed to death internally.

Leland Milburn, whom authorities identified as Ms. Brown's boyfriend, was indicted on capital murder charges in the death. He is free on \$100,000 bond pending trial.

The abandonment charge centers on Ms. Brown allegedly leaving her child at Milburn's house. The endangerment charge centers on her allegedly giving him marijuana.

According to the criminal complaint against Ms. Brown, the autopsy also revealed that the boy had components of marijuana in his urine. Witnesses told authorities that Brown and Milburn would give marijuana to the child

anywhere in the United States. Most observers say it could be five years before the technology becomes widespread.

Pushed to the shadows by the glow of television, radio was unfashionable and second-tier by the late 1980s. But since the early '90s, radio has enjoyed a second golden age.

A key factor in the resurgence has been the 1996 easing of federal rules that limit common ownership of multiple stations in one market. Radio had been a fragmented industry, dominated by independent stations and small chains.

The relaxation of ownership rules spawned consolidation that gave rise to today's huge radio companies, including AMFM, San Antonio-based Clear Channel Communications Inc. and Infinity Broadcasting Corp. Last year, AMFM and Clear Channel announced a merger that would create the world's largest radio company, with more than 800 stations.

The big companies bought more stations in the same markets, cut costs and increased profits. New York investment bank Veronis, Suhler & Associates reported last month that U.S. radio-company revenues grew 34 percent a year from 1994 to 1998, triple the growth of TV revenue and more than four times the growth of newspaper revenues. The only

medium to do better, the bankers said, was the Internet.

The convergence of radio and the Internet received a boost in the mid-'90s when two young entrepreneurs in Dallas started broadcast.com to retransmit radio programs over the Internet. Since then, many stations have rushed on the Web.

"We're at the Oklahoma land rush, and they just shot off the gun at noon," said Tom Taylor, editor of M Street Daily, an industry publication. "If you go to a broadcasters' convention, the most common word in the hallway is 'Internet.'"

Broadcast.com, bought last year by Yahoo! Inc. for about \$6 billion, now carries about 400 radio stations. Other broadcasters ad syndicators do their own Webcasting, helped by a growing army of Internet vendors and consultants.

ABC Inc., owned by The Walt Disney Co., has put many of its stations on the Internet. But Infinity Broadcasting, 84 percent owned by CBS Corp., has prohibited its stations from Web broadcasting. Officials say the company is waiting for more advanced technology to come along.

Then there are the Internet-only stations. So far, their audiences are meager in comparison to over-the-air radio.

"I believe there's a place for

them, but I don't believe they will be nearly as successful as traditional radio stations," Gary Fries, president of the Radio Advertising Bureau, told Broadcasting & Cable. Still, he said, radio executives must accept the competitive threat and raise the quality of their programming.

Both Internet-only and regular radio retransmitted over the Internet suffer from current technological shortcomings, especially the fact that many listeners still download the programs through creaky 56k or slower modems.

"Internet radio is scratchy and it buffers — the sound goes away for a while. It's like early ham radio," said O'Brien, the radio consultant in Northern Virginia. Things will improve, he said, only when most users have high-speed Internet access.

Another problem, observers say, is that much radio broadcasting is local and not interesting to the Web's global audience. Eventually, technology might allow a station to pipe local ads over the air but stream broader ads over the Internet.

The Internet is not yet a rival for advertisers' dollars. In fact, radio is a beneficiary of the dot-com frenzy.

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American Home Improvement has vinyl replacement windows that are easy to clean and seal your home from the winter cold. Call 520-1521 for details and a free in-home estimate.

"Vinyl windows are the homeowner's first step towards building a truly low-maintenance home," he added. "The sash and frames of vinyl windows will never need painting for the life of the home."

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or surface from inside your home.

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Insurers seek to stop red ink, meet needs of customers, doctors

By Mary Sit-DuVall
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Almost everyone knows a neighbor, a friend or an acquaintance with an HMO horror story: treatment denied, unpaid claims, long phone waits. Doctors kvetch about the stacks of paperwork and that clerks are authorizing treatment for diseases whose names they can't spell.

Politicians rail against health maintenance organizations and introduce bills they hope will earn them goodwill and votes.

Clearly, HMOs are in trouble. Most of them are losing money and many smaller ones are becoming takeover targets.

As managed care enters the new millennium, companies are seeking new ways to deliver more affordable care in a fashion more palatable to both consumers and doctors.

The backlash against managed care has resulted in first-in-the-nation legislation in Texas. In 1997, laws covering patients' rights, including the right to sue an HMO, went into effect. State-supervised independent review organizations were set up to arbitrate disputes between patients and insurance companies.

In addition to fighting a souring public image, HMOs are struggling for financial viability.

For 14 consecutive quarters, Texas HMOs have been losing money, reflecting a national trend. In 1998, HMOs lost \$333.4 million statewide. Losses through the second quarter of 1999 — the most recent data from the state Department of Insurance — total \$147 million.

To stem the red ink, HMOs are raising premiums. Many analysts predict premiums will increase 8 to 10 percent this year. In a recent survey conducted by the William M. Mercer benefits consulting firm, employers predicted an overall increase of 7.5 percent, blaming much of the increase on rising prescription prices.

Employers are coping by passing costs on to employees — higher premiums, more incentives to use generic drugs and excluding coverage of some new prescription drugs or treatments, according to Mercer.

What went wrong with managed care?

Half a century ago, HMOs were conceived as a way to reduce health care costs and to increase access to services, especially preventive services. In

In November, United HealthCare, the nation's second-largest managed care company, instantly bolstered its image by eliminating a policy that was costing the company money instead of saving it money. United announced it would no longer require doctors to obtain permission to perform certain procedures. Part of its "care coordination" strategy, United wiped out "preauthorizations" except for a few procedures such as hospital admissions.

the group/staff model, doctors were on salary and had an incentive to keep patients healthy.

However, for-profit HMOs came on the scene in the 1990s and the profit motive shifted dynamics, says Larry Levitt, director of the Changing Health Care Marketplace Project at the Kaiser Family Foundation, a nonprofit research group.

HMOs were under pressure to cap costs and did so by shifting surgery to outpatient clinics, reducing specialty care by requiring primary care physicians to act as "gatekeepers," and cutting back on mental health care.

"The problem is that a lot of cost decreases seem to have been one-time changes in the way we deliver care," Levitt says.

Whether HMOs accomplished what they set out to do is unclear.

Most observers agree that HMOs managed to cap spiraling costs, but they differ on whether managed care improved the quality of care.

"For the most part, their quality was as good or better than the traditional fee-for-service plans, and yet, 10 to 40 percent less expensive," says David Lairson, professor of health care economics at the University of Texas-Houston School of Public Health.

However, V. Kumar, a business consultant and marketing professor at the University of Houston, says HMOs never reached their potential.

"HMOs were a cost-cutting tool to manage the care with a set of doctors you prenegotiate rates with. It's a better financial product. But they never reached their potential because administrative costs skyrocketed," Kumar says.

Other critics are harsher. Uwe Reinhardt, a health economist at Princeton University, says HMOs never really managed care.

"They just gave up on that. What they got is managed discounts," Reinhardt says.

However, Kate Begley, general manager of Aetna U.S. Healthcare for Houston, argues that managed care has not failed.

"We're just ready for the next generation of health care. The economies that we've received in eliminating unnecessary care are now being outpaced by an aging population, rising pharmacy costs and wonderful, but costly, technology," Begley says. "So it's really time for us to move on."

Steve Walli, chief executive of United HealthCare of Texas, admits there's room for improvement among HMOs.

"You would have to grade us on what the public perception is, and it's not that great," says Walli. "Perception is reality. If people view things one way, it's up to us to change that."

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Observers expect more insurance companies to follow in United's footsteps, loosening the reins on doctors, stepping out of doctor/patient decisions and offering consumers more choices.

As managed care continues to evolve in the new millennium, here's what consumers can expect to see:

Consolidation. The plethora of HMOs will ease as bigger managed care companies gobble up struggling ones.

Five or six companies will dominate nationally. Regionally, there will be one or two thriving, predicts Dr. James Birge, medical director of MacGregor Medical Association and chief execu-

utive of American Medical Management, MacGregor's medical service organization.

A shift toward PPOs — Preferred Provider Organizations. PPOs allow employees to jump outside the network of doctors and hospitals if they are willing to make higher copayments.

Mercer, the benefits consulting firm, reports that enrollment in PPOs, the least-restrictive form of managed care, increased for the fifth consecutive year in 1999 — to 43 percent from 40 percent the year before.

If the economy remains robust, the move toward PPOs will continue as consumers pay more for convenience and quality.

"Those who can afford it will purchase exactly what they want," says Dr. Paul Handel, chairman of the Council on Socioeconomics at the Texas Medical Association.

Employers giving workers a lump sum to obtain their own insurance. "In the wave of the future, the employers are going to get out of it, give their employees a certain amount of money and say, 'Here, buy your own,'" Princeton's Reinhardt predicts.

For example, Xerox Corp. said it is considering long-term plans to overhaul its health benefits and give all employees an equal amount of money to buy health insurance on the open market.

Handel, of the Texas Medical Association, says workers will have a menu of items from which to choose — from a high-deductible catastrophic policy to a first-dollar coverage policy that requires no copayment and no deductible.

Eventually, the system will return to the original concept that patients who use any service should be the ones who pay for it, Handel says.

"If we were to do that, we would see much smarter purchasing, we would see less fraud and abuse because you, as an

individual, would not allow me to steal your money," Handel says.

More government regulations. As companies turn over the buying of health care to their employees, consumers will demand that the government step in to regulate insurance companies and require uniform information from them.

Health economist Reinhardt predicts Hillary Rodham Clinton's plan for universal health care will be resurrected and given a Republican spin with a new name.

"One piece of the Clinton plan was an information system that ultimately has to be run by the government. It's a public good," Reinhardt says.

Kumar, of the University of Houston, predicts there also will be more government intervention in order to regulate the industry.

Increased use of the Internet to speed payment of claims to doctors and increase consumers' access to health information. Aetna U.S. Healthcare is launching this year an E-pay system that offers electronic payment for claims to providers with a guaranteed turnaround time of 15 days for so-called clean claims.

The impact on costs is big, Aetna's Begley says. Electronically processing a referral will drop to 32 cents from \$3.40, she adds.

The next generation of health care, says Begley, is "real time and a paperless environment."

Claims will be paid and deposited directly into doctors' bank accounts, employers will be able to obtain current eligibility and enrollment information, and members will have 24-hour access via the Internet to health information, claims data and plan information.

"The goal is to reduce the hassle factor associated with the current health care system," says Begley. "It's a very cumbersome system the way it's run today."

Customized health plans that

give consumers what they want. United HealthCare's Walli says the old one-size-fits-all HMO will evolve into plans with more customized benefits that will include alternative medicine and discounts on optional procedures, such as laser eye surgery.

"We focus so much on, 'Here are your benefits and how it works.' The change will be on what people want and how they want it," Walli says.

United HealthCare is piloting plans it expects to introduce later this year that will include a basic benefits plan, plus options — a sports package, a health club/sports apparel discount package and a young family package that might include discounted diapers.

"We're expanding our role to help the consumer out. With 14.5 million people covered, we can drive certain discounts," Walli says.

Both Aetna and United say they soon will have customized Web pages for their members, who will be able to log on and read health care information tailored to their medical needs.

Greater standardization. Health care experts predict insurance companies will standardize their credential forms for doctors to make it easier for them and to decrease costs.

"Right now, it's just a mess," MacGregor's Birge says.

Standards also need to be set for protocols of care, patient advocates say.

Too often, the final gatekeeper — the insurer's medical manager — uses inappropriate medical guidelines in order to curb costs and decides a service or procedure is unnecessary, charges Diane Crumley, president of Insured's Advocacy Group in Houston.

"There has to be a national standard of care established for maintenance of health and treatment of disease," says Crumley. "You can't make it up as you go along."

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Many consumers likely to begin new millennium in debt

By Maria Coder
Associated Press

CREDIT CARD WOES: Thousands of consumers are likely to have started the new millennium deeper in debt, according to the National Foundation for Consumer Credit. The NFCC says presents given during the holidays and the revelry of the New Year may make consumers feel over their heads when tackling mounting bills, but there are positive steps that can be taken to chip away at those numbers.

First, figure out where your money goes. Track your spending for a two-week period writing down every expense, no matter how small. Then decide which of those expenditures you can live without and stop spending. Be creative. If you're tempted to use your credit card frequently you might want to pop it in the freezer, since you can't use a card that's encased in ice, the delay may deter you from shopping unnecessarily.

Among the other tips ... try to pay more than the minimum payment each month, never skip a bill and aim to pay off the card with the highest interest first.

WHAT DAY IS IT?: Depending what day of the week it is you might want to bite your tongue at work. If you're thinking about asking for a raise you might want to hold off until after Monday and Tuesday, according to workplace authority John A. Challenger, chief executive officer of international outplacement firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas Inc.

Mondays are typically reserved by executives to take care of negative duties, like job dismissal notifications. "Black

Tuesday" got its name as the day for mass layoffs — after Monday's preparations. Wednesday is a more thoughtful day, and often used for company and departmental meetings.

ALL CASHMERE ISN'T EQUAL: January is a great time to get big discounts on cashmere sweaters, but how can you tell if a \$39 sweater in a wholesale club or discount store has as much quality as one that costs \$100 and up in a top-of-the-line department store? Consumer Reports magazine, which notes that prices have fallen as supply of the coveted fabric has increased and demand overseas has dropped, suggests consumers closely examine a garment, first by checking the ten-

sion and resiliency of the knit. The magazine suggests shoppers stretch the fabric and see how well it returns to its shape. A well-made sweater has a tight gauge, doesn't feel coarse and isn't very fuzzy. Seams and buttonholes should be well-finished, or the sweater, no matter how much you paid for it, could unravel.

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Best sellers

Local best sellers are based on weekly sales at Midland bookstores and reflect varied reading interests. This week's local best sellers are from Barnes & Noble, 2617 Loop 250 North, Midland.

National best sellers are from The New York Times.

LOCAL

Hard Cover Fiction

1. *The Testament*, by John Grisham.
2. *Timeline*, by Michael Crichton.
3. *Void Moon*, by Michael Connelly.
4. *Angels Flight*, by Michael Connelly.
5. *Critical Mass*, by Steve Martin.
6. *Personal Injuries*, by Scott Turow.
7. *Snow Falling on Cedars*, by David Guterson.
8. *False Memory*, by Dean Koontz.
9. *Seize the Night*, by Dean Koontz.
10. *Vinegar Hill*, by A. Manette Ansay.

Nonfiction

1. *The Greatest Generation Speaks*, by Tom Brokaw.
2. *The Greatest Generation*, by Tom Brokaw.
3. *Dr. Atkins' New Diet Revolution*, by Dr. Robert Atkins.
4. *9-1-1 Beauty Secrets*, by Diane Irons.
5. *Carbohydrate Addict's Diet*, by Rachel Heller.
6. *Tuesdays With Morrie*, by Mitch Albom.
7. *Angela's Ashes*, by Frank McCourt.
8. *Tis*, by Frank McCourt.
9. *Body for Life*, by Bill Phillips.
10. *Carbohydrate Addict's Lifestyles Program*, by Richard Heller.

Juvenile Book

1. *The River*, by Gary Paulsen.
2. *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*, by J.K. Rowling.
3. *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*, by J.K. Rowling.
4. *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, by J.K. Rowling.
5. *Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, by Barbara Robinson.
6. *Jamie B. Jones - Mushy Gushy Valentine*, by Barbara Park.
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8. *Love from Your Friend, Hannah*, by Mindy Skolky.
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5. *Atlantic Found*, by Clive Cussler.
6. *Hearts in Atlantic*, by Stephen King.
7. *Irresistible Forces*, by Danielle Steel.
8. *A Walk To Remember*, by Nicholas Sparks.
9. *Pop Goes The Weasel*, by James Patterson.
10. *Saving Faith*, by David Baldacci.

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1. *Tuesdays With Morrie*, by Mitch Albom.
2. *The Greatest Generation*, by Tom Brokaw.
3. *The Greatest Generation Speaks*, by Tom Brokaw.
4. *LIFE: Our Century in Pictures*, edited by Richard B. Stolley and Tony Chiu.
5. *Tis*, by Frank McCourt.
6. *Have A Nice Day!* by Mick Foley.
7. *And The Crowd Goes Wild*, by Joe Garner.
8. *The Century*, by Peter Jennings.
9. *When Pride Still Mattered*, by David Maraniss.
10. *People of the Century*, by Time/CBS News.

Mentor changes lives of students

TUESDAYS WITH MORRIE
by Mitch Albom
(Doubleday—New York, N.Y.; \$21, 192 pages)

Reviewed by Bill Modisett

Have you ever had a relationship with an older person — a parent, guardian, mentor or teacher — that changed your life? Mitch Albom did — and the result is the compelling, unforgettable nonfiction story that he relates in "Tuesdays with Morrie."

After his graduation from Brandeis University in the spring of 1979, Mitch Albom introduced his parents to his favorite college professor, Morrie Schwartz, a man Albom describes as "a cross between a biblical prophet and a Christmas elf" — a man who is one of those older, wiser individuals who enters our lives from time to time and who we can never forget.

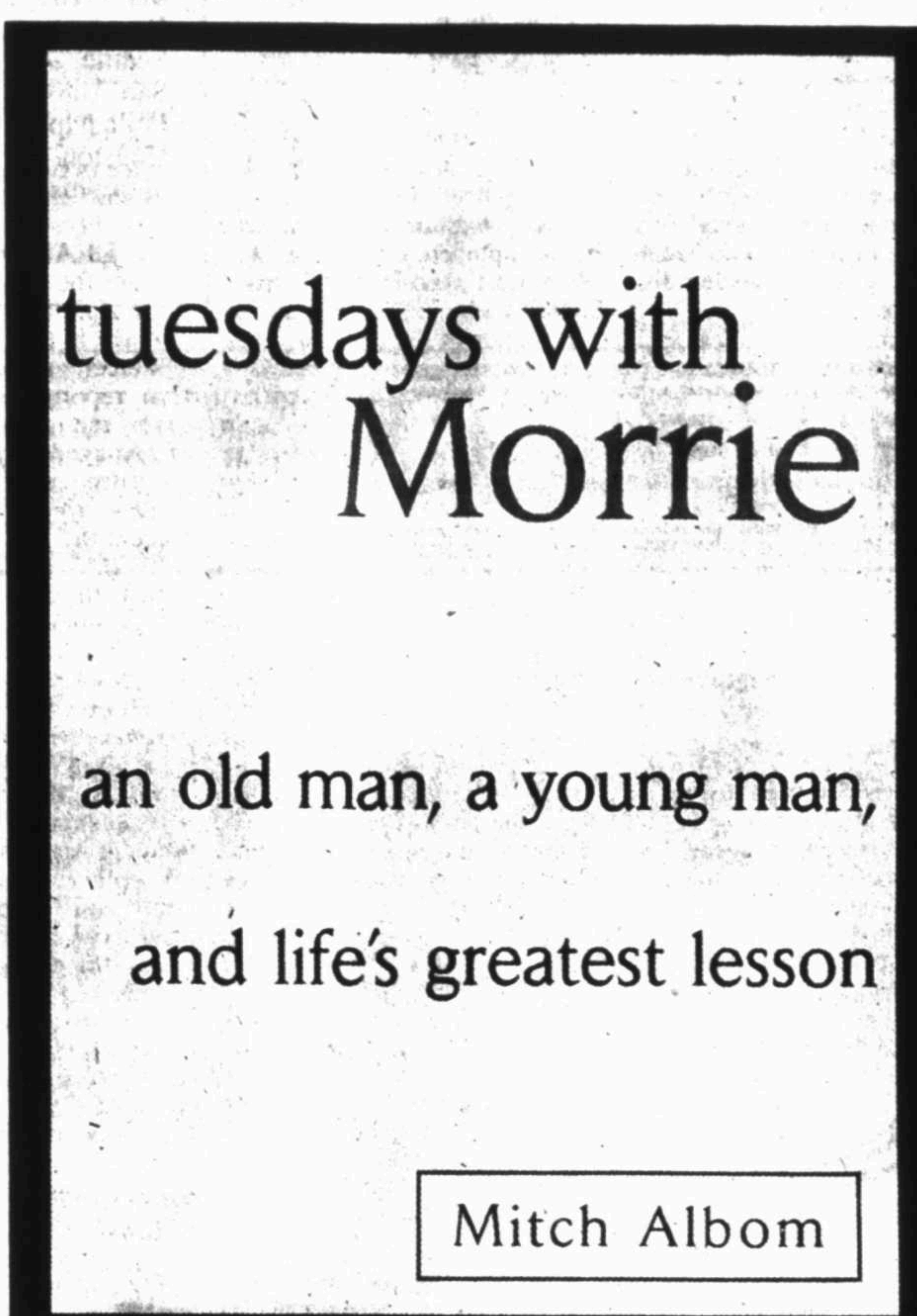
"He tells my parents how I took every class he taught," Albom relates. "He tells them, 'You have a special boy here.' Embarrassed, I look at my feet. Before we leave, I hand my professor a present, a tan briefcase with his initials on the front. I bought this the day before at a shopping mall. I didn't want to forget him. Maybe I didn't want him to forget me."

"Mitch, you are one of the good ones," he says, admiring the briefcase. Then he hugs me. I feel his thin arms around my back. I am taller than he is, and when he holds me, I feel awkward, older, as if I were the parent and he were the child.

He asks if I will stay in touch, and without hesitation I say, "Of course." When he steps back, I see that he is crying.

SO BEGINS Albom's account of his everlasting friendship with his college professor — a relationship that provides illuminating experiences for both the writer and the professor. Albom writes tenderly, beautifully of their friendship, both in the present and in his memories of their college days two decades earlier.

Of course, Albom didn't "stay in touch" with Morrie Schwartz as he had



promised, getting too wrapped up in life, making money and pursuing a dream. It's a story all too common for all too many people in today's society. That is one of the joys of reading "Tuesdays with Morrie." Albom puts you in touch with feelings you may have forgotten that you possessed. He shakes you right down to the humanity you knew you had at one

time and have been busily ignoring all the years since.

When Mitch renews his friendship with Morrie and learns that his old professor is suffering from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, he begins a number of regular meetings with Morrie — on Tuesdays. That's what Morrie called himself and Albom — "Tuesday people." Their

meetings occurred on Tuesdays, as did many of the classes Schwartz taught and Albom attended. In their reacquaintance, Albom finds he must come to grips with mortality and death, selfishness and human understanding. He is learning first-hand what he had been exposed to in Schwartz's sociology classes years before.

He also finds he is not the only former student making long trips to Boston to visit Morrie Schwartz.

"At Brandeis," wrote Albom, "he taught classes about social psychology, mental illness and health, group process. They were light on what you'd now call 'career skills' and heavy on 'personal development.'"

"Then again, how many business or law students ever visit their old professors once they leave? Morrie's students did that all the time. And in his final months, they came back to him, hundreds of them, from Boston, New York, California, London, and Switzerland; from corporate offices and inner city school programs. They called. They wrote. They drove hundreds of miles for a visit, a word, a smile.

"I've never had a teacher like you," they all said."

THROUGH THEIR RELATIONSHIP. Albom learned a truth of living, a truth Morrie told him:

"So many people walk around with a meaningless life. They seem half-asleep, even when they're busy doing things they think are important. This is because they're chasing the wrong things. The way you get meaning into your life is to devote yourself to loving others, devote yourself to your community around you, and devote yourself to creating something that gives you purpose and meaning."

"Tuesdays with Morrie" is a marvelous dissertation on the meaning of life, presented by a writer who will hold your attention. It is a meaning rediscovered by a young man who found an old friend and relearned what was truly important in this existence. You'll find "Tuesdays with Morrie" a book that is difficult to put down, and difficult to forget.

Booker T. Washington lit a torch

THEN DARKNESS FLED
The Liberating Wisdom of
Booker T. Washington
by Stephen Mansfield

(Published by Highland Books, an imprint of Cumberland House of Nashville, available at bookstores or by calling 1-888-439-2665.)

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — "Then Darkness Fled" is a celebration of the life of Booker T. Washington, a timeless symbol of victory over circumstance, faith under pressure, and love above all else.

Valued at a mere \$400, he slept on rags and ate pig slop; yet he ate with Theodore Roosevelt in the White House, had tea with the queen of England, and founded Tuskegee Institute.

Author Stephen Mansfield takes a compelling look at Washington's life and works and applies the practical wisdom of this unforgettable leader into a message for all.

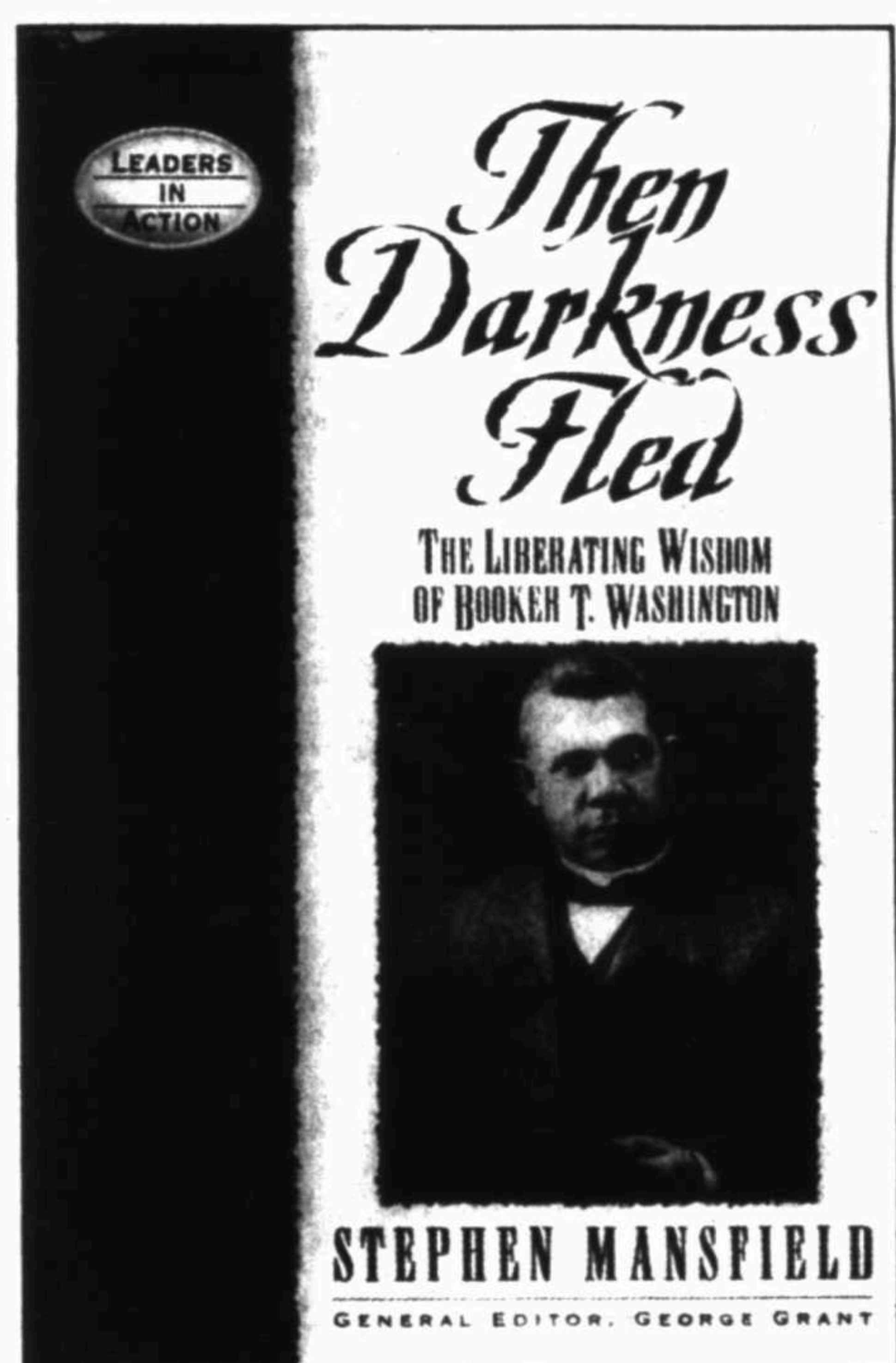
More than 30 years ago, Martin Luther King Jr. described Washington's achievements when he said of him, "He lit a torch in Alabama; then darkness fled." The trail that Washington followed from a childhood of slavery to international renown as an educator was blazed by unfailing dedication and sheer determination.

Booker T. Washington was the first African American to receive honorary degrees from

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Harvard and Dartmouth, be honored on a postage stamp, and have naval vessels and schools named after him. Very early he determined that he would transform the values, frame the habits, and instill the knowledge that his people required. Today, that knowledge proves insightful and beneficial to all people in every walk of life.

Mansfield has been an educator, administrator, counselor, author, and pastor. The author of dozens of articles and essays, three book-length monographs, and two highly acclaimed books, "Never Give In: The Extraordinary Character of Winston Churchill" and "Faithful Volunteers: The History of Religion in Tennessee," he is the senior pastor of the Belmont Church in Nashville, Tenn. The recent recipient of his Ph.D. in literature and philosophy, he lives in Nashville with his wife, Patricia, and their two children.



Murder mystery written about a minister written by a minister

THE DEATH OF A MINISTER'S WIFE
A Tale of Sin, Guilt, and Mysterious Grace
by Allen Whitman
(Fairway Press—Lima, Ohio; \$14.95, 146 pages)

Reviewed by Peggy Nash

God moves in mysterious ways, as Episcopal priest Jarvis Hedlam learns when ties of friendship lead him beside the dark waters of alcoholism, adultery and death.

A headline sets the plot in motion: Jarvis reads that his childhood friend and fellow priest George Hawthorne has been suspended for alcoholism and is under suspicion in the mysterious death of his wife Stacey.

Is Jarvis his brother's keeper? Well, yes. Jarvis decides to investigate Stacey's death and George's unlikely fate.

When he does, he casts a wide net and learns more than he wants to know. He discovers that the handsome George was a ladies' man with a lingering jealousy of his wife's first love. Furthermore, the bronze and beautiful Stacey had her own secrets.

Like an analyst, Jarvis peels back layer after layer of guilt, greed and anger in George's small parish. A pretty church secretary shares his enthusiasm for the case and (God be praised!) provides love interest.

Midland priest and Jungian analyst Allen Whitman writes a clever, literate novel utilizing elements of the traditional mystery: An amateur detective with an eager friend, operating in a non-criminal environment. Whitman's strong point is plot: Tight, fast, and always a step ahead of the reader. His characters reflect the human condition of men and women reaching for solutions, usually in the wrong direction.

Jarvis Hedlam looks like a character the reader will see again. This laid-back priest is a reverent, satirical voice as he seeks primarily not "who" but "why." He perceives that the answer is a matter of relationships rather than crime. He then tries to find out what went wrong with these relationships.

Hedlam's compassion and knowing wit are cast in an elliptical modern mold that nonetheless will appeal to fans of the Golden Age of Detection authors: Sayers, Christie, and Carr.

Whitman maintains that the appeal of the mystery is theological: The reader wants to believe he lives in a world in which the wicked are vanquished and the good prevail.

As the Englishman said, anyone who doesn't like a mystery is an anarchist.

Peggy Nash is a Midland writer and reviewer who thrives on mystery.

Steiner memoir seen as tour of ideas

N.Y. Times News Service

ERRATA: An Examined Life
By George Steiner
(Yale University, \$11.95)

In this memoir, the scholar, author and literary critic portrays himself as a polyglot polymath who has rarely received the respect he deserves. "Steiner worships smartness," Anthony Gottlieb wrote in The New York Times Book Review in 1998. "The book is primarily a tour of ideas, not of places or people."

THE TESSERACT
By Alex Garland
(Riverhead, \$13)

The author's follow-up to his hugely popular first novel, "The Beach," is a four-part narrative mosaic, set in the Philippines, that unfolds through the points of view of many unrelated characters, including a young, paranoid Englishman, a murderous gangster, his driver and an innocent family stung hard by sudden disaster. All of them are haunted by events they can't see coming that utterly change their lives. Last year the reviewer Elizabeth Schmidt called this a "complex, virtuosic" book highlighted by "cinematic, poetic, terrifyingly precise" passages.

DANCING NAKED IN THE MIND FIELD
By Kary Mullis
(Vintage, \$13)

The eccentric winner of the 1993 Nobel Prize in Chemistry chronicles his invention of "DNA fingerprinting" and his unorthodox theories about the ozone layer, HIV, global warming and other issues. "This is a darkly joyous work, an autobiography of the nervous system of an extraordinary chemist," Dick Teresi wrote in 1998.

WHAT REMAINS TO BE DISCOVERED: Mapping the Secrets of the Universe, the Origins of Life, and the Future of the Human Race
By John Maddox
(Touchstone/Simon & Schuster, \$15)

In this book the former editor in chief of the British journal Nature reviews the major scientific breakthroughs so far and sets forth an agenda for mathematics, physics, climate research and other fields. "Maddox makes a persuasive case that science has far to go," Paul Raeburn wrote last year.

San Antonio, Houston districts among leaders in filing bias lawsuits

By Kelly Shannon
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — For two years the San Antonio-based district of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has been among the leaders nationwide in filing workplace discrimination lawsuits, statistics show.

Attorneys for the western region of Texas — stretching from El Paso to College Station and including Lubbock and the Rio Grande Valley — filed 26 lawsuits for the 1999 fiscal year that ended in September, according to EEOC figures.

That tied the Philadelphia district office for the third-highest number of lawsuits filed.

San Francisco and Birmingham filed the most, each bringing 30 new discrimination lawsuits. Seattle filed 28.

Texas' other two districts are based in Dallas and Houston.

Houston's office, covering southeastern Texas, was just behind San Antonio with 25 lawsuits filed last year.

The Dallas district, spanning from Amarillo through the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area and into northeast Texas, filed six lawsuits. The office underwent staff changes during the year, officials said, explaining the lower number of cases.

San Antonio was among the top three districts in fiscal 1998.

"I think we're just aggressive litigators," said Robert Harwin, the EEOC's San Antonio regional attorney, who recently hired additional lawyers to help with the load.

Most of the agency's court cases involve Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which bans discrimination of employees based on race, sex, color, religion or national origin.

The EEOC moves forward with a civil lawsuit in federal court if a pre-court process known as "conciliation" fails to produce a result.

The number of lawsuits has risen nationally the past four years, as have the number of cases in conciliation, said Susan Oxford, attorney advisor to the commission's general counsel in Washington.

The agency has improved the way it investigates complaints, allowing it to better tackle substantive allegations of bias, she said.

"We are indeed finding discrimination in more of those cases," Ms. Oxford said.

There were 440 lawsuits filed nationally last year, up from 360 in fiscal year 1998 and 298 in fiscal 1997. About 10 percent of cases that go into conciliation result in a lawsuit, Ms. Oxford said.

It is difficult to determine whether there is more employment discrimination now or whether there is about the same amount of bias but more complaints are coming forward, Harwin said.

"It's hard to tell how much of it was unreported. I certainly think I'm seeing a lot of it," he said.

Among his district's court cases this past year were a lawsuit against a bakery that allegedly subjected women to a hostile work environment; against a firm that allegedly fired a man because he is black; and against a manufacturer that allegedly retaliated against a woman by firing her after she complained about sexual harassment.

In gauging EEOC activity, Ms. Oxford said, it is necessary to look at other factors in addition

to the number of lawsuits filed in a district. For instance, an office may still be litigating discrimination lawsuits pending from previous years or a particularly complicated and time-consuming case.

At the end of fiscal year 1999, there were 584 cases pending nationally. San Antonio's district office was litigating 25 of those, Houston 27 and Dallas 15.

Among the leaders in the number of bias cases on court dockets were New York with 51 and San Francisco with 39.

The EEOC cannot bring a lawsuit in every complaint case, but tries to maintain enough of a presence in court to accomplish its overall goal of reducing discrimination, she said.

"We need to be filing enough lawsuits so people would be taking conciliation seriously," Ms. Oxford said.

Lawsuits can help clarify employment discrimination laws and lead to workplace improvements that go beyond a particular complaint, she said, citing as an example the EEOC's lawsuit against Mitsubishi in Illinois.

Other companies took notice after more than 450 women sued the company claiming they were groped and subjected to lewd jokes and behavior at work. A federal judge approved a \$34 million settlement in June.

"We saw quite a ripple effect from employers calling asking, 'What do I need to do?'" Ms. Oxford said.

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission districts

Associated Press

LEADING EEOC DISTRICTS, LAWSUITS FILED FISCAL YEAR 1999

San Francisco, 30
Birmingham, 30
Seattle, 28
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Philadelphia, 26
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REPORTER-TELEGRAM POINTS CHAMPIONSHIP

4-5A All Sport Decade Points Championship



During the football playoff game between Midland Lee and San Angelo Central, it was the Rebels who prevailed. However, while the Rebels won that battle, the Bobcats won the war, capturing 4-5A's all sports points title.

Central holds off Lee, Cooper to claim 'program of the '90s' honor

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

Ten years ago the Midland Reporter-Telegram asked the question, "Who has the best sports program in District 4-5A?" We came up with a plan to answer the question. The result was the District 4-5A Decade All Sports Points Championship. A points system based on district placement and playoff success was devised. But the hard part was to make sure that we kept up with the results of every league sport for an entire decade. And we insured that all sports were treated on an equal basis, thus cross country was treated the same as football. Teams could earn no more than 20 points in any given sport over a one year period. You had to win a state championship and the district title outright to capture the 20 points. The task has been completed. The decade has been

Decade Points Race

School	Fall Points	Decade Points	District Titles
San Angelo	16	1,133	34
Midland Lee	37	1,127	33
Abilene Cooper	47	1,108	32
Abilene High	59	1,027	30
Midland High	23	983	25
Odessa Permian	29	971	16
Odessa High	15	410	4

Individual Sport Titles

Here is how the seven 4-5A school fared this decade when it came to the 17 individual District 4-5A sport championships of the 1990s:

- San Angelo: Boys Soccer, Boys Golf, Girls Golf
- Midland Lee: Football, Softball, Girls Swimming
- Cooper: Tennis, Boys Cross Country, Baseball, Volleyball, Girls Soccer
- Abilene High: Girls Track, Girls Cross Country
- MHS: Boys and Girls Basketball, Boys Swimming
- Permian: Boys Track
- OHS: None

charted. And the winner is San Angelo Central. The Bobcat teams virtually

Central had high-powered years in the early '90s, but were losing ground late in the decade. But what we really found out is that the district is keenly competitive. For instance, after 10 years of grading competition, Central beat Midland Lee by a 1,133-1,127 margin, a mere six points. Third place Abilene Cooper was just 25 points back while fourth place Abilene High was 106 points behind.

Lee's state championship in football and a district title in volleyball this fall helped Lee (37 points) gain 21 points on Central in the last grading period. Actually, Abilene High (59) and Abilene Cooper (47) led the fall grading period.

But now that decade has ended, it seems more important to see where schools stand in each individual sport. Here are the results of the decade points race by sport:

Please see POINTS/5C

TERRY WILLIAMSON

Teams need to assess points race

It has been a joy compiling the District 4-5A All Sports Decade Points Championship for the past 10 years, but just putting numbers to all the 4-5A sports isn't enough.

If this endeavor is to have any lasting value, the schools involved should assess where they stand in relation to the teams they play against year in and year out.

The following is a quick school-by-school look at how teams have performed over the last 10-year period in the order in which they finished the decade. We feel this is a view with enough history to merit consideration by 4-5A's member schools.

San Angelo Central

Top of the List: The Bobcat teams were at the top of the heap in the 1990s in boys soccer, boys golf and girls golf. The Lady Bobcats won a state championship in girls golf in 1994.

Playoff Contenders: This category shows which teams didn't win the overall 4-5A sports title for the decade, but finished second or third, which means they are nearly always in the playoff hunt. For Central that was boys cross country (2), girls cross country (2), boys swimming (2), girls basketball (2), girls soccer (3), boys track (3), boys track (3), girls swimming (3). This shows why Central won the title because it was so consistent in so many sports.

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Lady Rebs win title

By Jay Peden
Sports Writer

The Midland Lee girls' soccer team had a simple formula for winning the Jumburrito Lady Rebel Classic Saturday at Hogan Park.

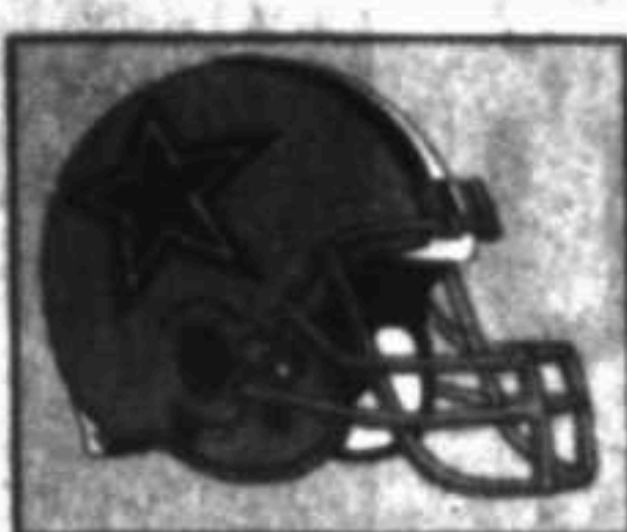
In the championship game against Amarillo High, Lee's Allison Herr scored a goal in the first half. In the second half, Lee keeper Brandice Zachry responded to the only real challenge that

got through the Lee defenders. Lee won, 1-0.

"They are very stiff competition," said Herr, a senior. "Every time we play them it goes down to the end. It's always the one goal that we always seem to get."

The Lady Rebels had an even simpler formula for the tournament as a whole:

"We didn't give up any goals, and we scored a lot," said Lee. Please See SOCCER/4C



NFC Wild Card Dallas Cowboys at Minnesota Vikings



The 2nd Season Playoffs, not Payton, will serve as Emmitt's inspiration this time

By Arnie Stapleton
AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS — First it was Walter Payton, now it's the playoffs that are lighting Emmitt Smith's competitive fire.

The Dallas Cowboys revisit the revitalized Minnesota Vikings (10-6) on Sunday at the Metrodome, where Smith ran wild back in November.

Inspired by the death of his childhood idol, Smith dedicated that game to the memory of Walter Payton, who died a week before, then ripped through a porous Minnesota defense for 140 yards and two touchdowns in just 1 1/2 quarters as Dallas took a 17-0 lead.

But he left with a broken hand and the Vikings ended up winning 27-17.

"It was a great night, even though for only a half," Smith said.

And one that might never be seen again.

"My mindset every week is to go out and perform, but that particular night was just a special moment for me," said Smith, who had his best season since

1995 despite missing nine quarters with the broken hand and a strained groin. "Now, this is a special moment, too, but in a different light."

Payton died at age 45 on Nov. 1, one week before the Cowboys played the Vikings on a Monday night. The NFL announced that all stadiums that weekend would have a moment of silence, and Smith began planning his own personal tribute.

"I draped his jersey, 34, on my back, gave him honor and said, 'Let me go play now,'" Smith said. "It was just a moment, a moment that I wanted to lift him up and say, 'Thank you, thank you for what you've done.'"

Smith scored a 63-yard touchdown in the second quarter and stiff-armed the final defender, rookie Kenny Wright, in the face, breaking his hand.

But before Smith could go to the locker room for X-rays, the Vikings fumbled the kickoff and Dallas recovered at the Minnesota 24. Smith got the ball again and he scored without being touched.

Then his night was over, leaving him wondering whether he might've broken his career-best 237 yards, or even Payton's NFL record of 275, which he set against the Vikings in 1977.

"I tell you, I thought maybe he lost a

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Tennessee Titans wide receiver Kevin Dyson, center, holds onto the ball as he is congratulated by Yancey Thigpen, left, and Samari Rolle, right, after scoring a touchdown with three seconds left in their AFC wild card game against the Buffalo Bills in Nashville. The Titans defeated the Bills, 22-16.

Simply Unbelievable Crazy Titans kickoff play sends shocked Buffalo team packing

By Barry Wilner
AP Football Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — To the Drive and the Immaculate Reception, now add the Adelphi Miracle.

Kevin Dyson sped 75 yards down the left sideline with a lateral from Frank Wycheck on a kickoff for the winning touchdown with three seconds remaining Saturday, lifting the Tennessee Titans to a 22-16 playoff victory over the stunned Buffalo Bills.

"This will go down in history," Titans owner Bud Adams told Wycheck. "There's never been another one like it, and I've been in this 40 years."

The Titans had to survive a video review, and when referee Phil Luckett announced the cross-field throw from Wycheck to Dyson was legal, the Adel-

phia Coliseum rocked like nothing Music City has seen before.

"It was like being a little kid again, drawing something up in the dirt and then going out and doing it," Wycheck said.

But not doing it legally, claimed the Bills, many of whom lay strewn on the turf, in shock that they allowed Tennessee to steal the first playoff game of 2000.

"The whole game, they gave them calls," Buffalo linebacker Gabe Northen said. "I don't know, maybe I am not supposed to speak on it, but the whole game we came out and we played hard and we fought and we earned a victory. But through different ways, it was taken away from us."

"What's going to happen, especially on the last call, they'll send it in (to the league) and show that it was a forward pass, then they will call us back and say, 'You were right.' But we will still be at home."

Luckett, who was involved in a botched coin toss and an incorrect touchdown call last season that helped lead to the reinstatement of instant

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No. 16 Cowboys beat Texas Tech; A&M falls to OU

Associated Press

STILLWATER, Okla. — It was easy to see Saturday why Oklahoma State coach Eddie Sutton says depth may be his team's greatest asset.

The 16th-ranked Cowboys got only three points from leading scorer Desmond Mason and Glendon Alexander, who has been averaging nearly 14 points off the bench. Yet Brian Montonati and others came through in a 55-47 victory over Texas Tech in the Big 12 opener for both teams.

Montonati had 14 points and 14 rebounds, his sixth double-double of the season. Alex Webber, who was in danger of losing his starting job because of recent poor play, had 11 points, and Fredrik Jonzen had 10 points and seven rebounds off the bench.

"They did what a great team will do," Tech coach James Dickey said. "They had four guys in double figures and when their stars were not scoring, they had other people step up."

Joining Montonati, Webber and Jonzen in double figures was Joe Adkins, who was just 3-of-12 from the field but scored 10 points including a crucial 3-pointer in the closing minutes.

The Cowboys (12-1) shot a season-low 36 percent. Mason, who came in averaging 19.8 points per game, made a 3-pointer in the first half and that ended his production. He wound up 1-of-9 from the floor and finished with his lowest point total since Feb. 26, 1997, when he was shut out as a freshman at Nebraska.

But he did grab eight rebounds and was part of a defensive effort that held Texas Tech (8-3) to 27 percent shooting in the first half and 35 percent for the game. Andy Ellis, averaging 18 points per game, scored only nine for the Red Raiders. He missed the final 9:25 of the first half after injuring his tailbone while scoring his only basket of the half.

No. 20 Oklahoma 78, Texas A&M 53

NORMAN, Okla. — Kelley Newton hit five 3-pointers and scored 19 points as No. 20 Okla-

homa beat Texas A&M 78-53 in a Big 12 Conference opener.

The Sooners (13-1) led by as many as 31 points as the Aggies (4-8) dropped to 0-6 on the road. Oklahoma, coming off a 67-63 victory over Lamar on Monday, wasn't threatened. Shooting 46 percent from the floor and forcing 24 turnovers, the Sooners matched their best record to this point since the 1988-89 season.

Oklahoma has won four in a row after a 72-57 loss to No. 4 Cincinnati Dec. 22.

Freshman Bernard King led the Aggies with 18 points, only two coming in the second half, and Jack Aaron had 11.

Eduardo Najera had 14 points and J.R. Raymond 13 for the Sooners.

Oklahoma outrebounded the Aggies 36-29, only the third time this season that Texas A&M has been outrebounded.

The Sooners opened with a 16-4 run and led 47-29 at halftime. Coming in ranked sixth in the nation in 3-point percentage, Newton hit four of Oklahoma's eight 3-pointers in the first half as the Sooners shot 54 percent from the floor.

SW Missouri St. 75, TCU 74

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — Allen Phillips made seven 3-pointers for the second straight game to lead Southwest Missouri State to a 75-74 win over Texas Christian.

Southwest Missouri (10-4), trailing 74-65 with 5:26 remaining, scored 10 straight points while shutting out TCU (9-8) to extend its winning streak to four.

The Bears made 13 of a school-record 35 3-point attempts but the most important 3-pointer came from Phillips with 5:10 left to start the Bears' 10-0 run.

TCU had chances to win. With three seconds left on the shot clock and 15 seconds left in the game, Ron Bruton missed a desperation 10-footer but William Fontleroy grabbed the offensive rebound.

TCU fouled Kevin Ault with 9.8 seconds left. Ault missed the front end of the one-and-one, but TCU's Thomas McTyner turned



Oklahoma State's Fredrick Jonzen dunks the ball in front of Texas Tech's Brodney Kennard on Saturday during their Big 12 game.

the ball over bringing it down court.

Until TCU took a 70-61 lead with 7:47 left, neither team had led by more than five points. The first half featured 10 lead changes and six ties with TCU taking a 45-42 halftime lead.

Phillips finished with 25 points while Scott Brakebill added 14 and Fontleroy scored 12.

Ryan Carroll had 19 points for TCU, Marquise Gainous added 15, Estell Laster had 14 and McTyner scored 12.

Southern Methodist 80, Rice 71

DALLAS — Willie Davis had 20 points and 11 rebounds, his eighth double-double of the season, leading Southern Methodist to an 80-71 victory over Rice in the first Western Athletic Conference game for both teams.

Damon Hancock added a career-high 22 points for the Mustangs (13-2).

Mike Wilks led Rice (4-8) with 28 points, and Brandon Evans had nine rebounds for the Owls. SMU never trailed after a basket by Davis at 1:02 of the first half, and the Mustangs led 38-22 at the half.

No. 5 Arizona downs top-ranked Stanford

By Rob Gloster
AP Sports Writer

STANFORD, Calif. — Arizona teammates got scared when they looked down the bench and saw starter Richard Jefferson on crutches. Then they turned to freshman guard Jason Gardner and told him to take over the game.

Gardner did exactly that, scoring 22 points and leading No. 5 Arizona on an 18-4 run to open the second half as the Wildcats gave coach Lute Olson his 600th college victory with a 68-65 win Saturday over top-ranked Stanford.

Loren Woods added 16 points, 12 rebounds and four blocks as the Wildcats (13-2, 2-0 Pac-10) survived a frantic rally by Stanford down the stretch that pulled the Cardinal (12-1, 1-1) within a point with three seconds remaining.

Jefferson broke his right foot in the third minute of the game, leaving Arizona with only seven available scholarship players. He is expected to be out at least eight weeks.

"I really got worried when he first went out and I saw him on crutches, because we only go

about eight deep," Woods said. "At halftime, I told Jason, 'It's your game to take over. It's your show to run.' There was a sense of urgency that went across us at halftime."

The Wildcats took control by holding Stanford to four points in the opening eight minutes of the second half. Gardner hit consecutive 3-pointers during that 18-4 run.

"We came out pretty flat the first five minutes of the second half," Stanford point guard Mike McDonald said. "It seemed like there was a lid on the rim for us at times today."

Arizona's quickness overcame the power and depth of Stanford as Olson became the 33rd college coach with 600 victories.

"I'm not into counting things. But this is not going to be very easy to forget," Olson said. "Beating No. 1 under these conditions is a thrill."

Stanford nearly overcame a 10-point deficit in the final 30 seconds, pulling within 66-65 on David Moseley's long 3-pointer with three seconds left. But Gardner calmly sank two free throws for the final margin.

Oklahoma women upset Tech

Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Phylasha Whaley scored 25 points in Oklahoma's 82-76 victory over No. 13 Texas Tech on Saturday night.

Whaley was 8-for-12 from the field and 9-for-11 from the foul line to lead the Sooners, who shot 60.9 percent from the field as a team.

LaNeisha Caulfield and Stacey Dales scored 15 points each for Oklahoma (11-3), which led Texas Tech (11-2) at halftime 36-30.

Texas Tech had five players in double digits, led by Katrina O'Neal's 16 points. Aleah Johnson and Plenette Pierson each had 15; Melinda Pharies 13 and Keitha Dickerson 11.

Texas Tech shot only 33.3 percent of its shots in the first half, but improved to 54.5 percent in the second half to finish 43.9 percent for the game.

Texas 72, Nebraska 68

LINCOLN, Neb. — Edwinna Brown scored 21 and Asha Hill added 19 points as Texas overcame a poor shooting afternoon Saturday with a dominating rebounding performance in a 72-68 win over Nebraska.

The Longhorns (10-4 overall, 2-0 Big 12) out-

rebounded Nebraska 55-37, with a 22-12 advantage offensively. Brown was Texas' top rebounder with 12 and Carla Littleton, who scored 10 points, also had 10 rebounds.

Lindsey Ryan scored 14 points for the Longhorns, who were knocked out of the Top 25 after a 30-point loss to No. 2 Tennessee last week.

Nicole Kubik scored her 1,500th career point and finished with 24 for the Cornhuskers (6-6, 0-1). Brooke Schwartz, who topped the 1,000-point mark Saturday, finished with 10 points and Cisco Gilmore had 11 points for Nebraska.

Oklahoma St. 61, Texas A&M 42
COLLEGE STATION — In a sloppy game marked by 56 turnovers, Oklahoma State's Cowgirls defeated Texas A&M's 61-42 on Saturday in the opening Big 12 game for both teams.

The Lady Aggies (9-3), who had 34 of the turnovers, trailed 27-23 at the half and then went scoreless the first 5:09 of the second half as Oklahoma State (9-4) ran off nine unanswered points for a 36-23 advantage.

Texas A&M made only six field goals in the second half and scored the fewest points in a game since a 69-40 defeat to Colorado in February 1997.

No. 1 UConn defeats No. 2 Vols

Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Connecticut showed beyond a doubt it's a much better basketball team with Sue Bird than without her.

Bird played with poise, smarts and conviction while scoring a career-high 25 points in leading No. 1 Connecticut to a 74-67 victory over No. 2 Tennessee on Saturday.

In a game marked by bumping, physical play, Connecticut (12-0) proved its mettle and toughness before a large crowd in a hostile

arena and ended a three-game losing streak to Tennessee (11-2).

"We played with a lot of heart," said Bird, a sophomore point guard whose previous best was 14 points. "Maybe it was not the best game we played, but we played with heart."

Another key point is that the Huskies played with Bird in the lineup. Her freshman season a year ago was ended by a knee injury after eight games and she was in street clothes when Connecticut wilted in the closing min-

utes of a 92-81 loss to Tennessee in Storrs.

This time, the Huskies stayed strong to the end while surviving 23 turnovers and foul trouble. Starting center Paige Sauer fouled out and three other Connecticut starters finished the game with four fouls.

Svetlana Abrosimova added 14 points and Shea Ralph 13 for Connecticut, which scored the first seven points of the second half to open a 13-point lead and continually turned back Tennessee the rest of the way.

Shreveport shuts out Odessa

Staff Report

SHREVEPORT, La. — The Shreveport Mudbugs dropped a 6-0 rout on the Odessa Jacklopes here Saturday night as Odessa lost for the fourth time in its last five games.

It was actually a tight game for two periods with Shreveport taking a 2-0 lead, but the Mudbugs scored three goals in the first five minutes of the third period to close the door.

Shreveport's Jason Campbell scored all the Mudbugs would need in this one at the 13:31 mark of the first period when Jason Campbell got one past Odessa goalie Michael Tornquist.

Chris Zenado then gave Shreveport a 2-0 advantage in the second period on assists from

Toby Bergin and Tim Hill. But it got ugly in the final period.

It was the second shutout Odessa has suffered this season, the other coming against Amarillo.

The Jacks almost spoiled the shutout when Paul Vincent scored near the final buzzer, but

the goal was disallowed, saying time had expired.

The Jacks play their final game at 5 p.m. today against Monroe before making the long trip home. However, the Jacks get a break from play since the WPHL All-Star game is next week.

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No. 5 Arizona 68,
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5-7 11, Jacobson 2-8 1-2 8, S
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zona 15 (Walton 7), Stan
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6-18 2 16, Peterson 0-1 0-0 2
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Wrenn 1-0 0-0 2, Totals 29-56
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6-4 4 13, Greer 7-11 0-0 5, S
4-10 1-2 9, Holmes 3-3 0-0
3-7 1-2 8, Lockhart 0-3 0-0
2-9 1-2 8, Totals 20-49 7-12
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Rebounds—Connecticut 38
Saunders 8, Pittsburgh 23
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Pittsburgh 12 (Greer 4), To
Connecticut 12, Pittsburgh
6,798.

No. 3 Cincinnati
MARQUETTE (11-2):
6-2-3 13, Mueller 1-3 0-0 2,
3-3 17, Henry 1-9 0-0 2, W
0-0 11, Barone 0-0 0-0 0, M
0-0 0, Dags 0-2 1-1, Harris
Polonowski 0-1 0-0 0, Clau
0-0, Totals 19-61 6-8 48.
CINCINNATI (14-1): Ta
12, Michael 7-10 7-23, Mac
15 19, Johnson 1-2 2-2 5,
1-2 5, Satterfield 2-7 4-8 8,
2-0-0 0, Fletcher 1-4 2-4 4,
2-4 2, Totals 17-58 0-0 12
Halftime—Cincinnati 36,
17, 3-Point goals—Marq
Cliff 2-7, Naramata 1-2, W
Henry 0-3, Cincinnati 8-8
2, Johnson 1-1, Satterfield
0-1, Fletcher 0-1, Logan 0-
out—Henry, Wardle,
Rebounds—Marquette 28
Cincinnati 42 (Martin 10),
Marquette 5 (Cliff, Henry, W
gs, Harris 1), Cincinnati 9
Total fouls—Marquette 31
11, Technical—Harris, A—
10,500.

No. 4 Auburn 67, Geo
GEORGIA (17-7): Evan
17, Patrick 0-0 0-0 0, Cole
2-6, Jones 2-5 0-0 4, Layn
12, White 2-6 0-2 5, Teme
Fields 0-0 0-0 0, Dryden
Totals 21-50 7-14 52.
AUBURN (19-1): Port
11, Ndaye 5-8 3-8 13, Po
2-5 14, Finback 5-8 0-0 12
3-12 2-9, Daniels 0-0 0-4
1-1 0-0 2, Sharp 0-6 0-0 0
0-0 0, Barker 0-0 0-0 0, M
1-0-0 0, Smith 0-0 0-0 0,
4-0-2 4, Cotton 1-1 0-0 2,
63 11-21 67.
Halftime—Auburn 27,
3-Point goals—Georgia 3
6, White 1-1, Tamen 0-1).
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son 1-4, Head 0-1, Sharp
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3), Auburn 12 (Flashback
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No. 6 Florida 75, Miss
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Wright 4-7 0-0 9, Miller
Heasem 8-13 5-21, Weal
Harvey 3-8 2-3 8, Naylor
Hamilton 2-8 0-4 0, Bland
Totals 29-55 11-18 75.
MISSISSIPPI (12-3):
3-5 18, Holmes 0-2 0-0 0,
7-11, Williams 0-1 0-0 0,
11-24 19, Brown 5-9 4-4
0-4 3-5 3, Taylor 0-1 0-0
47 19-27 71.
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32, 3-Point goals—Flori
er 2-2, Hamilton 1-2,
Dupuy 1-3, Weale 1-3,
Miller 0-3, Peterson 0-1,
7, Harrison 3-4, Williams 1
1, Holmes 0-3). Fouled
Kiddie, Heasem, Wright
Florida 29 (Heasem 8), M
(Hicks, Brown 8), Assists
(Wright 5), Mississippi 15
Total fouls—Florida 21, M
Technical—Mississippi
7,891.

No. 7 Syracuse 67,
SYRACUSE (11-0):
5-14, Blackwell 4-6 0-7 14,
7-2 12, Bland 4-12 1-1
1-2 14, Shumpert 1-4 2-5
0-0 0 8, Williams 0-0 0-0
1-0 0 0, Totals 24-51 16
MAINE (8-4): Tyler
Salmone 9-12 5-8 12, Bu
13, Jennings 0-4 0-0 0, H
2-2 14, Ward 0-0 0-0 0, C
0-0, Jones 2-5 2-2 7, Wi
0-0, Totals 20-44 11-15
Halftime—Syracuse 34,
3-Point goals—Syracuse
5, Williams 0-2, Shump
0-2), Miami 4-13 (Hamie
2, Salinas 1-5, Bland 0-1
0-1). Fouled out
Rebounds—Syracuse 4
1), Miami 27 (Tyler 9), A
2-5 15 (Tyler 5), Miami
0, Total fouls—Syracuse
A—6,111.

No. 11 Michigan St.
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6-26 14, Peterson 8-14
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3, Antegonye 0-1 0-0 0,
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Woods 0-0 0-0 0.
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0-1), Iowa 9-27 (Oliv
mish 1-7, Jaacks 0-1
Thompson 0-1, Smith 0-1
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gan St. 27, Iowa 28, Te
er, A—15,900.

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N.C. STATE (10-0):
3-8, Thornton 7-12 1-1
1-3 15, Grundler 1-3 0-0
3-0-2, Miller 3-4 0-0 6,
7-0-0 6, Kelley 3-6 0-0
0-0 0-0 0, Crawford 1-2
30-58 6-9 59.
NORTH CAROLINA
4-7 0-18, Lang 0-0 10-10
7-7 2-16, Forte 6-9 4
7-8 18, Peppers 0-0 0-0
2-3 4-7, Nembry 0-1 0-4
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N.C. Capital 1-4, Owe
gan—Thompson, Rebound
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Top 25 Men

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Connecticut (11-2): Deng 2-4 0-0, Freeman 2-3 3-4, Voshell 6- 7 0-2, Mouring 6-10 2-2, El-Amin 6-10 2-2, Sanders 2-2 2-2, Warr 1-2 0-0, Saunders 2-2 2-2, Warr 1-2 0-0, Total 25-58 17-22.	11, Kennard 3-5 0-0, Ellis 4-10 1-0, Young 5-14 2-12, Ware 3-4 0-0, Malone 0-0 0-0, Mitchell 0-0 0-0.
PITTSBURGH (8-3): Zavadzka 4- 4 1-3, Green 2-11 0-0, Seabrook 4- 10 1-2, Holmes 3-0 0-0, Knight 3-7 1-2, Lockhart 0-0 0-0, Taylor 2-1 2-5, Total 25-58 17-22.	OKLAHOMA STATE (13-1): Mc- Intoni 4-2 6-7 14, Mason 1-9 0-0, Webster 5-6 1-11, Adkins 3-25-58 17-22, 16, Sanders 2-2 2-2, 16, 3, Jonzen 5-7 0-0, Total 21-53 11-55.
Pittsburgh 28, 3-Point goals— 7-18 (Mouring 4-5, El-Amin 2-9, Robertson 1-1, Freeman 0-1), Pitts- burgh 12 (Zavadzka 4-4, Seabrook Zavadzka 1-2, Greer 0-1, Lockhart 0- 1, Taylor 0-1) Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Connecticut 38 (Voshell 10, Seabrook 10, Sanders 6, Warr 6, Assists—Connecticut 15 (Mouring 5, Pittsburgh 12 (Greer 4). Total foul Connecticut 12, Princeton 9. A—	Hallings—Oklahoma 22, Te- xas Tech 13. 3-point goals—Texas 4-19 (Ware 2-6, Layme 1-2, Young 0-6, Mitchell 0-2, Ellis 0-3), Oklahoma 4-16 (Adkins 2-7), Fouled out— None. Rebounds—Texas Tech (Kennard 10), Oklahoma 32 (McIntoni 10, Mason 10, Webster 10, Mitchell 10, Young 5), Oklahoma 50 (40 Adkins 3). Total fouls—Texas Tech Connecticut 9. A—6-259.
	ILLINOIS (8-3). No 11 Illinois WINCONS (8-4): Archibald 1-1

No. 3 Cincinnati 67, Marquette 48 MARQUETTE (8-3): Nnamaka 5-2 3-3, Mueller 1-3 0-0, Cliff 6-11 3-3, 17, Henry 1-0 0-0, Ward 5-10 0-0, 11, Barone 0-0 0-0, Miller 0-1 0-0, Dugg 0-2 0-1, 16, Polanco 0-1 0-0, Clausen 0-1 0-0, Total 19-61 8-48 CINCINNATI (14-1): Tate 0-2 1-2, 1, McKelvey 1-7 0-0, 12, 15, Johnson 1-2 2-5, Logan 2-1 2-5, Satterfield 2-4 4-8, Stokes 2-0 0-0, Fletcher 1-4 4-4, Little 0-0 2-4, Total 19-61 8-48 Headline—Cincinnati 36, Marquette 17 1-3 Point Goals—Marquette 4-14 Cliff 2-7, Nnamaka 1-2, Ward 1-2,

No. 4 Auburn 67, Georgia 52 Georgia (13-1): Evans 5-12 5-8 17, Patrick 0-0 0-0, Coleman 3-7 2-2, Jones 2-05 2-04, Layne 4-13 2-2, 12, White 2-06 0-05, Tennen 0-0 0-0, 10, Dryden 4-5 0-0 Total 25-57 14-02 AUBURN (13-1): Porter 4-10 3-4 11, Nye 5-8 3-3, 11, Polkman 4-10 3-4, 11, 3-4, 14, Fieback 5-8 0-0, Robinson 3-12 2-2, Daniels 0-0 0-0, Brewer 1-0 0-0, Sharp 0-0 0-0, Heard 0-0 0-0, Barker 0-0 0-0, Madney 1-0 0-0, Smith 0-0 0-0, Hamilton 2-0 0-0, 4-0, 2, Cannon 1-1 0-0, Total 25-58 17-22	TEXAS A&M (4-8): Jack 5-3 11, Scott 4-10 3-4, 11, 3-4, 14, 7, King 5-15 0-10, Brown 1-0 0-2, Bosker 0-0 0-0, Reese 0-0 Brookhart 1-1 0-0, Leashman 4-10 3-4, 11, 3-4, 14, 11, 3-4, 14, 11, 1-1, Total 17-74 16-12 23-53 OKLAHOMA (14-1): Johnson 2-24, Nayers 4-11 6-14, 11, 3-4, 11, 3-4, 14, 11, 3-4, 14, 11, 3-4, 0-113, Cano 0-0 1-1, Hestert 2-7 06, Newton 6-17 0-18, Riestler 0-0, Osborne 0-0 0-0, Avila 3-10 10, 10, 10, 10, 3-6 2-2 8, 8, 15-21 78 Hailltime—Oklahoma 47, Texas A&M 29 3-point goals—Texas A&M 10, Oklahoma 10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 1-0, Scott 0-2, Gilchrist 0-3, Odo 10-24 (Nelson 6-5, Raymond 3-9-2) 10-24 (Nelson 6-5, Raymond
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Asato—Georgia 12 (Coleman, white 3), Auburn 12 (Schubert, Robinson 3), Georgia 12 (Georgia, 12 Auburn A—10,500.	A—11,721.
No. 6 Florida 75, Mississippi 71 FLORIDA (12-2): Dwyer 3-11 4-8, Wright 4-10 3-9, Miller 4-9 3-4, 11, Hastem 8-13 5-21, Weeks 3-6 2-9, Harvey 3-6 3-6, Nelson 0-0 0-0, Cannon 1-1 0-0, Robinson 2-0 0-0, Daniels 2-0 0-0, Total 25-58 17-22	MISSISSIPPI (11-3): Harrison 5-7 3-3 18, Holmes 0-0 0-0, Hicks 3-5 5- 7 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 11 3-4 19, Brown 5-0 4-18, Flannery 0-4 3-5, Taylor 0-1 0-0 1-00. Total 22- 49 19-27.
No. 3 Mississippi 35, Florida 32. 3-point goals—Florida 6 (Parker 2, Hamilton 1, Wright 1, 2) Dwyer 1-5, Weeks 1-3, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 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No. 7 Syracuse 67, Miami 55 SYRACUSE (11-4): Hester 5-8 3-4, 5-14, Blackwell 4-6-12-14, Thomas 5- 7-8-12, Hild 4-12-19, Hart 5-11-1 1-24, Shumppert 1-0-0-2, Griffin 0-0 0-0-0, Cannon 1-1 0-0, Barker 0-0 0-0 1-0-0, Totia 24-51 16-22-67 MIAMI (11-4): Tyler 4-6 1-2-9, Salmons 9-12-15-24, Black 6-17-3 0-0-0, Cannon 1-1 0-0, Barker 0-0 0-0 2-2-14, Hurt 0-0-0-0, Coubally 0-0-0 0-0, Jones 2-5-2-7, Wimbley 0-0-0 0-0, Totia 20-44 11-18-55 MIAMI—Syracuse 55, Syracuse 67 21 1. Haffline—Kentucky 35 (Hart 3- 5-15, Williams 0-0, Shumppert 0-0, B 8-9), Jones 1-6 (Hendley 2-4, Jon 0-0-0, Camara 4-8-10, V 0-1). Fouled out—Kenna Syracuse—Syracuse 40 (Thomas 0-0-0, Cannon 1-1 0-0, Barker 0-0 0-0, 0-0-0, Cannon 1-	

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POINTS: Central wins decade title

(From 1C)

Football

Midland Lee won the Decade points title in football and was the only District 4-5A team to win two state championships, winning back-to-back titles in 1998 and 1999.

Permian, which had dominated 4-5A play for the previous three decades, fell into third place, finishing tied for last in two of the last three years.

A couple off-the-field matters also kept Permian from a stronger run in the 4-5A football world in the '90s. The Panthers couldn't compete for the title in 1990 because of a UIL ruling and they had to forfeit a title they won in 1993.

Permian is the only other team to win a '90's state championship in football, posting a perfect 16-0 record in 1991. Mojo also played for a state Big School championship in 1996, but lost that bid to Converse Judson. Cooper lost in the 1996 Small School finals to Austin Westlake.

Lee has been in the state playoffs in nine of the 10 seasons of the current decade, and no other district team can match that mark.

School	Decade Points	District Titles	State Titles
Lee	128	6	2
Cooper	97	3	0
Permian	88	4	1
OHS	82	2	0
San Angelo	54	0	0
AHS	36	0	0
MHS	29	0	0

Baseball

Abilene Cooper and Midland Lee have dominated the District 4-5A baseball scene during the '90s with both Cooper and Lee winning four district titles (Note: If teams tie for regular season title, both are considered district champions such as in 1996-97).

Lee ended the Decade race just four points behind Cooper while the Bulldogs produced a late decade surge to finish a strong third with 69 points.

No teams have won a state championship, but Cooper did gain the state finals in 1993.

School	Decade Points	District Titles	State Titles
Cooper	112	5	0
Lee	108	5	0
MHS	69	1	0
AHS	52	2	0
Permian	48	0	0
OHS	12	0	0

Softball

District 4-5A softball is new to the loop scene with only five district campaigns under the belt.

Midland Lee won this short Decade race with 68 points. Lee is the only team to be in the state playoffs all five years, and has not been eliminated from the playoffs before the region quarterfinals in any of those years. Lee (3) and Midland High won four of the five titles between them, but Abilene High broke the Midland dominance in 1998 with its first softball title.

Lee did earn a Final Four berth in 1995, the best playoff finish of any district team, and obviously, the reason for the 20-point lead over the 4-5A field for five seasons.

School	Decade Points	District Titles	State Titles
Lee	68	3	0
AHS	48	1	0
MHS	43	1	0
Permian	31	0	0
Cooper	28	0	0
San Angelo	14	0	0
OHS	8	0	0

Boys Track

Boys track has been Odessa High's most successful sport in terms of decade points with 111 points and a state championship (1992). Still, the Bronchos did not win a district track title in this decade.

Odessa Permian holds the best overall mark in boys track with 114 points, five district championships and a state championship in 1993.

Midland High won its only 4-5A title of the Decade in 1999, breaking a 45-year drought. The Bulldogs also won the Region I title for the first time, but still ended up in last place with 34 points.

School	Decade Points	District Titles	State Titles
Permian	114	5	1
OHS	111	0	1
San Angelo	73	2	0
Cooper	51	0	0
AHS	43	0	0
MHS	34	1	0

Girls Track

The girls of Abilene have had a sterling decade in track with Abilene High leading the district with 116 points and six district titles.

Abilene Cooper won two district championships and owns 96 decade points while Odessa Permian and Lee own the other two league titles.

Midland Lee has produced an individual state champion in the decade with Tanisha Mills in the 400.

Abilene High, like the Permian boys, won the first five titles

Decade Points

The Midland Reporter-Telegram's District 4-5A Decade Points Championship is dedicated to tracking all sports on an equal basis. For instance, girls basketball is ranked on the same as boys basketball. All sports can earn a maximum of 20 points in any given sport during a one year span.

Points are awarded in the following fashion:

In Football, Basketball, Soccer, Softball and Volleyball will earn points on a 12-10-8-6-4-2-0 scale by order of district finish. (Ties will divide points for two positions. For instance a tie for second place records 10 points, so each team would receive 5 points. Bonus points are given for each play-off victory and a two-point bonus is awarded for winning a state championship. In football, the full 20 points will be awarded to the team that wins a district and state championship if playing in the Big School Division. No bonus points are awarded for playoff losses in any sport.

In Swimming, Track and Cross Country: Teams get points on a 12-10-8-6-4-2-0 scale from the district meet, but can also get bonus points for a region and state title and one point each for any individual who wins a region or state title. A two-point bonus is awarded for a state championship.

In Golf: Teams get points on a 12-10-8-6-4-2-0 scale from the district standings, but can also earn a bonus point for region and state titles as well as a 1 or 2 placement by an individual in the region and state meets. A two-point bonus is awarded for a state championship.

In Tennis: Tennis is in two parts. Teams get points on a 12-10-8-6-4-2-0 scale from the district team tennis standings in the fall, but can also get bonus points for winning the region and state titles. A two-point bonus is awarded for a state championship. Individuals can earn bonus points in the spring with a region or state title, but no team can earn more than 20 points in any given calendar year.

in the decade.

School	Decade Points	District Titles	State Titles
San Angelo	96	3	0
AHS	92	3	0
Cooper	86	2	0
San Angelo	74	0	0
Lee	73	1	0
Permian	64	1	0
OHS	18	0	0
MHS	14	0	0

Boys Basketball

Fueled by the district's first basketball state championship since San Angelo in the early '60s, Midland High won the Decade championship in the district's basketball race with 116 decade points.

Even though Abilene Cooper has been a dominate force in District 4-5A play with four district titles this decade, the Cougars trailed Midland High by 19 points.

Ironically, Midland High has won only three district titles in the '90s, but Cooper got off to a horrible start with a last place finish in 1990. MHS also claimed the league's only Final Four berths in this decade, and did it in 1994 as the league's third place team. MHS is also the only team with perfect 12-0 league runs, coming in 1997, 1998 and 1999, and, of course, won the state crown in 1998.

Lee held on to third place with 72 points despite not making the playoffs the last two seasons of the decade. The Rebels did win one district title.

School	Decade Points	District Titles	State Titles
MHS	116	3	1
Cooper	97	4	0
AHS	72	1	0
Permian	62	1	0
San Angelo	42	1	0
OHS	18	0	0

Girls Basketball

Midland High's girls also won the district points lead in basketball, and ended the decade with its fifth district title during the time span with a perfect 12-0 run through the league.

The Lady Dawgs won four consecutive district titles from 1993-96 to become the league's dominant force, but prior to 1993, the league shared a lot of glory as Abilene High, Odessa Permian and San Angelo all won league crowns. The Lady Bobcats won two, including its tie with Permian in 1992.

Midland High is the only girls team to reach the Region I tournament (three) in the decade and has by far been the dominate playoff power in the decade.

School	Decade Points	District Titles	State Titles
MHS	96	5	0
San Angelo	73	4	0
AHS	73	1	0
OHS	64	0	0
Lee	59	1	0
Permian	45	1	0
Cooper	34	0	0

Boys Soccer

San Angelo won this close race by only four points, 96-92, over Abilene High.

Midland High, after leading the Decade race through 1997 before settling into a third place tie with Lee, both at 86 points. MHS faltered the last couple of seasons, failing to make the playoffs.

The Midland High, Abilene High and San Angelo soccer teams own the most district titles with nine between them.

However, MHS is the most successful soccer team in the history of the league with a state semifinal berth in 1994. But four district teams have won district titles in one of the most competitive sports in the loop.

The Bulldogs failed to make the playoffs the past three seasons, giving San Angelo the opportunity to take the lead.

Girls Soccer

Girls soccer is another youngster on the 4-5A sports scene and Abilene Cooper and Lee have won or shared the district title in three of the six seasons played, but Cooper owns a 63-59 points margin over Lee. Lee gained the Region I tournament for the first time in 1999.

Midland Lee and Midland High shared the title with Cooper in 1996 to climb into the district title category.

San Angelo, without a district championship, is still in third place with 49 points, being more consistent in league placement over the five years.

School	Decade Points	District Titles	State Titles
Cooper	63	3	0
Lee	59	3	0
San Angelo	49	0	0
MHS	43	2	0
Permian	31	0	0
AHS	22	0	0
OHS	1	0	0

Boys Golf

District 4-5A boys golf has been one of the league's most competitive sports in the '90s with five of the league teams winning district championships.

San Angelo, however, dominates the overall picture with five league titles and a whopping 106 points, including state berths in three of the past five seasons. However, the state title has eluded the district boys in golf.

Midland Lee, Odessa Permian (2), Midland High and Abilene High have all won district championships in the decade.

School	Decade Points	District Titles	State Titles
San Angelo	106	5	0
Permian	77	2	0
Lee	76	1	0
MHS	57	1	0
Cooper	56	1	0
AHS	47	1	0
OHS	5	0	0

Girls Golf

Girls golf has been a huge boon to District 4-5A since the sport has generated two state championships (Midland Lee in 1993 and San Angelo in 1994), but the Lady Bobcats won out overall with five district titles to go with the state championship, three state berths and 102 overall decade points.

The Lee girls own four state berths, including the state title, and the Lady Rebels own 100 points for second place. The Lady Rebels won the district crown in 1999 while the Lady Bobcats failed to advance, making the points race one of the most exciting of the decade.

School	Decade Points	District Titles	State Titles
San Angelo	102	5	1
Lee	100	2	1
Cooper	69	1	0
Permian	67	0	0
AHS	63	2	0
MHS	44	0	0
OHS	0	0	0

Boys Swimming

Midland High's boys have been thoroughly dominant in boys swimming during the '90s, winning six district championships and scoring an amazing 135 points.

San Angelo is second with 105 points, capturing four league titles. The Bobcats own the other four district titles that got away from MHS in the decade, including the three in a row in 1996-98. Lee was also strong, finishing

third with 85 points.

School	Decade Points	District Titles	State Titles
MHS	135	6	0
San Angelo	105	4	0
Lee	85	0	0
Cooper	46	0	0
Permian	39	0	0
AHS	34	0	0
OHS	12	0	0

Girls Swimming

The Midland Lee girls have won six of the 10 district titles, producing 127 points, 27 points better than MHS. San Angelo was the only other team to win a district title, winning two.

Lee, however, did not win a state championship, but has produced four individual state titles, with three from Monica Stroman in 1995-96 and Amber Goodwin in 1997. Midland High trailed San Angelo by six points for second place, going into the final 1999 season, but the Lady Bulldogs moved into second place by one point over the Lady Bobcats with its second district title.

School	Decade Points	District Titles	State Titles
Lee	127	6	0
MHS	100	2	0
San Angelo	99	2	0
Cooper	53	0	0
Permian	46	0	0
AHS	29	0	0
OHS	16	0	0

Tennis

Tennis is divided into two phases with team competition in the fall and individual in the spring. Teams can earn district points in team tennis play, team tennis playoff points and bonus points for regional and state titles in the spring.

Abilene Cooper's tennis team was the biggest sports power broker in 4-5A with six district titles and three state championships in team tennis play this decade. Cooper scored 34 Decade points while rival Abilene High was a distant second with 117 points and the other five titles. AHS won the 1999 state title, giving 4-5A four state championships in the decade, the most of any sport.

School	Decade Points	District Titles	State Titles
Cooper	134	6	3
AHS	117	5	1
Permian	75	0	0
MHS	56	0	0
San Angelo	56	0	0
Lee	16	0	0
OHS	7	0	0

Volleyball

Of all the 4-5A sports girls volleyball was the closest race in the decade from top to bottom.

Cooper won the Decade title with 78 points, but that was only by a margin of five points over MHS and seven points over Permian. Permian actually won the most district titles with three while Cooper, Lee and Abilene High each won two. Lee won the last two league titles, including a 12-0 run in 1998.

San Angelo is the only other league team to win a crown. MHS didn't win a 4-5A title, but still finished second with consistent play overall through the decade.

School	Decade Points	District Titles	State Titles
Cooper	78	2	0
MHS	73	0	0
Permian	71	3	0
Lee	67	2	0
AHS	56	2	0
San Angelo	52	1	0
OHS	30	0	0

Boys X-Country

Cross Country has been the cross to bear for both Midland High and Lee during the decade with MHS scoring only eight decade points and Lee four.

That's giving up a lot of points to other district teams as San Angelo and Cooper led the way with 86 points and Abilene High 82. This was the only 4-5A sport that ended in a points tie for the decade.

It was a weak sport overall for the district since no individual or teams have won a region or state titles.

School	Decade Points	District Titles	State Titles
Cooper	86	4	0
San Angelo	86	3	0
AHS	82	1	0
OHS	74	2	0
Permian	64	0	0
MHS	8	0	0
Lee	4	0	0

Girls X-Country

Abilene High and San Angelo own all 10 of the league's girls cross country district titles. Abilene High had a lock on the decade championship in this sport with 122 points, the only team to crack 100.

Again, MHS and Lee, which didn't field cross country teams for most of the decade, have merger points. The MHS and Lee girls have scored only six points for the entire 10 years.

There have been no region or state or region cross country winners, either team or individual, in the decade.

School	Decade Points	District Titles	State Titles
Abilene High	122	6	0
San Angelo	94	4	0
Cooper	76	0	0
Permian	58	0	0
OHS	44	0	0
Lee	8	0	0
MHS	6	0	0

Booster Clubs...

The Midland Lee Basketball Booster Club meets the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Lee High School cafeteria. All boys' and girls' basketball fans are invited to attend.

The Midland High Softball Booster Club will meet the first Thursday of each month through May 4 in Conference Room A at MHS. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Contact Pat Hargrove at 686-9238 or David Askew at 686-7025 with questions.

The Midland Lee Lady Rebel Softball Booster Club will meet the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Lee cafeteria. Call Bryan Hargrove at 686-1537 for more information.

Baseball...

The Red Raider Baseball Camp is Jan. 23. Registration will be 8:30 a.m. and camp is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The camp is \$60. A deposit of \$50 is required. The camp is at the Texas Tech Athletic Training Center, located at the south end of the football stadium. Call Greg Evans at 1-806-742-3365, extension 265 for more information.

Soccer...

Registration for a spring youth league is being accepted through the Midland Soccer Association. Players can sign up during office hours at the MSA office, with a fee of \$40. New players must submit a copy of their birth certificate at registration. For more information, call the MSA office at 684-5425. Midland's Fusion Soccer Club is forming an '86 team for girls under 12 as of Aug. 1, 1999. Tryouts are scheduled for Jan. 9 and 16 from 2-4 p.m. at Windlands Park. A player release form for recreational players may be obtained at MSA offices and must be signed for tryout. For more information, call Andy Rickard at 520-3333.

Swimming...

COM Aquatics is holding water aerobics classes Monday through Saturday at Mabey Aquatic Center. Classes are at 6:15 a.m., 7:15 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. All classes are open to the public and swimming skills are not necessary. Cost is \$45 per month, \$65 for a couple. Deep and shallow water classes are offered. For information, call Rita Simmons at 684-7755.

COM Aquatics - Learn to Swim year round lessons for both children (3 years of age or older) and adults wishing to learn to swim or improve technique. Private or group lessons (limit four students per instructor) are available. Children are grouped by age and ability. A session normally consists of eight 30-minute lessons. Please call 684-7755 for more details.

The COM Masters Swim Team is open to anyone 20 and over. There are two Masters swim team workouts. You can choose from Monday-Wednesday-Friday or Tuesday-Thursday-Saturday at 6-7 a.m. at the COM pool. Call 684-7755 for more information.

The Midland YMCA offers year-round 30-minute swim lessons for parents and children and 45-minute lessons for youth. Private lessons are available. For more information, call Leaf Faller at 682-2551. Midland YMCA is offering water aerobics classes, including Hydro-fit and Deep Water aerobics. Classes are available both morning and evening. Call Leaf Faller or Deborah

WILLIAMSON: Cross Country hurts Rebels

(From 1C)

Losers: This is for teams finishing in sixth or seventh place for the decade, earning few points for its school. For Central, the list was short with softball (6), boys basketball (6) and volleyball (6). Central did not finish last in any sport, however.

Midland Lee
Top of the List: Lee was the best of the decade in football, softball and girls swimming. Lee won a two state championships in football.

Playoff Contenders: Girls golf (2), baseball (2), girls swimming (2), girls soccer (2), boys basketball (3), boys golf (3), boys swimming (3). Lee placed behind San Angelo in girls golf, but the Lady Rebels also won a state title in 1993.

Losers: Tennis (6), Boys cross country (7) and girls cross country (tied for sixth). Cross country probably cost Lee the Decade title, scoring only 10 points combined in both sports in 10 years.

Abilene Cooper
Top of the List:

Johnson, Marino feud transcends wild-card contest

By Dave Goldberg
AP Football Writer

SEATTLE — The Miami Dolphins and Seattle Seahawks have each lost five of their last six games, backing into playoff berths that seemed a lock midway through the season.

No wonder the futures of Dan Marino and Jimmy Johnson overshadow Sunday's AFC wild-card game, the winner of which is unlikely to survive the second round.

So no wonder Johnson spent the week saying:

"I plead with everybody — let's put the soap opera on the back burner for one week, just for one week. Right now we think Dan Marino is the best chance we have to win. I would anticipate that we'll stay with him because he gives us the best chance to win."

It will be the first postseason game in the Kingdom since 1984 and probably the last. The Seahawks move to the University of Washington for the next two seasons and then into a new home.

But it's hardly your typical playoff game.

Seven weeks ago, Seattle was 8-2 and cruising with a three-game lead in the AFC West.

Then it lost four straight and dropped behind Kansas City, regaining the lead only when they beat the Chiefs in the Kingdom on Dec. 26. The Seahawks then lost to the New York Jets 19-9, qualifying only because Oakland beat Kansas City.

The Dolphins also started 8-2 and seemed the class of the tightly contested AFC East. Damon Huard was filling in nicely for Marino, out with a pinched nerve

in his neck.

But Huard began to misfire, Marino came back and did likewise, and the exhausted defense began to leak. The result was a 9-7 finish, just like Seattle's.

Thus the soap opera. Marino said he came back this season because he thought the Dolphins had a chance to get the Super Bowl ring that's eluded him. It looked that way for half a season.

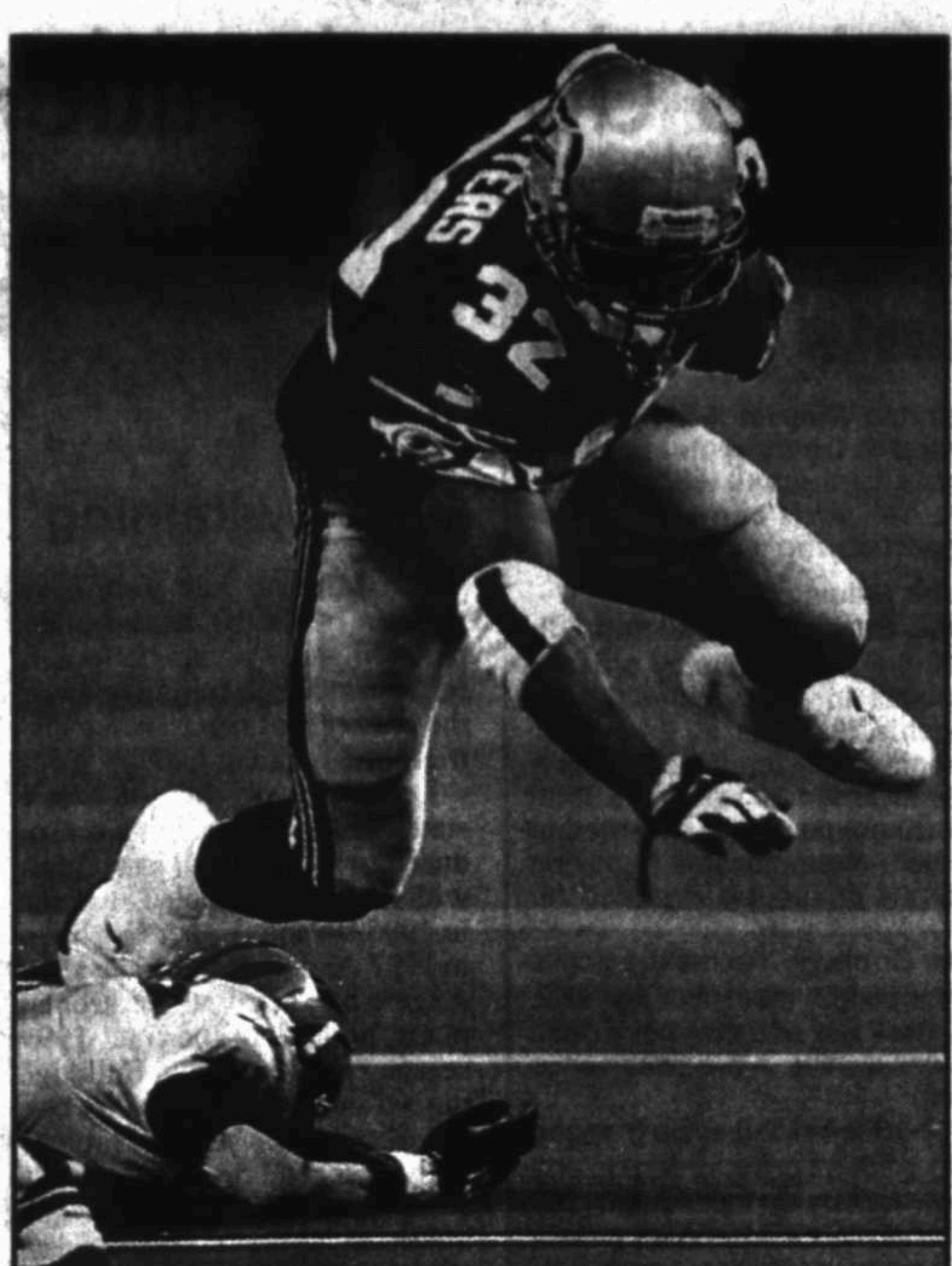
But it's clear that the man who holds just about every NFL passing record — 61,351 yards, 48 touchdown passes in one season, 4,967 completions, 420 touchdown passes — no longer has the arm he once had.

He was 4-6 in the 10 games he started (Huard was 5-1 in his games) and threw 17 interceptions, including five against Dallas on Thanksgiving. The 17 pickoffs are more than he's thrown in any full season since 1994.

"I might have come back a little too quick," Marino conceded. Johnson has spent the past few weeks insisting that Marino is his starter over Huard, who starred at the University of Washington and would be playing against his brother Brock, a rookie who is Seattle's third-string QB.

Marino, meanwhile, is talking like retirement is near — Dolphins owner H. Wayne Huizenga flew the QB's family to Washington for last week's game with the Redskins in case that was the finale.

"I'm proud of my consistency over a 17-year period," Marino said. "This team was able to rely on me every week, and I feel I played my position at a very, very high level. The big disappointment is not being able to win a Super Bowl. That's what you play



Seahawks running back Ricky Watters (32) will be a key player in today's AFC wild-card game. It is a game that has been overshadowed by the feud between Dan Marino and Jimmy Johnson.

for. That's a goal I had — and I still have."

There's also the Johnson saga.

He quit for 12 hours last January after his mother died, then brought in former Chicago coach Dave Wannstedt, his close friend, as assistant head coach. Reports abound he will either relinquish the coaching job and give it to Wannstedt while staying on as president, or that he will quit everything and settle down on his boat with his wife Rhonda and his tropical fish collection.

Seattle is another story. Mike Holmgren, who left Green Bay to take over the general manager-coach job with the Seahawks, ended up only one game better than Dennis Erickson, fired after going 8-8 in three of his four seasons there.

So while players such as Ricky Watters, Chad Brown and Willie Williams have Super Bowl experience, the majority of his players are new to the playoffs, including quarterback Jon Kitna, in his first full year as a starter.

Kitna threw 10 interceptions in the 1-5 finish after throwing just six in the 8-2 start. That leaves Holmgren in the position of urging patience.

"We're in this thing for the long haul (and) all these lessons will help him," Holmgren said. "It's the thing a quarterback stores in the bank and you can refer to and rely on later. All these things are experiences that make you better, and that's what experience means. He's got a whole potful in one year, and this playoff thing will be another one."

Is this the finale for Marino?

By Steven Wine
AP Sports Writer

MIAMI — Dan Marino has always been at his best with time running out, so there's a good chance he'll play well Sunday.

After all, it could be the final game of his career.

A defeat at Seattle would knock the Miami Dolphins out of the playoffs and perhaps push Marino into retirement. A victory would leave him just two rounds from the game he has never won — the Super Bowl.

Marino declines to characterize Sunday in such dramatic terms, dancing around the question of retirement as though he had two good knees.

"The last few years what I've done is when the season's over, I look at what's gone on and how I feel and analyze it and decide," he said. "Right now I'm focusing on going to Seattle and winning this game. That's what's important in my life right now."

Candid, colorful quotes have never been Marino's style, but that's OK. For 17 years he has provided the media with plenty of material by playing quarterback like no one else.

Numbers describe Marino's achievements better than he ever will: 4,967 completions for 61,361 yards and 420 touchdowns. All are NFL records.

This season's numbers are also revealing:

12 touchdown passes and 17 interceptions, by far the worst ratio of his career. His quarterback rating of 67.4 ranked 30th in the league.

He is 38, and an old 38 at that. Eight operations on his knees, right ankle and right Achilles' tendon have rendered him immobile for years, and this season a neck injury sidelined him for five games and hindered his arm strength even after he returned.

When he came back, the Dolphins stumbled to a 1-5 finish and barely made the playoffs. Sunday's game will be Marino's 17th in postseason play.

"Your mindset is you want to take advantage of the opportunity," he said, "because you never know when it might be your last."

Marino has won only one game since Oct. 10, and everyone wonders whether he can win another. In the Dolphins' locker room this week, comments about their quarterback sounded like eulogies.

Defensive end Trace Armstrong: "His love for the game is unrivaled. What he has gone through physically year after year — a lot of guys would have decided it was time to do something else. He just amazes me. It has been an honor to play with him."

Guard Kevin Donnalley: "When I first got here, I was a little in awe of him, but he's just like the rest of us. He's not Dan Marino, superstar. He's just Dan. He's a good guy. I think that's why everybody has such tremen-

dous loyalty to him and why they love him so much around here."

Teammate loyalty may have saved Marino from being benched this season. The future Hall of Famer frequently clashed with coach Jimmy Johnson, who is frustrated by Marino's turnovers and the way he runs an offense that sputtered most of the year.

Why hasn't Johnson replaced Marino with Damon Huard? Does the coach fear a backlash from players and fans? Johnson declines to address such speculation.

"I plead with everybody — let's put the soap opera on the back burner for one week, just for one week," Johnson said. "Right now we think Dan Marino is the best chance we have to win. I would anticipate that we'll stay with him because he gives us the best chance to win."

The soap opera probably won't last beyond this season. Johnson is considering retirement himself, and if he returns for another year, it's unlikely he'll want Marino back. If Johnson quits, Marino may not be inclined to play at age 39 under a new coach, and it's difficult to imagine him in another team's uniform.

So Marino's career likely will end Sunday, or next week at Jacksonville, or in the AFC championship game. Or maybe No. 13 gets lucky. Maybe the Dolphins shake their doldrums, win three consecutive road playoff games and reach the Super Bowl for the first time in 15 years.

Redskins hammer tame Lions

By Joseph White
AP Sports Writer

LANDOVER, Md. — Twenty minutes of Stephen Davis was more than enough for the Washington Redskins. It was way too much for the Detroit Lions.

Davis entered Saturday's NFC wild-card game with a sore ankle and left with a sprained knee. In between, he revitalized the Redskins' running game with 119 yards on 15 carries and two touchdowns to lead Washington to victory in its first playoff game in seven years, 27-13 over the mistake-prone Lions.

"I gave Stephen Davis a game ball," coach Norv Turner said. "But he can't collect it unless he plays against Tampa."

Turner was joking, but he was also stressing how essential Davis is to the Redskins attack — and how badly he'll be needed in next week's divisional playoff game at Tampa Bay. Davis sprained his right knee five minutes into the second quarter with the score 17-0 and will be re-evaluated Sunday. Another starter, left tackle Andy Heck, torn a hamstring and is already ruled out for the Buccaneers game.

For a few hours at least, the Redskins were able to revel in a rout that had them leading 27-0 at halftime. It was their fifth straight home victory, and now they have to do something they haven't done all year: Win a big away game.

"You don't want to get too



Redskins guard Tre Johnson (77) takes a swing over the head of back judge Bill Leavy (12) who struggles to restrain Detroit Lions Tracy Scroggins, second from left, as Detroit's Luther Ellies (94) grabs Leavy's shoulder during a third quarter fight.

complacent and say we've arrived, because we haven't," guard Keith Sims said. "Now we've got to go on the road."

Davis ran for an NFC-high 1,405 yards this season, but hadn't played since spraining his ankle Dec. 19 at Indianapolis. Davis was in pain as he practiced last week, and Turner was concerned that his Pro Bowl back wouldn't be able to play the entire game. Davis responded with two runs for 30-plus yards before the new injury forced him out.

"He's absolutely what makes this whole show go," Sims said. The Lions were 8-4 following a 33-17 home victory over the

Redskins last month, but lost their last five games and went only 2-7 away from the Silverdome this season.

The Lions haven't won a road playoff game since 1957 and are 0-20 against the Redskins in Washington, including 0-3 in postseason. The Lions were in the playoffs for the fifth time in seven years, but have yet to advance.

Former Redskins quarterback Gus Frerotte was heckled, and banners invited him to reprise his infamous head-but into the wall from two seasons ago as he returned to Washington for the first time. Frerotte was essentially a non-factor because the Lions

don't have a running game and his line didn't give him time to throw.

Frerotte was sacked on the first play of the game, dislocating a finger on his non-throwing hand in the process, and had to use a timeout after the second play. He finished 21-for-46 for 251 yards and two interceptions and was sacked five times.

When Detroit beat Washington five weeks ago, the Redskins were undone by 14 penalties, five sacks and four turnovers. The rematch was a mirror image, with the Lions committing 12 penalties for 126 yards, two turnovers and allowing five sacks.

The Redskins were nearly flawless as they scored on five of their first six possessions, although the Lions graciously helped more than once with ill-timed penalties. Washington had just one penalty, no turnovers and allowed no sacks in the 27-point first half.

With the game essentially over, the highlight of the second half was a fight between Brad Johnson and Robert Porcher, started when Johnson retaliated after Porcher threw a block following an interception. Several players joined in, and the Redskins lost their third offensive starter of the game when Tre Johnson was ejected for grabbing an official's head and pulling off the official's cap.

"I've been watching a little of WWP," Brad Johnson said. "I felt like I won that one."

MIAMI-SEATTLE PREVIEW

MIAMI (9-7) at SEATTLE (9-7)
TIME, TV — 3:05 p.m., CBS
OPENING LINE — Seahawks by 3 1/2
SEATTLE'S SPREAD — Dolphins 6-10
SERIES RECORD — Dolphins lead 5-3

LAST TIME MET — Seahawks beat Dolphins 22-15 on Oct. 6, 1986 at Miami.
POSTSEASON RECORDS — Dolphins 18-18, Seahawks 3-4
RECORD VS. COMMON OPPONENTS — Dolphins 3-4, Seahawks 3-5

LAST WEEK — Dolphins lost to Redskins 21-10. Seahawks lost to Jets 19-9.
DOLPHINS OFFENSE — RUSH (22), PASS (18), OVERALL (20)

QB Dan Marino played the first half, going 11-for-24 for 118 yards. He finished season with more INTs (17) than TDs (12) for first time in career. WR Orlando Gadsden had 9 catches for 114 yards and 1 TD. FB Rob Konrad had 10 catches for 88 yards. Rookie RB Autry Denson had 106 yards from scrimmage, 60 rushing, in first NFL start.

SEAHAWKS OFFENSE — RUSH (25), PASS (16), OVERALL (23)
Gained just 266 total yards, 33 rushing, in first regular-season game. QB Jon Kitna was 21-for-45 for 237 yards and 2 INTs with no TDs. WR Derrick Mayes had 5 catches for 84 yards. WR Sean Dawkins had 4 catches for 66 yards. FB Ricky Watters had just 30 yards rushing, is bothered by knee injury and is not expected to be 100 percent.

DOLPHINS DEFENSE — RUSH (8), PASS (5), OVERALL (5)
Allowed just 270 total yards to team averaging 379.7 per game. CB Patrick Surtain had 5 tackles and 2 passes. LB Zach Thomas and S Sharrif Woodson each had 6 tackles. LB Robert Jones had 5 tackles. S Brock Marion had 3 tackles. Lead NFL

in red zone TD percentage, allowing 12 in 38 attempts (31.6 percent).
SEAHAWKS DEFENSE — RUSH (25), PASS (17), OVERALL (23)

Yielded 379 total yards. Giving up 339.1 per game, third worst in AFC. DB Jay Bellamy had 6 tackles, 2 assists and 2 INTs. LB Chad Brown had 7 tackles, 3 assists and 1 sack. DT Sam Adams and DB Shawn Springs and DT Cortez Kennedy each had 6 tackles. DB Darryl Williams had 5 tackles and 2 assists. Allowed just 1 TD in 5 red zone trips.

SPECIAL TEAMS — Dolphins K Orlando Marino had a 38-yard FG, his 16th of 38th of season. Seahawks K Todd Peterson had 3 FGs (25, 41, 45), accounting for all scoring.

KEY MATCHUPS — Dolphins CBs Terrell Buckley and Sam Madson vs. WRs Dawkins and Mayes.

STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Dolphins coach Jimmy Johnson is second among active coaches with .727 postseason winning percentage (8-3). J. Marino (30) needs 1 TD to move into second place on career postseason list. He has 4,219 postseason yards passing, ranking third. In 2 playoff games vs. Seahawks, Marino has 453 yards passing with 5 TDs. ... Madison tied for NFL-high with 7 INTs. ... Mare set club record with 144 points. ... Dolphins WR Tony Martin had career-high 13 catches (163 yards) vs. Seahawks in '85 (with Chargers). ... Seahawks won first division title since '88 and will play first home playoff game since '84. ... Seahawks coach Mike Holmgren never lost a home playoff game with Green Bay. ... Watters has 1,055 yards from scrimmage and 12 TDs in 10 career postseason games. ... Seahawks WR Joey Galloway has 5 catches for 137 yards and 2 TDs in only career game vs. Dolphins. ... S Brock Marion had NFL with 30 INTs.

NFL STATISTICS

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San Francisco 5380 2085 3295

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Been there, Done that: '75 Cowboys see similarities to this season's team

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — After an up-and-down regular season, the Dallas Cowboys made the playoffs with a wild card. Their reward: a first-round game in Minnesota against a Vikings team with a revamped offense.

Sound familiar? While the storyline sounds current, this actually is the tale of the 1975 Cowboys, who beat the Vikings on Roger Staubach's "Hail Mary" pass to Drew Pearson and went on to become the first wild-card team to reach the Super Bowl.

Staubach noticed some similarities between the '75 and '99 teams a few months ago. He even passed along his observation to quarterback Troy Aikman as a way to encourage him that things might work out for the best.

Aikman's team stumbled in at 8-8. The '75 team Staubach remembered as being inconsistent went 10-4.

But if you look past the records, the parallels are there. Both finished second in the NFC East, took a wild card into the playoffs and opened in Minnesota with the winner likely to face the powerful Rams.

The '75 team was supposed to be steamrolled by the Vikings. Minnesota goes into this Sunday's game as a seven-point favorite, making Dallas the biggest underdog of the weekend.

Pearson has picked up on the similarities, too. Another one he adds is the possibility of it being a season that changes the direction of the franchise, although this time it could be for the worse if the Cowboys lose Sunday.

"One thing is different, though," Pearson said, laughing. "This time they're playing Minnesota indoors. We played outdoors."

The story of the 1975 Cowboys actually begins in 1974.

That team, filled with aging players, went 8-6. It was Dallas' fewest wins since 1965 and it the first time the Cowboys didn't play a postseason game since '64.

In the offseason, Bob Lilly, Cornell Green and Walt Garrison retired. Bob Hayes was traded. A mediocre team seemed to have gotten worse.

"Those observers who sounded the death knell for the Cowboys during the '74 season dug a hole and were all set to bury us in '75," coach Tom Landry wrote in his 1990 autobiography.

"What no one foresaw was the incredible college draft we got that year. By the time we finished training camp I knew we had landed the kind of talent needed to keep us near the top of the heap for years to come."

The rookie crop became known as the Dirty Dozen. It included Randy White, Thomas Henderson, Bob Breunig, Pat Donovan and Herb Scott, all of whom would later make the Pro

A Look Back

DALLAS (AP) — A game-by-game look at the 1975 Dallas Cowboys.

Regular season (10-4)
Sept. 21 — Beat Los Angeles Rams, 16-7
Sept. 28 — Beat St. Louis Cardinals, 37-31
Oct. 6 — Beat Detroit, 36-10
Oct. 12 — Beat NY Giants, 19-10
Oct. 19 — Lost to Green Bay, 16-17
Oct. 26 — Beat Philadelphia, 20-17
Nov. 2 — Lost to Washington, 30-24 (OT)
Nov. 9 — Lost to Kansas City, 34-31
Nov. 16 — Beat New England, 34-31
Nov. 23 — Beat Philadelphia, 27-17
Nov. 30 — Beat NY Giants, 14-3
Dec. 7 — Lost to St. Louis Cardinals, 31-17
Dec. 13 — Beat Washington, 31-10
Dec. 21 — Beat NY Jets, 31-21
Divisional playoff
Dec. 28 — Beat Minnesota, 17-14
NFC championship
Jan. 4 — Beat Los Angeles, 37-7
Super Bowl X
Jan. 16 — Lost to Pittsburgh, 21-17

Bowl. Four others also became Cowboys starters.

"Everyone thought that was a rebuilding year for us and that it would take some time before the Cowboys could get back into the Super Bowl picture," said Pearson, who was in his third year.

The season began with an 18-7 victory over Los Angeles, which had lost only six games the previous two years. The Rams would go on to win 12 of their next 13 games.

"I think by winning that game we realized we were a good team, but not great," Staubach said.

The Cowboys won their next three, only to lose three of the next four. However, two losses were by a total of five points and the other was in overtime.

Dallas got back on track by winning five of its last six.

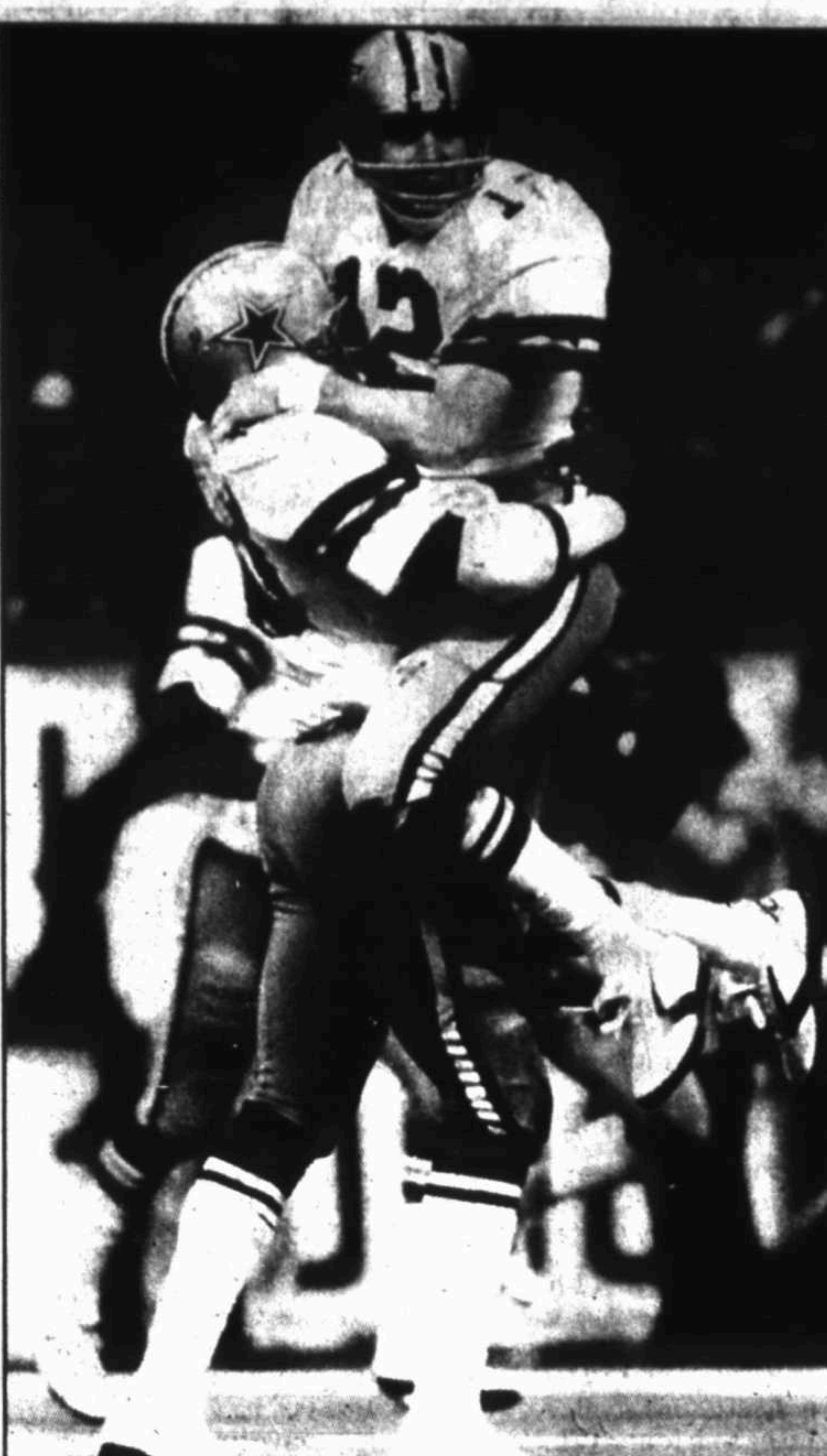
"We just kind of fought, clawed and scratched together," said Staubach, who was in the sixth of his 11 seasons. "There were times when we could have said, 'Hey, it isn't meant to be.' But we were resilient."

On a Sunday afternoon in late December, with temperatures in the 20s, the Cowboys met the 12-2 Vikings at Metropolitan Stadium.

Minnesota, led by quarterback Fran Tarkenton, had been to the previous two Super Bowls and would make it again in '76.

But the '75 team might have topped them all. They won their first 10 games and finished the year with 48 touchdowns, a team record that stood until the '88 squad scored one more TD in two more games.

"I've heard from Tarkenton that they thought that was their



Roger Staubach (12) was a member of the 1975 team which beat Minnesota in a divisional playoff. Most football people thought that the '75 Cowboys didn't have much of a chance going into the playoffs. That team went to the Super Bowl.

best team," Staubach said. Minnesota led Dallas 14-10 with 44 seconds left. Fans headed to the exits when the Cowboys faced fourth-and-16 from their own 25.

Staubach hit Pearson at mid-field and he went out of bounds with 24 seconds left. After an incomplete pass, Staubach threw a bomb to Pearson down the right sideline.

Pearson and cornerback Nate Wright collided at the 5. Wright fell. Pearson didn't catch the ball as much as he pinned it between his right arm and hip.

Touchdown. Vikings coach Bud Grant called it "a 100-to-1 shot." Staubach called it a Hail Mary and the term forever became part of football jargon.

"People still always ask me whether I pushed off Nate Wright," Pearson said this week. "I always say there was contact, but nothing deliberate, no deliberate push. Even in the conversations I've had with Nate over the years, he's never said he was pushed."

Most fans remember Pearson's catch as sending the Cowboys to the Super Bowl. Actually, they still had to go to Los Angeles to play the Rams, who had knocked out St. Louis the day before Dallas beat Minnesota.

Once again, everybody wrote the Cowboys off.

"We were in LA for two days and every paper we read, every story we saw on the news, all said we had no chance and were lucky to be there," Pearson said. "The Rams thought they were going to have a cakewalk. It ended up that we had a cakewalk."

Dallas won 37-7 behind four touchdown passes by Staubach and advanced to the Super Bowl against

defending champion Pittsburgh.

The Cowboys led 10-7 early in the fourth quarter, then fell behind 21-10. A late rally made it 21-17 and Dallas was driving with time running out.

Staubach threw deep to the end zone again, but he was out of miracles. The Steelers intercepted it and the game was over.

The '75 Cowboys were a young team on their way up that came together quicker than expected. The '99 Cowboys may be remembered as an aging team that fell apart quicker than expected.

Dallas got off to a promising 3-0 start then began to stumble.

In their eight losses, the Cowboys had six fourth-quarter leads and were within a touchdown in the final period of the other two.

"Although we had 12 rookies in '75, we still had a core of talented veterans. That's what this team has," Pearson said. "Hopefully, this Cowboys team can take advantage of their opportunity with a couple of wins and go to the Super Bowl."

Pearson is now a successful businessman in the Dallas area. He also takes part in the team's post-game radio show.

Staubach, also a successful businessman, isn't officially affiliated with the team, but his reputation makes him a goodwill ambassador wherever he goes.

He's followed the team close enough to think they can continue playing past this weekend.

"They've got a shot," he said. "I've been telling people that all season and they didn't believe me, but now it's possible."

"Hopefully they have the confidence. If they do, I think they're going to start showing they can beat some people."

Defeat today means culpability resides squarely with Gailey

By Randy Galloway
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Chan Gailey has heard no glowing endorsements lately from the owner. Gailey doesn't know about his job security status after today.

Let the Cowboys lose, even as a seven-point dog to the Minnesota Vikings, and Jerry Jones' verdict could follow a natural course, based on already a disappointing 8-8 regular season.

Does Gailey think about his neck being on the line today? That the wild-card round of the playoffs could push him into the coaching no-no land of the fired?

"Does it ever enter my mind? Sure," answered Gailey. "But is it anything more than a passing thought? No."

"If I'm dwelling on that, then I'm not preparing properly for Minnesota. I would never allow that to happen."

With Gailey, you can believe every word of the above. He is, without question, the good soldier, the good company man, the zoned-in-tuned-out-on-distractions kind of coach that every football boss will kill for.

Gailey does not put his private thoughts — pro or con — on the street. Nor does he put "any" company business on the street. Gailey is not nearly as boring as his public perception — what he says to the media is exactly what he wants you to know about the Cowboys or about Chan Gailey. Nothing.

All of this makes Gailey the perfect coach to work under the large shadow Jones want to cast. Except ...

The results aren't there. Gailey's offensive philosophy has come under question, and rightfully so. He was hired two years ago to put points on the board. Then there's the seasonlong disaster with penalties. It has been a team consumed by yellow hankies. This is a direct reflection on the head coach. So is the 8-8 record.

Therefore, the public criticism of Gailey has reached the immense stage.

"To say you don't hear it and it doesn't affect you a little bit would be a lie," he replied. "But again, if I let it get to me personally, then it impacts my job. My responsibility is to not get caught up in the other stuff."

Coaching the Cowboys may be the hardest job in sports. The spotlight is large and the expectations can be unreasonable, based on the talent available. For example, some of the same media types who in August were writing off the Cowboys as a .500 team are now calling for Gailey's head. With a .500 record.

Jones is certainly among those who allows expectations to exceed football reality. But

what owner doesn't? Jones, however, has gone public lately with a demand from Gailey for a change in offensive philosophy, an indication the owner was blaming the coach. And also an indication the owner is now meddling in football.

Voices inside Valley Ranch say Gailey brought this meddling on himself with an unwillingness to listen to offensive coaching staff members who suggested ideas different from the head coach.

"Hard-headed" is the criticism.

"There is a certain amount of truth to that," said Gailey. "But also some untruth. I believe in listening, and in using new ideas as long as they stay within the parameters of the base offense."

"But if those ideas get too far out there, then you would be changing everything, including blocking schemes. I don't think you can go that far."

For obvious reasons, quarterback Troy Aikman has a strong presence in all things having to do with the Cowboys' offense. There have been constant theories from many, including Fox analyst Terry Bradshaw, that the Gailey offense is not best-suited for Aikman's talents.

To shorten a long football explanation, Aikman is considered an aggressive, go-right-after-a-defense kind of quarterback, using downfield slant patterns and 15- to 20-yard "outs." Gailey's offense is more about deception, or "trick 'em."

By the way, Gailey disagrees with that definition of his offensive system. But while many have blamed Aikman's troubles this season on his distrust of young receivers, that may be untrue. Could it be he is struggling with the Gailey offense?

"Troy and I have talked about it, and shared ideas," said Gailey. "But there hasn't been any indication of a strong displeasure on his part."

Aikman agrees with that, or at least he does in talking to the media.

Whatever the case, Jones hired Gailey two years ago after Jones said he had carefully studied the offensive system Gailey would bring to Dallas. Jerry called this offense a perfect fit for Aikman. If it's not, then blame Jones.

But, of course, if there's a loss today to the Vikings, Jerry's blame will point elsewhere. Like right to Gailey.

What about the notion Gailey already has made up his mind to resign after this season, no matter what happens today in Minnesota?

"It's one of those things that will cross your mind, but I'd never do it," he said. "I'm not going to quit."

So does it come down to win or be fired? Maybe. Probably. Stay tuned.

Low blow on Adams will not be forgotten

By Jeff Caplan
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

IRVING — Dallas Cowboys offensive lineman Flozell Adams says he doesn't think about the below-the-belt cheap shot that Minnesota Vikings defensive end Duane Clemons landed on him during the teams' first meeting Nov. 8 in Minnesota.

He surely hasn't forgotten about it.

"I don't think he'll forget it," Cowboys coach Chan Gailey said.

The referees didn't see the punch, but ABC's "Monday Night Football" cameras caught it, and the video prompted the NFL to fine Clemons \$7,500, a figure Gailey surmised as minuscule considering the severity of the infraction.

At the time, Adams called the fine "ludicrous," and Gailey was as outspoken on the subject as anything this season. He's still disappointed with the punishment.

Gailey said he will talk to Adams at some point before Sunday's wild-card playoff game against Minnesota to remind him of the bigger picture and to keep his emotions in check and when he tangles with Clemons again.

SMITH A CONCERN
Both defenses are guarding against a Smith. The Vikings are poised to stop Cowboys running back Emmitt Smith, and the Cowboys are talking the same about Vikings running back Robert Smith, who missed the earlier meeting this season with an injury.

MATHIS UPGRADED
Cornerback Kevin Mathis was upgraded from doubtful to questionable, joining fellow corner-

back Kevin Smith at that status. Both practiced again Thursday, but Chan Gailey said it remains uncertain how much either can contribute Sunday.

Gailey called their practice session encouraging, but said neither is at 100 percent.

Deion Sanders, however, will be 100 percent. In the last meeting at Minnesota on Nov. 8, which also happened to be the last time Smith and Mathis played in the same game, Sanders played with an injured groin and hamstring and was noticeably gimpy.

WINNING AT 500

The Cowboys heard it more than once this week: the 1985 Cleveland Browns, the '90 New Orleans Saints and the '91 New York Jets, all playoff qualifiers at 8-8, never won a playoff game.

"Just because it's never happened doesn't mean it can't happen," safety George Teague said.

HIGH HONOR FOR TUCKER

Wide receiver-kick returner Jason Tucker of the Cowboys was named NFC special teams player of the month for December, the NFL announced. Carolina wide receiver Patrick Jeffers, a former Cowboys player, was named the offensive player of the month, and tackle John Randle of the Vikings won defensive honors.

SUPER EXPERIENCED

The Cowboys have 16 active players who have played in the Super Bowl. That's 15 more than the Vikings. Cornerback Jimmy Hitchcock played in Super Bowl XXXI with the New England Patriots against the Green Bay Packers.

BOYS: Dallas owns 1-7 road record

(From 1C)

little bit, but against us the first time we played them, he was outstanding," Vikings defensive coordinator Foge Fazio said. "Fortunately for us, he got hurt. When he wasn't in there, we were kind of happy. He's a dangerous guy."

Now, everybody's wondering if Smith can duplicate — or even double — his performance in the playoffs.

"I think America is looking forward to what might happen — more so than I am," Smith said. "But I'm not going to sit here and say I had 140 yards in the first half last time so I'm going to have the same thing again this week. I'm not going to say that. That is not likely to happen again. That might be a one time every five years kind of thing. But we do have an opportunity."

The Cowboys missed two field goal attempts early that night, so coach Chan Gailey is upbeat about his team's chances.

"We have to feel pretty good walking into

that arena, because we could've been ahead 23-0," Gailey said.

The Vikings' 27th-ranked defense has improved since then, with John Randle moved inside and former wide receiver Robert Tate bolstering the secondary.

The Cowboys trust the return of Leon Lett, who was serving another drug suspension the last time these teams met, will counter Randle's move.

"It ain't going to be easy, not by any means," Smith said. "I've seen these guys shut down Barry Sanders, I've seen it happen. What makes you think they cannot shut me down?"

The Vikings were without their own running back — Robert Smith — in the first meeting. He's back from hernia surgery and has teamed with Cris Carter and Randy Moss to make Minnesota every bit the explosive threat it was a year ago, when they went 15-1, then slipped up in the playoffs against Atlanta.

"I think that's one of the big keys to their

offense right now is that Robert has returned and is playing well and giving them a threat from anywhere on the field," Gailey said.

The Cowboys are a 1-7 team on the road and limped into the playoffs at 8-8, but quarterback Troy Aikman said none of that matters now.

"I think there's a certain mentality that would like to have us feel as though we didn't deserve to make it, but we're not even the No. 6 seeded team. We went in as the No. 5 team," Aikman said. "I think it just says where the league is, in particular where the NFC is."

The Vikings are considered the NFC team with the best shot at upsetting prohibitive favorite St. Louis in the Super Bowl sweepstakes. But the Vikings aren't forgetting that the Cowboys won three Super Bowls in the 1990s.

"So, they still have what we would call the heart of a champion," Carter said.

Thanks to Emmitt Smith.

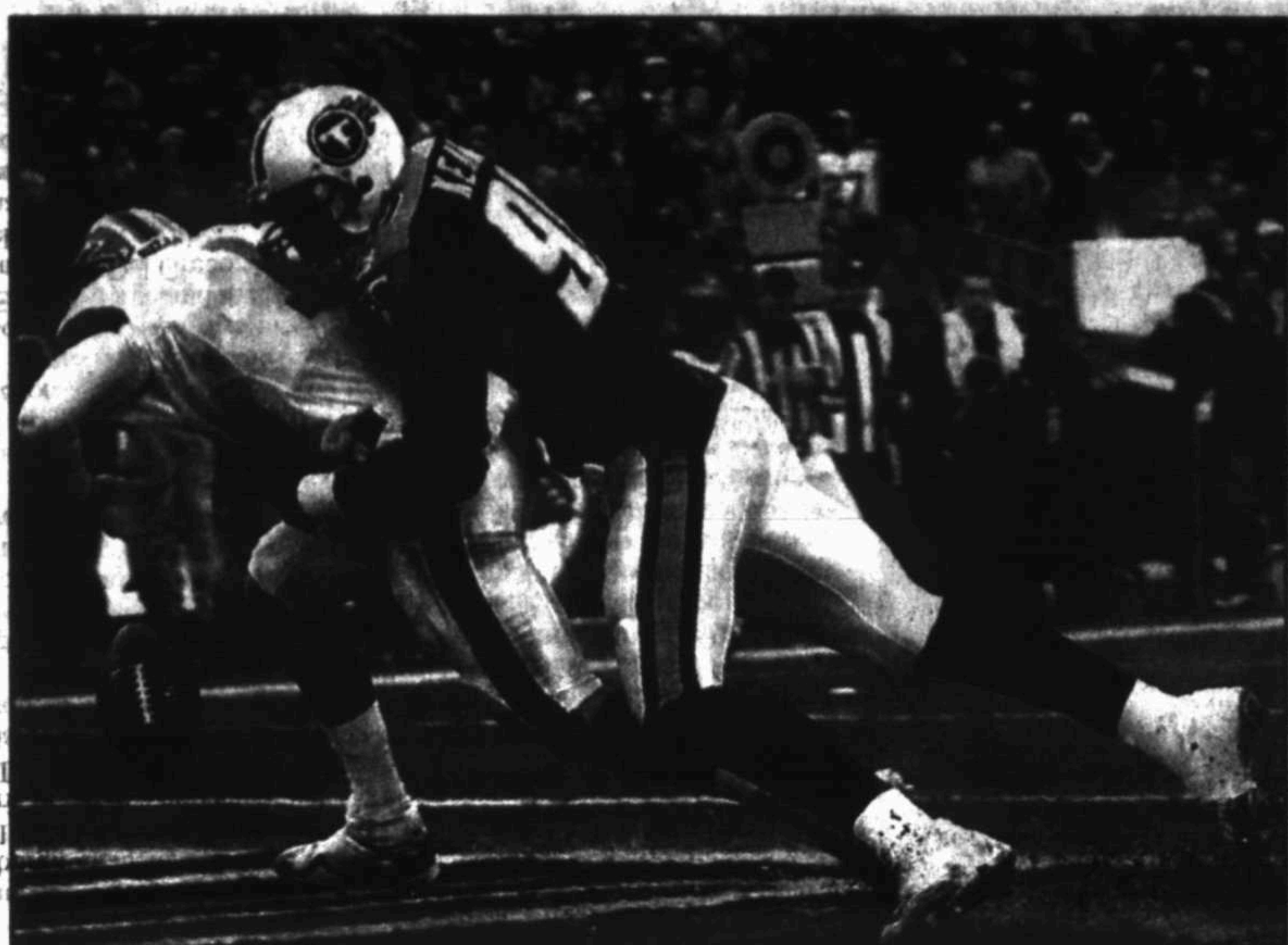
VIKINGS-COWBOYS MATCHUP

DALLAS (8-8) at MINNESOTA (10-6)
TIME, TV — 11:35 a.m., FOX
OPENING LINE — Vikings by 7
RECORD VS. SPREAD — Cowboys 8-8; Vikings 3-10
SERIES RECORD — Cowboys lead 13-9
LAST TIME MET — Vikings beat Cowboys 27-17 on Nov. 8 at Minnesota
POSTSEASON RECORDS — Cowboys 32-20; Vikings 15-21
RECORD VS. COMMON OPPONENTS — Cowboys 3-1; Vikings 3-1
LAST WEEK — Cowboys beat Giants 26-16; Vikings beat Lions 24-17
COWBOYS OFFENSE — RUSH (87), PASS (24), OVERALL (16)
Rushed up 437 total yards, 188 rushing. Averaging 128.2 per game, third in NFC. QB Troy Aikman was 23-for-32 for 288

yards and 2 TDs. RB Emmitt Smith had 22 carries for 122 yards. WR Jason Tucker had 4 catches for 122 yards, including 90-yard TD. WR Raghbir Small had 7 catches for 62 yards and 1 TD.
VIKINGS OFFENSE — RUSH (14), PASS (5), OVERALL (3)
Gained 379 total yards. Averaging 382.1 per game, third in NFL. QB Jeff George was 14-for-24 for 275 yards with 1 TD. WR Randy Moss, NFC leader with 1,413 yards receiving, had 5 catches for 155 yards with 67-yard TD. RB Robert Smith had 22 carries for 87 yards with 1 TD. WR Cris Carter had 3 catches for 52 yards. RB Leroy Hoard had 41 yards and 1 TD on 7 carries.
COWBOYS DEFENSE — RUSH (87), PASS (13), OVERALL (9)
Yielded 380 total yards. Had been allowing 297.3 per game. S George Teague had 3 tackles, 1 INT and 2 passes defended. LB Dexter Coakley and S Char-

lie Williams each had 5 tackles. DT Leon Lett had 3 tackles and 1 sack. LB Dat Nguyen, CB Duane Hawthorne and CB Deion Sanders each had 4 tackles. CBs Kevin Mathis and Kevin Smith, out last week, practiced and may play.
VIKINGS DEFENSE — RUSH (14), PASS (30), OVERALL (27)
Allowed just 16 yards rushing. Had been allowing 106.7 per game. DE Duane Clemons had 4 tackles, 2 1/2 sacks and 1 fumble recovery. DT John Randle had 2 sacks and 1 forced fumble. DE Chris Doleman had 5 tackles and 1 1/2 sacks. DE Robert Tate had 6 tackles and 1 INT. S Robert Griffith had 4 tackles and 1 sack. Allowed 16 TDs in 26 red zone attempts (34.6 percent), second in NFC.

SPECIAL TEAMS — Cowboys K Eddie Murray had 4 FGs (20, 21, 27, 40 yards). KR Tucker returned 2 kicks for 93 yards. Vikings K Gary Anderson had a 44-yard FG, but missed a 52-yarder. He missed 11 FGs this season after missing none last year.
KEY MATCHUP — CBs Sanders and Smith vs. WR Carter and Moss.
STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Cowboys lead Vikings 4-1 in playoff games. Cowboys lead NFL with most playoff games (52) and wins (32). Aikman has 4 career 300-yard postseason passing games, tied for third most. RB Emmitt Smith is career NFL playoff leader with 18 TDs rushing and is tied for most 100-yard games (7). Teague ranks third with 150 career playoff INT return yards. Moss and Carter combined for 2,654 yards receiving, second highest mark in NFL history. Vikings have gone to playoffs 7 of 8 games under head coach Dennis Green. RB Robert Smith had third consecutive 1,000-yard rushing season. Moss has 9 catches for 254 yards and 5 TDs in 2 career games vs. Cowboys. Range has 5 sacks in past 2 games.



Tennessee Titans defensive end Jevon Kearse (90) brings down Buffalo Bills quarterback Rob Johnson (11) in the end zone, knocks the ball loose and forces a safety in the second quarter of their AFC wild card game. Plays like that made Kearse a member of the 1999 All-Pro team. AP Photo

Rams, Bucs lead All-Pro team with four picks each

By Barry Wilner
AP Football Writer

The St. Louis offense and Tampa Bay defense, two of the NFL's strongest units, dominated The Associated Press All-Pro Team announced Saturday.

Kurt Warner, the league's Most Valuable Player, record-setting running back Marshall Faulk and tackle Orlando Pace were among the four Rams to make the squad.

Defensive tackle Warren Sapp, linebacker Derrick Brooks and safety John Lynch were three of the four Buccaneers voted to the team by a nationwide panel of 50 media members.

Rams defensive end Kevin Carter, who led the league with 17 sacks, was the other St. Louis representative. Tampa Bay fullback Mike Alstott was the fourth Buccaneer on the team, which included 16 AFC players and 11 from the NFC.

Oddly, the Rams and Buccaneers have been perennial tailenders through the 1990s. Clearly, that has changed.

"I think it indicates what kind of team we have and what an amazing season we've had," said Warner, the former Arena Football and NFL Europe quarterback who joined Dan Marino this season as the only players

with at least 40 touchdown passes in one year.

Faulk broke Barry Sanders' league record for total yards and had more than 1,000 yards both running and receiving. Pace, the No. 1 overall pick in the 1997 draft, became a dominating blocker this year as the Rams went 13-3, running away with the NFC West.

Tampa Bay (11-5) had five All-Pros in its entire existence.

"It's a tremendous honor," Brooks said. "I think making the Pro Bowl is special, but being All-Pro is even more special because you're regarded as the top at your position in the league. And I think the fact that three of my teammates made it as well speaks volumes for our team."

Added Sapp, who came off a mediocre season to have his best year: "The more games you win the more people look at your ballclub. And with this ballclub, they're going to keep finding good players. ... All of us don't have the personality or the mouth that I have. But all of us play this game at a high level and an efficient level."

Miami had three players: cornerback Sam Madison, who tied for the league lead with seven interceptions; placekicker Olindo Mare, who set an NFL mark with 39 field goals; and inside linebacker Zach Thomas.

"I feel like that's the main poll for showing your success," Thomas said. "A lot of guys say the Pro Bowl is a popularity contest, which it can turn into, but you never see that with the AP. That's why I'm very happy with

that."

Indianapolis (wide receiver Marvin Harrison and running back Edgerrin James, one of two rookies to make it), Jacksonville (tackle Tony Boselli and outside linebacker Kevin Hardy), Tennessee (guard Bruce Matthews and DE Jevon Kearse, the other rookie), and the New York Jets (center Kevin Mawae and punter Tom Tupa) each had two representatives.

Filling out the offense were Minnesota wide receiver Cris Carter, Kansas City tight end Tony Gonzalez, and Dallas guard Larry Allen.

The rest of the defense had Denver tackle Trevor Pryce, Baltimore inside linebacker Ray Lewis, Oakland cornerback Charles Woodson and New England safety Lawyer Milloy.

Chicago kick returner Glyn Milburn was the first Bears player to make All-Pro since 1991.

"This whole year has been a real surprise," Milburn said, "especially from the standpoint of our team not making the playoffs, not being on television a whole lot and to still be selected ... it's difficult to see yourself as being the one guy that was selected. I expect to be the best, but when it happens, it's still a shock and a surprise."

There were 21 first-time All-Pros. The only repeaters from the 1998 team were Boselli, Matthews, Allen (a tackle last year), Alstott and Thomas. The entire secondary and the whole defensive line consisted of newcomers.

showed their poise. Rob Johnson, indecisive for much of the game in the face of All-Pro Jevon Kearse and his teammates' pressure, guided them 38 yards in six plays after Kevin Williams' 33-yard kickoff return. Johnson was 10-of-22 for 131 yards in replacing Doug Flutie, who was benched during the week in a controversial move by coach Wade Phillips.

"I thought Rob struggled early," Phillips said, "but I thought he fought back and made the big play ... and got us down there. I thought we had the chance to win."

Buffalo's Steve Christie nailed a 41-yard field goal for the lead with 16 seconds left.

"They felt like they were going to win the game, and then they thought it was taken away from them," Phillips said.

Instead, the Titans had enough time for something desperate: Home Run Throwback. And, in the franchise's first playoff game in six years, the Titans found just the right miracle play.

"Destiny," Titans All-Pro guard Bruce Matthews said. "If you believe in that garbage. No matter how it came about, we gave ourselves a chance."

Bogged down by penalties, the strong Tennessee pass rush that produced six sacks and Johnson's early struggles, the Bills (11-6) just kept at it. They had won 10 of their previous 13 playoff games in part by not panicking.

Buffalo, which gained just 64 yards in the first half, looked like a different team to start the second half. Antowain Smith sped 44 yards on the opening play, leading to his 4-yard TD run. The Bills gained 62 yards on the drive that put them back in the game.

They kept pecking away. Eric Moulds beat Denard Walker down the left sideline for a 37-yard reception. Kearse was nailed for a roughing-the-passer penalty on third down and Smith scored again, from the 1.

The 2-point conversion pass

failed, making it 13-12 for the Bills.

A 16-yard punt return by Isaac Byrd got Tennessee to the Buffalo 45 with 6:15 left and the Titans methodically moved downfield. They got lucky when a pass bounced off Bills linebacker John Hokecek's left elbow directly to Wycheck, and Del Greco's 36-yarder gave them the lead.

With the offenses struggling, Tennessee left it to its big-play defense and special teams to start the scoring. The seemingly unblockable Kearse stormed in for his second sack after Johnson bobbled the snap at the Buffalo 8. With Johnson running backward, he fumbled out of the end zone for a safety.

Derrick Mason returned the ensuing free kick 42 yards to the Buffalo 28 and Steve McNair eventually rambled untouched around right end for a 9-0 edge.

GAME NOTES: Tennessee's last-second victory over Buffalo in the NFL playoffs Saturday provided a bit of revenge for the Titans. As the Houston Oilers, they blew the biggest lead in playoff history in 1993 at Buffalo. The Oilers led 35-3 before losing 41-38 in overtime. ... Bills defensive end Bruce Smith became the career postseason sacks leader with 14 1/2 by getting 2 1/2. He broke a tie with Reggie White. Smith has played in 20 postseason games. ... Bills quarterback Rob Johnson lost a shoe on the final drive for Buffalo and had his ankle tape flapping as he scrambled to complete the pass. ... Tennessee never has lost at Adelphi Coliseum, which opened this year. The Titans were 6-0 in the regular season, along with St. Louis the only teams to go unbeaten at home. ... Jevon Kearse, selected Saturday to the All-Pro team, got the first franchise safety in the playoffs since Jan. 7, 1979. ... Buffalo, which has not been to the Super Bowl since 1958, has lost four straight playoff games. ... Thurman Thomas will undergo an MRI on his right knee, which he hurt late in the game. The career leader in postseason touchdowns with 21 and points with 128 had 10 yards on five carries. He had a TD in nine consecutive playoff games before being benched. Kick returner Derrick Mason sustained a mild concussion for Tennessee. ... Buffalo lost linebacker Mario Perry with a broken left ankle and tackle John Fina, who left early because of recurring knee problems.

All-Pro Roster

NEW YORK (AP) — The 1999 Associated Press All-Pro Team, as selected by a panel of media members:

FIRST TEAM
Offense
Wide Receivers — Marvin Harrison, Indianapolis; Cris Carter, Minnesota
Tight End — Tony Gonzalez, Kansas City
Tackles — Tony Boselli, Jacksonville; Orlando Pace, St. Louis
Guards — Larry Allen, Dallas; Bruce Matthews, Tennessee
Center — Kevin Mawae, N.Y. Jets
Quarterback — Kurt Warner, St. Louis
Running Backs — Marshall Faulk, St. Louis; Edgerrin James, Indianapolis
Fullback — Mike Alstott, Tampa Bay
Placekicker — Olindo Mare, Miami
Kick Returner — Glyn Milburn, Chicago
Defense
Ends — Jevon Kearse, Tennessee; Kevin Carter, St. Louis
Tackles — Warren Sapp, Tampa Bay; Trevor Pryce, Denver
Outside Linebackers — Derrick Brooks, Tampa Bay; Kevin Hardy, Jacksonville
Inside Linebackers — Ray Lewis, Baltimore; Zach Thomas, Miami
Cornerbacks — Sam Madison, Miami; Charles Woodson, Oakland
Safety — John Lynch, Tampa Bay; Lawyer Milloy, New England
Punter — Tom Tupa, N.Y. Jets

SECOND TEAM
Offense
Wide Receivers — Isaac Bruce, St. Louis; Jimmy Smith, Jacksonville
Tight End — Wesley Walls, Carolina
Tackles — Jon Runyan, Tennessee; (tie) Leon Searcy, Jacksonville, and Jon Ogden, Baltimore
Guards — Tre Johnson, Washington; Ruben Brown, Buffalo
Center — Tom Nalen, Denver
Quarterback — Peyton Manning, Indianapolis
Running Backs — Stephen Davis, Washington; (tie) Eddie George, Tennessee, and Curtis Martin, N.Y. Jets
Fullback — Sam Gash, Buffalo
Placekicker — Mike Vanderjagt, Indianapolis
Kick Returner — Tony Horne, St. Louis

Defense
Ends — Tony Brackens, Jacksonville; Simeon Rice, Arizona
Tackles — Darrell Russell, Oakland; Bryant Young, San Francisco
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Inside Linebackers — Junior Seau, San Diego; Hardy Dickerson, New England
Cornerbacks — Todd Lyght, St. Louis; Deion Sanders, Dallas
Safeties — Carnell Lake, Jacksonville; Robert Griffin, Minnesota
Punter — Mitch Berger, Minnesota

Terrence Wilkins, Indianapolis; 3; Deion Sanders, Dallas; 2; Tim Dwight, Atlanta; 1; Terry Fair, Detroit; 1; Az-Zahir Hakim, Tampa; 1; Tamarick Vanover, Kansas City, 1.

DEFENSE
Ends
Jevon Kearse, Tennessee, 39; Kevin Carter, St. Louis, 37; Tony Brackens, Jacksonville, 9; Simeon Rice, Arizona, 9; Chad Bratzke, Indianapolis, 4; Robert Porcher, Detroit, 2.

Tackles
Warren Sapp, Tampa Bay, 46; Trevor Pryce, Denver, 16; Darrell Russell, Oakland, 13; Bryant Young, San Francisco, 10; Luther Ellis, Detroit, 4; Cortez Kennedy, Seattle, 4; Gary Walker, Tennessee, 2; James Jones, Detroit, 1; John Parrella, San Diego, 1; John Fina, Minnesota, 1; Tony Siragusa, Baltimore, 1; Ted Washington, Buffalo, 1.

Outside Linebackers
Derrick Brooks, Tampa Bay, 34; Kevin Hardy, Jacksonville, 33; Jessie Armstrong, N.Y. Giants, 12; Peter Boulware, Baltimore, 10; Chad Brown, Seattle, 4; Cornelius Bennett, Indianapolis, 2; Mike Jones, St. Louis, 2; Junior Seau, San Diego, 2; Donnie Edwards, Kansas City, 1.

Inside Linebacker
Ray Lewis, Baltimore, 44; Zach Thomas, Miami, 22; Junior Seau, San Diego, 14; Hardy Dickerson, New England, 7; Stephen Boyd, Detroit, 3; Dexter Coakley, 3; London Fletcher, St. Louis, 3; Sam Cowart, Buffalo, 1; Donnie Edwards, Kansas City, 1; Randall Godfrey, Dallas, 1.

Cornerbacks
Sam Madison, Miami, 28; Charles Woodson, Oakland, 21; Todd Lyght, St. Louis, 15; Deion Sanders, Dallas, 11; Donnie Abraham, Tampa Bay, 8; Shawn Springs, Seattle, 8; James Hasty, Kansas City, 6; Troy Vincent, Philadelphia, 2; Aeneas Williams, Arizona, 1.

Safeties
John Lynch, Tampa Bay, 25; Lawyer Milloy, New England, 18; Carnell Lake, Jacksonville, 14; Robert Griffin, Minnesota, 13; Brian Dawkins, Philadelphia, 12; Rod Woodson, Baltimore, 9; Donovan Darius, Jacksonville, 2; Victor Green, N.Y. Jets, 2; Percy Ellsworth, N.Y. Giants, 1; Rodney Harrison, San Diego, 1; Lance Schulters, San Francisco, 1; George Teague, Dallas, 1; Darren Woodson, Dallas, 1.

Punter
Tom Tupa, N.Y. Jets, 23; Mitch Berger, Minnesota, 16; Craig Hentrich, Tennessee, 5; Tom Rouse, Denver, 2; Darren Bennett, San Diego, 1; Jeff Fagles, Seattle, 1; Kyle Richardson, Baltimore, 1; Todd Sauerbrun, Chicago, 1.

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Advertise anything on wheels for 10 days. In the unlikely event that it doesn't sell, we'll run it for 10 more days FREE!

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(BID #038-00)

The City of Midland is requesting bids for the sale of a 0.436 acre tract of land out of Section 30, Block 39, T-1-S, R-9-E, Midland County, Texas. This property is located on Midland County, Texas. This property is located on Midland County, Texas. This property is located on Midland County, Texas.

In order to assure yourself that your bid will be properly submitted and considered, it is important that prospective bidders read, understand and follow the following instructions:

- Bidder may submit a cash bid.
- All bids must be accompanied by a certified check or bank money order issued by a bank satisfactory to the City. The amount of 10% of the bid price payable without recourse to the City. Bids without the required check or money order will not be considered. All other checks will be returned after the bid is awarded. The purpose of such check or money order is to provide a guarantee that the bidder will accept a conveyance to said land from the City and pay the balance of the amount bid or comply with any and all conditions of this bid.
- All bids must be sealed in an envelope, and the envelope must be plainly marked "Midland Drive Drainage Basin Property". All bids must be submitted to the Director of Facilities & Fleet Management in his office, Room 220 in City Hall, 300 North Lorraine Street, or mailed to P.O. Box 1152, Midland, Texas 79702, on or before 11:00 a.m. o'clock on the 18th day of January, 2000. All bids being received after such time and date shall not be considered.
- The minimum bid that will be considered by the City of Midland for this property is \$3,562.08.
- Bidders are advised that the City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive technicalities, to negotiate with any of the bidders, and to make any investigation deemed necessary as to a bidder's financial status.
- Bidders are advised that the City of Midland will issue a Special Warranty Deed and the bidder must satisfy himself as to title and acquire all desired abstracts and other title information of insurance solely at his own expense, and all other costs of sale, if any, must be borne solely by the successful bidder.
- Bidders are advised that the Special Warranty Deed given by the City will be subject to the following conditions and covenants:
PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that all the oil, gas and other minerals in and under said land are hereby expressly excepted from this conveyance, and it is also subject to any existing easements or record and/or on the ground for pipelines, utilities or other purposes.
- Any questions concerning the submission of bids shall be directed to Mark Phillips, Director of Facilities and Fleet Management, P.O. Box 1152, Midland, Texas 79702, Phone No. 682-7235.

CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed Bids for:

Midland College, Physician Associate Program Building for Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, Lubbock, Texas PP & C No. 97-38

will be received until 3:00 PM, Friday, February 4, 2000.

Proposals will be received by Mr. Gay Hickman, Administration, Midland College, Gibson Board Room, 3900 North Garfield, Midland, Texas 79705 until 3:00 PM where they will be stamped received. Proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:15 PM in the Gibson Board Room on the same date.

Proposals received after closing time will be returned unopened. Proposals require a five percent (5%) Bid Security with submission. Proposals may not be withdrawn within sixty (60) days after the opening date.

The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Proposals and to waive any and all formalities.

Contract Documents may be examined and obtained from the Architect/Engineer:

Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. 5214 Thomson Drive Midland, Texas 79712 or Phone 806-747-0165 Fax 806-747-7146

A deposit of \$100.00 is required for each set. The deposit will be refunded upon return of Contract Documents, in good condition, to the Architect/Engineer within fifteen (15) days after Proposal opening.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 1:30 PM, Thursday, January 20, 2000, at the Midland College, Gibson Board Room with a follow up visit to the site, Midland, Texas. All interested parties are invited to attend.

Texas Tech, University Health Sciences Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer and all Historically Underutilized Businesses are encouraged to participate.

NOTICE OF ESTRAY

DATE 8-9-99

1. PERSON REPORTING

ESTRAY NAME: E.H. Todd

2. DATE ESTRAY

REPORTED TO SHERIFF: 8-9-99

3. LOCATION OF

ESTRAY WHEN FOUND: 1 1/2 Tenth mile East of CR 1050, N. side Hwy 307

4. LOCATION OF

ESTRAY WHILE IMPOUNDED: Pastured at S. CR 1040 & Hwy 307

5. DESCRIPTION OF

ESTRAY: KIND OF ANIMAL: Cattle

BREED: Brangus

COLOR: Black

SEX: Steer

AGE: 18 mos.

SIZE: 480 Lbs

BRAND, MARK, IDENTIFYING CHARACTERS: Red Ear Tag No. 4

Gary Painter, Sheriff Midland County, Texas Sgt. J.D. Stuard, Deputy

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Midland Independent School District will receive bids for Junior High Supplies, Bid #0-0084 addressed to Mr. Leon Hartler, Director of Purchasing, 7501 West County Road 60, Midland, Texas 79707 until 2:00 p.m. CST, January 19, 2000. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained by calling (817) 688-1752.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF TEXAS HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORK

Sealed proposals for the following projects:

Landscaping, Retaining Walls, Control No. 6045-27-001, estimate \$36,719, guaranty \$800, on US 190 in Pecos county, Riprap at Pump Stations, Control No. 6045-27-001, estimate \$12,858, guaranty \$3,100, on IH 20 in El Paso county, Placement of Prefabricated Pavement Markers, estimate \$33,120, guaranty \$700, on SH 18 in Ward county and Herbicide, Control No. 6046-94-001, estimate \$76,870, guaranty \$1,000, on SH 302 in Loving county of the Odessa District will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation, 200 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, until 1:00 P.M., February 2, 2000, and then publicly opened and read. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the sealed proposal arrives at the above location and is in the hands of the letting official by the specified deadline regardless of the method chosen by the bidder for delivery.

Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Douglas W. Eichorst, Area Engineer, Midland, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, 200 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

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CONSTRUCTORS & ASSOCIATES, INC. REQUESTS PROPOSALS

qualified MBE/WBE subcontractors and suppliers for work in all trades for the construction of two new buildings comprising the English-Philosophy & Education Complex at Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas. Plans are available for review at local AGC and Dodge plan rooms, and at Constructors offices in Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin, and Houston. Written bids must be submitted to Constructors & Associates, 383 Le Parkway, #700, Dallas, Texas 75219 by Thursday, January 13, 2000 at noon. Telephone: (214) 520-3353; Fax: (214) 520-8216.

REQUEST FOR BIDS ON TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for 3.588 mi of structure extension and modification, metal beam guard fence replacement, sign on IH 20 from 1.2 mi East of BI 20 E to 2.3 mi West 20 E covered by IM 20-2(95) in Midland County, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, 200 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, until 1:00 P.M., February 2, 2000, and then publicly opened and read. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the sealed proposal arrives at the above location and is in the hands of the letting official by the specified deadline regardless of the method chosen by the bidder for delivery.

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Notice to Roofing Contractors for Texas Department of Transportation, Odessa, Texas. Contract No. 080XXR1011 for the Roofing of the Sanderson Maintenance Office, located at the Sanderson Maintenance Office, located at U.S. Hwy 285, 2 miles north of Sanderson, Sanderson, Texas. Bids are to be received at 3901 E. Hwy 80, Odessa, Texas, by the Bid date of January 25, 2000, at 11:00 a.m. and then publicly opened and read. Estimated cost: \$13,000.00. Plans and specifications will be furnished without charge to the contractors. Request by telephone or fax to: TxDOT, Odessa District, Attn: Arnulfo Valdez, telephone # (915) 498-4796 or fax # (915) 498-4649.

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NOTICE TO ROOFING CONTRACTORS

Notice to Roofing Contractors for Texas Department of Transportation, Odessa, Texas. Contract No. 080XXR1012 for the Roofing of the Andrews Maintenance Yard, located at 1000 S. Main, Andrews, Texas. Bids are to be received at 3901 E. Hwy 80, Odessa, Texas, by the Bid date of January 25, 2000, at 11:00 a.m. and then publicly opened and read. Estimated cost: \$13,000.00. Plans and specifications will be furnished without charge to the contractors. Request by telephone or fax to: TxDOT, Odessa District, Attn: Arnulfo Valdez, telephone # (915) 498-4796 or fax # (915) 498-4649.

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One Position for 7am- 7pm Shift
Med/ Surg experience required and charge nurse capability preferred.

2 RN Positions in ICU*
7pm- 7am and 7am- 7pm Shifts
Available. ACLS and critical care experience required.

RN/ LVN Position in Express Care
3pm- 3am Shift- Full- Time.

3 MLT or MT
Positions in Laboratory
Part-time ASCP certified or eligible. Perform all lab analysis, clerical, phlebotomy and other duties as needed.

***\$2,500 Sign- On Bonus**

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

WESTWOOD

SAME DAY SURGERY

Full-time registered nurse position available; Graduate of an accredited school of nursing; Texas license required; experienced preferred.

LABORATORY

Part-time and PRN MT (ASCP/MLT (ASCP) positions available. Must be certified as a lab tech. Microbiology Skills required.

SECRETARY

Full-time position available; must possess strong clerical and filing skills. Must be able to communicate well with patients and hospital public.

CARDIOPULMONARY

PRN CRTT/RRT positions available. Graduate of an accredited program. Texas license required; experience in an acute care hospital setting strongly preferred.

BUSINESS OFFICE

Full-time Admitting Representative position available, must possess good clerical and computer skills; previous hospital experience a must.

BIRTHPLACE REGISTERED NURSE

Full and part-time positions available; Graduate of an accredited school of Nursing; Texas License required; OB experience required.

EMERGENCY SERVICE NURSES

Full-time and PRN positions available; Graduate of an accredited school of nursing. Texas license required; emergency room experience required.

Bonus Eligible

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

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. Nick Brown
Director of Human Resources
P.O. BOX 51670 • Midland, Texas 79710 • (915) 522-3830
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.

FROSCHE PHOTOGRAPHY: Sales/Office associate. Organization, dependability, dedication, detail and people skills are a must. Computer and Art background helpful. 689-3886.

FULL and PART TIME: clerks needed for all shifts at E-Z Mart. No phone calls; apply in person 2210 N. Big Spring.

FURNITURE MOVERS: with experience. Heavy lifting and drivers license required. Leave a name number (915)553-1464.

GREENHOUSE workers: needed. Apply Bonnie Plant Farm, 3412 South County Road 1130. (Hwy 80 toward Garden City, left onto 120 East- approximately 2 miles.)

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT: Repair Technician, experience preferred. Call after 1 pm. 550-6500.

Entry-level Opportunity

Learn fabrication business from the ground up. Experience in inventory or sales a plus. Ability to read blueprints and mechanical-plans a plus. Will be tested on math and verbal skills. Temp to hire benefits. Salary \$7.50 range to start. Call Preferred Personnel 684-5900 Never a Fool *****

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Rehabilitation professional at HealthSouth of Odessa for rehabilitation of choice for rehab health.

Charge Nurse- Full
Registered Nurse- and PRN.

Rehab Nursing
11p-7a, and PRN.

Staff Pharmacist-
20 hours/week

Our progressive atmosphere, and multi-disciplinary approach to the best rehabilitation patients and the best employees.

Candidates may apply in am-8:00 pm or call (915) 797-0707. Fax (915) 797-0707.

Director of Human Resources
HealthSouth Rehab of Odessa
1800 Heritage B
79707. Fax (915) 797-0707.

Big Bend Regional Medical Center
Texas currently has the following available:

- Registered Nurse- LVN- Med/Surg
- Registered Nurse- Med/Surg
- Registered Nurse- Med/Surg
- Pharmacy Tech- Pharmacist
- Unit Secretary- Medical
- Director Facilities
- Director HR- Human Resources
- HR Assistant- Human Resources

Interested candidates 857-3447 or fax resume BOE.

Manor Park

LVN's \$250 BO
CNA's \$50.00 S

Manor Park is expanding its applications for full time must be licensed in Texas.

Manor Park, Inc. offers of allowance, 13 days time off union membership, and completed at 2208 N. Lo 79707. No phone calls Workplace

Equal Opportunity

SCENIC MOUNTAIN

ADMISSION:
Prior hospital registration. Must have strong knowledge of patient care. Salary/Compensation with experience. Full 401(K).

MEDICAL BILLING:
Team player needed to learn for multiple of Must be a self-starter with organizational skills. Kr payers required. Recent experience preferred. Full 401(K). Salary commensurate with experience. Qualified applicant must salary history.

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1801 W. Y Big Spring, 915-25 Fax: 915-

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LABORATORY
Accessioner needed. Experience not necessary although data entry skills are a must. Others need not apply. Bring resume for interview to: 10210 West Hwy 80 (Just past Air Terminal on service road next to Allstate).

LITTLE CAESARS Pizza hiring part-time drivers. Must be 18, courteous, have good driving record. \$9/ hour. Apply at 1000 North Midland.

MAMA BEAR'S Cottage
has opening for infant/toddler care giver. Experience working in daycare center required. Monday- Friday 7:30-5:30. Call 684-8270.

NEED SEVERAL people
for pipe work. VIP Employment, 4305 North Garfield, Suite 202, 688-9722.

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Veterinarian Assistant and Kennel person. No smoking environment. Send resume to: Box 5371, Midland TX, 79704.

PIZZA HUT now hiring for delivery driver positions. Starting pay \$5.15 per hour plus tips plus .50¢ per delivery. Apply in person at 2200 W. Wadley, 427 Andrews Highway, 4400 North Midland Drive or 4200 Andrews Highway.

HEALTHSOUTH

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HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Midland/Odessa, a progressive 60-bed facility has the following opportunities available:

Charge Nurse - Full Time 3p-11p

Registered Nurse - Full time 3p-11p, 11p-7a, and PRN.

Rehab Nursing Tech - Full time 3p-11p, 11p-7a, and PRN.

Staff Pharmacist - Part time (approximately 20 hours/week)

Our progressive atmosphere, state-of-the-art facility, and multi-disciplinary team approach leads only to the best rehabilitative healthcare for our patients and the best work environment for our employees.

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Director of Human Resources
HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital
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1800 Heritage Blvd., Midland, TX
79707. Fax (915) 520-1704

EOE

Big Bend Regional Medical Center in Alpine, Texas currently has the following positions available:

Registered Nurse - Med/Surg

LVN - Med/Surg

Registered Nurse - Emergency Dept.

Registered Nurse - Obstetrics

Registered Nurse - Hospital Coordinator

Pharmacy Tech - Pharmacy

Unit Secretary - Med/Surg

Director Facilities - Plant Engineering

Director HR - Human Resources

HR Assistant - Human Resources

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ADMISSION SUPERVISOR

Prior hospital registration experience preferred. Must have strong knowledge of all 3rd party payor requirements. Strong collections experience a plus. Salary/Commission commensurate with experience. Full benefit package with 401(K).

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Team player needed to manage billing and collections for multiple physician specialty group. Must be a self-starter with strong leadership and organizational skills. Knowledge of all 3rd party payors required. Recent management experience preferred. Full benefit package with 401(K). Salary commensurate with experience. Qualified applicant may submit resume with salary history.

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Big Spring, Texas 79720
915-268-4961
Fax: 915-268-4962

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Excellent opportunities in Correctional Nursing available now.

LVN and Medication Aide for evening shifts at TDCJ Prison B. South Unit in Lamesa. Dental Hygienist position now open. Mon-Fri. 8 to 5. For these staff positions with great benefits and competitive salaries based on experience.

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Human Resources
Medical Arts Hospital
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Lamesa, Texas 79331
806-872-2183
806-872-3935 fax

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Two Positions Available With Excellent Benefit Package. 41 Bed Rural Hospital

LABORATORY DIRECTOR:

Bachelors degree in Medical Laboratory Technology, or HHS (HEW) certification. Licensed as a Medical Technologist, Registered by ASCP, AMT, ISLCT, HEW, or NCA. Two years experience of supervising high complexity testing in a medical lab or previous general supervision qualification under CLIA rules.

MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST:

Full Time. Share call and weekends with two other people. Bacteriology experience required.

Send Resume To:

Castro County Hospital District
310 W. Haisell or P.O. Box 278
Dimmitt, TX 79027
Fax: (806) 647-2407
Or Phone: (806) 647-2191, Ext. 423
Nancy Fuller, Human Resource Dept.

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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.

University Medical Center

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Crocket 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:

Crocket County Care Center
Attn: Administrator
P.O. Box 640, Ozona, TX 79643
or fax your resume to (915) 592-3553

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PER DIEM (As needed) MOBILE ASSESSMENT AND REFERRAL TEAM ASSISTANT IN MIDLAND:

Qualifications: RN, LPC, LMBSW; Licensed professional to assess patients; organized with good oral and written communication skills; ability to handle multiple tasks in a fast paced environment.

Qualified applicants apply or call:

River Crest Hospital
1606 Hunters Glen Road
San Angelo, TX 76901-5016
Susan Wilde, HR Director
1-800-777-5722 ext 7304

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Looking For Happy Faces!!!

Now accepting applicants for 2 positions on our wait staff. Part-time/Full-time. Must be able to work split shifts and weekends. Apply in person only, ask for Janie

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PART TIME Front Desk Clerk needed.

Apply in person at: Super 8 Motel, 1000 West 1-20, Midland, Texas. No phone calls.

PART TIME Servicing Assistant.

Midland Convention & Visitors Bureau seeks organized, creative, people person to assist with convention groups and sports events. Computer skills and flexible hours important. Send resume and salary history: Shura Lindgren, 109 N. Main, Midland, TX 79701.

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needs experienced equipment operators. Must have Class "A" CDL to apply. Offroad experience in cementing and/or well servicing preferred. Must pass physical and drug test and have a clean driving record. Good benefits. Salary DOE. Apply @ Triple "N" Services @ 1110 West County Road #114 in Midland. 570-0029.

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needed full time part time. Guaranteed salary plus commission. Call 570-9609 from 1 to 4 pm.

TEACHER NEEDED:

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Must have eye for detail. Experience preferred, but will train right person. Must pass pre-employment drug screen. Apply at 10600 West Interstate 20 (West of Warfield Truck Stop). Benefits, EOE.

TREE, LAWN and landscape service.

Some experience required. Must be reliable. Call 520-2135 after 5 p.m.

TRUCK DRIVER Wanted:

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TRUCK DRIVERS- Local

hauling. Due to expanding operations, Plains Marketing L.P. currently has driver positions open for crude oil and waste transportation in various West Texas locations. We offer excellent benefits, competitive pay and very good working environment. If you have a current CDL with a (X) endorsement and a good safety record. Come by and talk to us. Crude oil experience helpful but not necessary. Candidates must pass D.O.T. physical and drug screen. Applications are being accepted at 3705 Hwy 158. For more information call 686-1731 and ask for Ron Devore or Larry Evans. Plains Marketing L.P. Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Sell Avon Good earnings. \$0 Fee 12/20-1/7. Verla 520-0119, independent Rep.

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Pharmacy Management Co., currently recruiting for a Part Time position (30 hours/week) in Big Spring, Texas. Fax resumes to: (703)642-8039.

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Now Hiring PRN

• RNs: up to \$37.50

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IMMEDIATE OPENING

for certified paramedics, EMT-1's, EMT's. Must have experience in institutional setting. Top pay. Call 570-4892.

CNA

1 position 10-6

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We are looking for

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Apply at Trinity Haven 3203 Sage or call 683-5403.

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Needed in San Angelo. Must have experience with filing dental insurance, and scheduling patients. Excellent benefits, hours and compensation. Long term employment in a growing practice. Fax resume to: 915-944-0424 or mail to 3812 Arden Rd., San Angelo, Texas 76901.

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Pharmacy Manager & Staff Pharmacist.

Great pay! Great benefit! Great retirement package! Sign on Bonus. Contact Kenny Copeland at Albion, Odessa, 915-367-4976.

NEED A REUSE Tech-Part time position.

No experience necessary, will train. High school diploma a must. Willing to work in a medical setting. Apply Monday-Friday at Permian Basin Dialysis Center, 4250 W. Illinois, Suite 140.

ENERGEN RESOURCES

Energen Resources Corporation has immediate openings for the following positions in its Birmingham, Alabama office:

Senior Lease Records Analyst

This position is responsible for research and maintenance of oil and gas leases, including the following:

- Analyzing and interpreting oil and gas leases, including State, Federal and Indian
- Analyzing and interpreting land contracts
- Interaction with interest owners and outside operators
- Delay rental, shut-in royalty and minimum royalty payments
- Preparation of lease inventory maps and contract exhibits

The qualified candidate will have at least 5 years lease record experience in the oil and gas industry. Proficiency with PC applications a must. Experience with Excelsior Land/Lease Records system a plus.

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This position is responsible for:

- Reviewing and interpreting title opinions, curative, leases and agreements
- Calculating revenue interest in operated wells and distributing division orders
- Interpreting legal documents pertaining to change of ownership and distributing transfer orders
- Verifying revenue interest in non-operated wells
- Interacting with interest owners, outside operators and purchasers
- Calculating GPO and APC figures
- Unclaimed property reporting

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We offer a highly competitive salary with a complete benefits package. For immediate consideration, please forward your resume and salary history to:

Energen Resources Corporation
605 21st Street North
Birmingham, AL 35203
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An Equal Opportunity Employer

THE J. Conrad Dunagan Library of The University of Texas of the Permian Basin is seeking to fill the two following position.

Library Assistant III, Circulation Supervisor

Manages all Circulation Desk activities in an automated environment (DRA integrated library system); hires, trains, schedules, and manages 4-5 student assistants; trains, schedules and supervises two FTE Library Assistant I's; manages automated overdue notice system; responsible for library fines, collection management; aides in use and maintenance of photocopyers, printers, and microfilm reader/printers; plans and manages stacks maintenance and some special projects; responsible for area security. Works with multiple tasks in a fast-paced environment in continual contact with the public. Must have an eye for detail, strong ability to problem solve; ability to work both independently and as a team member; possess leadership skills and excellent communication skills. Requires evening hours; may require weekend hours.

Education: Requires at least some college

Experience: Strongly preferred library experience or experience working in an academic environment.

Library Assistant I, Circulation Assistant

Responsible for procedures involving circulation of library materials and reserve items in a highly automated environment using specialized library automation systems. Duties may include supervision of student assistants, collection of fines and fees, stack maintenance of equipment inventory, aid collection of fines and fees, low-level maintenance for printers, microfilm reader/printers, copiers. Duties will also include enforcing and explaining standard academic library rules and procedures. Works with multiple tasks in a fast-paced environment in continual contact with public. Requires evening hours; may require weekend hours.

Education: High school graduate required; some college preferred.

Experience: Experience working in a library or academic environment preferred.

Please specify which position you wish to apply for. Contact: All interested and qualified applicants should apply at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, Personnel office, room 467, 4901 East University Boulevard, Odessa, Texas 79762. UTPB is an equal employment affirmative action employer.

NEW TODAY

DENTAL - Experienced

chairside assistant needed to add to our growing practice. Must have radiation certification and ability to assist with all phases of restorative and cosmetic dentistry. Requires self-starter, great communication skills, positive and caring attitude and ability to work as a team player in a fast-paced, quality oriented practice with a great working atmosphere. Four day work week. Confidential inquiries accepted. We know you are out there! Please bring resume by Dr. Lou Ann Gray's office at 3000 N. Garland, Suite 220, Midland.

DIETARY SUPERVISOR

and full time RN with some nursing home experience needed at Big Spring Care Center. 915-263-7633.

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in association with Local Dentist is offering a course in Dental Assisting. Enrollment limited. Call 688-5042.

LVN NEEDED for Doctor's office.

Mail resume to: P.O. Box 4935, Midland, TX 79704.

NURSES UNLIMITED.

Inc. needs an occupational therapist with Pediatric experience. Contact Ken at 580-2015 Monday-Friday 8-5, EOE.

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Inc. offers a sign on bonus for RN's & LVN's interested in institutional setting. Come by and fill out an application at 700 N. Grant, Suite 100, Odessa or fax resume to: 580-2033. Arlington, Monday-Friday 8-5, EOE.

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NURSES UNLIMITED.

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ORTHODONTIC ASSISTANT:

For fast paced, oriented practice. Must be friendly, a good communicator, and able to work as a team member. No smoking environment. Knowledge of dental procedure preferred. Send resumes to: N-4185, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1850, Midland, TX 79702.

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BOTT Energy Corp., a major gatherer and marketer of crude oil and natural gas liquids, currently has an opportunity for a Pipeline Controller at our Midland, TX location. Qualified candidates will be responsible for operating and monitoring BOTT's complex network of liquid pipelines using a sophisticated computer system. Desired applicants will possess strong decision-making, communication and organizational skills. An associated degree in a related discipline or 2 years experience in a pipeline operating environment preferred. This position requires working rotating shifts.

In addition to an excellent working environment characterized by a highly entrepreneurial spirit, BOTT offers a salary commensurate with experience and an excellent benefits package. Qualified candidates may submit resumes with salary requirements in confidence to: **BOTT Energy Corp., Attn: Jim Smith, P.O. Box 1910, Midland, TX 79702-1910, Fax (915) 684-3456. NO PHONE CALLS, PLEASE.**

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Fred A Snyder, President
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Amarillo, Texas 79105

New Mexico Junior College is seeking to fill 2 positions within Student Support Services, a federally funded TRIO program designed to aid designated at-risk/disadvantaged students completing their post-secondary education goals.

Academic/Career Planner: responsibilities include academic advising, class scheduling assistance, counseling and career exploration. Bachelor's degree in education, psychology, student personnel or related field required from a regionally accredited institution; Master's degree preferred. Salary to \$31,500, depending on education and experience.

ESL/Basic Skills Specialist: responsibilities include basic skills instruction in reading, English, and math, academic advising, and coordination of tutoring/mentoring activities. Bachelor's degree in education, reading, English, math, social sciences or related field required from a regionally accredited institution; Master's degree preferred. Salary to \$31,000, based on education and experience.

Application Deadline: January 28, 5:00PM, MST. For more information, including application procedures, contact Lisa Brown, Director of Human Resources, New Mexico Junior College, 5317 Lovington Highway, Hobbs, NM 88240. (505)392-5229. EEO.

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Entry level opportunity to learn and work on a variety of field projects performing sampling and testing, well and soil boring installation, and remediation system maintenance. A Bachelor's degree in Geology, Hydrology or Engineering and the ability to do some heavy lifting are required. Position involves 90% fieldwork.

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ARCADIS GERAGHTY & MILLER

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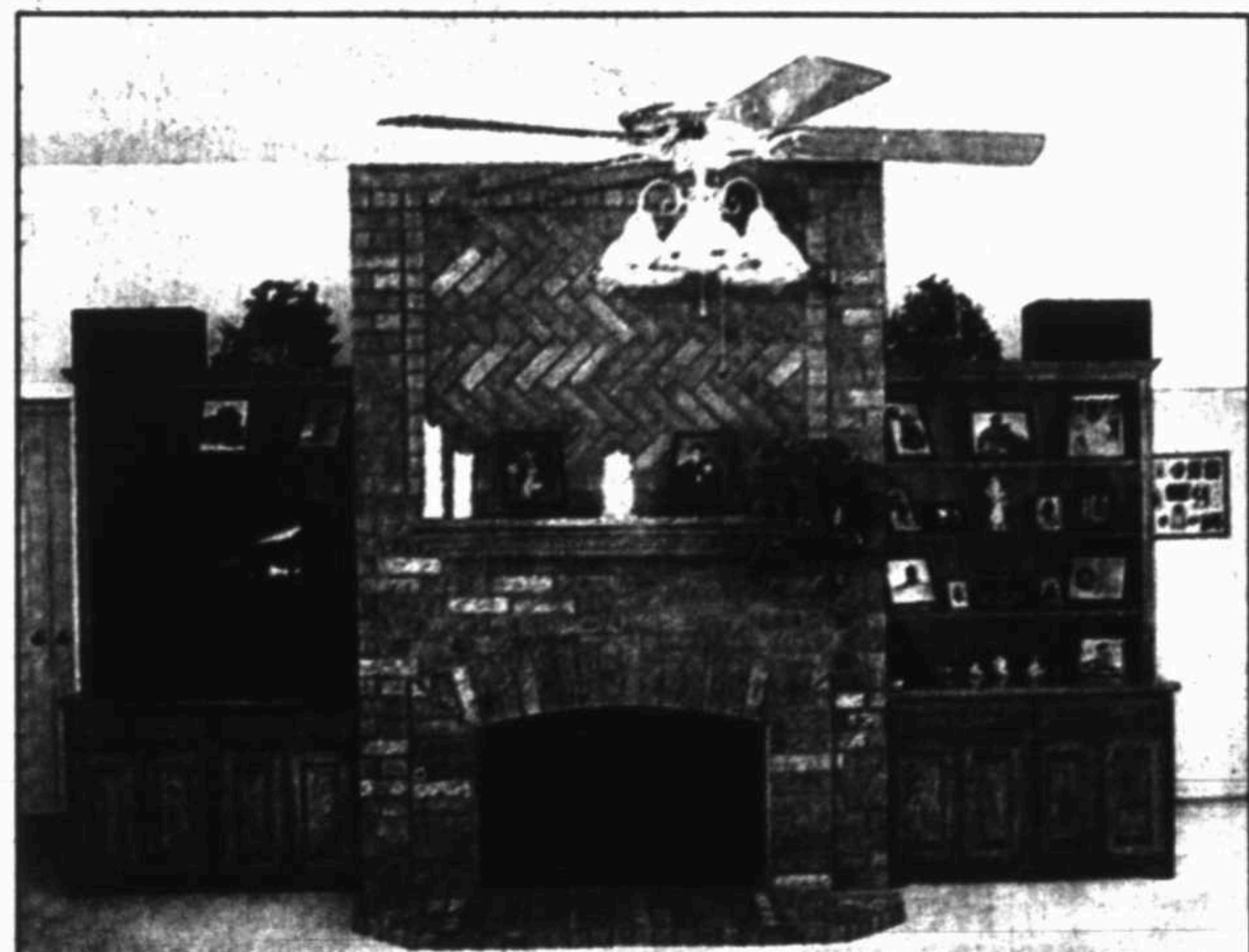
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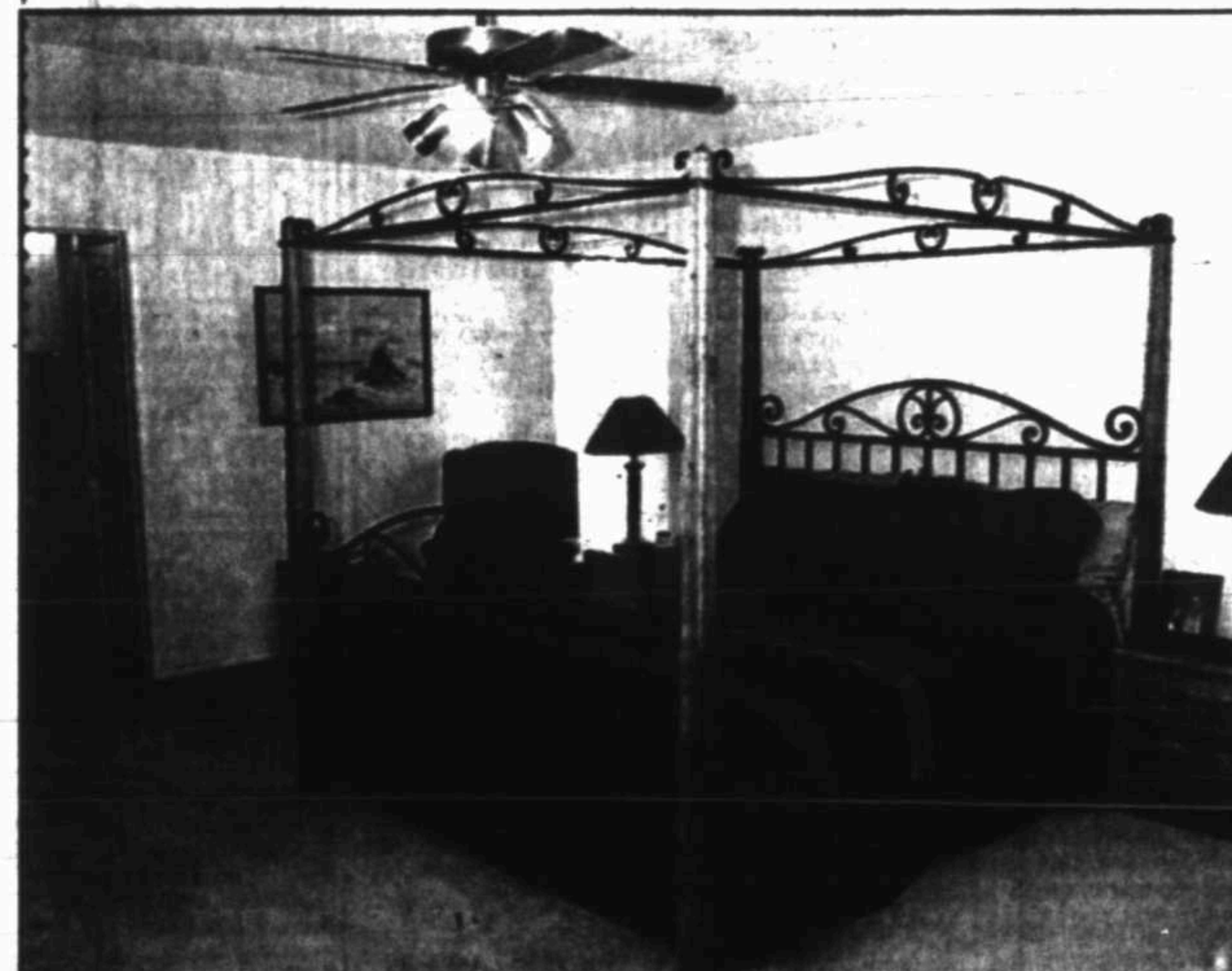
HOMES & CLASSIFIED



The gourmet island kitchen features great oak cabinetry, easy to clean laminate countertops and an overall elegance.



The focal point of the great room is the large brick fireplace flanked by a bookcase and an entertainment center. A herringbone design is built into the brick column above the mantle.



The spacious master bedroom has a stately pan ceiling. Two tall windows flank either side of the bed area.

This week's featured home is a lovely dwelling in Grassland Estates. With a sandy red brick exterior, matching brick flower beds and an arched entry way 5710 Crowley has exceptional curb appeal.

Just inside the glass and wood door is a tiled foyer with a view of the massive great room. A coat closet is set conveniently near the door and a pineapple-style swag lamp provides elegant lighting to this space. Another door in the foyer leads to the guest suite.

A few steps forward places one in the great room. This is a very large room. Along the wall to the right is a massive brick fireplace flanked by built-in oak bookcases and an entertainment center. A brick herringbone-pattern inset is set into the fireplace above the oak mantle. The far wall are three large windows with fan lights that look out onto the covered patio and lush green yard. The room itself is large enough to be split into several seating areas or to have a wide open area for children to play in. Crown molding traces the edge of the ceiling, giving this room an elegant touch.

In an extension of the great room is the dining area. This area is overhung with a brass chandelier with glass lamp covers. Two windows with fan lights bring in light from the west side of the home.

Both the living and dining areas are carpeted in beige plush carpet.

The guest suite is set at the front of the home, opening into the foyer at one end and next to the dining area at the other. This bedroom has two tall windows on the front wall with fan lights. A roomy closet is set behind double doors. Crown molding, beige plush carpeting and a lighted ceiling fan finish off this lovely room. This room could also function well as a large office or hobby room. Next to the bedroom is a full bath with a tiled tub and shower combo, an ample vanity with make-up lighting and a window on the west wall. The owner noted that the family enjoyed having a guest suite to give

their visitors privacy.

Just behind the great room is the large gourmet island kitchen. This room is lit by a large florescent panel set in the ceiling. This panel has the newer, warmer toned florescent bulbs. The custom cabinetry is in a warm oak tone, and has space above it for collectibles and decorative accents. A desk and hutch are built in near the entrance to the kitchen. The white laminate countertops and backsplash have an oak edging. The island in the center of the kitchen has a small built-in breakfast bar. A corner window is set above the double sink with a disposal and Reverse-osmosis unit. A pantry is set just opposite to the refrigerator area. Crown molding adds a bit of sophistication to this kitchen. The all GE brand appliances include a flat burner range, a dishwasher, a microwave with built-in range hood, and a double self-cleaning oven. The breakfast nook is overhung by a simple swag light.

Behind the kitchen is a hallway leading to the three-car oversized garage with a workshop area. Also off this hallway is the room utility room. This room has cabinetry and countertops that match the kitchen and a sink for hand-washables. A built-in clothes rod is set on one wall.

From the foyer and to the right are the children's bedrooms. The front bedroom has two tall windows on the front wall with plantation shutters. A wide closet is set behind double doors. A shelf for toys is set high on the wall along the ceiling. Beige carpeting and a lighted ceiling fan.

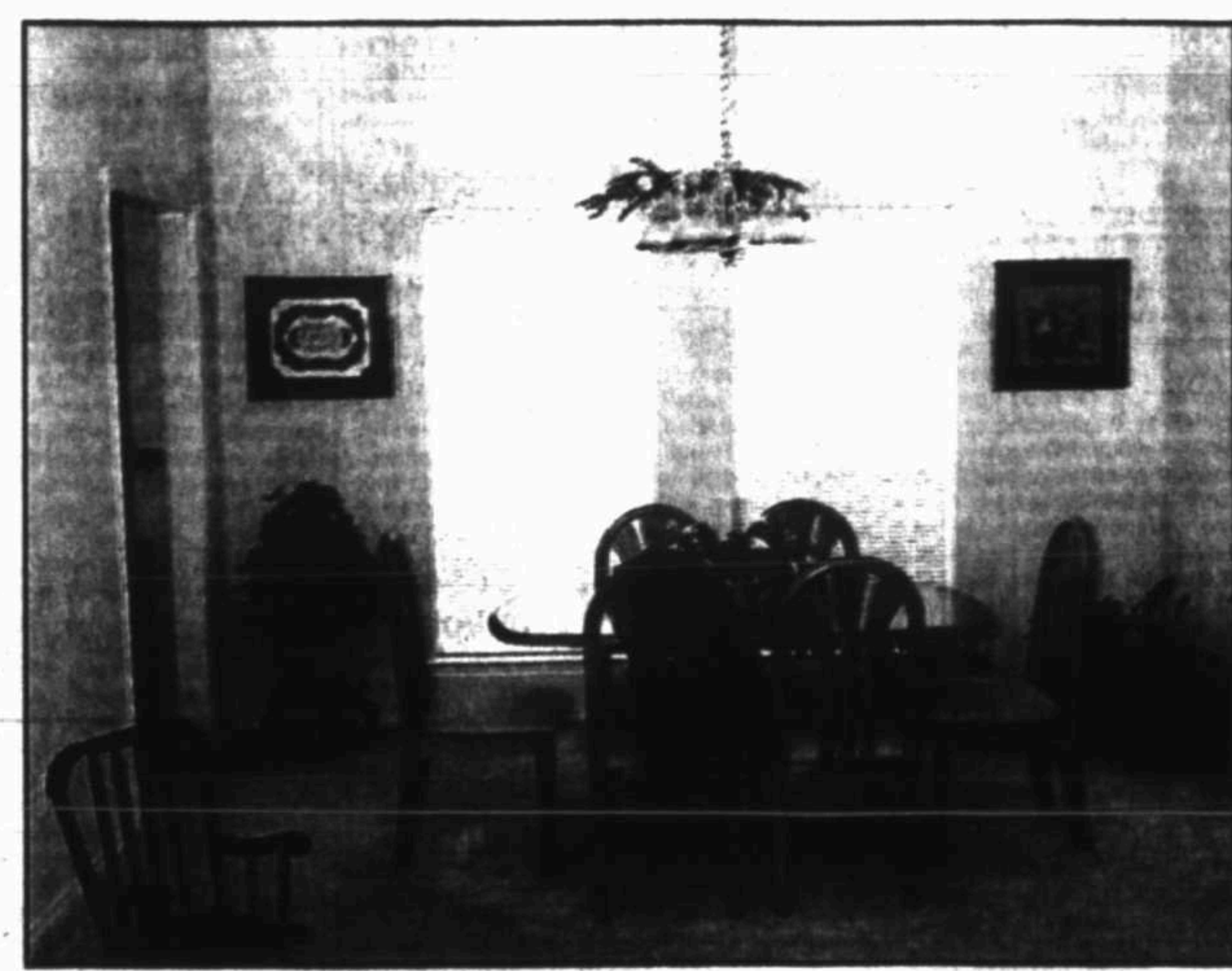
This bedroom opens into a Jack-and-Jill bathroom. This type of bath consists of a vanity room and a water closet for the commode, tub and shower. The vanity area has a double vanity with a molded countertop and two sinks. The vanity is lit by makeup lighting. An oak storage unit is built into the wall opposite the vanity. The cabinetry of the bathroom matches the oak in the kitchen. The water closet has a narrow frosted window above the tub

and shower enclosure.

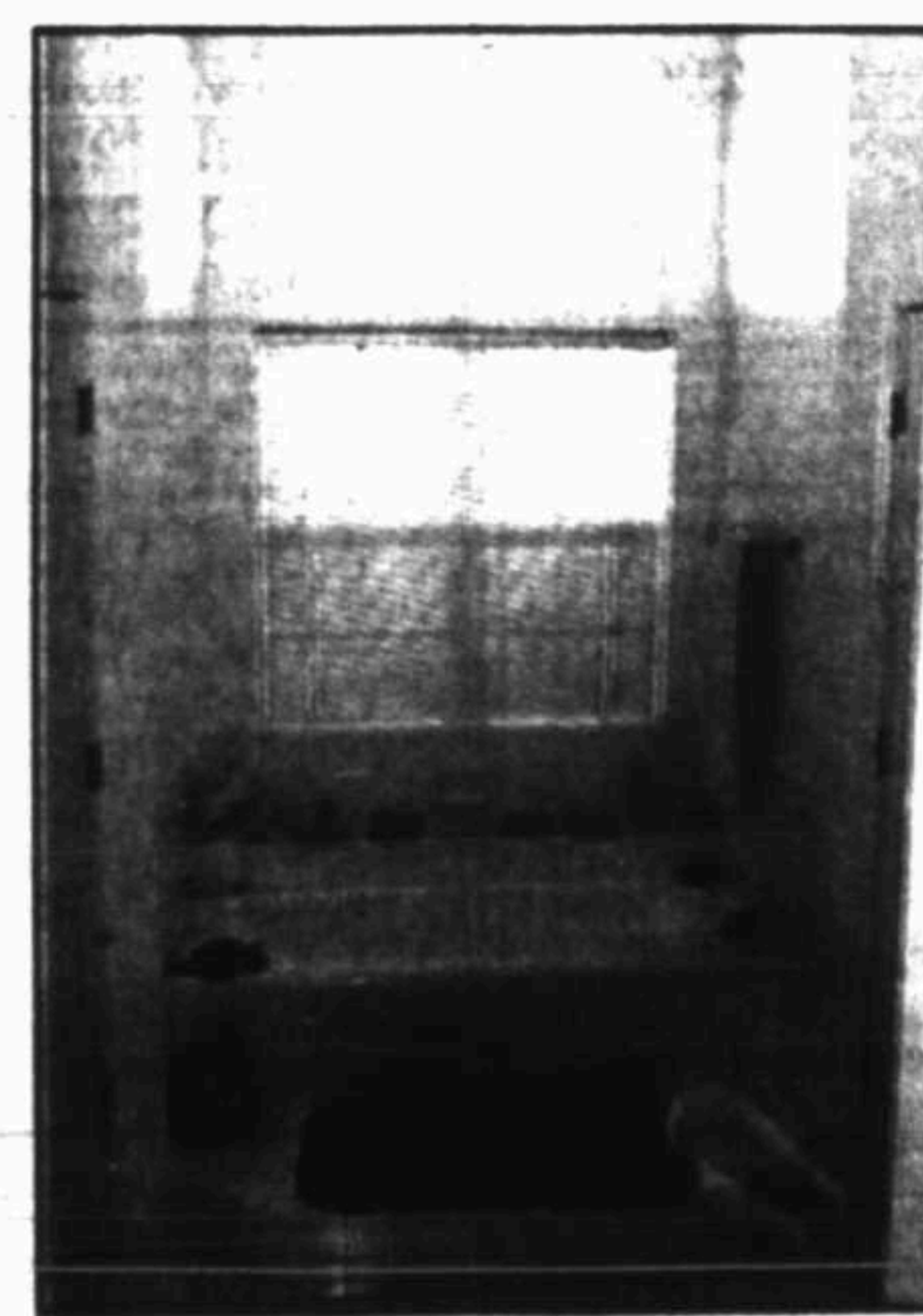
A door from the bathroom opens to the other child's bedroom. This bedroom has one tall window on the east wall, a shelf along the ceiling and a walk-in closet with shoe and sweater shelving. Beige plush carpet and a lighted ceiling fan are also features of this room.

Behind the great room is the master suite. The master bedroom has a stately pan ceiling with a lighted ceiling fan. This large room has plenty of space for a sitting area and an entertainment center. Two tall windows flank the bed on the east wall. A walk in closet is set into the front wall of the bedroom. The master bath is very spacious with lots of storage. To the right of the door is a linen closet. Next on the right is a large tiled shower with a seat. To the right again is a single vanity with oak cabinetry and a molded sink and countertop. This vanity is lit by recessed lighting. Directly across the room is an identical vanity. To the right of the first vanity is a walk-in closet with shoe and sweater shelving. An identical walk-in closet is set on the opposite side of the large garden tub. The garden tub, set under a large window with a fanlight, is the focal point of the bathroom. The tub is set into a raised, tile enclosure with a step up to it and a wide shelf area around it. Just to the left of the door is a vented water closet for the commode. It has an oak cabinet for storage.

This lovely home, priced at \$159,900, has privacy fencing, high ceilings throughout, a water softener and auto sprinklers. The owner and the Realtor both concurred that the finer points of this home were the sequestered master suite and sequestered guest suite, as well as the nice neighborhood. The owner noted that this home was everything their family needed. For a private tour of this exceptional home please call Victoria Printz at Re/Max of Midland Chaparral Realtors at 682-8820. This great home at a great price can't be passed up.



The dining room has two windows with fan lights and a modern style chandelier.



The master bath has a large garden tub set under a large window.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Give Warmth to Frozen Pipes

If water fails to flow from a faucet during extremely cold weather, chances are the water in the pipe has frozen. To help you thaw frozen pipes quickly and safely, here are some tips...

Before starting the thawing process, be sure to open some of the faucets in the house to prevent a pressure buildup in the frozen pipe, which can occur when heat is applied to melt the ice inside.

Once faucets have been opened, the area of pipe where the ice is lodged must be located. Look for the frozen area to be at the coldest point in the house, usually an attic or in pipes that pass along a cold wall.

Sometimes a frozen pipe may be between the walls or above the ceiling where you can't get to it. When this happens, heat applied to the exposed area of pipe eventually will travel through the pipe and warm the area you can't reach.

You can also locate the frozen section of pipe by feeling along its length for the coldest spot. In the case of copper or lead pipes, the frozen section may be detected by a slight bulge.

Frozen pipes can be thawed a number of ways. For example, heat can be applied with a heat lamp or photographic flood lamp positioned as close to the pipe as possible without allowing it to touch. Arrange the lamp so that it will remain in place without you holding it. A badly frozen pipe may take several hours to thaw.

Heat can also be applied with a hair dryer, a clothes iron, a candle, or even a vacuum cleaner. If your vacuum cleaner is the canister type, insert the hose in the exhaust outlet and let the warm air blow onto the pipe. Towels soaked in hot water can be used to thaw frozen pipes, but this can be a much slower and messier job.

The fastest way to thaw a frozen pipe is to use a propane torch. This must be done with extreme caution, since the intense heat from the torch may cause steam to build up an explosive pressure inside the pipe.

If you do use a torch, move it constantly back and forth along the length of the pipe and remove the flame every two minutes

or so to let the pipe cool. This will help eliminate the possibility of steam buildup. Frozen drain pipes can be thawed easily by running hot water into the drain. If this fails to work after several minutes, mix a solution of chemical drain cleaner in cold water and pour it into the drain. The chemical reaction between the drain cleaner and the water generated heat that is usually sufficient to melt the ice. If you use this method, be sure to protect your hands and avoid splashing the mixture on counter surfaces and clothing.

A properly installed plumbing system is your best defense against frozen pipes. You may also choose to insulate your pipes. Insulation keeps cold water from freezing in winter and sweating in summer, and will reduce heat losses from hot water pipes as well.

Insulation comes in a number of forms. Consult with your local hardware or plumbing specialist for advice regarding which products are most effective and easy to use.

Preventative maintenance is the best and most inexpensive way to keep your pipes from freezing.

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ZONING ORDINANCES

If you are planning to add a room to your home, you should be aware of local building codes and ordinances. Although these laws usually vary from area to area, there are some basic similarities.

Zoning ordinances typically divide land into three major categories: • Residential • Commercial • Industrial

These ordinances originally were enacted to control land use and to prevent congestion in cities. With time, they have become much more comprehensive.

Zoning ordinances are supplemented by building codes. These codes typically deal with electricity and building requirements, as well as health and safety regulations.

Building codes regulate such things as how many cubic feet a bedroom must contain, and the type of plumbing that can be used. Strict adherence to the regulations

is mandatory. Check with your city zoning officials to find out what procedures to follow before adding on to your home.

Prior to starting your remodeling or addition, be sure to contact a licensed contractor who is familiar with the local requirements and regulations.

The licensed contractor will also be able to give you a bid on the cost of improvements before the service is performed.

Often, when you get final estimates on adding a room or remodeling, the cost is more than you expected. Before making a final decision, you may want to consider selling your current house and purchasing a home to better suite your growing needs.

Your local Realtor can assist you in arriving at the expected cost of such a move.

(Story submitted by Kay Sutton, broker/owner of CENTURY 21 Kay Sutton, Realtors)

WHAT IS A CMA?

Comparative Market Analysis is a valuable tool in selling your home. It is a must for determining the price to ask for the property since most Sellers do not want to pay for an appraisal. To get a loan the Buyer will have to have an appraisal anyway, and market conditions change. What was six months ago may not be the same today. CMAs like appraisals compare your home to other homes that have sold recently and homes that are currently for sale - all similar in size, condition, style, age and location. Number and size of rooms, square footage, lot size, and any special features the home has are all taken into consideration. Homes in the immediate neighborhood are looked at first. Similar homes in neighborhoods farther away may not be selling for the same price range due to many things such as school district, home owners association fees, direction of city growth and of

course, current market interest rates and conditions. The time frame in which you need to sell your home is a big consideration also. The quicker you need to sell affects your price. Adjustments are made for all of these. Not only do Sellers use the CMA, but today's more educated transferee Buyer is likely to use the CMA process to buy a home he may have to resell in a few years.

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4315 NEELY #21	2	2	\$370.00	\$200.00
4003 AVONDALE	2	1	\$400.00	\$250.00
412 WOODCREST	3	2	\$475.00	\$300.00
4822 PASADENA	3	2	\$600.00	\$600.00
3213 W. SHANDON	3	2	\$650.00	\$650.00
4311 DOWNING	3	2	\$800.00	\$600.00
2800 SANDHILL	3	2	\$800.00	\$800.00
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625 Mobile Homes Unfurnished

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3415 COTTON FLAT ROAD, space "E1". Three bedroom, two bathroom, fenced yard, central heat/ air. \$375 monthly, \$125 deposit. 682-1608, leave message.

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720 Homes for Sale
BY OWNER: 2505 Belchasse, three bedrooms, two bath, double garage. On cul-de-sac, jacuzzi, lots of wood paneling. \$99,500. 682-0702.

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH 2 living areas, sprinkler system, large utility room, lots of extras. 3510 West Michigan. \$64,900. Call 522-7298 or 522-2731.

HUD VA/MLS
LOW DOWN PAYMENTS
2608 Whitney 4/2 \$80's
3308 Canemont 3/2 \$87's
1107 Mogford 3/2/2 \$85's
4508 Lanham 2/2/2 \$71's
1602 McDonald 3/2 \$69's
4503 Brookdale 3/2 \$65's
325 Tanglewood 3/2 \$52's
4013 Pleasant 3/1 \$39's
3307 Sycamore 3/2/1 \$24's
302 W. Jax 2/1 \$20's
1805 Kentucky 3/2 \$19's
Free list of other homes.

1ST TIME HOMEBUYERS
Free updated list of FHA-VA, MLS-HUD Homes-All Areas - All Prices Pictures & Details
AMERICAN REALTY
4500 W. Illinois #114
Call 520-7577

FOR SALE by owner. Mission. Three bedroom patio home. Large kitchen and master bedroom, jacuzzi, alarm, RO water, sprinklers, and more. 915-563-2160.

ASSUME 7% FHA loan with \$5,500, 9886 monthly. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace. Northgate. 683-7458.

LEASE OPTION: 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, good location, great condition. Owner will finance. 311 S. Andrews.

1ST TIME BUYERS: Totally renovated 3 bdrms/2 bth/2 car. Only \$687 monthly and only \$1,350 down for 360 months @ 8.918% APR. Call 24 hours recording 520-7822 ext #1504. Ken & Ben Green C21 Midtex.

3111 THOMAS: 3 bedroom, financing available. Only \$37,500. Call Mary 684-2820 688-0021 Century 21 Midtex.

3211 DELANO: Brick 2 bdr/2 car. Only \$687/mo. air/heat, \$28,000. Call 520-8387 for appointment.

720 Homes for Sale
PATIO HOME. Totally remodeled, good location. 3 large bedrooms, 2.5 baths, plantation shutters, double garage, extra parking, low maintenance, no grass to mow, \$134,500. 682-4479.

NEW TODAY
ATTRACTIVE 4 bedroom, picture frame paneling, formal dining, LOW EQUITY. Northgate. Phoenix Realty. 550-2882-362-2882.

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NEW TODAY
BY OWNER: 2608 Sandhill Circle, Vista West, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage. Landscaped, open floor plan. 689-5670 for showing-leave message.

OWNER Financing: 10% down. Updated, motivated seller. 2707 Bartley 683-3549/561-1198 pager after 5PM.

NEW TODAY
BY OWNER: 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living areas. Beautiful brick home. Owner will finance. Call 570-6206 for details.

NEW TODAY
OLD MIDLAND - large private drive, new cedar fence, sprinkler system, workshop, oak floors, huge kitchen, Saltillo tile, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. \$65,000. 685-5032. 2311 W. Culbert.

NEW TODAY
We Specialize In HUD VA, MLS Have Mobile Homes With Large Lots DENNIS REALTY 520-8387 or 800-644-1128

NEW TODAY
SUPER PRICE. Great Location. Old Midland, large shade trees, patio courtyard, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath. \$600 monthly, deposit or for sale. 2307 W. Culbert. 685-5032.

720 Homes for Sale
BY OWNER: 2150 sq. ft. new home. 50 Acres. 14 acres in Orchard, barn, good water. Greenwood. ISO. 685-0888.

BY OWNER: 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths. Large & spacious. totally updated, lots of extras. 2946 sq. ft. \$119,000. 685-1999.

FOR SALE BY OWNER
6 mo. old Mark Payne. 5811 Grassland Blvd., 2500 Sq. ft. 3 bdrms, study, 2 fireplaces. Next to golf course. Low interest. 6.25%. 686-8360.

NEW TODAY
GORGEOUS DOLL House. Must see interior. 4807 Ric - across from park. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage. \$55,000. Reduced. Contact Cindy Brown owner/agent with Realty Unlimited. 550-5609.

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THREE BEDROOM, TWO bath with study, walk-in closets, fireplace, two car garage, sprinkler system. 4905 Concho. Call 520-4048 or 498-3661.

NEW TODAY
1402 Maberry: 4 Bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 living areas, pool \$138,900.

1414 Almatex: 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living areas, \$69,950.

1211 Godfrey: Townhouse, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 living areas. \$69,500

WHY RENT? Several three bedroom homes which can be moved into and have payments less than rent for qualified buyers. Aztec Realty, 520-7853.

NEW TODAY
704 LANHAM. Completely updated: 3 Bedrooms, 2 baths, double garage. Old Midland Home. Beautiful wood floors and ceramic tile. \$55,000. 570-7178.

725 Condo Townhouses
2 BEDROOM, 1.5 bath Scharbauer townhouse, monthly dues. Only \$17,500. Jody Smith, ReMax, 686-7000 or 684-9428.

2 bedrooms, 1 bath townhome. Good investment property. 806-798-1592.

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COMMERCIAL: 208 S. MARINEFIELD: 10,000-sq. ft. Free Standing Building. Many Offices. Zoned HMC. Sub Floor AC. Incl. Parking Lot. \$125,000.

125 BARBERY: 4BR, 3BA, 2.5 car garage On 2 acres. \$275,000

5102 KING RICHARD: 3BR, 2.5BA, 2.5A, very nice. \$130,000

3800 PRINCETON: Old Midland, 3BR, 2BA, 2A, new carpeting. \$75,000

4800 POTOMAC: Northgate, 3BR, 2BA, 2 Car Garage. \$115,000

4822 ROOSEVELT: 3BR, 2BA, 1 Car Garage. Great Price! \$47,500

Call Joanne, Broker Associate
Office Location: 4400 N. Big Spring A-1
Midland, TX 79705 • Fax 915-670-9404

HUD BEST BUYS
Very low down payment
3306 Canemont \$87's
4508 Lanham \$71's
1602 McDonald \$69's
1902 Ward \$68's
4503 Brookdale \$52's
325 Tanglewood \$52's
3503 Princeton \$42's
302 Jax \$24's

Tadlock Realtors
580-4883 Anytime

ONE OWNER home in Lee District. New kitchen, lots of updating. Excellent condition. For appointment call 694-7978.

3214 W. LOUISIANA: 2 Bedroom, tile brick on 1/4 acre. Concrete block fence, water well. \$40,000. 699-3001, 638-6028.

MIDLAND-ODESSA nice mobile home on 1 acre, trees, double garage, good fence. Off 1788. Owner finance. Tadlock Realtors 580-4883.

NEW TODAY
"MOCKINGBIRD HEIGHTS"
One of the most wonderful homes in this beautiful area & certainly one of the best priced! Gorgeous landscaping, custom quality, magnificent space, motivated seller! Drive by 3925 Baybrook, the call me and let me show you how fabulous it really is! Only \$215,000. Joanne Langston, 683-8368 (H), 682-9485 (C) at Langston Realtors.

BY OWNER: \$65,000 best offer. 302 Karth, three bedroom, two bath, two living, one bonus, lots more. 694-4558 or 661-2804.

2403 MAXWELL: By Owner. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 3 living areas, formal dining. Lots of updating, hot tub. Just perfect. \$99,500. 697-5800 or 557-8204.

REMODEL JUST: Completed on this lovely two bedroom in Old Midland. New central heat/air, tile floor, refinished hardwood floors. 722 Kansas. \$52,500. 686-0734, 687-6406.

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The Selling

Barbara Phodis 699-4191

Janice Marshall 570-8725

Wayne Robinson 570-7508

Joyce Reeves 620-6549

Gene Barton 570-1099

EACH INDEPENDENT

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1:00 - 2:00
6213 Sequoia
3 bd - 2.5 ba
Flooring All
Home Warrant

1602 North
4 bd - 3 ba
Super Kitchen
Workshop for
1:00 - 2:00
4806 Clayton
New Jackson
3 bd - 2 ba
Open Concept
Large Sq. Ft.

1:00 - 3:00
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Quiet Cul-de-sac
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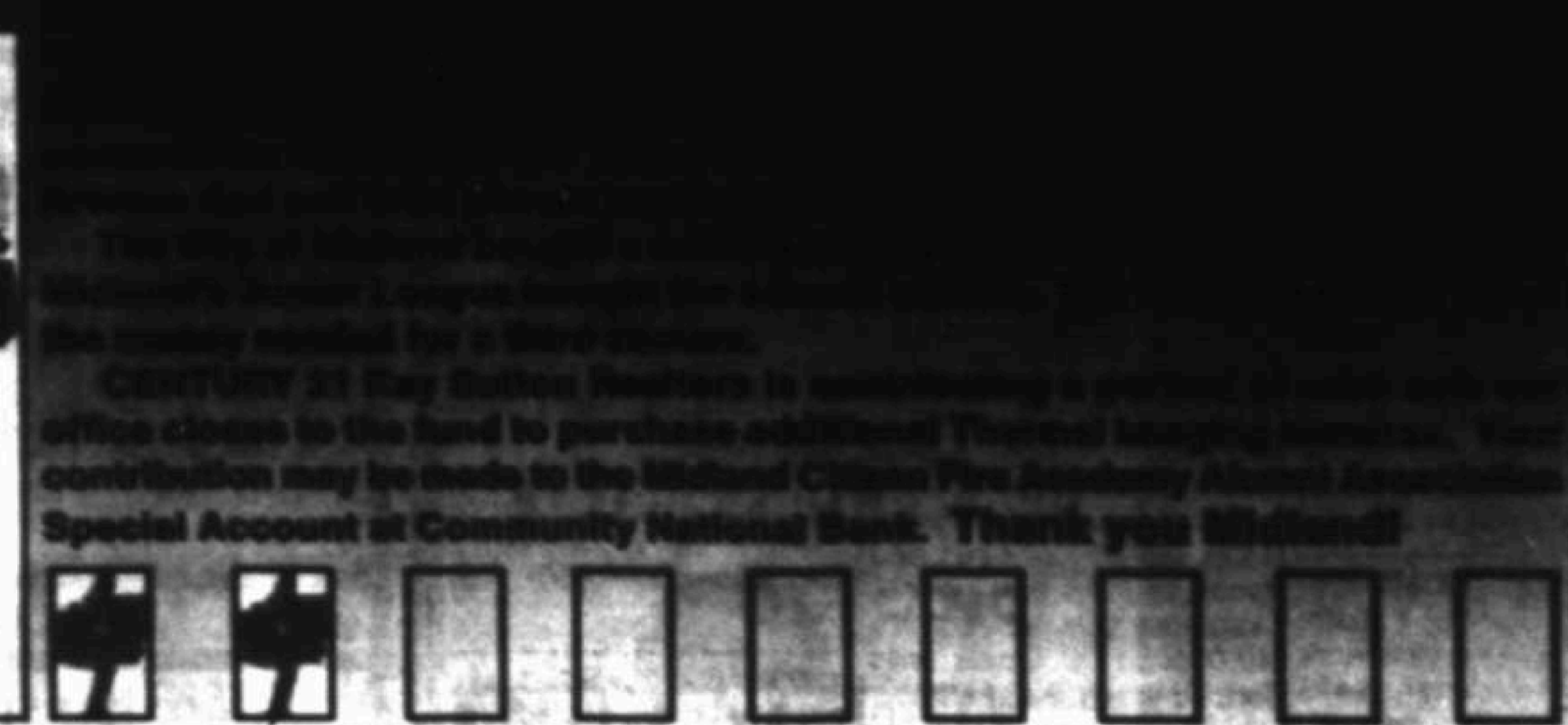
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3 bd - 2 ba - 1 lv
Gourmet Kitchen
Home Warranty

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The Home Selling Team



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have the team in place and ready to meet your relocation needs.

RESIDENTIAL LISTINGS

COUNTRY CLUB	Pick Your Colors in "Old Mides" 4 bds-3.5 ba-1-1/2-Office/Club could be 3rd bdrm.	\$ 350,000
CHITLAND	Beautiful Large Home 5 bds-4.5 b-3 ba-1/2 car gar - 9 other gtr w/interior	\$ 299,000
VERDE GLEN	Great New Whiteley 4 or 5 bds-3.5 ba-1/2-1/2-Landscaped Pool/Front Shutters	\$ 200,000
ALMEY	Beautiful 5 bds-3.5 ba-2 liv-Study/Builtins/Fantastic Kitchen/Pack-Seat Master Suite	\$ 252,000
DOUGLAS	Beautiful Contemporary Tri-Level: 5 bds-4.5 ba-3 liv-Gourmet Kit-Sep Guest Qtrs	\$ 239,000
CRANSTON	New Graham: 5 bds-3.5 ba-2 liv-Hydro-mated Yard-3-Sprinklers Kitchen/Minibeds	\$ 220,000
HILLCREST	Beautiful Pool 4 bds-3 ba-2 liv-Wrapped Around Corner Lot-Loaded with Extras	\$ 200,000
GRASSLAND	Beautiful Payne Resale: 4 bds-3 ba-2 liv-Study w/Builtins/Loaded w/Amenities	\$ 182,000
WINDHRIFF	Beautiful One-Owner: 5 bds-3 ba-2 liv-Could be 4 bdrm w/Study Light & Bright	\$ 179,000
CHITLAND	Exceptional 5 bds-3 ba-2 liv-Great Kit-Lots of Storage-5th bdrm could be study	\$ 182,000
RUSTIC	On the Coast of 4 bds-2.5 ba-2 liv-Seq-Master 2 Story Green Trees North Beauty	\$ 172,000
GRASSLAND	Beautiful Gunningham Custom: 4 bds-3 ba-2 liv-Mint Condition-Amenities Galore	\$ 169,000
GREENRIDGE	Grandest Estate: 4 bds-3.5 ba-2 liv-Seq-Master Open Living/Kitchen/Dining	\$ 165,000
GREENRIDGE	One-Owner Graham Resale: 4 bds-2.5 ba-2 liv-Rnc Carpet/Paint-REDUCED!	\$ 164,000
RIDGEMOUNT	Beautiful Port Graham Built in '97: 4 bds-3 ba-1 liv-Bright-Open-Seq-In-Law Plan	\$ 161,000
BISHOPS CASTLE	Beautiful 3 bds-2.5 ba-2 liv-High Ceilings-Speakers Through-2 Flr	\$ 180,000
COLUMBIAN	Wonderful 4 bds-3.5 ba-2 liv-Perpetuals-Customized Kit-Gall Wkskrm Room	\$ 154,000
SPURTHROOP	Green and Gold: 4 bds-3 ba-2 liv-Open Kitchen-Lots of Storage-5th bdrm w/Ful	\$ 152,000
CHITLAND	Courtyard Entrance 4 bds-3 ba-1 liv-Spacious Bedrooms-His n' Her Master Bath	\$ 148,000
WHITMAN	Whitehead New 3 bds-2.5 ba-2 liv-Open Plan	\$ 145,000
HIGHLAND	NEW LISTING	\$ 144,000
	Great Built in Entertainment Center: 4 bds-2.5 ba-1 liv-Seq-Office out of Kitchen	
WHITMAN	New Whitehead: 4 bds-2.5 bds-3 liv-Game Room	\$ 143,000
WHITMAN	By Whitehead: 4 bds-2 bds-3 liv-Can be 5 BR	\$ 143,000
WHITMAN	New Whitehead: 4 bds-2.5 ba-2 liv-Pick Your Colors & Options	\$ 140,000
ROBINSON RD (Odessa)	Country Club East 4 bds-3 ba-2 liv-Updated Garage 2 Palace Water Well	\$ 138,000
ROBINSON RD (Odessa)	Lots of Potential: 4 bds-3 ba-2 liv-Large Open Plan-Seq-In-Law Plan	\$ 138,000
WHITMAN	New Whitehead: 4 bds-2.5 ba-2 liv-Roomy Plan	\$ 137,000
OAKRIDGE	Many Amenities: 4 bds-3 ba-2 liv-Cul-de-Sac-Tennessen-Lawn-Extra RV/Boat Parking	\$ 134,000
CLAYTON CT.	New Jackson Place Kitchen: 4 bds-3 ba-1 liv-Open Concept-Make Choices Now	\$ 134,000
TEALWOOD		UNDER CONTRACT
HIGHLAND		UNDER CONTRACT
CULPEPER	Great Great Space: 4 or 5 bds-3 ba-2 liv-Seq-Master-Jacuzzi Tub-Pool	\$ 129,000
KANSAS	Old Master's Charm: 4 bds-3 ba-2 liv-Open Kitchen-2nd Floor-REDUCED!	\$ 128,000
CHITLAND	Priority Home: 4 bds-2.5 ba-2 liv-2nd Flr-Many Extras-Ready to Move Into	\$ 128,000
WOLF CREEK	New Resale: 4 bds-3 ba-1 liv-2nd-2nd Floor-Very Nice Yard-Formal Dining	\$ 127,000
WHITMAN		UNDER CONTRACT
CANTERBURY	Flowing Plan: 4 bds-3.5 ba-2 liv-Fpl in Mar Bdm-Hot Tub-3/4 BUYER INCENTIVE	\$ 126,000
CASTLEPOIN	Summit Living Area: 4 bds-2.5 ba-1 liv-Spacious Kitchen-High Ceilings	\$ 124,000
DEVONSHIRE	Wonderful Veneers: 3 bds-2 ba-1 liv-Open Plan 3 Windows-Large Master Suite	\$ 122,000
SEBODA	Good Plan: 3 bds-2.5 ba-2 liv-41,000 Flooring Allowance-Home Warranty	\$ 119,000
PRENSONT	Lights-Open 4 bds-2 ba-2 liv-Beautiful New/Clean-Double Fireplace-Private Yard	\$ 115,000
CULPEPER	Well-Maintained: 4 bds-3 ba-2 liv-Open Plan-Beautiful Yard-HOME WARRANTY	\$ 115,000
ROOSE	Neat Remodel: 3 bds-3 ba-2 liv-Great Kitchen-2nd living area could be 4th bdrm	\$ 116,000
CHESTWOOD	Red-Graham Resale: 4 bds-2.5 ba-1 liv-Grand Plan-Large Bedrooms	\$ 114,000
WHITTELY CRT	Great Open Living: 4 bds-2 ba-1 liv-Beautiful & Bright-HOME WARRANTY	\$ 113,000
CRESTATO		UNDER CONTRACT
ALBUQUERQUE	New Large Bedrooms: 4 bds-2.5 ba-2 liv-Recent Inside Paint & Carpet-Grand Update	\$ 109,000
GLENNHILL	Beautiful Guth Appeal: 4 bds-2 ba-2 liv-High Ceilings-Gorgeous Marble Tls	\$ 102,000
BELLECHASE	Very Nice: 3 bds-2 ba-1 liv-Fresh Kit/Paint/Dn/Cooktop-Fresh Ext Paint	\$ 99,000
WILHELMSCHE	Update 3 bds-2 ba-1 liv-Fresh Plan/Decor-43,000 BUYER INCENTIVE	\$ 97,000
ROMINA (Odessa)	Beautiful/Landscaped: 3 bds-2 ba-1 liv-Open Plan-Seq-Lawn-2nd-2nd Flr	\$ 97,000
	NEW LISTING	\$ 94,000
	Absolutely Stunning 3 bds-2 ba-1 liv-Wonderful Plan-Much Recent-Ready to Move Into	
PURPLE PAGE	Move-in Condition: 4 bds-2 ba-1 liv-Formal dining-Rear Entry 2-Car Garage	\$ 94,000
BOYS	Lovely Home: 3 bds-2 ba-3 liv-Parkings Yard-Separate Office	\$ 92,000
CENTREST		UNDER CONTRACT
HEELY	Close to Glen School: 4 bds-2.5 ba-2 liv-Granite Kit Countertops-HOME WARRANTY	\$ 89,000
EMERSON	Open Kit-Cul-de-Sac: 4 bds-2 ba-1 liv-Close to Shopping, Schools, Eating	\$ 89,000
GLAUBERS	Custom Addition: 4 bds-2 ba-2 liv-Open Living Area-Seq-Master Wash	\$ 89,000
CHITLAND	Quality Construction: 5 bds-3 ba-2 liv-Seq-Master-French Doors-Assumable Loan	\$ 89,000
CAMARON	Open/Lit/Bright: 3 bds-2 ba-2 liv-Woodworking-Stone-Builtins-Walkin Closets	\$ 87,000
DEYNTON	Ready to Move-in: 3 bds-2 ba-1 liv-Gorgeous Cozy Warm-HOME WARRANTY	\$ 86,000
CASPER	Whitehead New: 3 bds-2 ba-1 liv-Could be 4 BR	\$ 85,000
SPENCE	New Whitehead: 3 bds-2 ba-1 liv-Make Your Selections	\$ 85,000
NO GRANDE	Whitehead New: 2 bds-2 ba-1 liv-Open Plan	\$ 85,000
CASPER	New Whitehead: 3 bds-2 ba-1 liv-Pick all Options	\$ 85,000
CASARE		UNDER CONTRACT
FLOYD	Whitehead New: 3 bds-2 ba-1 liv-Plan Yours Now	\$ 83,000
		UNDER CONTRACT
N C	Lots of Room: 4 bds-3 ba-1 liv-Super Kitchen-Workshop in Back	\$ 81,000
WADLEY	Pretty and Large: 2 bds-2 ba-2 liv-2nd Flr-Formal Living and Den	\$ 80,500
LEHIGH	NEW LISTING	\$ 79,900
	Skylite Terrace: 3 bds-2 ba-1 liv-Fireplace-Fenced Yard	
PROVIDENCE	Mint Condition: 3 bds-2 bds-2 liv-Totally Updated-Great Ku-HOME WARRANTY	\$ 79,500
SPENCE	By Whitehead: 2 bds-1 ba-1 liv-Huge Bedroom w/Bath	\$ 79,000
BONHAM (Odessa)	Cute: 3 bds-2 ba-2 liv-Some Upgrading-Over-sized 2-Car Gar/Walkup in Backyard	\$ 79,000
		UNDER CONTRACT
	Whitehead New: 3 bds-2 ba-1 liv-Pick all Options	\$ 78,000
DAY TERRY	Redeeked Area: 3 bds-2 bds-2 liv-2700 sqft Divided Workshop/Office/Garage/Barn	\$ 78,500
NO GRANDE	By Whitehead: 2 bds-1 ba-1 liv-Can be 3 Bedroom	\$ 78,000
CAMARON	New Whitehead: 3 bds-2 ba-1 liv-Options Available	\$ 75,500
NO GRANDE	Sparkling Pool w/Hot Tub! 4 bds-2 ba-2 liv-Beautiful Landscaping-REDUCED!	\$ 74,900
CASPER	By Whitehead: 3 bds-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Colors-Pick Options	\$ 72,000
CASPER	Whitehead New 2 bds-2 ba-1 liv-Casual Plan	\$ 72,000
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IMPERIAL **NEW LISTING**

MCDONALD	Quiet Neighborhood: 3 b-d-2 b-2 Iv-Spacious Kitchen-Large Paved Backyard	\$70,000
FREDRIA	Convenient Location: 3 b-d-2 b-2 Iv-Nice Office Space-Walk to Schools	\$69,000
LAPORNON	Best Master: 3 b-d-2 b-1 Iv-Nice Large Living Area	\$68,000
AIRSHWY HWY	Ready for You: 3 b-d-2 b-2 Iv-Large Opened Living-Room Barber Carpet	\$68,000
FRONTIER	Lighting Update: 3 b-d-2 b-2 Iv-Cooling Fan & Storage Units -New Paint w/Ck	\$68,000
OHIO	Lovely: 3 b-d-2 b-1 Iv-Large Trees-Heated Garage-Clean and Updated	\$68,000
GOLF COURSE	Wonderful Townhome: 3 b-d-2 b-1 Iv-Updated and Clean	\$68,000
GRANAH	Very Nice: 3 b-d-2 b-1 Iv-Great Yard-Dog Run-Lots of Storage and Room	\$68,000
SAN ANTONIO	By Whateased: 2 b-d-2 b-1 Iv-Convenient Plan	\$68,000
SAN JUAN	Roomy: 3 b-d-2 b-2 Iv-Fireplace-Outside Storage-Quiet Street	UNDER CONTRACT
ARIZONA	Lots of Possibilities: 3 b-d-2 b-1 Iv-Neighborhood is close to School & Shopping	\$1,000,000
MICHIGAN	Old Midland Corner Location: 2 b-d-2 b-2 Iv-Cooktop Island In Rm-Nice Waterfront	\$80,000
MCDONALD	Lot of Updates: 3 b-d-2 b-2 Iv-Recent Carpet & Skylight-Cute!	\$80,000
SENTINEL	Indoor Grill: 3 b-d-2 b-1 Iv-Courmal Kitchen-Many Updates-HOME WARRANTY	\$79,000
EVERGLADE	(Odeasa)	NEW LISTING \$68,000
	Good Workshop: 3 b-d-2 b-2 Iv-Garden Room-Rear Apartment	UNDER CONTRACT
CROCKETT		UNDER CONTRACT
RIC		UNDER CONTRACT
DOUGLAS	Fresh and Ready: 3 b-d-2 b-1 Iv-Fresh Paint-EXTRA BUYER INCENTIVE	\$2,000,000
DEWBERRY	Large Well-Maintained: 3 b-d-2 b-2 Iv-Extra Parking In Rear-7 Fence	\$83,000
BENTWOOD	Out-Come: 3 b-d-2 b-1 Iv-Close to School-Home Lk-Abs-Ack About VA Assumption	\$83,000
BIONTY	Well-Maintained: 3 b-d-2 b-1 Iv-Updated Kitchen-Abs About Home Warranty	\$83,000
ILLINOIS	Well-Cared For One Owner: 3 b-d-2 b-2 Iv-Nice Sized Backyard-REDUCED	UNDER CONTRACT \$83,000
PUEBLO		UNDER CONTRACT
PLYMOUTH	Nice Big Living Room: 3 b-d-2 b-1 Iv-To be sold As-is-Bring Your Handy Person	\$83,000
DAWN	(Odessa)	UNDER CONTRACT
KESLER	Beautiful Fresh Start: 2 b-d-1 b-1 Iv-Sprinkler-Rec.Cent.Heat-Air-Calling Palm	\$83,000
BENTWOOD	Much Recent: 2 b-d-2 b-1 Iv-Fence,Carpets,Rec.Cent.Heat/Air/WHH-Com Seawall	\$83,000
N. AVE #1	(Odessa)	Czyi Lander Mob Home-1 Bn-Approx 4 across-1 car gar
VERSAILLES	Nice & Clean: 3 b-d-1 b-1 Iv-Good Neighborhood	\$80,000
KENTUCKY	Close to Museum/Downtown: 3 b-d-1.5 b-1 Iv-Great Flr-Up Plan	\$80,000
FRANKLIN	Really Cute: 3 b-d-2 b-2 Iv-Rec Central Heat & All Plumbing/Clean Neat Windows	\$80,000
IDLEWILDE	Nice Condo: 2 b-d-1.5 b-1 Iv-All Floors Clean Bedrooms	\$4,000,000
ANETTA	Very Clean: 3 b-d-1 b-1 Iv-Fresh Paint In & Out-On 2nd-Lots-Lot of Space	\$230,000
KANSAS	Cute & Clean Starter Home: 3 b-d-2 b-1 Iv-Fresh Carpet & Paint/Wind	\$80,000
KANSAS	Duplex: Each side c 2 b-d-1 b-1 Iv-Washer Dryer-Ready to Goony	\$80,000
TYLER	Large Home w/Hardwood Floors: 3 b-d-2 b-1 Iv-Has Hardwood	\$80,000
LORAINE	Investment Potential: 2 b-d-1 b-1 Iv-Fresh Carpet and Paint	\$80,000
SHANDON		UNDER CONTRACT
BRUNSON	Investment or Beginner: 1 b-d-1 b-1 Iv-Call to see	\$250,000
SPRINGHURST	Investment Potential: 1 b-d-1 b-1 Iv-Pace-Starter	\$100,000
BOULDER	Four Farming Cottages: 1 b-d-1 b-1 Iv-Pave-In	\$100,000
STONEWALL	Investment or Starter: 2 b-d-1 b-1 Iv-Chrome Your Possibility	\$130,000



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SUBURBAN LISTINGS

W. CO RD 98	Pecon Acres	4 b-d-2 b-2 b-1	Avonmouth	Gate-Morris Br-Skic-Trail-Riding Acres	\$ 272.00
W. CO RD 1198	Must Seed	4 b-d-2 b-2 b-1	Avonmouth	Quaker Court HOME WARRANTY	\$ 186.00
N. HWY 346	Super Property	4 b-d-3 b-1	Large Barn	Wkshp-Avry Appx 10.6 acres	\$ 159.00
W. CO RD 169				UNDER CONTRACT	
W. CO RD 68				UNDER CONTRACT	
S. CO RD 1195	Storage	3 b-d-3 b-2 b-1	Avonmouth	22x22 Pym-Shp w/3 G.H. Doors	\$ 188.00
ROBBINS (Odessa)	Split Level	2 b-d-2 b-2 b-1	Home State	Trk-Bam-Appx 1.6 Acres	\$ 87.00
W. CO RD 1198	Must Seed	4 b-d-2 b-2 b-1	Avonmouth	Stalls, Anna Trng-Trng Pendore	\$ 186.00
ROBIN (Odessa)	Great Rental	3 b-d-2 b-2 b-1	Avonmouth	Portable Storage w/AC-2 Storage Bams	\$ 75.00
N. ASTER (Gardendale)	Cute Modular Bldg	2 b-d-2 b-2 b-1	Avonmouth	3.67 Acres	\$ 78.00
TAITENHAM (Odessa)	Quiet Street	3 b-d-2 b-2 b-1	Avonmouth	2700 sq ft Divided Workshop/Garage/Office/Bam	\$ 73.00
E. CO RD 127	Your Country Home	3 b-d-2 b-1	Avonmouth	2 ac-Fresh Paint-2 Patten-Horse Sheds	\$ 72.00
FRANCIS (Odessa)	Home	2 b-d-2 b-2 b-1	Divdy-Kennedy for Business Opportunity		\$ 65.00
W. CO RD 1198	Must Seed	4 b-d-2 b-2 b-1	Avonmouth	3 b-d-2 b-2 b-1	\$ 64.00
N. AVENUE I (Odessa)	Cozy Mobile Home	2 b-d-2 b-2 b-1	Avonmouth	41 Acre-1 car garage	\$ 38.50
W. CO RD 119	Luxetech Oak	3 b-d-2 b-1	Avonmouth	2.6 Acres-Fenced 3 Out-Buildings	\$ 28.00

LOTS & LAND

SPACE 100-0-	1 Aerial Light Mastcamper, Storage & Restroom	4,000
CO RD 192	Appts 1 Apts+Mobile Home OK-Fish Ranch Center Financing-Appts 208' Frontage	5,000
MARK LN	Two Lots-Can Build Attached Townhomes-Appts 37'x100' Mobile	4,500
S. CO RD 1127 & CO RD 90	Greenwood Corner Lot-Appts 398' Ac-No Mobile Homes	4,950
FLOYD CT	One Res. Lot-Fish Ranch 77'0" Frontage per MCAD	5,000
S. CO RD 1270	Appts 1 Apts+Mobile Home OK-Fish Ranch Center Financing-Appts 208' Frontage	5,000
SANTA CRUZ (Oleesa)	2nd Res. Lot-100' Frontage	5,000
SW (Oleesa)	One Res. Golf Course Lot	5,000
S. CO RD 108	Corner Lot Behind Greenwood School-Appts 5 Ac-Grande Access	6,000
S. CO RD 1132	20 Lots in Super New Subdivision-Neata Ranch Estates Pick-Your Yards Today!	10,000
S. CO RD 1195	lots in Southern Hill Addn ready to develop-May sell together or as package	12,500
S. CO RD 1198	Water on Lot in Property Ready to develop-200' Frontage	15,000
S. CO RD 1200 (Oleesa)	100' Frontage on Road-Appts 68 Ac	25,000
S. CO RD 1218	Appts 10-Ac+Homes OK-No Mob+Homes Dev Restricted to Min 1200 Sq Ft Home	19,500
S. CO RD 1218	Appts 10-Ac+Homes OK-No Mob+Homes Dev Restricted to Min 1200 Sq Ft Home	25,000
CO RD 1200	22 Ac-Prime 1-20 Frontage	395,000
COWDEN ADDN	10 Lots in 1200 Block of Fish-Ranch to be sold as Package-Land Only	450,000
CO RD 1200	19 Lots in 200 Block of Cowden Addn-Zoned Light Retail	450,000
CO RD 1200	Appts 60-Ac-100' Frontage for Country Estates	1,248,000

COMMERCIAL

JASMINE	1-20 Accessible - Zoned IPI	\$ 14.00
JASMINE	Two Lots: Frontage on 2nd St. - May be sold Separately!	\$ 14.00
JASMINE	Great 1-20 Access - Zoned IPI	\$ 20.00
R. BARN		UNDER CONTRACT
ANDREWS HWY	6 Rooms - Kitchen-Could be Day-Care, Office or Light Industry	\$ 85.00
BILLINGSLEY	Planned for Storage Facilities-RV Parking-Acre .97 Acre	\$ 25.00
ANDREWS HWY		UNDER CONTRACT
R. BARN	Hot Corner Location - Near Hospital - High Visibility & Traffic Count - Ideal for Drive-Thru	\$ 89.00
ANDREWS HWY		UNDER CONTRACT
MICHAEL	Perfect for Dr. Office-12 Rooms-3 Baths-2 Multi-Use Rooms-Flexible	\$ 0.00
ANDREWS HWY	(Corner), Full Bath, Dr. Office, Reception, Exam Rm, 1200' Frontage-40' Wide Corridor	\$ 25.00
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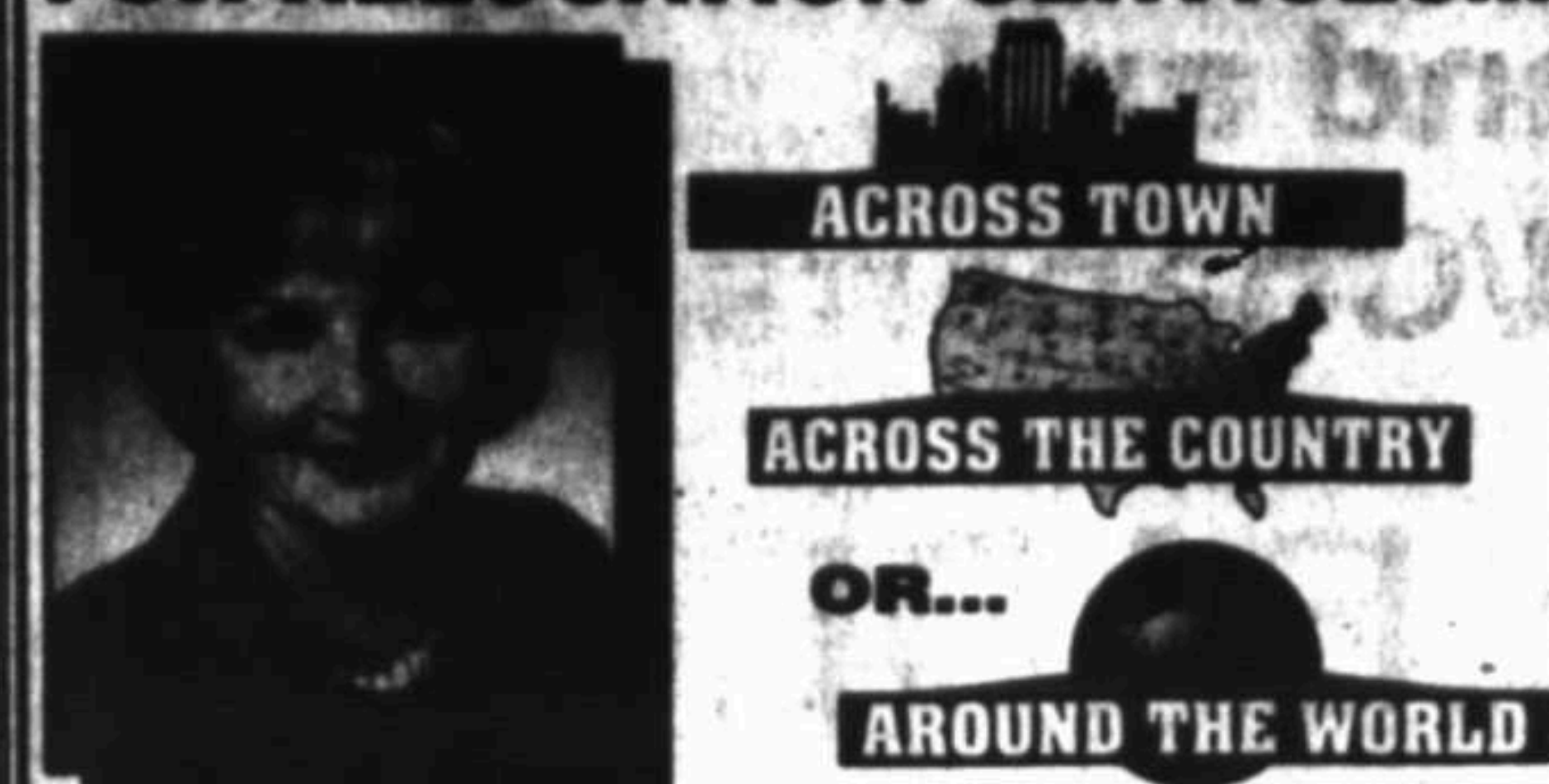
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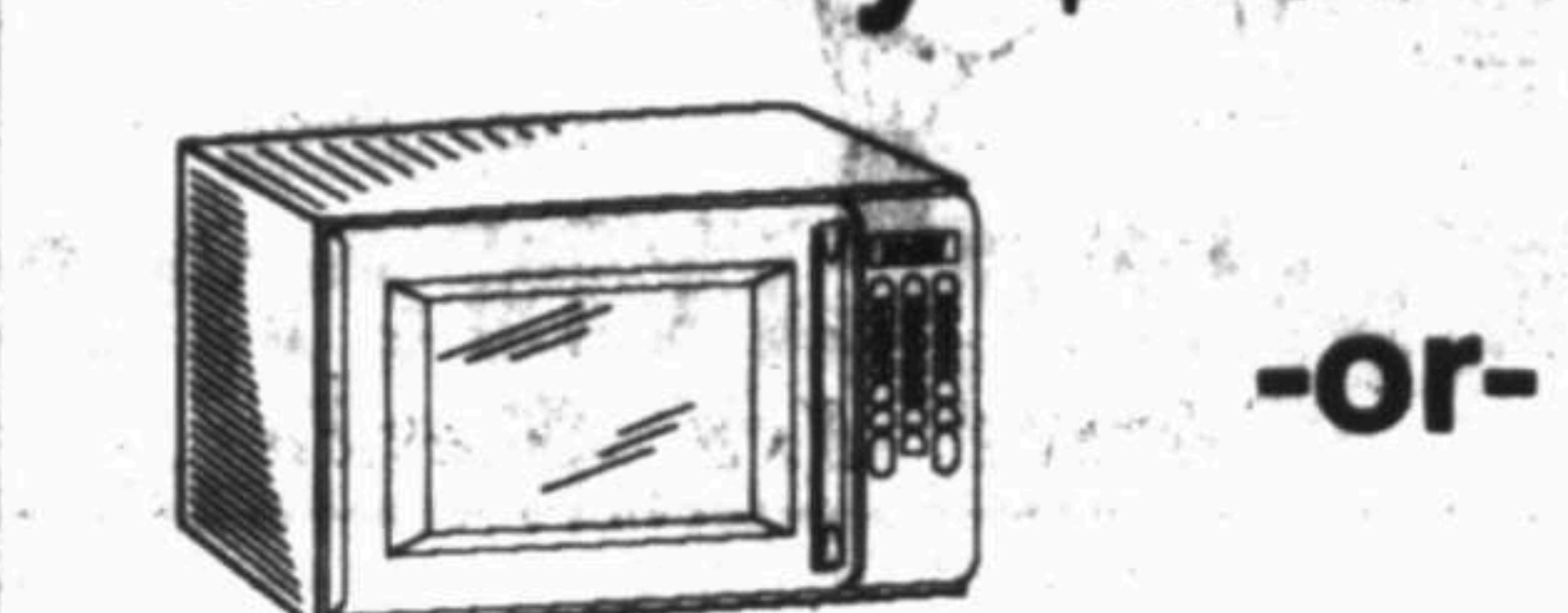
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WADLEY HEIGHTS. 3600sq ft home has seq. master, fireplace, skylights, office, inside laundry room and is located in an established, tree-lined neighborhood. Well as a pet. \$99,900

MOCKINGBIRD. Located on approximately 1 acre, this 3 bedroom home has 2 living areas plus garden room, recently replaced vinyl, countertops and hot water heater. Workshop in back. \$179,000

POLO PARK. SELLER OFFERING A 2% BUYER'S ALLOWANCE on this open and spacious 4000 sq ft home in Polo Park. Kitchen opens to lovely den w/fireplace, separate formal living and dining, sequestered guest wing. Call Anita for more! \$139,900

OLD MIDLAND. Beautiful home w/wonderful location! 4BR, 4BA, SLA, hardwood floors in formal, huge master bedroom and bath upstairs, 2 patios, front and back, gorgeous! Ask Anita! \$199,000

POLO PARK. Seller offering a 1% buyer's allowance on this spacious 3 BD, 2 story beauty on cul-de-sac with 2 living areas, formal dining, skylights, security system, wet bar, covered patio, balcony, sprinklers and more. \$179,000

GRASSLAND ESTATES. Gorgeous 4800sq ft home on quiet, landscaped street has 2 living areas + study of sequestered master, formal dining, lots of skylights, immaculate! Call Anita! \$179,000

GREEN TREE NORTH. Absolutely spectacular 3 BR home on a huge lot on the golf course has pool and spa, inground trampoline, 3 living areas, plus study, gourmet kitchen, built-in garage, etc. etc. Too many amenities to list. Call Anita for more! \$499,000

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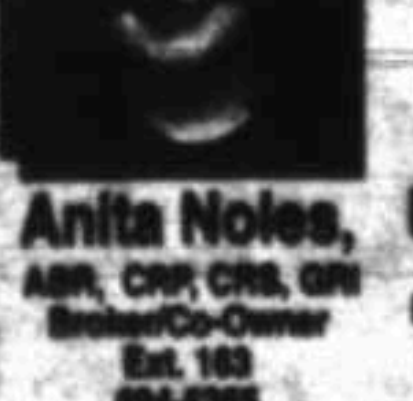
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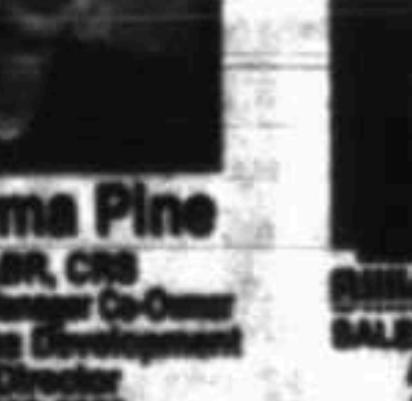
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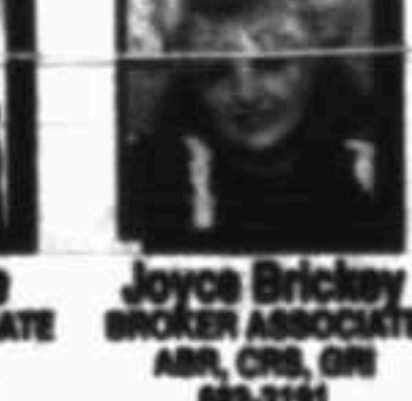
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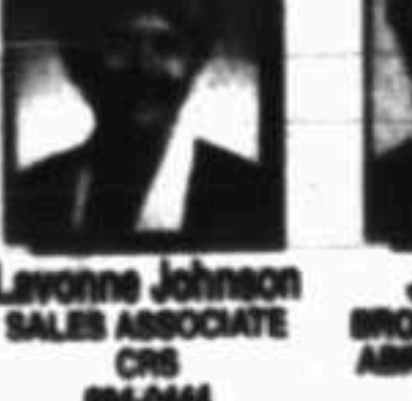
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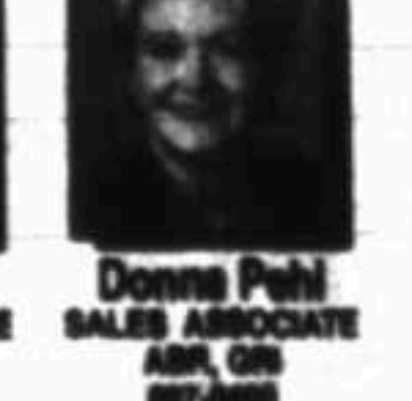
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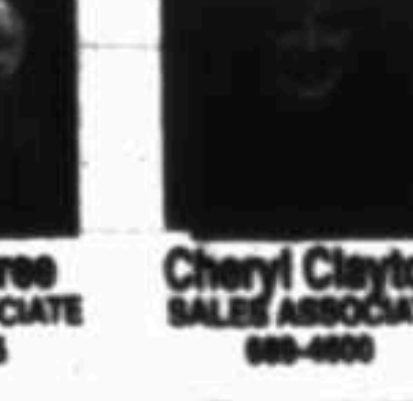
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OPEN 1-3 2201 PRINCETON North of Abell Jr High, the most gorgeous TH on the market! 3/2.5 formal + den. Exquisite.	Joanne Langston 223,000	OPEN 1-3-4 1004 VENTURA Located on East side of Garfield. Lovely 3/2 with large backyard. New floors in kitchen.	Amy Johnson 89,500
OPEN 1-4 2204 PRINCETON Extra special home in Old Midland with all the updating done for you! You can't miss it!	Darryl Norwood 122,500	OPEN 1-3-30 3308 CRESTMONT Wonderful custom built home in Fairmont. 3/2 w/seq. master. Bonus room can be 4th BR.	Amy Johnson 84,800
OPEN 1-4-30 2010 DOUGLAS Ready to go! Owner wants offers. 3/2 with workshop. Located by school.	Amy Johnson 79,900	OPEN 1-3-30 1203 HARVARD Old Midland beauty w/incredible updating and gorgeous hardwood floors. Come & see!	Karen Mason 116,500
		OPEN 3-4 5102 TEAKWOOD Reduced and ready! 4/3 2-story on Green Tree course. Lots of TLC. So pretty. W. or Orle.	Louise Culver 159,500
		OPEN 3-4-30 5009 SHERWOOD This new price will "Move" you! Super home, super price, super area! Come see for yourself!	Patti McClung 89,900
		OPEN 3-30-5 4802 PRESTON Come by after the game to view this spacious. 3BR/2BA home.	Sharon Hyde 86,700

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SADDLE CLUB ESTATE-Incredible space, style, appointments. 5BR/5BA, formal + study + den + playroom. Gorgeous new pool, lavish landscaping and trees. Owner Agent.	690,000	DOUGLAS-Completely remodeled in Old Midland! Fabulous 3BR w/bonus room + exquisite decor.	338,000	BOYD-Beautiful Old Midland. Gorgeous remodeled master suite, 4BR/3BA/2LA white of updating.	338,000
COUNTRY CLUB-The ultimate custom home in "Old Midland" - wonderful updating, fabulous yard.	690,000	BERNARD-Beautiful Old Midland location wonderful new construction. Best of both worlds!	338,000	SUNBEE-Fabulous 5BR in Green Tree! Grand yard, delightful pool, outstanding condition.	365,000
WINDHOLM-CT-Incredible TH - indoor pool in fabulous living area; 4BR/5BA, MBR w/library, stunning studio, office, 3FP, 5 garage, absolutely wonderful!	495,000	RUSTIC TRAIL-Gorgeous in Greenbelt 4/2 with sparkling pool, quality amenities and beautiful decor.	290,000	JUNIPER-CT-One of the best in Green Tree! Lovely 5BR/3BA gorgeous landscaping, fabulous pool, 347,000	347,000
ISLAND CIRCLE-Super location, great plan, lovely decor, wonderful amenities, sparkling pool.	487,500	COUNTRY CLUB-Old Midland colorful, comfy home, large 6BR/5BA/2LA, 2-story w/pool, 10,000 paint job.	290,000	WEDGEWOOD-Wonderful 4BR/3BA in Trinity Estates w/formal, den, gameroom, pool, RV parking + more 245,000	245,000
FAIRWOOD-Absolutely stunning 5/4/3 with 3-car garage and 3FP. Pool & the list goes on! Wonderful!	480,000	CRESCENT PLACE-Fabulous Crescent Place home with great space, wonderful updating, sparkling pool.	295,000	SINCLAIR-TOTALLY remodeled in fabulous Old Midland neighborhood 4/2 lots of trees, great drive-up.	230,000
LAZYWOOD LANE-A special world of Southern charm, private gardens, beautiful terraces, brick floors, French doors, elegant moldings. 4BR/3BA, formal, garden room, den, incredible setting on 1 1/3 acres.	409,000	BAYBROOK CMP-4BR/3BA, gourmet kitchen, seq. master, Bill Brown construction, light & bright, ready for you.	276,000	RUSTIC TRAIL CMP-Spacious 4BR/3BA/2LA garage and 3 super living areas plus new pool, gorgeous golf course view, could be 5BR, new paint.	239,000
RACQUET CLUB-Stunning Frank Welch architecture. 4BR/5BA, formal, walnut study, gameroom, pool.	436,000	BLAKEMORE-Fabulous 5BR in Trinity Meadows. Great plan, wonderful updating, best ever kitchen.	265,000	TEAKWOOD TRACE-Fabulous contemporary 2-story w/enormous bonus room, 3-car garage, lots of amen.	239,000
SINCLAIR-2 story Warwick beauty. 4/3.5/2LA + study, custom gourmet kitchen, sparkling pool, paddle tennis court.	399,000	HALEAH-Beautiful home in Saddle Club Estates. Lovely yard & pool, excellent plan, much updating. 265,000	265,000	LOCKHEED-Gorgeous 4BR in lovely Old Midland w/beautiful pool.	225,000
TATTEHAM CORNER-Most exciting home on mid 5BR/5BA, acreage, pool, incredible style, quality Owner Agent.	395,000			BOYD-Y2K Special! Lower your interest rates w/ 2% buyer incentive! Now through 01-31-00.	225,000
SEABOARD-Gorgeous 2-story chamer, 5-BR, formal, den, garden room, playroom, pool.	395,000			BASSWOOD-Huge 2-story in Green Tree. 4BR/3BA. Enormous den w/wet bar. Very large rooms.	224,000
SADDLE CLUB TH-Large, livable, beautifully decorated. High ceilings, great garden, pool, fabulous guest house.	339,900			FENWAY CMP-Exquisite patio home. Extraordinary quality, amenities, decorating. Fabulous 3BR/2BA/2LA/2GA.	223,000

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NEW LISTINGS	5		
TRANSACTIONS UNDER CONTRACT	7		
TRANSACTIONS CLOSED	10		
TOTAL TRANSACTIONS	22		

It's a Great Market! Call if We Can Help You, Too!

SINCLAIR CMP-Outstanding TH, luxurious master w/2BA, gorgeous formal, den, in college, lush landscaping, pool.	199,900	COLEMAN CT-Extra special 4BR in Polo. Beautiful decor, lovely landscaped yard, wonderful plan.	189,900	HIGHLAND-Gorgeous Greenbelt 4BR/2BA.	125,000
CHERRYWOOD-Simply beautiful 4BR/3BA with gorgeous pecan cabinets and granite island.	199,900	TEAKWOOD TRACE CMP-Teakwood beauty on golf course 4BR/2BA 2-story.	189,900	MAMAR-Fabulous home plus a great room for studio or in-law quarters. The possibilities are endless.	124,900
DIXIEEL CMP-Fabulous 2 story in Greenbelt.	195,000	CROWLEY-4BR workshop, large master BR/BA, light & bright arched windows, 3-car garage.	189,100	STUTZ-Like new from top to bottom! A great 4/3 with swimming pool.	124,900
CRANSTON-Beautiful new construction - great price, loaded w/unique features.	195,000	DRIFTWOOD-Smashing 3BR w/LA - garden room on Green Tree golf course.	189,000	MEADOWBROOK-Mint condition 4BR/2LA/2BA, side yard, 1 yr best warranty, sprinkler, GDO, hwn.	124,500
WEDGEWOOD-Spacious 4BR/3BA in Trinity Estates. Wet bar, huge yard, priced below appraisal.	193,500	RICHMOND-Grand in Polo Park, beautiful home with security system, marble fireplace 4BR.	183,000	MAXWELL CMP-4BR/3BA w/seq. upstairs BR. Updated with new hwn!	122,500
LOS ALAMOS-Smashing custom built 4/3.5/3. This is a beautiful, spacious home. Don't miss it!	194,500	TERRA CT-Stunning 4BR/3BA with many custom features.	180,000	CRESTHOLM-Spacious 4BR in Crestgate. 3 living areas (pool table sized playroom).	122,000
HIGHLAND-Super 4/3/3 Greenbelt beauty! Light, bright, very spacious and only 2 yr old!	194,500	HUMBLE-Updated and impeccable 4/3 w/LA and gorgeous landscaping.	180,000	PRINCETON-Sensational Old Midland home with 4BRs plus an office! Totally redone inside & out.	122,000
SHILL-Beautifully updated in Midland Country Club, spacious 3 BR/2LA, 2BR pool.	179,900	GREEN TREE-2% buyer incentive. Better than new, spacious 2-story TH, bedrooms upstairs. Everything updated.	149,900	SHANDON-Fabulous 5BR/3BA/2LA. Lots of life, the super kitchen.	119,900
COUNTRY CLUB-Grand Old Midland location, pretty landscaping, 3BR + 2BR guest house.	179,000	BELFIELD-Huge den, super pool 4BR/2BA over 3500 sq. ft. Great trees, drive up, Mexican tile & more.	149,000	ARROYO-Townhouse type. 3BR/3BA, high ceilings, huge master and bath.	119,900
DRIFTWOOD-Victorian charm in Green Tree Country Club. 4BR/3BA/2LA.	179,000	NORMANDY-Terrific Polo Park 4BR with wonderful "teen retreat" room.	149,000	WESTMINSTER-Wonderfully different plan, gorgeous pool & terrace, humongous closets, 2LA/2BR/2BA.	119,900
HARVARD-Spacious 4BR/3BA, sparkling pool in Old Midland, family or entertaining home.	174,000	GRASSLAND-Lots of light, spacious rooms, super kitchen, whirlpool in MBR.	145,000		
BOYD-Beautiful & affordable 4BR in covered Woodland.	172,500	MEADOWBROOK-Pretty nice 4BR in popular Meadowbrook. Great plan, pretty decor, many extras.	144,800		
HERFORD-Orchard nestled in Greenbelt. Great yard & location.	169,900	STONELINE-Beautiful Polo Park 4BR w/3-car garage.	143,000		
QUAILMAN-Orchard Park TH. 2BR/2BA w/2.5 h/bbys or home office. Offers please.	167,500	PARSONAGE-Super quality built 4BR on quiet cul-de-sac.	143,000		
ROBINSON-Grand floor plan on corner lot in Greenbelt Estates.	164,000	SINCLAIR-You'll find it here! Around 3500 sq. ft. 3BR/2BA/2LA. Immaculate!	140,000		
COMMUNITY LANE-Beautiful 4BR. Separate guest quarters. Old Midland.	164,500	KEYSTONE-Your new home is here! 4BR/3BA, open kitchen w/land and breakfast bar.	140,000		
HUMBLE CMP-Fabulous 4 BR in Farnam. Loads of sq. ft., move-in condition, beautiful master suite.	163,000	RED-Hot tub! Tons of new 3 living areas, big big bedrooms.	139,900		
WOOD DR-Fantastic 3/3 on 3 acres South of Green Tree. Great house, barn, tennis, water. Check out.	159,900	STONEY CMP-Well maintained and nicely updated home in great neighborhood in Old Midland.	139,900		

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BERNARD-Lovely "Old Midland" w/viscous bedrooms, baths and kitchen. Wonderful large yard.	99,500	ANNELEE-Beautiful 4BR/3BA in lush neighborhood.	79,900	DOUGLAS CMP-Fantastic buy. You won't believe how nice. Recently updated so nice.	55,000
GULF-Updated contemporary, high ceilings, light and bright. Huge live oaks.	99,000	CRIMSON CMP-4BR in Farnam district. Large corner lot.	79,000	BEYHOLM-3BR/2BA 2% buyer incentive. Updated, exceptional large area, MBR, FP, roomy baths.	54,900
ARROWHEAD-Now 3BR/2LA - a study! Fireplace in sequenced master.	99,000	CUTHBERT-Beautiful hardwood floors through out this nicely updated Old Midland home.	79,000	PLAYER CT-3BR, 2BA, 2 car garage, corner fireplace, located on quiet cul-de-sac! Call now!	53,000
HUNTINGTON-Exceptionally nice, spacious rooms, many updates. Great landscaping.	97,000	LAWAC-Magazine pretty! Very spacious home in Northgate 3/2, 2BR/2BA. Ready for you!	77,500	LEISURE-Move in condition. Priced below market.	53,000
TERRACE-Sensational home in Farnam with spacious bedrooms, bonus room, and abundant storage.	97,000	WYDEWOOD-Grand 4BR/3BA w/viscous living area w/viscous kitchen and formal dining. 3BR/2BA/2-car garage.	77,000	FRANKLIN-Quadrangle. Great investment property. 22 bedrooms and 21 bedrooms. Good tenant.	50,000
BRIGHTON-Beautiful home in Farnam area. Complete remodel. 3/2 w/great open kitchen/LA.	95,000	WINDSOR CMP-Grand 4BR near schools and shopping. Priced right and ready for occupancy.	75,500	LOUISIANA CMP-Looking for a great home? This is well worth the call.	49,900
BRIGHTON CMP-Great buy in Saddle Club South. 3/2, many extras.	95,000	FANNIN-Approximately 1900 sq. ft., big rooms, oversized yard, good value.	75,000	RIC-Almost perfect! Big, big living area w/3BR, RD & WS.	49,000
SEABOARD CMP-Wonderfully clean 4BR in Farnam area. Lots of space!	94,900	PLEASANT-Huge! Over 4000 sq. ft. for the room you need.	74,000	THOMASSON-Grand 2 BR, quiet, well maintained street.	47,000
NORTHVIEW-Unique home across from Midland Christian School. 3BR/2BA.	94,500	MARK LANE-Super, master floor plan, new entry garage, cute house, light. 3BR/2BA.	74,000	BOYD-Old Midland cottage with lots of charm and lots of new.	47,000
SEABOARD CMP-Home recently offered on this light and bright custom kitchen built home.	92,000	DESBREE-Over 2000 sq. ft. 3 BR, 2 car garage, 2-car garage. 3BR/2BA TH.	73,000	ROOSEVELT-Nice 3BR/2BA with fireplace. No garage.	46,000
BOYD-After then need 3/2, w/2 bedrooms, neutral colors. Beautiful! Formal dining.	91,000	NORTHVIEW-Beautiful swimming pool, 3-car garage, 2-car garage. 3BR/2BA TH.	73,000	ROOSEVELT-Lovely 2BR/2BA w/FP. Spacious rooms, lots of storage. Wonderful covered patio.	46,000
CLAREMONT-A 1005 beauty w/3BR/2BA/2-car garage. Open plan w/lots of life & closets. Seq. master.	91,000	JORDAN CMP-Grand plan, large living, nice kitchen, 3BR/2BA, small office, quiet street.	72,000	WADLEY-Grand home, corner lot, ready to live in. 3BR/2BA.	46,000
WARD-Possible 0 down. Super nice home in wonderful condition. Very open plan, light & bright.	89,900	LAMAR-Wonderful & spacious 2BR TH w/lot that could be 2nd LA or 3BR, lots of storage.	72,000	SINCLAIR CMP-Beautiful contemporary w/viscous studio, great for music, 1/2 w/d wet & sprinklers.	44,900
MAXWELL CMP-Non-qulifying assumption, pool and workshop.	89,000	DEBARR-Now carpet, paint, the house. Very nice kitchen, 3BR/2BA, big trees, sprinklers.	71,000	EDWARDS-Large 2 BR, quiet, well maintained street.	44,000
ST. ANDREWS CMP-Cute livable 3/2 in Fairmont Park, landscaped yard, office of kitchen.	89,000	DEBARR-Now carpet, paint, the house. Very nice kitchen, 3BR/2BA, big trees, sprinklers.	71,000	W. 3RD, ST. Spacious & updated. 3/2/2-car garage.	43,000
VENTURA-Grand home in mature area. 3/2 with 2LA, lots of Mexican tile and built-in.	89,000	DEBARR-Now carpet, paint, the house. Very nice kitchen, 3BR/2BA, big trees, sprinklers.	71,000	STORY-3BR/2BA/1-car, current rental property.	42,900
CRIMSON CMP-Farnam school. Fabulous 4BR/3BA/2LA, corner lot.	89,000	DEBARR-Now carpet, paint, the house. Very nice kitchen, 3BR/2BA, big trees, sprinklers.	71,000	PASADENA-Grand 3/2/2LA w/whip carpet, pool, roof and heat and air. Don't miss this one.	42,900
WHITNEY-Unique design. 3/2/2LA, new, sprinkler, front & back, paint interior and exterior. 5CF.	89,000	DEBARR-Now carpet, paint, the house. Very nice kitchen, 3BR/2BA, big trees, sprinklers.	71,000	COWDEN-3BR/2BA/1LA, bonus room, garage, hardwood floors, better carpet, brick floors.	41,500
GULF-Charming Lee High area. 3BR/2BA, great value for the price.	87,900	DEBARR-Now carpet, paint, the house. Very nice kitchen, 3BR/2BA, big trees, sprinklers.	71,000	DEWILDE FH1 CMP-3BR/1BA TH, large closets, appliances, nice area. Bedrooms up.	39,900
ELISA-3BR/2BA plus bonus room. Recent new AC, dishwasher, GDO-perfect flooring.	87,900	DEBARR-Now carpet, paint, the house. Very nice kitchen, 3BR/2BA, big trees, sprinklers.	71,000	TRAVIS-Large 3BR/2BA or 2nd LA, high ceilings, FP.	39,900
PRESTON-Grand 3/2 w/viscous kitchen and large living. Near schools + \$1500 incentives.	87,000	DEBARR-Now carpet, paint, the house. Very nice kitchen, 3BR/2BA, big trees, sprinklers.	71,000	ERIE-Grand space at affordable price. Remodeled kitchen.	39,000
SAW ANTONIO-Now and large 3BR/2BA. Gourmet kitchen, open floor plan.	86,000	DEBARR-Now carpet, paint, the house. Very nice kitchen, 3BR/2BA, big trees, sprinklers.	71,000	BOYD-Old Midland cottage with lots of charm and lots of new.	39,000
WHITNEY-Way-Lovely Woodview home w/viscous of updates plus extra large bedrooms.	86,000	DEBARR-Now carpet, paint, the house. Very nice kitchen, 3BR/2BA, big trees, sprinklers.	71,000	STORY-3BR/2BA/1-car, current rental property.	39,000
SEABOARD CMP-Extra nice 3BR, recent remodel included a huge LA/PO in lots of built-in.	85,000	DEBARR-Now carpet, paint, the house. Very nice kitchen, 3BR/2BA, big trees, sprinklers.	71,000	STORY-3BR/2BA/1-car, current rental property.	39,000
GULF COURSE CMP-Now 3/2 in Old Midland. Sunroom and additional garage in back & drive in front.	85,000	DEBARR-Now carpet, paint, the house. Very nice kitchen, 3BR/2BA, big trees, sprinklers.	71,000	STORY-3BR/2BA/1-car, current rental property.	39,000
REGAL-1 large LA, 3BR/2BA/2-car garage. Lovely - convenient to schools, park and Loop 250.	85,000	DEBARR-Now carpet, paint, the house. Very nice kitchen, 3BR/2BA, big trees, sprinklers.	71,000	STORY-3BR/2BA/1-car, current rental property.	39,000
GULF CMP-Unique floor plan. Malt. 3/2/2LA, cabana, hot tub.	85,000	DEBARR-Now carpet, paint, the house. Very nice kitchen, 3BR/2BA, big trees, sprinklers.	71,000	STORY-3BR/2BA/1-car, current rental property.	39,000
CRESTHOLM-Beautiful grey brick home in Fairmont. 3/2 with bonus room that could be 4th bedroom.	84,900	DEBARR-Now carpet, paint, the house. Very nice kitchen, 3BR/2BA, big trees, sprinklers.	71,000	STORY-3BR/2BA/1-car, current rental property.	39,000
WESTERN CMP-3/2 w/LA, sophisticated bathroom w/viscous on suite style patio.	84,900	DEBARR-Now carpet, paint, the house. Very nice kitchen, 3BR/2BA, big trees, sprinklers.	71,000	STORY-3BR/2BA/1-car, current rental property.	39,000
MAHON-3% buyer incentive. Move in for total of 3% 3BR/3BA, new tile, carpet, paint, 3-car garage.	83,900	DEBARR-Now carpet, paint, the house. Very nice kitchen, 3BR/2BA, big trees, sprinklers.	71,000	STORY-3BR/2BA/1-car, current rental property.	39,000
WINDHOLM-Now 3/2 w/LA, 3BR/2BA, 2-car garage. 2 bedrooms, wet bar, 2nd carport.	82,400	DEBARR-Now carpet, paint, the house. Very nice kitchen, 3BR/2BA, big trees, sprinklers.	71,000	STORY-3BR/2BA/1-car, current rental property.	39,000
KAMBAR-Beautiful 3BR/2BA w/viscous hardwoods. Excellent value for the money.	82,400	DEBARR-Now carpet, paint, the house. Very nice kitchen, 3BR/2BA, big trees, sprinklers.	71,000	STORY-3BR/2BA/1-car, current rental property.	39,000
MAHON CT CMP-3BR/2BA on quiet cul-de-sac. Superior addition location. Tree-shaded.	81,000	DEBARR-Now carpet, paint, the house. Very nice kitchen, 3BR/2BA, big trees, sprinklers.	71,000	STORY-3BR/2BA/1-car, current rental property.	39,000
WYDEWOOD-Orchard 3BR/2BA home. Beautiful yard w/viscous of lots of flowers.	81,000	DEBARR-Now carpet, paint, the house. Very nice kitchen, 3BR/2BA, big trees, sprinklers.	71,000	STORY-3BR/2BA/1-car, current rental property.	39,000
GULF COURSE-Lovely lovely one-owner TH. 3BR/2BA/1LA, FP, big rooms.	79,900	DEBARR-Now carpet, paint, the house. Very nice kitchen, 3BR/2BA, big trees, sprinklers.	71,000	STORY-3BR/2BA/1-car, current rental property.	39,000
DOUGLAS CMP-Well maintained home in mature area. 3BR/2BA with a lot of extras.	79,900	DEBARR-Now carpet, paint, the house. Very nice kitchen, 3BR/2BA, big trees, sprinklers.	71,000	STORY-3BR/2BA/1-car, current rental property.	39,000
NEELY CMP-It's only perfect! Lovely formal, spacious den, sunroom, remodeled kitchen, custom decor.	79,900	DEBARR-Now carpet, paint, the house. Very nice kitchen, 3BR/2BA, big trees, sprinklers.	71,000	STORY-3BR/2BA/1-car, current rental property.	39,000
HYDE PARK-Now 3BR/2BA/2LA & 2-car garage near Lee High. Assume 8.5% loan-payoff in 10 yrs.	79,900	DEBARR-Now carpet, paint, the house. Very nice kitchen, 3BR/2BA, big trees, sprinklers.	71,000	STORY-3BR/2BA/1-car, current rental property.	39,000
NORTH-Highly updated, great landscaping, trees. Formal area, cozy den, lovely huge garden room. 3BR/2BA.	79,500	DEBARR-Now carpet, paint, the house. Very nice kitchen, 3BR/2BA, big trees, sprinklers.	71,000	STORY-3BR/2BA/1-car, current rental property.	39,000
BOYD-Home w/viscous, hot tub, workshop, wonderful 4BR/3BA.	79,500	DEBARR-Now carpet, paint, the house. Very nice kitchen, 3BR/2BA, big trees, sprinklers.	71,000	STORY-3BR/2BA/1-car, current rental property.	39,000
QUAILMAN-Old Midland! 3/2 w/viscous remodeled kitchen, tile & paint. This is a great update home.	79,500	DEBARR-Now carpet, paint, the house. Very nice kitchen, 3BR/2BA, big trees, sprinklers.	71,000	STORY-3BR/2BA/1-car, current rental property.	39,000
BECHAM-Old Midland! 3/2 w/viscous remodeled kitchen, tile & paint. This is a great update home.	79,500	DEBARR-Now carpet, paint, the house. Very nice kitchen, 3BR/2BA, big trees, sprinklers.	71,000	STORY-3BR/2BA/1-car, current rental property.	39,000

SUBURBAN HOMES

E. CO. RD. 116-Very special property on 10 acres, great condition, wonderful living areas, delightful kitchen, sparkling pool.	249,000	W. CO. RD. 84 CMP-Grand country property! 3W/1 and a nice shop. Very nice house and good location.	114,000	E. CO. RD. 148-Redone & updated on 1 ac. Beautiful hardwood floors. 3BR/2BA/2LA, 2-car garage w/3-car carport.	89,000
H. CO. RD. 1241-Classic country home, great decor and plan. Barn, estate, wells and more.	229,000	FM 387 CMP-3+ acres w/viscous area, state and cross-fenced pastures and 3/21 house.	105,000	E. CO. RD. 150-3BR/1BA, 2 car carport, true cowboy family home, fenced, new roof in 99, hardwood floors.	89,000
W. HWY. 176-Country paradise, 3BR/2BA on 16.52 acres, arena, 250 trees.	250,000	H. CO. RD. 1105 CMP-Country home + 6 acres in Greenwood area.	89,000	S. CO. RD. 1286-Prime acreage between Midland and Odessa off of 176th mobile home w/10 acre.	57,000
CAROL LANE-Country living in the city. 3BR/2BA, updated, inground pool, barn, stable, arena.	171,500	ELKINS RD. 3/21 with 2 car garage on 20 acre 2 owner home.	83,000	S. CO. RD. 1136-3BR/2BA on approximately 1.9 acres. Greenwood schools.	49,000
S. CO. RD. 1218-Updated country home on 20 acres with mature Pecan trees.	159,500	E. CO. RD. 108 CMP-Grand 3/2 in Greenwood, lots of extras, workshop and additional parking.	77,000	S. CO. RD. 1136-3BR/2BA on approximately 1.9 acres. Greenwood schools.	49,000
E. CO. RD. 119-Now 4 BR/3 LA & 2 1/2 half baths. 3 LA's on 2 acres.	154,000	W. CO. RD. 148-Country living at its best! Quiet and peaceful. 4BR/2BA/1LA/2LA.	72,000	S. CO. RD. 1136-3BR/2BA on approximately 1.9 acres. Greenwood schools.	49,000
S. CO. RD. 1138-Now! Greenwood, new 2424 sq. ft. carpet, tile, paint inside & out! 4/3/2, 1.43 ac.	149,500	E. CO. RD. 98-Greenwood 3/2 - High ceilings plus bonus room and office area.	69,000	S. CO. RD. 1136-3BR/2BA on approximately 1.9 acres. Greenwood schools.	49,000
W. CO. RD. 98 CMP-Wonderful, totally redone, super pool includes Colorado River Tap. Must see.	139,000	E. CO. RD. 98 CMP-Larger than most for sale in Greenwood 3/2, pretty calling in kitchen and dining area.	69,000	S. CO. RD. 1136-3BR/2BA on approximately 1.9 acres. Greenwood schools.	49,000
W. CO. RD. 130-4000 sq. ft. 2 acres, fabulous home! Sprinkled, Mexican tile, high ceilings. WOW!	125,000	E. CO. RD. 98 CMP-Larger than most for sale in Greenwood 3/2, pretty calling in kitchen and dining area.	69,000	S. CO. RD. 1136-3BR/2BA on approximately 1.9 acres. Greenwood schools.	49,000
S. CO. RD. 1130-4000 sq. ft. 2 acres, fabulous home! Sprinkled, Mexican tile, high ceilings. WOW!	125,000	E. CO. RD. 98 CMP-Larger than most for sale in Greenwood 3/2, pretty calling in kitchen and dining area.	69,000	S. CO. RD. 1136-3BR/2BA on approximately 1.9 acres. Greenwood schools.	49,000
S. CO. RD. 1085 CMP-Buy a Ranch! 60 fenced acres and 3/2/21 garage. 2 water wells and barn and stalls.	117,400	E. CO. RD. 98 CMP-Larger than most for sale in Greenwood 3/2, pretty calling in kitchen and dining area.	69,000	S. CO. RD. 1136-3BR/2BA on approximately 1.9 acres. Greenwood schools.	49,000

LOTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY

RACQUET CLUB DR-Last available lots in coveted Racquet Club South.	180,000 each	ANDREWS HWY-4000 from McDonalds - 1100 of office bldg.	CALL	RISE HEIGHTS-4 fantastic lots, prices vary	CALL
BLUENRIDGE-12.21 acres available across from the ball park. Can be sub-divided.	145,500	BRIDGEMAN CT-Office, 2000 sq. ft. for sale only.	CALL	FM 1788 & HWY. 191-470 acres in suburban area, could possibly be zoned commercial.	529,000

Ideas keep resolutions 'cooking'

Staff Reports

By now that New Year's resolution to lose weight that you made last week may be a thing of the past, along with the resolution to take better care of yourself and eat healthier. But don't give up yet. Some of the following tips and recipes may make keeping those promises to yourself a little easier:

Eating right is only part of the process toward a slimmer, healthier you. Exercise and common sense have to be factored into any healthy diet plan.

According to information from Pioneer Flour Mills, a few simple rules may help keep your resolutions working. Most of these rules are pretty obvious, but they still bear repeating:

■ All foods contain calories; eating more calories than your body burns off will cause you to gain weight. A typical adult usually needs between 1200 and 2000 calories each day, although physically active adults and teen-agers may need up to 3000. To maintain or lose weight, choose foods with a lot of nutrients but fewer calories. (Fruits, vegetables and whole grains come to mind.)

■ Make sure you eat a variety of foods in moderate amounts, while still getting nutrition necessary to maintain health.

■ Instead of frying foods — a cooking method famous for adding calories — cook by stir-frying, grilling, steaming or broiling.

■ Start an exercise plan. Running, swimming, skiing, joining an exercise group or walking for 30 minutes at least three times a week can be a great place to start.

Now for some tasty recipes to make the whole dieting process easier to swallow. These two are from Pioneer Flour Mills:

CHUNKY LOW-FAT TOMATO SOUP

1 cup finely chopped onion
1 cup thinly sliced celery
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 can (46 ounces) tomato juice
2 cans (16 ounces each) diced tomatoes with basil, oregano and garlic
2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil leaves, optional
1 tablespoon granulated sugar
3 cups water, divided
1 package (1.61 ounces) no-fat brown gravy mix
In large saucepan or Dutch oven over

medium heat, cook and stir onion, celery and garlic in oil until onion and celery are translucent. Add tomato juice, basil, sugar and 2 cups water; bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer 10 minutes. Return to boiling. Dissolve gravy mix in 1 cup cool water; stir into boiling mixture until thickened. Simmer 5 minutes more to combine flavors. Makes 8 servings.

SAVORY LOW-FAT SCONES

3 cups low-fat biscuit and baking mix
1/2 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
1/2 teaspoon Italian seasoning
3/4 cup skim milk
1/2 cup low-fat sour cream
1 tablespoon milk
Garlic salt

In medium bowl, stir together biscuit and baking mix, cheese and Italian seasoning. In small bowl, combine milk and sour cream. Stir into biscuit and baking mix mixture to form stiff dough. Turn out onto surface dusted with additional biscuit and baking mix;

knead 10 times. Divide dough in half. Press each piece into circle about 1/2-inch thick. Place on baking sheet coated with cooking spray. Cut each circle into 6 wedges but do not separate wedges. Brush 1 tablespoon milk over top; sprinkle with garlic salt. Bake at 400 degrees for 12 to 15 minutes or until golden brown. Makes 12 scones.

TIP: When measuring biscuit and baking mix, gently spoon mix into nested (dry) measuring cups. Using metal spatula or straight-edged knife, level off top.

(Pioneer Flour Mills' web site is www.pioneerflourmills.com)

According to information from Florida Tomato Committee, not only are tomatoes a wonderful source of vitamin C, but they also "contain lycopene, a very powerful antioxidant and cancer-fighting compound."

But there's a catch: The information goes on to say that the best way to utilize the lycopene is to heat the tomatoes and use "a little bit of oil."

Which is why they sent these two recipes:

PASTA WITH ROASTED TOMATOES, SQUASH AND BROCCOLI

1-1/2 pounds fresh tomatoes
6 tablespoons olive oil, divided
1 teaspoon salt, divided
2 medium zucchini squash, cut in 3/4-inch chunks (about 3 cups)



Photo courtesy of Florida Tomato Committee

Pasta with roasted tomatoes, squash and broccoli provides tasty low-fat fare.

1 medium yellow summer squash, cut in 3/4-inch chunks (about 1-1/2 cups)
2 green onions (scallions), coarsely chopped (about 1/2 cup)
2 teaspoons minced garlic
3 cups (8 ounces) bowtie pasta, uncooked
3 cups broccoli florets
2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
Use tomatoes held at room temperature until fully ripe.

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Cut ripe tomatoes into 1/2-inch thick slices; remove seeds with tip of knife. Arrange slices on oiled rack in roasting pan. Brush with 1 tablespoon olive oil; sprinkle with 1/2 teaspoon salt. Place in rack in top portion of oven. Roast for 25 minutes.

Meanwhile, in large bowl combine zucchini, yellow squash, green onions, garlic and 2 tablespoons olive oil; toss to coat. Place vegetables in another large pan. Place in oven along with tomatoes; cook until tomatoes are wrinkled and slightly dry and squash is tender, about 25 minutes.

Meanwhile, cook pasta as label directs and add broccoli florets to pasta during last 3 minutes of cooking time. Drain pasta and



Photo courtesy of Kreischmer Wheat Germ

Sassy salmon burgers are made with wheat germ as a substitute for bread crumbs, adding a nutty flavor and vitamin E and other essential vitamins and minerals.

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Losing weight is as easy as pulling a rabbit out of a hat

By Marian Burros
N.Y. Times News Service

The diet of the moment, low in carbohydrates and high in protein, will attain the distinction in a few days of having survived into a third century. Its current proponents, like Dr. Robert Atkins, Dr. Barry Sears and Drs. Michael and Mary Eades, should say a little prayer of thanks every night to the man who helped make them rich. For this diet, like so many too-good-to-be-true prescriptions, has gone in and out of fashion, in this case for more than 100 years, in the great American search for the holy grail of easy weight loss.

In 1863, William Banting, coffin maker to the Duke of Wellington, first popularized this regimen, which we mistakenly believe is thoroughly modern. At 5-foot-5 and over 200 pounds, he was so bulky he had to walk down stairs backward. A British ear surgeon, William Harvey, prescribed a diet free of fats, starches and sugars, becoming the first in a long line of medical doctors and doctors of philosophy claiming expertise in a subject with which they had little experience. The diet, which provided about 1,100 calories a day, worked, at least for a while, and Banting became the publisher of the first popular diet book, "A Letter on Corpulence Addressed to the Public."

After he died, in 1878, "Banting" became the preferred dieting method on both sides of the Atlantic. Ever since, there has been an almost unbro-

ken succession of diet doctors offering variations on the theme: the Grapefruit Diet, also known as the Mayo Diet; Herman Taller's "Calories Don't Count"; Irwin Stillman's "Doctor's Quick Weight Loss Diet"; Herman Tarnower's "Scarsdale Diet." The diet went out of fashion in the early 1980s, replaced by the high-carbohydrate, low-fat diet. Now it is back with a vengeance.

Of course most people would prefer to lose weight while eating steak and eggs instead of the celery and carrot sticks of other diets, but they lose weight doing so for the same reason people lose weight on any diet: they expend more energy (calories) than they consume. Eventually the low-carb diet will once again be replaced by another gimmick, but it will never be far away.

"These things never die out," said Dr. William Jarvis, a professor of public health and preventive medicine at Loma Linda University and a co-founder of the National Council for Reliable Health Information. "They become part of the culture."

Take Fletcherizing, which is also still with us but not under that name. At the beginning of the 20th century Horace Fletcher, a wealthy American businessman, spent some of his fortune persuading people to follow his lead and chew their food until it liquefied, on the theory that doing so would cause them to lose weight and remove poisons from their bodies. It is unclear whether it worked permanently for Fletcher. Contemporary

accounts say he lost weight but eventually gained it back. Meantime, people all over the world were masticating until their jaws hurt.

In his book "Revolution at the Table: the Transformation of the American Diet," (Oxford University Press, 1988), Harvey Levenstein notes that such famous reformers and writers as Upton Sinclair, Henry James and William James were adherents of Fletcherizing. Not so long ago I heard a nutritionist suggest the same weight loss technique.

Then there is food combining. William Howard Hays introduced the concept in the 1930s, and it is alive and well today in Judy Mazel's "New Beverly Hills Diet," which prescribes eating certain foods at certain times and never combining carbohydrates and protein.

Even diet drugs guaranteed to maim and kill have reappeared decades after they were banned. During World War I the Russians gave their soldiers 2,4-dinitrophenol, a chemical found in explosives, to keep them warm in winter. Dinitrophenol was an effective weight-loss tool because it accelerated the metabolism, making the body burn more fat.

In the late 1920s, scientists looked at therapeutic uses of the chemical but decided it was too dangerous. That didn't stop diet doctors from prescribing it until 1938, when it was banned because the bodies began to pile up.

Yet Dr. Nicholas Bachynsky was using it in his weight loss clinics in

Texas and elsewhere in the 1980s. (In 1986 he was fined for violating regulations of the Food and Drug Administration.)

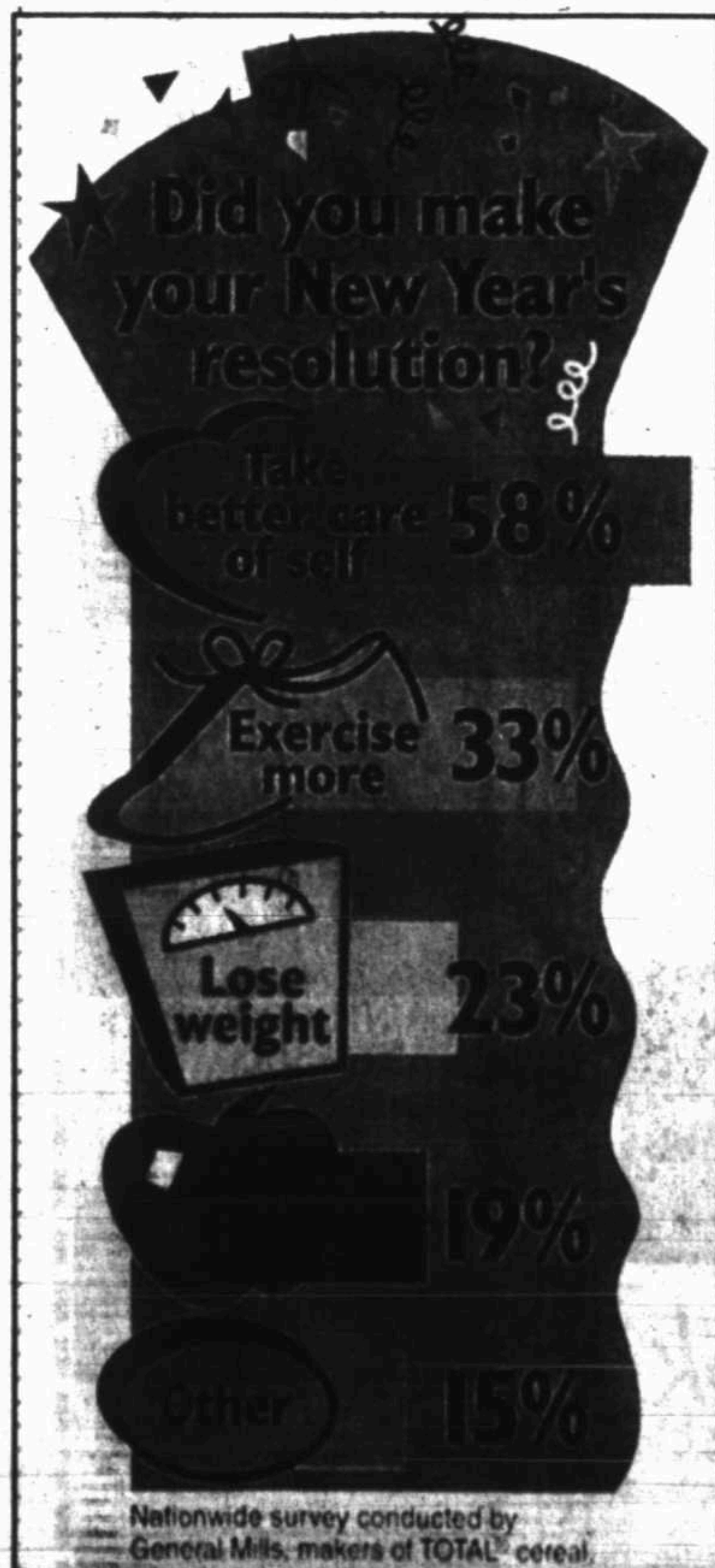
Last month, among the links to Web sites warning of the hazards was one that read: "Dinitrophenol for fat loss. This stuff is amazing." There was nothing on the Web site that the link led to, but obviously there are still people who think it is a great weight loss aid, just as people still think amphetamines are safe for losing weight.

In the 1950s, the public was taken with the vinegar diet, based on "Folk Medicine" (Fawcett), by Dr. D.C. Jarvis. He contended that cider vinegar combined with honey, kelp, lecithin and vitamin B6 not only cured arthritis but also produced weight loss. The rationale was that oil and vinegar don't mix. Out of that grew the concept that vinegar is a fat cutter. It was only one more step to the theory that vinegar cuts the fat off the body. Thus was born "The Cider Vinegar, Lecithin, Kelp, B6 Diet," heavily advertised in women's magazines, accompanied by articles describing the diet as miraculous. An article in the January 1974 issue of Family Circle cleared the shelves of these ingredients.

People who rushed out to buy them may have skipped over the part that said the mysterious mixture always worked "as long as a low-calorie regime was strictly adhered to."

Recently, a quick look on the

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HAVE YOU HEARD?

Midlanders visit New York City

By Marilyn McKnight Harrison

All decked out in its holiday finest, New York City was as inviting as ever to the group of Permian Basin residents and friends who participated in the Midland Symphony Guild's annual December tour there.

The five-day trip included the traditional sight-seeing, shopping and Broadway shows that one would expect, but also some additional attractions. This year the travelers were invited to an Upper East Side mansion (a seven-story brownstone) for tea. In addition, they were able to return to the Russian Tearoom, which recently reopened after several years renovation, where they spotted author Tom Wolfe and got his autograph.

The group enjoyed seeing Carol Burnett in the musical, "Putting It Together," and the Christmas Show, featuring the Rockettes, at the newly refurbished Radio City Music Hall. Following the latter performance, they assembled at the restaurant, One If By Land, Two If By Sea, for dinner and a birthday celebration for four of the trip's participants, Frances Matthews, Margaret Cerf, Abby Hardie and Roy Williamson.

Mrs. Matthews was accompanied on the trip by her daughters and grandchildren, Susie (Mrs. Steve) Fey and Sarah Howard of Midland and Bonnie Welch and Wesley of Colorado Springs, Colo. Mrs. Hardie by her daughter-in-law, Susie (Mrs. Thornton, III) Hardie of Dallas, and Mr. Williamson by his wife, Karen, and daughters, Amy Williamson and Jana (Mrs. Steve) Smith of Dallas.

Odessa Estee (Mrs. Marvin L.) Smith, along with her daughter, Liz (Mrs. Michael) Shelton, and daughter-in-law, Ann (Mrs. Stanley) Smith, also of Odessa, and another daughter-in-law, Patty (Mrs. Marvin, III) Smith of Austin enjoyed an off-Broadway performance of "Blue Man Group: Tubes," which has been described as "a wildly innovative, on the cutting edge performing arts group."

Meanwhile, Mary (Mrs. Bill) Kennedy and her daughter, Morgan (Mrs. Brad) Moody of Houston, along with Betty and Clem George, were seen at the Broadway show, "Fosse."

Jim Crawford, accompanied by Carmelita and Ed Clark of Fort Worth and his mother-in-law, Mildred Rudolph of Grandfalls, enjoyed a dinner cruise around Manhattan. Jenna Welch and Jess Ann Thomason were seen enjoying lunch in the United Nations Delegates Dining Room overlooking the East River.

Others enjoying the delights of the Big Apple, including the picturesque winter setting at Rockefeller Center and the spectacular Christmas tree and Neapolitan baroque creche at the Metropolitan Museum, were Paula (Mrs. Jim) Henry and her sister, Cynthia Gay; Nancy (Mrs. Barry) Beal and her granddaughter, Ashley Beal; Aida (Mrs. Bill) Russell with her grandchildren, Whitney Russell of Midland and Garrett Merrell of Dallas; Mary White, Dolores McCall, Martha Elder, Ruth McFarland and former Midlander Jeanne (Mrs. Coley) Cowden of Austin with her mother, Jean Tinsell of Fort Worth.

WHEN MARY MARGARET Byrom and Dan Secker were married on New Year's Eve, their vows were timed so they would be pronounced husband and wife immediately after the stroke of midnight. As a result, they will be able to say they started their married lives on the first day of the new millennium.

The wedding took place on the Colonel Burns' Ranch 12 miles north of Brownwood in a small, stone house built in 1899 and called the Sunday House. Mary Margaret's brother, Dr. Paul Burns of Austin, has restored the house to its original condition, and Mary Margaret says it is the perfect spot for a wedding, offering a gorgeous view from its mountain-side location.

The bride's son, the Rev. Paul Byrom, minister of edu-

cation at Midland's First Baptist Church, officiated at the family wedding, which was preceded by a seated dinner in a white tent about a mile from Sunday House. After the ceremony, the celebration continued with wedding cake and champagne.

Midland guests included Mary Margaret's children and grandchildren, Paul and Sheri Byrom with Megan and Madison, and Marietta and Albert Metcalfe with Kaki, Blake and Hillary; her mother, Oona Burns; her brother, Billy Burns; and Dan's sons, Walker and Danny Secker.

Other family members present were Mary Margaret's brothers and their wives, Dr. Paul and Toni Burns and Pierce and Reba Burns, all of Austin; Dan's daughter, Meredith Secker, and her husband, Ian Zapata of Dallas; his brother and wife, Bill and Ann Secker of Fort Myers, Fla., and his cousins, Phil and Roma Secker of Tucson, Ariz., and Nancy, Rick and Annette Briscoe of San Antonio.

Unable to be present but sending their congratulations were Dan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William S. Secker of Charlotte, N.C.

The couple will continue to reside in Midland. Mary Margaret is a teacher at Carver Cultural Center, and Dan is an independent landman.

THE HOME of Emily (Mrs. Kevin) Blankvist was the setting for the recent mother-daughter-colleague/alumnae Christmas tea, hosted by the Midland Alumnae Chapter of Delta Delta Delta.

The collegians and their mothers attending were Megan Hawkes and Mary Helen Phillips, Kallie Kerr and Marianne (Mrs. Russell) Goodyear, Julie McClure, Marlene Beck and Mary (Mrs. Robert) Beck, Lauren Van Stavern and Debbie (Mrs. James) Van Stavern, Amanda Salmon and Lisa (Mrs. Bill) Mewhorter, Shelby Wilson and Cindy (Mrs. Scott) Wilson, Cathleen Wright and Rosemary (Mrs. Max) Wright, and Christy Van Housen and Laura (Mrs. Bob) Van Housen.

Among others attending were Mignon (Mrs. B.T.) Pearson with her Tri Delta daughter, Rachel Erikson, and granddaughters, Janelle Erikson and Annie Hall; Debbie (Mrs. David) Byrd with daughter, Helen, and mother, Rosie (Mrs. Dick) Yeager of Vernon; Nancy (Mrs. James) Butler, who now lives in Australia, but was back in Midland for a holiday visit; Monica (Mrs. Scott) Parkman with her infant daughter, Anna, and the hostess's daughter, Whitney Blankvist.

The collegians were presented with silver colored glass Christmas tree ornaments, inscribed with the year 1999.

TWAS THE NIGHT before Christmas when Carol and Gary Hall and family hosted their annual open house. The party began at half past four in the afternoon, and guests were invited to come and go as they made their Christmas Eve rounds.

The Halls were joined by their children and grandchildren, Becky, Cary, Nathan and Taylor Billingsley and Carrie, Keat, Jackson and Halle Adams, all of Midland, and Kristina Hall of Traverse City, Mich., as well as Carol's mother, Margaret Clark of Wichita Falls, in welcoming the partygoers and wishing them a Merry Christmas!

Throughout the evening, guests were treated to an array of scrumptious sweets, pastries and finger sandwiches, along with champagne punch, cranberry punch and coffee.

Continuing a longtime tradition, about eight-thirty those present gathered to hear the Biblical Christmas story, read this year by Becky, and to sing carols, with piano accompaniment by Carol.

It is always the Halls' intent to include the children in the festivities, so they typically choose a number of songs the youngsters will enjoy, including the eight different versions of "Jingle Bells" Carol has written. Two-year-old Jackson brought down the house with his recitation of a poem from the 1999 Christmas Pops program his grandmother had written for the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorus.

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Prescription for doctors...

When necessary to deliver bad news, use tact, compassion

By Jane E. Brody
N.Y. Times News Service

Breathing difficulties prompted Frank to return to the hospital days before he was to receive his next chemotherapy treatment for lung cancer. When Frank asked if he'd be getting his treatment as scheduled, a doctor neither he nor his family had ever seen before replied bluntly: "We can't give you another treatment. It would kill you."

To Frank, who knew his life depended on the drugs, those 10 words were a death sentence, delivered in the crudest possible fashion. Frank's shaken family members were left on their own to try in vain to rekindle some slim hope for his survival.

It was not that the doctor meant to be cruel. It is that few doctors are trained to deliver bad news, and many—in haste, anxiety, guilt or sheer ignorance of the impact of their words—say things to patients and families that cause needless emotional pain and may even compromise the effectiveness of treatment.

Physicians often adopt coping strategies to minimize their own discomfort with delivering bad news but fail to realize what is needed to minimize the trauma to patients. If bad news is delivered badly, it can permanently damage the doctor-patient relationship, leading to a loss of confidence in the doctor's recommendations and treatment plan.

People vary greatly in their ability to cope with bad news, whether it involves a diagnosis of a chronic illness, a potentially fatal disease, the realization that the best available treatment isn't working or the unexpected death of a loved one.

To be sure, receiving bad news always causes some level of distress. But researchers say that how the news is delivered influences how well that stress is handled and whether it fosters or impedes a person's ability to cope with the situation.

THE HARM DONE can be long lasting, even permanent. In a review of the medical literature on conveying bad news, published in 1996 in The Journal of the American Medical Association, Dr. J.T. Patek and Tara L. Eberhardt, psychologists at Bucknell University, stated: "Our conversations with cancer survivors suggest that, even after a relatively lengthy period of time, they are able to recall what made getting the news more or less difficult. Some of these cancer survivors expressed persistent negative feelings about the process. We have also noted some family members continued to harbor intense negative feelings about how the news was conveyed."

Although there have been few scientific-

ly designed studies of the best ways best to convey bad news to patients and families, many expert opinions have been rendered based on the experiences of both medical personnel and patients.

Serious matters about your health should be discussed face to face in a quiet, comfortable, private place, not in the hall, on the phone or in the middle of grand rounds with half a dozen strangers listening.

Ideally, a caring relative or friend should be present to provide emotional support and assist in gathering critical information. Too often, after the initial statement of bad news, patients fail to hear most of what else the doctor says and may end up feeling unduly hopeless when in fact the doctor has suggested treatments that are likely to succeed.

Several months ago in the journal Behavioral Medicine, Dr. Afaf Girgis and Dr. Rob W. Sanson-Fisher, cancer education researchers in Newcastle, Australia, outlined principles for breaking bad news.

Only one person, ideally the primary care physician or senior consultant caring for the patient, should do the job, they insist. The task should not be delegated to a nurse or medical resident.

When imparting bad news, the physician should allow an open-ended amount of time free of interruptions, sit close to the patient at eye level, look directly at the patient and, if appropriate, touch the patient.

Patek and Ms. Eberhardt noted that "to hold hands or give a hug can have a strong, positive and lasting effect if done at the right time and with the right patient." Girgis and Sanson-Fisher stated that touch could be used "to convey warmth, sympathy, encouragement or reassurance."

Euphemisms like "growth," "tumor" or "cyst" should be avoided when in fact the patient has cancer. Euphemisms lead to misunderstandings and may cause the patient to wonder why such drastic therapy is needed. However, technical jargon also must be avoided. Patients and their families should ask for explanations when they hear something they don't understand.

And, they should be given as much information as needed to understand the condition, its treatment and the likelihood that treatment will cure the illness or control its symptoms.

In one study of cancer patients, the vast majority said they wanted all available information, whether good or bad, about their condition. The diagnosis and prognosis (but without a definite time frame) should be given honestly but not bluntly. A sensitive physician, particularly one who has had a prior relationship

with you, will be able to sense just how much information and detail you can handle at one time.

Treatment options and the reasons for more tests should be clearly described along with their likely or possible side effects so that people can make an intelligent choice.

The physician should periodically assess the patient's understanding of the situation.

And, if you're involved, ask whether the discussion can be tape-recorded so that you, your relatives and friends can listen to it again and again, if needed, to gain a more complete understanding of what is happening. The doctor should also arrange to call again the next day or at least provide a phone number and time to call if questions arise later, as they inevitably do.

THERE SHOULD BE ample opportunity to vent feelings and to ask questions. The doctor should encourage patients and families to express feelings freely.

Immediate reactions to bad news may include crying, stunned silence, disbelief, anger or acute distress," Girgis and Sanson-Fisher wrote. Doctors should let patients know that "it is quite normal to feel this way." And those who think it will be difficult to tell relatives or colleagues about the condition should ask the doctor to assist.

Patients and relatives also should be told about available support services, including support groups for patients and spouses coping with the same disease. If the patient is terminally ill or dies, information about hospice care or bereavement counseling should be provided.

But no matter how grave the situation, a patient should never be told that "nothing more can be done." There is always something the doctor can offer. If there is no treatment that can curb the disease, there is at least treatment to make the patient as comfortable as possible. But the doctor should never suggest that palliative treatment might cure the disease and should make sure the patient understands that.

"Hope should always be conveyed," Patek and Ms. Eberhardt wrote. "The goal of maintaining hope does not mean that physicians should be less than truthful. In the case of imminent death, hope may entail information about the physician's ability to control symptoms and minimize discomfort."

When patients cannot be cured, feelings of guilt and helplessness may prompt the doctor to abandon the patient. An understanding word from the patient's family may help the doctor overcome these feelings and remain a source of comfort and hope. In dealing with bad news, doctors need all the help they can get.

RECIPES: And now for something completely different

(From 1E)

broccoli; transfer to large serving bowl. Add roasted tomatoes and squash mixture. In small bowl combine vinegar with pepper, remaining 3 tablespoons olive oil and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Pour over pasta mixture; toss to coat. Serve hot or at room temperature with grated Parmesan cheese, if desired.

THYME-SCENTED ROASTED TOMATO HALVES

4 large fresh tomatoes (about 2-3/4 pounds)
2 large onions, sliced
1/4 cup pitted black olives
3 garlic cloves, sliced
1 teaspoon thyme leaves
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
3 tablespoons olive oil

Use tomatoes held at room temperature until fully ripe.

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Cut tomatoes horizontally in halves; squeeze out seeds. Place cut-side down in well-greased shallow 13x9-inch baking pan. Scatter onions and olives around tomatoes. Sprinkle with garlic,

thyme, salt and pepper; drizzle with olive oil. Roast until tomatoes are softened and wrinkled, 20 to 30 minutes. Serve as side dish or chop and use in salads, pizzas, pasta, rice, etc.

(HINT: Always, always, always let tomatoes ripen fully at room temperature before you use them. They're just better that way.)

And now (to paraphrase a famous British comedy team who have since broken up) for something completely different — yet still a possible part of a healthy diet.

Wheat germ may not be something most people keep in their pantries all the time, but it can be included in a healthy diet. According to information from Kretschmer wheat germ, "Studies show that including vitamin E-rich foods daily in moderate amounts will add a heart-healthy nutrition boost" to your diet without adding too much fat. And "ongoing research indicates that by adding certain nutrients, like vitamin E and other antioxidants, in the foods we eat we can actually lower the risk of heart disease."

Besides, the information added that a 2-tablespoon serving of wheat germ contains 15 percent of the daily amount of vitamin E in the Recommended Daily Value. Wheat germ is also listed as a good source of folic acid.

While eating wheat germ by the spoonful doesn't sound very appealing, it can be substituted for bread crumbs in some recipes — including this one:

SASSY SALMON BURGERS

1 can (14-3/4 ounces) can salmon, drained, skin and bones removed
1 cup toasted wheat germ, divided
1/3 cup sliced green onions
3 egg whites, divided
4 tablespoons water, divided
2 tablespoons fat-free mayonnaise
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon hot pepper sauce, as desired
1 tablespoon canola oil
5 whole wheat hamburger buns
1 medium ripe avocado, peeled and sliced
1 medium tomato, sliced
1 cup spinach leaves
In medium bowl, combine salmon, 1/2 cup wheat germ and

green onions. In small bowl, beat together 2 egg whites, 2 tablespoons water, mayonnaise, salt and hot pepper sauce; add to salmon mixture and mix well. Shape into 5 patties, each about 1 inch thick.

In shallow dish, place remaining 1/2 cup wheat germ. In second shallow dish, beat remaining egg white with remaining 2 tablespoons water until frothy. Dip salmon patties one at a time into wheat germ, then into egg white mixture, then again into wheat germ.

Heat canola oil in nonstick skillet. Cook patties over medium heat 3 to 4 minutes on each side or until golden brown and heated through. Serve patties on rolls with avocado, tomato and spinach.

Nutrition information (1/5 of recipe): 390 calories; 150 calories from fat; total fat 17 g, saturated fat 3 g; cholesterol 30 mg; sodium 930 mg; carbohydrate 37 g; dietary fiber 7 g; protein 28 g. Provides 25 percent of the Recommended Daily Value of vitamin E.

(Plus you could probably cut both fat and calories by eliminating the bread and the avocado, if you wanted to.)

WEIGHT: Magic cures will always be with us

(From 1E)

Internet turned up 11 sites advocating the diet.

By the late 1970s, people were moving on to starch blockers, which are a concentrate of raw legumes like red kidney beans and are supposed to prevent starches from splitting into sugar. If this were true, it would mean that you could eat potatoes and rice and bread without absorbing them; they would pass through the intestinal tract undigested, taking all their calories with them.

By 1982 starch blockers had made the pages of People magazine as the latest in a long line of quick-weight-loss gimmicks, even though reputable scientists had declared them useless. The FDA seized more than a million starch blockers in 1982. But the agency's regulatory authority was severely curtailed by the passage of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act in 1994, and now starch blockers are back.

"What's interesting about starch blockers is how much science there is that they don't work," said Dr. Marion Nestle, chairwoman of the department of nutrition and food studies at New York University.

Yet check one of many sites on the Web selling starch blockers like Phase-O-Lean Forte, L.M. Enterprises and Life Plus, where exactly the same promises that

caused their seizure 17 years ago, are still being made.

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with us, and there is no reason to believe we'll be acting any smarter when 2099 rolls around.

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AROUND TOWN

West Texas Herpetological Society will meet 2-4 p.m. today at San Angelo Nature Center, 7409 Knickerbocker Road.

Troy Hibbits, herpetologist from Arlington, will speak on "Herping Southern California."

Admission will be \$2 per person for non-members and free to WTHS members. For more information call (915) 942-0121.

...UNITED OSTOMY Association, Midland-Odessa chapter #590, will meet 2:30 p.m. Jan. 16 at Westwood Medical Center. Video on "The Charity Con" will be shown.

...MIDLAND NEED to Read, an adult literacy organization that provides one-to-one tutoring for adults who want to improve their reading and English skills, will have a training session for volunteer tutors 6:30-9 p.m. Jan. 25 and 27 at Midland College. Prospective volunteers are asked to attend both nights. For more information call 685-4572.

...UNIVERSITY GRADUATE Women will meet 11:15 a.m. Jan. 24 at the Petroleum Club. Maxine Hannifin will review the book, "The Greatest Generation Speaks," by Tom Brokaw. Buffet lunch will be served. All university graduates are invited to attend. For information call 684-9944 or 687-1575 ext. 3012.

...VAN, Serving the Visually Impaired, has two weekly group meetings.

The men's support group will meet 10-11 a.m. Jan. 11 at the VAN House, 2908 W. Ohio. All men with visual impairment are invited to attend. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

The women's group will meet for a movie 10 a.m.-noon Jan. 12 at the VAN House. Those attending are invited to bring snack lunches. All interested people are invited to attend.

For more information about either group call 694-2648.

...UNITED DAUGHTERS of the Confederacy will meet 10 a.m. Jan. 20 at Midland County Museum. Marquerite Crain will give a program on the UDC Library in Richmond, Va. For more information call 684-3739.

...AARP CHAPTER #4816 will meet at noon Jan. 20 at Southeast Community Senior Center, 1803 E. Indiana. All interested people age 50 and older are invited to attend. For more information call 685-7231.

...PERMIAN AIMEES, auxiliary to SPE, will meet for luncheon 11:30 a.m. Jan. 18 at the Petroleum Club. Mary Lou Cassidy will review the book, "I'm Not As Old As I Used To Be." RSVP by Jan. 14 by calling 520-7400.

...MIDLAND QUILTERS Guild will meet 7 p.m. Jan. 11 and 1 p.m. Jan. 12 at Golf Course Road Church of Christ Family Center. For more information call 694-1388.

...ARCO ARTICULATORS Toastmasters will meet 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Jan. 12 in Suite 584 of the Arco Building, 600 N. Maricopa. For more information call 697-8354, 687-3232 or 688-5819.

...MIDLAND COUNTY Republican Women have its monthly luncheon meeting 11:30 a.m. Jan. 12 in the ballroom of Midland Hilton and Towers. Susan Combs, Texas Agriculture commissioner, will be guest speaker. For reservations call 520-9893.

...TRINITY HIGH School Choir will present a musical review, "Songs for a New World," 8 p.m. Jan. 13, 14 and 15 at Midland Community Theatre II. Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased or reserved by calling 699-0532 or 694-0147. Proceeds will help fund the choir's trip to Europe in March.

...PERMIAN BASIN EpiSCPDs Alliance will meet 7-9 p.m. Jan. 13 in Room D-103 of First Baptist Church, 2104 W. Louisiana. Program on nutrition will be presented. People with EpiSCPDs and their families are invited to attend.



AP Photo

If you are feeling wintry, give your taste buds a quick lift with Tropical Pasta, which is made piquant with vermicelli, papaya and peppers. The recipe and photograph are from "Betty Crocker's A Passion for Pasta."

Dish cures winter 'blahs'

Associated Press

If you are feeling wintry, give your taste buds a quick lift with a piquant pasta dish that borrows its tang from the tropics.

Tropical Pasta will take only about 15 minutes to prepare and 20 minutes to cook. It is one of 180 recipes in "Betty Crocker's A Passion for Pasta" — and since it is from the chapter on low-fat dishes, a serving has only 5 grams of fat and you can allow yourself a second helping without a pang of guilt. This dish will also fit into a vegetarian menu.

Papaya is called for in this recipe, if you wish you may substitute pineapple or mango for some or all of the papaya.

TROPICAL PASTA

4 ounces uncooked vermicelli

1 medium red bell pepper, cut into 2x1/4-inch strips
1 small papaya, chopped (1 cup)
1 medium tomato, chopped (3/4 cup)
2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
2 teaspoons peanut oil
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground cardamom
2 tablespoons cocktail peanuts, chopped

Cook and drain vermicelli as directed on package. Rinse with cold water; drain. Toss vermicelli and remaining ingredients except peanuts. Sprinkle with peanuts.

Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 180 cal., 5 g fat (1 g saturated fat), 0 mg chol., 320 mg sodium, 31 g carbo., 3 g dietary fiber, 6 g pro.

Ziti recipe combines cabbage with onions

Associated Press

A simple sweet-and-sour pasta dish may be an appealing change after rich holiday feasting.

Ziti With Cabbage and Onions is low in fat and easy to make. Serve it as a light lunch dish with cheese and fruit to follow, or as a nice complement to a plain pork roast or grilled chops.

The recipe is from "Weight Watchers Simply the Best Italian," a collection of about 250 classic, regional dishes from Italy featuring favorites from antipasto to zuppa, adapted for healthful eating.

Cabbage is a frequent ingredient in dishes throughout northern Italy, the book's editors say, introducing this tasty ziti combination.

ZITI WITH CABBAGE AND ONIONS

4 teaspoons olive oil
2 red onions, chopped
2 pounds green cabbage, shredded, about 8 cups
1 cup low-sodium chicken broth

2 garlic cloves, minced
1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
2 teaspoons fennel seeds
1/4 teaspoon salt
Freshly ground pepper, to taste
2 cups ziti

Heat a nonstick saucepan. Swirl in the oil, then add the onions. Saute until browned. Add the cabbage, broth and garlic and saute until the cabbage wilts, about 5 minutes.

Stir in the vinegar, fennel seeds, salt and pepper. Reduce the heat, and simmer, covered, until the cabbage is tender, about 20 minutes. Uncover, raise the heat slightly, and cook until the liquid evaporates, about 5 minutes longer.

Meanwhile, cook the ziti according to package directions. Drain and put in a serving bowl. Top with the cabbage and toss to combine.

Makes 4 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 260 cal., 6 g total fat (1 g saturated fat), 0 mg chol., 198 mg sodium, 45 carbo., 5 g dietary fiber, 9 g pro.

En Amie Review Club to meet

Staff Reports

En Amie Book Review Club will meet for luncheon and program 11:30 a.m. Jan. 12 at Green Tree Country Club.

Dorise Watson will review "Where the Heart Is," by Billie Letts.

Mrs. Watson, a native Texan, has lived in Midland for 30 years. She earned a bachelor of science degree from Texas Tech University, a master of education degree from Sam Houston University, and a doctorate degree from the University of Northern Colorado. She taught in public schools for 21 years, 13 of them in Midland. She also taught at the University of Northern Colorado for five years.

Ms. Watson is a textbook consultant for Kendall/Hunt Publishing Co., and a member of First



Dorise Watson

Presbyterian Church, Midland Woman's Club, Midland Society of University Women, Phi Delta Kappa, Delta Delta Delta, and National Science Teachers' Association.

CLUB NEWS

XI EPSILON EPSILON CHAPTER, BSP

Xi Epsilon Epsilon chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Lily Owen with Marsha Howton as co-hostess. After a brief meeting, members had a Christmas party. Secret sister gifts were exchanged.

CHAPTER DD, P.E.O. SISTERHOOD

Chapter DD of the P.E.O. Sisterhood met in the home of Cindy Wilson. Mary Ann Benton was co-hostess. Imogene Dameron presented a Christmas story.



Experts: New diet drug is no cure for obesity

By Sylvia Wood
Hearst News Service

ALBANY, N.Y. — A new weight-loss drug, Xenical, is no antidote to chronic laziness or a steady diet of cheeseburgers, experts say.

"It's not something that's going to take off 100 pounds and keep it off over the long term," said Dr. Sharon Alger, a professor of medicine and clinical nutrition at the Albany Medical Center.

"It will help you lose five to 10 percent of your starting weight."

But health specialists say the newest anti-obesity drug, approved by the Food and Drug Administration last April, may help the seriously overweight stick with a diet long enough to alter their lifestyle and behavior. The drug can be taken for a maximum of two consecutive years.

"It's about helping someone go through a period of making changes," said Margaret Malone, a professor in the department of pharmacology practice at the Albany Medical Center.

Unlike anti-obesity medications that suppress appetite, Xenical works by blocking the absorption of fat in the intestines.

For someone eating a 1,200-calorie diet, with no more than 30 percent of calories from fat, the number of unabsorbed calories equals about 300 daily, Malone said. Over a year, studies have shown that patients treated with Xenical and a reduced-calorie diet lost an average of 13.4 pounds, while those on a reduced-calorie diet alone lost 5.8 pounds.

Xenical isn't for everyone, and certainly not for people who need to lose only 10 or 20 pounds.

The drug is approved for those people who meet the federal government's definition of obese, those who are 30 percent overweight, or are 20 percent overweight with high blood pressure, high cholesterol or diabetes.

Even then, health specialists say that Xenical

shouldn't be prescribed as a first-line treatment.

"People have to diet and exercise first and if they are struggling with that and are unable to lose a pound or two a week, they may be a candidate," Malone said.

Xenical works, in part, by reinforcing the need for someone to eat low-fat foods because of potentially uncomfortable and embarrassing gastrointestinal side-effects, including loose, oily or accidental stools.

The drug, also known by its chemical name, orlistat, prevents the body from producing lipase, an enzyme necessary for the breakdown of fats. For people on a low-fat diet, digestion under those circumstances doesn't present a problem.

But if you take Xenical and then splurge on cheeseburgers, pizza, ice cream or other high-fat foods, you're more likely to regret your decision. "One-third of the fat you eat doesn't get digested, so it's got to go somewhere," Alger said.

Even with the potential side effects, Alger said she's hearing interest from patients who want to try Xenical, manufactured by Hoffman-La Roche.

"We've had a number of people asking for it," she said.

Some people, however, may still be skeptical over any diet drug since the Food and Drug Administration's 1997 recall of Redux and fenfluramine — half of the popular "fen-phen" diet combination. The drugs were linked to potentially fatal heart valve damage.

But new pharmacological approaches to treating obesity are increasingly popular as a tool to help people who can't seem to lose weight on diet and exercise alone.

Specialists caution, however, that no drug will offer a quick or easy solution to weight loss. And the age-old remedy of eating less and exercising more is still the best prescription.

Fun of getting e-mail is often dampened by overflowing inbox

By Monica Frazier Anderson
N.Y. Times News Service

It's only 8 a.m., and I am already tired.

I have been working hard for the past hour doing something that I used to enjoy but now almost dread.

I have struggled with this decision for months. I have tried to think of a delicate, diplomatic, kind way to say this, but there isn't one.

So here it is: Dear friends, relatives and freaky people I don't even know, please stop sending me all this e-mail!

Yes, the jokes are funny and the cartoons make me smile. Truly, I have received some wonderful prayers and profound messages.

However, I am overwhelmed with the sheer volume of e-mail that I get each day.

I have considered changing my e-mail address to an unlisted number, but it is so difficult to come up with a cute new screen name that isn't already in use. I like my screen name, although goodness knows I'm not about to reveal it here, as much as I love each and every one of you.

See, it's like learning to drive. Remember when you first got your license to drive alone and

your parents started sending you on errands? Run to the store and pick up some bread and milk. Drop your brother off at band practice. Take a cake over to Mrs. Shepherd's house because her cat died.

It was fun, wasn't it? It was a marvelous opportunity to log some miles while driving up and down every neighborhood street hoping your friends might be outside to witness the event.

That's how it was when I first got e-mail many years ago. I was one of Prodigy's first customers. It took so long to log on and get mail that I could leave home and go buy groceries while I waited, but the anticipation gave me a certain euphoria.

Even more recently, the first time I heard, "You've got mail," it sent chills up my spine.

But then the thrill wore off. After I got my driver's license, and my Mom sent me for a loaf of bread for about the 100th time, I suggested that we have crackers with our pork chops.

I even suggested that my sister could ride her bike to the store, even though she was only 3 years old.

Well, I do need e-mail. I need e-mail from my friends far and near that tells me about their joys and sorrows.

I need e-mail about events that I might actually want to attend, unlike the one on hiking in the Sahara that I once got.

I even like to get a few jokes now and then.

I just don't want 20 e-mail messages from the same person every day. I can't even read that fast. If I skip a day or two, I end up with almost 50 e-mail messages. I don't have time to read and savor 50 e-mail messages.

In fact, I just read a line or two of those chain e-mail messages, and if I'm not engrossed by them, I delete it. I'm not proud of that, but it's true.

If the e-mail doesn't make you shed two tears or if it doesn't make you laugh out loud in a big guffaw, not just a smile or a tee-hee, please don't forward it to me.

All original e-mail composed expressly for me, or e-mail that meets the above criteria, are welcome.

Otherwise, for the sake of my waning sanity and others like me, can we skip the icing and just have the cake?

Monica Frazier Anderson is a wife, mother and dentist in Arlington, Texas. You can write to her in care of the Arlington Star-Telegram at 1111 W. Abram St., Arlington, Texas 76013.

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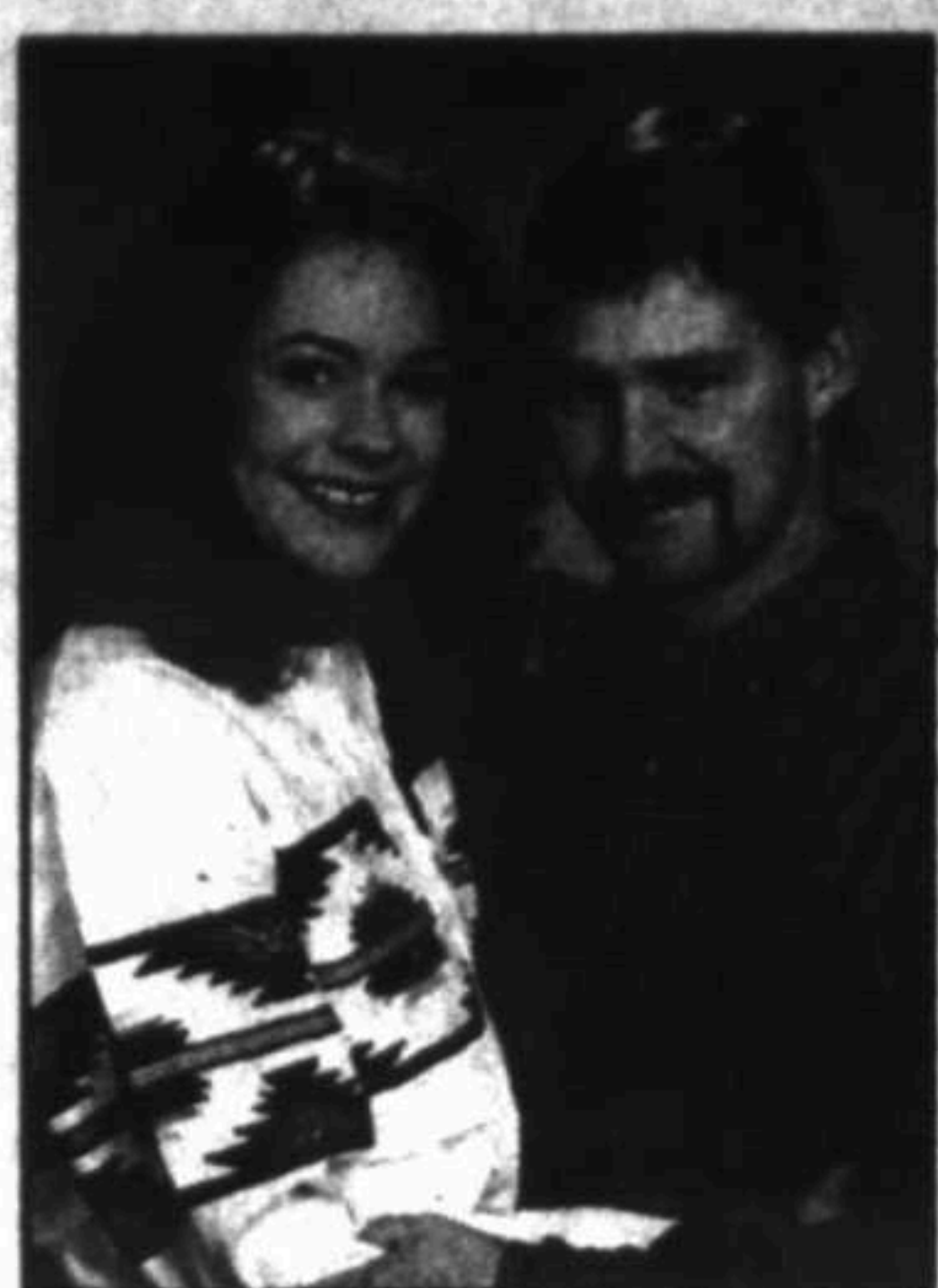
ENGAGEMENTS

HANSEN-THEROUX

Former Midlander Kerry Hansen of Anchorage, Alaska, will become the bride of Dennis Theroux of Wasilla, Alaska, Feb. 14 in Maui, Hawaii. Parents of the bride-elect are Annette Hansen and Harvey Hansen of Ketchikan, Alaska. The future bridegroom is the son of Sue Theroux of Salinas, Calif., and Russ Theroux of Nemo, S.D.

Miss Hansen is a 1991 graduate of Midland High School. She earned a bachelor of science degree in occupational therapy from the University of Texas Health Center in San Antonio, and is an occupational therapist with Providence Home Health in Anchorage.

Her fiancé, a 1985 graduate of Carlton High School in Flo-



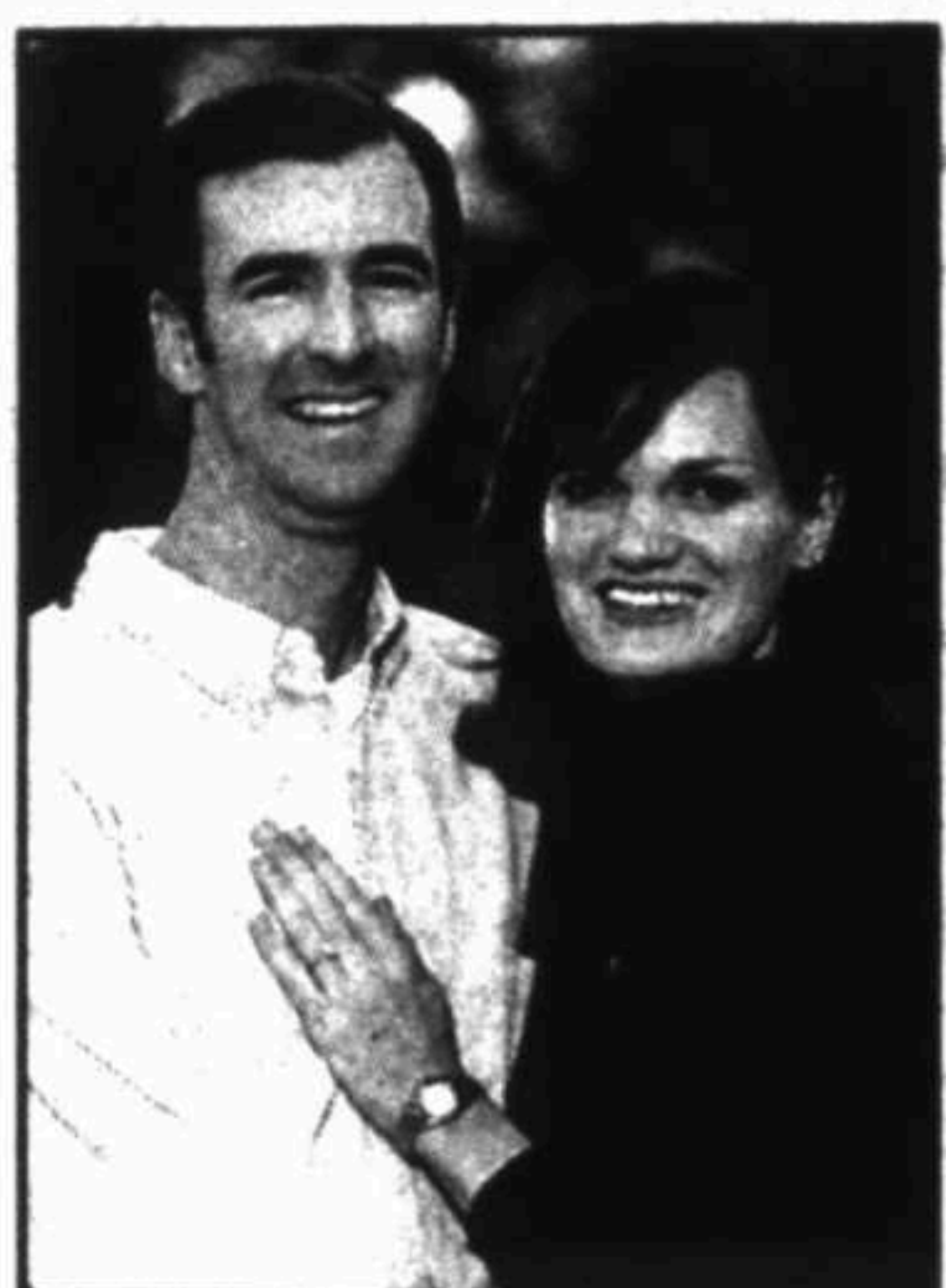
Kerry Hansen and Dennis Theroux

rence, Mont., is employed with New Horizons Telecom in Palmer, Alaska.

FRAKER-THOMPSON

Meredith S. Fraker and Timothy C. Thompson, Jr. both of Houston, are planning to be married 11 a.m. Jan. 29 at First Presbyterian Church of Houston. The bride-elect is the daughter of Carolyn R. Fraker of Denver and Thomas A. Fraker of Phoenix. Parents of the future bridegroom are Timothy C. Thompson Sr. of Midland and former Midlander Karen Thompson of Buffalo Gap.

Miss Fraker is employed in institutional sales at Simmons & Co. International. Her fiancé is a marketing specialist with AIM Management Group Inc.



Meredith S. Fraker and Timothy C. Thompson Jr.

ANNIVERSARIES

Couple celebrates anniversary

ANDREWS — Mr. and Mrs. Norris Turk of Midland celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with a reception Dec. 5 in Andrews. Hosts were family members.

Turk and the former Dorothy Dale Price were married Dec. 1, 1934, in Kermit.

Turk was employed with Geophysical Research Corporation and Amerada Petroleum Corporation. The couple lived in seven states and three provinces in Western Canada. Upon retiring in 1970, they moved from Calgary, Alberta, Canada, to Springdale, Ark., and to Midland in 1973.

Turk is a needle artist, and has won blue ribbons on his needlework pictures at the Permian Basin Fair in Odessa. Mrs. Turk is a member of the Hogan Park



Mr. and Mrs. Norris Turk

Golf Club, and a volunteer at the Mabey Health Care Center.

Golden milestone marked

Charles and Pat Coker of Midland celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception from 2-4 p.m. Jan. 8 at Greenwood Baptist Church. Hosts were Jackie Coker Hamilton, Maylene Hilburn and Billie Neatherlin.

Coker and the former Pat Scott were married Jan. 7, 1950, at the courthouse in Odessa. They are the parents of four — Jackie Coker Hamilton, Maylene Hilburn and Billie Neatherlin, all of Midland, and the late Truman Phillips. They also are the grandparents of 11 and the great-grandparents of 23.

The couple lived in Odessa before moving to Greenwood community in Midland 40 years



Charles and Pat Coker

ago. Coker retired from Shell Oil Company after 37 years. Mrs. Coker worked for Furr's Supermarket for 17 years before she retired.

Coker served in the U.S. Army 1942-45 in 124th Signal Radio Intelligence.

Mrs. Coker is a member of Prairie Lee home demonstration club and Greenwood Baptist Church.

'Old salt' considers job friends the spice of life

By Douglas Kalajian
N.Y. Times News Service

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — The guests at William R. Carver's birthday party wound their way around displays of caulking, varnish and anchor lines into the back room of Hopkins Marine Hardware.

Bill is as much a fixture there as the paint counter where he's been stationed for the past 25 years. He's made a powerful impression on a lot of people — not the least, his boss.

"Bill's amazing," says store manager Chris Jones. "He knows everything. He keeps track of everything in the store."

Bill earned his expertise by caring for five boats of his own and by guiding countless others to safe harbor in 45 years with the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Luckily for everyone, Carver rarely misses a day's work. "He doesn't call in sick," Jones says. "Even if he has a doctor's appointment, he comes in right after." Such dedication may sound more admirable than remarkable, except for this: This birthday is his 95th.

"I like to stay active," he says.

"I keep moving. If you sit too much, time passes too slowly. I like to work."

So work he does, every weekday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Carver retired as superintendent of a Gulf Oil plant in 1968 and moved to West Palm Beach with his wife, Mary Elizabeth. They met at a barn dance in 1921.

"I walked in and saw her standing under a light in the very center of the floor," he says. "I knew God was trying to tell me something."

Mary Elizabeth died in 1981. They'd been married 57 years. "I still miss her," he says.

Now, however, there is growing evidence that restorative naps are making a comeback.

Recognizing that most of their employees are chronically sleep-deprived, some companies have set up nap rooms with reclining chairs, blankets and

Brides say 'I do' to radical gowns

By Cathy Moryn
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — There are hardly two more incompatible words in the English language than "bride" and "fashion."

The former makes you think of hideous gobs of fattening lace, while the latter brings to mind minimalist shrouds, eccentric veils and a mother-in-law weeping softly into her hankie. "Here Comes the Bride" does not go with sheer Helmut Lang bloomers any more than a Prada nylon slip goes with a full slap of makeup and an illusion veil. It's bizarre, it's tricky — it's the sartorial equivalent of saying, "I do," backward.

Now comes the news that Barneys New York will open a bridal salon at the end of the month. Barneys, which is known for esoteric window displays, avant-garde expressions of understatement and svelte-looking customers seemingly nourished by parsley, already carries Richard Tyler's bridal collection (and Vera Wang's in its Beverly Hills store). But with the new salon, on the revamped eighth floor, the inveterate fashion seeker can have a wedding dress from Christian Lacroix, Olivier Theyskens, Geoffrey Beene, Akira, Dries van Noten, Jil Sander or perhaps Josephus Thimister, whose spring ready-to-wear collection was inspired by the German terrorist couple Andrea Baader and Ulrike Meinhof. Even Rei Kawakubo of Comme des Garçons has promised to deliver a couple of dresses. Her spring ready-to-wear colors evoked the hilarity of a clown.

"Actually, we've been thinking about opening a bridal salon for a long time — we just needed the space," said Judy Collinson, the general merchandising manager of Barneys. "We've always dressed a lot of brides in our evening and special-order departments. Now we can have all these designer concepts represented."

MANY DESIGNERS have dressed women for the altar. Lacroix has a well-established bridal business in Paris, where a made-to-measure gown (without too many bells and whistles) starts at around \$100,000. Alexander McQueen, at Givenchy, and Oscar de la Renta also do wedding ensembles for private clients. On Seventh Avenue, Carolina Herrera and Badgley Mischka have brought fashion, and good taste, to bridal clothes. And of

course, there is Ms. Wang, who has done a lot to give gowns more sophistication.

This is the time of year when June brides place their dress orders. A glance at the hefty February/March issue of *Bride's* magazine — "the blockbuster issue," as the cover trumpets — suggests that fashion strongly influences wedding clothes. Necklines plunge, the silhouettes are sexier, and everywhere, from Watteau trains to jeweled embellishments, there is a sense of let-them-eat-cake opulence.

"The change from, say, five years ago is that girls are looking for fuller skirts, usually in satin or organza, with strapless or sleeveless bodices," said Erisa Katsura, the design director of Yumi Katsura, a bridal boutique on Madison Avenue. "There are still some girls looking for simple dresses, but the look now is richer, with distinctive details."

Ms. Wang, who recently opened a Manhattan boutique just for bridesmaid regalia and who hopes to open what she calls "combo stores" ("It sounds awful," she admitted) for both brides and attendants, said, "I like to think we changed the perception." She paused and let out a throaty laugh. "I really hate brides!"

Well, not exactly. With New York awash in cash, this could be a bumper year for bridal designers. "There is a proliferation of weddings right now," said Ms. Wang, who, in addition to her bread-and-butter bridal styles, offers a limited Luxe line of about 25 looks with custom handwork and an average price of \$7,500.

There are alternatives. Jessica McClintock sells strapless dresses with appliqued hems for as little as \$350 at department stores. And Shalini, a former Isaac Mizrahi assistant, who has her own business on Seventh Avenue, designs the sort of simple, well-made sheaths and minimalist coats in silk faille that might appeal to chic brides and guests alike. Defying conventional fashion wisdom, she always keeps a few classic styles in her line, which sells at Saks Fifth Avenue. "I don't know why you should take a perfectly good dress out of the collection and say, 'We don't believe in it anymore,'" she said.

But what about Barneys and the prospects for selling, say, a teacup Lacroix dress with a removable skirt (for the "I do" moment), or a sparkly Akira outfit with a stole and trousers? As it is, the high-end designer business has been a hard sell for many stores,

despite the strong economy. Ms. Collinson won't venture to predict the response to the Barneys' salon, where prices will average around \$7,000. "In a way, it's a little like having the bridal jitters," she said.

Still, she thinks there's a sophisticated customer looking for something different, who identifies with the stark modernism of Beene's A-line gown with a green harness or who wants the bravura of a Theyskens gown with a huge train. "When we first saw the dress, which was in black, we thought, 'What would that look like in white?'" Ms. Collinson said. "Olivier said he had done it before. So for a lot of these designers, doing bride is not such a leap."

BUT AS MS. WANG, a veteran of bridal jitters, points out, there's a huge difference between what a woman will buy to satisfy her fashion tastes and what she wants for her wedding day. "I love modern," Ms. Wang said. "I worship at Jil Sander's temple. But during the eight years I've been doing this, I've always tried to include some dresses that I think look really modern, and they've never been very successful."

One thing that Ms. Wang has learned is that she can't make her business grow without satisfying, as she said, "the other client, the one who wants something old, something new." Bring on the satin cream puffs.

"I would be the first to wish Barneys success," Ms. Wang said. "But this is a very strange business. Inside all of us, whether we want to admit it or not, we have this thing about the spiritual quality of marriage. I think marriage is so in style right now that you want to celebrate it." And that means clothes that basically reflect traditional tastes.

Anyway, if you're at all familiar with how designers like Ms. Kawakubo present their ready-to-wear collections — often with little makeup and no music — you must either be a devotee or be able to conjure up a setting where such a radical style wouldn't look ridiculous. And that doesn't immediately suggest the ballroom at the Plaza.

Ms. Wang, who has outfitted same-sex commitment ceremonies and isn't surprised by anything, is philosophical about the limits of the modern bride. "In these clothes, there's a lot of room for error," she said. "It's hard to see a girl in full makeup and red lipstick wearing Geoffrey Beene."

Napping gains corporate respect

By Jane E. Brody
N.Y. Times News Service

"You must sleep sometime between lunch and dinner, and no halfway measures. Take off your clothes and get into bed. That's what I always do. Don't think you will be doing less work because you sleep during the day. That's a foolish notion held by people who have no imaginations. You will be able to accomplish more. You get two days in one — well, at least one and a half."

—Winston Churchill

As a short sleeper who is rarely in bed for more than six hours a night, I'm a strong believer in naps for recharging my batteries. Sir Winston and I are in good company. Napping enthusiasts have included Albert Einstein, Napoleon Bonaparte, Thomas Edison and at least three presidents: John F. Kennedy, Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton. Besides, sleep researchers have shown that regardless of how long one sleeps at night, the human body is programmed to become sleepy in the early afternoon, even without a big lunch.

"Napping should not be frowned upon at the office or make you feel guilty at home," writes Dr. James B. Maas, a psychologist and sleep expert at Cornell. "It should have the status of daily exercise."

IN THE OLD DAYS, people would doze for an hour or so after the midday meal, and in some Latin American and European countries siestas are still in vogue. But in most industrialized nations, the usual response to the afternoon sag in energy is to try to jump-start the system with caffeine, a tactic that sleep experts say is actually counterproductive, creating only the illusion of efficiency and alertness and depriving the body and brain of much-needed sleep.

Now, however, there is growing evidence that restorative naps are making a comeback. Recognizing that most of their employees are chronically sleep-deprived, some companies have set up nap rooms with reclining chairs, blankets and

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alarm clocks. If unions are truly interested in worker welfare, they should make such accommodations a standard item in contract negotiations.

Workers who take advantage of the opportunity to sleep for 20 minutes or so during the workday report that they can then go back to work with renewed enthusiasm and energy. My college roommate, Dr. Linda Himot, a psychiatrist in Pittsburgh, who has a talent for 10-minute catnaps between patients, says these respite help her focus better on each patient's problems, which are not always scintillating. And companies that encourage napping report that it reduces accidents and errors and increases productivity, even if it shortens the workday a bit. Studies have shown that sleepy workers make more mistakes and cause more accidents, and are more susceptible to heart attacks and gastrointestinal disorders.

A NASA scientist's study showed that 24-minute naps significantly improved a pilot's alertness and performance on trans-Atlantic flights. (The copilot remained awake.) Dr. David Dinges, a sleep researcher at the University of Pennsylvania, is a strong advocate of prophylactic napping — taking what he and others call a "power nap" during the day to head off the cumulative effects of sleep loss. He explained that the brain "sort of sputters" when it is deprived of sufficient sleep, causing slips in performance and attentiveness and often resulting in "microsleeps" — involuntary lapses into sleep, in which accidents can occur.

A brief afternoon nap typically leaves people feeling more energized than if they had tried to muddle through without sleeping. Studies have shown

that the brain is more active in people who nap than in those who don't sleep during the day.

Maas, the Cornell psychologist and author of "Power Sleep," points out that naps "greatly strengthen the ability to pay close attention to details and to make critical decisions." He also states that "naps taken about eight hours after you wake have been proved to do much more for you than if you added those 20 minutes onto already adequate nocturnal sleep."

There are two kinds of naps: brief ones taken to revive the brain and long ones taken to compensate for significant sleep loss. The reviving workday nap should not be longer than 30 minutes; any more and the body lapses into a deep sleep, from which it is difficult to awake.

Long naps help when you've accumulated a considerable sleep debt — for example, when the previous night's sleep was much shorter than usual, or when you know you will have to be alert and awake considerably later than your usual bedtime. I usually try to nap for an hour or more before attending a play, concert or late party. But long naps have a temporary disadvantage: they cause what researchers call sleep inertia, a grogginess upon awakening that can last about half an hour. Also, long naps can affect the body's clock, making it more difficult to wake up at the proper time in the morning.

As Maas maintains, "Brief naps taken daily are far healthier than sleeping in or taking very long naps on the weekend." They are also far better than caffeine as a pick-me-up. "Consumption of caffeine will be followed by feelings of lethargy and reduced REM (or

dream) sleep that night," Maas writes. "A debt in your sleep bank account is not reduced by artificial stimulants."

He suggests that naps be scheduled for midday because late-afternoon naps can cause a shift in your biological clock, making it harder to fall asleep at night and get up the next morning. To keep naps short — 15 to 30 minutes, set an alarm clock or timer. Westclox makes a gadget called Napmate, a power-nap alarm clock that has a one-button preset so you can program your nap to last for a specific number of minutes. If you can lie down on a couch or bed, all the better. If not, use a reclining chair.

You need not follow Churchill's advice to get undressed, but make yourself as comfortable as possible. Lap robes are very popular and inexpensive; if a blanket helps you to doze off, use one.

TRY TO TAKE your nap about the same time each day. Maas recommends a nap eight hours after you wake up (in the middle of your day, about eight hours before you go to bed at night).

Even on days when you don't feel particularly sleepy, he suggests taking a rest rather than a coffee break at your usual nap time.

There are special cases. People who have trouble falling asleep at night might be wise to avoid daytime naps. Parents of newborns should nap when the baby does, rather than using all the baby's sleep time to do chores.

Finally, naps are often essential for people trying to work through illness, injury or chemotherapy, even if they get adequate sleep at night.

A woman I know who continued working while receiving cancer therapy napped each day on the floor under her desk. Like so many workplaces, hers had no suitable place to rest.

WEDDINGS

NEGRI-BAILEY

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London vacation

By Alan Cowell
N.Y. Times News Service

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NEGRI-BAILEY

Marci Lynn Negri and Joshua Stuart Bailey, both of Lewisville, were married at 7 p.m. Jan. 8 at First United Methodist Church Chapel in Midland. The Rev. Dr. Larry Ashlock and the Rev. John Rech officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Larry and Connie Negri of Midland. Lee and JoAnn Bailey of Granbury are parents of the bridegroom.

Stacy Lewis was honor attendant for the bride, who also was attended by Stefani Williams, Holly Harris and Erin Gustafson.

Honor attendant for the bridegroom was Matt McMillan. His other attendants were Clay Kennedy, Jason Newsom and Chris Brandt. Ushers were Mark Negri, brother of the bride; Marc Dewall and Robert Rutherford.



Mrs. Joshua Stuart Bailey

After a wedding cruise to the Caribbean, the couple will live in Lewisville.

WARD-WESTFALL

Allison Ward of Midland became the bride of Jason Westfall of Odessa 6 p.m. Dec. 4 at West Side First Baptist Church. The Rev. Morgan Bush officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Randy and Jana Ward of Midland. Parents of the bridegroom are Mark and Debbie Westfall of Odessa.

Jennifer Heath served as honor attendant for the bride, who also was attended by Kim Ellgass, Shauna Walker, Lindsey Conner, Erin Stovall, Jamie Parks and Lindsay Parks.

Cris Westfall was honor attendant for his brother. The bridegroom also was attended by Jeremy Hubble, Chris Ward, brother of the bride; Seth Stovall, Joe Ellgass, Levi Johnson and Tyler Summerville.



Mr. and Mrs. Jason Westfall

The couple's other attendants were Curtis Heath and Brian Brunson.

The couple lives in Odessa.

HILL-WALVOORD

ARLINGTON — Woods Chapel Baptist Church in Arlington was the setting for the 2 p.m. Jan. 1 wedding of Stacey Dawn Hill and David Laux Walvoord, both of Fort Worth. The Rev. L.D. Patrick, grandfather of the bride, and Dr. E.E. Laux officiated the event.

The bride is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Willard E. Hill of Wharton. Judge and Mrs. Alvin Francis Walvoord of Midland are parents of the bridegroom.

Melissa Richardson served as honor attendant for the bride. Her other attendants were Kimberly Krueger, Kylie Gammil and Kacey Gammil.

Kirk Bond was the bridegroom's honor attendant. He also was attended by Steven Hill, brother of the bride. Ushers were Johnathan Hill and Wayne



Mrs. David Laux Walvoord

Cheng. After a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple lives in Fort Worth.

London still popular vacation destination

By Alan Cowell

N.Y. Times News Service

LONDON — No matter how expensive it becomes, how snarled its traffic or how seedy its public transportation, London just keeps on pulling in the crowds, especially to the central areas most beloved of visitors — the West End, for instance, and the well-trodden routes that lead from museums to monuments.

For years, though, two key sections of the city have largely been neglected by restaurateurs, hoteliers and the crowds they need for their business. Mention doing business in the City of London — the financial district — or among the steel-and-glass buildings of Canary Wharf in the old Docklands area, and the talk has always been of awkward commutes from the smart hotels farther west to the banks and offices where the real money is made.

All that is set to change. Over the past few months, a series of hotel chains have announced plans to renovate or build new accommodations in the City or Canary Wharf — decisions that will be enhanced by the long-delayed completion last month of the Underground's Jubilee Line leading east toward Greenwich and the Millennium Dome.

Of course, it will still be something of a commute to link up the West End with accommodations in the financial district, particularly in Canary Wharf. But the region's boosters are suggesting that areas once viewed as urban equivalents of the Arabian desert's Empty Quarter are gradually assuming an after-hours life of their own when offices are closed.

The development is closely linked to the financial-services boom that has transformed a whole area of east London. In the 1920s, in "The Waste Land," T.S. Eliot painted a spectral picture of commuters entering the city: "A crowd flowed over London Bridge, so many, I had not thought death had undone so many."

In the bonus-driven 1980s and '90s, though, the imagery of dream commuters plodding their way to work from suburbia has been supplanted by a newer vision of snappy 20-somethings moving into riverside lofts and apartments.

Even in east London areas once viewed as irredeemably depressed, such as Tower Hamlets, modest apartments now sell for upward of \$300,000. Districts that once seemed to labor under Dickensian connotations of deprivation, such as Clerkenwell, draw publishing and media types to set up shop.

The City itself has seen an influx of retailers and bars that, while catering mainly to the daytime needs of bankers and other business people, reflect what Alex Branner, a spokesman for London's Tourist Board, called a trend to see the City as much more than arid canyons of banks.

This demographic shift has not been lost on hoteliers who, Branner said, discovered some four years ago that London's 75,000 available hotel beds were about 10,000 less than the British capital would need by the year 2000.

Consider, for instance, Canary Wharf itself, where the opening this month of a new 139-room Four Seasons hotel coincides with the creation of Canary Riverside, where the 322 apartments cost from \$380,000 to \$4.3 million.

The development brings an array of health and leisure facilities and restaurants to an area once associated exclusively with financial services, newspapers and other businesses.

Clearly there is a calculation that the Jubilee Line extension, a 12-minute ride from the new Canary Wharf station to Waterloo station, and the proximity of London's short-haul City Airport, three miles east of Canary Wharf, will draw business to the area because, according to Charlotte Doherty, a spokeswoman for the Four Seasons, "the worry that there had been about location is no longer there."

In the City of London, closer to the center than Canary Wharf, there is a similar calculation that businessmen and bankers want more convenient high-class accommodation. The Eton Town House Group has announced plans to turn a former bank on Threadneedle Street — close to the Bank of England itself — into a 70-room hotel to open in the spring of 2001.

The City's Victorian-era Great Eastern Hotel, built between 1879 and 1901, is being reconstructed as a 267-room hotel set to open in February. And, close to the City, six 18th-century houses on Peter's Lane have been converted into The Rookery, an upscale 33-bedroom hotel laden with antiques and mellow lighting that opened last month.

Additionally, midprice chains such as Novotel, Holiday Inn Express and others have opened new hotels close to the financial district.

"It's a general trend that London is looking again at all these potential areas," Branner said. "With quite a few years of economic growth, there's a growth of confidence."

France plans picnic; invites 3 million to attend

N.Y. Times News Service

For sheer magnitude and ecological audacity, few millennium events can match La Meridienne Verte, the showcase of the Mission 2000 project planned by the French government.

Last November, tens of thousands of schoolchildren planted miles of saplings along the Paris meridian, the line running 2 degrees 20 minutes 14 seconds east of Greenwich from Dunkirk to Barcelona that helped 18th-century French mathematicians establish the metric standard and calculate local time. (Despite the ravages of the recent storms, the small trees have emerged for the most part unscathed.)

Under the direction of the architect Paul Chemetov, each of the 337 communities on the meridian in France is nurturing indigenous trees. Fields of red poppies, flax and impatiens to be planted along 20 meridian sites are expected to blossom by mid-summer.

As the 597-mile tree line snakes over freeways and forests, it brushes past Amiens Cathedral, winds through the Louvre courtyard, across an Orly runway, and ascends the volcanic peaks of Cantal and the Medieval ramparts of Carcassonne before crossing the Pyrenees at Prats-de-Mollo.

On July 14, the Green Meridian will shade the Incredible Picnic, the biggest déjeuner sur l'herbe that France has ever witnessed. Picnic tables up to six-tenths of a mile long, all with identical tablecloths, will be set up all along the axis. More than three million people are expected to celebrate Bastille Day with their own bag lunches or with local specialties on sale at the picnic sites.

On the same day, an air show is scheduled and a relay race combining horses, rollerblades, motorcycles and ultralight planes starting from both ends will meet in the middle. Details at www.2000enfrance.com.

LIFESTYLE GUIDELINES

The deadline for all items to be published in the Lifestyle pages is 2 p.m. Friday, about 10 days before the item is to appear in the newspaper.

AROUND TOWN

Items submitted for the Around Town column will be published at least once, more than once if space allows. The Around Town column is published Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. Deadline for all Around Town items is 2 p.m. each Friday for items which will be published the following week, beginning on Monday. The space is free of charge and is offered on a first-come/first-serve basis.

CLUB NEWS/LUNCHEONS/FASHION SHOWS

Deadline for all Club News items, luncheons and fashion shows (which are published in Sunday newspapers) is 2 p.m. Friday, 10 days before the item will appear.

MILESTONE EVENTS

The Reporter-Telegram publishes announcements of milestone events — including engagement, wedding and anniversary announcements; quinceañeras, bar mitzvahs and bat mitzvahs — free of charge.

Deadline to have an announcement published in the Sunday paper (including wedding, engagement and anniversary announcements) is 2 p.m. the Friday that is 10 days before the publication date.

Engagement announcements: There is no limit as to how early in advance of the wedding an engagement can be announced. However, engagements must be published in the paper no later than two weeks before the wedding date.

Wedding announcements: Wedding announcements must be published up to six weeks after the event. Names of no more

than 25 attendants for the bride and 25 attendants for the bridegroom will be published. Cities of residence for wedding attendants will no longer be published. Relationships will be published only for brothers and sisters, parents (or grandparents) or children of the wedding couple. For those wishing to list more, advertising space may be purchased.

Wedding anniversaries: Anniversary announcements — 25th or higher — are also accepted for publication up to six weeks after the anniversary date or celebration.

Pageants: Announcements of pageant winners are published for teen-age and adult winners only. Photographs are published of winners, not runners-up or contestants. These announcements will be published on a space-available basis.

Forms for weddings, engagements and anniversaries are available in the Editorial office. All materials should include the signature and telephone number of the person submitting them.

Photographs may be submitted with wedding, engagement and anniversary announcements, but are not required. A portrait of the bride-elect or engaged couple may be submitted with engagement announcements. Portrait photographs of the bride only or of the wedding couple may be submitted with wedding announcements. A different photo must be submitted for engagement and wedding announcements. Anniversary photos should be current.

Vertical photos are preferred. Both black and white, and color studio quality portraits are acceptable from wallet size up to 8x10. Polaroid shots are not accepted.

Photos can be picked up in the Editorial Department after publication, or a self-addressed, stamped envelope can be enclosed for the photo to be returned by mail.

2000 is year for big travel plans

By Jerry Morris

N.Y. Times News Service

BOSTON — Welcome to the 21st century.

For travelers, this definitely marks a new beginning in the way we book trips, think of vacations, and travel.

Even countries are looking forward to new beginnings in travel. For Australia, when the Olympic flame will be lit on Sept. 15, it will also mark a new era in tourism there. John Morse, managing director of Australian Tourist Commission, notes, "After the Olympics in September, the way the world sees Australia will have changed forever. It is a change that will have a profound impact on Australia's place in the world. . . . In short, it will give the world even more reasons to holiday, do business, or study in Australia."

It's also a significant year for events, and one for religious pilgrimages.

The welcome mat is out around the world. Scotland, for example, has produced a new guide "Scotland 2000 — Now is the Time." The guide is designed to entice visitors from around the world. With the establishment just last year of the first Scottish Parliament in 300 years, the country is bursting with renewed confidence and promising lots to do and see.

With this being the 2,000th birthday of Jesus, Israel will be the number one destination for many. Even Pope John Paul II is expected to visit Holy Land sites in both Israel and Jordan.

Rome has been busy sprucing up for 2000; this is a Jubilee Year for the Roman Catholic Church. The city and the Vatican are spending \$6 billion to refurbish 700 historic sites, widen streets, set up information sites, plan for emergency medical services, and more.

On Christmas Eve, Pope John Paul II officially launched the Jubilee by opening a special holy door at St. Peter's Basilica. The Jubilee is a special religious festival held every 25 years. It was first declared by Pope Boni-

face VIII in 1300. This year's Jubilee, being held on the 2,000th year since the birth of Jesus, is special. Following church tradition, Pope John Paul II has established special indulgences for the faithful who visit religious sites during 2000.

Italy is also planning Jubilee celebrations throughout the country. "Tourists visiting Italy during the Jubilee will have the opportunity to see newly restored sites including St. Peter's Basilica in Rome and St. Francis's Basilica in Assisi," said Eugenio Magnani, director of the Italian Tourist Board in New York. "We are also proud to announce the reopening of the Palermo Opera House in Sicily after 27 years of renovation and the Regional Modern Art Gallery in Naples after 40 years of restoration, both of which are now open to an entire generation that is yet to experience these cultural wonders."

Oberammergau, Germany's famed Passion Play, which has run every 10 years since 1633, will be held May 22-Oct. 8. Some 2,000 of the village's 5,300 inhabitants participate in the play, which began when villagers vowed to reenact the last days of Christ's life if they would be spared from further Black Plague deaths. There were no more deaths, and the people of Oberammergau kept their promise. This year's presentation has a revised text, new scenery and costumes, and \$14 million in theater improvements, including more comfortable seating. The play is some eight hours long, with a lunch break provided. Individual tickets are reportedly sold out, but travelers can still find tour packages that include tickets.

Annually the American Bus Association names the Top 100 Events for North America. Leading the list for 2000 in the United States is OpSail 2000, which takes place May 25 through July 31 in eight port cities including San Juan; Miami; Norfolk, Va.; Baltimore; Philadelphia; New York City; New London, Conn.; and Portland, Maine. For Canada, the top event is the Shaw

Festival, held in beautiful Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, April through November.

Europe annually names one city as its Cultural Capital, but this year nine cities will carry the mantle of European City of Culture — Bergen, Norway; Helsinki; Avignon, France; Krakow, Poland; Reykjavik, Iceland; Prague; Santiago de Compostela, Spain; Bologna, Italy; and Brussels.

The idea behind the Cultural Capital was to expose a city's unique cultural offerings and its affinities with the arts worldwide. While each city is free to determine its own emphasis, this year the nine Cities of Culture will also collaborate on many projects.

The Internet is drawing more and more travelers to on-line bookings. There is a tempting menu of offerings, all promising the lowest air fares, and some encouraging bidding on travel for a real bargain. With airlines cutting out just about all commissions on ticket sales, and more people looking for bargains on the Internet, travel agencies are feeling the pinch, with many closing.

While the Internet is increasingly changing the way we book trips, for many people, the biggest problem with travel is finding the time to get away.

Shorter vacations are in. So tour operators are refocusing their packages. Abercrombie & Kent has created "Just a Week Away" vacations that incorporate "all the pleasures and benefits of a longer trip."

As evidenced by the lack of travel during New Year's, many Americans are also balking at paying high prices. Gone are the days of Arthur Frommer's "Europe on \$5 a Day," but prices of \$60 a day are possible. Trafalgar Tours is featuring a Cost Saver Program that it says will allow travelers to experience culture, history, and culinary specialties at prices averaging 10 percent less than last year. Trafalgar says some of its tours average \$60 a day, others \$73 to \$80 a day.

Even TNT Vacations, a Boston budget travel organization, will offer European trips that will not only be competitively priced but also designed to offer a more intimate and relaxed experience.

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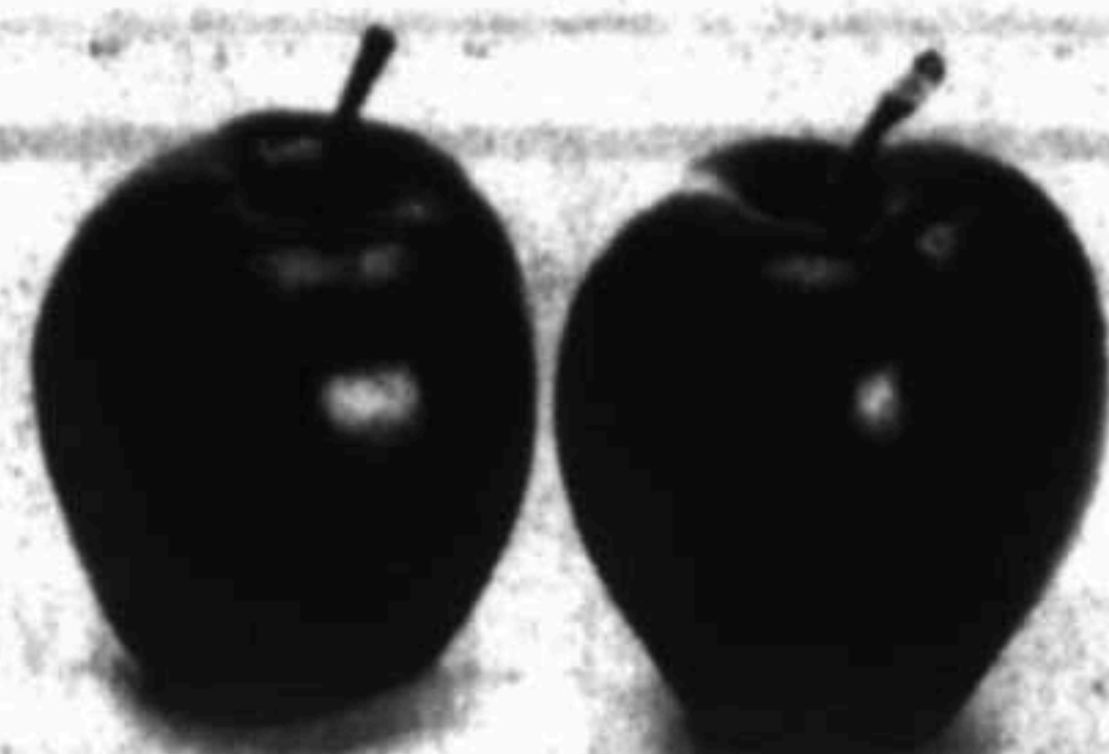
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Education Extra!

MAKING THE GRADE

Isaac H. Washington Jr., a senior at Lee High School, has been selected as the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club's Student of the Month.

Washington, the son of Lei L. and Isaac H. Washington Sr. of Midland, was named Midland West Rotary Club's Student of the Week, received the American Legion Award and is a member of the National Honor Society. He is a D.A.R.E. role model, D-Fy-IT, Texas Scholars and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He plans to attend a four-year university and study computer animation.

Lakeisha Smith, a senior at Midland High



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Smith

School, has also been selected the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club's Student of the Month.

The daughter of Roy and Carla Smith, she is an academic award winner, a member of the National Honor Society, all-district volleyball team, all-tournament volleyball team, team captain and Texas Scholar.

She is a member of volleyball, student council, church youth leader, tutorial instructor in after school program and Senior Girls.

Miss Smith plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin, and major in computer science or systems analysis.

What's for lunch at school?

GREENWOOD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (Week of Jan. 10-14)

MONDAY
Pepperoni Pizza
Macaroni salad
Buttered corn
Fruit cup w/ marshmallows
TUESDAY
Steak fingers
Potatoes w/ gravy
Green beans
Hot rolls
Chilled peaches
WEDNESDAY
Soft tacos
Spanish rice
Lettuce - Tomato salad
Salsa cheese cups
Royal brownie
Fruit cup
THURSDAY
Spaghetti w/ meat sauce
Texas toast
Green beans
Apple sauce
Chocolate Chip Cookie
FRIDAY
Hamburgers
French fries
Hamburger salad w/ pickles

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MONDAY
BREAKFAST
Breakfast on a stick
Assorted cereal
Quesadilla
Juice, low fat milk
LUNCH
Baked Potato & Topping or Frito Pie
Tossed Salad
Fruit Wedges
Cornbread
Fruit drink, low fat milk
TUESDAY
BREAKFAST
Sausage Biscuit
Juice low fat milk
LUNCH
Fish puffs or Hot Pocket
Lettuce & tomatoes
Potato wedges
Fruited gelatin
Fruit drink, low fat milk
WEDNESDAY
BREAKFAST

Cinnamon rolls
Juice, low fat milk
LUNCH
Nacho grande or Cheese enchiladas
Spanish rice
Pinto beans
Green salad
Corn
Fruit drink, low fat milk
THURSDAY
BREAKFAST
Breakfast fruit bread
Juice, low fat milk
LUNCH
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Green beans
Tossed salad
Fruit cocktail
Fruit drink, low fat milk
FRIDAY
BREAKFAST
Cheese roll
assorted cereal
Juice, low fat milk
LUNCH
Hamburger or Toasted cheese sandwich
Vegetable soup
Crispy Cubes
Lettuce & Tomatoes
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. The Reporter-Telegram reserves the right to edit all submissions to conform to Associated Press style and space allowances.

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

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Cheerleader honors:
■ Cheerleader awards from summer camps and competitions — 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.

FRESHMAN HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

LEE FRESHMAN HIGH SCHOOL REBEL EXCELLENCE

Lee Freshman High School announced the Outstanding Student Achievement award for the third reporting period. This PTA student recognition program recognizes students for their academic achievements, extracurricular activities, as well as exemplary behavior.

LANGUAGE ARTS: Michael Feavee and Zach Nakaska.

SOCIAL STUDIES: Emily Buck and Ramon Omelas.

MATHEMATICS: Marie Tyler.

SCIENCE: Megan Valles.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION: Teresa McKinzie.

BCIS (COMPUTERS): Ryne Wilson.

CHOIR: Taylor Wynne.

BAND: Zach Kilborn.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES: Rebekah Guillen and Landon Vinay.

VOCATIONAL/TECH PREP: Alan Meza.

ART: Trevor Williams.

SPEECH/DRAMA: Darren Taylor and Eric Pharr.

MIDLAND FRESHMAN HIGH SCHOOL "TOP DAWGS"

Midland Freshman High School recognizes students each reporting period to be awarded the honor of being "Top Dawg." They are selected by teachers based on academic achievement, behavioral expectations and school attendance. Moreover, these young people are excellent role models for their peers. The following students were recognized for the third reporting period:

ENGLISH: William Haile.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Horacio Medina.

SOCIAL STUDIES: Micah Bigby.

BIOLOGY: Lauren Lucas.

PHYSICAL SCIENCE: Sarah Crozier.

GEOMETRY: Jennifer Magnusson.

ALGEBRA: Samantha Morrow.

COMPUTERS: Katherine Coit.

ART: Rufino Lopez.

THEATRE/ART/SPEECH: Rebecca Jacobson.

HEALTH: Laurie Navarette.

CHOIR: Nancy Shackelford.

BAND: Kasha Jones.

ORCHESTRA: Lauren Sauer.

TECHNICAL SYSTEMS: Cesar Lopez.

HOME ECONOMICS: Alicia Pena.

BOYS' P.E.: Aaron Patino.

GIRLS' P.E.: Shanna Rea.

Students' lifestyle...

Children need activities, but how much is too much?

By Gracie Bonds Staples
N.Y. Times News Service

FORT WORTH — On Monday, Kathryn and Michelle have dance class. Tuesday, only one of them has volleyball practice, so that's an easy day.

On Wednesday, says their mother, Traci Destena, Michelle has dance and her other sister, Heather, has tumbling and dance classes. Or is that dance and track? Destena laughs and wonders out loud how she does it all, whether this is extracurricular overkill. "My husband is constantly telling me we're doing too much," the Fort Worth mother says. "But my philosophy is to keep them busy so I don't have to worry about them getting into trouble."

Keeping her child out of trouble is also one of the reasons Valerie Robertson of Fort Worth says she lives a hectic life, chauffeuring her daughter from activity to activity. Moriah Robertson, 13, has volleyball practice at 7 a.m. most days. On Wednesday nights, when she does not have volleyball or basketball games, she goes to GAP, a Christian fellowship meeting at St. Paul Lutheran Church. She also has swimming.

"It just gets nuts," says Valerie, who as a single mother occasionally relies on her boss, parents and friends to help get her daughter from here to there.

Sound familiar? Kids today are busier than ever, participating in organized sports in record numbers and taking on activities that leave them less time for unstructured play and good old outdoor fun than today's baby boomer parents enjoyed during their childhoods. In the past two decades, the change has been significant: According to a 1998 University of Michigan study that provided the first detailed look since 1981 at how American children spend their time, free time — defined as time left over after eating, sleeping, personal care, attending school, preschool or day care — has decreased from 40 percent to 25 percent of a child's day. Kids have less time for the simple business of being kids. Something to worry about?

Maybe.

"Some children thrive on that stuff, and it really seems to be good for them," says David Cross, associate professor of

psychology at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth.

"But parents have to exercise common sense. They have to realize that more isn't necessarily good."

Child psychologists agree that too much activity can do more harm than good. Overloading children with everything from soccer to piano to gymnastics can create a sort of obsessive-compulsive need for activity, they say. But figuring out how much is too much is not a simple matter.

"Things are so individual," says Alice Widenhoff, staff psychologist at the Child Study Center in Fort Worth. "There are some kids who thrive on having almost every moment of their day filled and some who need downtime. It's everything in moderation."

Widenhoff said that kids need to be well-rounded, and a variety of extracurricular activities allows for that. "Of course, the bottom line is that parents need to be responsive to the individual child's interests and desires," she says. "One of the hard things is there's a really fine line between meeting the needs of parents and those of the child."

Although there are no hard-and-fast rules about the amount of time kids should spend in extracurricular activities, drawing the line between kid-initiated and parent-pushed activities is the key, say experts. Many agree that the best approach is to allow the child to choose the activities.

Problems may come when parents — for reasons varying from wanting to keep kids out of trouble to trying to live out their own dreams through their kids to wanting to boost their child's resume for college admission — cram together a tight schedule that leaves kids almost no room for relaxing. Cross says that the pendulum has swung from a time when kids had little except their imaginations to occupy

them after school and on weekends to now, when it often seems as if every minute of their lives is planned by their parents.

"Because most activities children partake in are of a competitive nature, there isn't enough time left in the day for kids to be kids," Cross says. "They have to achieve. They have to grow up. They don't have downtime to decompress, even though we all need that."

Phillip Mountrose, a California-based educator and author of "Tips and Tools for Getting Thru to Kids," warns that there is a "kind of escalating unconscious competition going on in the country," and urges parents to remember that "the back yard is still there. It doesn't have to be abandoned."

Mountrose also says that parents who believe that keeping children busy is a deterrent to temptations such as drugs and alcohol and hanging out with the wrong crowd are fooling themselves. "What counts in the long run is the relationship between parent and child," he says.

"Provide activities for your kids, but make sure it's not a substitute for creating family bonds, dialogue, trust and the real security parents are looking for to make their kids responsible grownups."

The secret to finding a proper balance, Mountrose says, depends on the child. The other part depends on whether the parents are leading a healthy life or only sacrificing for their child.

For some families, though, letting go of the mind-boggling assortment of activities is the answer. After years of trying to juggle soccer, basketball, horseback riding and softball, Jennifer Baspeds and her husband and their daughters are tucked out.

In fact, the only activity on the schedule for Baspeds' two daughters is English horseback riding — once a week.

Hospitalized children need parents nearby

N.Y. Times News Service

When children are treated in an intensive care unit, their parents are often asked to wait outside. But a study by researchers at a Rochester children's hospital suggests that allowing parents to stay may be better for them and for their children.

The study, in the September issue of The Archives of Pediatrics and Family Medicine, focused on 16 children who underwent one or more invasive procedures, like insertion of an intravenous tube, in the intensive care unit of the Children's Hospital at Strong.

Of the parents who were present during the procedures, nearly all said they would choose to be there again, and most said they thought their presence was helpful to their children and to the medical staff.

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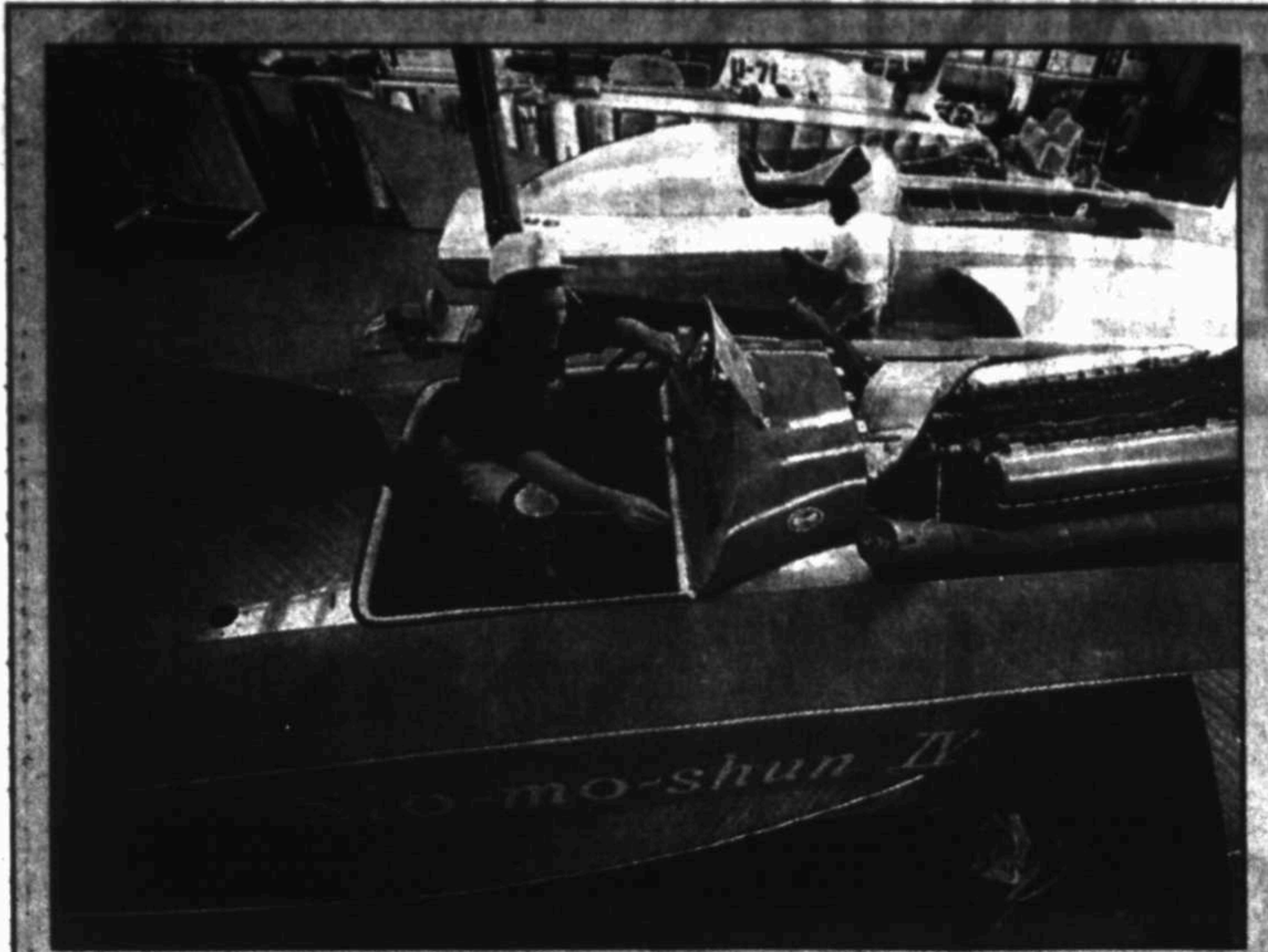
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AP Photo

Mike Gunn works on the Sio-mo-shun IV in this file photo, at the Hydroplane and Raceboat Museum in Seattle. The museum, which is also a restoration center for boats, is located in a warehouse district near Boeing Field. The Sio-mo-shun is from 1949.

Making waves: Seattle museum attracts hydroplane racing fans

By Shane McNally

SEATTLE (AP) — Hydroplane racing started as a sport in 1904. Back then, the winner of each race got to pick the next site. In 1950, Stan Sayres won in Detroit and chose Seattle as the next venue.

The sport has been making waves here ever since.

Seattle's Hydroplane and Raceboat Museum is the nation's only public museum dedicated exclusively to powerboat racing.

From the year of the classic thunderboats to today's high-pitched turbines, powerboat fans tend to think of boats such as the Miss Budweiser and the Miss America and drivers such as Chip Hanauer and Bill Muncey.

The 4,000-square-foot museum chronicles the rich history of racing in the Pacific Northwest. Back when racing was introduced here, there were no Seattle Seahawks, Seattle SuperSonics or Seattle Mariners, and powerboats caught on immediately.

At the time of the first race, Seattle had a population of 450,000. Six-hundred thousand fans showed up.

The excitement of hydroplane racing captured enthusiasm of museum founder Bob Williams, a truck driver, who encouraged race teams to donate boats. He opened the facility in 1991, but by 1995 he went bankrupt and current executive director David D. Williams (no relation) took over.

Williams, 41, of Seattle, turned the museum into a nonprofit institution and established a \$250,000 annual budget through membership dues, corporate sponsorship, merchandise sales and fund-raising.

Today, the museum sees 2,000 visitors a year, about 15 percent of them from out of the state and stay for an average of 45 minutes. The muse-

If you go:

The Hydroplane and Raceboat Museum is at 1605 S. 93rd St., Building E-D, Seattle. It is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturdays, or by appointment. Admission is free but contributions are accepted. Phone (206) 764-9453. The museum's Web site is www.thunderboats.org.

um's Web site has had 60,000 hits since its December, 1998 debut.

"Racing, more than any other stick and ball sport, promotes the idea that anything is possible," Williams said. "You have these beautifully crafted machines that go 200 miles an hour and make it so easy to get caught up in the noise and the spectacle of the sport."

The museum owns 28 wooden boats, and eight are on display at a time. Of the 28, included are Unlimited and Gold Cup hydroplanes from seven decades. The boats, which date from 1929 to 1976, have won a total of 17 Gold Cups.

The museum also features trophies, life jackets, scale models, helmets, uniforms, motors, parts, pictures and 400 hours of rare, vintage racing films transferred to videotape, covering hydroplane racing from the 1940s to the present.

"The museum really brings back the old memories of hydroplane racing as we used to know it," says frequent visitor Jim Davis, 71, of Burien, Wash., who likes to stop in with his grandchildren.

The museum also serves as a restoration facility and eight of the collection have been fully redone on-site. The restoration process takes eight months and costs \$40,000 per boat.

Red River Valley home to small-town Texas nostalgia

By Syd Kearney
Hearst News Service

HOUSTON — Forget Wal-Mart, strip shopping centers and malls.

In the small communities of the Red River Valley, which hugs the Texas-Oklahoma border, the place to be is downtown, where historic commercial districts lure tourists and residents with an agreeable mix of shopping, history and nostalgia.

In county seats such as Bonham and Gainesville, central town squares are dominated by courthouses.

These were among the first structures built in Texas' fledgling counties. Around them, commerce thrived: Cotton was bought and sold, household necessities were acquired in shops that fronted the square, and any leftover cash was entrusted to the corner bank.

In other towns, Main Street was just that. Whether the route of a stagecoach line or the site of a train depot, Main Street attracted traffic, and traffic attracted business.

Skinny and unruly, U.S. 82 lolls across the copper-colored earth of the Red River Valley, linking cities from Henrietta to Paris. On stretches where battered sedans and shiny pickups disregard the generous speed limit, drivers here follow the custom of pulling off to the shoulder to let the faster fellow pass.

That's just the way a visitor should tour Texas' small towns: slowing down at the first glimpse of a water tower, pulling over for a historic marker or pausing for the daily special at a local lunch spot. These tasty bits of history and color can't be gleaned from the interstate or gathered from the Internet.

They must be taken in small-town bites.

PARIS

The prettiest square in the Red River Valley may belong to Paris, where an ornate fountain is the centerpiece of the historic business district. The Culbertson Fountain was constructed in 1927 after a 1916 fire had destroyed most of a town center dating to the mid-1840s.

Today the square is home to five antiques dealers, dueling optical companies, four boutiques, a tux shop, a sporting-goods store, an art gallery, a bank, the Paris Community Theater and a blue-eyed, bobtail stray that accompanied us on our stroll.

The Lamar County Courthouse is on Lamar Street, a few blocks from the square, and is worth a stop. The imposing marble-and-granite structure was built in 1917 in the Classical Revival style.

BONHAM

An "I Believe in Bonham" sticker decorates the front door of Bewley's 5 & 10, one of dozens of businesses on Bonham's town square. The old-time five-and-dime sells everything from washbats to fake floral arrangements.

Its neighbors on the square include a chiropractor, four law offices, two medical-supply stores, a jewelry shop, a bank, a travel agency and Pizza Plaza. Although several empty storefronts detract from the scene, the square is a treat, with signs recalling past glories and stories.

At the center is the rather drab Fannin County Courthouse. The original courthouse, built in 1888, was more elaborate and better-suited to being the focal point of town. But a fire destroyed its decorative roof and steeple in 1929. A modernization in 1965 incorporated parts of the 1888 structure. Check out photographs of the original courthouse and its pretty grounds at the Fannin County Museum of History, a few blocks away in the restored 1900 Texas and Pacific Railway Depot.

One of the oldest towns in Red River Valley, Bonham was founded in 1837. The city was named for James Butler Bonham, who carried news of the siege of the Alamo to James Fannin, then returned to San Antonio to die with the defenders of the now-famous mission.

A statue of Bonham decorates the courthouse grounds, which have been nearly completely paved for parking. Also on the grounds is a Confederate memorial.

SHERMAN

Sherman's town square is more inviting, welcoming visitors with benches and large shade trees. The lawns of the Grayson County Courthouse are peppered with monuments, markers and other mementos.

A Confederate memorial was erected in 1896. Other markers honor the Ninth Texas Cavalry and recall the history of Grayson County. One marker recounts a 1905 visit by Theodore Roosevelt, who was on his way to a Rough Rider reunion in San Antonio; more than 35,000 people turned out to see him.

Two time capsules are buried in the courthouse lawn. One was placed there on July 4, 1976, to mark America's 200th birthday; the other was buried in 1986 to mark the county's sesquicentennial.

The concrete-and-limestone courthouse was built in 1936 in the style of Stripped Classicism. A thriving business district, dominated by law offices and a large furniture store, envelops the structure.

In the summer, free weekly concerts are given on the square.

GAINESVILLE

The bustle of Gainesville's town square may be due to its proximity to I-35. While thoroughfares have bypassed the historic business districts of many Texas small towns, here the freeway runs close enough for drivers to see the Beaux Arts dome of the Cooke County Courthouse.

The courthouse, a concrete-and-stone structure built for \$150,000 in 1911, is the fourth on this site. The first courthouse, a log cabin, was built in 1850, two years after the county was created. Cooke County takes its name from Capt. William Cooke, a hero of the Battle of San Jacinto.

On the grounds are monuments to World War II and Confederate veterans. The clocks that adorn the copper dome of the courthouse were added in 1920 as a World War I memorial.

The streets facing the courthouse are pedestrian-friendly. Shoppers have a choice of several antiques malls, a couple of gift shops, a jeweler, a gallery, a JCPenney catalog store and more. But it wasn't always bustling.

Like many small-town commercial districts, Gainesville's downtown struggled for survival. When Joe Albro opened his Carousel Antiques Mall in 1991, more than 65 percent of the storefronts on the square were empty. Today, Albro says, "You can't rent a building downtown."

Albro's antiques mall is housed in a former hardware store; across the street, past the courthouse, is his wife's Shady Oak Gallery.

Albro, who owned an insurance company for 28 years, says the nearby interstate has aided downtown's revival; about 95 percent of shoppers are from out of town.

One place that draws both locals and visitors downtown is the Fried Pie Co., a laid-back

diner that serves home-style meals topped off with pies filled with apricots, apple or chocolate.

Just a block off the square is the Morton County Museum, a small historical museum with changing exhibits and a fine collection of stained glass. Ask for a brochure detailing a self-guided tour that points out some of the 30 Victorian homes nearby.

Not too far from the square is the Santa Fe Passenger Depot, a small 1901 Mission Revival railroad station that is being renovated. Rail service, discontinued two decades ago, was recently restored with Amtrak service that runs between Oklahoma City and Fort Worth. The train pauses at several small Oklahoma towns, and the Gainesville stop — the only stop in Texas besides Fort Worth — is popular with shoppers drawn to Gainesville's many antiques shops and its large outlet mall.

DENISON

Denison has no main square, but it certainly has a thriving downtown.

"Alive and well" is how Gary Sewell, owner of the Blue Moon Antiques Mall, describes Denison's historic commercial district.

"There are two Wal-Marts within seven miles of downtown, and we're still lucrative," Sewell says.

This border city was established in September 1872 to accommodate the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad, commonly called the MK&T or the Katy. Within 100 days of its founding, Denison boasted 3,000 citizens. According to historians, every third building under construction was a saloon.

Some of the city's first buildings still survive and are among the more than 130 structures in the city's historic commercial district. One of the earliest predates the town's founding. The J.K. Miller House, built in 1866, served as a stop for the Butterfield Stagecoach.

The most prominent building in the historic district is the Katy Depot. The Beaux Arts depot cost \$250,000 to build in 1909, but that was appropriate for a station that at one time disembarked more than 50 passenger trains per day.

Stretching like a ribbon from the Katy Depot, Main Street is home to a diverse collection of businesses that include a winery, a bow (as in arrows) shop and galleries with cute names such as the Little Louvre.

Sewell's Blue Moon Antiques Mall also is on Main Street.

"We have enough art galleries, antique malls and bed-and-breakfasts to keep visitors busy for two days," Sewell says, adding that many weekenders from Dallas and Fort Worth know Denison as well as the locals.

Also on Main Street is the 1920 Rialto Theater, one of several downtown movie houses that entertained Denison residents and visitors during the town's boom days. The 900-seat Rialto's claim to fame was a visit by Montgomery Clift, who came to town for the 1948 world premiere of his film "Red River," co-starring John Wayne.

Denison's only theater, the Rialto is enjoying a renaissance. Main Street Country Showcase presents Branson-style entertainment to standing-room-only crowds each Saturday night.

Once again, downtown is the place to be.

Snowboarding 'hot' sport, but safety still should come first

By Betsy Wade

N.Y. Times News Service

Snowboarding, a sport now 15 years old, is booming, with resulting major changes at ski resorts. The National Sporting Goods Association, which estimates that 7.7 million people over age 7 participated in alpine skiing at least once in 1998, put the number of boarders, with some overlap, at 3.6 million, an astonishing rise of 29 percent from the group's 1997 figure.

On the association's list of 59 popular sports, topped by exercise walking and ending with windsurfing, alpine skiing ranked 34th, with snowboarding 46th and closing in. National Ski Areas Association expects the totals to converge in five to six years.

This change has had an impact on safety, but not the way alarmists may believe: the number of injuries caused by boarders who run into skiers is considered minor by safety experts, and most ski areas doubt that segregation of the slopes would improve safety much.

Both sports involve blind spots, skiers to their rear, and boarders to the side. In either sport, going at high speed might not cause injury on an early morning empty hillside, while speeding in an afternoon crowd, whether on skis or a board, could be dangerous.

As for the maturity of the boarders, although the vanguard had a devil-may-care hotdogging image, snowboarders are growing older with the sport as baby-boomer parents take it up along with their children. There is even a 60-year-old snowboard instructor out there.

For those who want fancy stuff, many areas have terrain parks for skiers who like tricky maneuvers, as well as snowboard parks for those who want half-pipes, rails and other challenges. These attractions divide participants by interests and keep them

out of one another's way.

The major safety trends are in conflict. Injuries to skiers have been declining, but snowboarding injuries have almost offset the reduction. In addition, the two sports produce different types of injuries, although as with bicycling and other sports, head injuries are a major factor in deaths.

Paul Witt, a spokesman for the Vail Ski Resorts — Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge and Keystone — said about a quarter of the visits to his resorts last year were by snowboarders. He said that the growth of the boarding population had not changed the rate of injuries, but rather the types. "Boarders' injuries tend to be in the wrist, shoulder and upper body," he said, "because the feet are locked in place on one board." Skiers' injuries tend toward the legs and feet, he said, because they can fly out in different directions.

Dr. Julie Gilchrist, a pediatrician and medical epidemiologist in the center for injury control at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, says her center has gathered no independent data on child safety on ski slopes. But she has studied research by the Federal Consumer Product Safety Commission that supports the wearing of ski helmets. She recommends common-sense approaches to safety, focusing on the National Ski Patrol's Responsibility Code.

Dr. Gilchrist lists year-round physical and cardiovascular conditioning as a good preparation. Keeping equipment in good repair, being aware of the effects of altitude on strength and stamina, and planning the day to avoid exhaustion were among her other suggestions.

On these last two points, ski operators note that modern high-speed, high-capacity lifts mean that people can fit in more runs than in earlier years, and should be aware that exhaustion and

dehydration can come earlier.

The National Ski Areas Association, which encompasses 509 major areas in the United States receiving 95 percent of the skiing visits annually, has joined this season with the National Ski Patrol, insurance companies and other organizations to create Safety Initiative 2000, a program to focus on avoiding injury. The motto "Heads Up" was chosen, but which steps to take is up to each area.

At Vail, ski patrols have taken away lift passes from those skiing too fast. But at Ascutney in Brownsville, Vt., said Kim Jackson, a spokeswoman, the emphasis is on warning and counseling. Children 8 to 12 in the Young Olympians school get report cards each day that also bear messages about responsibility — for example, that skiers should stop on the side of a trail, not in the middle, and look uphill before starting down.

The issue of safety on the slopes got intense attention two years ago when Rep. Sonny Bono of California died after hitting a tree in South Lake Tahoe, Calif., less than a week after Michael L. Kennedy died the same way in Aspen, Colo. Tim White, head of education for the ski areas group, said, "Undoubtedly, it's public awareness of ski-snowboarding-related accidents, not the injury rate, that's rising."

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Spring registration

Registration for all students who want to enroll at Midland College for Spring 2000 classes is in progress through Jan. 12 in the Student Services area of the Scharbauer Student Center.

A special registration day with extended hours will be 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 12. Spring classes begin Jan. 18. Late registration is Jan. 18-27.

For information about the TASP test, registration or financial aid, contact a counselor at 685-4505.

Taylor's show opens

The public is invited to the opening reception for "A Retrospective Exhibition and Current Works" by Midland College art instructor Warren Taylor 5-7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 13 in McCormick Gallery, Alleen Fine Arts Building.

The show includes representative work from several phases and periods of Taylor's art career over the last 25 years. The show will be on display through Feb. 18.

Large scale watercolors, prints, drawings and collages are being exhibited.

Study/travel course set

The Fine Arts and Communications Division announces a Study/Travel Trip to Madrid, Paris and the Coast July 17-26 during second summer session. The trip can be taken for credit and/or for audit. Informational meetings will be held in February 2000 and final trip registration is March 1, 2000. For more information about courses being offered and the trip, contact Dr. Pamela Howell at 685-4626 or Carol Bailey at 685-4682.

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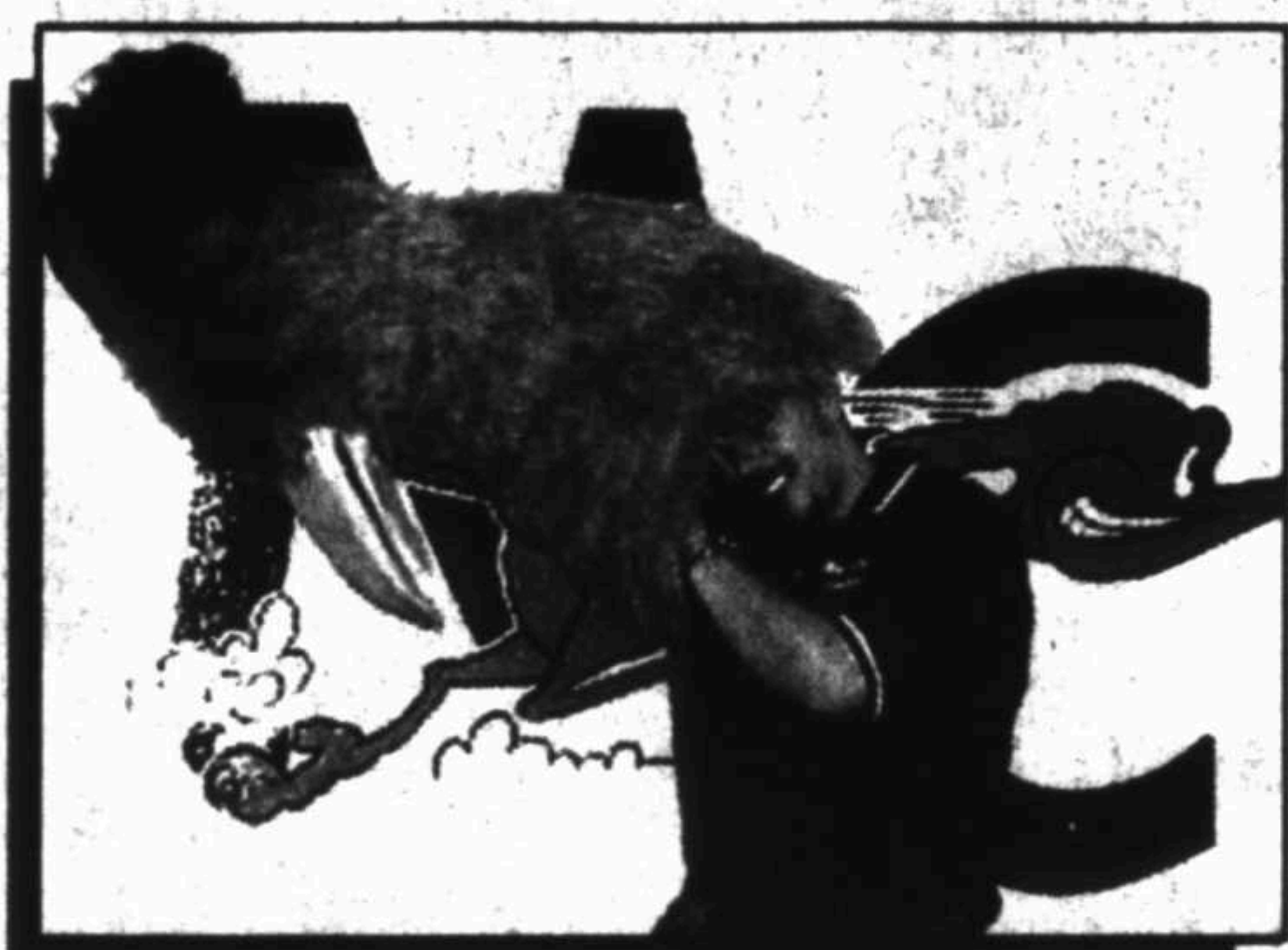
Call 685-4518 for a schedule of classes and additional information. The first session of classes will begin Jan. 24 and will be offered throughout the semester.

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Pepe Paisano

As the MC mascot, student Brandon Curry is hoping to promote school spirit



Pepe Paisano is a tradition at Midland College. He is a seven-foot-tall yellow "roadrunner" in a green jersey whose antics are designed to build crowd enthusiasm during MC basketball games.

Despite his job as the Chaparral's number one fan and number one clown, this year's Pepe, MC student Brandon Curry, entered MC as a part-time business major without giving any real thought to being the college mascot.

"I never thought I would become the MC mascot," Curry, a 1997 graduate of Greenwood High School, said. But, last year's Pepe, Mykel VanStavern, encouraged Curry to try out. "Mykel made it sound like a lot of fun."

VanStavern retired as Pepe when he graduated last year and encouraged Curry to try out for mascot even though Curry said he never saw himself as Pepe.

"I was kind of pushed into trying out," Curry said. "Tryouts had some competition, but the hardest part was getting the nerve up to do it."

While the scholarship that comes with the position allowed him to attend college full-time, Curry said his main motivation to become mascot was his love of interacting with people. "I've always been a people person and I love to act crazy. Being Pepe allows me to act crazy and have fun," he said.

Before trying out for Pepe, Curry said that he was not aware of the strenuous and demanding work being mascot requires. Despite being "in the best shape of my life," Curry said the job is physically challenging. Even planned pratfalls, like falling over the railing, can leave strains and bruises. And, when the crowd—particularly the youngsters—urge Pepe on in mock fights



Getting into character is the hardest part of his job, according to MC mascot Brandon Curry. Once Pepe's head is on, Brandon will be seven feet tall.

with other mascots, they often fail to take into account the possibility that Pepe might really be injured, Curry said.

Even with the risk of injury, Curry said entertaining the youngsters in the crowd is his favorite part of being Pepe. "It gives me a smile when I can make a kid happy. Plus, they believe I'm the real bird," he said.

The downside of the job is that some youngsters are afraid of Pepe. "I hate it when a kid cries when he sees me coming," Curry said.

Taunts from the crowd are easier for Curry to ignore. "I take a lot of abuse, but don't take it personally. People don't know it's you in the suit," he said.

That anonymity gives Curry a chance to do what he loves best.

"I love performing," Curry said. "There is something about being in front of an audience that I love. The bigger the better. When I am out there in front of a crowd, I want everyone to act crazy just like me."

Even though the size of Pepe's head keeps Curry from being able to do stunts such as back flips, Pepe is still involved in a lot of dancing and role playing.

Even though clowning around is part of the job, Curry said he also has to be mindful of "court etiquette." The National Junior College Athletic Association—as well as the NCAA—have rules about the behavior of mascots. "You can't get personal with opponents," Curry said.

Another no-no for Pepe is particularly hard for basketball fan Curry. "I'm not doing my job if I'm watching the game," he said. "I love basketball, and I get caught up in the game. Then, I have to get back in character."

Getting into character is the hardest part of being Pepe, Curry said. And, getting into the green and yellow costume may take more mental than physical effort.

"I have to build myself up to being Pepe," Curry said.

Once he gets into the role, Curry said being Pepe requires a lot of time and work both on and off the court. Curry organizes and leads half-time contests and pep rallies at local schools.

"Being mascot is a lot of hard work," Curry said. "I never imagined so much was involved in being a cheerleader. The others cheerleaders and I really get into our jobs. We go out into the community and hold pep rallies at elementary schools to help build spirit."

While Pepe clowns around on court, Curry said being the team mascot requires a serious commitment. In his personal life Curry depends on "time management" to juggle two part-time jobs besides being Pepe, a full-time college schedule and demanding workouts.

His hard work has made Curry a valued member of the squad. The other cheerleaders said that Curry is a unique member of the squad who makes practices fun and always makes them laugh.

"Brandon really makes practices worthwhile," Cheerleader Jason Haney said. "I enjoy working with him because he brings out my character. He also brings out the good in everybody."

As MC's mascot, Curry has had the opportunity to travel to other towns and perform in front of large crowds. Curry said he loves the trips to the games. "Wherever the cheerleaders go, I go," he said.

While he is entertaining the crowd, Curry also is boosting the team's intensity. Tracy Harrison, freshman softball player from Greenwood, said that while Curry is raising school spirit throughout the audience, he is making the games more exciting and funny.

"When he is getting the crowd into the games, it gives the players more spirit," Harrison said.

Building school spirit is important to him, Curry said. "I want everyone to have a lot of school spirit. Because I have been MC's mascot, it has opened doors for me," he said.

"After I graduate, I really want to attend Texas A&M. Even though they don't have a mascot, I want to be a part of the Yell Leaders," he said. And, other colleges have recognized Curry's talent.

He has gotten calls from Texas Tech, Abilene Christian and Angelo State to be a mascot. Curry said the scholarship money offered by Angelo State might entice him to consider that school over Texas A&M.

In the meantime, Curry is just enjoying his role as Pepe. "I have had so much fun as mascot," Curry said.

News of Midland College People

Instructors award first departmental math scholarships

Four Midland College students and two instructors from the Midland College Math Lab were the recipients of the first Math Department Scholarships. The scholarships were funded through the college's Math Mentoring Program.

Leonor Alcocer, Tonja Andrew and Mariasha Henson are students moving from developmental math into transfer level courses. They each will receive \$100 scholarships.

Jay Vaden is a student moving from a transfer-level trigonometry class to a calculus I class. He will receive a \$100 scholarship.

Math Lab instructors Michael Dixon, who is working on a master's degree, and Brian Miller, who is working on a bachelor's degree, each received \$250 scholarships for their outstanding work and community outreach in the Math Mentoring Program.



Six Midland College students were honored with the first Math Department Scholarships. Pictured at the awards presentation are: (back row) Associate Vice President of Instruction Dr. Stan Jacobs; Recipient Jay Vaden; Recipient Michael Dixon; Recipient Brian Miller; and Midland College President Dr. David Daniel. Also pictured: (front row) Math/Science Division Chair Dr. Margaret Wade and recipients Leonor Alcocer, Tonja Andrew and Mariasha Henson. Alcocer, Andrew, Henson and Vaden will each receive \$100 scholarships. Dixon and Miller will each receive \$250.

Pinning ceremonies honors nursing program graduates

Seventeen graduates of Midland College's Association Degree Nursing (ADN) program were honored at the program's annual pinning ceremony last month.

Students honored were Dora Albert, Susan Alferez, Lanette Aydelott, Samantha Barboza, Tamara Castellberry, Jimmie Caughron, Jr., Dana C. Chandler, Candance Chapman, Wilma Cline, Kelli Edwards, Alva Guebara, Karen Harrison, Loretta Peterson, Jennifer Rico, Supdi Shoemaker, Robin Trammell and Denise Wilson.

Aydelott, Peterson and Trammell are members of the Student Nurse Association.

ADN faculty members are Program Director Carmen Edwards, MSN, R.N.; Kim Bezinque, MSN, R.N.C.; Troy Bradshaw, M.S., R.N., CNS; Nancy Harris, MSN, R.N.; Dorothy Joy MSN, R.N.; Helen Peetz, MSN, R.N.; Ed Penz, M.S., R.N., CNA; Valerie Steiner, MSN, M.A., R.N., WHNP; and, Patti Sullivan M.S., R.N.

The Health Sciences Division Chair is Gaylene Jenatsch, MSN, CNS, R.N. Advisory committee members are Karen Childers, R.N.; Sherry Coplen, R.N.; Denise Cosner, B.S.N., CCRN, R.N.; Lyndel Hilburn, R.N.; Terry Long, M.S., CAS, RNC; Christy McWilliams R.Ph.; Margaret Robinson MSN, R.N.C.; Boney Salazar MSN, R.N.C.; Debe Salyers, R.N., Susan Sanders, MSN, R.N.C., A.N.P.; W.C. Wilson; Charlotte Wright, B.S.N., R.N.; and, Geneva Ridgeway, B.S.N., R.N.

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By Abigail V

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DEAR ABBY

Toy gun in car window might not be seen as child's play

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I was recently driving on a Southern California freeway. About 25 feet in front of me, a car in the other lane had an arm pointing out the window, "shooting" a gun at people. Because it was a bright, sunny day, I could see the arm belonged to a young child whose gun was only a toy.

Had this incident occurred at night, however, I would never have known it was a child pointing a toy gun. I might have thought it was an adult pointing a real gun. The results could have been tragic for the kid and anyone else in the car.

Abby, I don't think children should be allowed to have toy guns, but if their parents allow it, that's their choice. These same parents should realize that in certain circumstances — and even neighborhoods — those guns may not be SEEN as toys.

In this sometimes crazy world we live in, situations like this probably do occur and often with dreadful endings. There is no reason for something like this to happen. I hope parents of small children who have toy guns will prevent their kids from doing this before it's too late. — CONCERNED COMMUTER, SANTA ANA, CALIF.



Van Buren

ent's wishes, was recently married. They didn't attend my wedding and told me they would disown me if I got pregnant before I was 24 or so.

Well, three weeks after we were married I became pregnant. I'm now a month along and my husband's family knows all about it. How do I tell my family? They're already mad at me for dropping out of college and refusing to pay them back for what they agreed to pay for, and I'm afraid this will terminate any relationship we have.

I don't know what to do. Any advice you could give me would be helpful. — SCARED TO SPEAK UP

DEAR SCARED: Waste no time in telling your mother the joyous news that she'll be a grandmother by the end of next summer. Since your in-laws already know the big news, and your pregnancy will be showing in no time, attempting to keep it a secret would be like trying to smuggle dawn past a rooster.

You are an adult now, and it's time you began shouldering responsibility for your actions. Your parents' disappointment in you might be lessened if you show the willingness and maturity to work out a payment plan for the money they feel is owed them.

P.S. I'm betting they won't disown you after all.

DEAR ABBY: I have been living with a widower of 11 years for the past 10 years. He still insists on putting flowers on his dead wife's grave after all this time. I feel that I am being played second fiddle to his wife. Am I wrong to feel this way? — SECOND FIDDLE IN VIRGINIA

DEAR SECOND FIDDLE: Yes, you are wrong. Your gentleman friend's devotion to the memory of his deceased wife has nothing to do with his relationship with you — unless YOU choose to regard it as a competition. That line of thought is destructive to a relationship. Instead, regard his gesture as a measure of the amount of love he has to give to you. He sounds like a gem.

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Abigail Van Buren's column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR CONCERNED: On behalf of parents of small children everywhere, thank you for the warning. For safety's sake, children riding in vehicles should wear seatbelts and keep their hands and arms inside at all times. And since it's not unusual for incidents of road rage and drive-by shootings to appear on the evening news, parents should be especially careful about letting their children play with toy weapons while riding in automobiles. At the risk of sounding overly cautious, it could avert a tragedy.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 19-year-old woman who, against my par-

Despite their good intentions, Americans are growing fatter

By Sylvia Wood
Hearst News Service

ALBANY, N.Y. — Cynthia Last doesn't believe in diets, especially the ones that inundate the best-seller list during the summer when many Americans are struggling to lose weight.

"Some of those diets are demon diets where one food is the bad guy," said Last, a Florida psychologist who focuses on food issues. "For virtually all of them, there is no scientific proof."

That doesn't stop many people from buying into fad diets, which typically promote quick weight loss with strategies that most nutritionists say are less than sound.

Remember the Cabbage Soup Diet? More popular today are books like "Eat Right For(4) Your Type," "Sugar Busters!" and "The Zone." While different in the details, all of these books restrict certain foods.

"Sugar Busters!" goes a step further by restricting certain combinations of foods, like forbidding a dieter from eating a piece of naturally sweet fruit after dinner. The premise is that sugar, not fat, is the cause of weight gain, so the sugar in the fruit will encourage the body to store fat.

Never mind that these approaches eschew the best-known medical advice. To lose weight, the best strategy remains to eat less and exercise more. And a calorie is a calorie, no matter where it comes from.

"People are always looking for a new gimmick," said Kathy Kane, a registered dietitian and nutritionist for the Kaiser Permanente health plan. "Weight loss is hard for people to do."

At best, some of these popular books offer traditional weight-loss advice with an emphasis on cutting calories and increasing activity. At worst, they can fuel frustration with the yo-yo effect that often follows any quick weight loss scheme.

Any diet, for example, that promises to help you lose more than one to two pounds a week is unrealistic and, in some cases, unhealthy for most people.

"The problem is when the diet is over, they don't keep the weight off," said Nan Windmueller, a certified nutritionist with a private practice in Albany. "Ninety-five percent of people gain the weight back."

Such statistics help explain how the diet industry continues to get richer as the country gets fatter. More than half of the adults in the United States, or 97 million people, are too heavy. That represents a 50 percent increase since the 1970s, when the low-fat diet craze first took off. "It's a very lucrative business," Windmueller said. "It's in the diet industry's best interest to have people fail."

Dr. Robert C. Atkins in his best-selling and controversial book "Dr. Atkins' New Revolutionary Diet" addresses that kind of skepticism with a disclaimer about his own approach and a criticism of the low-fat diet obsession.

"I'm not about to fall into the error of the low-fat dieting devotees who claim that their diet works for everyone," he writes. "I would feel rather foolish if I did. No diet works for everyone."

Yet the popular high-protein, low-carbohydrate diets espoused

by people like Atkins offer their own particular pitfalls. Besides "Dr. Atkins' New Revolutionary Diet," consider "Protein Power," another popular book that severely restricts carbohydrates and starches but allows meats, egg yolks and other proteins, along with saturated fats.

The premise is that you can eat as many calories from fat and protein as you want as long as you eat very few carbohydrates, such as pasta, breads and potatoes. The idea is that your body will turn to its stored fat to make up for the loss.

Reality, however, is much more complex, health experts say. While you will lose weight fast on such a diet, most of that weight is apt to be water and lean tissue.

Initially, by severely restricting carbohydrates, the insulin levels in your body drop. As Sharon Alger, a registered dietitian at Albany Medical Center explains, one of the many things that insulin does in the body is hold on to salt and water.

"When you stop eating carbohydrates and those insulin levels fall, you start losing water," she said.

Diets that restrict all carbohydrates cause the body to produce compounds known as ketones that accumulate in the blood and must be removed. To achieve that, the kidneys must work overtime. Not only will you go to the bathroom a lot, but you'll also risk constipation, nausea, headache, fatigue and bad breath.

To add insult to injury, eating high-fat foods on a regular basis is a good way to increase your risk for heart disease.

Remember, both the American Dietetic Association and the American Heart Association recommend diets that are high in complex carbohydrates, such as whole grains, vegetables and fruit, and low in fat derived from animal products.

In her practice, Windmueller puts an emphasis on helping people make better food choices and on portion control, the same technique used by many commercial weight-loss programs such as Weight Watchers.

Such programs generally get higher marks from nutritionists than the "fad" diet books because they tend to emphasize lifestyle changes rather than restrictions on specific foods.

"The biggest problem in the American diet is serving size. Period," Windmueller said. "People are members of the clean plate club."

Perhaps no one is more frustrated with American's fascination with the fad diet than Last, whose own book, "The Five Reasons Why We Overeat: How to Develop a Long-Term Weight Control Plan that's Right for You," has yet to make it on the best-seller list.

"People don't eat out of hunger," said Last, who received her doctorate in psychology from the State University of New York at Albany in 1981. "They're overeating because of behaviors, attitudes and emotions. Most of us grow up thinking food is fun."

That's why many health experts say the fad diet is doomed to fail. "You can't make a change for one, two or three weeks and then stop," Alger said. "It's got to be something that's long-term."

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HOME & GARDEN



Clean birdfeeders while wearing gloves

By Joyce Rosencrans
Scripps Howard News Service

Bird fans are setting birdfeeders in place for the cold months and cleaning up feeders in use all summer. A note of caution: Wear disposable latex gloves while working with soiled birdfeeders, maybe even a breathing mask. One concern about birds and their droppings is the potential for disease transmission. Even healthy-looking birds can be sources for histoplasmosis, gastroenteritis, salmonellosis, candidiasis and cryptococcus, according to Ohio State University Extension. Also, uric acid in bird droppings can damage paint on cars, mowers and patio furniture.

The main birds causing damage in and around farm facilities are European starlings, house sparrows, feral pigeons or rock doves and several species of blackbirds, said OSU Extension. All were introduced as exotics into the United States and became widely distributed.

Crows have been crowding into suburbs for years, and seem more common there than in country cornfields! Not that crows and scarecrows aren't handsome Halloween icons, but many suburbanites would rather play host to real cardinals than real crows.

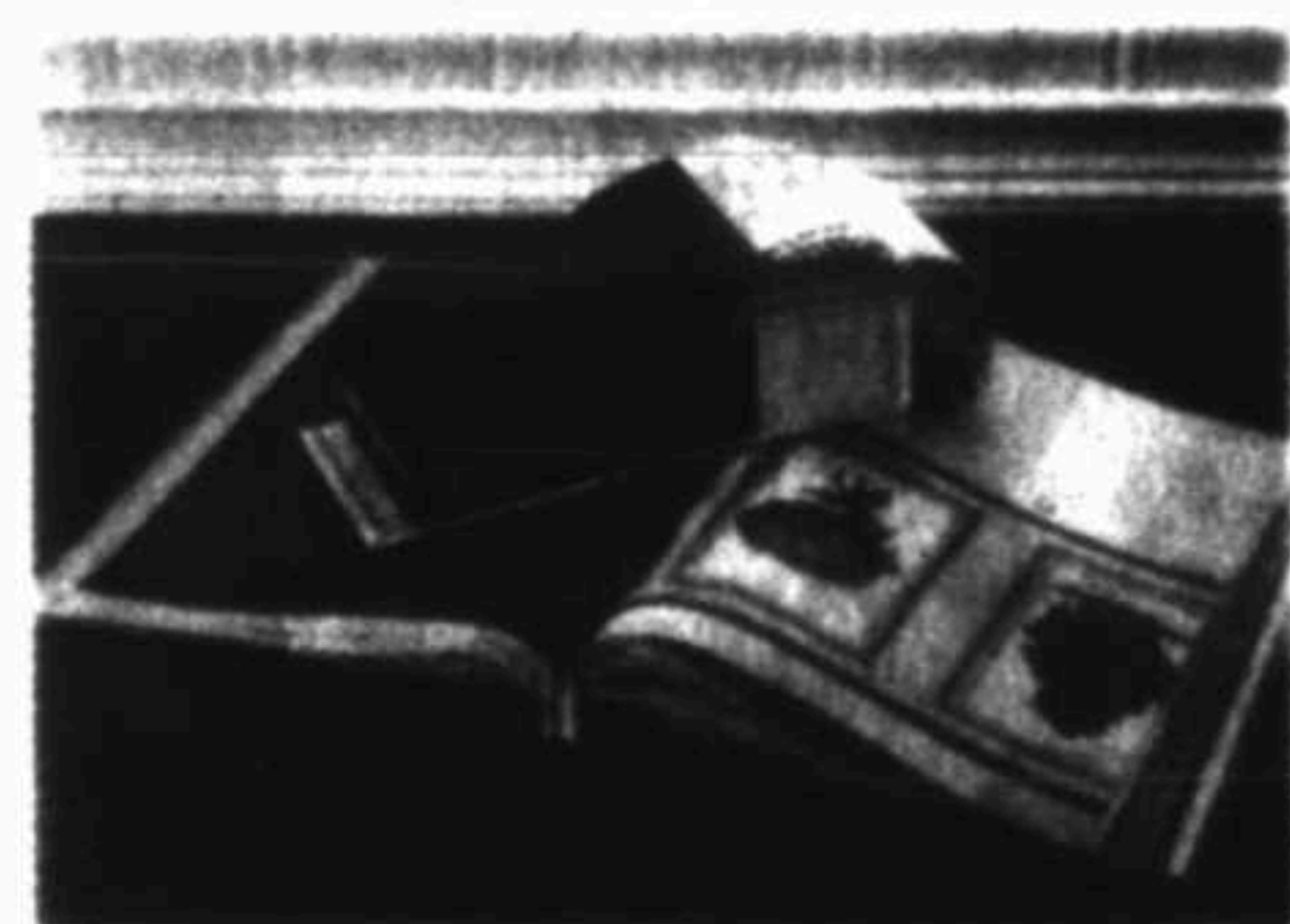


Super settee

A trend in arranging furniture is to place a piece or two with their back sides visible. It's rather old-fashioned and limiting to line up furniture around the perimeter of a room.

A lovely little settee-for-two, which would prove helpful in coaxing furniture away from the walls, is the Gigi Settee from the Rue de Provence Collection by Highland House. Its casual French-country design is adaptable to many American interiors and, as the furniture maker phrases it, "it's easy to appreciate Gigi from all angles when this settee 'floats' in a room."

A color theme and motif found in the settings for the Rue de Provence collection by Highland House is sunflowers. Note the rayon chenille fabric used on a pillow in the settee, which coordinates with touches of sunny Provencal yellow.



Tips for choosing wallpaper

Before you choose wallpaper, take note of your surroundings and determine the kind of look you like.

■ Interior-design books and magazines offer lots of ideas. When shopping, take along samples of colors and textures used in your home, paint chips of other colors in the room, swatches of upholstery fabric and so on.

■ If you're unsure about a pattern, ask if there's a book that has a picture showing how the wallpaper looks on a wall. Sometimes a store will let you check out a wallpaper book or take a big piece of wallpaper to see how it looks in your room.

■ And if you're looking for a bargain, always check the discount table: discontinued patterns of perfectly good wallpaper can sell as low as \$1.99 a roll. Just be aware that what you see is all there is.

Buy Smart with Kevyn



Peace lily

By Geoffrey Redick
Scripps Howard News Service

The problem: Cramped dorm rooms, dingy apartments and bleak offices.
The solution: Houseplants. Palms. Chinese evergreens. African violets.
Growing these and other houseplants can splash a little color around your four walls, can improve the air quality and can help you be more productive, say plant experts.

"They really can be soothing - to have something living nearby," said Robert McMahon, associate professor of horticulture at the Ohio State University Agricultural Technical Institute.



Pothos

HOUSE PLANTS 101

Some tips for buying houseplants:

■ **Survey your surroundings.** For your houseplants to survive, they must be able to tolerate the sunlight, temperature and humidity in your home or office.

Sunlight is the most important factor for choosing a houseplant. The experts measure light intensity in units of foot-candles. A typical office has the equivalent of light from 150 candles, and many rooms at home are much less than that, which is considered low light. Outdoors on a clear day in June,

the sunlight equals about 10,000 candles.

"You want to match plants up with the light intensity," said Susan Hamilton, assistant professor of ornamental horticulture and landscape design at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

Temperature and humidity are tricky if you have no control over them in your dorm room or office. So avoid placing plants directly in the flow of forced air vents or too close to radiators, say experts. Also, find out if your university or workplace shuts off the heat during winter break or off-hours.

■ **Talk to the experts.**

Rather than reading a generalized book or guessing, ask the experts. Go to a garden center or supermarket and quiz the employees. You can also ask a professor if your university has a horticulture department or check out a few helpful web sites: www.allexperts.com and www.gardenweb.com/forums/house-plant/.

Tell the experts the results of your survey of your surroundings. "The more information you can give us, the more choices we can give you," said Gordon Sheridan, general manager at Johnson's Flower and Garden Centers. Sheridan is used to helping students buy plants. His store is near American University in Washington, D.C.

■ **Ask questions.**

It's easiest to ask questions about how to care for your specific plants right when you buy them. A few examples: How much light does the plant need? What humidity levels can it tolerate? What fertilizer, if any, does it need? When should it be re-potted?

■ **Understand pricing.**

Plant are sized by the pots that house them. Pots start at four inches and increase by increments of two inches. But a bigger pot does not necessarily mean a bigger price. What counts is the age of the plant. "Plants are cheap," Sheridan said.

"Growing time in a greenhouse is very expensive."

Two species of palms in 10-inch pots, for example, could have amazingly different prices. The cheaper one grows faster. The slower a plant grows, the more it costs.

■ **Shop around.**

If you're not sure how to pick a good plant or if you have lot of questions, go to a garden center, a nursery or even a supermarket. "Supermarkets are doing a remarkably good job these days," said Stephen Santo, gardener supervisor of the U.S. Botanic Gardens.

You can find a few good deals at home improvement warehouses. The key is to buy plants right after a new shipment comes in, experts say.

■ **Have an eye for variety.**

If you can afford it, buy more than one houseplant. For decoration, buy a floor plant and a couple of plants for the windowsills or desktops.

Also the more plants you have, the cleaner the air in the room will be. Two hearty houseplants - Peace lily and Chinese evergreen - are also good at filtering chemicals out of the air, said Hamilton of the University of Tennessee.

■ **Inspect the merchandise.**

Examine the tops and bottoms of leaves for disease spots and insects. Avoid plants with wilted or crunchy leaves: Gently take the root ball out of the pot to examine the roots. Roots should be white and firm, not brown.

For aesthetics, avoid plants whose leaves have white spots from spray residue, said Scott Acre, a horticulturist at the National Arboretum. The residue is not harmful to you or the plant. But it is difficult to wash off the leaves.

■ **Consider your commitment.**

Keeping a houseplant alive takes some time and energy. This is especially important to novice houseplant gardeners or those who plan to be away for long periods, such as college students on breaks and frequent travelers.

The trick is to buy practically - not extravagantly. Garden centers sell good-sized, younger, hearty plants for about the cost of a large pizza.

"Plants are not furniture," said Santo of the U.S. Botanic Gardens. You should remember, he said, that plants have to be treated as the living things they are.

■ **Bathe your plant.**

On the subject of water, rain keeps outdoor plants from getting dirty. Rain also washes off insects. Gordon Sheridan, general manager of Johnson's Flower and Garden center suggests taking your plants outside in the summer to hose them off. In the winter, set them up in the shower.

■ **Talk to your plants.**

Now is not the time for reticence. You can give your plants a pep talk every now and then - hey, it can't hurt. When you "talk" to your plants what's most important is to give them the care they need and to notice changes in how they look.

"It's not what you say," said Sheridan. "It's how you say it."

■ **Don't give up.**

It's a hard truth, but when a plant dies, it's usually your fault. And it's usually because you didn't know enough about the light requirements or watering needs of the plant you bought.

"All of us, including those of us in horticulture have killed many plants," said Scott Acre, a horticulturist at the National Arboretum. So learn from your mistakes and try again. The benefits include decoration and a sense of responsibility.

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WANTED: Strong, silent, occasionally needy type to thwart aerial plant killers.
Many species of houseplants are hearty enough to withstand a little neglect without withering away.

Here are the usual suspects:

■ **Arrowhead (Nepenthes)**
This plant gets its common name from the shape of its leaves. It produces tall spikes of white flowers. It needs some full sunlight or very bright indirect light.

■ **Cast iron plant (Aspidistra)**
Cast iron. Because it seemingly can't be killed, its leaves are large and dark green. Large plants can produce dark purple flowers. It can survive in indirect light.

■ **Chinese evergreen (Aglaonema)**
This plant has long elliptical leaves. It does not need direct sunlight.

■ **Dracaena (ditto in Latin)**
Dracaena plants are easily overwatered, but they will tolerate periods of neglect. You can find about 20 varieties of this plant, including marginata and Janet Craig. It grows well in indirect light. Leaf tips might turn brown in extremely dry conditions.

■ **Rubber tree (Ficus elastica)**
This is a tropical plant that needs enough light. So if your space is enough like the tropics, consider getting this plant for its looks, suggests Leanne Pyle, President of the Environmental Horticulture Club at the University of Florida. "I like the size of the leaves," she said. "They're very thick, plastic looking leaves."

But if the plant doesn't get enough light, it will drop those leaves.

Another popular Ficus is the basic fig tree or Ficus benjamina. Both this and the rubber tree can be temperamental and need watering evenly.

Look for flat leaves when buying a Ficus. If the leaves are cupped, that means the tree is not ready to live inside and might lose its leaves.

■ **Herbs**

Herbs require a lot of light. But they are a good starting plant. "I get them for my kids," said Donald Bush, owner of Bush Interior Landscaping in Washington. Some good ones to try are parsley, basil, rosemary and bay leaf.

■ **Mother-in-law's tongue (Succulent)**
Perhaps this plant's common name also comes from its leaves - thick, fleshy and sword-shaped. These plants need so little light they can grow in closets or caves, say experts.

■ **Peace lily (Spathiphyllum)**
Peace lilies have a few white flowers surrounded by broad, dark green leaves. It is sometimes referred to as "White Flag." "This plant is a good 'tell,'" said Bush. "It tells you what it needs. When it is dry it droops. If it needs water, probably but not necessarily, the rest of the plants are ready for water," Bush said. Other good flowering plants are African violets and orchids. Orchids are expensive, but they bloom for five weeks every year.

■ **Pothos**

Like the Cast Iron plant, Pothos will tolerate abuse very well. Experts usually recommend this one to male college freshmen. It will grow in low light, has heart-shaped leaves and is a vining plant.

■ **Philodendron**

These are also vining plants. Its leaves are smaller than Pothos, but it also stands up to neglect and low light.

■ **Spider plants (Chlorophytum)**
Spider plants need more direct sunlight than you think. They grow in clusters of thin leaves on stalks. Baby clusters, called plantlets, can be cut off and planted by themselves.



PICASSO

by Georgia Temple

Works by Pablo Picasso make a solo Texas stop this week at the Museum of the Southwest.

"This outstanding exhibition of Picasso Ceramics is exciting and wonderful to have at the Museum of the Southwest for several reasons," said Danny Holeva, the museum's curator. "Midland is the only venue in Texas where this exhibition will be seen. In addition, Picasso was the premier artist of the 20th century. He worked in just about every medium during his prolific career, and with these ceramic works Picasso used unorthodox techniques to create pottery that was unique, challenging and truly his own."

Organized by Landau Traveling Exhibitions, the show, which opens Jan. 13 with a members-only gala, presents a representative selection of the limited-edition ceramics created by Picasso at the Madoura pottery workshop of George and Suzanne Ramie between the years of 1947 and 1971. Picasso died in 1973.

"We are excited about starting the new year with an incredible 20th century master," said Cindi Midanka, marketing and development coordinator at the Midland museum.

The exhibition features 60 ceramics works — dishes, plates, bowls, vases, pitchers and plaques — and two original posters from previous Picasso Ceramics exhibitions. Text panels with an introduction to Picasso and his ceramic works by author and independent curator, Gerald Nordland, and photomurals of the artist at work at the Madoura pottery workshop are included in the show.

Also on display will be an exhibition of Picasso's "original graphics," said Ms. Midanka. The lithographs and etchings are from Titus Fine Arts, Beverly Hills, Calif., and are for sale.

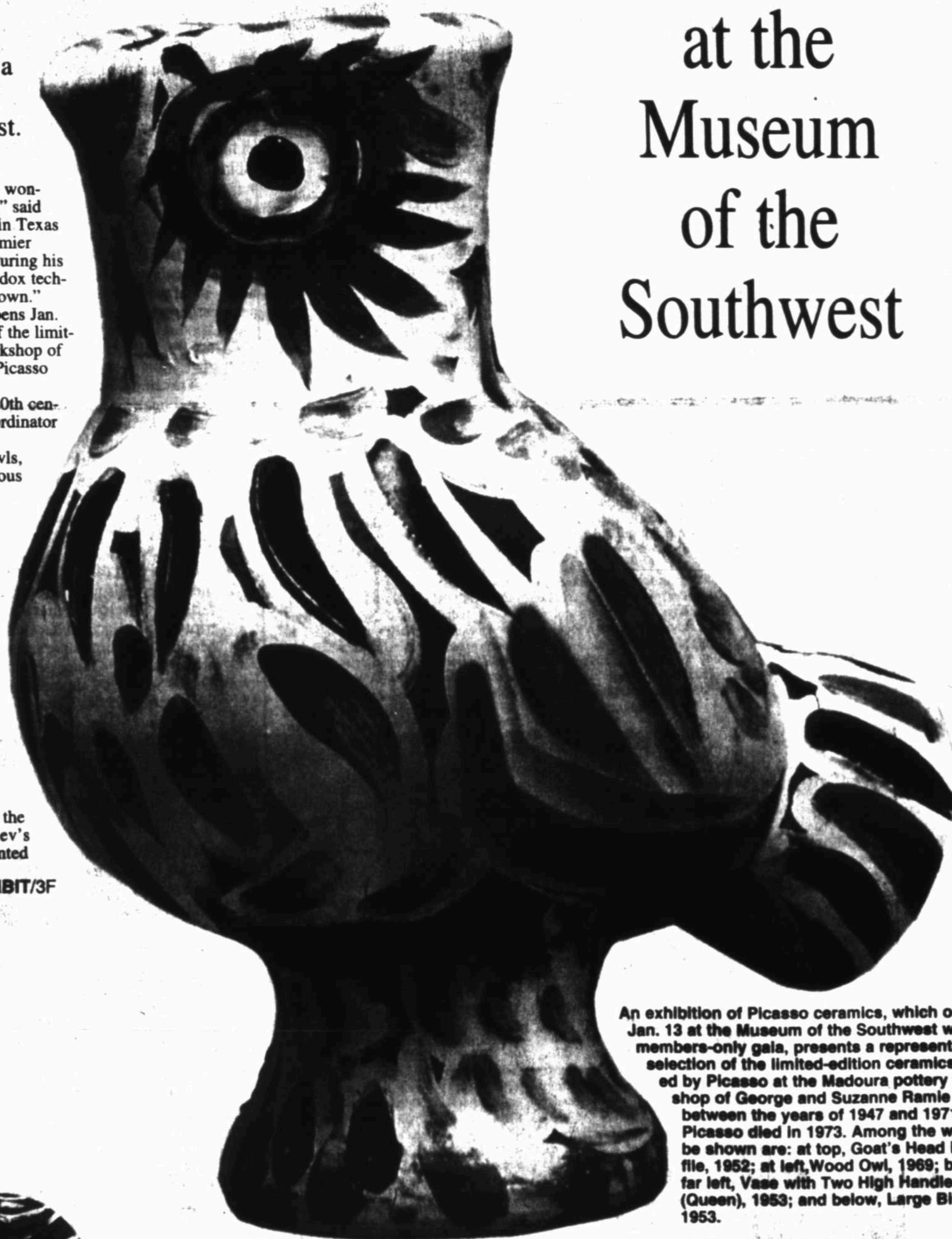
The ceramics are not. They are from the private collection of Ann and Edward Weston. Both showings will remain at the museum, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., until Feb. 20. Viewing hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. No admission is charged.

Born in Malaga, Spain in 1881, Picasso demonstrated in his early works that he was technically skilled in drawing and painting by the age of 15. He made his first trip Paris, then the center of painting, in 1900. At that time, he was experimenting with a number of established styles including impressionism, pointillism and symbolism.

"Picasso did not begin to become Picasso, in the art world or in the press, until he was pushing 40 and painted the scenery for Diaghilev's Russian ballet in London in 1918," wrote Tom Wolfe in "The Painted

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Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Joyce Nichols Lewis

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17 Pool shot

18 Actress Massey

19 Single Comb form

20 Memorable Bombardier

22 Peep

23 Cornish's hero

24 Family favorites

25 "The Piano Man," self-acclaimed

26 Hugs

28 Tribunal to avoid

31 Mineo

32 Reapers to be

33 Door part

34 Smallest greatest show

36 Peer Gynt's mother

40 Fire starter

41 "Good Times" star Esther

42 Grain

43 Ozzie and Harriet

45 Wings, to Caesar

46 PanAm competitor, once

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49 "Raisa — and cry"

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61 Tactless

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67 Spiny saltwater creature

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Jan. 9, 2000:

Others immediately sense your unusual strength. To make what you want happen, you are willing to go the distance and do whatever is necessary. You're capable of intense processing and transformation. You make a difference in others' lives, but most importantly you make those close to you happy. Family, real estate and domestic life remain high priorities. If you are single, romance blossoms once you decide a person is worthy of your commitment. Be careful. Someone you meet could be selling you a bill of goods. Spring relationships flourish, no matter what your status. If attached, make an investment in your home and to enhance your love life. AQUARIUS helps you make money.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

***** Finally, plans are to everyone's liking! Take off, and get together with others. Explore a special area of town, or go to an art show. Escaping your immediate setting fosters a new view. Emphasize your long-term common goals within a friendship. Tonight: Whenever you do is right!

This week: Take a back seat through Wednesday, even if you don't like some of the information that comes forward. You need to have it anyway.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Take time with that special person in your life. Though you might need to make a meeting or visit with a parent, prioritize. Let a loved one know how you feel. Be more vulnerable as feelings intensify. Instincts help you with someone close to you who might be overly demanding. Tonight: Take charge. This week: Getting what you want might require a convoluted action or a change. Do you really want to do this? Think carefully on Wednesday and Thursday.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Do nothing halfway, presently. Unexpected insights become possible when you make the effort to walk in another's shoes. Start developing a game plan to make your dreams more of a reality. Don't settle for less. Stay focused. A relationship intensifies as a result of your inner transformation. Tonight: Take in a movie.

This week: All eyes turn to you on

Monday or Tuesday. What has impeded your success becomes clear. Take action from Wednesday on.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** You are resourceful and have way too much energy for a partner! Pitch in, and clear out projects and errands. Another appreciates your efforts. Go out and visit with friends and relatives. Don't forget a special person who can be overly demanding at times. Another compliments you in his own way. Tonight: Listen to a friend's woes!

This week: Stretch, and walk in another's shoes. You gain greater empathy and understanding about a friend. Take charge on Wednesday and Thursday.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Don't be surprised if you have to navigate through unexpected events. A child or loved one evokes strong feelings in you. Choose not to react. Stay anchored in your responses. Feelings run high, but so does caring. Your ability to understand another and his ways make for a dynamic friendship. Tonight: Meet friends for dinner.

This week: Work with others, even if a higher-up is most testy. Think "week-end" from Wednesday on, and you'll feel better!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Others do more than their share to make your life work. They are willing to pitch in and get dirty doing a project. What is important is that they are with you. Rearrange a room and recharge your home with new vitality. Some of you simply need to take the time to visit with family members. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow.

This week: Others seek you out. All you need to do is be there. A long-overdue piece of information comes forth. You have a lot to mull over.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** You can count on another's good intentions. Get together with friends who have a mutual interest. Don't undermine yourself and react to a difficult conversation. Both you and another care a lot — you are simply coming from different points of view. Give this person breathing room. Tonight: Another responds to the glint in your eye.

This week: Dig into work and don't let others' issues get to you. You might hear something you would prefer not to hear.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Take a dynamic look at your finances. Not everything is under control. Keep your feet firmly planted on the ground when making domestic and financial decisions. What you want may not be realistic at this point. Be open to another route. Think in terms of expanding your work. Tonight: Take it easy at home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** You might opt for a whole new look or a change, though it might surprise others. Your imagination works overtime when dealing with possibilities — there really are many. A child or loved one adores you. Let good feelings come out. Visit and catch up on news over a leisurely meal. Tonight: Finish up your thank-you notes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Indulge and do what you want, for a change. Stop deferring to others. Be spontaneous. What remains a high personal priority, domestically, can be accomplished. Think through what is going on with a love relationship. Reverse a tendency to react in a certain manner, and your relationships will gain. Tonight: Skip out the door.

This week: What had been on hold creatively, finally loosens up.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Your personality sparkles. Others respond to your gestures. A long-time friendship could be changing into more. Are you ready for this? A Sunday outing proves to be more intense than you thought. Your spontaneity delights another; you are accepted here. You naturally bring out the best in others. Tonight: Do your thing.

This week: Expenses prove to be awesome at times, but, as always, you find a way around the problem.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** Take a break and think through a career move. Discussions with someone you respect put a whole different slant on the matter. Excuses mark your decisions. Perhaps you have gone overboard with recent spending. Instincts lead you in another direction. Follow through financially. Tonight: Take a night off.

This week: You beam in the week, challenging everyone. Though this attitude could normally bring hassles, now it clears the air.

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GOREN BRIDGE

Both vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
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♣ Q 10 9 8 2

SOUTH
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The bidding:
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
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Opening lead: Ace of ♠

Consider the spade suit in this diagram. It crops up frequently, and is often misplayed.

WATCH THOSE SPOTS

North had a difficult rebid to make, and chose a splinter bid, showing shortness in the bid suit. Taking that action with a singleton ace is debatable at best, since partner is likely to discount a possibly useful king in the suit. It had the additional disadvantage of highlighting the lead for the opponents.

Since the king of hearts was more likely to be with North than South, West chose to attack with the ace of hearts. East signaled encouragement with the five, and West continued with the queen of hearts and another, and the defenders collected their book in short order. East exited with a club to dummy's ace.

South came to hand with the ace of diamonds and correctly led the nine of trumps — leading the jack would force dummy to win the second spade and, as the card lie, West would have to come to a trump trick. When that held, declarer was able to repeat the spade finesse by leading the jack and then a low spade to the queen, hereby enabling declarer to draw four rounds of trumps and claim the rest of the tricks for the contract.

More interesting would have been for East to return the 13th heart at trick four. If declarer carelessly ruffs in dummy, the contract will be defeated.

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

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THE ARTS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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JANUARY 9-15, 2000

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

American Airpower Heritage Museum: EXHIBITION: Internationally recognized collection of authentic World War II artifacts and memorabilia, 9600 Wright Dr., Midland International Airport. Hours: Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 12-5 p.m. Call 563-1000. Admission charged. Group and student discounts available with prior reservation.

Arts Assembly of Midland: EXHIBIT: 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 Brigi Collection: EXHIBIT: Selected works by William A. Brigi, Garden Room, Midland Country Club, 6101 N. Highway 349, through February, 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 class today is "Artist as a Traveler." Tuition charged. EXHIBIT: Art Focus XC, paintings by Dallas area artists, through February 13. EXHIBIT: Journeys, children's book illustrations by Diane Stanley, through Feb. 13. Museum gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Sunday 2:00-5:00 p.m. 4909 E. University, Odessa, 550-3811. Exhibits are free.

Gallery 1114: EXHIBIT: Eclectic, including dolls, purses, clay pins, collages, fetishes, jewelry, shrines, boxes, journals, triptychs, books, and bags, through Jan. 15. Modern and contemporary art are featured at the gallery. Gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Thurs.-Sun. or by appointment, 1114 N. Big Spring, 685-9944. Free.

Thomas Kinkadee 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 Community Theatre: MUSICAL: Always, Patsy Cline, 2 p.m., Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado, 682-4111 or 570-4011. Admission charged.

Midland County Historical Museum: EXHIBIT: Stones Unturned, records of Confederate veterans buried in Fairview Cemetery, 301 W. Missouri, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 2-5 p.m., call 682-2931 or 688-8947. Free.

Midland County Historical Society: HISTORIC HOME: Z. Taylor Brown-Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland, 213 N. Weatherford, guided tours give fine capsule of Midland County History — open by appointment, call 682-2931. Free. Also available for rental for weddings and other special occasions.

Museum of the Southwest: EXHIBIT: In the Third Dimension: Sculpture selections from the Museum's collection, 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, Mon.-Thurs. 7:45 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri. 7:45 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. & Sun. 2-5 p.m., call 915 335-6646. Free.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum: EXHIBIT: Discover E (Engineering) demonstrates how engineers impact our everyday lives. This hands-on exhibit closes today, 1500 I-20 West, Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5 p.m., 683-4403. Admission charged.

The Presidential Museum: EXHIBIT: Season's Greetings from the White House, a collection of holiday greetings and Christmas gifts, through Jan. 15. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tues.-Sat., 622 N. Lee, Odessa, 915 332-7123. Admission

charged.

University of Texas of the Permian Basin: Gallery hours are Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 1-5 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m., 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-Saturday, 112 E. Murphy St., Odessa, 915 333-4072. Free.

MONDAY, JANUARY 10

Community Concerts: CONCERT: Joe Burgstaller and the Rafael Mendez Project, trumpet virtuoso and local band students, 7:30 p.m., Midland High School Auditorium, 906 W. Illinois, 682-1375. Admission charged.

The Haley Library and History Center: EXHIBITS: Permanent collections including paintings, bronzes, firearms and artifacts that exhibit pioneer settlement of the Great Southwest, spur collections, saddles from ranching pioneer families, and archival collections including photographs of turn of the century ranch life. The library houses 30,000 volumes on settlement of the region and the cattle industry. 1805 W. Indiana. Open Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 682-5785. Free.

Midland College: EXHIBIT: Warren Taylor celebrates his 20th anniversary as art instructor at Midland College with a retrospective exhibition of the past 25 years of his work, 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.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: EXHIBIT: Splash! Bang! Boom! explores the properties of matter, through January. 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.

Midland Palette Club: DEMONSTRATION: Jackie Zweiger demonstrates acrylic painting, 9:30 a.m., 907 W. Wadley. Free.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

Parker House Ranching Museum: EXHIBIT: Tom Lea, An Artist Correspondent in WWII. Museum hours are 10 am-3 pm Wed.-Sat., 1118 Maple (Maple and 13th St.), Odessa, 915-335-9918. Free.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

Midland College: OPENING RECEPTION: Warren Taylor, art instructor celebrating his 20th anniversary with Midland College, 5-7 p.m., McCormick Gallery, Allison Fine Arts Center, Midland College Campus, 3600 N. Garfield, 685-4553. Free.

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, Sculpture Gallery, through Jan. 7, 2001, Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri, Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5 p.m., 683-2882. Free.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

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.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

American Airpower Heritage Museum: SEMINAR: "Tribute to the Big Bird," part of the 2000 Remembrance of War series, features veterans who flew off to war in Boeing B-17 bombers, 2:00 p.m., Confederate Air Force Headquarters, 9600 Wright Drive, Midland International Airport, 563-1000. Free.

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.

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EXHIBIT: Midlanders can see Picasso's ceramic, graphic work

(From 1F)

Word," a book (first published in 1975) that enjoyed numerous editions. "Diaghilev & Co. were a tremendous (ital) *succes de scandale* in fashionable London. The wild dervishing of Nijinsky, the lurid costumes — it was all too deliciously (ital) *modern* (ital) for words. The Modernistic settings by Picasso, Andre Derain, and, later on, Matisse, were all part of the excitement, and (ital) *le monde* (ital) loved it."

Wolfe defines (ital) *le monde* (ital) as the cultural or art world — a small world in 1975 of some 10,000 souls worldwide that are "no more a part of 'the public,' the mob, the middle classes, than the artists are. ...

"The public that buys books in hardcover and paperback by the millions, the public that buys records by

the billions and fills stadiums for concerts, the public that spends \$100 million on a single movie — this public affects taste, theory and artistic outlook in literature, music and drama, even though the courtly elites hang on somewhat desperately in each field." Wolfe said. "The same has never been true in art."

By 1920, to be fashionable in (ital) *le monde* (ital), Wolfe said, "was to be (ital) *modern* (ital)."

Once (ital) *le monde* (ital) discovered the thoroughly (ital) *modern* (ital) Picasso, who had lived in the legendary unlit attic and painted at night with a candlestick in one hand, his hangouts, dress and acquaintances changed.

"Picasso now stayed at the Savoy," Wolfe wrote, "had lots of clothes made on Bond Street and nearby,

including a set of tails, went to all the best parties, and parties were never better, was set up with highly publicized shows of his paintings, and became a social lion — which he remained, tales of the aging recluse notwithstanding, until he was in his 70s.

"Back in Paris, the new Picasso turned up at the theater with his kid gloves, canes, tall hats, capes, and dinner clothes, and the linings gave you a little silk flash every time he wheeled about in the lobby to chat with one of his new friends." Picasso was adept at, what Wolfe called, double tracking: playing with equal skill the roles of artist and persona.

He was also interested in adapting his work to other mediums. In 1946, after seeing the works of the Madoura potters at a crafts' fair, Picasso asked

the Ramies to introduce him to ceramics. The couple set aside a place for the artist to work at his convenience, and Picasso allowed them to make and produce editions of the pieces he created.

"He kept virtually all of his own thrown pieces, most of which are now owned by his family or by museums," said the text for the Picasso Ceramic Editions Exhibitions. The studio produced 633 different Picasso ceramic works in limited editions ranging from 25 to 500.

"Picasso's actual involvement in the various objects varied greatly," the text said. "While sometimes he made the clay molds used for designs, other times he simply dabbed paint on a plate or pitcher taken from the drying racks. Under Picasso's supervision, Madoura's artisans then produced the

editions."

Viewing samples of the work he created at the Madoura pottery workshop in "The Picasso Ceramic Editions: From the Ann and Edward Weston Collection" exhibition at the Museum of the Southwest is made possible through the local support of Catherine B. Taylor, Arts Assembly of Midland, Celeste Fasken, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis O'Neal, Jane and Andrew Swartz, Mr. and Mrs. C.E.S. Bellows, the III, and the Texas Commission on the Arts.

Both exhibitions offer visitors, Holvea said, "A fantastic opportunity to see more than 60 ceramic vessels by Picasso as well as dozens of graphic works. Seldom, if ever, does a museum in West Texas showcase an artist of such international influence and renown."



SKYWATCH

By Gene & Connie Hardy

Things are looking up for this new millennium. (Being a new millennium is a whole other subject, with proponents on both sides of the discussion, so we won't get into that!)

On Jan. 20, the Americas will observe a total true lunar eclipse. A lunar eclipse is a dramatic introduction to one of the spectacular spectacles of astronomy! Starting at 9:01 p.m. CST, the Earth's shadow will begin its trek across the moon's face. Young and old will enjoy this one! Totality is scheduled to begin at 10:05 p.m. and end at 11:22 p.m. CST.

Sunlight refracted and penetrating the earth's atmosphere produces the colors caused by sunrise twilights in eastern Europe south to Africa, and sunset twilights from Alaska south to the South Pole. Weather permitting, we will witness a very large, red-orange, full moon high in the eastern sky. The colors on the moon's face will change from its usual yellow-white to deepening orange as the earth's shadow falls across it.

Need for eye protection is optional, and you'll probably be concerned with keeping warm while you settle in for observing. (Cheese and crackers and a warm beverage could help too!) The eclipse will begin on the left side of the moon. If you are in possession of good binoculars or a telescope equipped with a moon filter, you can watch each crater fall into the darkening shadow. You may also want to train a camcorder or still camera on the moon for this! Use a tripod or brace it well. The best exposures will be made when the moon is 3/4 covered.

It might be of interest to prepare young viewers for the mechanics of an eclipse by using a couple of balls or balloons and a flashlight, showing how the shadow is made by the "earth" on the "moon" from the flashlight's beam. Let them have fun with this, and you will too, providing an awesome memory of this event.

Lunar eclipses have certain challenges, one main one being the detection time of first visual evidence on the fringe. It could also vary as much as 30 minutes, depending where you are located, so stay alert. Also prior to the shadow, moon glare may be uncomfortable, so keep dark glasses handy. You can make a game of estimating the exact center time of totality — no cheating, now! Have everyone write down their "guesstimate" and later compare. (Hint: Record beginning and ending totality times to arrive at the winning time). Enjoy this month's big event!

Also be on the lookout for Orion, the Hunter, rising in the east. This very familiar constellation is easy to spot with the three stars of his belt. It is part of the Winter Circle, on which we will elaborate more next month.

Some other interesting January dates:

Jan. 2 — Sundials were 4 minutes late

Jan. 5 — Latest sunrise of the year at latitude 40 North (Midland is at 32 N)

Jan. 6 — New Moon

Jan. 17 — Sundials will be 10 minutes slow

Jan. 20 — Full Moon and Eclipse

Beginning this month, the Blakemore Planetarium will be featuring a new series of Astronomy mini-lessons. The first one will be given at 4 p.m. Jan. 9 at the regularly scheduled show time. Admission will be the same as any sky-show, and will include a Star Talk at the end. These are separate units, so that you needn't worry about missing any over the whole course. For the interested astronomer, it will give a comprehensive overview equivalent to a 2-year college course. And for the occasional showgoer, any given segment will be complete in itself.

As always, telescope viewing follows the Friday 8 p.m. Sky Show in Haley Park behind the Planetarium, conditions being favorable. Come search the skies "under the stars" with us!

Trinity to perform musical revue at Cole Theatre

From Staff Reports

Trinity School Fine Arts Department will be performing "Songs for a New World" at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday at Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.

The cast includes Matt Hinkley, Jerrod Moore, Kelly Rathbone and Melanie Senard. The show also features Darryl Knapp on the piano. Music and lyrics are by Jason Robert Brown, who recently won a Tony for his score for "Parade." The composer and lyricist will be in Midland for a day to work with the cast on this production.

This musical revue has no connecting plot but rather a powerful underlying theme that connects each of the songs. The musical focuses on moments in life when everything is working out as planned, when there is nothing to fear, and suddenly life changes and throws a person into disorder and uncertainty, causing the individual to feel like a stranger in a new world. The revue deals with learning to survive these circumstances.

"Songs for a New World" is being presented as a fund-raiser for the Trinity High School Choir, which will travel to Europe over spring break to sing in cathedrals in England and France.

Tickets are \$10. Call 699-2388, 699-7471, or 694-0147 for reservations.

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Art professor's works shown

The first exhibition of 2000 in the McCormick Gallery at Midland College will be the past and present works of college art professor, Warren Taylor. A public reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday will open the show.

The exhibition features works from the past 25 years and a current series of works with music themes. Taylor joined the MC faculty in the fall of 1979. This will mark his first solo exhibition in the college gallery, which is located in the Allison Fine Arts Building.

The artist is currently featured in the Winsor-Newton International Competition at St. James Palace in London. This exhibition will travel to Stockholm, Brussels and New York. Taylor is one of five American artists represented in the exhibition that globally drew 22,000 entries.

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Midland Community Theatre
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Midland Community Theatre
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JAN 2000

The Week Ahead

Arts and Entertainment opportunities in the Permian Basin Jan. 9-15

Sunday, Jan. 9

Art collection

Gallery 1114 is presenting a collection of art from artists around the country through Jan. 15 at 1114 N. Big Spring St. Artists include Sara Austin, Keely Barham, Kerrie Carbery, Sarah Fishburn, Bruce Kremer, Lynne Perrella, Judi Riesch, and Roslyn Stendahl. Their mix will include dolls, purses, clay pins, collages, fetishes and jewelry. Additionally, there will be shrines, boxes, journals, triptychs, books, and bags. Gallery hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, or by appointment by calling 685-9944.

Musical planned

GREENWOOD — The Greenwood Theatre Arts Department will present the musical "Grease" at 2:30 p.m. today in the Greenwood High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and \$2 for children 12 and under.

Art from Ukraine

SAN ANTONIO — The San Antonio Museum of Art, 200 W. Jones, is the first venue for a ground-breaking exhibition of ancient artifacts from Ukraine. The exhibit known as "Gold of the Nomads" continues until Jan. 30.

The result of three years of work by both Americans and Ukrainians, this exhibition is the first to travel to the United States from Ukraine since the dissolution of the Soviet Union. Many artifacts have been excavated only recently and will be seen for the first time. Co-curators are Dr. Gerry Scott and Dr. Ellen Reeder. For more information check the facility's web site, www.samuseum.org. The exhibit culminates at the Louvre in Paris.

Monday, Jan. 10

Arts, entertainment figures who died in 1999...

By Polly Anderson
Associated Press

Mel Torme was revered as a singer's singer for his beautiful phrasing and interpretation of lyrics. The average Joe knew him as well, for the Christmas classic that begins, "Cheernuts roasting on an open fire..."

Stanley Kubrick, with screen successes of "Dr. Strangelove," "Lolita," and "2001: A Space Odyssey," may have saved his best for last. "Eyes Wide Shut" opened 12 years after "Full Metal Jacket" and four months after his death.

Yehudi Menuhin astounded generations of classical fans with his violin technique. Mario Puzo created the unforgettable Corleone family, and Donald Mills sang with The Mills Brothers — an early financial success among black musicians.

They are among notables in the arts and entertainment world who died in 1999. Others are:

JANUARY:
Irene Castle, 80. Longtime actor and "Crying Indian" in 1970s TV commercials, whose tear-stained face became symbol of anti-war protest. Jan. 4.
Michael Peacock, 26. Jazz pianist known for improvisation and sense of harmony. Jan. 6. Lung infection.
William H. Whyte, 81. Wrote "The Organization Man," a best seller in which he warned against corporate conformity. Jan. 12.
Betty Lou Gerson, 84. Voice of villainess Cruella De Vil in Disney's animated "101 Dalmatians." Jan. 12.
Frances Gower, 92. As a young Frankie Germaine tried out songs for brothers George and Ira before becoming a respected pianist. Jan. 18.
Lucille Kallen, 76. Only woman among comedy writers for Sid Caesar's "Your Show or Shows," who were depicted in Neil Simon's "Laughter on the 23rd Floor." Jan. 18.
Charles Strassberg, 60. Actress and daughter of acting coach Lee Strasberg; played Anne Frank on Broadway. Jan. 21. Cancer.
Charles Brown, 76. California blues pianist, singer and composer whose "cool blues" style influenced such artists as Ray Charles. Jan. 21.
Robert Shaw, 82. Leader of the Robert Shaw Chorus and Atlanta Symphony and Chorus. Jan. 25.
Sarah Calley, 106. Sister of Beale and co-actor of "Honeydew" and "The Dorsey Sisters." First 100 Years, a best-selling memoir on growing up black in pre-civil rights era. Jan. 25.
Lil St. Cyr, 80. Premier stripteaseer in later years of burlesque. Jan. 25.
Hunt Hall, 78. Star of more than 100 "Beverly Hills" and "Dead End Kids" films in the 1930s-50s. Jan. 30.

FEBRUARY:
Paul Mellon, 91. Used inherited fortune to set up Cape Hatteras (N.C.) National Seashore and put van Gogh in American museums. Feb. 1.
Gwen Guthrie, 42. R&B singer and songwriter whose 1956 "Ain't Nothin' Goin' On But the Rent" popularized the phrase "no romance without finance." Feb. 3. Uterine cancer.
Dante Hirsch, 79. Modern British novelist admired for such works as "A Sacred Heart" and "The Black Prince." Feb. 8.
Buddy Wayne Knox, 54. Proboscis singer who led the charts with "Party Doll" in the 1950s. Feb. 14. Cancer.
Andre Dubus, 62. Short-story writer acclaimed for collections such as "Dancing After Hours." Feb. 24.
Jose Quintana, 74. Tony-winning director whose productions of Eugene O'Neill plays including "Long Day's Journey into Night" renewed interest in the American playwright. Feb. 28.
John L. Goldwater, 85. Creator of the comic book characters Archie, the red-haired, average teen-ager, and his friends Jughead, Betty and Veronica. Feb. 28.

MARCH:
Dusty Springfield, 55. Husky-voiced soul singer of 1960s hits such as "Son of a Preacher Man" and "Wetter and Wetter." March 2. Breast cancer.
Richard Kiley, 78. Baritone who won a Tony as Broadway's original "Man of La Mancha." March 5.
Stanley Kubrick, 70. Visionary cinema crafts-

MCC venue

On the Midland Community Concerts' venue for the 1999-2000 "Season of a Century" are Joe Burgstaller performing the music of Rafael Mendez, Monday; The Cassidys presenting Celtic music and step-dancing, Feb. 4; and Jay Ungar and Molly Mason playing the fiddle and guitar, April 7.

All concerts are held at Midland High School Auditorium. Curtain is at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. CC books and guarantees payment to its artists months in advance of their appearances, thus the series relies on season subscriptions. And memberships are still available. Prices are: adult season subscription, \$45; family season subscription (two adults and any number of students), \$90; and student season subscription, full time students through college, \$15.

Tickets for individual concerts, if available, may be purchased at \$25 for adults and \$10 for students. For more information call 620-0033.

Tuesday, Jan. 11

Holiday collection

ODESSA — The Presidential Museum has brought in a collection of holiday greetings and Christmas gifts, "Season's Greetings from the White House," which will be on display through Jan. 15.

The presidential Christmas theme of peace on earth and goodwill to all has varied over the years. President Coolidge issued the first official Christmas message to the American people in 1927; every chief executive since has delivered a Christmas message to the American people.

The Presidential Museum is located at the corner of 7th and Lee in downtown Odessa. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information contact the

museum at (915) 332-7123.

Wednesday, Jan. 12

Globetrotters

Tickets are on sale for the 1999-2000 Harlem Globetrotters North American Tour, "Positively Magical," sponsored by Denny's restaurants, to be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Chaparral Center.

Ticket prices for the tour range from \$15 to \$20, with discounts offered for youth 12 and under, senior citizens, Midland College students and employees, and groups of 15 or more. They can be purchased at the Chaparral Center box office, CD Warehouse in Midland, Endless Horizons Discount in Odessa, Sound Decision in Big Spring, or by phone at (800) 462-7979.

For updates on the team, visit the official web site of the Harlem Globetrotters at www.harlemglobetrotters.com.

Art lessons

First Baptist Church is offering art lessons taught by Virginia Whitten of Big Spring 1 p.m. Wednesdays in the activities building.

The classes are open to beginners through advanced, offering lessons in oil, watercolor and mixed-media.

For more information call the activities building at 683-0647 or 915-263-4245.

Saturday, Jan. 15

Live broadcast

Verdi's "Rigoletto" will be broadcast live from the stage of the Metropolitan Opera House at 12:30 p.m. Central Time over the Texaco-Metropolitan Opera International Radio Network. It will be heard locally over radio station KCRS.

Leo Nucci will be heard as

Rigoletto, with Sumi Jo as Gilda, Marcelo Alvarez as the Duke of Mantua, Victoria Livengood as Maddalena, and Franz Hawlata as Sparafucile. Russian conductor Vladimir Jurowski will make his Met broadcast debut, and the announcer for the broadcast will be Peter Allen.

There will be two segments during the first intermission. First Steven Blier, pianist and co-artistic director of the New York Festival of Song, will give his choices for the "Singer's Hall of Fame," a special intermission series celebrating the 60th anniversary of Texaco sponsorship of the Metropolitan Opera's live Saturday afternoon broadcasts. Metropolitan Opera Guild lecturer Bridget Paolucci will follow with a segment entitled "Tearful Moments in Verdi."

Panelists for "Texaco's Opera Quiz," heard during the second intermission, will be Blier, Ms. Paolucci and Phillip Gainsley, a trial lawyer and writer and lecturer on music theater. The moderator will be Brian Zeger, a pianist and faculty member of the Juilliard School and the Music Academy of the West.

Visit the Texaco web site at www.texaco.com or the Metropolitan Opera web site at www.metopera.org for more information.

Upcoming in Midland/Odessa

Exhibition set

Midland Arts Association Spring Juried Art Exhibition will be held March 2 to April 9 at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri.

The show is by slide entry with due date for slides by Jan. 5. An opening reception for the show is set for 7 to 9 p.m. March 2. Cash awards of \$2,500 will be presented at that time.

Three slides may be entered for an entry fee of \$25 for MAA members and \$30 for non-members.

Mary Kay Bergman, 38. Actress whose voice was heard in "Julien" and as the mother of "South Park" characters Stan, Cartman and Kenny. Nov. 11. Suicide.

Gaby Casadeus, 98. French pianist known for duets with her husband. Nov. 11.

Donald Miller, 84. Last of the singing Mills Brothers. Nov. 13.

Jay Moloney, 35. Onetime "boy wonder" talent agent who represented Hollywood celebrities such as Leonardo DiCaprio and Steven Spielberg. Nov. 16. Suicide.

Doug Sahm, 58. Led rock band the Sir Douglas Quintet and Grammy-winning Texas Tornados. Nov. 18. Heart disease.

Paul Bowles, 88. American author and composer best known for "The Sheltering Sky" and other novels set in North Africa. Nov. 18.

Horst P. Horst, 93. Photographer of the famous, including Harry Truman, Marlene Dietrich and Maria Callas. Nov. 18.

Alexander Liberman, 87. Artist and editorial director at Conde Nast who influenced what women wore and how the media portrayed it. Nov. 19.

Quentin Crisp, 90. Eccentric British-born writer, performer and raconteur best-known for his autobiography, "The Naked Civil Servant." Nov. 21.

Ashley Montagu, 94. Anthropologist known for

rigorous research and witty, accessible writing in books such as "The Natural Superiority of Women." Nov. 28.

Hazel Frederick, 91. Passerby with the quizzical look in the intro to Mary Tyler Moore TV show in which Moore tossed her hat into the air. Nov. 28.

Gene Rayburn, 81. Jocular host who winked at double entendres on TV's popular "Match Game." Nov. 29.

DECEMBER:

Joey Adams, 88. Veteran funnyman whose prolific career spanned vaudeville, the Catskills, television and a newspaper column. Dec. 2.

Charles Byrd, 74. Versatile guitarist who fused Latin, classical, and jazz styles. Dec. 2.

Mike Coltrane, 63. Directed long-running Broadway musicals "Me and My Girl" and "Crazy for You." Dec. 2. Leukemia.

Madeline Kahn, 57. Oscar-nominated actress-comedian best known for daffy and lusty characters in "Paper Moon" and Mel Brooks farces such as "Blazing Saddles." Dec. 3. Ovarian cancer.

Joseph Heller, 78. His daffy comic first novel "Catch-22" defined the term for the no-nonsense dialogue and added a phrase to the American language. Dec. 12.

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The exhibition is partly supported by the Texas Commission on the Arts and the Arts Assembly of Midland.

Artist Xiang Zhang will present a workshop in oils March 3-5 at the Midland Palette Club.

Advanced registration is required. The fee is \$175 for three days, \$67 per day, and is due by Feb. 3, 2000.

Zhang is a member of the Oil Partners of America. He grew up in China and graduated from the Central Academy of Drama in Beijing.

The artists' work has won awards in both regional and juried shows. His painting "Kid's Band," a group portrait of young jazz musicians, received a merit award in the 1995 Arts for the Parks Competition.

The three day workshop will include working with a model and still life.

Contact Doris Spires or Marie Marinovich at 682-8401 or 699-7136 for more information.

Musical comedy

ODESSA — Permian Playhouse is presenting another helping of "Texas Toast." This year's production will be "That's Show Biz," a musical comedy that chronicles the variety of ways that man has invented to entertain himself. The stars of the show are locals.

The production is being directed by Frank and Betty Ann Barrow of Denton. This marks the 6th time that Texas Toast has come to Odessa. The show is scheduled for February. Dates and times will be announced later.

For more information call 550-5456 or (915) 362-2329 after 1 p.m.

Play presented

ODESSA — Agatha Christie weaves a web of mystery in "The Mousetrap" at Permian Play-

house, 310 W. 42nd, Jan. 28-30, and Feb. 4 & 5. Curtain is at 8 p.m. Sunday matinee is at 2:30 p.m.

The production, which tells of a group of strangers stranded in a boarding house during a snow storm, one of whom is a murderer, is being directed by Rene Chambers. Tickets are on sale now: \$10 adults, \$8 students & senior citizens.

Call 915-550-5456 or 915-362-2329 for reservations.

Midlanders/Odessans in the News

Book published

Thomas Hohstadt, former conductor of the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorus, Inc., has published a book called "Dying to Live: The 21st Century Church." The book is available locally and on line through Barnes & Noble Booksellers as well as on line at www.amazon.com.

Hohstadt, who lives in Odessa, has spent his summers teaching at the International Worship Institute in Dallas and has conducted workshops in Dallas, San Antonio and New Mexico. He plans to have a local signing this spring. The tentative time and date are 2 p.m. Jan. 29 at the Midland Barnes & Noble Booksellers.

Opera broadcast

Former Midlander Susan Graham will be heard on the Texaco-Metropolitan Opera International Radio Broadcast on Jan. 29. The broadcast will be heard locally over KCRS.

Strauss' "Der Rosenkavalier" will be heard at noon (Central).

James Levine will conduct. Ms. Graham also was heard in the world broadcast premiere of Harbison's "The Great Gatsby." Miss Graham, a mezzo soprano, performed this fall with the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorus.

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Activity in the oilpatch could show new year increases with higher drilling rig counts and workover activity.

Crystal deal final

El Paso Energy Corp. has completed its acquisition of Crystal Gas Storage, Inc. Under the agreement, each holder of Crystal Gas Storage common stock received \$57 per share in cash.

"We are pleased to close the Crystal acquisition in a timely manner," said William A. Wise, president and chief executive officer of El Paso Energy Corp.

"The Crystal assets provide the flexibility, high deliverability, and multiple pipeline interconnects necessary to meet the gas supply demands of new plants in the competitive power market."

Share of shares

Heimerich & Payne Inc., will repurchase an additional \$20 million of its stock, boosting the number of shares it may buy back by 50 percent.

The Tulsa, Oklahoma-based company said its directors authorized the repurchase of an additional 1 million shares. The company previously approved a buyback of about 2 million shares.

Heimerich & Payne has already repurchased 999,100 shares under the original plan and plans to acquire more in the open market or in private transactions. The repurchased shares will be used for general corporate purposes, including in the company benefits plans, the company said.

Heimerich's stock, which rose 12 percent last year, was unchanged at 20 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Office closes

Texaco announced plans to close its Hobbs District Office later this year and move approximately 19 employees to Midland.

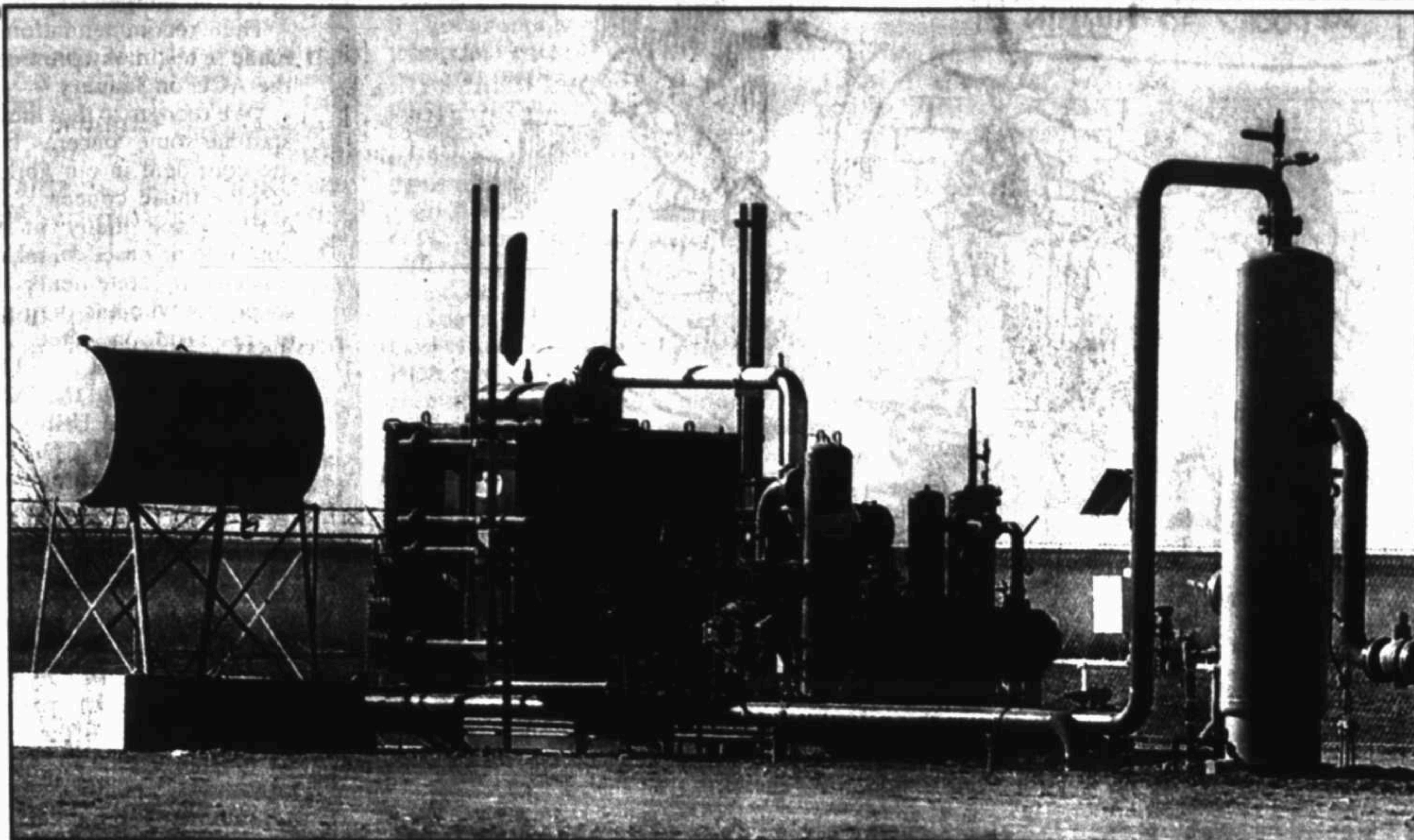
Texaco has 67 employees in Hobbs of which 27 work in the Hobbs office. Texaco Permian Basin Business Unit Manager Richard Schneider said 19 of the 27 employees would take employment in Midland and the remainder would move into a field location.

Schneider said the move would take place later this year, perhaps in mid-summer, after Texaco's lease in Hobbs expires. "New Mexico is a very important part of our business," said Schneider, "but this consolidation will provide a greater degree of efficiency for Texaco and greater lifestyle stability for our employees."

Schneider said there was no plan to close the Midland office.

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CMS Oil & Gas recently completed Lena 1801H which flowed 12 MMcf/d and 1,000 barrels of condensate, which helped establish the Devonian horizontal gas play. Opened in 1995 by Mobil and Texaco, the horizontal drilling play utilizes laterals of over one mile to access commercial quantities of the low permeable reservoir rock. CMS has 19,000 gross and 13,000 net acres in the play.

Photo by Tim Fischer

Devonian horizontal gas play continues

By John Pitts
Oil Editor

The Devonian horizontal gas play continues to expand and prove profitable for Permian Basin operators.

Started in 1995 by Mobil and Texaco in the Parks and Bryant "G" field areas, the play was extended significantly last September by a CMS Oil & Gas discovery near Midland. While the exact area of the play is not yet defined, CMS Oil & Gas, which has 19,000 acres in the area, estimates that its play area could cover 25 square miles and result in another 100 wells.

In the latest development CMS Oil & Gas, this week, announced details of another successful natural gas development well, the completion of its Lela 1801H, one mile south of Midland.

According to a spokesman for CMS, the new development well, and the third successful well in the Devonian formation, flowed at a rate of 12 million cubic feet per day of 1,300 Btu natural gas and an estimated 1,000 barrels of condensate per day through a 36/64" choke at a flowing casing pressure of 2,200 pounds per square inch.

CMS holds a 90 percent working interest in the Lela well, and Texaco

owns approximately a 10 percent interest. The well was drilled vertically to a depth of approximately 11,800 feet and horizontally a distance of approximately 5,600 feet and began production Dec. 9. CMS says it plans to step up the pace of its Devonian development.

In September 1999, the company announced a significant natural gas discovery with its first Devonian gas well, the Garrett 1701H, and later announced a second Devonian well, the Garrett 1702H. The Garrett 1701H well flowed at a rate of 5.7 million cubic feet of 1,300 Btu gas and approximately 200 barrels of condensate per day. The Garrett 1702H development well flowed at a rate of 10 million cubic feet per day of 1,300 Btu natural gas and an estimated 500 barrels of condensate per day. CMS Oil and Gas Company holds a 100 percent working interest in the wells.

Currently the company's three wells are selling 10 million Mcf per day and 600 barrels of condensate to CMS Field Services for delivery to Duke, GPM and Western Gas. Louis Acevedo, CMS Oil & Gas General Manager in Midland, said the long reach horizontal laterals, most of which extend over a mile, and access more reservoir

rock, are proving to be the right technology for the Devonian gas play.

"We have a good team of drillers and we are not encountering a lot of mechanical problems in these long reach wells," said Acevedo. He said CMS was not drilling multilaterals in the wells because it chooses to cement liners. "We feel we can do a better job of stimulation with the cemented liner," said Acevedo.

Texaco, on the other hand, which has drilled or reentered more than 40 vertical and horizontal Devonian wells in the Bryant "G" field, and completes open hole, has had several multi-lateral successes in the Devonian. "We think multiple laterals are a viable option," said Rick Schneider, Texaco Permian Basin Asset Manager.

Schneider said that Texaco along with Mobil drilling in the Parks field helped kick off the Devonian play in 1995, and increased production in the Bryant "G" increased from 2-4 MMcf/d in 1995 to 37 MMcf/d in 1998. He said horizontal drilling had helped arrest rapid declines in the field.

With a second Nabors rig on board, CMS expects to drill as many as 18 more wells in the play this year, but says that number will not come close to fully developing the play. With the

Garrett 1703-H and Lela 1802-H underway, CMS now considers the play strictly development with long life reserves.

"We expect these to be long life, because of the low permeability limestone," said Acevedo, an Oklahoma University graduate who first worked in the Basin as an Enserch engineer and has been in Midland for the past six years.

He said the Devonian horizontal play and other plays CMS are working on insures that the company will be a major player in the Basin for years to come. Given the depth of CMS experience and resources, and the company's involvement in the Devonian horizontal and other plays, he said the company with a capital budget of \$40 million for 2000 will be a major player in the Basin.

Brad Fischer, president of CMS Oil and Gas Co. said he expected 2000 to be a very active exploration and development year for the company which is redeploying capital through the planned sales of non-strategic assets in Michigan and Ecuador. "With the recovery of oil and gas prices and our success in 1999, I'm confident about our prospects for significant growth in 2000."

Plains All American arranges new \$65 million term credit facility

HOUSTON (PRNewswire) — Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. announced that one of its subsidiary operating partnerships had entered into a \$65 million senior secured term credit facility with Banque Paribas on December 31, 1999. The facility is secured by a portion of the 5.2 million barrels of crude oil line fill being sold by the Partnership and receivables from certain related sales contracts. Proceeds from the financing will be used to fund the Partnership's working capital requirements.

"This financing enabled us to accelerate the realization of a significant portion of the previously announced crude oil line fill sale," said Phil Kramer, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Plains All American Inc. "As a result, the Partnership's overall liquidity is significantly improved. Additionally, we will also receive an aggregate of approximately \$36 million in January and February from line fill sales contracts that were not a part of this financing." The sale of the crude oil line fill started December 1, 1999, and is expected to be substantially completed in February.

Kramer noted that the Paribas facility will be repaid in installments as proceeds from the financed sales contracts are received. The facility has a final maturity of March 24, 2000. "I want to publicly express our appreciation to all of our financial institutions for their continued support," Kramer stated.

Except for the historical information contained herein, the matters discussed in this news release are forward-looking statements that involve certain risks and uncertainties. These risks and uncertainties include, among other things, demand for various grades of crude oil and resulting changes in pricing conditions, availability of third party production volumes for transportation and marketing, the availability to Plains All American of credit on satisfactory terms, and other factors and uncertainties inherent in the marketing, transportation, terminalling, gathering and storage of crude oil discussed in Plains All American's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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Halliburton CEO to speak in Midland

John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

As a new millennium dawns, the Chief Executive Officer of one of the nation's top oil and gas service companies will provide local engineers insight on the oil industry in the new century.

Dick Cheney, Halliburton CEO and former Secretary of Defense, will address a luncheon meeting of Society of Petroleum Engineers at Midland Petroleum Club on January 18.

Cheney, who grew up in Wyoming, joined Halliburton, after a long and distinguished career in government, which culminated in four years as Secretary of Defense in the Bush Administration. He will address the joint SPE Section/ Business Study Group on current events and trends in the oil and gas industry.

After earning BA and MA degrees from the University of Wyoming, he joined the Nixon Administration in 1969, serving in a number of positions including the Cost of Living Council, Office of Economic Opportunity and the White House. When Gerald Ford assumed the presidency in 1974, he was asked to serve on the transition team, and in 1975 was named Assistant to the President and White House Chief of Staff.

In 1977, he returned to Wyoming and was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. He was reelected five times, and served the Republican Party as Chairman of the Policy Committee and House Minority Whip.

He became Secretary of Defense under President Bush and helped direct the two largest U.S. military operations in recent times — Operation Just Cause in Panama and Desert Storm in the Middle East. After Desert Storm he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

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John Paul Pitts

Some observations on the unfolding of 2000

As we head into a new year, just a few observations, questions and comments about the state of energy affairs.

YEAR'S TOP STORY? — The Reporter-Telegram put the vote for the new \$35 million stadium as the number one story of 1999. I am not so sure about that. In my estimation the number two story, the crash of oil prices, probably should have had the number one slot.

According to my calculations the crash of oil prices which lasted from November 1997 to February 1999 resulted in the loss of over \$4.5 billion in revenues for the Permian Basin. That's enough to build more than

120 new stadiums. I couldn't find a way to confine revenue losses to Midland County, but I am sure our share of the loss was enough to build at least a handful of stadiums.

For every \$1 drop in oil prices the Permian Basin oil companies loses about \$1 million a day in revenue.

When oil prices drop an average of \$10 a barrel and stay down for 430



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GASOLINE PRICES TOO HIGH? — President Clinton says oil prices and gasoline prices are getting too high. For all those miffed at high gasoline prices, be glad your vehicle doesn't run on snapple, scope, gatorade, Lipton ice tea or Evian water. The cost per a gallon of snapple—\$10.32; for a gallon of scope, \$84.84.

Gatorade is \$10.17 per gallon, Lipton ice tea \$9.52, and Evian water \$21.39.

GOOD YEAR FOR OIL PRICES? — According to a report in

the latest issue of Business Week, 2000 could be a good year for oil prices. The feature article on energy says inventories are shrinking, demand is up and OPEC is showing resolve in keeping to its production quotas.

Stanley Reed, London correspondent for Business Week, says prices could go as high as \$35, but notes that an \$18 to \$21 price might be more sustainable.

He said a recent \$500 million sale of North Sea properties was predicated on \$18 per barrel. Another source, Kiplinger's, has predicted a 25 percent drop in oil prices this year.

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By Norman Johnson



Conoco to introduce revolutionary carbon fiber

(AP) — Conoco Inc. will soon introduce a revolutionary petroleum-based carbon fiber with unique applications in the electronics, composite materials, plastics, automotive, construction, transportation and other niche markets.

"We are excited about this new product and its great market potential," said Jim Nokes, Conoco executive vice president. "It is vastly different from existing carbon-based fibers and has unique properties that can enhance existing products and open the door to new markets."

Twelve years in development, the new carbon fiber will be manufactured using several of Conoco's many proprietary processes for carbon upgrading. Conoco's core competency in carbon upgrading has long made the company a global leader in producing high-value products from low-value petroleum feedstocks.

Our new carbon fiber can economically compete with alternative materials ...

Bob Allison,
Anadarko chief executive

Nokes emphasized that significant economic advantages are realized from Conoco's patented manufacturing process: "By using low-valued refinery product streams instead of high-cost chemical feedstocks that are used to make most traditional carbon fibers, we are able to significantly reduce plant

construction and manufacturing costs," Nokes said. "Our new carbon fiber can economically compete with alternative materials and offer customers opportunities to significantly reduce total project or product costs," he added.

Nokes said construction of an eight million pound-per-year manufacturing plant would begin in the second quarter of 2000. The \$125 million plant will be built adjacent to the company's refinery in Ponca City, Okla., and will begin commercial production in the second half of 2001. Nokes said Conoco's long-term presence in Ponca City and the existing Conoco infrastructure, including research and development units, were critical factors in the decision to locate the first carbon fiber plant in Ponca City. Conoco is a major, integrated energy company based in Houston and active in 40 countries.

ONEOK vows to proceed with Southwest Gas merger

TULSA — ONEOK, Inc., seeking Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) approval to merge with Southwest Gas Corp., says it plans to move forward with the proposed merger and address concerns raised in a recent recommendation by the ACC staff to delay the merger.

That recommendation was made in testimony presented to the ACC on January 4.

"We recognize that the ACC staff has some concerns, but we are confident in our ability to resolve those concerns, especially since many of them appear to be based on false and misleading statements made by people who had their merger proposals rejected," said ONEOK President David Kyle.

Kyle pointed out that the Arizona Residential Utility Consumers Office (RUCO), which is charged with safeguarding the interests of Arizona utility ratepayers, testified on January 4 that the terms of the proposed ONEOK-Southwest merger were "particularly advantageous" to Arizona ratepayers.

The RUCO testimony stated that the terms of the proposed merger include an immediate \$5 million credit to Arizona ratepayers, as well as the opportunity for ratepayers to share in "any other additional savings it 1/8 ONEOK 3/8 may be able to generate."

The proposed merger terms also protect Arizona ratepayers from bearing any of the \$30 million in costs associated with completing the merger, and

from future rate increases that are unrelated to ONEOK's Arizona natural gas business.

"It is unfortunate that a spurned suitor has been able to temporarily delay a merger that will benefit Arizona ratepayers," Kyle said. "But we know that ONEOK is an excellent company with an excellent record for integrity and safety, and we know that the allegations are false. ONEOK has done nothing wrong and we will prove just that."

A hearing on the proposed merger is scheduled for Feb. 11, 2000. Kyle also said that many of the conditions that the ACC staff recommended be put in place prior to approval of the merger have already been settled in an agreement reached with the staff last June.

"We recognize that ONEOK is not a familiar name in Arizona, and if the ACC wants to add some additional protections for Arizona ratepayers until they get to know us, we are certainly willing to discuss that with them," Kyle said.

"This merger has already been approved in Nevada, it has been recommended for approval in California, and it has been approved by the Southwest Gas Board of Directors," Kyle said. "We know this is a good proposal, others have recognized it as such, and we are confident that when the ACC has all the facts before them, they will make the right decision for Arizona ratepayers."

PLAINS / new facility

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Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. is engaged in interstate and intrastate crude oil transportation, terminaling and storage, as well as crude oil gathering and marketing activities, primarily in California, Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and the Gulf of Mexico.

Plains All American Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Plains

Resources Inc. (Amex: PLX), holds an effective 54% interest in Plains All American and serves as its general partner. Plains All American's common units are traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "PAA". Plains Resources Inc.'s common shares are traded on the American Stock Exchange under the symbol "PLX". Plains All American is headquartered in Houston, Texas.

Marathon employees recognized

By Staff

Marathon Midcontinent Region in Midland has recognized four employees for their leadership in work and civic activities.

Felipe R. Moran, Jr. was recognized for providing the artwork for T-shirts and various charity and Marathon functions. He designs T-shirts for charity events in which Marathon employees participate, such as Juvenile Diabetes Walk, MS Walk and Heart Walk. His artwork has advertised Marathon employees' concern and participation in the community and charity events.

Joseph J. Madron, Jr. was recognized for his involvement in work, SPE, civic and church activities. He has served as a classroom volunteer for Junior Achievement for several years, is in his second term as treasurer on the Board of Directors of the Permian Basin Section of SPE, and serves in an active leadership position in his church. He has served on the MCR office safety committee for several years. He has actively participated in various charitable fund raising efforts at the office, and has been an energetic worker for Marathon's

Christmas in April projects. His efforts set a leadership example for others.

Denise Cox was called "a consistent leader in the local Geoscience community," donating large amounts of time, energy and enthusiasm to the West Texas Geological Society, the local Society of Economic Paleontologists and Mineralogists, the National AAPG Scholarship Committee, and the Permian Basin Graduate Center. She has helped by organizing and facilitating short courses and field trips, and editing guidebooks, which

are usually about 200 pages long. Most recently, she personally assembled the course notebooks for the SEPMP's fall short course series, entitled "Regional Perspectives on Exploration and Development for the Permian Basin."

Dereta Harshbarger was recognized for her involvement in MCR Office safety. Junior Achievement and United Way contributes to Marathon's leadership position in the Permian Basin. She serves on the Office Safety Committee and has helped

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CHENEY / to speak here

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After leaving the Bush Administration, he served as senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute. In addition to his duties at Halliburton he is also a member of the board of directors of Proctor & Gamble, Union Pacific and EDS. He is also on the Board of Trustees of Southern Methodist University and the American Enterprise

Institute.

Cost of the 11:30 a.m. luncheon, which will be Tuesday, January 18 at Midland Petroleum Club is \$15. Reservations may be made by calling 686-8324.

PITTS / 2000 good year for oil prices

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Secretary of Energy Richardson said that \$27 oil prices becoming "dangerously high" was defended by Special Energy Advisor Bob Gallagher, of Midland, who said Richardson thought \$30 oil prices were too high and \$10 oil prices too low.

However, when oil prices were too low, he said let the market decide the price. Now that prices are "too high" he suggests we may have to drain the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to bring pump prices down.

This is just a hunch: I think Richardson knows better, but says what he is told to say by the President. I don't think he is really as stupid or left wing as his boss.

A NEW CLASS STRUGGLE? — Speaking of left wing, former Speaker of the House Jim Wright, writing in the Houston

Chronicle, in a commentary says the \$81 billion Exxon-Mobil merger which will result in the loss of 16,000 jobs to increase stock profits by \$3.8 billion could be a preview of the century's next great struggle.

Wright says global downsizing in the name of efficiency may be good for investors but not for workers. Calling for globalization rules that will serve rather than exploit workers.

The Fort Worth resident says downsizing and outsourcing is a "transparent attempt on the part of corporations to divert themselves of their legal and contractual responsibilities to employees. Corporations get by for less money, profits soar. And who gets the short end of the stick? The workers of course."

Wright suggested that the recent protests at the World Trade Organization meeting in Seattle may have been the opening shot in a new class conflict that pits workers against

investors and corporations in the new century.

While oilpatch people are basically conservative in their politics, I suspect many who feel betrayed by their corporations would join a struggle against a one-world, one-company movement, that treats workers like a commodity — even if it was led by the left.

When capitalism is compassionate and works for the worker as well as the corporation, Republican ranks swell. When it becomes abusive to workers, Democratic ranks swell. The question is: Will the unceremonious dumping of employees and the growing number of employees without health insurance or retirement benefits cause a political shift to the left? Maybe.

John Paul Pitts is oil editor of the Midland Reporter Telegram

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Pennzoil-Quaker State Company announces fourth quarter refinery write-down, shut down of Rouseville refinery

HOUSTON (PRNewswire) — Pennzoil-Quaker State Company announced a \$480 million pretax write-down of its Rouseville, Pa. and Shreveport, La. refineries to be taken during the fourth quarter of 1999. After-tax, the write-down will total \$293 million. The company also announced that it plans to cease processing crude oil at its Rouseville refinery on January 31 and will shut down that refinery as well as its Rouseville packaging plant by June 2000.

The Rouseville refinery currently supplies feedstocks to Penreco, a 50/50 industrial specialties marketing and manufacturing partnership between Pennzoil-Quaker State Company and Conoco, under long term contracts. Pennzoil-Quaker State Company has made alternate long term contractual arrangements to continue the supply of these Pennsylvania grade crude oil based feedstocks to Penreco,

assuring continuity of feedstock supply to this partnership.

The company will convert the Rouseville facility to continue production of wax products until June 2000 in support of its Bareco Products wax marketing partnership with Baker Petrolite, as it pursues a sale of the Rouseville facility and its partnership interest in Bareco. This interim operation will assure the continued supply of Bareco's broad line of high quality wax products to domestic and international purchasers of paraffin, microcrystalline and related synthetic waxes.

"The shutdown of Rouseville is a difficult decision for us to make in light of the tremendous historical ties our company has with this community," said James J. Postl, president and chief operating officer of Pennzoil-Quaker State Company. "Unfortunately, declining supplies of Appalachian crude oil and rising trans-

portation costs have made continued operation of the Rouseville refinery economically infeasible. In addition, our merger with Quaker State Corporation created excess packaging capacity in our supply chain and distribution system. Our human resources professionals are developing a comprehensive transfer, severance and job placement package for those affected by these actions."

Postl added, "The write-down of the Shreveport and Rouseville refineries reflects the company's focus on its core automotive consumer products business and market conditions for refineries. Pennzoil-Quaker State Company is committed to exiting the refining business, with the exception of its strategically important and profitable Excel-Paralubes joint venture."

Pennzoil-Quaker State Company recently completed a strategic review of its manufacturing

assets and businesses, including refineries, partnerships and packaging plants. During the review, it evaluated the strategic and financial advantages and disadvantages the company derives from the vertical integration of its manufacturing and marketing capabilities. The company will continue to pursue divestiture options on the refineries and related businesses.

During fourth quarter of 1999, the company will take a pretax write-down of \$480 million related to the anticipated sale or divestiture of its refineries. The after-tax write-down will total \$293 million, reducing Pennzoil-Quaker State's equity from \$1.312 billion to \$1 billion and initially increasing its debt to equity ratio from 44.8% to 52.4%. However, the write-down will reduce annual pretax depreciation and amortization expense by approximately \$17 million.

Meetings

The TRANS-PECOS SECTION OF THE SOCIETY OF PETROLEUM ENGINEERS (SPE) will meet Jan. 11 at 11:30 a.m. at the Odessa Country Club.

Brian Bingham with Weatherford Co. will make a presentation on "High Temperature, Underbalanced Drilling and other special Applications using Vane Motors." The cost of lunch is \$15 per person.

The WEST TEXAS GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY (WTGS) will meet Jan. 11 at 11:30 a.m. in the Midland Center.

William D. Demis with Marathon Oil will speak about "Historical Analysis of Real Global Price of Oil."

To make reservations for this \$8 buffet, or for additional information, please call the WTGS office at 683-1573, e-mail wtgs@basinlink.com, or visit their web site at www.wtgs.org.

Name Dropper

BJ Services announces the addition of George T. Woo to the staff of its Permian Region Laboratory located in Odessa.

Woo's position will be as Permian Region Laboratory Supervisor. He is a graduate of Eastern New Mexico State University in Portales, N.M. where he received his Masters Degree in Organic Chemistry.

Woo brings to the Permian Basin an immense wealth of experience in theoretical and applications chemistry. His experience includes seven years in the stimulation and cement pumping services within the Permian Basin and Fort Worth.

He also worked for six years in the oil field chemical industry where he designed stimulation and drilling chemicals from the molecular level to the final production in Houston.

Prior to his move to the Per-

Mitchell Energy & Development Corp. announces plant and pipeline swap

THE WOODLANDS (PRNewswire) — Mitchell Energy & Development Corp. (www.mitchellenergy.com) announced that it has signed a letter of intent with Duke Energy Field Services, Inc. to swap certain midstream assets located in Oklahoma and Texas. The transaction is expected to close March 31, 2000, after regulatory approvals are received.

The proposed transaction calls for the exchange of Mitchell's non-operated interest in various Oklahoma natural gas gathering and processing assets for Duke's 55 percent interest in natural gas gathering and processing assets located in central Texas.



Woo

Permian Region Laboratory, Woo served for six years as a Senior Research Chemist for BJ Services in the Tomball Technology Center specializing in micro-emulsion polymer technology, acid corrosion inhibition, de-emulsifier and acidizing technology.

Kinder Morgan announces new contract with Peoples

HOUSTON (PRNewswire) — Kinder Morgan, Inc. announced that Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America (NGPL), a wholly owned subsidiary, has signed contracts to provide Peoples Energy with firm natural gas transportation and storage services. NGPL will provide The Peoples Gas, Light and Coke Company and North Shore Gas — subsidiaries of Peoples Energy — 114,000 MMBtu per day of firm transportation service effective Jan. 1, 2000 through April 30, 2005. NGPL will also provide Peoples Energy with an additional

90,000 MMBtu per day of firm transportation service and 10 Bcf of storage service effective April 1, 2000 to April 30, 2003.

Richard D. Kinder, chairman and CEO, said Kinder Morgan is delighted to enter into this mutually beneficial long-term agreement. "This contract is the result of a strong customer-supplier relationship that NGPL has enjoyed with Peoples for many years."

Peoples renewed its existing transportation and storage services, which expired at the end of 1999 or would have expired in March of 2000.

The companies have also signed a letter of intent, subject to NGPL's capacity award procedures, for additional storage and transportation services. Beginning April 1, 2000, NGPL will provide more than 9.3 Bcf of storage service and 89,000 MMBtu per day of firm transportation service for three years; 30,000 MMBtu per day of summer-only firm transportation service for two years; and 40,000 MMBtu per day of firm transportation service for one year.

Kinder Morgan, Inc. is one of the largest midstream energy

companies in America, operating more than 30,000 miles of natural gas and products pipelines in 26 states. It also has significant retail distribution, marketing, gathering, electric generation and terminal assets. Kinder Morgan, Inc., through its general partner interest, operates Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P., America's largest pipeline master limited partnership. Combined, the two companies have an enterprise value of approximately \$9 billion.

For more information, contact: www.kindermorgan.com or www.kne.com.

The Wiser Oil Company announces oil and gas hedges for the year 2000

DALLAS (BUSINESS WIRE) — The Wiser Oil Co. announced that the Company has entered into hedges covering approximately 90 percent of its estimated oil production in the United States and Canada for the year 2000. In addition, the Company has entered into hedges covering approximately 25 percent of its estimated natural gas production in the United States beginning in February 2000 through September 2000.

The oil hedges were entered into on a quarterly basis. For the first quarter 2000, the Company

entered into a NYMEX WTI oil price collar with a floor price of \$18.50 and a ceiling price of \$26.60 covering 1,000 barrels of oil per day ("BOPD"). Also for the first quarter, the Company entered into a NYMEX WTI swap at a fixed price of \$24.00 covering 2,700 BOPD. For the second, third and fourth quarters, the Company entered into NYMEX WTI swaps at fixed prices of \$22.30, \$21.07, and \$19.78 covering volumes of 3,500 BOPD, 3,400 BOPD, and 3,300 BOPD, respectively.

The gas hedges were entered

into on a monthly basis for the period February through September 2000. At the time the transactions were entered into, the average forward market price for the hedge period, as represented by NYMEX Henry Hub natural gas futures, was approximately \$2.49 per million BTU ("MMBTU"), and the volume-weighted average swap price for the three regional indices on which the hedges were done is approximately \$2.29 per MMBTU. The volume hedged for the eight month period averages 5,261 MMBTU per day.

Mr. Andrew J. Shoup, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer, commented, "While we have committed a substantial amount of our estimated year 2000 production to fixed price

hedges, we believe that this will give us the ability to commit these cash flows to certain exploration and development projects for the year 2000." Mr. Shoup further commented that the hedges apply

to production from properties producing at the end of 1999 and do not include production attributable to drilling activity during the fourth quarter 1999 and year 2000.

Land to be taken away if left idle

CARACAS (Bloomberg) — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said he would expropriate large tracts of land if they're left idle or if landowners fail to pay property taxes.

The seizure of privately owned lands doesn't contradict Venezuela's new constitution which says the government must respect private property, Chavez said. The land could help the government relocate about 150,000 Venezuelans made homeless by devastating floods last month, he said late Wednesday.

"If Hugo Chavez has 50,000 hectares (125,000 acres) and he doesn't want to pay the tax, or doesn't want to sell the land and isn't doing anything with it, we'll apply a law: Expropriation," Chavez told an audience in

southwestern Barinas state.

The president hasn't been afraid to take action on his promise to help the nation's poor since taking office in February. Chavez has reduced electricity rates for residential customers, but not for business, and he refused to send in the national guard to oust squatters during a rash of "land invasions" all over the country in the first part of 1999.

In a new constitution passed by national referendum on Dec. 15, idle farm land is subject to a new tax and can be expropriated.

Since last month when floods and mudslides made thousands homeless on Venezuela's coast, Chavez has exhorted landowners to donate large tracts to accommodate the flood victims.

Chavez was unclear about how

the government would reimburse landowners.

"How much do I owe? I'll pay," he said during a speech, but later said the government may only pay back property owners for the structures they've built on their lands.

The government announced it will build more than 50,000 wooden houses for flood survivors around the country, most of whom are being kept at temporary shelters or military barracks.

Relocated flood victims can be granted homes rent-free at first, and in some cases will be granted building materials to construct stronger homes by the government, officials said.

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organize this effort to increase awareness of safety issues in the office and at home. She has also been a staunch supporter of JA, consistently volunteering as a classroom consultant and helping coordinate JA functions in the community. Harshbarger also helped with the 1999 United Way campaign where special events generated about \$8,000 for the program.

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TEXAS RRCD 8

ANDREWS COUNTY

Triumph Exploration, Inc.
Clampett, Jed #3
Block A-34 (Seven Rivers)&(Yates)
& Means-D; PSL/W. W. McQuar-
ters;
A-1692, Blk A-34, Sec 19; 510 FNL
510 FNL of lse; 510 FNL 510 FNL
of survey; 10 miles N of Andrews;
obj:4900; permit #490682; API
#003-38559

Triumph Exploration, Inc.
Clampett, Jed #1
Block A-34 (Seven Rivers)&(Yates)
& Means-D; PSL/W. W. McQuar-
ters;
A-1692, Blk A-34, Sec 18; 510 FNL
510 FNL of lse; 510 FNL 510 FNL
of survey; 10 miles N of Andrews;
obj:4900; permit #490681; API
#003-38558

ECTOR COUNTY

Sege Pet. LTD Liability Co. of CO
Parker, J. E. #2
TXL (Wichita Albany, South)-
Recompletion; T & P RR Co./J R
Dublin; A-709,
Blk 45, T1S, Sec 40; 660 FNL 683
FWL of lse; 660 FNL 3323 FNL of
survey; 9.5 miles SW of Goldsmith;
obj:7490; permit #490699; API
#135-03701

HOWARD COUNTY

Santa Fe Snyder Corp.
Devaney Unit "6" #1
Hutto, South (Wolfcamp) & Signal
Peak (Wolfcamp)-D; T & P RR
Co./J. R.
Morton; A-1074, Blk 30, T1S, Sec
6; 933 FNL 933 FNL of lse; 933
FWL 933
FSL of survey; 2 miles SE of Coe-
home; obj:8300; permit #490767;
API
#227-35431

WINKLER COUNTY

Merit Energy Co.
Brown-Altman Unit #3
Emperor (Wichita Albany)-Recom-
pletion; PSL/E E Brown/W F Alt-
man; A-1342,
Blk B-5, Sec 25; 1320 FNL 1320
FNL of lse; 1320 FNL 1320 FNL of
survey; 8
miles NW of Odessa; obj:9494; per-
mit #490757; API #495-30454

TEXAS RRCD 8A

SCURRY COUNTY

Rocker A Operating Co.
Browning, E. G. "B" #9R
Corazon (San Andres)-D; H. & T. C.
RR Co.; A-574, Blk 97, Sec 574;
500
FWL 1010 FNL of lse; 1500 FNL
1650 FNL of survey; 4.75 miles NE
of
Fluvanna; obj:2800; permit
#490700; API #415-33729

LOCATIONS AND RE-ENTRIES

CHAVES COUNTY

Gothic Prod. Corp.
McClellan MOC Fed #19
T5S, R25E, Sec 30; 660 FNL 660
FWL of Pecos Slope; 24 miles NW
of Elkins;
Rot 4100 Abo; API #30-005-63227

Gothic Prod. Corp.
McClellan MOC Fed #20
T5S, R25E, Sec 30; 1650 FNL 660
FWL of Pecos Slope; 24 miles NW

Completions

CHAVES COUNTY

Hanson Oper Co. Inc.
Presler Lake #7
Many Gates; T5S, R29E, Sec 12;
2310 FNL 1650 FNL; EL 4058 GL;
TD 3808;
PBTD 3260; Spud 4-22-99; Comp
6-3-99; production is through treat-
ed
perfs:3214-3242; Treat:10,000 gals
20% Hcl; IP:6-3-99 Pump 24 hrs
1.5 BO,
5 BW, 3 MCF; API #30-005-63203

EDDY COUNTY

Mack Energy Corp.
Mesquite State #3
East Empire; T17S, R29E, Sec 20;
330 FSL 2225 FNL; EL 3617 GL;
TD 4316;
PBTD 4295; Spud 9-22-99; Comp
10-23-99; production is through treat-
ed
perfs:3912-4213; Treat:34,500 gals
acid, 54000 gals gel; IP:11-11-99
Pump
24 hrs 55 BO, 385 BW, 44 MCF,
GOR 800, Gty 38; API #30-015-
30726

Marbob Energy Corp.
Muskegon South State #1
East Empire; T17S, R29E, Sec 20;
1650 FSL 330 FNL; EL 3597 GL;
TD 4316;
PBTD 4295; Spud 9-4-99; Comp
10-22-99; production is through treat-
ed
perfs:3980-4191; Treat:Acidz
w/2000 gals 15% NEFE; IP:10-27-
99 Pump 24 hrs
38 BO, 759 BW, 43 MCF; API #30-
015-30724

Mack Energy Corp.
White Star Federal #8
East Empire; T17S, R29E, Sec 29;
1002 FNL 2310 FNL; EL 3611 GL;
TD 4355;
PBTD 4340; Spud 8-25-99; Comp
9-28-99; production is through treat-
ed
perfs:3926-4291; Treat:34500 gals
acid, 54000 gals 40% gel; IP:10-16-
99
Pump 24 hrs 104 BO, 450 BW, 125
BW, 125 MCF, GOR 1208, Gty 38;
API
#30-015-30707

Mack Energy Corp.
White Star Federal #10
East Empire; T17S, R29E, Sec 29;

990 FNL 330 FNL; EL 3592 GL; TD
4410;
PBTD 4391; Spud 10-6-99; Comp
10-29-99; production is through treat-
ed
perfs:3905-4313; Treat:35000 gals
acid, 54000 gals 40% gel; IP:11-8-
99
Pump 24 hrs 91 BO, 820 BW, 820
BW, 107 MCF, GOR 1180, Gty 38;
API
#30-015-30697

Mack Energy Co.
Woolley Federal #4
East Empire; T17S, R30E, Sec 21;
1090 FSL 990 FNL; EL 3636 GL;
TD 5170;
PBTD 5094; Spud 9-7-99; Comp
10-6-99; production is through treat-
ed
perfs:4540-4766; Treat:34,00 gals
Hcl acid, 54000 gals 40% gel;
IP:10-28-99 Pump 24 hrs 116 BO,
530 BW, 93 MCF, GOR 801, Gty
38; API
#30-015-30290

Mack Energy Corp.
Lucky Mack Federal #1
Chalk Bluff; T18S, R27E, Sec 6;
1650 FSL 1450 FNL; (Re-Entry of
Marbob
Energy Corp Chalk Bluff Fed Com
#1, P&A, Old TD 7000); EL 3430
GL; TD
9455; PBTD 7120; Re-Entered 8-
20-99; Comp 9-22-99; production is
through
treated perfs:6601-6729;
Treat:24,000 gals acid; IP:10-31-99
Pump 24 hrs
6 BO, 0 BW, 65 MCF, GOR 1083,
Gty 42; API #30-015-30265

Medallion Resources Inc.
West Shugart 19 Federal #4
North Shugart; T18S, R31E, Sec
19; 660 FSL 660 FNL; EL 3633
GL; TD 8500;
PBTD 8295; Spud 9-3-99; Comp
10-1-99; production is through treat-
ed
perfs:8175-8204; Treat:7000 gals
acid; IP:10-11-99 Pump 24 hrs 184
BO, 1
BW, 118 MCF; API #30-015-30647

LEA COUNTY

Neerburg Prod. Co.
Rancho Verde 10 State #2
SW Anderson Ranch; T16S, R32E,

See COMPLETIONS/ 6

Chevron USA Inc.
Monument 12 State #28
From:1743 FNL 1295 FNL; To:1650
FNL 1650 FNL; API #30-025-34784

Chevron USA Inc.
Monument 13 State #29
From:1330 FSL 1330 FNL;
To:1650 FSL 990 FNL; API #30-
025-34785

Concho Resources Inc.
Tomcat 16 St #3
T23S, R32E, Sec 16; 1980 FSL
660 FNL of Sand Dunes; 16 miles
NW of Ochoa;
Rot 9100 Bone Spring; API #30-
025-34809

Concho Resources Inc.
Tomcat 16 St #4
T23S, R32E, Sec 16; 1650 FNL
460 FNL of Sand Dunes; 16 miles
NW of Ochoa;
Rot 9100 Bone Spring; API #30-
025-34810

Concho Resources Inc.
Tomcat 16 St #5

T23S, R32E, Sec 16; 660 FNL 660
FWL of Sand Dunes; 16 miles NW
of Ochoa;
Rot 9100 Bone Spring; API #30-
025-34811

Concho Resources Inc.
Tomcat 17 St #4
T23S, R32E, Sec 17; 2080 FSL
2080 FNL of Sand Dunes; 16.5
miles NW of
Ochoa; Rot 9100 Bone Spring; API
#30-025-34812

Echo Production Inc.
Avion Federal #3
T23S, R32E, Sec 22; 1880 FSL
1880 FNL of Triste Draw; 15.5 miles
NW of
Ochoa; Rot 9150 Delaware; API
#30-025-34817

Enron Oil & Gas Co.
Triste Draw "34" State Com #3
T24S, R33E, Sec 34; 660 FNL 660
FWL of Johnson Ranch; 9 miles
SW of
Ochoa; Rot 14,200 Wolfcamp; API
#30-025-34814

Wildcats

Wildcats

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CONCHO COUNTY

Pickens Co., Inc., The
Dierschke #1
Wildcat-D; T & NO RR Co./P.
McGregor; A-1188, Blk 72, Sec
124; 467 FNL
1000 FNL of lse; 467 FNL 1000
FNL of survey; 4 miles SW of
Millersview;
obj:3600; permit #490664; API
#095-31885

REAGAN COUNTY

CMS Oil & Gas Co.
SRH "B" #1901
Wildcat-D; J.W.N. Hamilton; A-189,
Blk A, Sec 19; 660 FNL 660 FNL
of lse;
660 FSL/YWL 2689 FSL/YEL of
survey; 17 miles NW of Big Lake;
obj:9000;

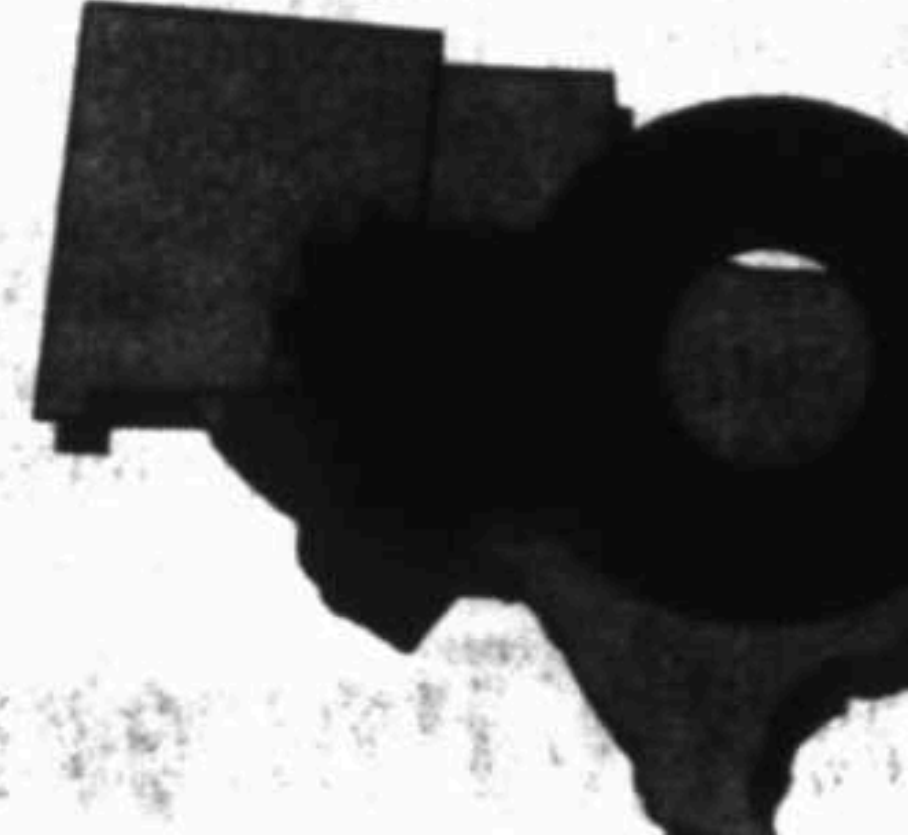
permit #490716; API #383-35034

CMS Oil & Gas Co.
SRH "B" #1903
Wildcat-D; J.W.N. Hamilton; A-189,
Blk A, Sec 19; 1750 FNL 660 FNL
of lse;
1750 FSL/YNL 660 FSL/YEL of
survey; 17 miles NW of Big Lake;
obj:8000; permit #490717; API
#383-35035

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5 1/2"	20#	P110	LTC	1,600'
5 1/2"	23#	L80	LTC	10,500'
5 1/2"	23#	P110	LTC	12,000'
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7"	26#	K55	LTC	3,500'
7"	29#	S95	BIC	1,700'
7"	32#	P110	LTC	2,000'
7 5/8"	29.7#	N80	LTC	5,000'
8 5/8"	29#	K55	SIC (NEW)	1,800'
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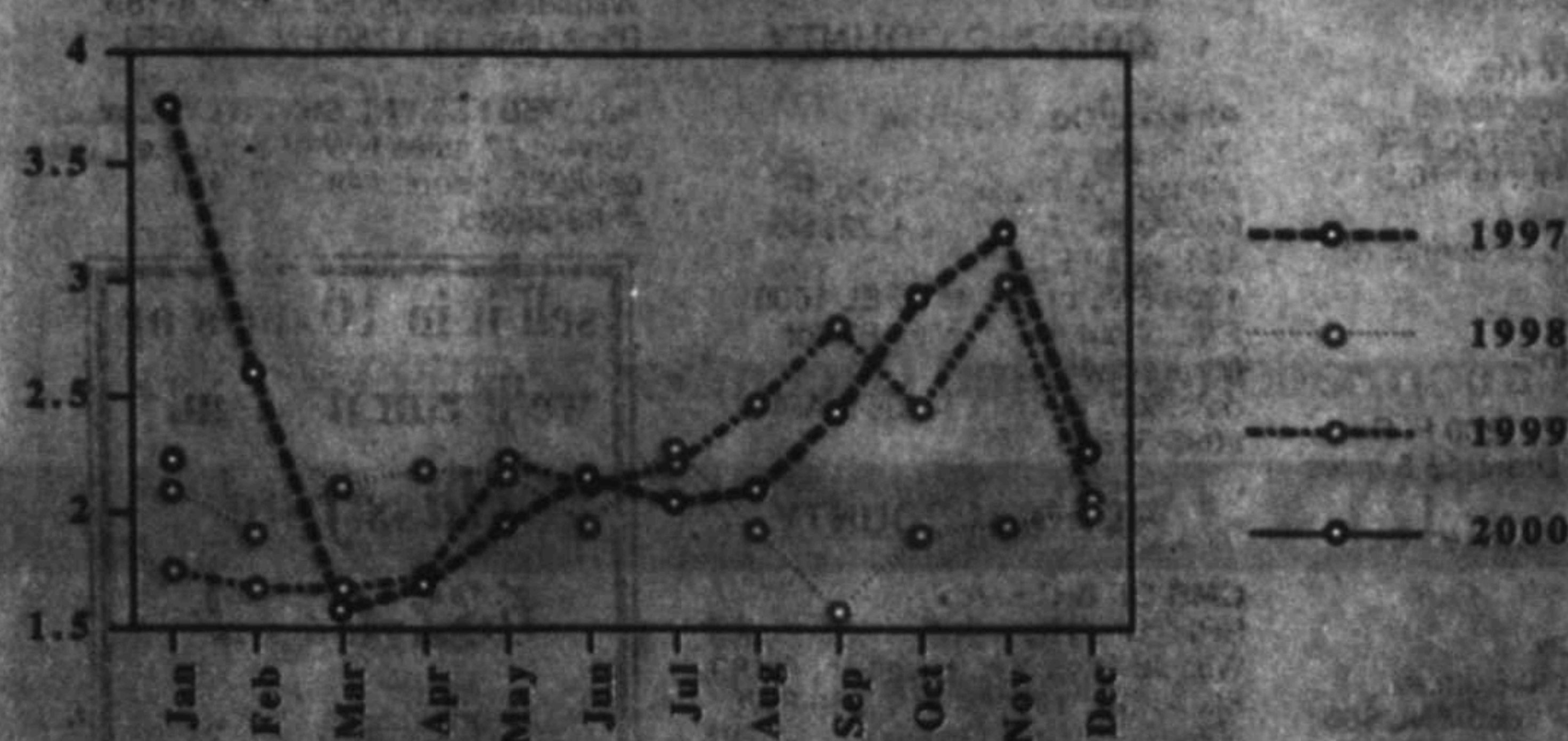
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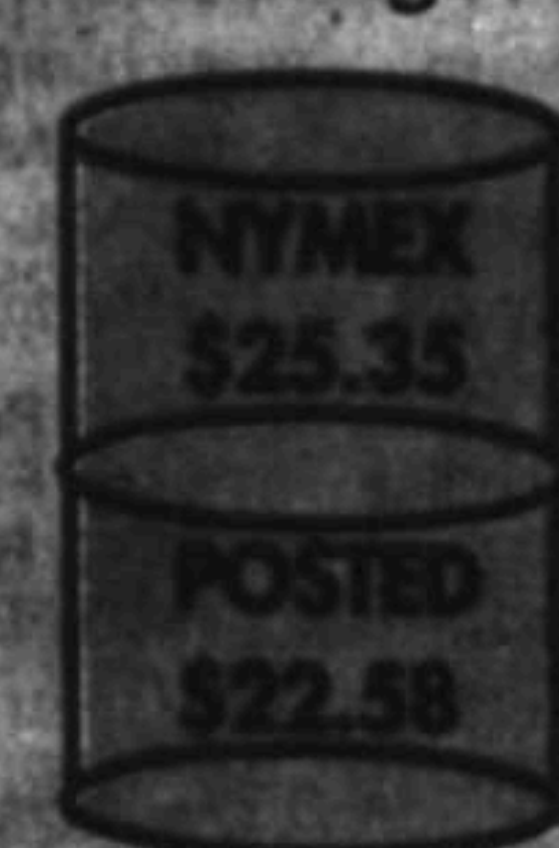
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Gulf Coast (Louisiana) \$2.36
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Current WTI Posted Prices

Amoco*	\$24.75	Equiva	\$22.00	Phillips*	\$22.00
Arco	22.25	Exxon Mobil	24.25	Plains*	22.25
Genesys*	22.00	Koch*	22.00	Sun*	22.00
Chevron	25.48	Navajo WTP	22.00		
E.O.T.T.	22.25	Navajo NM*	24.55		

Oil prices effective 1/5/2000

*Oil Prices effective 1/5/2000

*Oil Prices effective 12/31/99

*Net Price without transportation charge

Halliburton completes sale of IDP joint venture interest

DALLAS (PRNewswire) — Halliburton Co. announced that its subsidiary, Dresser Industries, Inc. (Dresser), has completed the sale of its 49 percent joint venture interest in Ingersoll Dresser Pump Company (IDP) to a subsidiary of its joint venture partner, Ingersoll-Rand Company, for a sales price of \$515 million. The proceeds, net of intercompany amounts payable by Dresser to IDP, were received in the form of a \$377 million promissory note due January 14, 2000 and unconditionally guaranteed by Ingersoll-Rand Company. The IDP sale results in a Halliburton 1999 fourth quarter after-tax extraordinary gain of approximately \$165 million, or \$37 per diluted share.

Halliburton also said that the previously announced sale of Dresser's 51 percent joint venture interest in Dresser-Rand Company (D-R) to Ingersoll-Rand is ready to close pending one remaining clearance from competition regulatory authorities in Argentina, where D-R exports products and services. Similar approvals have already been received in the United States and European Union. Since Ingersoll-Rand already owns 49 percent of D-R, Halliburton believes Argentinean approval is only a legal formality and will be received shortly. Final closing is expected to occur in January 2000. The pending closing date will not affect the sales price of \$579 million for the 51 percent interest in D-R. Halliburton anticipates the sale of the D-R interest will result in an after-tax extraordinary gain of approximately \$225 million, or \$51 per diluted share, in the first quarter of 2000.

Halliburton's anticipated combined gain of approximately \$85 per diluted share on the sale of both joint venture interests is \$34 per share higher than previously announced due to changes in certain terms, conditions, and estimated costs related to the transaction.

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Cross Timbers cancels public offering

FORT WORTH (Bloomberg) — Cross Timbers Oil Co. said it canceled an initial public offering for its Texas Permian Royalty Trust because energy stocks are depressed.

The company instead will sell oil and natural-gas fields in Texas and New Mexico it had intended to include in the trust.

Cross Timbers said Aug. 24 it would sell 40 percent of the trust to the public to raise as much as \$150 million to reduce debt. Since then, the Standard & Poor's

oil exploration and production index has fallen 25 percent, while the S&P 500 has risen 2.8 percent.

Investors in royalty trusts earn proceeds from oil and gas sales, and receive tax benefits. Texas Permian would have been the third trust in which Cross Timbers has sold shares.

Bids for the fields will be accepted next month, and Cross Timbers expects to complete the sale by the end of March. Their daily production averages 15 million cubic feet of gas and

1,050 barrels of oil.

Cross Timbers, based in Fort Worth, Texas, had \$999 million in debt as of Sept. 30. It has almost tripled its production and reserves through acquisitions during the past three years.

The company had sales of about \$248 million in 1998 and operates in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Kansas, Alaska and Wyoming.

Its shares fell 1/4 to 8 1/2 on the New York Stock Exchange. They rose 21 percent last year.

ExxonMobil completes \$2 billion gas project

IRVING (AP) — Exxon Mobil Corp. said Tuesday it has started delivering natural gas from a \$2 billion project off the coast of Nova Scotia, Canada.

The Sable project consists of three offshore platforms, underwater and land pipelines and gas-processing plants.

Production started in mid-December and has averaged about 100 million cubic feet per day and is expected to exceed 500 million within a year, the company said.

Gas pumped from the offshore platforms is intended for the New England market and customers in Canada's Maritime

Provinces.

ExxonMobil subsidiary Mobil Canada has a 50.8 percent stake in the Sable project, and a company 70 percent owned by ExxonMobil has a 9 percent share. The second largest stakeholder in the project is Shell Canada Ltd., at 31.3 percent.

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"Fluid Pound," a well-known oilfield thief (alias Over Displacement, alias Over Producing) was recently caught in the act of viciously increasing lease operating expenses and stealing profits from producers and operators. Investigations by D-Jax "Quick Draw" dynamometers revealed that these criminal activities were widespread and common in oilfields throughout the United States and worldwide.

The D-Jax "Quick Draw" dynamometer has been conducting investigations of these crimes since 1977 and is a recognized expert in the field of loss prevention in beam-pumped production operations. In the years since 1977, "Quick Draw" has revealed a pattern of profits being diverted to excessive electric usage, rod parts, tubing leaks and premature equipment failure where "Fluid Pound" was at work.

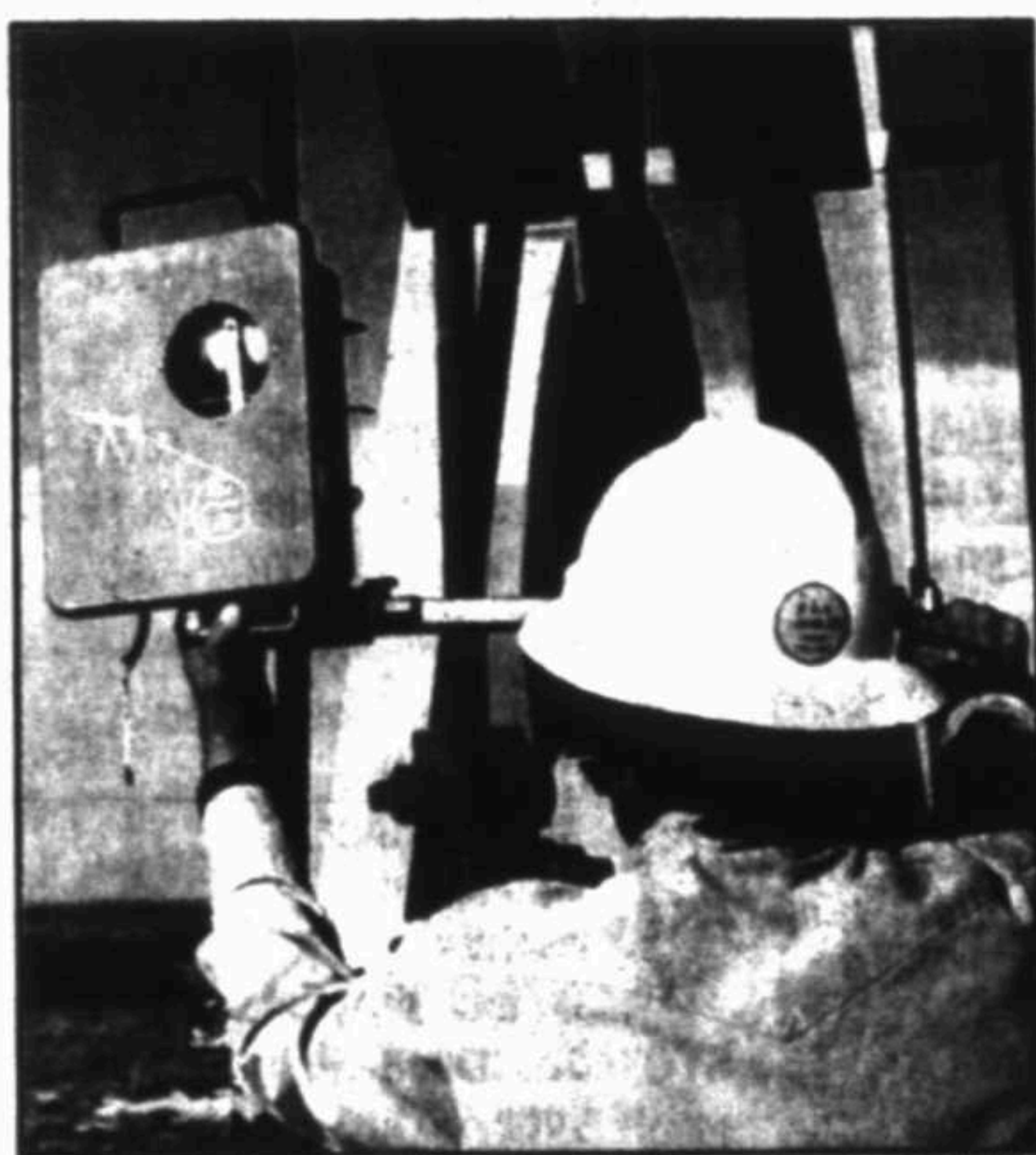
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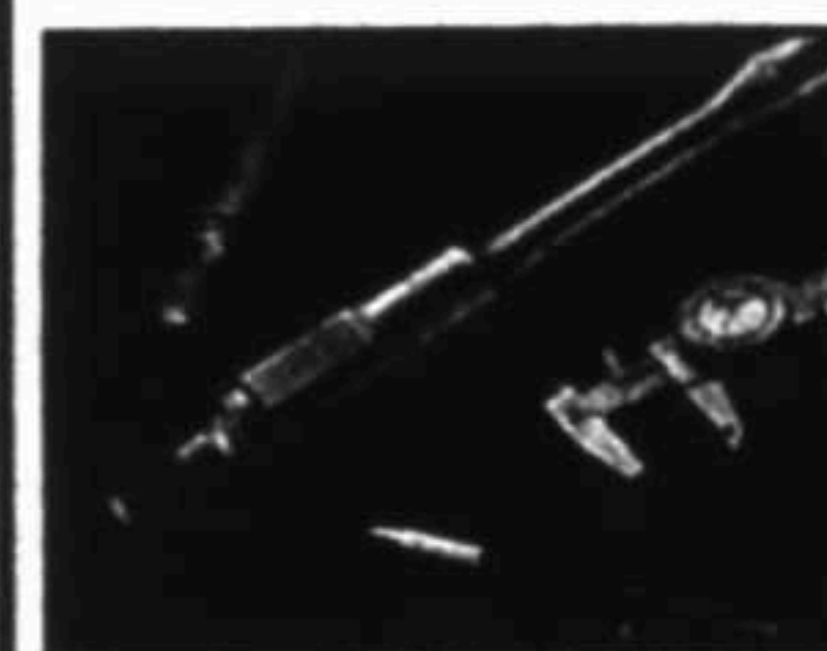
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El Paso Energy completes its acquisition of Crystal Gas Storage

HOUSTON (PRNewswire) — El Paso Energy Corp. completed its acquisition of Crystal Gas Storage, Inc. pursuant to a merger agreement signed by the parties in October 1999. Under the agreement, each holder of Crystal Gas Storage common stock received \$57 per share in cash.

"We are pleased to close the Crystal acquisition in a timely manner," said William A. Wise, president and chief executive officer of El Paso Energy Corporation. "The Crystal assets provide the flexibility, high deliverability, and multiple pipeline interconnects necessary to meet

the gas supply demands of new plants in the competitive power market."

With over \$15 billion in assets, El Paso Energy Corporation provides comprehensive energy solutions through its strategic business units: El Paso Natural Gas Company, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, Southern Natural Gas Company, El Paso Field Services Company, El Paso Merchant Energy Company, El Paso Production Company, and El Paso Energy International Company. The company owns North America's largest natural gas pipeline system,

both in terms of throughput and miles of pipeline, and has operations in natural gas transmission, gas gathering and processing, gas and oil production, power generation, merchant energy services, and international project development. Visit El Paso Energy's web site at www.epenergy.com.

Crystal Gas Storage, Inc. currently owns and operates through wholly owned subsidiaries two natural gas storage facilities near Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and holds various interests in natural gas properties primarily in Arkansas and Louisiana.

Creditors owed \$23 million

WILMINGTON, Del. (Bloomberg) — KCS Energy Inc., an oil and natural gas exploration company, was forced into bankruptcy by three creditors seeking payment of bond debt.

In an involuntary petition filed in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Wilmington late today, officials of The Prudential Insurance Company of America, based in Newark, New Jersey, The Offit High Yield Fund of New York, and B III Capital Partners L.P. of Wellesley, Massachusetts claim Houston-based KCS owes them more than \$23.1 million plus interest on 11-percent senior notes due in 2003. KCS has had difficulty in recent months making interest payments on its notes.

Last month the company agreed with

some noteholders on debt restructuring, saying it planned to secure a new \$190 million line of credit by mid-January and file for bankruptcy protection. KCS stock has fallen 97 percent since late 1997, after oil and gas prices slumped with recessions in Asia.

KCS chief executive James Christmas remained publicly optimistic as late as November, saying "We have continued to make significant strides toward achieving our goals by significantly reducing operating and administrative expenses (and) reducing debt (to) focus on our core operating areas."

Officials of KCS wouldn't immediately comment today. Shares of KCS, which reported 1998 sales of \$123.4 million, fell to 13/16 before trading was halted at the end of last year.

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Sec 10; 2230 FNL 930 FWL; EL 4317 GL; TD 9816; PBTD 9815; Spud 10-22-99; Comp 12-10-99; production is through perfs:9796-9814; IP:12-10-99 Flow 24 hrs 167 BO, 0 BW, 47 MCF, TP 400; API #30-025-34725

Pogo Prod. Co. Covington A Federal #35 West Red Tank; T22S, R32E, Sec 25; 1250 FNL 1075 FWL; EL 3762 GR; TD 8950; PBTD 8950; Spud 10-31-99; Comp 12-6-99; production is through perfs:8632-50; IP:12-10-99 Pump 24 hrs 72 BO, 187 BW, 45 MCF, API #30-025-34706

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CROCKETT COUNTY

Devon Energy Corp. Couch 21 #9 Ozona (Canyon Sand)-completion; HE&WT RR Co.; Blk QR, Sec 21; 2000 FNL 2208 FWL of survey; 9 miles SW of Ozona; calculated absolute open flow of 5,844,000 ft of gas w/gas-liquid ratio of 43,146-1; production is through treated perfs:6818-6830; TD 7100; PBTD 7069; GE 2525

TERRELL COUNTY

Bass Enterprises Prod. Co. M.H. #1-5 Brown Bassett (Ellenburger)-completion; RCRR; A-1053; Blk R, Sec 5; 1320 FSL 1320 FWL of survey; 24 miles S of Sheffield; calculated absolute open flow of 2,290,000 ft of gas daily; production is through treated perfs:14,171-14,800; TD 14,800;

PBTD 12,811; GE 2,433

UPTON COUNTY

Exxon Corp. Pembroke #1375 Spraberry (Trend Area)-completion; I RR Co. #2 R E Rankin survey; A-594; 4874 FSL 8089 FWL of survey; 17 miles N of Rankin; Pump 35 barrels of 38 gravity oil/day; plus 45,000 ft of gas and 112 barrels of water w/treated perfs:6758-7678 ft; TD 7860; PBTD 7791; GE 2702

Exxon Corp. #1033 Spraberry (Trend Area)-completion; CCSD&RGNG RR Co.; J W Thornton; Blk BB, Sec 12; 19,799 FSL 939 FWL of survey; 14 miles N of Rankin; Pump 31 barrels of 39 gravity oil/day plus 103 barrels of water w/gas-oil ratio of 1,269-1; production is through treated perfs:6902-7818; TD 8000; GE 2717

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ECTOR COUNTY

Altura Energy Ltd. North Cowden Unit #1470 Cowden, North-completion; T&P RR Co.; A-176, Blk 43, T1N, Sec 35; 47 FEL 19,997 FSL of lse; 11.1 miles NW of Odessa; Completed 9-6-98; Test 10-19-99 24 hrs tested; 1-3/4" Insert Rod Pump; 4.2 BO, 1.6 MCF, 87 BW, Gas-oil ratio 381; TD 4683; permit #475023; API #42-135-37698

Altura Energy Ltd. North Cowden Unit #1468 Cowden, North-completion; T&P RR Co.; A-176, Blk 43, T1N, Sec 35; 37 FEL 22,296 FSL of lse; 11.6 miles NW of Odessa; Completed 8-29-98; Test 10-28-98 24 hrs tested 1-3/4" Insert

Rod Pump; 6 BO, 2 MCF, 44 BW, Gas-oil ratio 333; TD 4627; permit #475021; API #42-135-37700

GLASSCOCK COUNTY

Concho Resources Inc. Reed "A" #3 Spraberry (Trend Area)-completion; T & P RRC; Blk 36, T4S, Sec 21; 660 FSL 662 FWL of lse; 15 miles SW of Garden City; Completed 11-17-99; Test 12-7-99 24 hrs tested; 2"X1-1/2"X16" BHD Pump; 23 BO, 50 MCF, 64 BW, Gas-oil ratio 2174; TD 8520; permit #486472; API #42-173-32977

U.S. COUNT PROFILE

	This Wk.	Last Wk.	Last Year
USA Land	657	657	535
USA Offshore	123	123	108
Canada	404	404	230
U.S. Directional	171	171	157
U.S. Horizontal	50	50	41
U.S. Gas	634	634	493
U.S. Oil	162	162	167

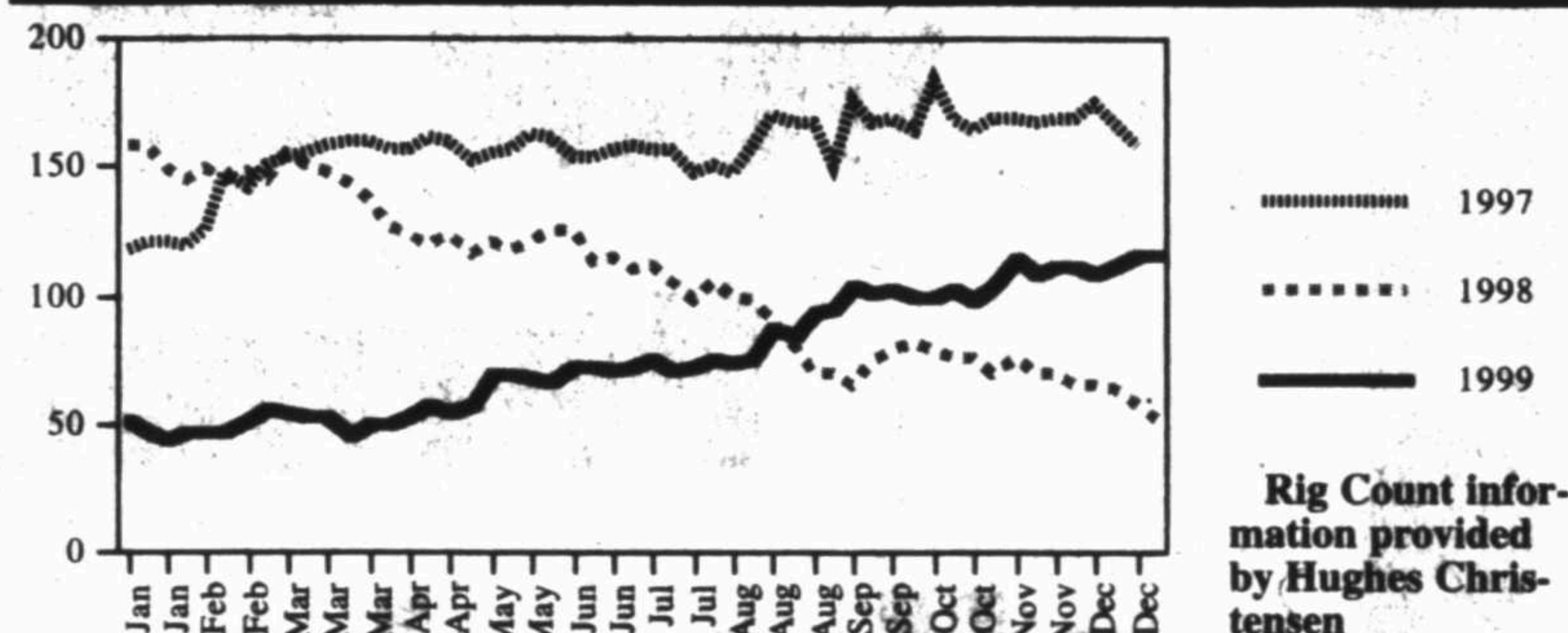
The rig count, dated Dec. 31, 1999, is not available this week. All information in this issue is the same as last week's.

This information updated December 22, 1999

PERMIAN BASIN

TEXAS	Howard	Garza
DIST. #7C	03	01
Coke 00	Hudspeth 00	Hale 00
Concho 00	Jeff Davis 00	Hockley 03
Crockett 02	Loving 00	Kent 00
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McCullough 01	Mitchell 00	Lubbock 00
Menard 00	Pecos 07	Lynn 01
Reagan 01	Presidio 00	Motley 00
Runnels 00	Reeves 02	Scurry 01
Schleicher 02	Sterling 03	Terry 02
Sutton 02	Ward 02	Yoakum 03
Terrell 02	Winkler 02	
Tom Green 00		TEXAS TOTAL 70
Upton 03	DIST. #8A	NEW MEXICO
	Bailey 00	Chaves 02
DIST. #8	Borden 00	Eddy 23
Andrews 03	Cochran 01	Lea 21
Brewster 00	Cottle 00	Roosevelt 00
Crane 01	Crosby 00	N.M. TOTAL 46
Culberson 00	Dawson 01	
Ector 03	Dickens 00	
Glasscock 02	Floyd 00	
	Gaines 03	
		Basin Total 116
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7500' 2 7/8" 6.50# L-80 EUE 8rd Used D&T	15000' 7" 29.00# N-80 LTC D&T (6.125" Drift)
10000' 2 7/8" 6.50# N-80 EUE 8rd Used D&T	18000' 7" 32.00# N/P LTC D&T Inspected
7500' 2 7/8" 6.50# N-80 FLAS Used Inspected	1700' 10 3/4" 40.50# J-55 STC New
10000' 2 7/8" 7.90# L-80 PH-6 Used Inspected	
5700' 2 7/8" 8.70# L-80 EUE 8rd Used Inspected	
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2300' 5" 18# N-80 FLAS Used Inspected	
10000' 5 1/2" 14# J-55 STC Used	API STOCK
10000' 5 1/2" 15.50# J-55 LTC Used	15800' 2 3/8" 4.70# J-55 EUE 8rd API
60000' 5 1/2" 17# J-55 LTC Used	29000' 2 3/8" 4.70# L-80 EUE 8rd API
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Chevron starts record production from Angola's first deep-water oilfield

SAN FRANCISCO (PRNewswire) — Crude oil production has begun from Angola's first deep-water oilfield, Chevron announced.

The new oil from Kuito, combined with ongoing production from Block 0, raises Chevron's led production in Angola to a record level of 519,000 barrels per day. Kuito is expected to reach peak production of 100,000 barrels per day by the end of this quarter.

The Kuito field, discovered in April 1997, lies offshore Cabinda Province in Angola's deep-water Block 14, a 1,560-square-mile concession adjacent to Chevron-operated Block 0.

"This is a significant day for Angola," said Peter Robertson, newly appointed president of Chevron Overseas Petroleum Inc. "Kuito first oil occurred on Dec. 15 — and was achieved under budget and just over 2 1/2 years after its discovery — a remarkable accomplishment. We've established a production rate of about 45,000 barrels per day, and expect to ramp up to 50,000 barrels per day later this week," he said. "Hearty congratulations to the employees of Chevron, to our partner companies Sonangol, Agip, Total and Petrogal, and to our contractors for their diligence and hard work."

Dick Matzke, vice chairman of Chevron, noted that Chevron was particularly proud to take the lead in securing Angola's position in deep-water development of hydrocarbon resources.

"With the advent of Kuito production, Angola approaches the new millennium with the distinction of being one of the world's best areas for frontier oil exploration and production, especially in deep-water areas," Matzke said. "In the years to come, development of the other significant discoveries we've

made in Block 14 will become a major element contributing to Angola's economic growth."

Mark Puckett, managing director of Chevron's Luanda-based Southern Africa business unit, said that in the initial phase of Kuito development, 12 subsea wells produce crude oil for processing to the FPSO Kuito, a floating production, storage and off-take vessel. Through a separate floating buoy, crude will be pumped into tankers for export. A subsea water injection system, installed in conjunction with the initial subsea production system and controlled aboard the FPSO, will enhance production from the field. Water injection will begin mid-2000.

Puckett noted that once start-up and commissioning is complete (within 4 to 6 weeks), no natural gas will be flared at Kuito. Natural gas, which is present in the reservoir and produced in association with the crude oil, will either be used as fuel for the FPSO or reinjected into the reservoir. "The Kuito facilities are state-of-the-art and meet the most stringent international environmental standards," Puckett said.

"Kuito is the first of several such projects in Block 14," Puckett noted, adding that detailed reservoir and development studies are now under way for the Benguela and Belize fields, both of which were discovered by Chevron and its partners last year.

Block 14 is operated by Chevron, which holds a 31 percent interest in the concession. Sociedade Nacional de Combustiveis de Angola (the Angolan national oil company known as Sonangol), Agip Angola Exploracao BV, and Total Angola each hold a 20 percent interest; Petrogal holds the remaining 9 percent interest.



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