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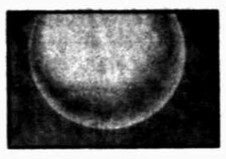

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Medical savings accounts, available on an experimental basis to the self-employed and small businesses — and a year before a separate test of them will be opened to senior citizens on Medicare — people who have tried the accounts report mixed results. At the end of June, 22,051 Americans had opened MSA's, according to the Internal Revenue Service's latest count. About 17 percent, or 3,670 of them, previously had been uninsured.

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West Bank building

MATTITYAHU, West Bank — Despite U.S. pressure for a "time-out" in Israeli settlement expansion, a building boom is in full swing across the West Bank. The government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu refuses to say how much construction it has authorized. But visits by The Associated Press to 65 of the 144 West Bank settlements found more than 7,500 apartments and houses being built.

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Children labor in fields, factories across nation

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first in a series of stories on "Children for Hire," looking at child labor in the United States. Look for related stories, graphics and photos beginning Thursday in the Reporter-Telegram.

By David Foster and Farrell Kramer
Associated Press Writers

Fifty-nine years after Congress outlawed child labor in its most onerous forms, underage children still toil in fields and factories scattered across America.

The poorest and most vulnerable among them start working before other children start kindergarten. Many earn wages below the legal minimum, often in exhausting, or even hazardous, jobs.

These children live in a world apart from most Americans, hidden from consumers and even the companies that buy the products of their labor. Yet those products can sometimes be as close as the local mall or the corner grocery.

In the past five months, The Associated Press found 165 children working illegally in 16 states, from the chili fields of New Mexico to the sweatshops of New York City.

They are children such as Angel Oliveras, 4, who stumbled between chili pepper plants as tall as his chin in New Mexico's fall harvest. Children such as Vielesee Cassell, 13, who spent the summer folding and bagging dresses in a Texas sweatshop. Children such as Bruce Lawrence, at 8 already a three-year veteran of Florida's bean fields.

The AP was able to follow the work products of 50 children to more than two dozen companies including Campbell Soup Co., Chi-Chi's Mexican restaurants, ConAgra, Costco, H.J. Heinz, Newman's Own, J.C. Penney, Pillsbury, Sears and Wal-Mart.

All the companies that responded condemned illegal child labor. Many launched investigations when told of suppliers employing underage children.

"If they are, that's against the law and they're gone — they don't supply to Campbell Soup Co.," said spokesman Kevin Lowery.

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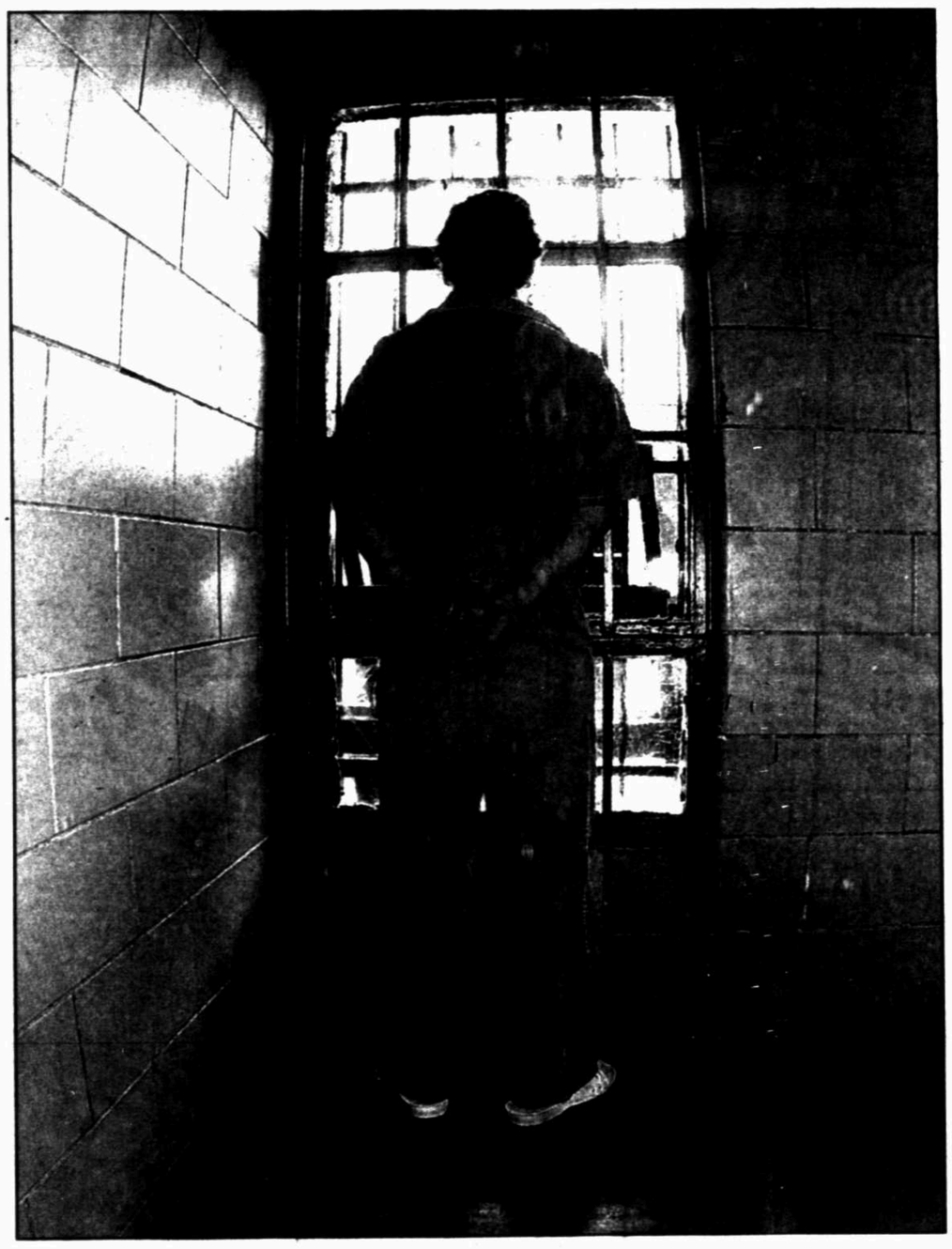
AP Photo

Alejandra Renteria, 6, is handed a cucumber by her sister Doris, 9, as the two young girls work alongside their parents in a field in Helena, Ohio. The girls do not like the back-straining work of cucumber picking and prefer picking fruit in Michigan and their home state of Florida.



'It was a very eye-opening experience.'

—grand juror

Report estimates 1,000 juveniles in Midland are involved in gang activities

Editor's Note: This is the first of a two-part series that takes an in-depth look at the recent grand jury report on gang activity in Midland.

In the first comprehensive study of local gang activity, a grand jury concluded last fall that Midland has all the ingredients necessary to fuel a growing gang presence in the community.

"This special Grand Jury believes Midland will have a marked increase in gang activity within a short period of time unless this issue is addressed immediately through a coordinated plan and a commitment by this community," the report states.

Grand jury foreman Mike Bradford hopes the report will be a "call to arms" to the people of Midland. He added that it represents a level of commitment to the issue of juvenile crime and gangs previously unseen in Midland.

The panel was convened at the request of Midland's four state district judge in response to what appeared to be a growing juvenile and gang problem, said 238th District Judge John Hyde.

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The report represents a year of study by a panel of 12 jurors specially selected to represent a cross-section of the community both ethnically and professionally. Testimony from more 120 witnesses was considered by the panel.

Bradford said some of the findings alarmed him and other jurors. "The numbers were startling."

"It was a very eye-opening experience," juror Chuck Swallow told the Reporter-Telegram.

The grand jury report estimates that approximately 1,000 juveniles in Midland are involved in some type of gang activity. According to the report, gang members range in age from 8 to 22 and there has been an "exceptional increase in female gangs, and female gang membership."

"The amazing thing to us was the tremendous rise in female gangs," Bradford said.

Four major gangs have been identified in Midland — the Crips, Eastside, Southside and White. At least 23 smaller gangs operate under the aegis of these four major gangs. Ten additional gangs are suspected but not confirmed, as of the October 1997 report. An Asian gang is also in the formative stages.

"These gangs consist of delinquent youth gangs,

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Local judge believes emphasis should be placed on rehabilitation of young lives

A teen-ager sits sullenly in the courtroom, dressed in an orange detention uniform and white shower clogs. His hands and feet are shackled. It is his first time in a Midland courtroom — he and his family have just moved here from El Paso.

He was arrested by police and charged with criminal mischief for spray painting gang graffiti in five locations. His "tagging" had caused more than $3,000 in damage in just one night, according to court testimony.

The youth is now a reluctant participant in a detention hearing — the first step in the juvenile justice process.

As his distraught mother looks on, Midland County-Court-at-Law Judge Al Walvoord rules to detain the youth for 10 business days at the Culver Youth Home — the maximum allowed by law.

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Juveniles who are arrested and are not released to the custody of their parents or guardian are usually detained at Culver Youth Home, shown at left and above, for 10 days.

Stories by Alice Ashmore | **Photos by Curt Wilcott**

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South Korean students, workers protest IMF deal

By Sang-Hun Choe
Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — Pumping clenched fists into an overcast sky, 2,000 students and workers swore Saturday to resist South Korea's economic bailout deal, saying it will only inflict more suffering on the nation.

"We oppose IMF trusteeship! Abolish the IMF agreement!" the protesters chanted.

Saturday's rally — held in downtown Seoul's bustling Myongdong commercial district — was the first major protest since South Korea signed a record-breaking $57 billion bailout agreement with the International Monetary Fund on Dec. 3.

Hundreds of black-helmeted riot police with shields stood guard over the crowd, while labor songs blared from loudspeakers mounted on a minivan. No clashes or arrests were reported.

The protest highlighted the challenges facing the winner of next Thursday's presidential election, being held at a time of acute economic crisis. The bailout mandates belt-tightening that is expected to push up unemployment, taxes and prices.

"The government and rich company owners ruined the economy, and now they tell us to take all the pain. We never will!" one labor leader shouted.

"Fight! Fight!" the protesters chanted, sitting on pavement wet from melting snow. Some carried signs that read: "Arrest (President) Kim Young-sam for Ruining the Economy."

They promised to stage a bigger protest Sunday.

Earlier Saturday, Kim and the nation's three key presidential candidates reaffirmed support for the IMF bailout.

"We will do our best to boost international confidence by honoring the terms of the agreement," a joint statement from the four men said.

South Korea's economy has further deteriorated since the deal was announced, with currency and share prices continuing to fall and foreign lenders reportedly refusing to roll over their loans.

Fears that South Korea may renege on the promises it made to the IMF have eroded investor confidence. Those fears escalated when two leading presidential candidates said they would renegotiate the bailout conditions if elected, in an apparent attempt to translate popular dismay into votes.

Both of them backed down Friday and pledged full support.

Most Korean economists agree the IMF mandates are bitter but necessary to rescuing the failing economy. But many Koreans who have painful memories of foreign intervention consider the bailout humiliating and too harsh.

The demonstrators suggested South Korea should refuse to pay its foreign debt to protest the accord.

Analysts say more than $100 billion in foreign loans will come due within a year. Of that, between $16.5 billion and $20 billion in foreign debts will come due in the next 2 1/2 weeks. As of Thursday, the country only had $10 billion in usable foreign reserves, down sharply from $22.3 billion at the end of October.

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Winter cold increasing suffering in North Korea

By Joe McDonald
Associated Press

BEIJING — A severe winter is taking its toll on the sick and the young in North Korea, where temperatures inside hospitals and orphanages drop to freezing and medicines are in short supply, aid workers said Saturday.

The severe food shortage has eased slightly, with North Koreans eating the fall harvest and tons of food donated by aid groups, said Norwegian Red Cross officials who returned from a weeklong trip to the country.

But hospitals lack basic medicines, with some using only 10 percent of their beds because fuel is so scarce they can't heat their rooms, said Red Cross spokeswoman Marte Ramborg.

"The critical thing now is the winter, and the medical situation in the hospitals," Ramborg said. "Patients are lying there with blankets that are not enough."

She said there was an increase of patients having bronchitis and pneumonia.

Economic mismanagement and the loss of Soviet aid have left North Korean industry without fuel or raw materials, compounding the suffering of three years of bad harvests. The country relies on donations for much of its food.

The Red Cross said it has flown 154,000 pounds of antibiotics and other medicines to North Korea this month. The international Federation of Red Cross Societies is buying blankets, winter jackets, and coal.

North Korean officials have not released a death toll or other details about the hunger, but have acknowledged that rates of death and malnutrition are soaring among children.

Outdoor temperatures are as low as 4 below zero, and an unusually heavy amount of snow, about 6 inches, is on the ground, Ramborg said. She said hundreds of North Koreans with snow shovels were clearing highways because lack of fuel and spare parts has immobilized plows.

Catholics attack police in Ireland

LONDONDERRY, Northern Ireland (AP) — Roman Catholics hurled bricks, bottles and a gasoline bomb at police Saturday in protest of a pro-British Protestant parade through this mainly Catholic city.

Police said three officers were injured, none seriously. Following the disturbances, soldiers were deployed on the city's streets for the first time in six months.

The violence erupted after several hundred members of the Protestant Apprentice Boys marched through Londonderry's main square, the Diamond, as part of commemorations of resistance against a besieging Catholic army in 1689.

Earlier, hundreds of extra police kept Protestants and Catholics apart, bringing Christmas shopping to a virtual standstill in the center of Londonderry, the second-largest city of this British province.

The Bogside Residents' Association, a Catholic nationalist group, accused the Apprentice Boys of provocative behavior on previous marches and wanted the parade rerouted from the Diamond.

As the parade and bands left the city center, young Catholics poured into the street, hijacking two vehicles and setting fire to one of them.

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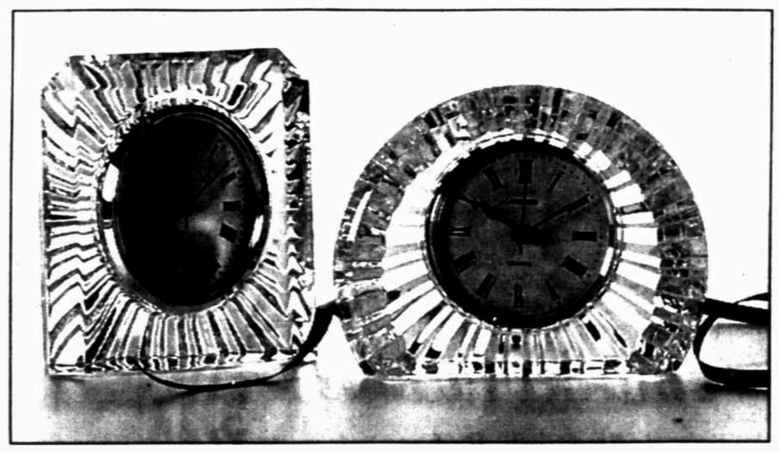

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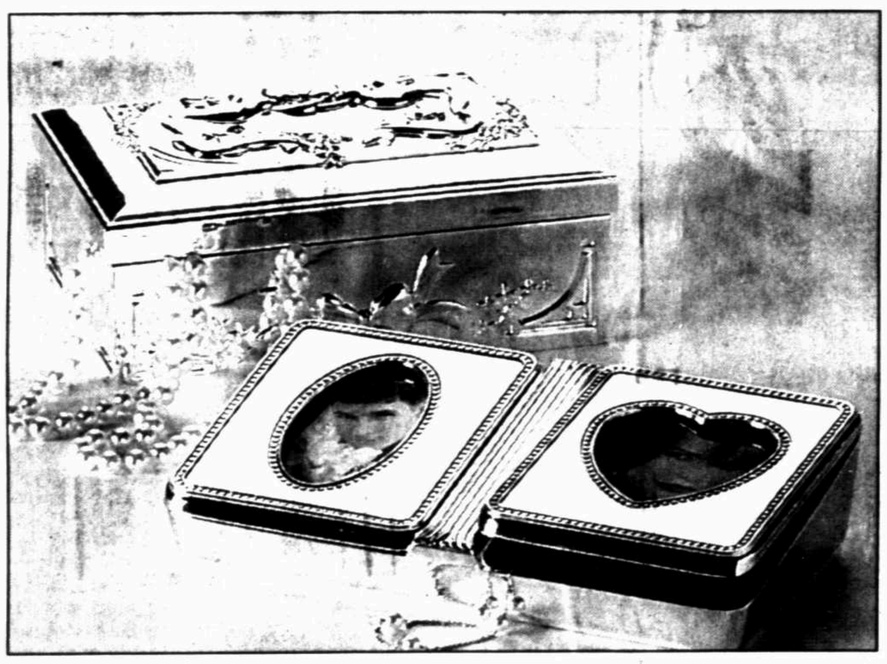

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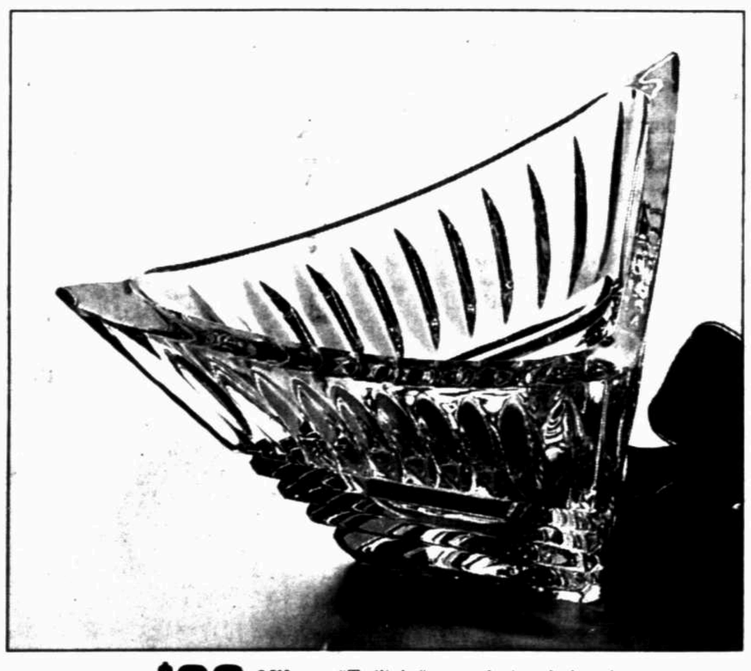

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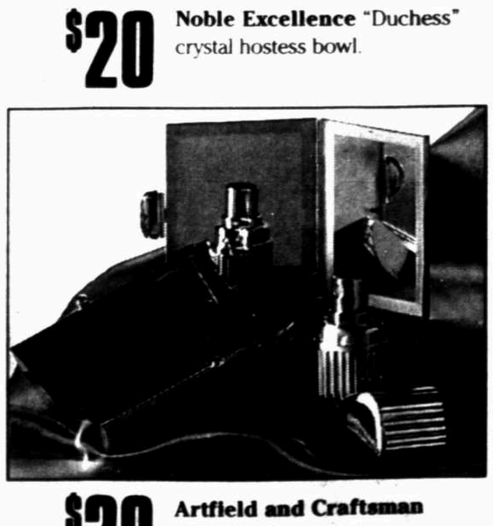

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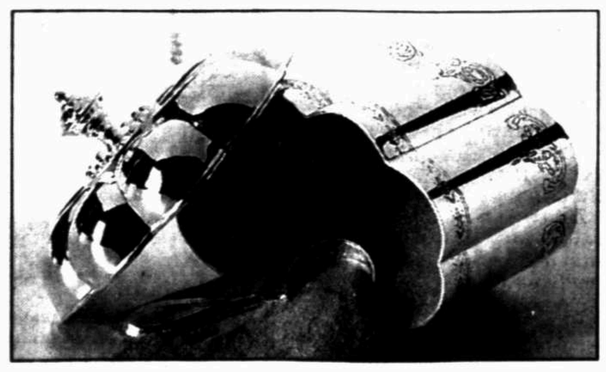

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U.N. team finds evidence of mass slaughter in Afghanistan

By Gretchen Peters
Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Hundreds of bodies dumped in wells and shallow graves in northern Aghanistan indicate mass killings by both sides in the nation's war, U.N. investigators said Saturday.

The investigators are looking into claims by Uzbek warlord Rashid Dostum that as many as 2,000 soldiers from the ruling Taliban militia were massacred during a failed campaign to capture the Afghan north in May.

The U.N. workers, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the dead they found apparently included unarmed civilians. Some of the bodies were stuffed in deep wells and others showed signs of torture.

Their mission was led by the U.N. human rights envoy to Afghanistan, Choong-Hyun Paik.

The investigators said they examined several sites near Shebergan, Dostum's headquarters, 240 miles northwest of the Afghan capital, Kabul.

Dostum's anti-Taliban alliance is fighting the religious militia, which has imposed its strict version of Islam over 85 percent of the country. But he blamed a former deputy, Malik Pahlawan, for the slaughter.

Pahlawan, who was briefly allied with the Taliban after turning against Dostum, is living in exile in Iran after Dostum forced him from Afghanistan.

U.N. investigators said mass killings were committed by both sides in the fighting, adding that they also had found evidence of mass slaughter of ethnic Uzbeks by Taliban troops. U.N. officials said the killings appeared to be ethnically motivated.

"It appears that everybody was butchering everybody up there," one U.N. official said.

Investigators said that the death toll could be as high as 4,000.

While most Taliban soldiers belong to Afghanistan's largest Pashtun ethnic group and are Sunni Muslims, the northerners belong to Afghanistan's many smaller ethnic groups — the Uzbeks, the Tajiks and the Turkmen, and the Shiite and Ismaili Muslim sects.

The U.N. team interviewed residents in villages around the Afghan city of Mazar-e-Sharif who claimed Taliban soldiers massacred hundreds of Shiite Muslims during fighting in May.

The Taliban deny mass killings.

"We have not killed our brothers like that," Deputy Information Minister Abdul Rehman Ottaqi told The Associated Press in Kabul on Saturday. "They are our brothers. They are Muslim."

But Ottaqi admitted that dozens of civilians were killed in the cross fire of a bitter artillery duel outside Mazar-e-Sharif in September.

"And for that we are very sad," he said.

The U.N. investigators also visited grave sites near the Uzbek border town of Hairatan, 42 miles north of Mazar-e-Sharif, where dozens of bodies were scattered across the ground. They appeared to be Taliban troops.

A Canadian forensics expert, Dr. Mark Skinner, was to stay in northern Afghanistan until Tuesday to try to determine the causes of death.

Mandela and old guard stepping down at ANC national conference

By Tom Cohen
Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Nelson Mandela begins his descent from power this week, stepping down as head of the African National Congress at a convention that will set South Africa's course into the next century.

Mandela will remain president of the country until 1999. But he and other longtime ANC leaders are starting to make way for the governing party's next generation, led by ANC president-in-waiting Thabo Mbeki.

The ANC is picking leaders at a five-day meeting that begins Tuesday in the northern town of Mafikeng.

Impatience among grassroots supporters has been growing. Any challenge to the leadership at the conference would signal that delegates representing impoverished blacks hungry for housing, power and jobs want more forceful policies and more pressure on wealthy whites to help out.

Paid-up party membership stands at just under 135,000, believed to be well below the total in 1994 at the height of the ANC's election campaign. Labor unions, a key element of ANC support, don't like the government's fiscal austerity in trying to reduce the budget deficit at the short-term expense of creating jobs.

Earlier this year, grassroots supporters sent a wake-up call by choosing local activist Mathole Motshekga as premier of Gauteng province over the preferred candidate of the ANC leadership, the Rev. Frank Chikane, a long-time anti-apartheid leader.

Some leaders warn the ANC must start listening to its members.

"It does not escape the masses that some of us were last seen addressing serious matters of the organization just before the last elections," said Matthew Phosa, premier of Mpumalanga province.

Mbeki calls the perceived impatience a normal stage in the development of the ANC from a liberation movement to a political party.

"I don't think there's any problem with the ANC," he told journalists Thursday.

He said the ANC would continue its collective approach to develop policies and make decisions.

"There's continuity in the organization," he said. "I don't think we should approach the matter as one generation out, new generation in."

Normally a jumble of unified disorder, full of sloganeering and pedantic discourses on political theory, the ANC national conference will decide policies for the party's platform for the 1999 election. Leaders chosen will head the government after the expected ANC victory until 2004, at least.

The change in leadership reflects the changing ANC role. Outgoing stalwarts like Mandela, Walter Sisulu and Govan Mbeki, Thabo Mbeki's father, were underground revolutionaries who spent decades in prison and will be honored for their contributions at the conference.

Thabo Mbeki, 55, is an erudite activist who spent almost three decades in exile. Party chairman Jacob Zuma, the lone candidate for deputy president, is another former exile and the highest-ranking Zulu in the ANC. His ascendancy is considered a move to attract support from Zulus, the nation's largest tribe with 8 million people.

Zuma could face a floor revolt for the deputy presidency led by Mandela's ex-wife, Winnie Madikizela-Mandela. Called the "mother of the nation" by her supporters, she is revered for her visible defiance of white rulers during the decades her husband and other ANC leaders were in exile or jail.

Pressure from the mainstream leadership, including Mandela, kept her off the ballot for deputy president. To make a nomination from the floor more difficult, the party is likely to adjust its rules.

Current rules require 10 percent of the 3,000 voting delegates to second a floor nomination by show of hands. Proposed rule changes would require 25 percent of the delegates — 750 — to sign a seconding petition.

Mbeki insisted Thursday the changes were proposed long before Madikizela-Mandela's ambitions were known. He said the motivation was to make it difficult for newcomers or outsiders to circumvent the party's tortuous nomination system through its local and regional structures.

Madikizela-Mandela's standing has been hurt by her public criticism of the ANC in a November newspaper interview and nine days of hearings by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission on killings and torture she allegedly ordered a decade ago in the Soweto black township.

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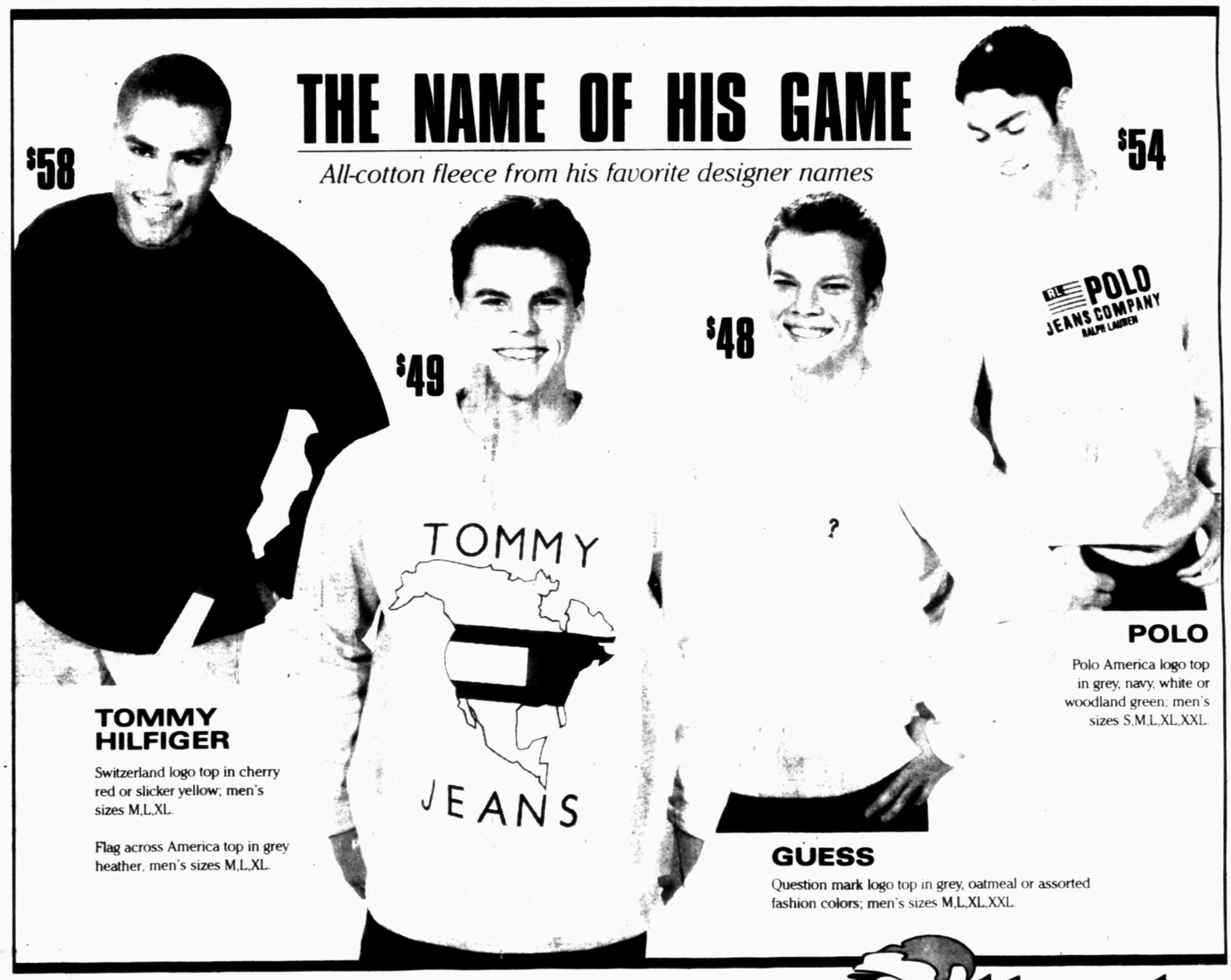

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Smugglers flood the West with opium via Central Asian road

By Dave Carpenter
Associated Press

OSH, Kyrgyzstan — High in the jagged Pamir Mountains, where wolves and snow leopards prowl a desolate no man's land, small squads of men are fighting a losing battle against a rising tide of opium and heroin sweeping toward the West.

Foot soldiers in the war on drugs, these police and customs agents stand sentinel along the remote alpine highway that threads north from Afghanistan into the rock-ribbed underbelly of Central Asia.

But often they are only spectators to the torrent of drugs streaming along the legendary Silk Road routes toward Russia and beyond.

"See those slopes over there?" customs officer Dzhanibek Abdulayev says, gesturing toward craggy peaks looming over his primitive checkpoint for trucks at Kyzyl-Art, some 14,000 feet high on the Tajikistan border.

"Often we see smugglers there, but what can we do? Practically nothing. We can't run after them at this altitude. We can't shoot at them because we have no weapons. And we're not properly dressed or equipped to launch an expedition."

He shakes his head in frustration. "Without assistance, we're practically helpless."

Once plied by ancient caravans carrying spices and cloth from the Orient to the West, the Silk Road has been transformed into one of the world's primary drug routes since the Soviet Union's collapse in 1991.

Much of the contraband passes over the 450-mile highway to Osh from Afghanistan, the region's top opium-growing country. The lucrative cargo is welded inside trucks, smuggled through remote passes on horseback or guaranteed passage by bribes.

Outmanned narcotics teams across Central Asia have confiscated several tons of opium and shut down dozens of labs that turn poppies into bricks of opium gum, morphine or heroin. At police headquarters in Osh, rancid bags of contraband are heaped high in a locked room full of seizures from recent years.

But authorities admit the hauls are only a tiny fraction of what gets through — an amount they won't even guess at.

"This region is not yet as big in trafficking as Colombia or 'the Golden Triangle' (of Burma, Laos and Thailand), but it has all the ingredients to become the worst drug trafficking zone in the world," says Srinivasa Reddy, an expert in Uzbekistan for the U.N. Drug Control Program.

The hub is Osh, a 3,000-year-old settlement on a scorched plain whose role as a world drug center lurks beneath a timeless surface.

Long before mullahs' mournful prayers break the pre-dawn stillness, roads outside the city fill with villagers headed to the bazaar on horse-drawn carts piled high with hay. Men in traditional white-tasseled hats hawk Chinese goods next to women selling Frisbee-sized bread loaves hot enough to burn your hands.

But poverty and the end of Soviet authoritarianism have led many to succumb to new temptations, and this city of 500,000 people is now known for "khanka" — raw opium. Waiters in cafes know the going price, and a murmured exchange can close an instant sale of foil-wrapped opium the size of a stick of gum for 20 Kyrgyz soms, the equivalent of $1.30.

The potential for profit is enormous. A kilogram — 2.2 pounds — of pure opium that costs $100 when it leaves Afghanistan sells for $750 in Osh and as much as $8,000 in Moscow. The same amount of heroin fetches $20,000 in Osh, $100,000 in Moscow.

No wonder you can spot Kyrgyz customs agents wearing Rolex watches.

While Soviet-era statues still exalt Lenin, today's true powers are a half-dozen druglords whose identities are Central Asia's worst-kept secret.

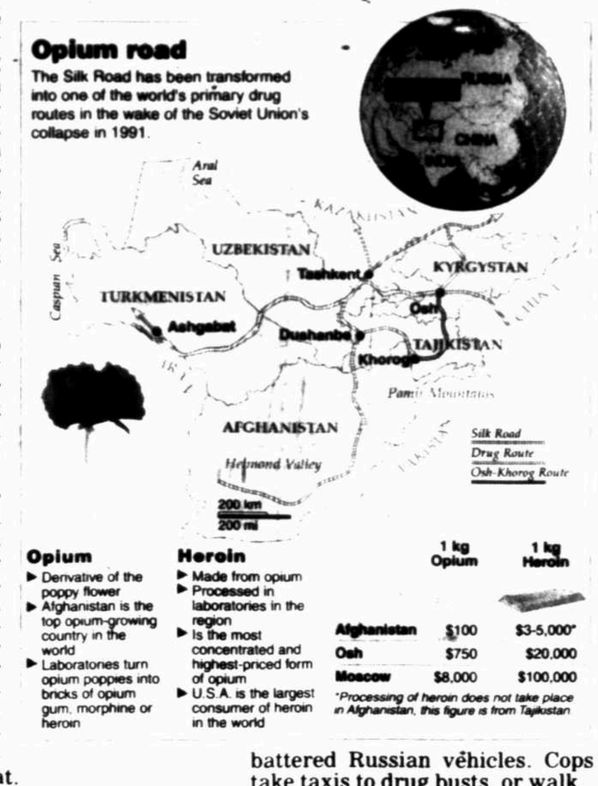
In a country where 49 percent of the people live below the poverty line, according to the World Bank, these men brazenly parade their success in Mercedes and sprawling new houses.

Wearing a black silk shirt and black pants and flashing an acorn-sized gold ring, potbellied Erlan — not his real name — reputedly runs one of the six primary trafficking groups in Kyrgyzstan, all based in Osh. While the average Kyrgyz income is 400 soms ($27) a month, police say he flew to Moscow this year and laid out $42,000 in cash for a new BMW.

The reputed drug baron and a police narcotics officer can be seen sipping cognac together occasionally at an exclusive government retreat.

Police claim the drug lords operate with impunity because officers do not have the resources or surveillance equipment to nab them. The 19 men in the Osh narcotics unit have no guns and just three battered Russian vehicles. Cops take taxis to drug busts, or walk.

"Our guys are working simply out of pure patriotism," says the department chief, Kamil Abdurakhmanov. "These narco-criminals just laugh at us — we on our white horses."



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Grand jury's recommendations for MISD would take additional funding

By Richard Enos
Staff Writer

Midland Independent School District officials believe the area has a problem with youth gangs and agree with some of the suggestions for MISD programs included in a special grand jury report on gangs.

Some school officials believe that it's a matter of convincing the public to commit more in taxes and in time to prevent what could be a future increase in youth gangs committing increasingly violent crimes.

Joseph Baressi Jr., MISD superintendent, said the report has some good solutions to prevent a serious gang problem. He hastily adds that many require additional tax dollars.

"I think it's a legitimate attempt to quantify the gang problem," Baressi said. "I think ... the recommendations as they relate to MISD are valid.

"In general, I do think Midland does have a gang problem from what I see in schools and what is reported by principals."

MISD Police Chief Dan Walkenshaw served on the grand jury and was previously an officer with the Midland Police Department. About a year ago he made MISD officer Craig Rigtrup the school department's gang investigator.

The two are familiar with the gang situation in town and even maintain a "gang list" of youth suspected to be in gangs. Both men believe Midland has a gang problem, but not yet a serious one.

Walkenshaw said it will take cooperation among government agencies and parents to put a lid on gang activity. It's estimated that about 1,000 children in Midland County are involved in gangs and commit 30 percent of all crimes.

"We can continue to build state prisons and spend umpteen million dollars and not have an effect," Walkenshaw said. "Or we can identify the small number of juveniles who are committing a majority of juvenile crimes, to try to turn these juvenile offenders into useful citizens while they're still at a young age."

Officials need the public's support, he added.

"We must be able to explain to the community that this funding is worthwhile, that this is going to be worthwhile in their lives," he said.

Rigtrup is out on the streets and witnesses gang activity firsthand. He believes parents and private citizens can have the most impact in the fight against gangs.

"I think definitely there's a problem," Rigtrup said. "There's people out there who claim that they're a criminal street gang. ... Without help from the parents it's tough."

The grand jury report has ambitious recommendations for enhanced school district programs that will take additional funding.

The report calls for a centralized Alternative Education Program for MISD students who violate the district's discipline codes, has praise for a youth boot camp in Lubbock as a possible solution, and calls for more MISD career-oriented and counseling programs.

Baressi said many of the suggestions have merit.

For example, the district would like to centralize its AEP program for students who've violated discipline policies. MISD currently has 13 AEP units at different schools and at Culver Youth Home.

A centralized AEP would allow teachers to specialize in course areas rather than tailor to a student's course load, he said. It also might make the punishment more severe because the student would not see his fellow students at his home school.

But money, facilities and bus transportation are all a problem, he added.

The report also includes praise for Midland High School's Excel School. The school was created about a year ago to give potential MHS dropouts a chance to catch up on credits in a small classroom setting and has reduced MHS' dropout rate.

It would be difficult financially to expand Excel for other campuses, Baressi said.

The report also had praise for Lubbock's Special Training and Rehabilitation (STAR) youth boot camp, which is a collaborative effort between the city, school district and county government.

The program needs a demanding juvenile justice judge in order to be effective, Baressi said. The judge must offer the youth a tough alternative in either facing long-term imprisonment or a few months in a strict boot camp.

The report criticized MISD for not having enough career skills courses and says the district has a "college-bound only mentality" for its high school graduates.

"I don't personally feel that we're college only," the superintendent said. "We do have 100 of our students in career and technology courses and technology requires basically that our students are well-rounded in math and science.

The district used to have more career courses in the 1980s, but lost state and federal funding for them.

Baressi agreed with the jury's suggestion that Midland College and MISD collaborate to offer more vocational programs and the two entities are applying for a federal grant for vocational courses.

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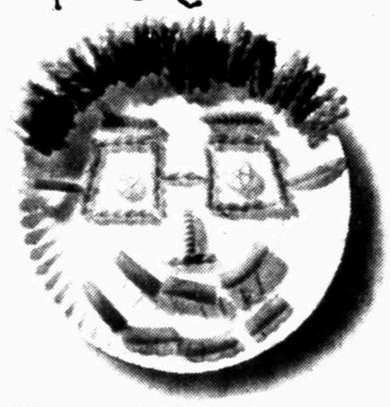
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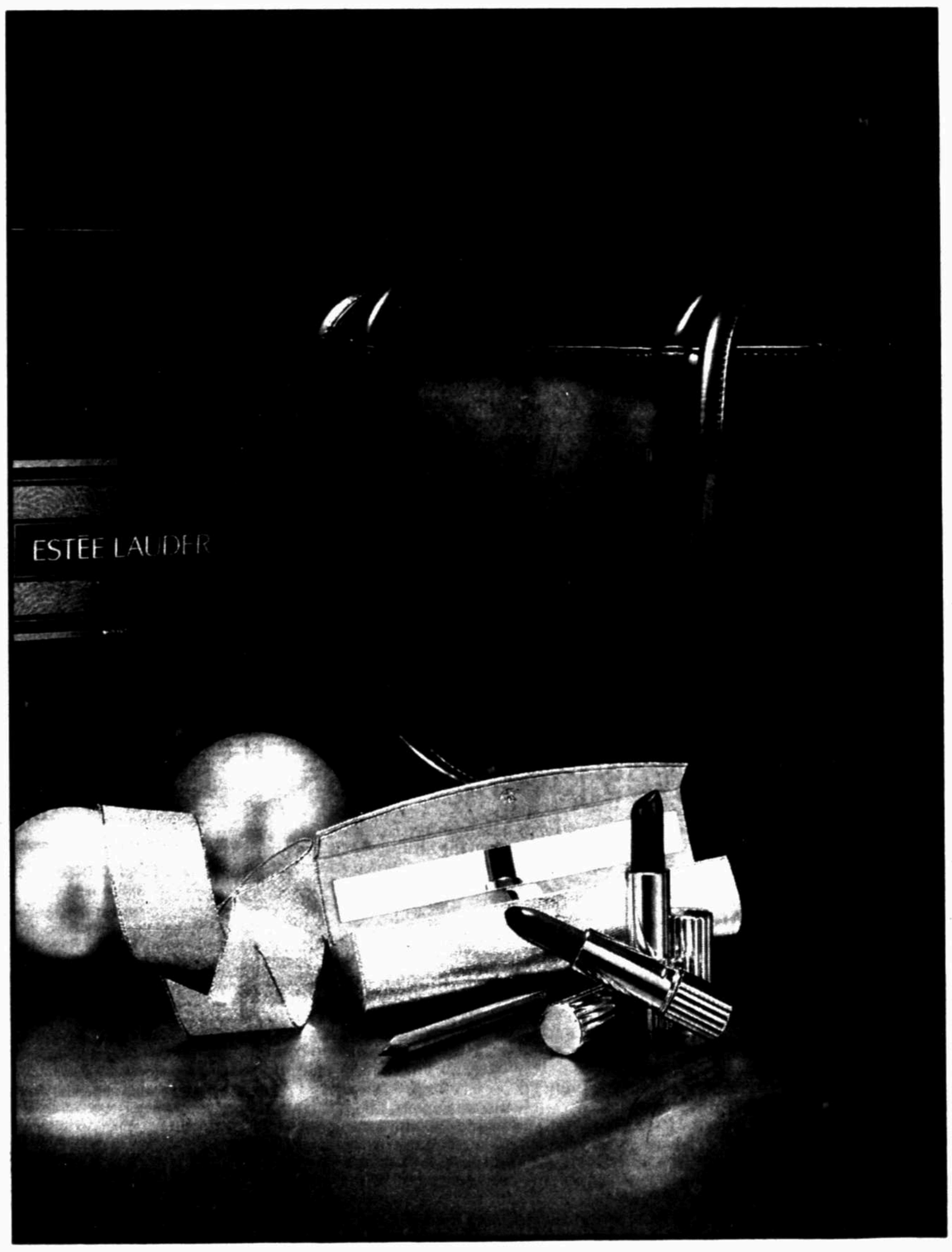

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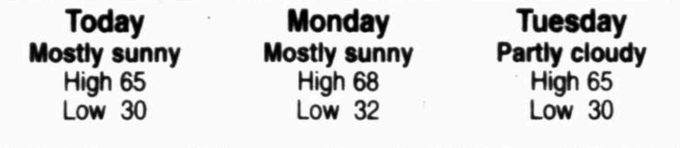

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Low 30	Low 32	Low 30

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After an overnight low of 21, Saturday's high was 57, compared to the record high of 82 set in 1995. The record low for that date was 14, set in 1985.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Friday	.00 in.
Rainfall Saturday	.00 in.
Total for month	.02 in.
Total for year	15.77 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High	57
low	21
Normal high	59
Normal low	31

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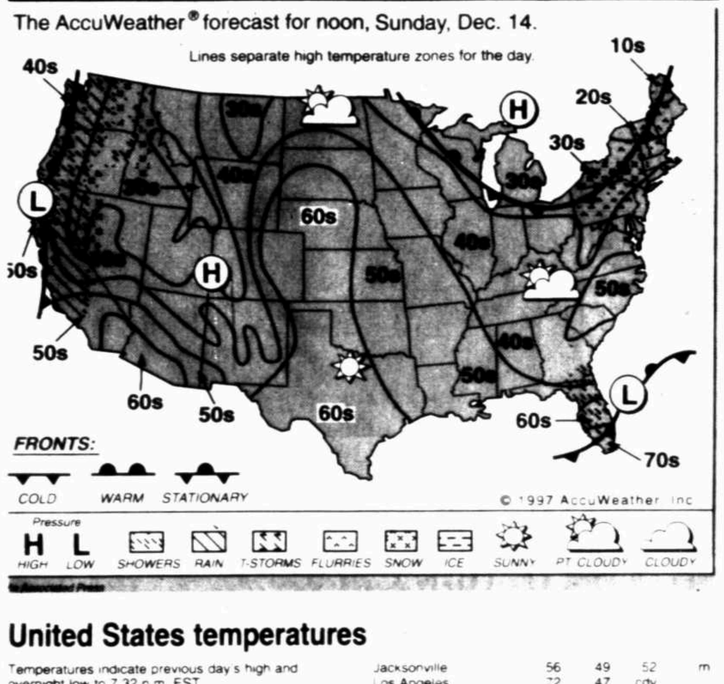

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Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:32 p.m. EST

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Baltimore	47	23	clr	
Boston	43	30	clr	
Chicago	33	21	clr	
Cincinnati	40	28	cdy	
Cleveland	30	29	cdy	
Dallas-Ft Worth	47	23	clr	
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Philadelphia	43	27	cdy	
Phoenix	63	37	clr	
Pittsburgh	36	28	cdy	
St Louis	42	25	clr	
San Antonio	56	23	clr	
Sacramento	43	35	cdy	
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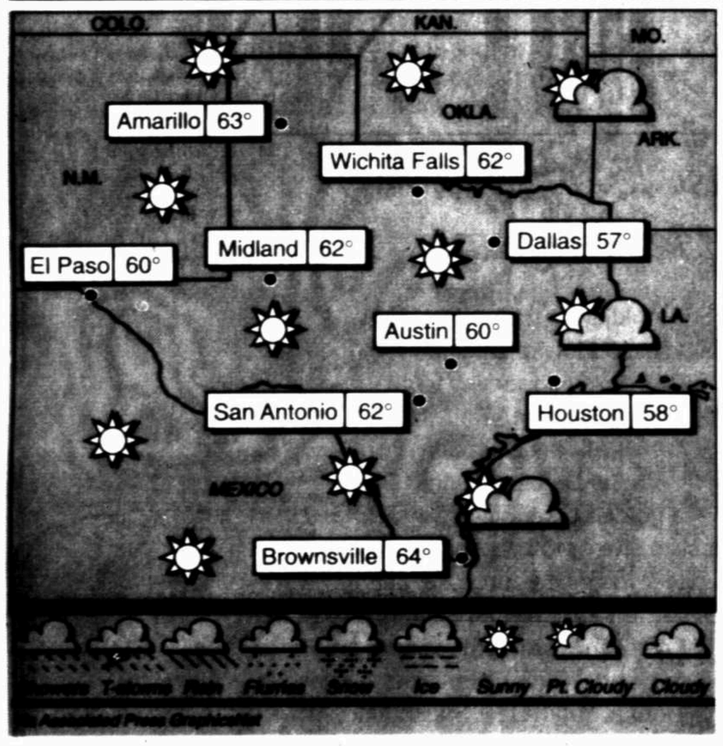
State forecast



MISD: Baressi calls for combined effort to fight gangs

(From 5A)

Another key item in the report criticizes MISD's rural school bus exchange points within the city limits. Each school day, buses from the county deliver secondary students to campuses like Midland Freshman High School where they wait for another bus to take them to their home campus. In the afternoon, they return to MFHS before catching the bus home.

The bus exchange points, the report claims, are a hotbed for gang activity. The jury recommends that MISD use a central location, such as the district's warehouse at Moran Street and Florida Avenue, as a drop-off point.

The superintendent said the warehouse area is currently too hazardous for children, but MISD is looking at other bus exchange points. He said there have been some problems at MFHS, which has the largest number of students in the mornings and afternoons.

Walkenshaw said that MISD police run across constant problems at the site.

"There's always somebody stirring something," he said. "Most people in Midland aren't aware of it."

School uniforms are another recommendation in the report. San Jacinto Junior High is the only MISD school using them to date. Baressi said uniforms will work if parents support the idea.

"I do think the uniforms at San Jacinto have been successful," Baressi said. "I think it has some prospect. It reduces the opportunity to wear gang paraphernalia and wear gang colors."

The report also praised the district's Insight Program, in which school counselors work with students who have substance abuse problems.

The report calls for Insight counselors to be assigned to secondary campuses and to have others available for sixth-graders. Currently, three Insight counselors work out of the administration building.

Baressi said that, again, the recommendation for an expanded program is a good suggestion but money is a problem.

Both Walkenshaw and Rigtrup said more can be done. Walkenshaw said that police have a chance to turn young criminals around and believes the gang report has helped raise awareness.

The police chief said that until recently there was no place to put juvenile suspects because Culver Youth Home was full. They often were set free.

"They'd get caught (committing a crime), but there wasn't room to hold them," he said. "That always irked me."

Now Culver facilities are being expanded, but Walkenshaw said it's almost a case of "too little, too late."

The police chief said the city of Midland, MISD and Culver could join financial forces to further expand services at the home.

Walkenshaw said something must also be done to lessen juvenile probation officers' workloads. One officer may have 40 cases at a time.

Rigtrup said he believes the area has a problem, but one that probably will not lead to big city drive-by shootings or large-scale drug operations.

"I don't think that we're ever going to have the problems that Dallas has because the people aren't organized," he said. "Their acts of violence are very small acts: assaults, burglaries. Drive-by shootings — we have some, but very few."

When the officer is out on the streets dealing with gang members and families, he sees parents who adamantly deny their children are in gangs or don't seem to care if they are.

Rigtrup remembers the time police seized a student's photo album that had pictures of youth flashing gang signs at each other. He later received an angry parent's phone call over the matter.

"The parent called furious that the officer took this up from her child," he said. "When I met with these parents, they were emphatic that I was singling their kid out."

Rigtrup said he told the parents that he'd be concerned if his child appeared to be involved in a gang and would want to know more.

"They didn't it see it that way," he said, adding that police returned the album.

Rigtrup said parents can help control the gang situation by learning about gangs and watching who their child associates with. Residents can help by reporting graffiti and vandalism and may remain anonymous to dispatchers.

"Hold your kids accountable," he said. "The child has to be honest with the parent, or the parent has to be informed and know what's going on. That, by and large, is a big problem in the city."

Baressi said it will take a combined effort to fight gangs in the area, but citizens will be up to the challenge.

"I think we have a community that's small enough and concerned enough to stay on top of it," he said. "(But) as the population increases, and (the number of) juvenile delinquents increase, they have to have more resources."

Rigtrup hopes the public will stand up to the problem.

"Everybody should feel safe in Midland, and in the schools. There's enough (problems) in the world ... this gang situation should not be on the top of everyone's list."

PUNISH: Teens no longer hiding gang affiliation

(From 1A)

"If this is a rude awakening from how you have been treated in El Paso, then I am sorry," Walvoord says sternly. The detention hearing is similar to hundreds that Walvoord hears each year as Midland's primary juvenile judge.

Walvoord routinely holds juveniles for a full 10 business days. "I know a lot of kids think I am mean, but the only way I am going to impact their lives is to give them 10 working days," Walvoord said. "Parents cry, kids cry, but it is my theory that while they are here I am going to work with them."

During 1996 1,217 juveniles were referred to the Culver Youth Home, according to statistics provided by Midland County Juvenile Probation. For the first six months of 1997, that number stands at 630.

A juvenile enters the system after he is arrested by a law enforcement officer. They are transported to Culver and booked into the facility. The juvenile is housed at the facility until a detention hearing can be held in juvenile court. The court then determines whether to detain the youth for up to 10 days, or to release him to the custody of a parent of guardian.

After the detention hearing, the juvenile prosecutor will examine the law enforcement reports, as well as any evidence, and determine whether to refer the case for prosecution or to dismiss the charges.

Aldolfo Salcido, chief juvenile probation officer for Midland, has seen a change in the attitude of juveniles, especially when it comes to gangs. "It used to be that kids concealed it, and now they are proud of it. For some reason they are not hiding it.

"I see a deterioration in society, and in my culture — that leads to gang problems," he said.

And youth seem to be less afraid of the system. "I think they are just not afraid, period," Salcido said. "We are sending more and more kids each year to the TYC (Texas Youth Commission)."

He also has seen an escalation in the level of violence. "Kids are meaner these days. They don't think anything about shooting or stabbing."

"We lose a lot of kids before we ever have a chance to work with them," said Assistant District Attorney Bob Stevens. He said a lack of discipline by parents, and a popular culture that glorifies gang violence fuels juvenile and gang problems.

Stevens notes that younger children are now committing more severe crimes. "The age is lowering in terms of the degree of crime we see."

In the study of Midland's gang problem, the special grand jury made a number of recommendations concerning the juvenile justice system.

The special grand jury report found two problem areas in the operation of the juvenile division of the District Attorney's Office — lack of a full-time juvenile prosecutor and the length of time it takes to get cases to trial.

Midland District Attorney Al Schorre told the Reporter-Telegram last week that during next year's budget process he plans to ask county commissioners for funding of a full-time juvenile prosecutor. Schorre said he looked at funding a position immediately, through the use of grant money, but that adequate funds were not available.

County Attorney Russell Malm, who handled misdemeanor cases until Sept. 1, supports the idea of a full-time juvenile prosecutor. "I have always (thought there was a) need for a full-time juvenile prosecutor," he said.

Stevens, who has recently taken over prosecution of juvenile cases, told the Reporter-Telegram he plans to concentrate on getting juvenile cases to trial quickly.

The grand jury report also expresses a concern that juvenile cases will overpower a court system already operating at near capacity.

In 1996, case dispositions show that the court "is working at near peak effectiveness." The grand jury report recommends the hiring of a court master to ease the burden on the County-Court-at-Law position. A court master is similar to an assistant judge, who can hear disputes and make temporary, non-binding rulings to be submitted for approval of a presiding judge, Schorre said.

Walvoord explained that there are three possible outcomes from a juvenile prosecution: probation, long-term detention in special facilities outside of Midland (at county expense), or to send a juvenile to the Texas Youth Commission. Walvoord notes that only about 16 juveniles a year are sent to the commission. "The TYC takes the worst of the of the worst and they have an impact on them. We give that child a real chance to turn around."

Probation is the most common outcome in juvenile proceedings, the judge said.

Walvoord explains that if he gives probation, it is never for less than a year, even if that exceeds state recommendations. "We're going to do everything we can to impact their lives." He thinks that less than one year is insufficient time to change young lives.

There are currently about 200 youths in Midland County on juvenile probation, according to the special grand jury report.

"This is a problem in that there are five probation officers handling around 200 juveniles on probation," the report states. "That is about a ratio of 40:1, which is too many for the probation officer to do a fair job to each juvenile and the community."

Salcido believes that growth in state-funded positions within the probation office has reduced that ratio. "I think we are making a lot of progress," Salcido said, noting that his office has expanded by six positions in the last two years.

"Actually, supervising the kids, we are doing OK," he said. "We help a lot of kids — some come through only once."

Walvoord noted that of the roughly 1,100 juveniles sent to Culver each year, only about 10 percent are repeaters. "I'm real proud of our numbers," he said. "Of that 1,100, quite a few are hardened, but they are not above being redeemed.

"I would like the luxury of more juvenile probation officers."

Salcido said his office would like to add probation officers to supervise additional programs. The facility already has an in-house substance abuse counselor, and Salcido would like to add a life-skills program and additional follow-up on home visits.

A volunteer mentoring program is another addition Salcido would like to make to his department. But commitment to the mentoring program must be consistent. "One of the problems with these kids is that they have always had someone fail them," he said.

Another recommendation of the special grand jury was the implementation of a STAR (Special Training And Rehabilitation) program — which has been used in several other cities around the state.

The non-resident boot-camp style program works on the basis of building self-esteem and a sense of personal responsibility into the lives of juvenile offenders. The STAR program is intended to build the necessary character to resist the lure of gang activity and the sense of structure it provides.

Salcido believes a STAR program could be beneficial but he has some reservations. But in talking with his counterpart in Lubbock — which has an operational STAR program —he discovered there are some problems. "There were liability problems and she would have liked to see the program dissolved after one year."

Walvoord takes pride in the juvenile system he administers. "Texas juvenile probation is enlightened," he said. "It is one of the forerunners in our treatment of juveniles." He said that the Texas system places an emphasis on rehabilitation, which he believes is appropriate when dealing with young lives. "Society cannot begin to realize the stark environment from which our kids come."

Malm feels it is wrong to blame prosecutors and the judicial system for the juvenile problem. "By the time they get to us there is already a problem — we're dealing with the symptom basically."

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REPORT: 30 percent of local criminal activity involves juveniles, gangs

(From 1A)

traditional turf gangs, profit-oriented gangs and hate gangs," the report states.

The report was not surprising to Hyde. "I anticipated they would conclude the beginnings of gang activity." He noted that he sees more juveniles being certified for trial as adults and more juvenile participation in gangs.

The jurors also found that up to 30 percent of local criminal activity can be attributed to juvenile crime and gangs. Statistically, that translates to 1 percent of the population committing nearly one-third of crimes.

And gangs have their economic impact on communities as well. "It will compete for economic activity just like anything else." The level of gang activity also can have an impact on a community looking to attract businesses to the area — a major priority of local officials.

The special grand jury estimates that $4.5 million in "lost costs" can be attributed to gang activity in Midland. "Gangs are a business," the report states. "We must make it hard for them to do business in our community."

The 30-page document identifies 17 individual problem areas within the Midland Independent School District, the city of Midland, Midland County, the juvenile justice system and the community as a whole. Recommendations and solutions to the problem areas are included as well.

The No. 1 recommendation of the panel, according to Bradford, was the creation of a Midland Juvenile Council. The council would "facilitate, on a continuous basis, relationship between the mayor, Juvenile Board, and our community to combat juvenile crime. The council would continually promote and adopt innovative solutions to juvenile crime in our community," the report states.

Bradford also believes penalties should be severe for juveniles involved in gang-related criminal activity. "Community service is like throwing water on concrete — you have to have an attention-getter."

Swallow said he was troubled by "how many opportunities a juvenile has to jump out of the system without any consequences."

Bradford said the grand jury talked to a number of gang members during the course of the year. He said they were fearless of the juvenile justice system. "They told us to our faces — 'You can't do anything to me; you can't touch me.'"

But Bradford saw hope for redemption hidden behind the attitude of one gang member. "He came in all macho and left crying," Bradford said. "What these kids really want is someone to care about them."

The grand jury found that a STAR (Special Training and Rehabilitation) program "... is the most attractive remedy for this community's situation." The non-resident "boot-camp" style program works on the basis of building self-esteem and a sense of personal responsibility into the lives of juvenile offenders.

The goal of the STAR program is to build the necessary character to resist the lure of gang activity and the sense of structure it provides. The program also requires academic performance and parental involvement.

Parental involvement, according to the grand jury, lies at the heart of the juvenile and gang problem in Midland. "While it is true that the gang problem is one that is very complex and represents a very diverse culture, there is one very basic approach that must be adopted by all communities in order to prevent its spread," the report states. "Parents have to be parents!"

"Gangs offer an opportunity for self-esteem and for structure," Bradford said. "Self-esteem is the underlying factor." The report lists as reasons for gang membership: lack of parental involvement, a sense of belonging, lack of educational application opportunity, lack of academic success, a sense of protection, low self-esteem, monetary reasons, organizational structure, drugs, and the length of time to prosecution.

"Like it or not, there is a pattern that will develop with juveniles," Bradford said. He said that the level of criminal activity escalates rapidly — that truancy quickly advances into petty theft, then steadily progresses up to felony crime like residential burglaries and drive-by shootings.

Early recognition of gangs is often difficult for a community, Bradford said. He said it was often the attitude of "it's not here because it has never affected me." But he said everyone feels the results economically — in everything from increased insurance premiums to the actual cost of funding expanded detention centers.

"The commitment is not for what is in the report — it is to developing long-term solutions to this problem," Bradford said. He is encouraged by the increase in communication by the involved parties as a result of the report. "I can tell you there has absolutely been an increase in communication."

Swallow also is hopeful about the ability of Midland to address the problem of juvenile gangs." Overall, I felt pretty good about Midland and the way it is addressing the problem," Swallow said. "Midland proved to be working very hard toward solutions."

Other grand jurors on the panel were: Jerry Moritz, Albert Terrazas, Oland Butler, Reuben Ramirez, Claudia Egan, Dan Walkenshaw, Buddy Swinney, W.C. Wilson, Hector Valdez Jr. and Melissa Cartwright.

The last special grand jury convened in Midland was five or six years ago to study drug and alcohol problems among teens, Hyde said. He believes special grand juries perform an important role in determining the well-being of a community.

"I think it is appropriate for a community to re-evaluate itself, just like we take an annual physical every year."

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LABOR: Study estimates 290,200 children were employed illegally last year

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At left, 4-year-old Angel Oliveras picks red chilies in Berino, N.M. Chilies from this field go to a processor that ships some of its peppers to a California company called Cantisano, which makes Newman's Own salsa. At right, after attending a migrant summer school earlier in the day, Laura Mares, 10, tosses cucumbers in a bucket as she works in a field in Wayne, Ohio.

Although the number of children traced to any one company was small, there are uncounted thousands of boys and girls like Angel, Vielesee and Bruce. No one knows just how many because no one, the federal government included, has tried to count them all.

To make an estimate, the AP had Rutgers University labor economist Douglas L. Kruse analyze monthly census surveys and other workplace and population data collected by the federal government.

His study estimates that 290,200 children were employed unlawfully last year. Some were older teens working a few too many hours in after-school jobs. But also among them were 59,600 children under age 14 and 13,100 who worked in garment sweatshops, defined as factories with repeated labor violations.

Other estimates:

■ Close to 4 percent of all 12- to 17-year-olds working in any given week were employed illegally.

■ Employers saved $155 million in wages last year by hiring underage children instead of legal workers.

Kruse's study could not account for all children who work illegally because available data are limited. For example, census-takers, like labor enforcement agents, have trouble finding the very kids who are among the most easily exploited: children of migrant workers, illegal immigrants and the very young.

EVEN SO, U.S. Labor Secretary Alexis Herman called the study more comprehensive than anything her department had produced.

She said the AP's numbers, and the young faces behind them, highlight a home-grown version of what the Clinton administration and corporate leaders have addressed largely as a foreign problem.

"I don't think that we can lead from a position of integrity and be a world leader if our own domestic house is not in order," she said.

Jim Sinegal, president of Costco Wholesale Corp., said his company has monitored overseas suppliers for years to avoid products made with child labor.

However, the company acknowledged buying cherries from a packing plant in Washington state where Flor Trujillo, 15, and six other child workers under 16 were sickened by carbon monoxide last July. Children under 16 are prohibited by federal law from working in such plants.

"We obviously have to take a look a little closer to home," Sinegal said.

Look to a bustling street in New York City's borough of Queens, where Koon-yu Chow, 15, was found stitching dresses at a garment factory sewing machine last summer. Dresses were being made for Betsy's Things, a label sold at Sears, until state labor investigators inspected the place and Betsy's Things took its business elsewhere.

WALK INTO Grayson Sewing in Sherman, Texas. There, Vielesee was one of seven children federal investigators found folding and bagging dresses up to 12 hours a day. All seven were under 14; the youngest was 9. J.C. Penney acknowledged making two purchases of garments from Grayson, a company investigators called a sweatshop.

Rise before dawn to join Angel and six other children under 12 in a New Mexico field.

"Hurry up, son," Angel's mother called. "It's time to pick."

The 4-year-old pushed back an adult-sized baseball cap from his eyes and turned to the work that would occupy him for the next eight hours on this October day: yanking chilies from the plants and dropping them with hollow thumps into his mother's bucket.

Follow the chilies, and the trail leads to Texas, to a processor that makes Old El Paso salsa for Pillsbury. The processor also supplies a California plant operated by Cantisano Foods, which makes salsa for the Newman's Own label.

Told of this by the AP, actor Paul Newman, founder of the company, flew to New Mexico last weekend to investigate. Cantisano said that, at Newman's request, it had stopped doing business with the Texas supplier.

IF HIS company can't ensure that ingredients are produced without child labor, Newman said, "we'll have to eliminate the product."

Newman said the situation is ironic, considering that his company gave $9 million to charities this year, much of it to help children.

"Even though we weren't aware of these infractions, I suppose we should have been," he said. In a later interview, he added, "What you found is probably significant."

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A century ago, more than 2 million children labored in America's factories, fields and mines. The wisdom of the day regarded them as miniature adults, each one a potential Horatio Alger hero who could rise to riches through hard work and perseverance.

In the early 1900s, however, public opinion moved toward a dimmer view of child labor: Too much work, too young, robs children of an education and condemns them to a lifetime of poverty and missed opportunity.

In 1938, Congress declared an end to "oppressive child labor," the most onerous forms of children's work, by enacting the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Since its passage, child labor has declined, although it is far from eradicated. Kruse's study, which began with 1970s figures, shows the number of illegal child workers dropping until recently, but leveling off since 1995.

THE 1938 law set age minimums designed to ease children into the adult world of work. Those minimums remain at the heart of federal child labor law:

■ Children must wait until age 16 to work in factories or during school hours.

■ Children under 14 are barred from most jobs except farming.

■ Children under 12 are banned from most farming jobs but can work on their parents' farm or on a small farm exempt from federal minimum-wage laws.

■ Children under 18, or under 16 on farms, are barred from a list of jobs deemed hazardous.

Responsibility extends beyond the child's employer. Under the federal law, the taint of illegal child labor clings to a product from the workplace to the final packager or distributor.

Toss a bucket of cucumbers picked on an Ohio farm by 10-year-old Laura Mares into a truckload harvested by adults, and the entire load becomes "hot goods." So do any pickles or relish made from it.

Even with such strong laws, America's youngest workers remain among us. Drive past the right farm at the right time of year, walk down the right street, and there they are. In New York City, for example, young teens in work boots wait on a busy Brooklyn boulevard, peddling their labor to construction bosses who cruise by in vans.

Despite agriculture's more relaxed labor standards, it was on farms that the AP most often found illegal child labor, including the most extreme cases: the youngest workers toiling the longest hours for the least pay.

Reporters saw 104 children working illegally in agriculture in the past five months — nearly three times the 35 that U.S. Labor Department inspectors witnessed nationwide last year, according to the department's computer records.

UNDERAGE CHILDREN picked cucumbers in Michigan, green peppers in Tennessee, and apples in upstate New York. Their grape-cutting knives flashed in the sunny vineyards of California, and their head lamps bobbed in the gloomy mushroom sheds of Pennsylvania. They packed peaches into crates in Illinois and hoed sorghum in Lubbock, Texas.

On a simmering July day near Bowling Green, Ohio, Pasqual Mares looked sadly at his 10-year-old daughter Laura, her back bent over a row of cucumbers. In a full week of harvest work, Mares said, he and his wife and their two working children had earned just $120 — far below the normal minimum wage.

"Someday, I want my children to be treated like human beings, not like animals," he said. "It's not right that the children work. But we have to do it."

In a New Mexico field, Maria Perez watched her 10-year-old son Victor pick chilies. "I like him to work in the fields with me because I want him to learn that this work is hard, hot and laborious," she said. "I want him to hate this, to stay in school and to study hard so he doesn't have to do this work."

Victor was one of 35 children under age 12 seen picking chilies in the fields of New Mexico and west Texas. Laura Mares was among 34 kids under 12 spotted in Ohio's cucumber rows.

In the bean fields near Homestead, Fla., the Lawrence kids — Bruce, 8, Angie, 10, and Benjamin, 11 — were among eight children under 12 picking beans one November morning.

"NO KIDS in the field — especially when we've got reporters here," a crew boss at one Homestead field yelled out. Surprised parents said it was the first they'd been told that children weren't allowed.

Some employers on whose property the AP saw underage children working denied breaking the law, even when presented with photographs of the activity. Others blamed the kids and their parents.

"We tell them that we don't want children in the fields," said Tim Reynolds, whose family runs the farm where Laura worked. "But you know, migrant laborers want their kids out there. They get more produce picked."

Far from being anomalies, those young faces are windows into a larger, seldom-seen population of child workers, say those most familiar with child labor, including migrant-education workers, union organizers, priests and school teachers.

"They are in the dark alleys of the big cities," or "down a dirt road," said Linda F. Golodner, co-chairwoman of the Washington-based Child Labor Coalition.

But the products they produce can make their way to the store down the street.

■ Some Wal-Mart "supercenters" sell Sugar Lake Farms chicken nuggets and patties produced by Braselton Poultry in Braselton, Ga. That's where David Osorio, 15, used a fake ID saying he was 21 to get a job cutting up chickens instead of going to school. Asked about David last month, Braselton found that his ID was fake and fired him.

★ **H.J. HEINZ** buys some of its chicken from Chestertown Foods, according to Chestertown plant manager Jack Laird. Filomena Simon Perez, 15, worked cutting up chickens at the Maryland processing plant, which also sells to Campbell. She was one of six undocumented workers under 16 found when U.S. immigration agents raided Chestertown in September.

■ ConAgra, which makes Rosarita salsa, acknowledged buying chili peppers from a distributor supplied by a New Mexico farm where eight children, ages 3 to 11, were seen working in September. Chi-Chi's, a Mexican restaurant chain owned by Family Restaurants, said it gets chilies from the same source.

■ Campbell confirmed it buys mushrooms from a farm in Chester County, Pa., which this fall employed Jose Ortiz, age 14. While other kids his age were in school, Jose picked mushrooms eight hours a day in a dark building that smelled of manure.

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For some companies, this was not their first alert to child labor.

The U.S. Labor Department says Grayson Sewing, the J.C. Penney supplier, has been the subject of three workplace investigations since 1993.

Ohio cucumber growers supplying Campbell were sued in 1993 by migrant workers who claimed the farmers concealed child laborers by assigning their earnings to adults. The suit was settled for $200,000.

At Heinz, purchasing agent Ronald Brooks said the company has worked for years to get farm workers' kids out of the fields and into decent housing or day care.

"We take the issue very seriously," Brooks said. "It's not totally new and foreign to us."

Some companies, including Wal-Mart, Cantisano, Sears and Chi-Chi's, said they would never knowingly buy from anyone employing children illegally.

"Any U.S. grower found to be in violation of U.S. labor laws will have its contract terminated," Chi-Chi's parent company, Family Restaurants, said in a written statement.

Several companies, including J.C. Penney and H.J. Heinz, said they have begun investigations of their suppliers.

ConAgra's Hunt-Wesson unit, which makes Rosarita salsa, contacted its chili supplier and was "very comfortable that they were addressing any issue that might be there," said Hunt-Wesson spokesman Kay Carpenter.

Pillsbury checked with its supplier, said company spokesman Rob Longendyke, and was told children had been in the New Mexico chili fields with their families but were not working.

"If you have evidence otherwise," he said, "we will take action."

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Building continues in West Bank settlements despite U.S. pressure

EDITOR'S NOTE — Expansion of Israeli settlements is one of the hottest issues in the Middle East peace process. With the United States pressing for a halt in settlement construction, an AP correspondent visited 65 settlements and found enough building under way to dramatically increase their population.

By Hilary Appelman
Associated Press

MATTITYAHU, West Bank — Despite U.S. pressure for a "timeout" in Israeli settlement expansion, a building boom is in full swing across the West Bank.

The government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu refuses to say how much construction it has authorized.

But visits by The Associated Press to 65 of the 144 West Bank settlements found more than 7,500 apartments and houses being built — enough to increase the settler population by at least 30,000 people, or more than 20 percent, over the next two years.

In addition to the homes under construction, hundreds have been completed in recent months, and thousands more are planned.

To the Palestinians, the expansion of settlements on territory occupied by Israel in the 1967 Mideast war is a land grab that preempts negotiations on the future of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Far from a timeout, they see Israeli cranes and bulldozers at work across the West Bank, carving up the rocky land where they hope to establish a state.

Netanyahu says Israel is only accommodating "natural growth" and is not building new settlements.

But entire new communities are springing up outside the barbed wire fences of existing West Bank settlements. For instance, there is "Mattityahu North," between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, where thousands of apartments are being built across a highway and a few miles from the Mattityahu settlement.

Moshe Eilat, a Housing Ministry spokesman, said the new neighborhoods are a result of the government's "extension policy," which he described as a substitute for creating new settlements.

Dozens of other settlements are expanding by leapfrogging to hilltops a half-mile or more away, where they first place trailer parks, then eventually build houses.

Construction is heaviest in the settlements around Jerusalem — extending past the Palestinian cities of Ramallah to the north and Bethlehem to the south — and along the "Green Line" that marks Israel's pre-1967 border. Almost all the building is privately financed.

Referring to U.S. and Palestinian calls for a freeze in settlement building, Sondra Oster Baras of the Ariel settlement said, "Nobody has the right to stop us from building and growing." Land is being cleared for 400 new houses in Ariel, 15 miles north of Jerusalem.

While some settlement officials gave the AP information about construction, many others refused, or lied about whether building was taking place.

In the northern settlement of Alfei Menashe, where workers were busy building a cluster of 18 two-family houses, settlement officials told the AP that no construction was going on.

Israeli contractors and Palestinian construction workers, who ironically are building most of the new homes in the settlements, were more forthcoming.

With Israel in the midst of negotiations on how much land to turn over to the Palestinians, and talks on the final status of the West Bank and Gaza scheduled to be completed by May 1999, each new house makes it less likely that the land beneath will ever be vacated by Israel.

"It is a systematic, stepped-up campaign to confiscate more land," said Hanan Ashrawi, a member of the Palestinian self-rule Cabinet. "They will build enough settlements to fill the West Bank with Israelis, and then there won't be a need for final status negotiations."

Jad Isaac, who runs a Palestinian research institute on settlements in Bethlehem, said Israel doesn't want anyone to know how much building is going on "because they're trying to create facts on the ground before final status negotiations begin."

Palestinians accuse Israel of trying to "cantonize" the West Bank — expanding settlements to break up its geographical continuity and make it impossible for the Palestinians to establish a viable state.

For example, Maale Adumim, a mega-settlement of 20,000 residents east of Jerusalem, is spreading across the desert toward Palestinian-controlled Jericho, with 1,000 new homes under construction. Efrat, where 300 red-roofed houses are going up on a rocky hilltop, snakes north to the very edges of Bethlehem.

Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert said the government expects all the settlements around Jerusalem — including the Gush Etzion bloc south of Bethlehem — to become part of Israel if not the city itself.

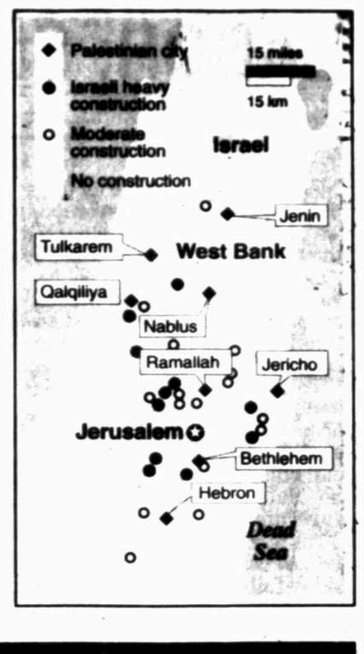
Palestinians also consider Jewish neighborhoods in east Jerusalem, which Israel captured from Jordan in 1967 and later annexed, to be settlements. They rioted when Israel broke ground last March for the 6,500-unit Har Homa neighborhood.

Netanyahu repeatedly refers to the need to meet the needs of "natural growth," a characterization that suggests the expansion of the settlements is very limited.

But Netanyahu's definition of natural growth goes far beyond the birth rate — about 3 percent a year in the settlements — and includes thousands of people moving into the West Bank from Israel and even immigrants from overseas.

"In a democratic country, if someone wants to move from Tel Aviv to Ariel, there is nothing we can do about it," said David Bar-Illan, a top adviser to the prime minister. "It's supply and demand in a most natural way."

Bar-Illan did not dispute the AP's construction count, which he said was in line with expectations that the population of the settlements would continue growing at between 7 percent and 10 percent a year. There are now 150,000 settlers living in the West Bank among 1.6 million Palestinians.



Hutu attacks leave 272 dead in Rwanda

By Dianna Cahn
Associated Press

GISENYI, Rwanda — The attackers — men, women and children — came at the refugees from all sides in the middle of the night, swinging axes, machetes and nail-studded clubs.

For Bunanihakiza Kivura, the father of 8, and other families cowering in their huts at the Mudende refugee camp, there was nowhere to run.

"So we closed ourselves into the room, and waited there to die," Kivura said Saturday.

Kivura, his wife and eight children, ethnic Tutsis from neighboring Congo, all survived Thursday's attack by Hutu rebels. But when they stepped outside the next morning, the dead surrounded them.

Authorities raised the death toll at the northwestern Rwanda camp to 272 on Saturday, up from 234 on Friday. Another 230 refugees remained hospitalized, many in critical condition with head wounds.

Barefoot and dirty, the refugees remaining from the 17,000 who had been at the camp crowded into large tents at the nearby Nkamira transit center Saturday.

Pelting rain leaked through torn tents onto mud floors littered with small pots of food.

Many children sat alone, orphaned by the attack.

Food, medicine and supplies were trucked in Saturday by the U.N. refugee agency and other humanitarian organizations. Government officials from Congo and Rwanda came to reassure the refugees.

Blame in the attack fell on the same Hutu fighters blamed in Rwanda's 1994 genocide of a half-million minority Tutsis and moderate Hutus. The Hutus fled into Conto after the genocide; their return has brought a surge in violence that Rwanda's current Tutsi-led government has been unable to curb.

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McKinney loses bid to have charges dismissed

By Robert Burns
Associated Press

FORT BELVOIR, Va. — Defense lawyers for Army Sgt. Maj. Gene McKinney, who faces a court-martial in January for alleged sexual misconduct, failed Saturday to persuade a military judge to dismiss the charges.

As a result, the trial is to open Jan. 6 as scheduled. McKinney has asserted he is innocent of the 20 charges against him.

At a pre-trial hearing at this Army base south of Washington, McKinney's civilian lawyer, Charles Gittins, argued that key Army figures applied improper "command influence" in the decision to prosecute McKinney. That is grounds, Gittins argued, for dismissing the charges.

Gittins also argued McKinney was prosecuted because he is an enlisted soldier, whereas officers accused of similar offenses usually are allowed to retire quietly. He termed this "selective prosecution."

In his ruling denying the defense's motions, the judge, Army Col. Ferdinand Clervi, said he had heard insufficient evidence to support Gittins' arguments.

Later the defense argued that the case against McKinney should be broken up into six separate trials since the charges involve six women accusers. Army prosecutors opposed this, and the judge ruled there would be just one trial.

When Maj. Gen. Robert Foley, commander of the Military District of Washington, decided in October to court-martial him, McKinney was Sergeant Major of the Army, the Army's highest ranking enlisted soldier.

The 46-year-old McKinney, who is married, is charged with 20 counts concerning harassment and sexual assault claims made by six women. He could get up to 56 years in prison if convicted.

In a morning session, Gittins argued that Army Col. Frankie Hoskey, the chief legal officer at the Military District of Washington, improperly used two retired Army generals as agents to influence and subtly interrogate McKinney while a decision was pending on whether to prosecute him.

Hoskey, in his role as staff judge advocate, was not supposed to have had any form of contact with McKinney because Hoskey was advising Foley on the case.

Gittins argued that Hoskey asked retired Lt. Gen. Edward Honor to dispatch another retired general, Isaac Smith, to meet in a park with McKinney for the purpose of urging McKinney to drop Gittins as his civilian attorney.

Smith "was an unwitting agent of the government," said another of McKinney's defense attorneys, Lt. Col. V. Monty Forrester.

Prosecution attorneys argued that Hoskey was not seeking any contact, even indirectly, with McKinney. They conceded, however, that Hoskey erred by even discussing the case with Honor. It was Honor's own decision, after talking with Hoskey, to ask Smith to meet with McKinney, they said.

Clervi said he found a "causal connection" between Hoskey's conversation with Honor and the subsequent meeting between Smith and McKinney. But the judge said this did not mean Hoskey deserved to be disqualified.

McKinney was suspended last February when the first charges were made public. He was permanently removed from his post in October, shortly after he was ordered to face a court-martial.

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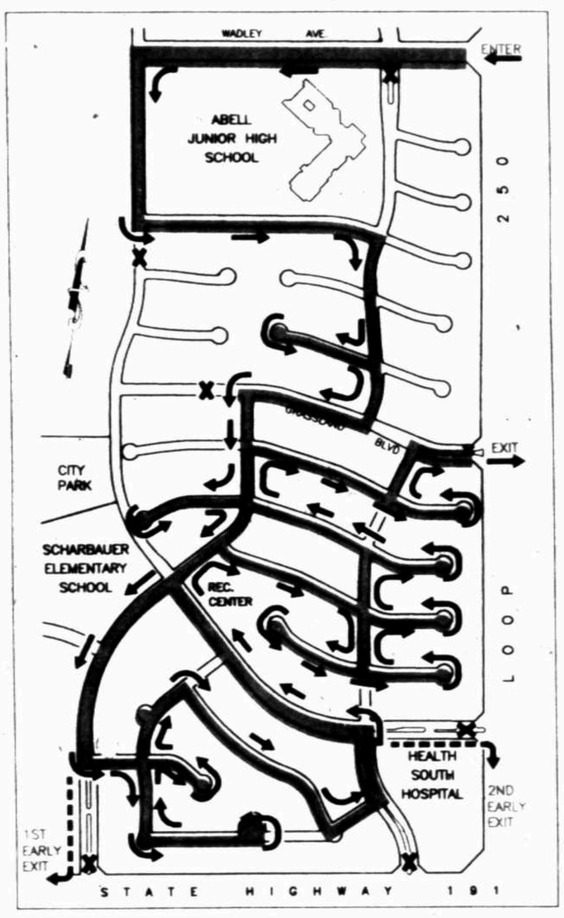

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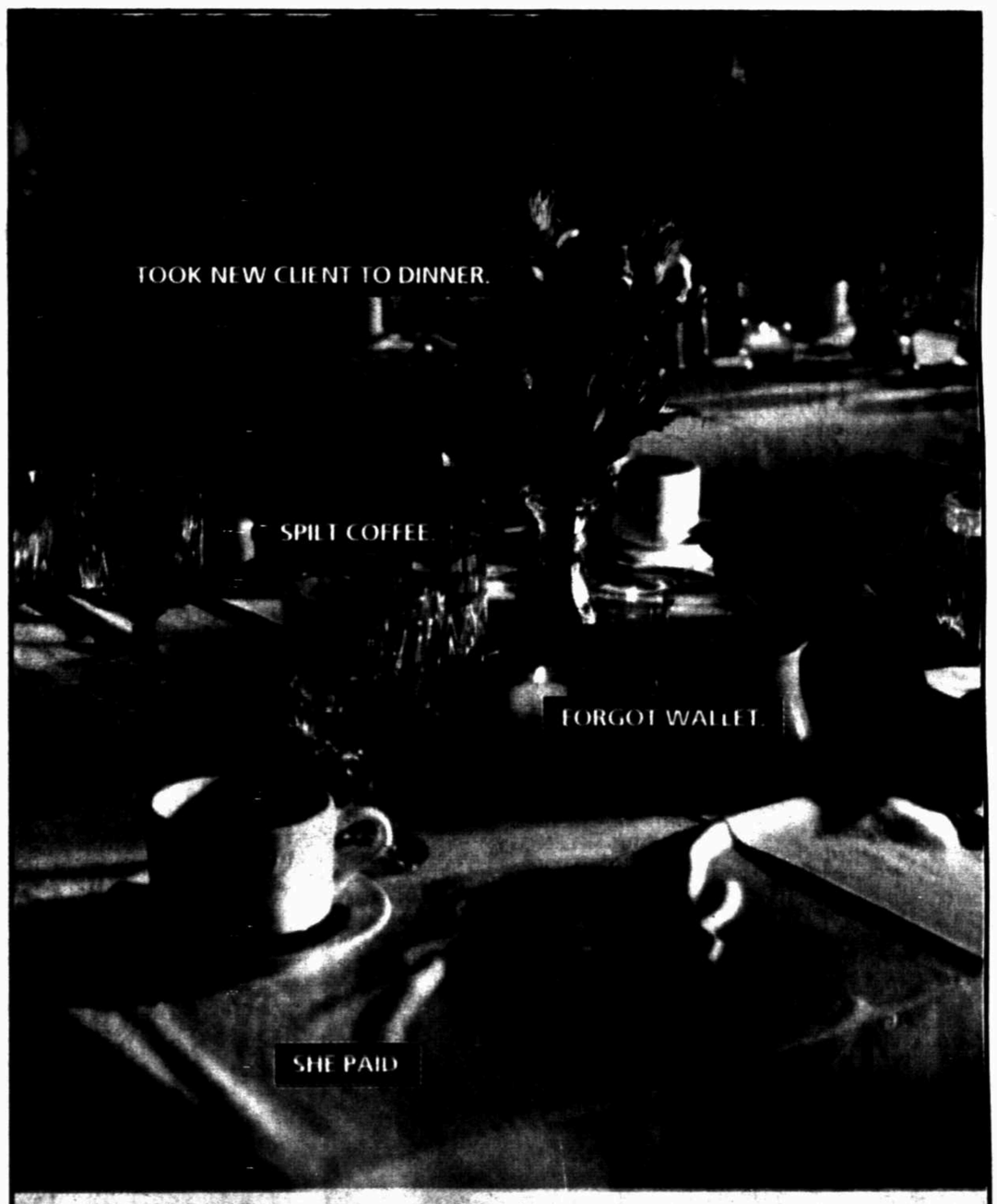

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New tax-free medical savings accounts get mixed reviews

By Alice Ann Love
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Doug Hicks is a self-employed pool cleaner on Florida's Gulf Coast, and when his wife left her real estate job to strike out on her own too, the couple decided not to replace her family health insurance.

Instead, they're trying a medical savings account.

"I don't know if it's a great idea for everybody," said Hicks, 41, but "for people like us it makes perfect sense. We don't live paycheck to paycheck ... and also we're healthy."

About a year after Congress made medical savings accounts, known as MSAs, available on an experimental basis to the self-employed and small businesses — and a year before a separate test of them will be opened to senior citizens on Medicare — people who have tried the accounts report mixed results.

At the end of June, 22,051 Americans had opened MSA's, according to the Internal Revenue Service's latest count. About 17 percent, or 3,670 of them, previously had been uninsured.

For Hicks and his wife, who have two small children but rarely spend more than a $1,000 a year on health care, putting money aside in an MSA seemed more reasonable than spending $500 a month to join a health plan. The savings are tax free if reserved to pay medical bills, and no insurance company restricts their choice of care or doctors.

To protect themselves from catastrophe, the family keeps a $150-a-month insurance policy that would kick in they ever top $4,500 in annual medical expenses.

"I was looking at $500 a month down the drain and this way it's $350 that I can put into the MSA and it's mine to keep," said Hicks.

Bernadette Olson, on the other hand, doesn't expect to have anything left in her MSA this year. She's just wondering how she'll pay the bills.

Shortly after Olson's employer, Heartland Technologies Inc. of Noblesville, Ind., decided to contribute to worker MSAs instead of providing a health plan, her husband needed surgery.

Heartland will put $1,000 in Olson's MSA this year and help pay the premium for catastrophic insurance that started paying bills after she and her husband racked up $1,500 in medial bills. But the insurance company has rejected some claims, and the Olsons may lose more than the $500 they've already paid to meet their high deductible.

"Am I 100 percent happy with it? No," said Olson, who, as vice president of Heartland, helped make the agricultural research company's decision to try MSAs because other health benefits were becoming too expensive.

Conservative lawmakers who defend MSAs say they provide alternatives for people who are ill-served by other health plans, while encouraging responsible spending.

Eric Berger, a House Republican aide who helped design the MSA test, said its value lies in showing whether people, given incentives to spend their own money wisely, can solve the country's health care problems better than managed care companies and government.

Clinton vows crackdown on suppliers that overcharge Medicare

By Lawrence L. Knutson
Associated Press

'Medicare is more than just a program. It's one way we honor parents and our grandparents and protect our families across generations.'
— President Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vowing a renewed crackdown on the "unfair fraud tax" he said costs Medicare billions a year, President Clinton urged Congress on Saturday to pass legislation barring doctors from charging more for drugs than they pay themselves.

"Medicare is more than just a program. It reflects our values," Clinton said in his weekly radio address. "It's one way we honor parents and our grandparents and protect our families across the generations."

Medicare fraud costs billions of dollars each year and undermines the nation's ability to care for those most in need, he said.

"Taxpayers deserve to expect that every cent of hard-earned money is spent on quality medical care for deserving patients," he said.

Clinton said that clamping down on drug overcharges would save $700 million over five years. He noted that a recent report by the inspector general of the Department of Health and Human Services found that what Medicare pays for drugs "bears little or no resemblance to actual wholesale prices that are available to physicians and suppliers that bill for these drugs."

"These overpayments occur because Medicare reimburses doctors according to the published average wholesale price, the so-called 'sticker price,' for drugs," Clinton said. "Few doctors, however, actually pay the full sticker price."

"For more than one-third of these drugs, Medicare paid more than double the actual wholesale prices, and in some cases pays as high as ten times the amount," the White House said in a fact sheet.

Clinton said the proposal, to be included in his budget for the 1999 fiscal year, will "ensure that doctors are reimbursed no more and no less than the price they themselves pay for the medicines they give Medicare patients."

The drugs involved are those that physicians give patients directly. Drugs prescribed by doctors and dispensed by pharmacies are not covered by Medicare.

The president said his proposal is just one of a series of actions he has taken to curb waste, fraud and abuse in the Medicare system.

He said that since taking office in 1993, more FBI agents and federal prosecutors have been assigned to Medicare fraud cases, resulting in a 240 percent increase in convictions and $20 billion worth of savings in health care claims.

"Two years ago the Department of Health and Human Services launched Operation Restore Trust," Clinton said. "Already it has identified $23 dollars in fines and settlements for every dollar invested in the program."

He said last year's balanced budget agreement "gives us an array of new weapons to help keep scam artists and fly-by-night health care providers out of Medicare in the first place."

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Can $1 billion megamuseum finally give L.A. some culture?

By John Horn
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — This city already has world-class earthquakes, riots and murder trials. Now it claims a world-class art museum.

The Getty Center, a $1 billion hilltop monument to art and architecture, is set to open Tuesday, although a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Saturday. Its boosters hope the complex will finally refute the notion that Los Angeles has second-rate culture.

The thousands of tons of travertine stone that grace the Getty are nothing compared to the weight of responsibility the center has in turning L.A.'s miserable arts image around.

Because when it comes to culture, about all the town has is lots of yogurt. Billionaire record producer David Geffen has even said the museum is "too good for Los Angeles."

The builders and supporters of the Getty say those kind of characterizations are undeserved.

"Los Angeles is unquestionably the most progressive and stimulating place for art today," said Craig Krull, the owner of a Santa Monica gallery specializing in photography. "I don't think the Getty makes it that. The center is more of a reflection of what we have become."

Whatever L.A. has become, the fact is most people are still more likely to associate the area with seismologist Charles Richter than local painter Ed Ruscha — who was commissioned for a huge work in the Getty's auditorium lobby.

"People are now starting to take Los Angeles more seriously," said Jorge Mester, music director of the Pasadena Symphony. "People are going to realize that there are a lot of important things that are not happening only in New York."

"This is a treasure that must be shared with the world and, indeed, it will be," Gov. Pete Wilson said at Saturday's ribbon cutting. "There is no way we can estimate the value of this gift to Los Angeles."

"To the people of Los Angeles, I'm delighted to say, 'This is your place,'" said Richard Meier, the project architect.

Some members of the international media, who toured the Getty last week, believe the sprawling complex in the Santa Monica mountains will improve the city's global arts reputation.

"When I got here, I thought I was in a different city," Ikjoo Chi, a writer for the Korean Central Daily in Seoul, said while standing in the museum's cavernous main entry. "So much of what we write about in Los Angeles has to do with criminals, gangs and drug stuff. This is another dimension."

Planned, designed and constructed over 13 years, the Getty Center's 24-acre campus on 110-acre site is both a museum and arts complex.

Most of the estimated 1.5 million annual visitors will spend their time in the museum's 50 galleries. Staff and scholars, on the other hand, will use the Getty's research facility, conservation institute and arts education and grant program wings.

Unlike the encyclopedic collections in other leading museums, the Getty's collection is tightly focused, mostly on pre-20th century European paintings, drawings, manuscripts, sculpture and decorative arts.

The only living contributors to the Getty's permanent collection are a handful of photographers, including David Hockney, Danny Lyon and Milton Rogovin.

Most reviewers have praised the center and its architect, Richard Meier.

While the opening's ultimate impact on Los Angeles is impossible to predict, Getty officials say simply discussing L.A. and the arts in the same sentence is a beginning.

"One thing the center already has done is increase awareness among the powers of the city, business and government leaders, of the power of culture to really uplift the city and create a positive wave within the city," said Stephen Rountree, vice president of the Getty Trust.

"And I think the Getty already has increased focus on other cultural and arts institutions within the region. There are so many good things going on in the city. And we want to share the spotlight with all the other arts institutions in town."

Religious groups seek larger role in welfare

By Laurie Goodstein
N.Y. Times News Service

In an effort to make use of a little-known provision in the law that overhauled welfare, a group of Christian leaders plans to ask the nation's governors on Tuesday to collaborate with churches in creating antipoverty programs and to redirect additional federal welfare money to church-based initiatives.

The welfare law that was passed last year included a provision called "charitable choice" that was intended to encourage states to involve local religious groups in revising welfare programs. The provision allows so-called faith-based groups to receive government money without having to hide or compromise their religious character.

But religious leaders say few states have begun charitable choice, either because they are unaware of it or because they fear that such church-state entanglements could be unconstitutional.

"From the government side there have been all these objections to church-state cooperation," said Jim Wallis, convener of Call to Renewal, a coalition of religious leaders that is contacting the governors. "Some people are just terribly nervous about churches. Even businesses and foundations that don't have those restrictions, they're nervous, too."

When Congress voted to change the welfare system, the religious community was deeply divided. Many liberal and mainline Protestant churches and the Roman Catholic Church generally opposed the overhaul. Many conservative evangelical churches supported it.

Leaders of Call to Renewal say they are promoting not the traditional church charity programs, but initiatives that would shift welfare recipients to self-sufficiency. Call to Renewal and World Vision, a Christian aid group, are compiling a directory of such initiatives.

Officials say they expect that nearly 40 leaders from Catholic, evangelical, mainline Protestant, black and Hispanic churches will sign the letter that Call to Renewal plans to issue to the governors this week.

"Call to Renewal," the letter says, "invites you to 'think outside the box' and partner with the religious community in new efforts to end poverty."

Under charitable choice, states may contract with nongovernmental and religious organizations to provide social services like job training, high school equivalency programs, courses in English as a second language, nutrition programs, homes for unmarried mothers and drug and alcohol treatment.

The religious groups have a right to retain their religious character by displaying religious symbols or using religious criteria in selecting employees.

Stanley Carlson-Thies, a senior fellow at the Center for Public Justice, a Christian policy research group in Annapolis, Md., who is tracking the effects of charitable choice, said he had seen such church-government collaboration under way in Texas, Indiana and Michigan. In some counties, congregations have "adopted" families who are making the transition from welfare to work.

Many state welfare directors, Carlson-Thies said, are too overwhelmed with the changing system to pay much attention to charitable choice.

"Church people tell me they went and talked to their local or state welfare directors and they hadn't even heard of charitable choice," he said. "I hear that a lot."

Critics of charitable choice say it is not possible to insure that the participants in church-run programs are not subject to proselytizing.

DEA agent charged with killing agent doesn't remember

MIAMI (AP) — A federal Drug Enforcement Administration agent charged with fatally shooting a fellow agent told police he had been drinking heavily at a party and remembered little.

"Who did I kill tonight?" Richard Fekete, 55, asked officers who told him they had found DEA agent Shaun Curl, 39, dead from several gunshot wounds in a wrecked car Friday night in Miramar, according to a police affidavit.

Fekete was charged with killing Curl, but the DEA and Miramar police were having trouble Saturday piecing together exactly what happened after Fekete left a party at the Dade County Police Benevolent Association hall.

Police at first thought they were responding to a routine traffic accident — a vehicle had run off a highway and hit a tree.

The driver, Curl, was pronounced dead at the scene, while Fekete was taken to the hospital with minor injuries after crawling from the wreck. Investigators discovered Curl had been shot in the head "at least four times," said Miramar police Sgt. Bruce Keesling. "So I don't think it was accidental."

Fekete was held without bail Saturday at the Broward County jail, and the DEA put him on administrative leave with pay.

Fekete has been with the drug-busting agency since 1965 and has served throughout the United States and Latin America. Curl had served in Phoenix and the Bahamas and had been with the agency since 1987.

Both men worked out of the Miami office, but the nature of their relationship was unknown.

According to the police affidavit, Feteke told officers he had been drinking a lot at the police hall.

"He did not remember when he left or who he left with," Keesling said. "He did state he remembers crawling out of the vehicle. He stated he knew he was in trouble."

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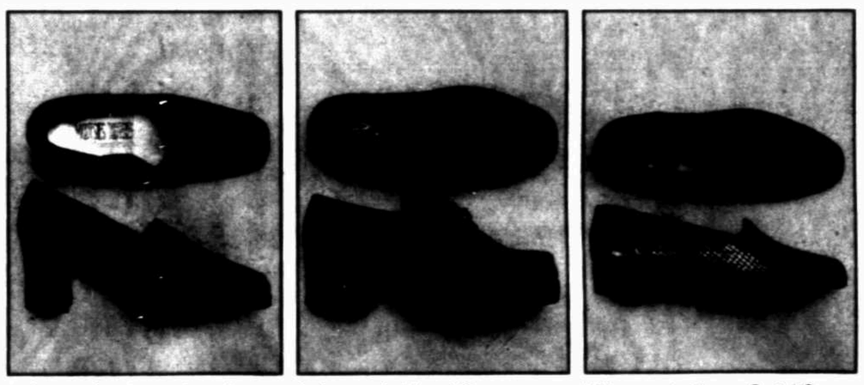
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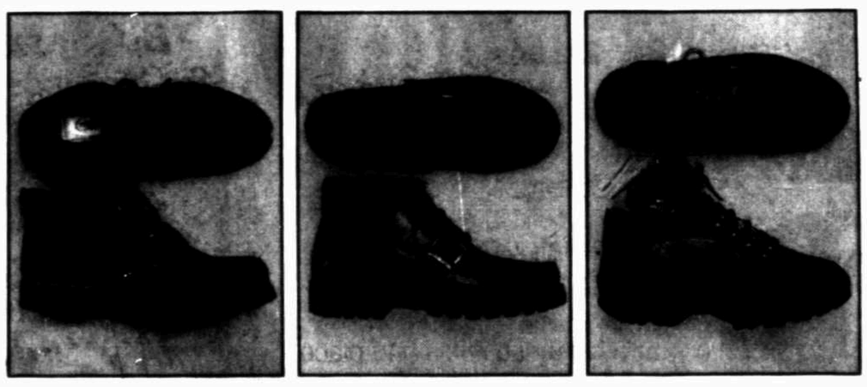
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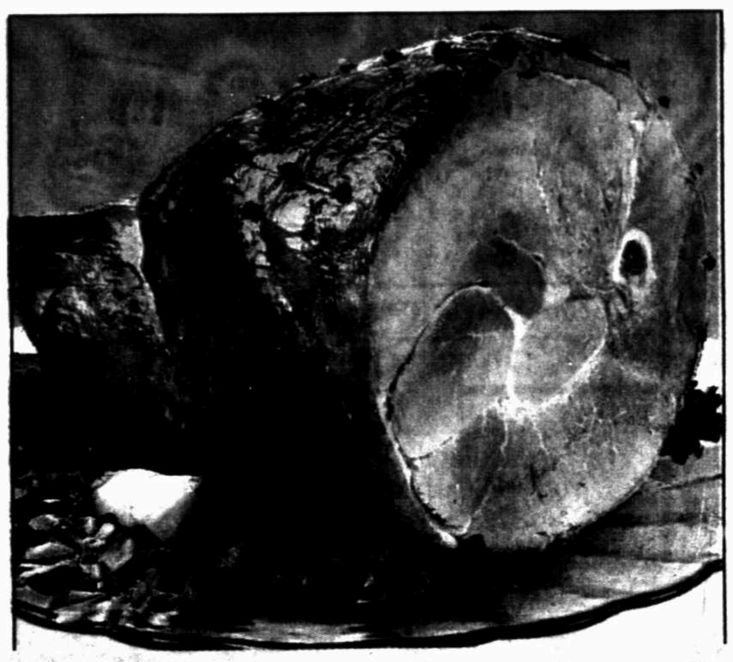

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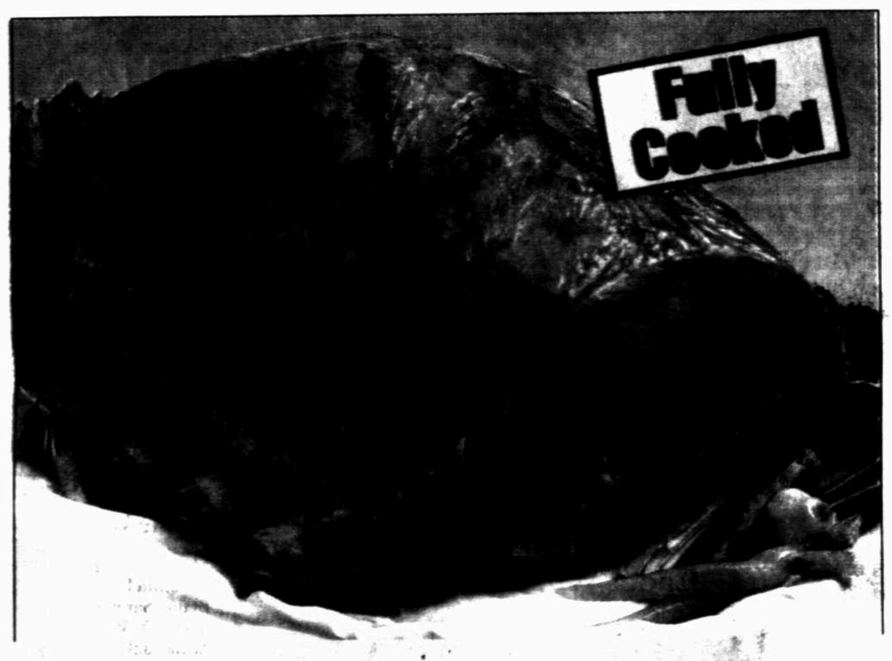

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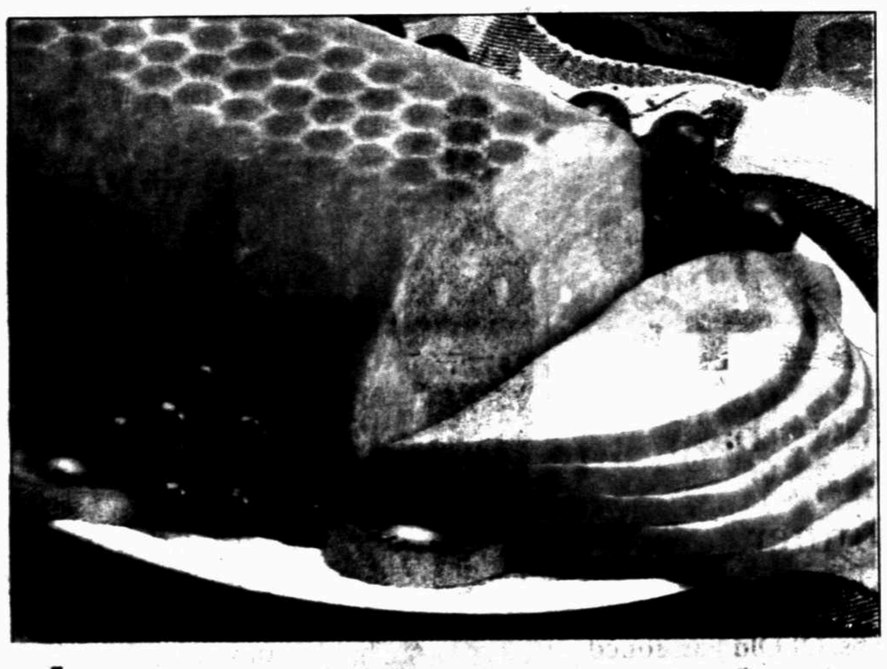

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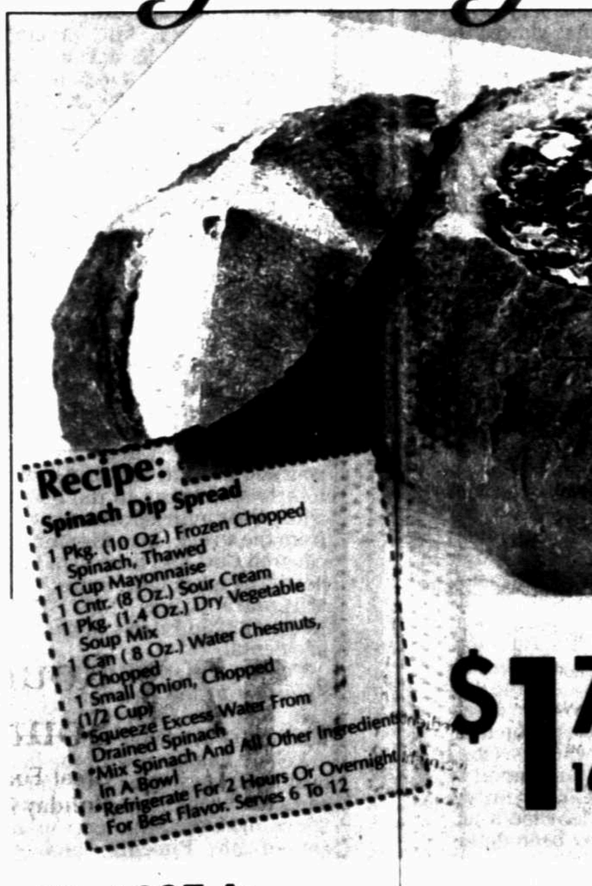

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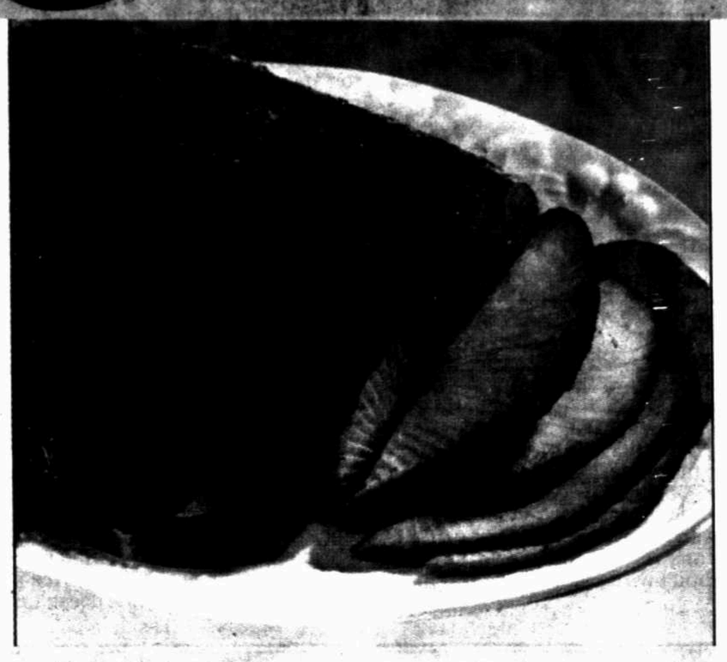

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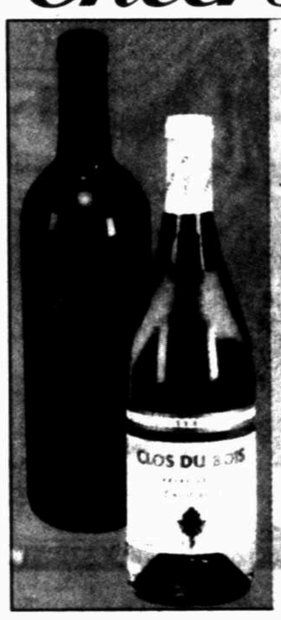

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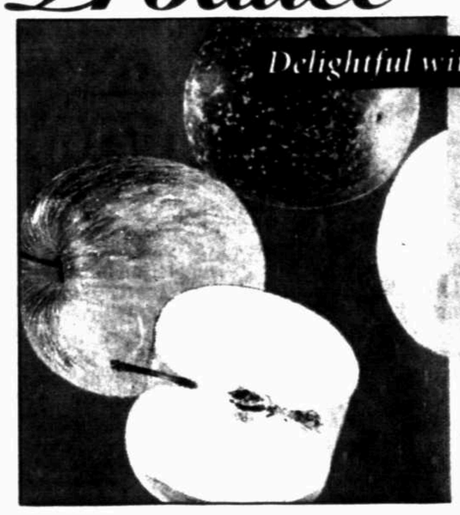

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Conference showed value of CO2 production

If any skeptic ever wondered whether the domestic oil industry would still be viable in this era of big international oil production, that question was laid to rest at the CO2 Conference and Exhibition in Midland on Wednesday and Thursday.

The oil is in the ground, the experts asserted at the conference, and thanks to the technological advancement of CO2 injection, it can be pumped out to ensure adequate petroleum for an oil-thirsty world — even one in which the OPEC nations are still driving down the price of a barrel of crude.

CO2 now accounts for about 155,000 barrels per day, or 20 percent of the total daily production.

In fact, in a region like the Permian Basin, which is still the nation's top target for CO2, companies are showing every day the value of CO2 production. According to Rich Kinder, keynote speaker for this year's CO2 Conference and Exhibition.

Said Kinder, CO2 "has proven itself. It now accounts for about 155,000 barrels per day, or 20 percent of the total daily production" of the Permian Basin. What's more the economics guarantee that CO2 production will increase as time goes on.

That fact underscores not only the viability of CO2 injection as a means of producing petroleum, but also the importance of the conference that provides information about CO2 to all those who work in the petroleum industry.

The big picture for CO2 is one not of a half-empty glass, but a half-full one, said the experts, and that translates into a bright future for this entire region of the country!

JACK ANDERSON

Arlington National Cemetery fiasco raises grave concerns

WASHINGTON — Several unanswered questions remain in the sad saga of Larry Lawrence, the late ambassador to Switzerland whose remains will soon be dug up from Arlington National Cemetery and deposited in San Diego, where they should have been all along.

Like an obscure artist whose work doesn't get noticed until after he dies, Lawrence has become far more famous in death than he ever was during his 70-plus years of life.

Anderson

It isn't the kind of notoriety Lawrence would've wished, of course. By now most of the country knows that Lawrence concocted a story about having served in the Merchant Marine during World War II, service that seemed to justify his burial in the Arlington's hallowed ground.

Lawrence claimed to have narrowly escaped death in March 1945 while on board the SS Horace Bushnell, which was sunk by a German torpedo. He said he was thrown overboard, and suffered serious head injuries as a result. In reality, the future hotel magnate was an full-time undergraduate student in Chicago when the Bushnell was sunk. In fact, House investigators have found no evidence that Lawrence was ever in the Merchant Marine at all.

What hasn't been answered, of course, is the obvious question: Why didn't we learn about all this until the man was dead and buried? In this case, the blame lies as much with the Congress as it does with the Clinton administration.

Lawrence's appointment, you see, was a prime example of what State Department folks derisively refer to as "political" ambassadorships. A more appropriate term might be "rich guys who gave lots of dough to the sitting president."

In the case of Lawrence, his $200,000 in contributions to Democrats since 1991 apparently helped Clinton's aides overlook the fact that the hotelier knew next to nothing about foreign policy when he was nominated for an ambassadorship. During his confirmation hearings, he reportedly referred to Switzerland as an American "ally," which not only surprised onlookers but must've come as a shock to the famously neutral Swiss.

Of course, the Senate — which has no problem torpedoing a nominee whose political views it doesn't agree with — confirmed Lawrence nonetheless. To do otherwise would be to trample a system that has worked well for presidents from both parties: the practice of putting one's best contributors in plush overseas embassies as a reward for their fund raising.

As a U.S. senator in 1989, Vice President Al Gore had the temerity to question this unsavory practice. He didn't want to abolish it, of course, just tone it down a little. He proposed cutting the number of political ambassadorships in half — to 15 percent of the diplomatic corps instead of the customary 30 percent.

It should surprise no one that Gore has been silent on this issue since becoming vice president.

While the Lawrence tale doesn't reflect well on the Senate, which clearly abandoned its oversight responsibilities, it reflects even worse on the State Department.

It is the State Department's job to check the background — otherwise known as "vetting" — of all ambassadorial nominees. The process is part of the $5.6 billion-a-year business of government secrecy, which includes security and background checks for government employees ranging from low-level paper pushers to top-level CIA analysts.

Security checks normally involve a detailed background probe, in which investigators interview dozens of friends and neighbors searching for clues about a person's character, even if the job in question involves answering phones or shuffling papers. At $5.6 billion a year, you'd think someone at the State Department might have bothered to check the accuracy of Lawrence's resume.

The White House, of course, initially shrugged off the damning accusations that Lawrence bought his way into Arlington. And it turns out they were right. But as so often happens with this administration, the real truth emerged later, revealing a mixture of bureaucratic bungling and shoddy oversight.

Calls to the State Department's Office of Diplomatic Security turned up little. An official there told our associate Aaron Karp that the investigation into Lawrence's past is still ongoing, and that they'd have no comment until their work was complete.

It's too bad that work wasn't completed when it should have been — four years ago.

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

GEORGE WILL

NATO is alive, well at work in Bosnia

LONDON — Expansion of NATO probably will occur, in part because it would be too awkward to turn back at this point. However, arguments for expansion strike skeptics as proof that NATO is a superannuated institution that has fulfilled its mission and now is implausibly improvising a new one.

At NATO's founding in 1949, it was said to have three purposes: keeping the Americans in Europe, the Russians out and the Germans down. America has now had soldiers on the Rhine for 50 years, an almost Roman engagement, Russia's military is disintegrating and Germany has been in NATO since 1955.

Foreign policy will soon be back near the center of American politics because of two issues — NATO expansion, which would bring in Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic, and the supposed deadline for removing U.S. troops from Bosnia in June. However, in Britain, and especially at the Ministry of Defense, skepticism about NATO gets short shrift. That is partly because of Bosnia.

Will

In the Ministry of Defense, on a battered table that has seen better days (heroic days: it is still in use because Churchill supposedly used it), rests a manila folder, from which a bemused George Robertson, the minister of defense, extracts a clipping from one of Britain's most prestigious newspapers. In the clipping, a caption under a photograph from Bosnia identifies some soldiers as serving with United Nations forces there.

But there are no U.N. soldiers there. The soldiers in the picture are with NATO's forces. Bosnia is not just NATO's first "out of area" operation, it is, says Robertson, the first active use of NATO forces.

(Question: In NATO's nearly half a century, there has been an armed invasion of a territory of only one member. Which nation? Answer: Great Britain, when Argentina invaded the Falklands.)

Robertson wryly reminds a visitor that "even in the Labour Party's darkest, daftest days" it remained committed to NATO, which polls show is an acronym to which people respond very favorably. Today's Labour government has slowed the decline of Britain's defense spending that accelerated in the last five years of Conservative government. Britain has the second largest contingent in Bosnia, a commitment that has cost more than $2 billion since Yugoslavia disintegrated.

Europeans, Robertson notes, are bearing two-thirds of the costs of Bosnia, a portion that is apt to increase. And if the attempt to create a unified, multinational state in Bosnia fails, he says the lesson for future ethnic cleansers will be "move fast, move quickly, move brutally."

His point is that NATO is alive and well and at work in Bosnia, which is not a minor undertaking. As Margaret Thatcher reminds, Bosnia is the reason why more Europeans have been killed in war in the last five years than elsewhere in the last 50. However, there are other points pertaining to NATO expansion that must be expressed, if at all, more elliptically.

When the question of NATO expansion comes to Congress, Americans will be compelled to consider the implications of extending a U.S. security obligation eastward to the Polish-Ukrainian border. They will also have to consider that the logic of expansion will work against stopping the eastward extension there. Why not include the Ukraine, and the Baltic States?

Britain may not be polite if it detects inattention, on the far side of the Atlantic, to the task of maintaining stability in central Europe, where the destiny of Europe in this century has twice been determined, disastrously. It was a British prime minister (Neville Chamberlain in 1938) who described the crisis about Czechoslovakia as "a quarrel in a faraway country between people of whom we know nothing." However, he soon learned a lot. Britain's destiny in this century has been determined by two general European conflagrations, one that erupted in Sarajevo, the second on Poland's borders.

Concerning the latter, consider Lady Cunard's droll remark at one of the first postwar balls in elegant Mayfair in 1945. A man watching the swirling dancers of high society exclaimed, "This is what we fought the war for." To which Lady Cunard replied, "Oh, do you mean they are all Poles?"

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ANOTHER VIEW

Chief justice should shun gerrymandering

A hasty, politically motivated Republican drive to break up the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals gave way to compromise just before Congress adjourned. Instead of instantly dismantling the San Francisco-based appeals court as a Senate-approved appropriations rider had called for, a House-Senate conference committee agreed to a one-year study of all regional appellate court boundaries. The study will be conducted by a five-member commission chosen by Chief Justice William Rehnquist and will give special emphasis to the 9th Circuit.

This could turn out to be a valuable exercise. The structure of the federal appellate system warrants serious review for various reasons, like rising caseloads and population shifts. Much will depend on the quality of the commission and the chief justice's determination to ensure a balanced approach that serves the needs of judicial administration and avoids judicial gerrymandering.

That was the trouble with the Senate measure. The 9th Circuit covers nine Western states and two Pacific territories. The rush by Senate Republicans to split the circuit — creating a second, presumably more conservative court — was motivated not by size but by a desire to affect decisions on the environment, American Indian rights, the death penalty and crime.

Given the conservative chief justice's disdain for many of the 9th Circuit's rulings, there is a danger that he will pack the study panel with members whose minds are closed to the idea of preserving the 9th Circuit as a single court.

Yet the nation's top judge is also an eloquent defender of judicial independence. He must choose his commissioners with an eye to preserving that independence against congressional efforts to rig judicial outcomes.

— The New York Times

RUSSELL BAKER

December is New York's magical month

NEW YORK — I wanted to write something about the breathtaking beauty of Manhattan in December. And what is the result? A roundup of the usual clichés. The evening light becomes "magical." Christmas lights in trees, windows and hotel lobbies "sparkle like diamonds" against "the black velvet night."

There is much more that is worse. I have thrown it in the trash. It is a melancholy experience to want urgently to write of something beautiful and end up with nothing but embarrassments.

F. Scott Fitzgerald wrote wonderfully about the beauty of Manhattan. It is no easy trick. Fitzgerald's Manhattan evenings are glorious not only because his New York is a glorious city, but also because he sees it through eyes that are young and yearning, and not yet so hardened by experience that they look too closely for tinsel.

Baker

Fitzgerald's beautiful Manhattan was a summer place. Under lavender skies of late afternoon he hurried down thrilling avenues to meet irresistible New York girls.

I am of an age now to think of them as New York women, but they are still irresistible, though not so irresistible in summer as in December. December is New York's month. In December almost everything in this amazing city is irresistible.

In summer's New York steam bath, when all the swells flee to the Hamptons, the islands or the Wyoming hills, the city is utterly resistible. In summer, New York is not amazing, except perhaps to the latest crop of young Fitzgeralds.

Do they still rush off at sunset to rendezvous in darkened bars of East Side hotels? Oh, those dark and lovely bars! And the shock of the ice-cold martini, and the piano playing the bittersweet songs of Rodgers and Hart. And ...

Enough. It is December that is New York's month for people of all ages. The lights are a big part of it. Because night comes in midafternoon at this season, long before quitting time, the office towers blaze with light.

A million windows lit in the city's gigantic file-cabinet towers work something like a miracle. By daylight these overbearing office boxes are often monstrous. In a December midafternoon, however, even the nightmarish architecture of Sixth Avenue becomes beautiful.

The beauty of that light may be deepened by the New Yorker's subconscious sense of living in an oceanic city at the edge of the cold, gray, scary Atlantic, destroyer of Titanics. Against its dark oceanic background, December lights make the city seem — strange word for New York — cosy.

The mercantile bustle in streets and shops is part of it, too. New York is first and foremost a market town. Its primary business is selling. Its chief topic of conversation is money.

All the rest of it — the art, the music, the theater — exists only because New York is such a prosperous market town that its citizens can afford to support a few cultural amenities.

December is the great month in this place where commerce is king. It is a monthlong equivalent of market day in an old-fashioned county seat. The streets are packed with modern versions of horses, wagons, carts and buggies. Double-parked trucks block narrow streets. Honking, bleating cars sit bumper to bumper, making a joyous noise unto the lords of commerce and filling the air with oily grit. It is as if absolutely everybody has come to town. Business is roaring.

Way downtown, Wall Street is half mad with the ecstasy of profit. In midtown, the sidewalks are not for strolling, but for aggressive locomotion.

The astonishing light that is Thomas Edison's gift to New York and the exciting busyness of crowded streets make the city feel as if a great festival is in progress. Indeed, one is. The city is celebrating the triumph of commerce.

At times the place suggests an absurdly oversized village, and please let us not argue the point. I am too delighted with this ravishing December New York to engage in sour disputation. Yes, I have seen the beggars with their cardboard cups upheld. It is a tough town, too, a terribly tough town, but also this December — I'll say it anyhow — magical.

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

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 16, the 350th day of 1997. There are 15 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 16, 1773, the Boston Tea Party took place as American colonists boarded a British ship and dumped more than 300 chests of tea overboard to protest tea taxes.

On this date:

In 1653, Oliver Cromwell became lord protector of England, Scotland and Ireland.

In 1770, composer Ludwig van Beethoven was born in Bonn, Germany.

In 1809, Napoleon Bonaparte was divorced from the Empress Josephine by an act of the French Senate.

In 1916, Gregory Rasputin, the monk who had wielded powerful influence over the Russian court, was murdered by a group of noblemen.

In 1944, the World War II Battle of the Bulge began as German forces launched a surprise counterattack against Allied forces in Belgium.

In 1950, President Truman proclaimed a national state of emergency in order to fight "Communist imperialism."

In 1960, 134 people were killed when a United Air Lines DC-8 and a TWA Super Constellation collided over New York City.

LETTERS

Employee makes garden beautiful

I don't know how many of you had or will have occasion to visit the garden at the Allison Cancer Center but during this past summer and fall it was a thing of beauty. Alldredge Gardens is in charge of the plants and trees but the vision that became a reality belongs to Sherry Page, R.N. Sherry is a longtime Midland resident who currently is working with the radiation division of the cancer center. Anyone who has been a patient, family member, friend or co-worker knows what a joy Sherry is to be around.

As Midland residents, we should thank Sherry for her vision and enjoy the garden whenever we can. It is, of course, especially helpful in times of stress and when we need a calm beauty-laden environment. I wish that it had been available last year when I personally would have benefited, although even now it is helpful.

The cancer center held a fund-raising drive in May, June and July of this year and for $25 you could have a brick in the garden engraved with your loved one's name and a short inscription. I'm sure the center plans to have the engraving done soon but it needs to be aware that six months is a long time to wait especially when you are a cancer patient and/or survivor.

Lois O'Briant

Population worse than global warming

The Kyoto "global warming" conference aggressively assumes the greenhouse effect is under way. The media continuously bombast us with pro-greenhouse hype that ignores or belittles the scientific majority with opposing viewpoints. We should know that more hype means less credibility.

Scientists cannot positively link fossil fuel combustion to the current minor temperature increase. The earth's temperature has fluctuated throughout geological history and the sun is the probable cause of most temperature swings. The hype ignores the solar maximum that is under way and still building. In the 1970s, scientists debated global cooling, just the opposite! We need more time to confirm global warming.

The only fact is that atmospheric CO_2 levels have increased from an estimated 280 ppm circa 1850 to the current 360 ppm. Carbon fuels are the probable cause of the higher CO_2 concentration, but again, there is no positive link to global warming. Moreover, only 5 percent of atmospheric CO_2 is attributed to man — 95 percent comes from nature. The hype also ignores CO_2 from the high volcanic activity since 1981.

Clinton's "cure" ultimately would transfer non high-technology U.S. manufacturing to developing nations that would emit even more pollution because of lower efficiency. The United States would permanently lose jobs, suffer lower personal income and decline into a severe, long-lasting depression. But worldwide CO_2 emissions from carbon fuel would continue to increase. The achievements of the United States are unequaled in the history of the world, yet the Clinton Administration appears willing to turn the U.S. into a second rate nation over a possibly non-existent issue.

Global warming hype ignores a more severe problem. The world population explosion and shrinking food chain are the devastatingly urgent problems needing attention, not hypothetical global warming from carbon fuels. The population crisis is already severe, far worse than global warming. We are running out of food, arable land, clean water, clean air while sociopathic violence increases in cities around the world. Stringent birth control will correct these trends and curb global warming. We need worldwide birth control now! Otherwise we will expire via starvation long before the hyped greenhouse effect melts the polar ice!

Donald K. Judd

Bush demonstrates absence of leadership

Judging from his appearances at out-of-state candidate forums, Gov. George W. Bush believes he has the leadership qualities to contend for the presidency in the year 2000. If that is the case, why hasn't the governor taken a leadership position on an issue of critical importance to the health and safety of Texans for generations to come — the site selection process for a radioactive waste dump? In his public statements, the governor distances himself from the decision-making process. Using former Gov. Richards and the Texas Legislature as political cover for his approval of the Sierra Blanca site may be smart politics; to me it demonstrates an absence of leadership.

Other opponents of the Sierra Blanca site have voiced their concerns about the technical issues that make it unacceptable for a shallow pit, radioactive waste repository. Those private citizens most engaged in the TNRCC hearing process feel that the hearings are a pro forma exercise and that the decision to go ahead with licensing has been made behind closed doors at the highest levels of state government in consultation with shills for the nuclear power industry. Why else would the TNRCC exclude a 1983 engineering report that found Sierra Blanca unacceptable? And why hasn't the TNRCC commissioned a transportation safety study to inform the public and itself of the risks entailed in shipping radioactive waste across Texas? Why hasn't the governor insisted that such a study be done?

Any Texan who thinks putting a radioactive waste dump in Sierra Blanca is OK ought to call his county commissioners and ask them what preparations they have made to contend with a radioactive waste spill in their jurisdiction. Do they have the special personnel, equipment and training? Then call the local hospitals and ask them the same question. If dissatisfied with the responses, one ought to call the TNRCC at 1-800-687-4040 and demand that transportation safety issues be included in the hearing process. Then call the governor's office and ask why he isn't proactively engaged in this issue for the protection of those whose votes he now solicits.

Joel Gormley
Fort Davis

Help end suffering, do not wear furs

As department stores put up their holiday decorations and warm clothes, we are reminded of those lives lost for luxury items. Holidays are supposed to be for giving, but all fur does is take away lives. Fur, whether for coats, gloves, hats, shoes, etc. is responsible for so many brutal killings of innocent and helpless animals.

The bloody business of making a fur coat or other items is a product of immense pain and suffering. Animals killed for their fur are obtained either by trapping or from fur ranches. Animals caught in leg-hold traps will endure a slow and excruciating death. Some chew off their own leg in an attempt to escape. Others freeze or bleed to death before the trapper returns to stomp on their necks or bludgeon them to death. The traps used not only kill their intended victims, but also injure or kill endangered species, domestic companion animals and other animals accidentally caught.

Fur ranching is no more humane. Often the animals go insane due to entrapment, isolation and environmental deprivation before they are cruelly killed by electrocution or drowning.

Remember this holiday season and every day of the year the useless suffering of animals because of vanity, pride and selfishness. You can help — Don't wear fur. Dare to be different.

Ann Cook
Christians for the Ethical Treatment of Animals

Bus drivers want every trip to be safe

This is in response to the letter that was in the Sunday, Nov. 3, paper by Mrs. Masters.

Most school buses hold 71 passengers. The seats do hold three students. If the students are too big for three to a seat, the driver can discuss it with our supervisor to correct the matter. Buses for field trips are ordered by principals. A form provides number of students, number of buses wanted, time frame, and destination. Our new computer system assigns the driver and the bus. Each morning after a pre-trip inspection, the driver counts the students on their route. These reports are on file at the transportation office.

Drivers are required to have a clear driving record, a clear criminal history, and pass a drug and alcohol test before employment. They also are subject to random drug and alcohol tests. They are required to have a commercial driver's license and attend a driver certification program. Certification is 20 hours of classroom study and driving a bus. An eight hour recertification course is required every three years.

Most drivers are very professional in their driving and their attitudes. They know they carry the most precious cargo on the road, cargo that cannot be replaced by anything or anybody. All drivers want every trip to be a safe one.

All accidents are reported as required by law. If students are on board when involved in an accident, a form is filled out as to where each student was seated and the driver is taken to have a drug and alcohol test immediately.

Everyone should be aware of the following:

1) When a bus is loaded, it takes longer to accelerate and more time and distance to stop.

2) Students on board may be distracting the driver.

3) The bus has many blind spots...If you cannot see the driver, then the driver probably cannot see you.

There are laws that all motorists should obey around school buses:

1) When the upper yellow lights are flashing, it means the red flashing lights soon will be on.

2) When upper red lights are flashing, it means stop because students are loading or unloading and may run out in front of you.

3) Hazard lights that are at the same level as brake lights are used when buses stop at railroad crossings. Motorist stop if they are behind the bus.

Buses do not use loading lights at school loading zones, but motorists need to be aware of student movement around the bus and school.

We would like to thank everyone for trying to obey the rules of the road. We try to keep the roads safe for all and expect others to do the same.

Sheila Cook

Police should stake out Christmas parties

The following are some helpful hints that our illustrious officers might find useful in reaching their Christmas holiday DWI quotas.

Besides just staking out bars they should stake out Christmas and New Year's office parties, wedding receptions, Masonic lodges, restaurants, pool halls, bowling alleys, and anywhere else people are drinking and having fun. With the added revenue from fines and probation fees the city can hire more police and probation officers. After all, there just aren't enough murderers, rapists, child molesters, and burglars to keep our "justice" system coffers full.

Keep up the good work officers. Mad mothers and lawyers love you.

Paul Herman

Grumps get loud at Christmas time

Midlanders stop and smell the roses! Remember the reason for the season! We are in such a hurry and nothing seems to go right, so, we walk around like a time bomb ready to explode at whomever gets in our way. Tick, tick, tick who will be next?

Recently at the UPS office, I witnessed a very rude woman who wanted everything to stop and a clerk to wait on her, even though the clerk was plainly helping another person. Another clerk overheard her from the office and came out to help. Then when she found out it was going to cost $4.40 to mail her box she became arrogant and noted quite loudly that next time she would go somewhere else and "give me my 60 cents and I will leave." She then complained because the door was locked due to the high winds, and mumbled "I guess the door is broke, also." There was a note on the door that said "Please enter at next door." The poor clerk just looked at me and said "We have had customers like that all day, I don't know what is wrong with some people." I apologized for her behavior and exclaimed "I guess the high winds must affect some people's attitude."

Now, what prompted this letter is what happened the very next day at approximately 6:30 p.m. I was parking in a Sears parking space when a woman in the back seat of a parked car slung her door open quickly. I stopped and waited but she closed the door and did not try to get out. I pulled into the parking space but then decided not to park by them because they probably would put a dent in my vehicle. I pulled up into another vacant space. As I was approaching the doors to Sears, a man said "Ma'am, you need to slow down. You almost hit my wife and child when they were getting out of the car." I exclaimed: "Sir, I did not and was not going fast pulling into the space as I had backed my car up and stopped before pulling into the space." He began saying something else to put the blame back on me. I immediately interrupted him and said, "Thank you and Merry Christmas to you, also!"

Why is it at Christmas time all the "grumps" want to voice their violent behavior? Get a life and please remember the reason for the season!

Anita Norris

SPEAKING OUT

Non-Christians shouldn't infringe on believers' rights

By Patteann Daniel-Beverley

Patteann Daniel-Beverley, a 14-year resident of Midland, is former owner of Pages & Prints.

As Bing Crosby once crooned, "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas!" Or is it? Yes, the malls are filled with shoppers, children are being extra good and friends gather for parties. Lawns are transformed into veritable fairylands with lights, reindeer and cuddly bears. Garlands and wreaths, heavy with tinsel and balls, "deck the halls." Santa's arrival is heralded at shopping centers and mysterious packages are hidden on closet shelves.

It's an exciting time of the year and my guest bedroom looks just like yours as I wrap packages for the children and grandchildren who will be coming home to relive the many holiday traditions of our family.

But, this year something happened that has really bothered me! As a part-time employee of our Midland County Library, I volunteered to help put up the beautiful decorations throughout the library that were purchased by Friends of the Library for all the employees and patrons to enjoy throughout the season. As I took the decorations off their shelves, I came across a box labeled Kings' Camels. When I opened the box I discovered three white carved camels each about a foot high. They were elegant in their simplicity and I rushed to the Children's Department to add the new-found treasure to the garlands, the elves, the life-size Santa, and the decorated tree that were already there!

However, the Children's Librarian explained tactfully the library chose not to favor any one faith and instead to put up secular decorations. I was aghast. "What is CHRISTmas if not a Christian holiday?" I demanded. She quietly reminded me that the First Amendment had given those who were not Christian believers the right not to be confronted with public displays that were offensive to them.

No! That is not what the First Amendment to our Constitution says! It does say, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

True, some have construed a meaning to fit their purposes, and tragically many of us have just "gone along" with their interpretations. The opponents to Christian religion expression in our schools, in our workplaces and communities have been so vocal and so demanding, most Christians just "turned the other cheek" and instead put nativity scenes in their homes where they would not offend anyone.

I am just as much a part of this community as anyone! The Constitution should protect my rights just as much as theirs! I don't insist they celebrate CHRISTmas. They can ignore the whole season if they so choose, and I have the right to celebrate the birth of my Savior in remembering Him!

As the mother of four children, I had one very strict rule at our house. The rights of one child stopped where the rights of the other child began! I feel that as a Christian I have rights, too. And, I think the rights of those who do not by their own choice profess to be Christian, must stop when they infringe on my rights! My criticism is certainly not of the library or its staff, but of the attitude that seems to prevail almost everywhere ... "we don't want to offend those who do not share our religious convictions."

The camels were returned to the closet shelf and hidden away so they would not offend anyone. But I am offended and I want to speak out. Perhaps one person can't make much of a difference. I wear a bracelet on my wrist with the initials "WWJD." That stands for "What Would Jesus Do?" I'm sure I fall short of that lesson every day, but I don't think He would be silent — or expect me to be!

Merry CHRISTmas!

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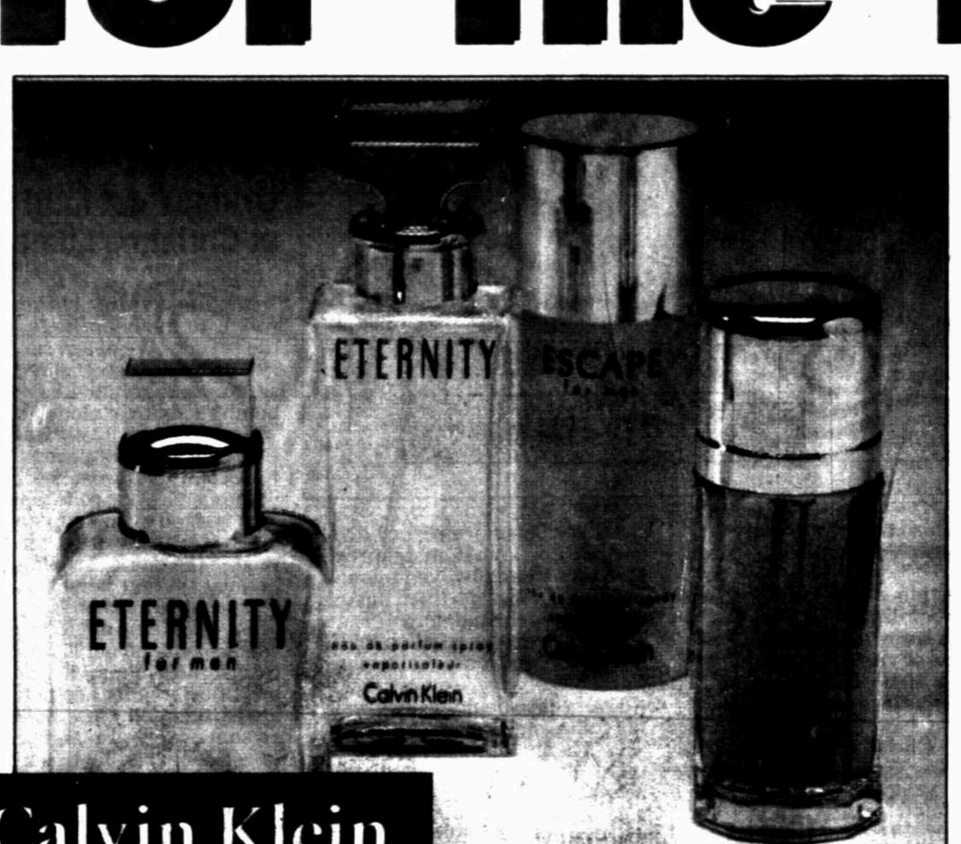

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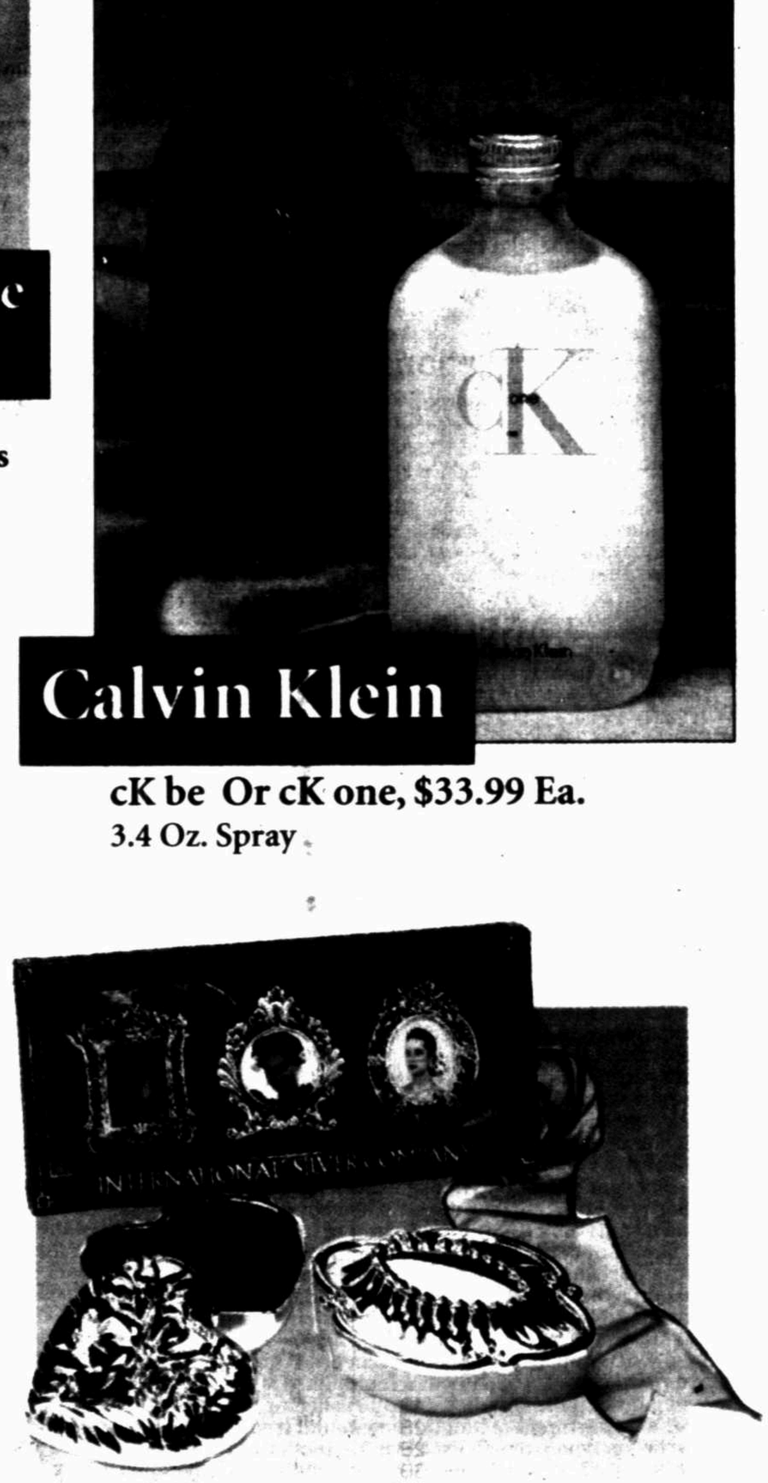

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In search of a cause...

Those who know give volunteering dos, don'ts

By Tamar Lewin
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — Rachel Levine wanted to help New York's homeless, so she went to the Mayor's Voluntary Action Center earlier this year looking for an organization to work with. She was referred to a women's shelter, where the volunteer coordinator welcomed her and told her to show up whenever she wished.

"They said I should just chat with the women," said Ms. Levine, 27, a budget and policy analyst in the Bronx borough president's office. "There was no specific task. I'd rather have done something like serve a meal. I find it hard to make the connection if there's nothing to connect around."

This fall, during her first visit, Ms. Levine made labored conversation for an hour and a half and left. At her next visit, she did much the same, awkwardly asking the women how their dinner was. She is not planning to go back.

"It just didn't work for me," said Ms. Levine, who has now joined another volunteer organization, New York Cares, through which she spent a happy Saturday last month painting rooms in a hotel for formerly homeless people.

AT A TIME when government is pulling in its safety net for the poor, urgent social needs are everywhere. At the Philadelphia summit on volunteerism last spring, President Clinton, acknowledging that government cannot solve all the nation's social ills, sought volunteers to help 2 million vulnerable children by the year 2000.

And many Americans want to help. While volunteering has waned slightly — in Independent Sector's latest survey, from 1995, 49 percent of adults reported volunteering, down from 54 percent in 1989 — some 93 million Americans worked an average of four hours a week at churches, schools, hospitals, museums or, informally, an elderly neighbor's home.

But matching needs and good intentions is not simple. Many volunteers, like Ms. Levine, find some projects more satisfying than others.

For example, Janet Zinn, a Manhattan therapist who for seven years delighted in feeding and cuddling babies in need through a St. Luke's Hospital program, dropped out after two visits at a soup kitchen.

"While the infants taught me amazing, important lessons," Ms. Zinn said, the soup kitchen "felt like an obligation."

Even people who know what they like might have trouble finding their niche.

Anaiza Castro Valle, a fashion assistant interested in art, and several like-minded friends wanted to run an art program for needy children, and even talked to a lawyer about setting up a nonprofit organization.

"We wanted to do it at an orphanage, but we couldn't find one," Ms. Castro Valle said.

"We called around, but no one could suggest an orphanage for us. Then I talked to a hospital, and they let us come in for a day."

But it was not what she hoped. "It was completely chaotic," Ms. Castro Valle said. "The children we worked with were emotionally unstable, due to their psychological problems. None of us were specialists in that, and we weren't well geared to children's behavior or emotional conflicts."

Like Ms. Levine, she then joined New York Cares, which is more flexible with volunteers and where Ms. Castro Valle now leads a children's art program at a family shelter.

Volunteers attend an orientation, and receive a calendar of about 200 projects supervised by an experienced volunteer.

"This way, you get a lot of options, you know you're needed and you don't have to commit to being available every Thursday at 6:30," Kathleen Behrens, the director, said.

"People have different reasons for volunteering and different levels of commitment and availability. But we have so many things that almost anybody who wants to help can find something that fits them."

For other organizations, though, good intentions may not be enough.

Many social-service agencies cannot absorb a lot of untrained volunteers, and most put volunteers through vetting and training, especially if they intend to deal with children. Many require extended commitment.

"Around the holiday season, we get calls from people who look at their lives and think they should give of themselves," said Lyn Stone, the director of volunteers at the Jewish Guild for the Blind.

"That's nice, but in January, they change their minds. We try to refer them to a one-time event, like serving a meal."

ONE PROMISING APPROACH to helping children, and one the Philadelphia summit called for expanding, is personal mentoring.

In New York, Big Brothers-Big Sisters receives 4,000 calls a year from prospective mentors. But after learning that they must commit to seeing a child every other week for a year, only half show up for orientation. Another 1,000 drop out after that session.

Half of the remaining 1,000 are eliminated in a screening process, where they are asked about their motivations, attitudes and social life, undergo a police check and personality profile and are asked for references from work, neighbors and friends.

"We have a waiting list of a thousand families, but you can't just throw Miss or Mr. X together with a kid and expect it to work," said Allan Luks, the executive director of the New York program.

"When you add the ongoing supervision, it costs us $1,000 for each family we match. We know mentoring works, we know it's great for the kid and the volunteer. But we also know we don't have the staff or the money to multiply the number of families we serve."

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FLASHBACK

Midland U-12 girls soccer team finishes second at state tournament

MESQUITE -- The Midland Flashback U-12 girls soccer team finished in 2nd place in the North Texas State Soccer Association Target Tournament of Champions, Dec. 6-7, losing the title game in a driving rainstorm to the Wichita Falls Angels, 4-0.

Flashback opened the tournament Saturday with a 3-0 win over Grapevine-Southlake and followed that with 2-0 wins over Richardson and Tyler. In Saturday night's quarterfinal, Flashback scored another 2-0 win, over Garland.

In Sunday morning's semifinal, Flashback scored a goal with under one minute remaining in the second overtime to defeat the Aledo Bearcats, 1-0, before advancing to the championship game.

Congratulations, Flashback!

Flashback members pictured above: Top row (l-r): Lance Posey, coach; Sarah Taylor, Afton Glanton, Jessica Harkins, Brooke Wilson, Charlotte Epley, Cassie Meyer, Martha Scarborough, Courtney Major, Mike Wilson, coach. Bottom row (l-r): Jennifer Patterson, Jordan "Jordy" Posey, Beth Osterwisch, Katie Liddell, Amy Wallace, Amy Lawler, Riley Blake.

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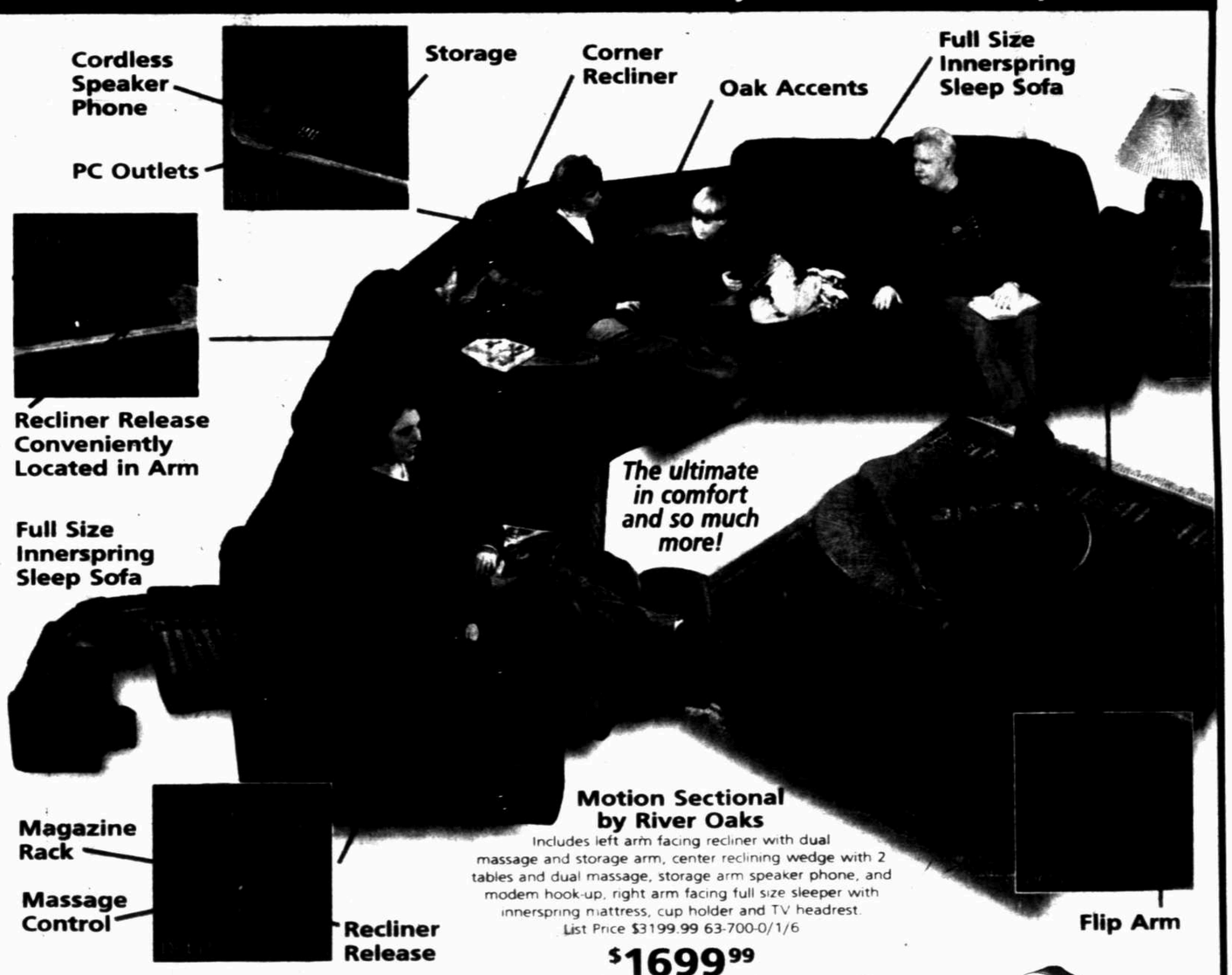

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Philanthropists more 'hands'on'

By Judith Miller
N.Y. Times News Service

Paul Tudor Jones II, 43, came to New York in 1978 with $1,700 and a determination to make it big in the commodities markets; he did. Peggy Dulany, 50, who does not use her surname, Rockefeller, always had wealth, but also had the conviction that poverty, injustice and racial hatred diminish humanity's possibilities.

Ron W. Burkle, 45, bagged groceries after school in California when he was a boy, but now owns a supermarket empire built with the proceeds of his leveraged-buyout business. In Colorado, Tim Gill, also 45, became one of two openly gay millionaires on the Forbes list of the 400 wealthiest Americans through Quark Inc., the desktop publishing software company he founded in 1981.

These intensely private people are giving away millions of dollars of their own money. They are also part of a new generation of givers transforming philanthropy in what is arguably the world's most philanthropic nation.

More hands-on and businesslike in their approach to giving, these donors — all in their 40s or early 50s — have a different attitude toward philanthropy than many of their elders. Harnessing that attitude to their inherited or newly made millions, or billions in some cases, they have already decided that they must be personally involved in creating more effective charities and communities that will lead to a better nation and world.

IN THE PROCESS, they are expanding what constitutes philanthropy by broadening the targets of their giving to include, for instance, gay advocacy. And because they already have money, many scholars, policy-makers and fund-raisers are looking to them for clues as to how their peers will give when the much heralded transfer of wealth — some $2 trillion in assets — occurs as America's middle-aged population inherits it from their parents.

The United States has seen transformations in philanthropy before. At the turn of the century, America entered what many regard as a golden era of giving when New York City became home to banking, railroad and oil barons like Morgan, Vanderbilt and Rockefeller, who used their money to start the foundations and cultural institutions that still bear their names and reflect their influence.

In the Midwest a generation later, the Ford and Chrysler fortunes ushered in a second philanthropy boom. Now a strong economy and stock market (hiccups and all) have increased the nation's wealth — by $1.4 trillion in last year alone — and spawned a new cluster of rich and super-rich.

WHILE MOST of these younger philanthropists engage in traditional giving — to their colleges, churches or synagogues and hometown cultural institutions — students of philanthropy have already noticed generational differences. "Younger generations are widening their circle of giving," said Ann Castle, who helps assemble the lists of the most charitable Americans for Slate, the on-line magazine.

Christopher Mogil, 41, who with his wife, Ann Slepian, also 41, started the Impact Project, a Boston nonprofit organization that helps philanthropists help one another, said that younger givers tend to have a very participatory style. "They want to be involved, not just to write checks," said Mogil.

A result: visits to projects they have financed, not standard practice in most family foundations, are very much in vogue.

So is collaborative giving, in which wealthy donors support one another's causes, and so are forums where donors can trade information about worthy causes as well as discuss philanthropic successes and failures.

Mogil has a trove of tales. Reared in New York, he was working in 1980 for a community development group in Philadelphia when he inherited about half a million dollars from his mother's family. "I had no idea initially how to handle that," he said.

Eventually, he gave away about half of his inheritance and used the rest to create a group to help young donors chart their own courses. In 1991, after much trial and error, he and his wife founded the Impact Project to share through publications, counseling and workshops what they had learned.

Impact's quarterly publication, "More Than Money," published with a partner in Eugene, Ore., has 1,000 subscribers, half of whom each have a net worth exceeding a million dollars. Mogil said that he finances much of the project's $195,000 budget, which will grow to $270,000 next year, "because I don't want to fund raise."

Among baby boomers, Mogil said, those with inherited wealth tend to be more cautious in their giving than the self-made rich. He explained that beneficiaries of inherited wealth, like lottery winners, "are often slow to ask what their wealth means, how it affects their personal lives and relationships and how they can contribute to the world." But self-made philanthropists "are used to saying, Here's what I want and here's how I can make it happen."

A prime example is Jones, the Memphis-born commodities broker. Soon after he earned his first million, he said in a recent interview, he was determined to "give back" to the city that had made his fortune possible. "I was and am a walking, talking poster child for New York and its infinite possibilities," he said.

Helping finance college scholarships for disadvantaged high-school students, he said, he quickly realized that the youngsters needed more than money and mentoring to get to college. "Hungry kids can't focus," Jones said. "And battered teen-agers can't either."

AND SO IN 1988 the Robin Hood Foundation, self-declared "guerrilla philanthropy," was born. Using $3 million of Jones' own money, along with substantial gifts from two Wall Street colleagues who were also budding givers, the foundation tries to break poverty's stranglehold in New York through innovative projects. Robin Hood, with a $20 million endowment, is one of the largest backers, for one, of the Rheedlen Centers for Children and Families, which is trying to rejuvenate eight city blocks in Harlem.

What Jones calls a "social venture approach" to philanthropy, in which donors seek a real return on philanthropic investments, is common among younger givers, said Craig Smith, a philanthropy expert at the Conference Board, a New York-based business research institute.

"The new generation is bringing the perspective of entrepreneurship into the nonprofit world," Smith said. "Many no longer accept the conventional wisdom that nonprofits are not about competition. They're far more likely to think about how a nonprofit can work as efficiently as their business."

Ms. Dulany agrees. The daughter of David Rockefeller, she recalled that philanthropy was a constant topic of conversation in her home. Her way with it, however, was influenced primarily by the impoverished family in Brazil with whom she lived when she was 19.

"That shaped my view that we must look at issues globally, that our greatest allies in solving problems of poverty are those confronted with poverty," she said, "and that we need not just to throw money at the poor but devote our own time, money and energy to working with them and involving them in the solutions."

The Synergos Institute, the New York-based nonprofit group Ms. Dulany founded, puts that philosophy into practice by mobilizing public and private resources, including the United Nations, to reduce global poverty and inequity and by strengthening the ability of poor communities to solve their own problems.

"It's important not only to give money to feed hungry people, but also to create programs to enable people to find jobs and become entrepreneurs and feed themselves," said Ms. Dulany, who is also a board member of the African-American Institute.

In line with that philosophy, Burkle in Los Angeles is generous not only with his money but his time. He recently contributed $15 million to help build the new Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles, but as chairman of DARE, an antidrug group, he has educated youngsters about the dangers of drugs and eased the hostility between some minority youths and local police.

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By R.W. Apple Jr.
N.Y. Times News Service

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — The land is as flat as a flight deck here in the Redlands. You can still see the scars of Hurricane Andrew, whose 200-mile-an-hour winds lashed this fertile countryside in August 1992: boughless pine trunks rising forlornly above clumps of young vegetation, coconut palms amputated 10 feet from the ground, boarded-up buildings, fields waiting to be replanted.

But as Michael Hunt, vice president for agricultural operations of Brooks Tropicals, shipper of exotic fruits, tooled his white pickup along the back roads, what struck me was the lushness of the comeback crops growing in the rich red laterite soil that gave the area its name — vegetables like pole beans and tomatoes, herbs of every description, guava and avocado and mango trees, flowering shrubs and annuals.

And a few, a very few, groves of Key lime trees.

Hunt turned his truck into one of them, a five-acre plot owned by Limeco, a grower that sometimes markets its own fruit and sometimes sells to Brooks, and stopped next to a row of scruffy, homely little trees, 7 or 8 feet tall and covered with sharp half-inch thorns. Mostly in January, and with less vigor the rest of the year, they produce small, five-petaled white flowers with golden centers and, 150 days later, small round fruits with a brisk citrus flavor, noticeably more sour than lemons or the more common Persian limes.

THE JUICE of these fruits is, of course, the crucial ingredient in Key lime pie, the creamy confection that so vividly evokes the tropics for the winter-weary — Key West, sunsets, Hemingway, Jimmy Buffet. ...

This is the dessert of which Craig Claiborne wrote a decade ago, "If I were asked to name the greatest of all regional American desserts, my answer might very well be Key lime pie."

But in our day, "Key lime" is a misnomer. Few are grown in the Florida Keys, and those that are, almost entirely in backyards, never leave the islands.

All the rest grown in America are grown here in southwest Dade County, about an hour from downtown Miami, and they account for less than 10 percent of annual sales in the United States.

Brooks ships about 500,000 pounds of Key limes a year to supermarkets nationwide, packed in little string bags whose labels give no hint where the fruit was grown. The figure grows each year, part of a boom in exotic fruits that has also lifted sales of mangoes, star fruit and papayas. But they are almost all Mexican or Guatemalan.

Why? Money, basically.

"Several years ago, we took a long look at re-establishing Key lime groves," said Hunt, who learned the business as a teen-ager working in his father's orange groves near Titusville in central Florida. "But this land is too valuable. We decided we couldn't compete with the Central Americans, who have cheaper land and cheaper labor. So we go abroad."

The fruit on the trees there is "every bit as good as it is here," Hunt said. But the few Florida Key limes that reach retailers get there in about three days, whereas it takes Central American fruit 10 days to make its way from the trees to Brooks's sprawling complex here and then to the supermarkets. Still, citrus products, like apples, hold their flavor well. A sampling of 3-day-old and 10-day-old Key limes showed little flavor difference.

People with a romantic turn of mind suggest that Columbus brought the first seeds of the Asian tree that came to be known as the Key lime to the Caribbean in 1493. By 1839, in any event, trees were established in the Keys.

Starting with trees planted in 1835 by Dr. Henry Perrine, they were grown commercially in the Keys for almost a century, as they had been grown in the West Indies since the 1700s.

Citrus aurantifolia, to give the Key lime its botanical name, bears only modest resemblance to the common Persian or Tahiti or Bearss lime, which is Citrus latifolia. The larger everyday variety, oval with a pointed end, conceals its yellow-green pulp under a thick green rind, which would turn yellow if kept to maturity; it is sold slightly immature so it does not look like a lemon and because its acid content, less than the Key lime, declines as it matures.

JUICY, SEED-FILLED and aromatic, the Key lime, AKA West Indian or Mexican lime, has a thin, yellowish, often splotchy or brown-spotted rind and greener flesh. It is the size of a golf ball.

The Key lime found its life partner in Key West, the southernmost city in the United States, around the turn of the century. No fresh milk was available there until the arrival of tank trucks with the opening of the Overseas Highway in 1930, so local cooks had to rely on canned condensed milk, which had been invented by Gail Borden in 1856. Too cloying to drink, it made a perfect foil for the bold pungency of the Key lime. But the marriage between the two did not last long except in name.

When a hurricane in 1926 wiped out the Key lime plantations in South Florida, growers replanted with Persian limes, which are easier to pick and to transport. Key lime name survived on menus, but most of the pies were made from Persian lime juice, which lacks the acidic ying needed to balance the sugary yang of the condensed milk.

Even worse, many chefs cheated by using bottled juice, most of which had only a few drops of real Key lime juice. It tasted (and still tastes) stale and lifeless.

Searching for fresh Key limes in Key West in the late 1970s, the food critic Raymond Sokolov found none. In "Fading Feast," he wrote: "The poorest Caribbean can find real limes in his local marketplace, but in America we can only buy Tahiti limes in our glistening supermarkets. Even, or perhaps especially, in the Keys, the conspiracy to hide this botanical masquerade has succeeded almost completely in perpetuating the myth of a regional dish."

Enter the boom in New American cooking, and things started to change. Karen Caplan of Frieda's, a big Los Angeles produce wholesaler, says the very scarcity of Key limes led to a demand for them. With the increasing emphasis on freshness, she said, "the top chefs just couldn't see making pies from a bottle anymore, and they demanded fresh fruit, no matter what the price."

That was especially true of the young Florida chefs known as the Mango Gang, who developed "Floribbean," or New World cuisine. One of them, Allen Susser, has just published "The Great Citrus Book." Another, Norman Van Aken, decided when he cooked in Key West that "bottled juice isn't worth the bother, no matter how big a bore it is to squeeze all those little limes."

Merola sees another reason for the boom in Key lime sales: demographic change. The huge growth in the Hispanic population in states like Texas, California and Florida, and cities like New York and Chicago, means there are more Americans for whom Key limes form a part of culinary tradition. Southeast Asians also know and demand Key limes for their styles of cooking.

Aficionados of Key lime pie argue endlessly about the proper way to make one. Graham-cracker or pastry crust? Meringue on top or whipped cream, or neither? Cooked or uncooked filling? Finished product frozen or not?

Metaphysical debates like those are meant to be prolonged, not resolved, so no attempt will be made here to give a definitive answer. But among the Conchs, the Key West natives, there is universal agreement that a real Key lime pie never contains gelatine and never, ever contains green food coloring.

KEY LIME PIE
Adapted from Joe's Stone Crab, Miami Beach

1 cup plus 2-1/2 tablespoons graham-cracker crumbs
5 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
1/3 cup sugar
3 egg yolks
1-1/2 teaspoons grated lime zest
1 14-ounce can sweetened condensed milk
2/3 cup fresh or bottled Key lime juice (see NOTE)
1 cup heavy cream
3 tablespoons confectioners' sugar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large mixing bowl, combine graham crackers, butter and sugar. Press mixture into bottom and sides of a buttered 9-inch pie pan, forming a neat border around edge. Bake crust until set and golden, about 5 minutes.

Using an electric mixer with a whisk attachment, beat egg yolks and lime zest at high speed until very shiny, about 5 minutes. Gradually add condensed milk, and continue to beat until thick, about 3 to 4 minutes. Reduce speed of mixer to low. Add lime juice, and mix just until combined.

Pour lime mixture into crust. Bake until filling has just set, about 10 minutes. Cool to room temperature, then refrigerate.

To serve: Place pie in freezer for 15 to 20 minutes before serving. In an electric-mixer bowl, combine cream and confectioners' sugar. Whisk until nearly stiff. Cut pie into wedges; serve very cold, each wedge topped with large dollop of whipped cream.

NOTE: Fresh juice is far superior to bottled juice.

Yield: 8 servings.

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Cookie season coming to town

By Suzanne Hamlin
N.Y. Times News Service

It's high season for cookies again, and as usual the search is on for both equipment and recipes. There's a lot of baking equipment out there, so much that finding the essentials can be confusing. But finding really good recipes is easy.

Three new cookbooks are particularly noteworthy.

"Maida Heatter's Cookies" (Cader Books, $22.95) is a large collection of favorites from the renowned baker. There are drop cookies galore (27 kinds of chocolate drop cookies alone), bar cookies, icebox cookies, rolled cookies and even some extras like fudge and crackers. There is always a new twist or flavorful subtlety in Ms. Heatter's cookie recipes. Her pine nut butter cookies, for example, gain a new dimension simply by toasting the pignoli.

"Gingerbread for All Seasons" by Teresa Layman (Harry N. Abrams, $24.95) is an extremely thorough illustrated guide to building elaborate constructions.

"Pillsbury Best Cookies Cookbook" (Clarkson Potter, $19.95) is a collection of 175 of the flour company's most requested cookies recipes, and they range from very good to quite special. The peppakakor, a Swedish ginger cookie, is the best ginger cookie I have ever encountered — a crisp butter cookie with a high note of ginger and an undercurrent of other warming spices. They keep for up to two weeks, roll out easily, hold their shapes and can be decorated or frosted (they're also fine plain).

Cookie bakers run into trouble when they use heavy black steel or dull-finish, nonstick cookie sheets. Dark finishes absorb heat so quickly that cookies tend to burn before they have cooked through. And expensive "air cushioned" cookie sheets aren't much better: the cookies bake too slowly, and often unevenly.

The best cookie sheets are plain, inexpensive, shiny aluminum ones. Buy a size that is 1 or 2 inches smaller, all around, than your oven, so hot air can circulate. And be sure to buy cookie sheets, not cookie pans with sides.

There is no reason to grease a cookie sheet if you line it with parchment paper, as professional bakers do. Good-quality heavy parchment paper, sold in rolls in cutter-edge boxes, absorbs grease, protects cookie bottoms from burning and provides the ultimate nonstick finish. One piece of parchment can be used several times, until it becomes too greasy.

It's convenient to have three or four cookie sheets so that cookies go into the oven on a cold sheet. If a sheet is hot or even warm, the cookies will spread too much. And cool the cookies on heavy wire-grid raised cooking racks. In a pinch, a cold oven rack can be used to cool a large batch.

For rolling out cookies, the best surface is a large canvas pastry cloth that has been rubbed lightly with flour. Use a heavy wooden rolling pin covered with a stockinette sleeve rubbed with flour. It will provide an excellent nonstick surface without adding excess flour to the dough.

Novices may prefer to put the flattened dough in a heavy, large plastic storage bag and roll out the dough in the bag, turning it over once. The bag can then be cut along the sides to open.

To turn out cookies with distinct shapes, you'll need cutters with sharp bottom edges and clean, simple designs. The best are made of heavy tin, stainless steel or copper. They should be large enough, 2 to 5 inches, or the shapes will blob out in the oven.

Ideally, cookies should be baked one sheet at a time on the middle level of the oven.

To speed things up, you can use two sheets by dividing the oven into thirds with two oven racks. But don't bake more than two sheets at once or the cookies will bake unevenly.

Halfway through the estimated baking time, reverse the two sheets, exchanging the top one for the bottom one and turning them back to front. Start testing the cookies two-thirds of the way through the baking time. The difference between done and overdone can be less than a minute.

Let baked cookies cool completely on racks before icing or storing.

To keep them crisp, store in single layers between sheets of waxed paper in metal cookie tins. At gift-giving time, holiday cookies can be layered in tissue paper and packed in decorative gift tins.

Personalized cookies can be used as place cards at a holiday table, or they can be tied onto tree branches with ribbons (use an ice pick or a skewer to make a hanging hole in each one before baking).

But such planning ahead means being strong and controlling yourself and other cookie monsters lurking around the house.

SWEDISH GINGER COOKIES
Adapted from "Pillsbury Best Cookies Cookbook"

1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened
1-1/2 cups granulated sugar
3 tablespoons molasses
1 large egg
2 tablespoons water or milk
3-1/4 cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons cinnamon
1-1/2 teaspoons ginger
1/2 teaspoon ground cardamom
1/2 teaspoon ground cloves

In the large bowl of an electric mixer, beat butter, sugar and molasses until mixture is light and smooth. Add egg and water or milk, blending well. In a separate bowl, mix together the flour, soda, salt and spices. With mixer at low speed, gradually beat the flour mixture into the butter mixture, beating just until combined. Remove, knead briefly with your hands, divide into two pieces and wrap both in plastic wrap. Refrigerate for 1 hour or up to 2 days.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line 4 cookie sheets with foil or parchment. Remove dough from refrigerator one package at a time, and cut in half. Let it soften slightly if it is not malleable.

On a lightly floured surface, roll out dough 1/8- to 1/4-inch thick. Dip cookie cutters in flour, and make shapes. Place cookies 1-inch apart on cookie sheets. Bake for 9 to 11 minutes until set. Remove sheets from oven, and let stand for 1 minute. With a thin metal pancake turner, transfer cookies to cooling racks, and let cool completely before storing or frosting.

Store plain or frosted cookies in single layers, separated by sheets of waxed paper. Store at room temperature in metal tins or heavy-duty aluminum foil for up to a week. Yield: 4 dozen cookies.

Approximate nutritional analysis per cookie: 90 calories, 4 grams fat, 15 milligrams cholesterol, 80 milligrams sodium, 1 gram protein, 13 grams carbohydrate.

FROSTING AND ICING
Adapted from "Pillsbury Best Cookies Cookbook"

3/8 cup water
1 envelope unflavored gelatin
3/4 cup granulated sugar
3/4 cup confectioners' sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon vanilla extract.

In a 2-quart saucepan, combine gelatin with the water. Let stand 5 minutes. Stir in granulated sugar. Place over medium heat, and bring to a boil. Reduce heat, and simmer for 10 minutes. Stir in confectioners' sugar, and beat with a whisk until foamy. Whisk in baking powder and vanilla. Transfer to the large bowl of an electric mixer, and beat at high speed until thick and cool, about 10 minutes. The frosting is bright white, but it can be tinted in small batches with food coloring.

Use the icing as soon as it is made. For frosting cookies, spread with a metal spatula; for decorating, use in a pastry bag. Spread out the cookies in one layer to dry completely, about 40 minutes. Yield: Frosting or icing for 6 dozen cookies.

Approximate nutritional analysis per tablespoon: 8 calories, 0 grams fat, 0 milligrams cholesterol, 3 milligrams sodium, 0 grams protein, 2 grams carbohydrate.

TOASTED PINE NUT COOKIES
Adapted from "Maida Heatter's Cookies"

1/2 cup pine nuts (pignoli)
1 stick (4 ounces) unsalted butter, softened
2 tablespoons honey
2 tablespoons granulated sugar
Pinch of salt
2 tablespoons dark rum, brandy or whiskey
1 cup sifted all-purpose flour

Spread pine nuts in a wide frying pan and toast, shaking frequently, over moderate heat. As soon as they are golden brown — less than 2 minutes — pour them onto a plate to cool, then put them in the refrigerator or freezer to chill.

With two oven racks, divide the oven into thirds. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Line two cookie sheets with baking parchment.

In the bowl of an electric mixer, cream together the butter, honey, sugar, salt and liquor. On low speed, beat in the flour; then, working quickly, the chilled pine nuts.

Using two teaspoons, make 24 equal pieces, picking up a bit of dough with one spoon and pushing it off onto the lined tray with the other. Chill in the freezer for about 5 minutes, then roll the mounds into balls with your hands, flattening them slightly. Place 1-inch apart on the sheets.

To decorate and flatten more, dip a fork into cold water and use the back of the tines to press the cookies (in one direction only) until they are about 1/2 inch thick. Wet the fork for each cookie.

6. Bake on the upper and lower levels of the oven, reversing the sheets top to bottom and front to back once during baking. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes, until cookies are lightly colored and crisp. Transfer to racks, and let cool completely. Store in an airtight tin.

Yield: 24 cookies. Approximate nutritional analysis per cookie: 80 calories, 6 grams fat, 10 milligrams cholesterol, 7 milligrams sodium, 1 gram protein, 7 grams carbohydrate.

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Cocktail parties are back!

By Jan Norris
N.Y. Times News Service

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Going on the party circuit this season? Firm up your leg muscles and practice balancing a plate in one hand, drink in the other.

The cocktail party is back.

Stand-up parties are replacing some sit-down dinner affairs, according to area caterers.

"You can invite more people, and it's more economical, ultimately, so if people want to do their social paybacks, they will do one cocktail party. They can be quicker, too," said Charlie Crawford, a West Palm Beach caterer.

It started with the drinks. Bartenders say that the return of the martini has triggered a resurgence of cocktails from decades ago — the sidecar, Manhattan, gimlet, whiskey sour and bloody Mary.

New mixers for the cocktails — flavored vodkas, pedigreed whiskeys, herbal liqueurs — call for a different breed of canapes. Tired crudites and gloppy dip don't belong next to a sparkling citrus martini.

Instead, try melted brie with a golden pastry crust, with a dollop of pungent apple chutney on the side.

Or a boniato chip topped with cooked ceviche, tangy with cilantro.

If there's a theme to the current party foods, it's ethnic food packed with flavor, said Crawford, the chef/owner of White Apron Catering in West Palm Beach, Fla.

While the parties of the '50s and '60s featured plenty of food, most of it was all-American and bland: cheese-stuffed celery, cold meat platters, tiny cocktail weiners, crab puffs.

"People today are into much more sophisticated foods, different things," Crawford said.

"We're doing several foods that have an Asian fusion — they are the Asian flavors, but they may be mixed with Caribbean or Southwest spices."

His version of the crab cake, a fresh grilled salmon cake, is topped with wasabi caviar and creme fraiche.

Portions have shrunk, too, he said. "They want passed hors d'oeuvres. The hostesses are asking for things to be small, something you can eat with the fingers, and very fresh."

Food safety has become a concern, so uncooked ceviche, raw oysters and steak tartare with a raw egg topping are definitely out.

"We're getting orders for organic foods in some cases," Crawford said.

Food quality is closely tied to the quality of the drinks.

People are still drinking less than they did 30 years ago, but they're drinking higher quality drinks, said Coleman Katajisto, bartender at the trendy Galaxy Grille in Palm Beach.

Lighter but higher quality foods are the match.

At the Galaxy Grille, cosmopolitans (Absolut Citron, Cointreau and a splash of cranberry juice) are one of the "most poured" drinks for the ladies, he said.

Men tend to order high-end single-malt Scotches and premium whiskeys.

The nibbles that the bar serves from the late night menus fit the cocktails.

"Seafood spring rolls, and lobster quesadillas sell well," Katajisto said. The slight salty flavor of seafood is a good match with the tart drinks.

Some retro foods, such as the hot crab and artichoke dip, are back in new forms.

"We serve a hot crab mixture piped onto a crouton — a one-bite nibble. Everybody loves them," said Dave Zylstra, owner of Imaginations Catering in Lake Worth.

But there's still a place for many of the old foods.

Scott Hanley, of Tuxedo Gourmet Catering Co. in West Palm Beach, makes a signature dish of dark-chocolate dipped strawberries artfully arranged around a platter of whipped cream — an old favorite of Palm Beach partygoers.

The island set latched on to the berries when champagne came into its own, said Libby Thompson of The Gourmet Galley in Palm Beach.

Thompson, who has catered hundreds of Palm Beach parties, said the partygoers there "would go through spells — mixed drinks, white wines, champagne, red wines."

It was during the champagne phase that the berries really took off. "Once they started having fashion show parties, that's when the strawberries were hot. You still see them, though; people love them."

The good old vegetable crudite platter, "which I still love," Thompson said, gets an update.

"We'll add asparagus spears, and jicama sticks and baby artichoke hearts on it, and use a lemon-yogurt dip.

"I think people are just tired of carrots and celery sticks."

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Traveling by seat of pants

Books bring adventures without need to leave home

By Paul Grondahl
Hearst News Service

ALBANY, N.Y. — On the midnight train from Coimbatore to Mysore in south India. Hurtling through the jungle's blackness. Sitar music plays softly from a tape recorder at the front of the crowded car. Mothers in colorful saris sleep on the swaying floor, half-naked children splayed around them like suckling puppies.

The air is thick and fetid. A Marsala of body odor and a constellation of spices seeping from sweaty pores mingle with the musky stew of elephant dung, jasmine flower and tropical decay outside. Open windows create only a ripple of relief. It is 1991, and while riding on this train, I am reading in a wan pool of light that flickers at switch crossings, immune to fatigue and the oppressive heat, absorbed by Alexander Frater's mesmerizing account of India, "Chasing The Monsoon" (Penguin Books, 1990).

We are traveling in the fall, moving through a narrow window of temperate opportunity after the monsoon and before the inferno of the dry season. But Frater's lyrical writing creates a liquid dreamscape in my mind, where the rain pounds the rice paddies in punishing sheets and floodwaters lap at second-story windows in downtown Bombay:

"The rain had eased but the wind, if anything, blew with even greater force. The straining flags hoisted over the Admiral's Bar gave off reports like cracking whips. The day didn't fade, exactly. The black sky just kept assuming deeper shades of black until, suddenly, it had blacked itself out entirely. The roaring white water down in the bay gave off an eerie luminosity, while the long, winding band of spray heading north, following the precise contours of the coast, glowed like a ghostly motorway."

Frater takes the reader on an unforgettable journey, shadowing the relentless northward drive of the monsoon of 1987, from Trivandrum along the Arabian Sea in south India to the capital city Delhi in the foothills of the Himalayas in the north. Frater's gripping description of this captivating but deadly weather phenomenon is deftly melded with a rich context of history and a wit as dry as Bombay Sapphire gin straight up. It's a must-read travel book for anyone venturing to that exotic subcontinent.

ON THAT SAME MONTHLONG odyssey through south India five years ago, I read two other books I'd highly recommend. "Travels With My Elephant" (The Overlook Press, Woodstock, N.Y., 1992) is the story of Mark Shand's quirky, quixotic journey on the back of a 30-year-old elephant named Tara.

Shand rented the beast of burden and lumbered 800 miles, from the Bay of Bengal to his destination at the world's largest elephant bazaar at Sonepur on the Ganges. The white man's means of conveyance turned heads and he relished the incongruity, writing about his merry adventures like Ken Kesey morphing into Rudyard Kipling.

Consider Shand's exchange with a veterinarian about administering an antibiotic to heal an infection in the elephant:

" 'Which cheek?' I asked nervously, standing behind Tara's enormous bottom. At that moment she turned her head and gave me a curious look.

" 'Either one. Whichever you feel most comfortable with,' the vet said airily.

"After marking a spot in my mind I shut my eyes and plunged in the needle like a dart. With a squeal of rage she shot to her feet and trundled away with a broken hypodermic needle wobbling precariously out of her backside.

"Tara was retrieved and made to sit. She gave me a look of pure venom. I repeated the process, this time with success, and even managed to pump the sticky fluid in efficiently."

Shand is that rare stylist, laconic and laugh-out-loud funny, never techniquey or straining too hard for effect. A brief bio says Shand used to work at Sotheby's, completed the London-Sydney motor race and searched for head-hunting tribes in Indonesia. He divides his time between London and Bali.

He is the kind of bloke you'd want on your trip. We could have used him on our south India sojourn. We got charged by a tusker in a jungle outside Mysore. The elephant apparently didn't appreciate us snapping pictures of his family. We managed to scramble just in time into our idling Jeeps, which the trumpeting beast chased for some distance as we roared off. But that's another story.

THERE'S NOTHING BETTER than the mind-swirling discoveries of travel. Except a trip punctuated with long night train rides and flights in airplanes for many hours in the clouds, with nothing to see down below. That's prime reading time, a chance to get immersed in carefully selected books that heighten the travel experience.

A few offerings from working trips to Antarctica and the Arctic: "The Crystal Desert: Summers in Antarctica" (Houghton Mifflin, 1992), by David G. Campbell, is a researcher's account of three summers in the coldest, highest, windiest, driest and most extreme place on Earth.

Campbell is an engaging raconteur, blending hard science and a penchant for Latinate plant names with a poet's eye for descriptions of otherworldly nature.

As a dog person, I'm a sucker for canine-human adventure yarns, stemming from an early encounter with John Steinbeck's "Travels with Charley." During a long flight on a ski-equipped, C-130 Hercules military transport plane to the North Pole a few years ago, I read "Polar Dream" (Simon & Schuster, 1993), by Helen Thayer (with foreword by Sir Edmund Hillary).

In 1988, at age 50, Thayer, a resident of Washington state, became the first woman to ski solo to the North Pole. Her companion was a big, black husky named Charlie, who scared off polar bears by day and whimpered in the tent by night until Thayer relented and let the dog into her sleeping bag.

As for travel writers who take their work to a level above the pack and manage never to disappoint, here's a favorite trio: John McPhee, Paul Theroux and Jan Morris.

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Fatal heart condition is rare in teenagers

By Leslie Sowers
Hearst News Service

HOUSTON — One minute 11th-grader Sherical "Shay" Petty was playing girl's basketball for Robert E. Lee High School.

Dribbling, passing, shooting.

The next minute, she called a timeout, collapsed with chest pains and was pronounced dead less than two hours later at Hermann Hospital in Houston.

Petty, 17, left behind many friends and a saddened school. Her death Dec. 5 also may have raised some questions about heart disease and youth.

Dr. Jeffrey Towbin, a pediatric cardiologist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, offers some reassurance. First of all, this kind of sudden death is uncommon. It is even more uncommon in young people under the age of 18.

Only a few types of heart conditions are associated with sudden death.

The most common is a condition called hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. "When a basketball player dies suddenly, it's the first thing you think of," Towbin said. He said many professional athletes have the condition, in which the heart becomes thicker and stiffer than normal.

He said three other heart conditions can also be associated with sudden death. Myocarditis is the second most common cause of this type of death. The heart condition proved fatal for 27-year-old Reggie Lewis of the Boston Celtics in 1995.

- Myocarditis is an infection of the heart muscle that can occur two to four weeks after having a viral infection, such as a cold. After the cold goes away, the person feels suddenly sick again, and can die of heart failure caused by the heart infection.
- A heart rhythm problem called Long QT syndrome is the third most common cause of sudden death. This condition is associated with frequent fainting under stress.
- Both Long QT syndrome and myopathy often run in families. Towbin said families often don't talk about their health history. He said it is important to find out about your family's heart health because it may alert you to your own risk factors. When you have a health check-up, you can mention any information to your physician, who may refer you to a specialist for extra tests if necessary.
- Towbin said the fourth cardiac problem that causes sudden death is coronary artery problems. In adults with chest pain, Towbin said, this is the first thing you'd think of. "In kids, this is very uncommon," it usually takes a long history of coronary artery disease to cause death. But, he said, sometimes coronary arteries might be positioned in the wrong way, or may not be present at all.
- Towbin said that after former New Orleans Jazz guard and NBA Hall of Famer "Pistol" Pete Marovich, 40, dropped dead during a pickup basketball game in 1988, doctors learned he had a single coronary artery. He lived for years with chest pains that he never mentioned.
- Athletes are at the highest risk for sudden death if they have any of these conditions, Towbin said, because of the stress of activity like running back and forth on the court. That's why student athletes have mandatory exams each year. But an ordinary physical may not pick up some of these conditions because they can be subtle.
- Towbin, who is president of the American Heart Association, hopes that people will educate themselves about heart disease in children, and learn that kids can be born with heart disease or can acquire it.
- "Heart disease isn't just an adult thing," Towbin said.
- If you are moderately active and eat a reasonable diet, Towbin said, you are at very little risk for heart disease as a young person, unless you have a family history of problems. He'd like to see families pay more attention to their heart history. That would help young people alert their physicians about their risks when they get a regular check-up.

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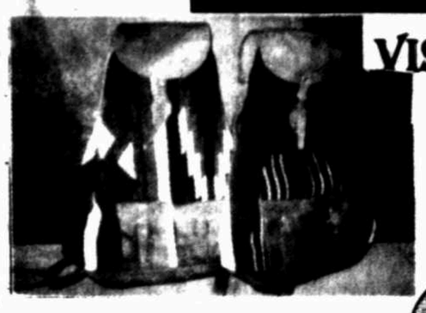

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Food safety survey surprising

By Marian Burros
N.Y. Times News Service

Many people think that organic foods harbor fewer harmful bacteria than their conventionally raised counterparts, and I have always been inclined to agree, perhaps because of some romantic notion about small farmers.

Their crops, herds and flocks are so meticulously cared for that even though the farmers don't use pesticides, they must be keeping harmful bacteria at bay through sheer dedication. And doing it better than the big commercial places.

Of course, this is a hypothesis that has never been tested.

So I thought I would take a stab at it. After consultation with a certified laboratory that tests food for bacterial contamination, as well with other experts in the field, it seemed possible to draw some conclusions from a small but representative sampling of conventional and organic food. And though it may have been small from a scientific point of view, it was substantial from the consumer's. I bought three months' worth of foods that are often cited as posing health problems.

I WAS IN for an enormous surprise, as were all the experts I had consulted ahead of time.

To keep the survey focused, it was restricted to testing for salmonella in chicken and generic E. coli in ground beef and produce. It is generally recognized that many chickens are contaminated with salmonella, and generic E. coli is a marker for fecal contamination.

The actual purchase and collection of samples from a wide spectrum of places involved plotting the path of a shopping trip through Manhattan, from expensive butcher shops to Greenmarkets, from shops that sell organic food to conventional supermarkets. This called for a map, a car service, styrofoam containers, ice packs, plastic bags and 16 hours of shopping.

Finding styrofoam containers proved daunting. In October, when the project began, they were out of season. They were finally secured from a food company that does a large mail-order business.

AFTER COLLECTING 50 samples, they were dropped at a New York City office and delivered by messenger to Certified Laboratories Inc. of Plainview, N.Y.

It took up to seven days for the final results, but some came in after two days. As the results trickled in, it was a tense time.

While waiting, I spoke to several people in the organic food business about bacterial contamination of organic food. Bob Eberley, the owner of Eberley Poultry, an organic firm in Stevens, Pa., proved prescient. "I would not want to differentiate between organic and conventional," he said.

Not one of the 50 samples tested positive for either salmonella or E. coli. It was surprising that conventional food was as clean as organic food; even more surprising was that, in this sample that might have represented the experience of just about any New Yorker, everything was clean.

Some public health officials contacted for comment, including scientists from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, were baffled by the findings, given the expectation of pervasive contamination. Others were not, saying either that the sampling was not large enough or that it was not done over a long enough period.

BUT ALL the officials agreed on one point that none of the people I talked to before the examination made: testing for salmonella was a waste of time because the percentage of chickens contaminated is not that high.

They said we should have had the chickens tested for campylobacter, a far more ubiquitous disease-causing bacteria.

While most Americans have become familiar with the hazards of salmonella and have learned how important it is to cook chicken thoroughly, they had never heard of campylobacter, bacteria that cause gastrointestinal illness, or the fact that it contaminates far more chickens than salmonella does, as much as 70 to 90 percent, according to some studies.

Having invested so much time in the original survey, I didn't want to leave this base untouched, so 10 more chickens were purchased and tested for campylobacter. And 10 more samples of ground beef were tested for E. coli. This time, two samples of ground beef showed definite fecal contamination.

As for the chickens, while our results did not show a 70 to 90 percent contamination rate, 4 out of the 10 had campylobacter: one was a Perdue chicken purchased at Gristede's; the others were from Bell & Evans, purchased at Citarella.

But over all, the results are good news for shoppers. The amount of contamination was surprisingly low. Even if the sampling was not large enough to give a true picture of the American food supply, Caroline Smith de Waal, the director of food safety for the Center for Science in the Public Interest, a Washington-based advocacy group, said the results made an important point: "that most food is clean and very safe."

If the American food supply is not as contaminated as many recent high-profile outbreaks of food-borne disease indicate, it may be because, as some experts have suggested, the food industry has actually improved its techniques for making food safer.

AND IN THE LAST couple of years there has been one significant change that has little to do with technique and a lot to do with attitude. Both government and industry have finally acknowledged that they have a responsibility for the safety of the food supply.

"Historically, industry and government have said that consumers are the only ones responsible for the safety of their food, but now they acknowledge their responsibility, too," Ms. DeWaal said.

The findings should not make New Yorkers feel smug about their food, but they should reassure those who think that everything is contaminated.

It is still not a good idea to snack on grapes and strawberries stacked in neat rows at the supermarket or to stick a fork that has just pierced a piece of raw chicken into a tomato.

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Caring for festive holiday fashions listed

By LoAna M. Gonzales
N.Y. Times News Service

WACO — The tree and the turkey aren't the only holiday items that come with trimmings. Much of what's available for festive holiday fashions is accentuated by glitter, beads and sequins.

Usually these sweaters, vests and other pieces feature child-like scenes of snowmen and reindeer. But there's nothing childish about the quality of many holiday fashions available locally.

So why do so many grown-ups indulge in these playful clothes?

"The holidays just have a way of bringing out the child in all of us," said Michele Martin, owner of The Stork's Solution. Early in the season, her store carried various children's sweaters by Michael Simon. Martin also had in stock a few adult versions to complement the child's sweaters.

Other stores carry upscale parent-child holiday duds. Of course, tons of festive sweatshirts and T-shirts can be found just about anywhere.

But with all of this fun and festivity for fashion comes added responsibility when it comes to caring for such clothes.

These trimmings create stunning looks but can also cause cleaning disasters. The International Fabricare Institute, an association of professional dry cleaners and launderers, said holiday wear offers a variety of would-be cleaning problems. For example, sequins are subject to fading, peeling, curling and some even dissolve when cleaned. Particularly troublesome is when sequins are glued to the garment with an adhesive that is not resistant to wear or cleaning procedures.

Beads are another story, depending on what they're made of. Polystyrene beads usually don't stand up to dry cleaning. Often the bead dissolves, becomes sticky and adheres to the fabric. Imitation pearl beads can also cause problems.

The IFI recommends checking the care label when purchasing your holiday fashions. Make sure to follow the care label when cleaning the garment. If a problem still occurs, return it to the retailer.

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MISD might seek magnet school grant

■ Board members consider feasibility of completing federal grant application before February deadline.

By Richard Enos
Staff Writer

Midland Independent School District school board members at Tuesday's meeting will consider whether the district will have enough time to apply for a federal magnet school grant.

Board members also will consider a school property tax abatement for a local business and will consider creating two high school security guard positions.

Dr. Viola Coleman — one of the plaintiff intervenors in the federal desegregation lawsuit against MISD — plans to attend to support the grant agenda item. She told board members at their last meeting that federal government officials have said MISD would have a good chance of obtaining a $2 million to $6 million federal grant for a magnet school.

The application deadline is just around the corner; a lengthy document must be turned in by mid-February. However, Ms. Coleman said on Friday it would be an opportunity for the intervenors and MISD officials to work together to speed matters along.

Joseph Baressi Jr., MISD superintendent, said he approves of the idea, but said the time frame is too short. He added that past plans for magnet schools have been voted down by the community.

"With the holidays, we're going to have less than 30 days to come up with something that will be competitive nationally," he said. "The idea of magnet schools have been floated by two citizens committees, a staff committee, then a separate report ... and each time it's been shot down."

Ms. Coleman said that the past plans can be modified quickly to make the deadline. She said there's wide support for the grant among the intervenors.

"The school board has done a lot of work on some various choice plans that they came up with a couple of years ago," she said. "I cannot believe that in putting in a magnet school they couldn't use some of this prior work."

Ms. Coleman hopes MISD can qualify for the grant and create a specialized school for fine arts programs or for math and science instruction. She does not want to wait for the next deadline in 2001.

There are mixed feelings among board members about the hurry-up schedule. James Fuller repeated his belief that the grant is "a window of opportunity" for MISD to improve its schools and for all parties to work toward a common educational goal.

Martha Mims Manulik, however, said she doubts that there will be enough time.

Please see MISD/2B

BASIN BRIEFING

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On Monday and Tuesday, Neely Avenue between D Street and Western Drive will be closed to through traffic. Crews will be installing telephone cable in the area. During the two-day project, westbound traffic will be detoured south on D Street to Stanolind Avenue, and eastbound traffic will be detoured south on Western to Stanolind.

Library story time

Pre-school children are invited to "Operation Gingerbread Man" story time 10 a.m. Monday at Midland County Public Library. For more information call 688-8991 or 699-7820.

Candle lighting

The local chapter of Compassionate Friends is asking residents to light candles at 7 p.m. today in honor of children who have died. Chapters across the nation and worldwide are to light candles at 7 p.m. in their time zones, according to local representative Lydia Frescaz. Organizers hope the observance becomes an annual tradition on the second Sunday of December. Compassionate Friends is a support group for surviving parents and siblings. Also, the support group Survivors of Homicide is hosting a Christmas party 7-10 p.m. Thursday at the law enforcement building, 400 S. Main St. Children can visit with Santa. For more information call 684-7271.

Book signings

Three local authors have book signings upcoming at Walden-Books at Midland Park Mall. Wayne Barton is to sign copies of his latest book "Fairchild's Passage," noon-2 p.m. Saturday. Persons who buy Barton's book will receive a bonus — free copies of a subsequent chapter not included in the book. Co-authors Barbara Jowell and Donnette Schwisow are to sign copies of their book, "After He's Gone: A Guide for Widowed and Divorced Women," 5-7 p.m. Dec. 22. The women are owners of a consulting firm.

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The Midland post office is to offer a special stamp cancellation in honor of Midland College's 25th anniversary. The cancellation is to be available Thursday through Jan. 18 at the downtown and ClayDesta stations, or by writing Postmaster, P.O. Box 6000, Midland 79711.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SAA—Reflections, 550-1173. The meetings are closed.

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Hershberger plans run for county judge

From Staff Reports

Midland attorney Steve Hershberger announced last week his candidacy in the Republican primary for the position of Midland county judge.

Hershberger

"I would be honored to be able to serve my fellow citizens of Midland County as your county judge," Hershberger said.

"My approach in all aspects of the job will be to serve the best interest of the homeowners and taxpayers of Midland County."

Hershberger, who has a broad judicial and legal background, is currently an adjunct municipal judge for the city of Midland. He worked as a research attorney from 1983-1984 for Chief Judge Stephen Preslar of the Eighth Court of Appeals in El Paso and from 1984-1986 for U.S. District Judge Lucius Bunton. After working as an associate attorney

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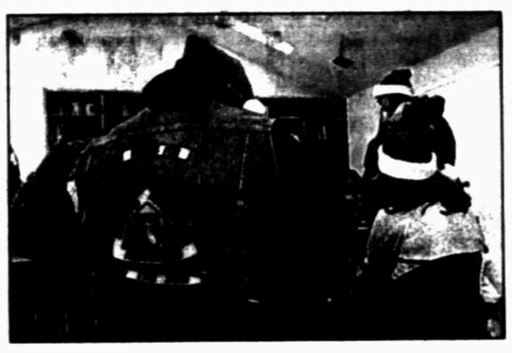

Santa Claus, aka Glen Kitts of Midland, collects Christmas presents from members of the Christian Motorcyclists Association for their annual Toy Run to High Sky Children's Ranch. More than 35 of the motorcycle ministry's members, including James Granberry, who hulks over Ranch residents at left, were at the ranch Saturday to entertain the children and deliver Christmas presents. Children were given rides and were allowed to play on the motorcycles.

Photos by Kes Gilhome

Hearst executive Danzig's book lists traits that lead to success

■ Book review

Danzig

If you had told Robert J. Danzig when he was a boy that he would grow up to be the leader of one of the country's most influential newspaper groups, he would have thought you were crazy. Yet today, Danzig is vice president of the Hearst Corp. and oversees the company's chain of 12 daily (including the Reporter-Telegram) and seven weekly newspapers with a combined circulation of 10 million readers.

To what does Danzig owe his leadership success? "Perseverance," says Danzig, who considers that trait, and eight others, to be the keys to effective leadership, which he discusses in his new book, "The Leader Within You" (Lifetime Books, January 1998, $21.95).

"I did not grow up in a traditional fam-

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Shelter to allow Helping Hand to reach out more

By Johnnye Montgomery

BIG SPRING — A long-held dream of A Helping Hand has taken a giant step toward realization with the acquisition of a 50-room abandoned nursing home, says co-founder Elouise Swinney.

"I've always said, 'be careful what you pray for,'" Ms. Swinney said. "For years we've been asking the Lord for a motel. Well, he didn't give us a motel; he gave us better than that. This really is an answer to prayer, because now, we pay $20 a night to put people in a motel when we have it. Often we don't have it."

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The organization, which hands out food and clothing once a week to people in desperate need, has for the past four years spent an average of $1,000 a month to alleviate the gritty conditions endured by Big Spring's homeless, hungry and ill-clothed. None of the members of A Helping Hand are paid.

Ms. Swinney, who with her husband, Don, began the benevolent program in 1993, said she does what she can with the resources she has.

"Our main goal is to help families with young children, mostly women, although we do help some elderly men who are disabled as well," she said. "We don't help the people living under the viaducts because we don't have the funds to help everybody."

The Swinneys' efforts started small, with the two of them buying food at local grocery and discount stores and taking it to the poor and indigent they encountered. They began distributing clothing and furniture shortly afterward with leftovers from garage sales gathered up by Swinney. Soon Ms. Swinney's friend Sally Fambro began to help with the grocery buying and deliveries, while Swinney picked up garage sale leftovers. Then Ms. Fambro's husband Alton got involved.

"A lot of these people had cars that wouldn't run," Ms. Swinney recalled. "Alton is a master mechanic for Texaco, and he can fix anything. So he started keeping their cars going. We buy the parts he needs, and he does the work."

The Fambros also have two teen-age sons who help with pick-ups and deliveries. Now, A Helping Hand hands out food, clothing and furniture to about 100 persons every Thursday. Recipients are selected after a rigorous interview process conducted by Ms. Swinney, who gives them tough advice.

"We didn't want to help people every

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GARY OTT

Formula for family Christmas play: bossy sister, cute children, dash of bourbon

There are certain obligations that all children would be wise to endure and then simply move on with their lives.

Ott

Being tickled by an obnoxious adult until your sides hurt, is one of them.

So is being forced to play "dress up" by an older sister and her friends.

But perhaps no childhood task is more painful, yet inevitable, than participating in the family's annual Christmas play. These performances, of course, involve much singing, elaborate costuming as well as the actual re-enactment of the Christmas story (as told by St. Luke).

The formula for putting together one of these extravaganzas is fairly routine.

First, you need an older sibling, usually a sister, who is bossy and quite comfortable telling others what to do and what their shortcomings are. She, as you would expect, serves as director of the pageant and, as a result, is in charge of casting and rehearsals. (NOTE: This person is generally destined to become a school teacher.)

Next, you need the participants themselves. Ideally, these youngsters should be between the ages of 4 and 9 ... you know, when kids are still cute. They also must be willing to follow directions and not be opposed to singing "The First Noel" completely off key.

Finally, there is the audience, which normally is comprised of the proud parents, the equally proud grandparents and several bored aunts and uncles (who secretly keep refilling their glasses of Coke with bourbon). All that is required of this group is an ability to smile and lie at the same time, as in saying, "That was wonderful! We must surely have the most talented children in town."

Perhaps the single most important aspect of turning this dream into a reality, however, is the casting. It is crucial that the right child be selected to play the right part. Unfortunately, there are many more characters in the Christmas story than there are children in most families.

So it is not uncommon for one boy to singlehandedly portray several characters. He might begin as Joseph, for example, then become one of the shepherds (which is when he gets to sing "The First Noel" off key), before finally changing into a wiseman for the final scene. If he is your typical boy-actor, he will bungle all three parts, although his mom and grandmom will assure him he is "the most talented child alive." Uncle Bill, meanwhile, will be making yet another Jim Beam run to the kitchen.

As is no doubt the case with any Broadway production, the behind-the-scenes madness at the family Christmas play truly boggles the mind.

The bossy older sister is frantically barking out orders, a 7-year-old boy is being magically transformed from Joseph into a poor shepherd, and the "extras," those children so devoid of talent that they couldn't even be trusted with a speaking part, are moving props in preparation for the next scene.

Finally the big moment arrives.

Jesus is born ... and he is lying in a manger. A group of shabbily attired shepherds, having just been visited by an angel, make their appearance. Shortly thereafter, the three wisemen, each bearing valuable gifts, follow suit.

The audience applauds.

Then all members of the cast gather on stage, also known as the living room floor, for the grand finale.

It is a medley of Christmas carols ... "Away in a Manger," "Silent Night," "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem," "Come All Ye Faithful," "The First Noel."

And each, of course, is performed marvelously off key.

Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

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POLICE REPORTS

Aggravated robbery

Two males posing as police officers entered a Midland residence early Saturday morning and fired several shots into the home's ceiling before robbing the occupants, police said.

Two men wearing black masks and carrying shotguns approached a residence on 905 N. Weatherford St., identified themselves as police officers and entered the home, according to the report.

The men fired shots into the ceiling before taking $60 from a table where several people were playing a card game.

The men left the scene in a dark-colored Cadillac, according to the report. No other information was available over the weekend.

Midland Police Department
Friday

Burglary of building: Items were taken from a department store on 4715 Billingsley Blvd. The suspect left the scene in a red short bed pickup. It was reported at 10:13 p.m.

Injury to a child: A 1-year-old boy in east Midland suffered accidental burns apparently sometime in October. The incident was reported on Friday.

Saturday

Criminal mischief: Two vehicles damaged the grounds while circling the field at 5505 Polo Club Drive. Robert Michael Kleck reported it at 2:43 a.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office
Friday

Theft: Friends Convenience Store, 13220 W. US 80, reported the theft of $20 worth of gasoline at 6:16 p.m.

Saturday

Assault and criminal mischief: A man was assaulted at the intersection of East County Road 120 and East Highway 158 and then the assailant damaged the victim's vehicle. Ira Kilgore reported it at 3:55 a.m.

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

DEATH NOTICES

Shirley Hallford

TALPA—Shirley Hallford, 86, of Midland died Friday, Dec. 12, at her residence.

Services are to be 2 p.m. today, Dec. 14, at Rains-Seale Chapel in Ballinger with the Rev. Ferris Akins officiating. Burial is to be at Talpa Cemetery in Talpa under the direction of Rains-Seale Funeral Home.

She was born April 28, 1911.

She was a Baptist. She worked as a teacher's aid with Ballinger Independent School District.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Andy Baker.

Survivors include two sons, Baker Hallford of Midland and Ricky Hallfo of Ballinger; a daughter, Sherry Palmer of Midland; a sister, Wi e Adams of St. Louis Obispo, Calif.; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be directed to The American Diabetes Association, The National Kidney Foundation of Texas or a favorite charity.

OBITUARIES

Violet McNeill

Violet McNeill peacefully left this world on Friday morning, December 12, 1997, at her home, surrounded by her family.

She was born October 27, 1925, in Evans, Colorado, to William Taylor and Beulah Herdman Taylor. She was reared in Greeley, Colorado. She met Runt Evans in Ardmore, Oklahoma, and they were married in Fort Worth on August 4, 1946. The Evanses moved to Midland in 1948. In 1969, she joined the staff at Commercial Bank and Trust, retiring in 1984, as one of the bank officers. Mrs. McNeill and her late husband, Runt Evans, managed Super Rollerana from 1972 to 1980. Mr. Evans died January 8, 1980. She married Ray McNeill April 15, 1984. She was a member of the Memorial Christian Church. The McNeills had race horses going to El Paso and Ruidoso, New Mexico. She was an avid bowler, enjoyed playing bingo and loved to go to Las Vegas. She was a member of Ranchland Hills Country Club.

She was a wonderful mother and loving wife. Violet was a very compassionate person, caring for the needs of her family and friends. She will be greatly missed.

Mrs. McNeill was preceded in death by her sisters, Dorothy Morris and Donna Jo Taylor.

She is survived by her husband, Ray McNeill of Midland; her son, Lee Evans and his wife, Jody, of Midland; her stepsons, Bill McNeill and his wife, Kim, of Midland and Larry McNeill and his wife, Kathy, of Santa Cruz, California; her daughter, Sharon Boyd and her husband, Bill, of Midland; her stepdaughter, Martha Johnson of Midland; her brothers, Bill Taylor and his wife, Virginia, of Vancouver, Washington, and Jim Taylor and his wife, Wanda, of Vancouver, Washington; her grandchildren, Chris Evans, Brian Evans, Chelsea Evans, Joshua Hensley, Shaleen Hensley, Robert Boyd, Wendy Boyd, Aislinn McNeill, Brett McNeill, Brodie McNeill, Cassie Johnson, Aura McNeill, Shannon Gritskey; her great-grandchildren, Brandon Massey, Cameron Massey, Taylor Jade Evans and Tristyn McNeill.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15, at Memorial Christian Church with Dr. Jim Rudd officiating. Interment will be in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials be directed to Hospice of Midland, Inc., P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79701.

Charles Askew

Charles Marvin Askew passed away December 11, 1997.

He was the Western Division Sales Manager for Davis-Lynch, Inc., and has worked for Davis-Lynch for more than 25 years. He is a member of the Houston Chapter of Nomads, A.A.D.E., S.P.E. and the A.P.I.

Charles is survived by his loving wife, Vada Askew; daughters, Rhonda Ayala, Malinda Garcia and husband, Alexander III, Denise Beard and husband, Thomas, and Cathy Seigel; sons, Greg Askew and wife, Dawn, and Christopher Cole; sister, Clara Askew; grandchildren, Rodger Griffin Jr., Ryan Ayala, Chase Johnson, Chad Johnson, Ryan Garcia, Brianna Beard, Amber Beard, Alise Askew and Stephan Kestler.

The family received friends from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, and will do so again from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at Forest Park Lawndale Funeral Home in Houston. A chapel service will be held 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 15, at Forest Park Lawndale Funeral Home Chapel in Houston with the Rev. Ken Gurley of the First Church of Pearland and the Rev. Patrick Murphy of the Church of St. Peter officiating. Interment will follow at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to M.D. Anderson Hospital, Houston, Texas.

Obituary & Death Notice policy

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

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

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

Troy Thomas

Troy Thomas of Midland, died Friday, Dec. 12, 1997, at his home.

Services are to be 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15, at Eastside Church of Christ in Mineral Wells, Texas, with Don Avarett officiating. Burial is to follow at the Poe Prairie Cemetery in Millsap, Texas. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Visitation with the family will be from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at Ellis Funeral Home.

He was born April 15, 1921, in Millsap, Texas. He worked for Gulf Pipe Line Co. for 42 years. He was a maintenance supervisor at the time of his retirement in 1985.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Foy Thomas; two half brothers, Ted and Leon Hawkins; and his parents, W.A. and Iantha Thomas.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Frankie Modene Daniel Thomas of Midland; one daughter, Sandra Ann Chatfield and husband, Mark, of Rockville, Maryland; two sons, Gary L. Thomas of Midland, Texas, and Kirk D. Thomas of Shreveport, Louisiana; two granddaughters, Kim Chatfield of Woodbridge, Virginia, and Kari Chatfield Carpenter and husband, Micheal, of Harrisonburg, Virginia; one grandson, Marcus Chatfield and wife, Lynda, of Asheville, North Carolina; two great-grandchildren, Lindsey Carpenter and Cherub Chatfield; four sisters, Vivian Moek and Thelma Smallwood of Weatherford, Texas, Eva Thomas of Dallas, Texas, and Marilyn Linam of Orange, Texas; one half sister, Clotee Chipman of Crane; and a host of nieces and nephews and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be directed to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79762.

MISD: Board will consider a $290,000 tax cut for company

(From 1B)

"I think magnet and special programs are great," she said. "But we don't have a plan. I like to budget a plan and not just plan around a budget."

Ms. Manulik served on the two citizens' committees that considered magnet school plans.

"I just don't think we can get consensus on a plan in three weeks when we couldn't do it in six years," she said. "I'm real excited that (Dr. Coleman has) pledged her cooperation. My (hope) is that cooperation would extend over the next three years, if in fact we can't get a grant proposal in two months."

Board member Glen Bufler has similar doubts.

"I just wonder about the wisdom of rushing into something like that. My inclination right now is to leave it alone. It will come around in three years," he said.

The board also is to consider a school property tax abatement for a construction equipment company that plans to build a larger facility in the area.

West Texas Cat officials said they want to remain in the Midland-Odessa area, but are looking across the region for an economically desirable location.

The board will consider a $290,000 property tax cut over five years for the company, which has 300 employees in the area and will build a large facility in 1999. The company claims the district will gain $900,000 in taxes over a 10-year period.

The Midland County Commissioners Court recently approved a county tax abatement for the firm.

Baressi said it will be a difficult issue for the board. The abatement may be very costly for the school district.

"Because of our state funding formulas, the abated value would count against our state funding and we lose state revenue," he said.

Not only would the district lose local taxes during West Texas Cat's exemption period, the state would cut MISD's funding according to the property's value.

Bufler said he has doubts about voting for the abatement.

"I want jobs here too, but not at our expense," he said. "I don't think the school district should bear the brunt of tax abatement. If we present a good community with good strong schools, business will come here."

Ms. Manulik said she also has her doubts, mainly because voters recently rejected Proposition 1. The November local ballot issue called for sales tax money to replace some property taxes and to be used to lure high-paying jobs to the area.

"The people of Midland have said they don't want their taxing entities to be involved in economic development," she said. "It's real hard for me to go against that."

Among other business, the board will consider approval of two security guards for the two high schools with salaries of $16,000 each.

The agenda item in part rose out of a vehicle-pedestrian accident at a Midland High School crosswalk in October. Adam Sullivan, a MHS student, was hit at the crossing at A Street and Ohio Avenue and suffered serious injuries.

Police cited the driver for failing to yield to a pedestrian. Sullivan has since recovered.

But the incident has highlighted safety concerns at MHS, where students sometimes dart across busy streets. The Midland City Council declined to join with MISD to share costs for the security personnel.

School officials will look at bearing the full cost instead, Ms. Manulik said.

"(The city) won't provide a crossing guard, they wouldn't close the crosswalk," Ms. Manulik said. "I just wish that we could have worked better together, but I understand their constraints."

The board will meet in regular session 4 p.m. Tuesday at the MISD administration building on Missouri Avenue.

HAND: Old nursing home was provided by out-of-state owner

(From 1B)

'So many of the people we help need places to stay on a temporary basis. A lot of them live in their car.'

— Elouise Swinney

week for the rest of their lives, but that's what we're doing for many older people. I give the younger people a good talking to about getting an education," she said. "I say, 'Get your GED, and when you do, I will find funding for you to go to college.' These people have come up with generations of no high school and they can't even think about college. I tell them I will help them one time but after that they must get their GED."

Ms. Swinney says the organization currently has one man in college who is making all A's. "His goal is pretty limited right now, because he still thinks like an uneducated man, but I think as time goes on, he will realize how wide his horizons can be now that he's getting an education."

A Helping Hand has an office and warehouse on Third Street, where the Swinneys and Fambros and other volunteers hang clothes, shelve groceries and arrange furniture and other necessities in less-than-ideal conditions.

"We have no water, no heat, no bathroom, and no air conditioning," Ms. Swinney said. "When we first came, we killed a rattlesnake in the building, and the mice were about as big as we were.

"The roof leaked and after a heavy rain, the ceiling fell in on us. We spent days finding pallets and hauling them in so that we could store things up off the floor."

Ms. Swinney said she has been searching for an abandoned motel ever since the beginning of A Helping Hand.

"So many of the people we help need places to stay on a temporary basis. A lot of them live in their car. One family has two teen-agers, and all four of them live in a pickup with a camper shell.

"I've been through every oid dilapidated motel in Big Spring and they are dilapidated — not worth saving."

She said the nursing home building has been provided for by an out-of-state owner who was originally hard to find, and well protected by a zealous secretary.

"Don called and said he needed to talk to the man, and the secretary said 'What do you want to speak to him about?'" Ms. Swinney said. "Don told her, and when the man came on the line, he said 'I understand you want to buy my nursing home in Big Spring.' And Don said, 'Well, no, what I want is for you to give me your nursing home, but I didn't have the guts to say that to your secretary,' and the man began to laugh, and he said 'You and I can do business.'"

To ready the plant for its eventual tenants, the Swinneys have had to call on their mightiest powers of persuasion, with Swinney buttonholing experts in the trade for in-kind labor and material donations and Ms. Swinney soliciting donations and speaking at service clubs and churches.

"Even after we get it repaired and furnished, the utilities will be far more than we can manage on our own," Ms. Swinney said. "But we're trusting in the Lord to provide a way for us to do this."

The shelter will be called "Todd's House" in memory of the Swinneys' son who died as a child. It is expected to be ready for occupancy in late January.

BOOK: Danzig profiles people who influenced him throughout life

(From 1B)

ily," says Danzig, who was the keynote speaker at this year's Midland Chamber of Commerce annual meeting. "I was raised in five foster homes. My early years were spent surviving, getting through and learning how to adjust to new, constantly changing, alien circumstances. But somehow through it all, I learned a very important lesson — to be open to the influence of good people."

Throughout his life, Robert Danzig has crossed paths with dozens of people — from the famous to the not-well-known — whose inner powers have influenced him. In "The Leader Within You," Danzig presents portraits of 33 of these people, showing how they exemplify the nine powers of leadership: quality, inspiration, innovation, perseverance, passion, character, charisma, energy and enthusiasm.

Danzig believes that these nine powers are inherent in everyone. "Each of us has the ability to lead, to impact our own personal future and, perhaps, the destiny of others," he says. By following the examples set forth in "The Leader Within You," everyone has the chance to tap his or her own leadership abilities.

Among those profiled in the book are such well-known figures as Rupert Murdoch, Jack Welch, Lee Iacocca, Itzhak Perlman, Katherine Graham and Beverly Sims. But perhaps the most touching stories are those of ordinary people whose leadership skills impacted Danzig's life — from Margaret Mahoney, the office manager at the Albany Times Union where Danzig first worked, to Robert Scott Patterson, a descendant of Southern slaves, who built a successful car service business based on perseverance and quality.

Despite the drawbacks of his childhood, Danzig tapped his own leadership powers to rise from office boy to newspaper publisher to vice president of the Hearst Corp. And now nearly 50 years after his first job, Danzig will embark on a new, even more exciting career. He has made a commitment to present his leadership message to at least 1 million people in the next five years by giving motivational talks to groups around the country.

All of Danzig's speaking fees, plus any of the profits from sales of "The Leader Within You," will be donated to charity.

"The Leader Within You," by Robert J. Danzig; with an introduction by Tommy Lasorda; publisher: Lifetime Books; Price: $21.95; publication date: January 1998; ISBN: 0-8119-0867-4

RUN: Candidate vows to eliminate backlog on county criminal dockets

(From 1B)

in Odessa for four years, Hershberger opened his own practice. He actively practices civil, administrative and criminal cases in federal and state trial and appellate courts and administrative agencies.

"As your county judge, I would expand the fiscally conservative policy of the previous county judge," Hershberger said. "I want to implement 'Plan 2000,' which will be a master plan for ... the next 20 years.

"Plan 2000 will be a broad-based plan involving all of our county-wide office holders and their experience in trying to see where Midland County should be through the year 2020," he said. "Included in the plan will be devising new revenue means to fund county services to ease the tax burden on the homeowner."

In his judicial capacity, Hershberger pledges to work full time to break up backlog on the county criminal dockets.

Hershberger was born in El Paso, but was raised in San Angelo. He earned degrees from Angelo State University and the Texas Tech University School of Law.

He and his wife, Peggy, have lived in Midland since 1984. They have three children, James, 14; Mark, 11; and Michelle, 2.

The Hershbergers are active in MISD PTA and First United Methodist Church.

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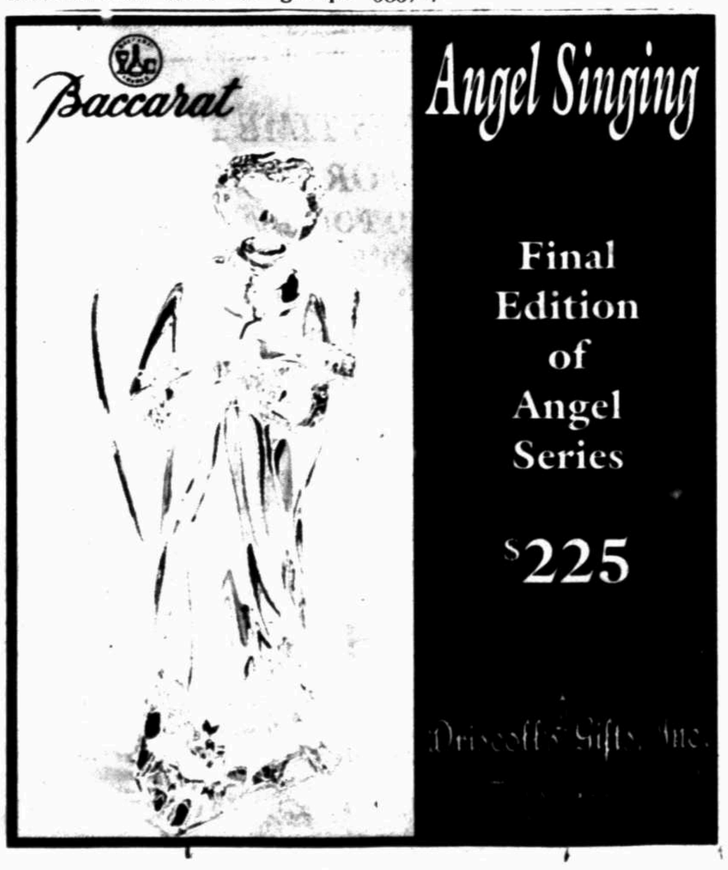

Kes Gilhome/Reporter-Telegram

Midlander Don Moseley plants a pine tree Saturday as part of Keep Midland Beautiful's planting at Windlands Park. More than 200 trees were planted by group officials and volunteers around the softball field at Wadley Avenue and A Street. Frigid temperatures slowed down the planting as the trees' rootballs were frozen into their buckets, making removal difficult.

Volunteers plant 200 trees

From Staff Reports

Volunteers planted close to 210 trees Saturday morning at the Windlands Park baseball complex.

The trees were made available through a matching grant provided by the Abell-Hanger Foundation, and through contributions from ARCO Permian Basin, Texaco Inc., Mid-Cities Baseball Association, Alldredge Gardens, the city of Midland and members of Keep Midland Beautiful Inc.

"This is the first major tree planting Keep Midland Beautiful has had in several years," said Cindy Lanning, executive director. "Past tree plantings were on Lamesa Road, from Wadley to Loop 250, at Lamesa Road and Highway 80, on Wadley from A Street to Hillander School, at the basin across from Graffa Park on Midkiff, and on Big Spring from Air Park to Loop 250."

The trees that were planted included red oaks, live oaks, eldarica pines and lacebark elms.

"They should go a long way to improving the appearance of the ball park and providing much needed shade in the summer months," Ms. Lanning added.

Former mayor acquitted of murder faces federal charges

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Cleared of capital murder, former Ingleside, Texas, mayor Mark Crawford still faces major legal problems.

Jurors in San Antonio acquitted Crawford on Friday of state capital murder. Now he faces federal fraud charges from Fresno, Calif.

In the Texas case, Crawford was accused of kidnapping and gassing to death his Houston business partner, Nick Brueggen, 49, then burying him behind a building near Aransas Pass, about 21 miles northeast of Corpus Christi.

It was his second trial on the charges. Crawford's first trial ended with a hung jury deadlocked at 10-2 in favor of conviction. The second trial was moved to San Antonio because of publicity in the Corpus Christi area.

After Friday's acquittal in San Antonio, Crawford, a former two-term mayor of Ingleside, was taken to Corpus Christi, where he appeared before a U.S. magistrate and heard the federal charges against him, officials said.

Crawford will be held at the Nueces County Jail until Wednesday, when a bond hearing is scheduled.

No date has been set for Crawford's federal trial. About a week before Brueggen 's body was found, Crawford and Brueggen were named as co-defendants in a federal indictment issued May 30, 1996, in Fresno, Calif.

The indictment lists charges of money laundering, fraud, conspiracy and other crimes. It accuses Crawford, Brueggen and Harry "Skip" Clift of Mission of illegally operating an insurance company by accepting premiums and then spending the money for their personal use.

The men's actions left more than $500,000 in unpaid claims in Fresno.

Federal officials claim Crawford killed Brueggen to stop him from testifying in the fraud case.

"This (state verdict) doesn't mean a thing ..our indictment still stands," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark Cullers of Fresno. "We have to review the case, but the state charge has no bearing on the federal charges."

Cullers said that trying Crawford again in Brueggen's death does not constitute double jeopardy because the federal indictment accuses Crawford of preventing a federal witness from testifying.

Double jeopardy is a constitutional protection against being tried twice for the same offense.

Former Wes Tex Waste changes name, streamlines its operation

From Staff Reports

Duncan Disposal, formerly Wes Tex Waste, has streamlined operations in the Midland-Odessa area with a new name, new equipment, and a newly remodeled, nine-acre service & maintenance facility.

"The need for a company such as ours is greater now because many small landfills have closed due to their unprofitable status after government regulations came into effect," according to Jack Burns, manager.

"We are looking forward to servicing the small and rural communities while providing assistance to the larger municipalities."

Since 1951, the Duncan family and its staff have been recognized as leaders and innovators in the solid waste industry. Currently, the Duncan companies employ almost 600 people and handle the needs of more than 1 million customers in more than 54 counties throughout the state.

The companies are using new, increased-capacity trucks and more than 6,000 trash containers have been replaced, repaired or repainted.

5 arrested in railroad property theft

CLUTE (AP)— Five people have been jailed on suspicion of stealing and fencing as much as $60,000 worth of railroad equipment and other industrial tools since April, police said.

The arrests came after a six-week investigation by Alvin and Houston police and Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway, the Brazosport Facts newspaper reported in Saturday's editions.

In custody were Billy Joe Foster, 20, Tara Len Ambrose, 34, Ladonna Mooney Jimenez, 39, Lee Amason, 38 and George Wade Kirl, 20, all of Alvin.

Officers are pursuing charges against a sixth person who is in the Brazoria County Jail on unrelated charges, the paper reported.

During the investigation that concluded last week, authorities recovered $14,400 worth of property from scrap yards and pawn shops in the Alvin and Manvel areas, as well as in Houston.

"They must have made 40, 50 or 60 different trips," said Alvin gang investigator Robert Schoener, who worked full-time on the investigation for more than a month. "Just in a two-month period, they moved about 24,000 pounds of iron in the back of a '74 Oldsmobile. That's a lot of stuff."

Dearen to sign copies of novel about illegal alien

From Staff Reports

"The Illegal Man," a novel by Midland author Patrick Dearen, has been released in hardcover by Thorndike Press.

Dearen will sign copies at three Midland locations. He will be at Hastings 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. Friday, at WaldenBooks at Midland Park Mall noon-2 p.m. Saturday, and at Barnes & Noble 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Dec. 22.

The book, Dearen's eighth, is the story of an illegal Mexican alien who crosses into Texas in search of work. In so doing, he faces many trials — an alien smuggling operation, a manhunt by Border Patrol on the Rio Grande, a 200-mile desert trek, and racism and hardship on a West Texas ranch. Throughout, he seeks only a fair chance for his starving family in Mexico.

"The illegal alien situation is a complex issue," said Dearen, who rode with the Border Patrol and interviewed illegal aliens in researching the novel.

"It's true that undocumented immigration spreads disease, burdens our welfare system, and takes jobs away from citizens, but the illegal alien's personal story is often tragic.

"What I've tried to do is tell the illegal alien's story from his own point of view."

Author Elmer Kelton, on the cover, calls Dearen's novel "an unusually compassionate view of the illegal alien's plight."

Dearen, who also will sign copies of his non-fiction books — including "A Cowboy of the Pecos" and "Crossing Rio Pecos" — received a national Hearst award for his 1981 Reporter-Telegram series on illegal aliens.

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Food supplements can help your body help itself

It is common knowledge, if not common practice, that healthy eating habits are good for you. What is not as well known is that nutrient-poor soils and heat-processing of foods robs even the best diet of much of its benefit says Larry Satterfield, owner of Natural Foods Market.

This makes vitamins and dietary supplements important for a healthy diet.

Below, Satterfield lists some of the most beneficial supplements:

Echinacea: The herb echinacea stimulates the immune system, increasing the production of white blood cells and thus the body's ability to resist infections. It improves lymphatic filtration and drainage and helps remove toxins from the blood. It is one of the most widely used herbs in the world and is available as capsule, liquid, chewable tablet and tea.

Ginkgo Bilboa: This herb increases blood flow in the brain to improve mental clarity and memory. It supplies nutritional support to all areas of the body by dilating the blood vessels, allowing improved blood flow to the tissues. It can help prevent and treat strokes by preventing the formation of blood clots. Ear problems are improved, and it helps arteries in the legs and relieves pains, cramping and weakness. It is an adaptogen herb, which helps the body deal with stressful situations. It is not surprising that ginkgo is the most widely used herb in the world.

Glucosamine Sulfate: This is one of the most popular items sold in health food stores because it strengthens joint structures and is particularly beneficial to people with osteoarthritis. Glucosamine is essential for the proteins that bind water in cartilage. It stimulates the cartilage cells to produce proteins called proteoglycans. When more glucosamine is available, more proteoglycans are produced, keeping the joint cartilage strong and well-lubricated.

Garlic: Often called nature's antibiotic, garlic is effective against bacteria that may be resistant to other antibiotics. It has the ability to stimulate cell growth, and it opens up blood vessels, improving circulation and helping lower blood pressure and cholesterol levels. It stimulates the lymphatic system to throw off waste materials and help detoxify the body. It is available in tablet or capsule forms that do not cause an odor on the breath or skin.

COQ10 Coenzyme: COQ10 is a vitamin-like substance that aids circulation, stimulates the immune system, increases tissue oxygenation and has vital anti-aging effects. It has the ability to counter histamine, making it beneficial for people with allergies, asthma or respiratory disease. It is beneficial in the treatment of heart disease (it strengthens the heart muscle) and helps to lower high blood pressure. The amount of COQ10 present in the body declines with age, so it should be supplemented in the diet.

Natural Foods Market carries a complete line of healthy foods, vitamins and supplements. Located at 3211 W. Wadley in the Imperial Shopping Center, they are open 10-6 Monday through Saturday. The phone number is 699-4048.

The above statements have not been evaluated by the Food and Drug Administration.

Sources: "Prescription for Nutritional Healing," by James F. Balch, M.D., and Phyllis A. Balch, CNC., and "Today's Herbal Health," by Louise Tenney, Master Herbalist.

Larry Satterfield of Natural Foods Market says nutrient-depleted soils and food processing mean even the best diet may need to be supported with dietary supplements like these.

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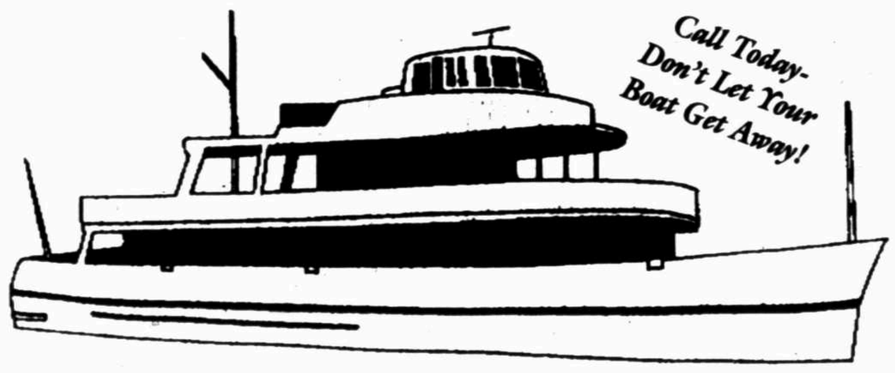

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Navy **Petty Officer 3rd Class Enrique Jaramillo**, son of Enrique and Alice Jaramillo of McCamey, is scheduled to spend the holidays deployed to the Western Pacific and Indian oceans aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Peleliu.

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Marine **Pvt. Leslie B. Bradshaw**, a 1997 graduate of Midland High School, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego.

Bradshaw successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

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Navy Airman **Gary P. Glover**, son of Delores Higginbotham of Midland, is scheduled to spend the holidays deployed to the Mediterranean and Arabian seas aboard the aircraft carrier USS George Washington.

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Air Force Airman Michael J. Daughtrey has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

Daughtrey

During the six weeks of training, he studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who completed basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Daughtrey is the son of Michael and Melicia Daughtrey of Midland and is a 1997 graduate of Midland High School.

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Navy Seaman Recruit Antron Adkinson, son of Erma Kendrick of Midland, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill.

Adkinson is a 1997 graduate of Lee High School.

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Army **Pvt. Angela Rochelle Benjamin** a former Lee High Student has finished her basic training at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri and advanced training in the medical field at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio

Benjamin

Ms. Benjamin graduated as a distinguished honor graduate and also recieved the Army Achievement Medal. She will be attending Oklahoma Christian University.* * *

Marine 1st Lt. Michael Nelms, grandson of Elijah Nelms of Midland, is scheduled to spend the holidays deployed to the Western Pacific and Indian oceans with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), embarked aboard the ships of the USS Peleliu Amphibious Ready Group.

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Air Force Airman **Blake Tubbs** has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

Tubbs

In addition, airmen who completed basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Tubbs is the son of Mikel and Deborah Tubbs of Midland and is a 1995 graduate of Lee High School.

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Navy **Hospitalman Apprentice Jesus Rizo**, son of Jesus and Lula Rizo of Crane, recently graduated from the Basic Hospital Corps School at Naval Hospital Corps School in Great Lakes, Ill.

During the 14-week course, Rizo learned a wide range of medical procedures used to provide first aid and assist Navy doctors and nurses.

Rizo also received an introductory instruction for service in a variety of medical environments, from fleet hospitals and shipboard medical.

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Marine **Lance Cpl. Cody W. Yates**, son of Michael and Pamela of Seminole, is scheduled to spend the holidays deployed to the Western Pacific and Indian oceans with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), embarked aboard the ships of the USS Peleliu Amphibious Ready Group.

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Time cards lost in mail keep postal workers from receiving paychecks

DALLAS (AP) — The phrase "lost in the mail" is hitting painfully close to home for some Dallas-area postal workers this holiday season.

About three dozen temporary mail carriers for the U.S. Postal Service didn't get paid this week because their time cards, sent by express mail, never made it to the Dallas office, said Bobby Eubanks, customer service supervisor for Coit Station in the Dallas suburb of Plano.

The 35 workers were given money orders for 65 percent of the pay they normally earn for a 40-hour week. But the rest of the money and any overtime will not be paid until the day after Christmas, postal officials said.

That's an especially tough blow because workers have been putting in lots of overtime and expected the money to help meet holiday expenses, one worker said.

"You should have seen the faces wehn they told them they were not going to get their checks," said a Plano rural carrier associate who asked that his name not be used.

The 65 percent plan for temporary workers is U.S. Postal Service policy, said Eubanks.

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In choosing toys this holiday season, here are just a few safety tips to keep in mind:

SAFETY Tips

- *Select age-specific toys, keeping those intended for older children away from infants and toddlers.*
- *Look out for sharp points, jagged edges, or small parts that could cause choking or puncture wounds.*
- *Check that non-toxic paints are used on finished materials.*
- *Make sure that cloth toys are made of non-flammable fabrics.*
- *And please teach your children how to safely enjoy their new toys and where to put them after they have finished playing.*
- *If you have any questions or safety concerns about a toy, contact the manufacturer directly.*

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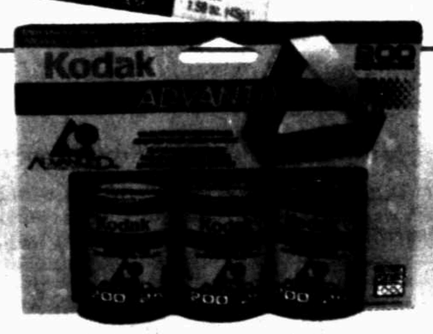

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Hispanic-owned businesses on rise across Arizona

By Rosa Concepcion
Associated Press

YUMA, Ariz. — When he crossed the U.S. border 26 years ago from Mexicali, Mario Lopez dreamed of being a carpenter.

But since he had limited experience in that occupation, his only option for survival was picking avocados in the fields of Orange County, Calif.

His determination to learn the carpentry trade led Lopez to find a job making cabinets for a California travel trailer manufacturer.

A few years later, after saving money and buying tools, Lopez moved to Yuma and opened his shop, A & M Cabinets.

Lopez, like many others, turned his life around and became a successful businessman after spending countless years working in agricultural fields.

Hispanics are showing interest in small businesses and are seeking help from the Small Business Development Center.

"I have noticed an upward trend because more people are learning that agencies are out there to help Hispanic businesses get started," said Hank Pinto, former center director.

The Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce recently reported a 64 percent increase in the growth of Hispanic businesses across the state.

"The areas are really diverse, nothing is being left out," said Frank Brabec, a project director for the Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's Greater Phoenix Minority Business Development Center.

Pinto said there are many Hispanic-owned service businesses in Yuma, such as auto repair, appliance repair parts and tire shops.

Other interests include restaurants, retail shops of all sorts and beauty salons.

Mousie Gonzalez created a business from one of her favorite hobbies, embroidery.

After years of practicing embroidery and printing shirts in her kitchen and on her porch, she decided to start her own business. Gonzalez refinanced her home and now owns Mousie's Sports & Screen Printing.

Because she wants to keep the business in the family, Gonzalez' son will take over when she retires.

"Right now my son does basically everything, I just kind of oversee it," Gonzalez said.

Helodoro Avila-Moreno is another example of someone who immigrated to the United States and, after years of hard work, achieved success.

Avila-Moreno owns Classic Barber Shop, where he works with his sons. He also owns a barber and beauty salon managed by other family members.

"I've always had the dream that when I have kids, they would someday work with me," said Avila-Moreno.

Though successful now, Avila-Moreno said it took a while to get started.

His story begins in 1963 when he was an agricultural worker in Southern California.

But, after a back injury that left him unable to work in the fields, Avila-Moreno knew he needed to find a different kind of job. Since his father and grandfather were barbers, he decided to follow in their footsteps.

He studied for his state board examination. With that certificate, plus $9,000 from he collected from his accident, Avila-Moreno opened his first barber shop.

"Now my children want to keep the tradition going," said Avila-Moreno, who said he will retire in the next couple of years after running the shop for 15 years.

Though many Hispanic businesses become successful, there are some that don't.

Seventy to 75 percent of businesses don't make it, Pinto said. Brabec said the life span of most small businesses is only three years.

Most often, it's because of poor management.

People can go bankrupt if they forget to charge customers more for a product instead of just breaking even.

Brabec said businesses don't last if they don't know their financial limitations.

"Some people go out and get brand new stuff but end up not being able to afford all of it," Brabec said.

The business owner who plans for success has a greater chance of succeeding, Pinto said.

Take, for instance Ray Ochoa, who owns Yuma's Roundtable Pizza restaurants.

He said he owes his success to the hard work he puts into his business now and before when he was only the manager. He saved his money until he could buy the shares in the first restaurant and became the owner.

He obtained a loan to open his second pizza parlor in 1989 and is planning his third.

AP Photo
After moving from Mexicali, Mexico 26 years ago and working in the avocado fields of California, Mario Lopez, owner of A&M Cabinets in Yuma, Ariz. is now one of the growing number of Hispanic business owners in Yuma county.

"Hard work, determination and high goals get you where you want to go," Ochoa said.

Twins recall grand childhood growing up on plantation

By Martha Carr
Associated Press

WALLACE, La. — The last time Lise and Edith Tassin visited their childhood home on Whitney Plantation was 1973. Their brother was retiring as overseer of the property, and the family was getting together for a reunion.

The sisters walked through the big house, where years ago their grandmother had them fill kerosene lamps and dust mantles. Their grandmother owned the home and lived in the main house. The twins lived in a guest cabin with their parents.

They revisited the foreman's cabin where they grew up, remembering how they helped their father roll cigarettes and their mother pour coffee into glass jars.

"When our cousins would come in from New Orleans, we had a chance to go to the main house," Edith said in a thick Creole French accent. "We would play on the back porch, and I remember they had this armor — how you call it — armoire, full of old clothes. We used to dress in the gowns and hats. We would make as if one was the bride, the others bridesmaids. I used to love to go there."

Now the sprawling sugar plantation the sisters called home sits locked behind a chain-link fence, with no one but a caretaker allowed to roam the fields where their father watched over hundreds of farm hands in the early 1900s.

But things could be changing, and none too soon for the twins who celebrated their 80th birthday on Thanksgiving Day. New Orleans lawyer John Cummings has agreed to buy Whitney from Formosa Plastics Corp., which has owned the plantation since 1989, company spokeswoman Beverly Laudermill said. Cummings also has promised to restore the plantation and its 23 outbuildings if he is satisfied with the property after a 90-day inspection period.

"I hope he does something good with the place," said Lise, who now lives in the nearby town of Garyville. "I have very fond memories. I hope I never forget it."

Lise and Edith were born on Whitney in 1917. Identical twins, they were the youngest of Leone and Sidney Tassin's 10 children.

Sidney Tassin's mother lived in Whitney's main house, while he worked as a foreman and occupied a house in the rear. The family was not rich, the women say, but had servants to do their cooking and wash.

The two girls attended elementary school at neighboring Evergreen Plantation. When they weren't in school, the twins went swimming with their grandmother in an irrigation canal that funneled water from the Mississippi River to the rice fields.

Despite endless free time, country life could get lonely for the girls. It wasn't until high school that they began venturing away from the plantation, mostly for basketball games or to visit family in New Orleans.

"We both played basketball, baby," Edith said laughing. "I tell you that was the days. I was a forward, she was a guard, and we were good."

Eventually, the girls left the plantation to marry. Lise married Sidney Matherne when she was 22. Matherne drove a commodities truck, she said, dropping off groceries to the poor.

Edith met her husband, the late Alcee Guillot, when she was working as a welder at a New Orleans shipyard during World War II. They married when she was 27.

Both sisters have large families of their own and lifestyles radically different from the simple farm life of their childhood. But sometimes sliding down the levee on cardboard boxes seems like just yesterday.

"I think children today don't get the pleasures we had," Edith said. "The world is going too fast. But you can't stop it, huh?"

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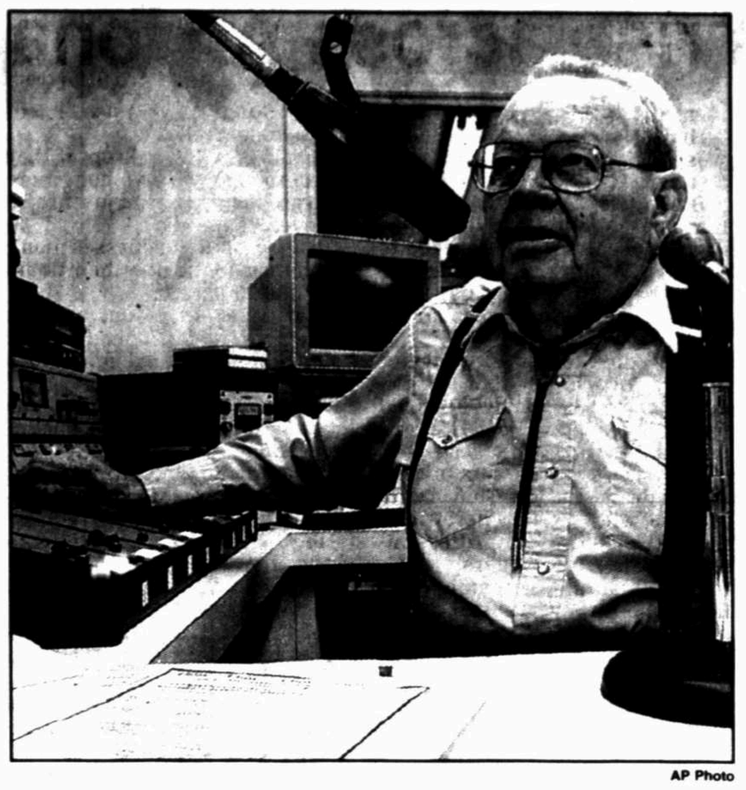
Radio news man still on air after 31 years as host

By Cathy Frye
Associated Press



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DJ Sam Malone, 76, sits in the broadcast studio of KCOT-FM in San Augustine, Texas, last month, after doing his morning broadcast, which he has been doing for 31 years.

SAN AUGUSTINE — For 31 years, Sam Malone's rumbling, raspy voice has been the first many residents hear in the morning.

His 15-minute radio show, a conversational relating of the city's news, is pretty much a breakfast staple in this small East Texas town.

"Heard it on Sam Malone," the locals tell one another when relaying the latest bit of information, be it a lively church revival or the amusing — or sometimes not-so-funny — antics of city and school officials.

Malone, 76, is quick to admit his show is often composed of less-than-thrilling tidbits. San Augustine, a town of about 2,500, about 100 miles north of Beaumont, isn't exactly brimming with stories of national impact, he says, grinning.

"Most of my stuff is low-grade news: revival meetings, reunions and homecomings."

But the longtime, crusty newsman, who has worked at and owned several newspapers across the state, still frequently manages to draw the ire of some listeners, particularly those he happens to be reporting about.

Take, for example, the school board member who punched Malone after the results of an election came in.

The woman, convinced Malone's reporting was to blame for her loss, became incensed when he took her picture as she left the building.

"I'm going to do something I've wanted to do for a long time," she informed Malone.

"And then she threw a roundhouse right at me," he recalls. "Lord, she was really put out with me."

Malone's show, which airs on KCOT-FM 92.5 and KDET-AM, begins at 8:30 a.m. weekdays and 8:15 a.m. Saturdays. It features several live advertisers, who banter with Malone as he discusses the day's events.

His distinctive voice is heard not only by residents of San Augustine County, but by those living in neighboring Shelby, Nacogdoches, Sabine and Jasper counties.

"Hello everybody, everywhere," is the standard greeting. What follows is a hodgepodge of local news, football results and obits — whatever Malone can cram into 15 minutes.

His health isn't the best. And it's not as easy to get around these days, Malone says wryly, describing his artificial knees and an on-going battle with arthritis. But he has a job to do.

"People keep giving me information and if they didn't give it to me, they wouldn't have anyone to give it to. And if I didn't publicize it, who would?"

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It's 8 a.m. when Malone pulls up to the Center-based station's tiny San Augustine office.

His trousers, held up by a pair of suspenders, bag slightly on the right side, due to the wad of newspaper clippings and obituaries he has shoved into his back pocket.

Below his bolo tie is a hefty stack of photocopies and several pages of notes.

Minutes later, Jimmy Boyd, a manager at Nelsyn's Furniture, arrives, clutching a mug of coffee.

Boyd is one of several advertisers who chooses to do his spots live.

"Sam's a dedicated man in our community," Boyd says, watching Malone ready the equipment. "He's Johnny-on-the-spot.

"Sam once did his show out of the hospital," he recalls. "If he's in San Antonio, he does his show. If he's in Dallas, he does his show. And even if he's in a hospital bed, he does his show."

In the three decades he's been on the air, Malone has missed only 11 broadcasts.

But his devotion doesn't necessarily make it easier to get out of bed each morning, Malone is quick to say.

"I don't relish getting up at 6 a.m. But it keeps me out of trouble," he jokes.

After forcing himself to get out of bed each morning, Malone eats a bowl of grits and pores over the day's obits "to see if I'm still alive." It's then he compiles the news for that morning's broadcast.

"You get in a routine," Malone says. "Of course, there are lots and lots of mornings where you have a small hangover and you'd like to sleep in."

The newsman speaks into a telephone receiver during his show, enabling both stations to broadcast it.

At 8:30 a.m., he picks up the phone. "All right, here we go," he says to Boyd.

The pair discuss Thanksgiving turkeys (and the best seasoning injection to use) and then segue into an accounting of an upcoming election. By the show's end, Malone is speaking more quickly in an effort to get everything in.

"Well, that's going to crank us up," he concludes. "I'm Sam Malone."

"And I'm Jimmy Boyd," the advertiser chimes in.

"That's my time. Thank you for yours."

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Malone hit the air for the first time in 1930.

"My dad was a Baptist preacher and he preached on a radio station, gave a daily devotional," he says. "And then I'd come on and sing a hymn or a couple of verses of a hymn, with or without accompaniment. I did that for one summer."

Malone, who was born in Abilene, has spent more than 50 years in newspapers.

He was working for an East Texas paper when John F. Kennedy was shot and killed in Dallas. Malone, who was in the city to cover the president's speech, found himself hurriedly reporting on the national tragedy before rushing off to Kilgore in time to cover a football game.

In 1967, he came to San Augustine, where he founded two weekly newspapers.

The sensational story here is rare. The most recent Malone can recall broke in the early 1970s, when the bodies of four boys were dug up from the banks of Sam Rayburn Lake.

But residents here don't seem to mind the lack of excitement. They simply want to know what IS going on.

"We don't hardly get out of the house until we hear Sam Malone, and then we go about our nevermind ," says Lizzie Loggins, a lifelong resident. "He just keeps everybody informed."

Tom McAbee, who moved here in 1970, can recall the days when Malone covered area football games for the station.

"Sam's been around a long time. I guess everyone takes him for granted."

Malone garnered national attention several years ago when his cat, Ventilator, began appearing with him on a daily broadcast Malone did for a local cable station.

As Malone read the news, Ventilator — so named because he was found in an air conditioning vent — was prone to prowling across the desk, or curling his sinewy body around Malone's neck.

The cat became a hit with local residents, prompting several national reports on the feline co-anchor.

Ventilator was killed a few years ago by dogs that found the cat roaming through an alley.

The cable station broadcasts eventually came to an end, but Malone continued to give the news each morning on his radio show.

And even without Ventilator's entertaining antics, residents continued to tune in.

"He just gives all the news of the town," says Robert Brown. "Sam keeps us up to date on what's going on."

As for those who aren't always thrilled by what Malone has to report, well, they come with the territory, Malone says matter-of-factly.

"Sure, I've had folks who have threatened me," he says.

"But that's just watermelon talk. You know — full of juice."

Texas senators don't support Kyoto treaty

WASHINGTON (AP) — Add Texas Sens. Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey Hutchison to the growing chorus of congressional Republicans who are decidedly chilly about the global warming treaty hammered out in Japan and agreed to by the Clinton administration.

The two Texas Republicans say they will not support ratification of the treaty, which requires Senate approval. As part of the pact, which was agreed to earlier this week in Kyoto by 159 nations, the United States would reduce its greenhouse gas emissions to 7 percent below 1990 levels by 2012.

"I can't support a treaty where I would have go back to Texas and say that we're going to limit economic growth in Texas but we're not going to have the same restrictions imposed on Mexico, which is the major source of pollution in a third of my state," said Gramm. "I don't see how I could justify that to workers and to taxpayers in my state."

Mrs. Hutchison, for her part, believes the White House won't be able to surmount congressional opposition. Industry already has mounted a massive lobbying campaign seeking to derail approval of the treaty, which is also opposed by labor unions.

"I do not believe the Senate will support a treaty that places the United States behind the economic eight ball," she said. "This treaty could have a huge impact on American competitiveness despite the absence of scientific data to support the agreement's assumptions."

In the face of growing GOP opposition, the White House has decided not to submit the Kyoto treaty to the Senate until some Third World nations agree to live under similar restrictions. Developing nations argue they shouldn't be required to take any action now since most of the gases currently in the atmosphere were put there by Europe and the United States.

President Clinton took aim at the critics during a Florida campaign swing Thursday.

"Every time we've tried to improve the American environment in the last 25 or 30 years, somebody has predicted that it would wreck the economy. And the air is cleaner. The water's cleaner. The food supply is safer," he said. "So don't believe the critics. Give us a chance to make the case."

December, 1997

Season's Greetings:

"Holidays in the City", 1997 continued in the spirit and tradition of Merry, Merry Midland. Families bundled up in winter coats, hats and gloves to line the streets and pack the plaza for the annual event. An estimated 4,000 residents attended the celebrations. The annual event combined the efforts and dedication of many Midland organizations.

The annual Children's Christmas Parade was bigger than ever. There were 77 fascinating and entertaining attractions. The spirit of this community was captured in the diversity and creativity of the participants As the parade marched down Wall Street to Centennial Plaza, the magic of Midland radiated in the smiles of children and brought out the kid in the rest of us.

The festivities continued as local groups performed their holiday talents at Centennial Plaza. Families gathered around open fires drinking hot chocolate and enjoying holiday treats, awaiting one of Midland's biggest celebrations. The heart of the celebration lit up red, white and green with the season, at the 44th annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony and the arrival of Santa. The city sidewalks were dazzling with holiday scenes and bright Christmas lights.

Quite frankly, the spirit of the season was pure and genuine. We want to thank all the special angels who coordinated, participated in and attended the various events and activities.

The celebration was a magical time in the city of Midland. For all involved, it was a time to understand the true meaning of a city's celebration

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Middle schoolers get taste of legal life

LUBBOCK (AP) — Beyond becoming professional athletes, seventh-graders Morie Knighten and Marvin Washington haven't put much thought into their career plans.

Friday, their NBA and NFL aspirations briefly took a back seat.

"So far, I was going to try to be a football player," Morie said after he toured the Lubbock County courthouse with 80 classmates and dozens of attorneys, judges and clerks. "But if I get hurt, I'll try to be a lawyer someday."

The Alderson Middle School students were among hundreds of children in 25 cities around the state who visited courts and law firms Friday as part of the State Bar of Texas' "Take a Student to your Employment," or TASTE, program.

The program's targets are "at risk" inner-city children who have few professional role models.

"Many of the students participating in the TASTE program have not explored horizons outside their neighborhoods," said Fort Worth Municipal Court Judge Jennifer Rymell, who co-chairs the program with attorney Dan Naranjo of San Antonio. "The TASTE program will provide a positive setting for students to see where studying hard in school can lead them."

Some students fidgeted, yawned and chuckled after a lunchtime of pizza and Pepsi, but most patiently listened to some of Lubbock's premier attorneys discuss their careers.

"Simply said, I wanted to quit picking cotton and work in the shade," said veteran trial lawyer Travis Shelton, who seemed to capture the attention of the children as he passed along 49 years' of legal experience.

Marvin, who doesn't appear to have broken the 5-foot plateau yet, still held pro basketball aspirations after the tour. But he said being a lawyer is now his "second option."

Youngsters still hanging onto dream career goals are ready to hear real-world options, Alderson Principal Carolyn Thompson said.

"I don't think that it's ever too early to make an impact on students' interest as far as what they want to be later in life," she said.

State appeals court Justice Eric Andell, an eight-year veteran of the juvenile system, said he devoted himself to preaching education to the children who came before his youth court bench.

"One of the most difficult things we had in juvenile court was to market education, particularly when you're trying to combat some kid selling crack cocaine and making $500 a day, or when they saw the bleakness of working at minimum wage or below the rest of their lives," said Andell, a board member of the Aspiring Youth Foundation, which is assisting the State Bar in reaching children.

Attorneys plan to expand the program next spring to include non-legal professions, Andell said.

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Hispanic-owned businesses on rise across Arizona

By Rosa Concepcion
Associated Press

YUMA, Ariz. — When he crossed the U.S. border 26 years ago from Mexicali, Mario Lopez dreamed of being a carpenter.

But since he had limited experience in that occupation, his only option for survival was picking avocados in the fields of Orange County, Calif.

His determination to learn the carpentry trade led Lopez to find a job making cabinets for a California travel trailer manufacturer.

A few years later, after saving money and buying tools, Lopez moved to Yuma and opened his shop, A & M Cabinets.

Lopez, like many others, turned his life around and became a successful businessman after spending countless years working in agricultural fields.

Hispanics are showing interest in small businesses and are seeking help from the Small Business Development Center.

"I have noticed an upward trend because more people are learning that agencies are out there to help Hispanic businesses get started," said Hank Pinto, former center director.

The Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce recently reported a 64 percent increase in the growth of Hispanic businesses across the state.

"The areas are really diverse, nothing is being left out," said Frank Brabec, a project director for the Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's Greater Phoenix Minority Business Development Center.

Pinto said there are many Hispanic-owned service businesses in Yuma, such as auto repair, appliance repair parts and tire shops.

Other interests include restaurants, retail shops of all sorts and beauty salons.

Mousie Gonzalez created a business from one of her favorite hobbies, embroidery.

After years of practicing embroidery and printing shirts in her kitchen and on her porch, she decided to start her own business. Gonzalez refinanced her home and now owns Mousie's Sports & Screen Printing.

Because she wants to keep the business in the family, Gonzalez' son will take over when she retires.

"Right now my son does basically everything, I just kind of oversee it," Gonzalez said.

Helodoro Avila-Moreno is another example of someone who immigrated to the United States and, after years of hard work, achieved success.

Avila-Moreno owns Classic Barber Shop, where he works with his sons. He also owns a barber and beauty salon managed by other family members.

"I've always had the dream that when I have kids, they would someday work with me," said Avila-Moreno.

Though successful now, Avila-Moreno said it took a while to get started.

His story begins in 1963 when he was an agricultural worker in Southern California.

But, after a back injury that left him unable to work in the fields, Avila-Moreno knew he needed to find a different kind of job. Since his father and grandfather were barbers, he decided to follow in their footsteps.

He studied for his state board examination. With that certificate, plus $9,000 from he collected from his accident, Avila-Moreno opened his first barber shop.

"Now my children want to keep the tradition going," said Avila-Moreno, who said he will retire in the next couple of years after running the shop for 15 years.

Though many Hispanic businesses become successful, there are some that don't.

Seventy to 75 percent of businesses don't make it, Pinto said. Brabec said the life span of most small businesses is only three years.

Most often, it's because of poor management.

People can go bankrupt if they forget to charge customers more for a product instead of just breaking even.

Brabec said businesses don't last if they don't know their financial limitations.

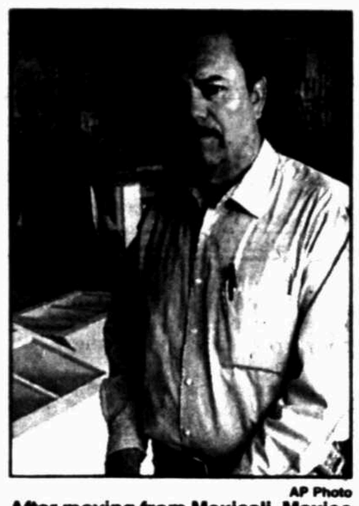
"Some people go out and get brand new stuff but end up not being able to afford all of it," Brabec said.

The business owner who plans for success has a greater chance of succeeding, Pinto said.

Take, for instance Ray Ochoa, who owns Yuma's Roundtable Pizza restaurants.

He said he owes his success to the hard work he puts into his business now and before when he was only the manager. He saved his money until he could buy the shares in the first restaurant and became the owner.

He obtained a loan to open his second pizza parlor in 1989 and is planning his third.



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After moving from Mexicali, Mexico 26 years ago and working in the avocado fields of California, Mario Lopez, owner of A&M Cabinets in Yuma, Ariz. is now one of the growing number of Hispanic business owners in Yuma county.

"Hard work, determination and high goals get you where you want to go," Ochoa said.

Twins recall grand childhood growing up on plantation

By Martha Carr
Associated Press

WALLACE, La. — The last time Lise and Edith Tassin visited their childhood home on Whitney Plantation was 1973. Their brother was retiring as overseer of the property, and the family was getting together for a reunion.

The sisters walked through the big house, where years ago their grandmother had them fill kerosene lamps and dust mantles. Their grandmother owned the home and lived in the main house. The twins lived in a guest cabin with their parents.

They revisited the foreman's cabin where they grew up, remembering how they helped their father roll cigarettes and their mother pour coffee into glass jars.

"When our cousins would come in from New Orleans, we had a chance to go to the main house," Edith said in a thick Creole French accent. "We would play on the back porch, and I remember they had this armor — how you call it — armoire, full of old clothes. We used to dress in the gowns and hats. We would make as if one was the bride, the others bridesmaids. I used to love to go there."

Now the sprawling sugar plantation the sisters called home sits locked behind a chain-link fence, with no one but a caretaker allowed to roam the fields where their father watched over hundreds of farm hands in the early 1900s.

But things could be changing, and none too soon for the twins who celebrated their 80th birthday on Thanksgiving Day. New Orleans lawyer John Cummings has agreed to buy Whitney from Formosa Plastics Corp., which has owned the plantation since 1989, company spokeswoman Beverly Laudermill said. Cummings also has promised to restore the plantation and its 23 outbuildings if he is satisfied with the property after a 90-day inspection period.

"I hope he does something good with the place," said Lise, who now lives in the nearby town of Garyville. "I have very fond memories. I hope I never forget it."

Lise and Edith were born on Whitney in 1917. Identical twins, they were the youngest of Leone and Sidney Tassin's 10 children.

Sidney Tassin's mother lived in Whitney's main house, while he worked as a foreman and occupied a house in the rear. The family was not rich, the women say, but had servants to do their cooking and wash.

The two girls attended elementary school at neighboring Evergreen Plantation. When they weren't in school, the twins went swimming with their grandmother in an irrigation canal that funneled water from the Mississippi River to the rice fields.

Despite endless free time, country life could get lonely for the girls. It wasn't until high school that they began venturing away from the plantation, mostly for basketball games or to visit family in New Orleans.

"We both played basketball, baby," Edith said laughing. "I tell you that was the days. I was a forward, she was a guard, and we were good."

Eventually, the girls left the plantation to marry. Lise married Sidney Matherne when she was 22. Matherne drove a commodities truck, she said, dropping off groceries to the poor.

Edith met her husband, the late Alcee Guillot, when she was working as a welder at a New Orleans shipyard during World War II. They married when she was 27.

Both sisters have large families of their own and lifestyles radically different from the simple farm life of their childhood. But sometimes sliding down the levee on cardboard boxes seems like just yesterday.

"I think children today don't get the pleasures we had," Edith said. "The world is going too fast. But you can't stop it, huh?"

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Radio news man still on air after 31 years as host

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Associated Press

SAN AUGUSTINE — For 31 years, Sam Malone's rumbling, raspy voice has been the first many residents hear in the morning.

His 15-minute radio show, a conversational relating of the city's news, is pretty much a breakfast staple in this small East Texas town.

"Heard it on Sam Malone," the locals tell one another when relaying the latest bit of information, be it a lively church revival or the amusing — or sometimes not-so-funny — antics of city and school officials.

Malone, 76, is quick to admit his show is often composed of less-than-thrilling tidbits. San Augustine, a town of about 2,500, about 100 miles north of Beaumont, isn't exactly brimming with stories of national impact, he says, grinning.

"Most of my stuff is low-grade news: revival meetings, reunions and homecomings."

But the longtime, crusty newsman, who has worked at and owned several newspapers across the state, still frequently manages to draw the ire of some listeners, particularly those he happens to be reporting about.

Take, for example, the school board member who punched Malone after the results of an election came in.

The woman, convinced Malone's reporting was to blame for her loss, became incensed when he took her picture as she left the building.

"I'm going to do something I've wanted to do for a long time," she informed Malone.

"And then she threw a roundhouse right at me," he recalls. "Lord, she was really put out with me."

Malone's show, which airs on KCOT-FM 92.5 and KDET-AM, begins at 8:30 a.m. weekdays and 8:15 a.m. Saturdays. It features several live advertisers, who banter with Malone as he discusses the day's events.

His distinctive voice is heard not only by residents of San Augustine County, but by those living in neighboring Shelby, Nacogdoches, Sabine and Jasper counties.

"Hello everybody, everywhere," is the standard greeting. What follows is a hodgepodge of local news, football results and obits — whatever Malone can cram into 15 minutes.

His health isn't the best. And it's not as easy to get around these days, Malone says wryly, describing his artificial knees and an on-going battle with arthritis. But he has a job to do.

"People keep giving me information and if they didn't give it to me, they wouldn't have anyone to give it to. And if I didn't publicize it, who would?"

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It's 8 a.m. when Malone pulls up to the Center-based station's tiny San Augustine office.

His trousers, held up by a pair of suspenders, bag slightly on the right side, due to the wad of newspaper clippings and obituaries he has shoved into his back pocket.

Below his bolo tie is a hefty stack of photocopies and several pages of notes.

Minutes later, Jimmy Boyd, a manager at Nelsyn's Furniture, arrives, clutching a mug of coffee.

Boyd is one of several advertisers who chooses to do his spots live.

AP Photo

DJ Sam Malone, 76, sits in the broadcast studio of KCOT-FM in San Augustine, Texas, last month, after doing his morning broadcast, which he has been doing for 31 years.

"Sam's a dedicated man in our community," Boyd says, watching Malone ready the equipment. "He's Johnny-on-the-spot.

"Sam once did his show out of the hospital," he recalls. "If he's in San Antonio, he does his show. If he's in Dallas, he does his show. And even if he's in a hospital bed, he does his show."

In the three decades he's been on the air, Malone has missed only 11 broadcasts.

But his devotion doesn't necessarily make it easier to get out of bed each morning, Malone is quick to say.

"I don't relish getting up at 6 a.m. But it keeps me out of trouble," he jokes.

After forcing himself to get out of bed each morning, Malone eats a bowl of grits and pores over the day's obits "to see if I'm still alive." It's then he compiles the news for that morning's broadcast.

"You get in a routine," Malone says. "Of course, there are lots and lots of mornings where you have a small hangover and you'd like to sleep in."

The newsman speaks into a telephone receiver during his show, enabling both stations to broadcast it.

At 8:30 a.m., he picks up the phone. "All right, here we go," he says to Boyd.

The pair discuss Thanksgiving turkeys (and the best seasoning injection to use) and then segue into an accounting of an upcoming election. By the show's end, Malone is speaking more quickly in an effort to get everything in.

"Well, that's going to crank us up," he concludes. "I'm Sam Malone."

"And I'm Jimmy Boyd," the advertiser chimes in.

"That's my time. Thank you for yours."

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Malone hit the air for the first time in 1930.

"My dad was a Baptist preacher and he preached on a radio station, gave a daily devotional," he says. "And then I'd come on and sing a hymn or a couple of verses of a hymn, with or without accompaniment. I did that for one summer."

Malone, who was born in Abilene, has spent more than 50 years in newspapers.

He was working for an East Texas paper when John F. Kennedy was shot and killed in Dallas. Malone, who was in the city to cover the president's speech, found himself hurriedly reporting on the national tragedy before rushing off to Kilgore in time to cover a football game.

In 1967, he came to San Augustine, where he founded two weekly newspapers.

The sensational story here is rare. The most recent Malone can recall broke in the early 1970s, when the bodies of four boys were dug up from the banks of Sam Rayburn Lake.

But residents here don't seem to mind the lack of excitement. They simply want to know what IS going on.

"We don't hardly get out of the house until we hear Sam Malone, and then we go about our nevermind ," says Lizzie Loggins, a lifelong resident. "He just keeps everybody informed."

Tom McAbee, who moved here in 1970, can recall the days when Malone covered area football games for the station.

"Sam's been around a long time. I guess everyone takes him for granted."

Malone garnered national attention several years ago when his cat, Ventilator, began appearing with him on a daily broadcast Malone did for a local cable station.

As Malone read the news, Ventilator — so named because he was found in an air conditioning vent — was prone to prowling across the desk, or curling his sinewy body around Malone's neck.

The cat became a hit with local residents, prompting several national reports on the feline co-anchor.

Ventilator was killed a few years ago by dogs that found the cat roaming through an alley.

The cable station broadcasts eventually came to an end, but Malone continued to give the news each morning on his radio show.

And even without Ventilator's entertaining antics, residents continued to tune in.

"He just gives all the news of the town," says Robert Brown. "Sam keeps us up to date on what's going on."

As for those who aren't always thrilled by what Malone has to report, well, they come with the territory, Malone says matter-of-factly.

"Sure, I've had folks who have threatened me," he says.

"But that's just watermelon talk. You know — full of juice."

Texas senators don't support Kyoto treaty

WASHINGTON (AP) — Add Texas Sens. Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey Hutchison to the growing chorus of congressional Republicans who are decidedly chilly about the global warming treaty hammered out in Japan and agreed to by the Clinton administration.

The two Texas Republicans say they will not support ratification of the treaty, which requires Senate approval. As part of the pact, which was agreed to earlier this week in Kyoto by 159 nations, the United States would reduce its greenhouse gas emissions to 7 percent below 1990 levels by 2012.

"I can't support a treaty where I would have go back to Texas and say that we're going to limit economic growth in Texas but we're not going to have the same restrictions imposed on Mexico, which is the major source of pollution in a third of my state," said Gramm. "I don't see how I could justify that to workers and to taxpayers in my state."

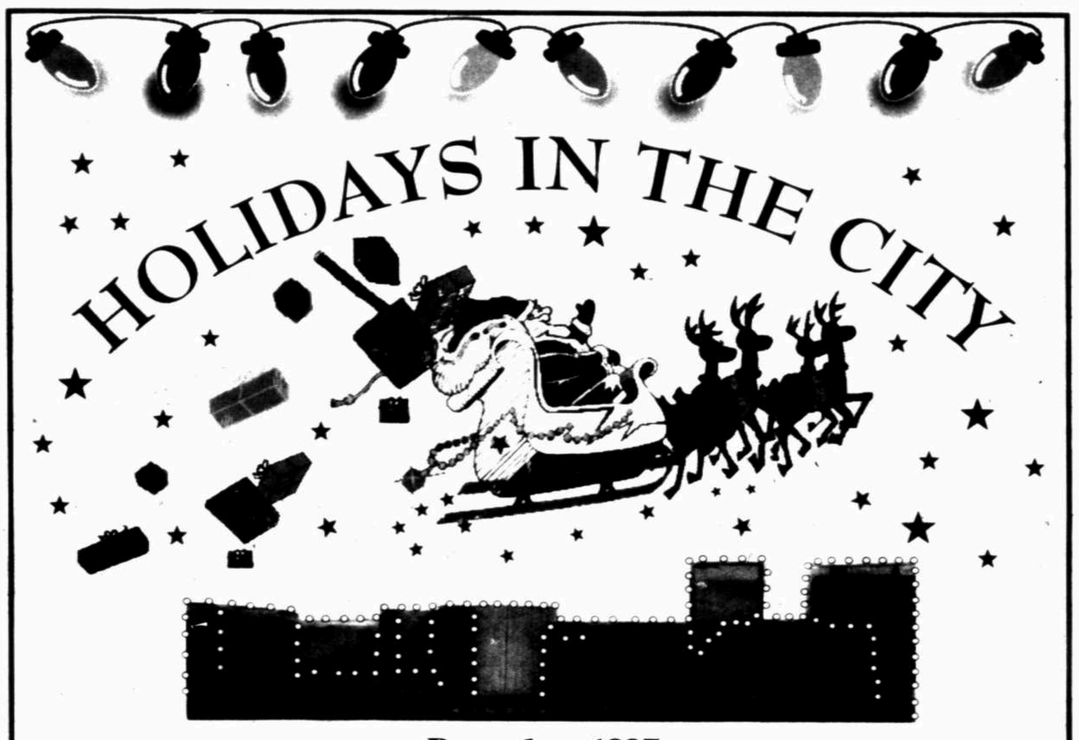
Mrs. Hutchison, for her part, believes the White House won't be able to surmount congressional opposition. Industry already has mounted a massive lobbying campaign seeking to derail approval of the treaty, which is also opposed by labor unions.

"I do not believe the Senate will support a treaty that places the United States behind the economic eight ball," she said. "This treaty could have a huge impact on American competitiveness despite the absence of scientific data to support the agreement's assumptions."

In the face of growing GOP opposition, the White House has decided not to submit the Kyoto treaty to the Senate until some Third World nations agree to live under similar restrictions. Developing nations argue they shouldn't be required to take any action now since most of the gases currently in the atmosphere were put there by Europe and the United States.

President Clinton took aim at the critics during a Florida campaign swing Thursday.

"Every time we've tried to improve the American environment in the last 25 or 30 years, somebody has predicted that it would wreck the economy. And the air is cleaner. The water's cleaner. The food supply is safer," he said. "So don't believe the critics. Give us a chance to make the case."



December, 1997

Season's Greetings:

"Holidays in the City", 1997 continued in the spirit and tradition of Merry, Merry Midland. Families bundled up in winter coats, hats and gloves to line the streets and pack the plaza for the annual event. An estimated 4,000 residents attended the celebrations. The annual event combined the efforts and dedication of many Midland organizations.

The annual Children's Christmas Parade was bigger than ever. There were 77 fascinating and entertaining attractions. The spirit of this community was captured in the diversity and creativity of the participants As the parade marched down Wall Street to Centennial Plaza, the magic of Midland radiated in the smiles of children and brought out the kid in the rest of us.

The festivities continued as local groups performed their holiday talents at Centennial Plaza. Families gathered around open fires drinking hot chocolate and enjoying holiday treats, awaiting one of Midland's biggest celebrations. The heart of the celebration lit up red, white and green with the season, at the 44th annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony and the arrival of Santa. The city sidewalks were dazzling with holiday scenes and bright Christmas lights.

Quite frankly, the spirit of the season was pure and genuine. We want to thank all the special angels who coordinated, participated in and attended the various events and activities.

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Middle schoolers get taste of legal life

LUBBOCK (AP) — Beyond becoming professional athletes, seventh-graders Morie Knighten and Marvin Washington haven't put much thought into their career plans.

Friday, their NBA and NFL aspirations briefly took a back seat.

"So far, I was going to try to be a football player," Morie said after he toured the Lubbock County courthouse with 80 classmates and dozens of attorneys, judges and clerks. "But if I get hurt, I'll try to be a lawyer someday."

The Alderson Middle School students were among hundreds of children in 25 cities around the state who visited courts and law firms Friday as part of the State Bar of Texas' "Take a Student to your Employment," or TASTE, program.

The program's targets are "at risk" inner-city children who have few professional role models.

"Many of the students participating in the TASTE program have not explored horizons outside their neighborhoods," said Fort Worth Municipal Court Judge Jennifer Rymell, who co-chairs the program with attorney Dan Naranjo of San Antonio. "The TASTE program will provide a positive setting for students to see where studying hard in school can lead them."

Some students fidgeted, yawned and chuckled after a lunchtime of pizza and Pepsi, but most patiently listened to some of Lubbock's premier attorneys discuss their careers.

"Simply said, I wanted to quit picking cotton and work in the shade," said veteran trial lawyer Travis Shelton, who seemed to capture the attention of the children as he passed along 49 years' of legal experience.

Marvin, who doesn't appear to have broken the 5-foot plateau yet, still held pro basketball aspirations after the tour. But he said being a lawyer is now his "second option."

Youngsters still hanging onto dream career goals are ready to hear real-world options, Alderson Principal Carolyn Thompson said.

"I don't think that it's ever too early to make an impact on students' interest as far as what they want to be later in life," she said.

State appeals court Justice Eric Andell, an eight-year veteran of the juvenile system, said he devoted himself to preaching education to the children who came before his youth court bench.

"One of the most difficult things we had in juvenile court was to market education, particularly when you're trying to combat some kid selling crack cocaine and making $500 a day, or when they saw the bleakness of working at minimum wage or below the rest of their lives," said Andell, a board member of the Aspiring Youth Foundation, which is assisting the State Bar in reaching children.

Attorneys plan to expand the program next spring to include non-legal professions, Andell said.

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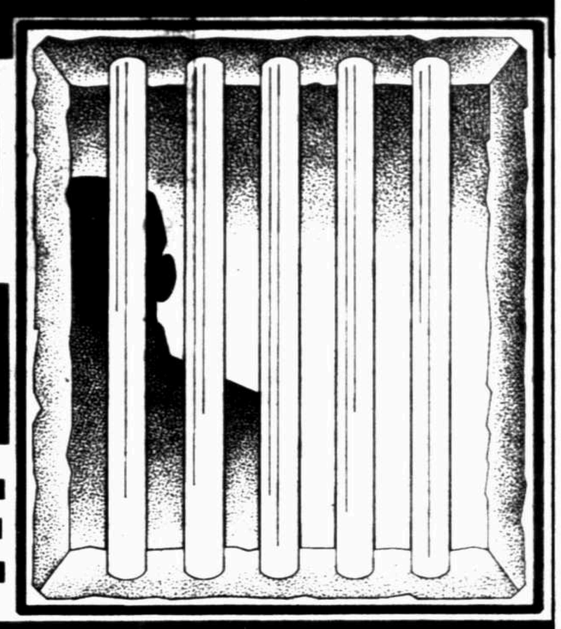

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Green Bay Packers at Carolina Panthers, 3 p.m., FOX.

Chicago Bears at St. Louis Rams, 7 p.m., ESPN. RADIO: KCRS (550 AM).

SOCCER — NCAA Men's Championship Game, UCLA vs. Virginia, noon, FSS.

GOLF — Diners Club Matches, final round, 2 p.m., ABC.

RODEO — PRCA National Finals, final go-round (same-day tape), 3:30 p.m., ESPN.

HOCKEY — IHL, Utah Grizzlies at Houston Aeros, 6 p.m., FSS.

ABL — Portland Power at Seattle Reign (delayed tape), 12:30 a.m., FSS.

Texas Scores

NBA — San Antonio Spurs 107, Orlando Magic 78.

WPHL — Amarillo Rattlers 7, Odessa Jackalopes 5.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL — Men, Texas Tech 86, Prairie View 63.

TCU 99, Baylor 75.

UTEP 71, Texas-San Antonio 62.

Women, Baylor 109, Texas Southern 37.

Texas 103, Central Florida 71

JUCO BASKETBALL — Men, Midland College 91, Jacksonville 63.

PREP BASKETBALL — Boys, Tall City Oilman's Tournament:

Championship Game

Midland High 86, Killeen 78

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Class 4A Division I Championship, Texas City 37, Corsicana 34.

Class A Championship, Granger 40, Wheeler 0.

Six-Man Championship, Borden County 48, Panther Creek 16.

Sports Today

WPHL — Central Texas Stampede at Odessa Jackalopes, 6 p.m., Ector County Coliseum. RADIO: KQIP (96.9 FM).

SOCCER — Blast Coaches Classic, Hogan Park North Fields.

Diners Club

LA QUINTA, Calif. — Gil Morgan's 18-foot birdie putt on the fifth hole of sudden death Saturday advanced him and partner Jay Siegel to the Senior PGA final in the $2.1 million Diners Club matches.

Morgan's putt knocked Jack Kiefer and Bob Duval out of Sunday's final.

Kiefer and Duval defeated John Jacobs and Gary Player 1-up to force a three-team playoff.

Vincente Fernandez and Bruce Summerhays moved into the playoff with a 2-and-1 victory over Morgan and Sigel in their match earlier Saturday.

Fernandez and Summerhays were eliminated on the first hole of sudden death when they failed to match the birdies of the other two teams.

Bob Eastwood and Walter Morgan completed a sweep of their three matches with a 2-and-1 victory over David Graham and Chi Chi Rodriguez.

Eastwood and Walter Morgan will play Sigel and Gil Morgan for the Senior PGA championship Sunday.

"Our first match was phenomenal," Gil Morgan said. "We were 12-under par and Vincente and Bruce were 14-under. I felt like we had to be on our toes all day every minute. Very tight matches and then five more holes in the playoffs."

Dave Stockton and Larry Nelson (2-1) defeated the winless (0-3) defending champions Bob Murphy and Jim Colbert 2-up.

In the PGA Tour competition, two-time defending champions Tom Lehman and Duffy Waldorf swept their bracket (3-0) with a 4-and-3 victory over Mark Calcavecchia and Jeff Sluman (0-3).

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Midland High's Patrick Anderson (21) and Kirby Lemons, back, battle for a loose ball. The Bulldogs knocked off No. 4-ranked Killeen, 86-78, Saturday for the championship of the Tall City Oilman's Tournament.

Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Bulldogs can Killeen in Tall City Oilman's championship contest

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

Midland High's No. 7 state ranked basketball team couldn't have had a much better weekend.

The Bulldogs staged an 86-78 victory over No. 4 ranked Killeen Saturday night at Chaparral Center before more than 2,000 fans to win the Tall City Oilman's basketball tournament.

And just to get to Killeen, the Bulldogs had to wade through No. 17 Midland Lee on Thursday and the defending New Mexico and three-time tournament champion Alamogordo on Friday. This was the way to win a tournament in style.

"I've said all along that we were good enough to play with anybody, and playing No. 4 was a great opportunity for us to show our fans at home that we could do that," said MHS coach Jack Stephenson. "Basketball is big time at Midland High School and the fans are coming out to see it. We have our tournament (the Byron Johnston) in a couple of weeks and I think they will turn out again."

MHS' Kirby Lemons scored a game-high 39 points to secure his all-tournament berth.

"We knew Killeen was highly rated in the polls and that this wasn't going to be like any ordinary game. All the guys played to their ability tonight."

Charles Tatum, who added 23 points for MHS, said, "This game had a lot to do with respect. This is our hometown and it's nice to beat a ranked team and get the respect."

Please see **OILMAN'S**/7C

Buffaloes roll into title game

■ Stanton handles Italy, 35-7, to advance to state championship game against Rogers.

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

BROWNWOOD—The doubters are now down to one, if that many.

If there had been any nagging questions concerning the Stanton Buffaloes' inexorable march to the Class 2A state football championship game, they were pretty much answered Saturday afternoon in the state semifinal game against Italy at Gordon Wood Stadium. Sure the Buffs were good, but how would they do against a team which was undefeated (just like Stanton) and how would they deal with having to play an entire second half?

Such complaints seem like sheer nitpicking following No. 4 Stanton's 35-7 dismantling of No. 3 Italy to advance to the state championship game next Saturday against Rogers, the only other 2A team in the state which can now stand on eye level with the 15-0 Buffs. Rogers is now the only team in Texas in a position to put a blemish on Stanton's record and deny the school its first state championship, tentatively scheduled for Saturday at 6 p.m. at Texas Stadium or Bedford's Pennington Field.

"I can't imagine what it would be like to be this close to the state championship and lose," said Stanton quarterback Kyle Herm after the game.

Herm and the rest of the Buffaloes don't know what it's like to lose, at least not this season. The closest they came was eight days prior to conquering Italy, when they survived a late two-point conversion try in a 21-20 squeaker over Lockney in the quarterfinals.

Things never got that hairy against Italy, but the first half, when the Buffs traditionally clobber their opponents, wasn't that easy this time around. Stanton went scoreless in the first quarter for the first time in the postseason and held a precarious 7-0 halftime lead.

"I told our kids we had to come out and play our best second half of the year if we were going to win this game," Stanton coach Mark Cotton said.

The first half was dominated by tough defense and high emotions on both sides of the ball — perhaps too high. Both defenses committed personal fouls which sustained drives. The one com-

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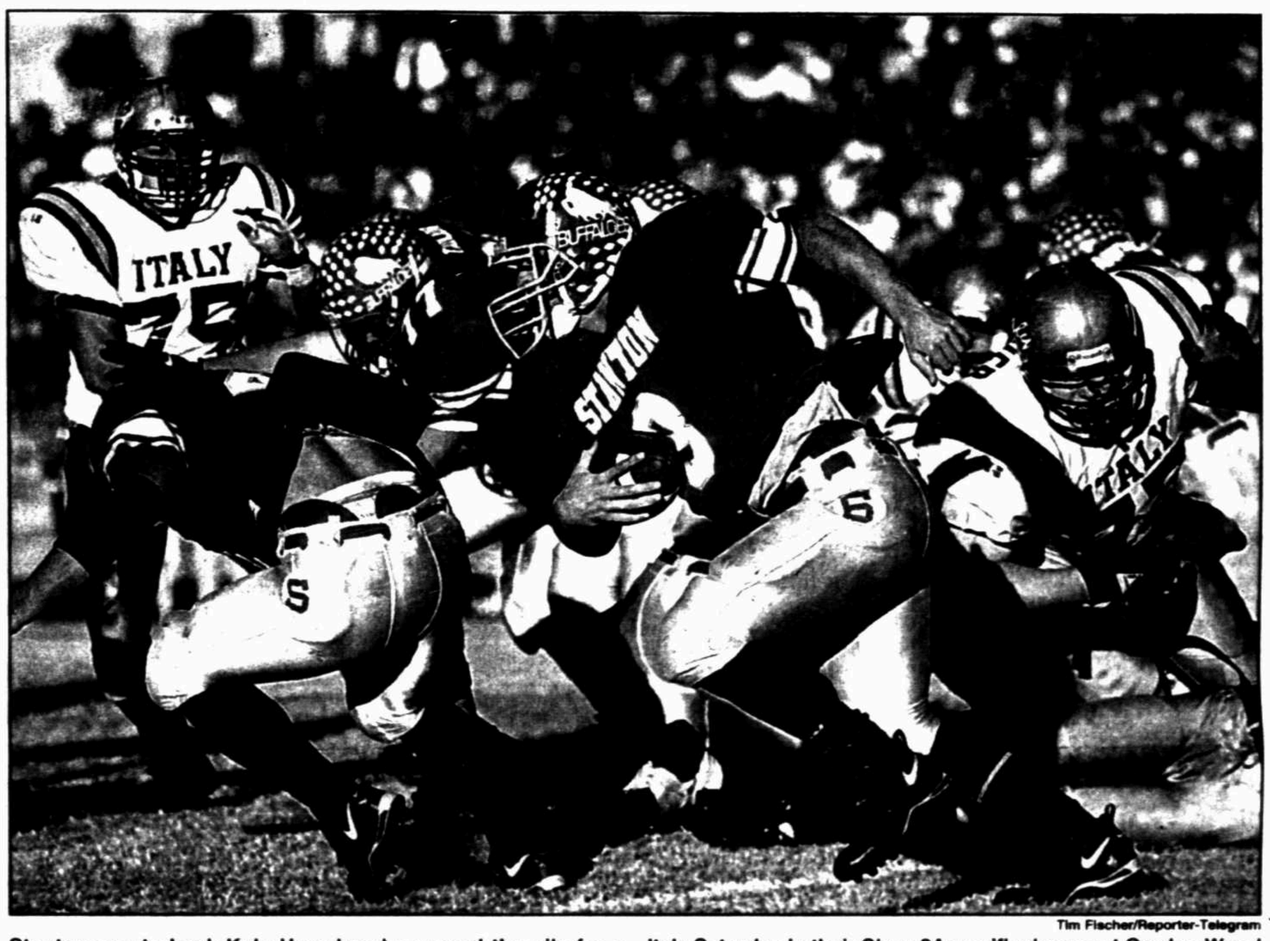

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Stanton quarterback Kyle Hern breaks around the pile for a 90-yard run in the fourth quarter of the Buffaloes' 35-7 win over Italy Saturday in their Class 2A semifinal game at Gordon Wood Stadium in Brownwood.

Buffs' championship quest continues

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

BROWNWOOD — An Italy cheerleader carried a sign that read, "Give Stanton a basketball."

Basketball season will have to wait at least one more week for the Buffaloes as they rolled to a 35-7 win over Italy in the Class 2A football state semifinals on Saturday.

"It's a great feeling," said an excited Stanton coach Mark Cotton after the game.

Stanton (15-0) faces Rogers (14-1), a 42-33 winner over Alto Friday night, in next weekend's state championship game. This is the farthest any Stanton team has ever gone in the state playoffs. With the help of a stout defense and some big plays, the Buffs' dream season continues.

For Cotton, compared to when he first stepped into the program seven years ago, he can't believe how far Stanton football has come and what it has a chance of accomplishing.

"I give all the credit to the kids," Cotton said. "They have worked so hard for so many years that it's finally paying off. This bunch of seniors started six years ago and went through our first off-season program as seventh graders and came up through the system. I think you can see the difference this year. We're blessed with some good athletes but we're also blessed with some hard working kids."

But Cotton didn't really realize the magic that this team pos-

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Chaparrals stay perfect by routing Jacksonville, 91-63

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

In a game where the some big punches were thrown from the sidelines, the nationally-ranked Midland College men's basketball team knocked out Jacksonville College 91-63 Saturday at Chap Center.

The win moves the fourth-ranked Chaps to 13-0 for the season, which is the best start of any Pat Rafferty coached team at MC.

The win also completed a regular-season sweep over a Jacksonville, a team much stronger than its 9-6 record. Jacksonville came into the game, playing some of its best ball of the season.

"They were coming off two good wins," Rafferty said. "They beat (17th ranked Kilgore) and (seventh-ranked) San Jacinto and had won seven of their last nine."

Rafferty's team, which in November defeated Jacksonville 74-69 on the road in the closest game of MC's season, made sure this game wouldn't be the same way. Despite a sluggish start, MC was good enough to post an early double-digit lead. However, the blow out became apparent with thanks to a 17-3 run in the last four minutes of the half, highlighted by an 11-2 run in the last 1:46. MC sophomore Harold Arceuneaux and Alu Williams scored the last 11 points for the Chaps, who carried a 52-29 lead into the half.

Arceuneaux scored 16 of his game-high 23

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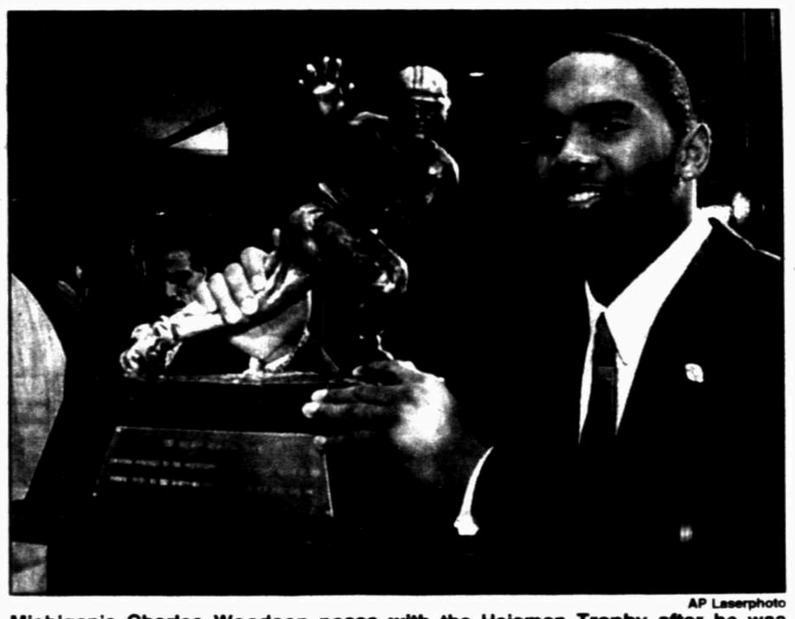

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Michigan's Charles Woodson poses with the Heisman Trophy after he was announced as the winner Saturday at the Downtown Athletic Club in New York City. Woodson became the first primarily defensive player to win the award.

Rattlers cool off Jacks, 7-5

By Ted Battles
MRT Correspondent

ODESSA — Just as the Odessa Jackalopes couldn't afford to bask in the rosy glow of Friday's stunning Shootout win over Shreveport, they can't afford to shed any tears over Saturday night's 7-5 loss to Amarillo's Rattlers.

Central Texas invades the Jack Shack at 6 p.m. today for a rematch of last week's 3-2 overtime win. And Tuesday, Amarillo returns to the Ector County Coliseum, a prospect the Jacks may not be looking forward to in light of Saturday's loss.

The Jacks were so flat that, if there had been any maple syrup handy, they'd have made a dandy late night breakfast.

As coach Joe Clark put it, "What a way to blow two points. I thought this was a game we could win and when we came off the ice after warm ups, they were all happy and warm, maybe it was a sign of overconfidence."

The game wasn't as close as the final 7-5 margin. The Rattlers who had lost twice previously to Odessa in close games, in overtime a week ago, had a 6-2 lead after two periods and were coasting to the barn with a 7-3 lead four minutes into the third period.

Instead of being within one point of the coveted third place playoff berth, currently held by Amarillo, the Jacks fell five back.

"Tonight we had no second effort. They beat us to the punch. Amarillo is a tough team to play against. They are everywhere and

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Michigan corner Woodson captures Heisman Trophy

By Richard Rosenblatt
AP Football Writer

NEW YORK — When Charles Woodson heard his name called, he looked skyward, sank to his knees and covered his face for just a second.

Woodson, the player who turned Michigan into the No. 1 team in the nation, had just become the first primarily defensive player to win the Heisman Trophy. And he couldn't believe that he — not Peyton Manning — was on his way to the podium.

"My body just went limp. I couldn't move," Woodson said Saturday night at the Downtown Athletic Club. "I couldn't grasp what happened."

What happened was a Heisman Trophy breakthrough. A cornerback, who also starred as a wide receiver and punt returner, had won college

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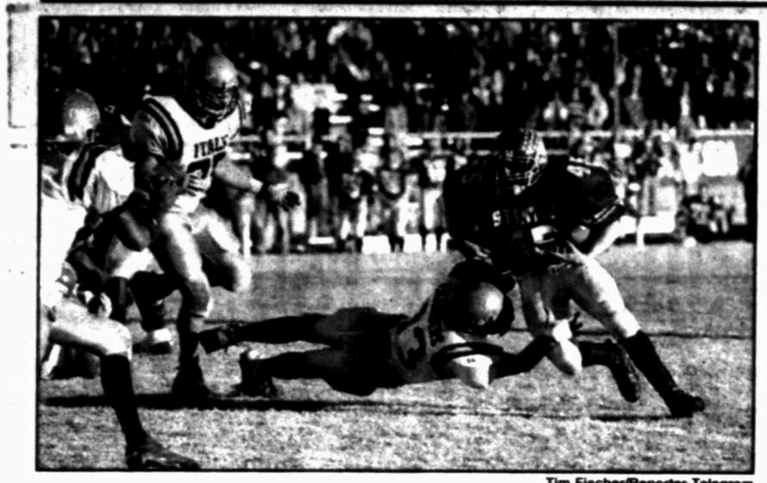

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Stanton's James Jenkins evades a tackle attempt from Italy's Josh Chambers during the Class 2A semifinal played Saturday in Brownwood. Stanton won, 35-7, and will face Rogers next weekend for the 2A championship.

Borden County runs away with six-man title

Associated Press

ABILENE — Colt McCook threw for three touchdowns and Fernando Baeza ran for three more, leading Borden County to its first six-man title with a 48-16 victory Saturday over Panther Creek.

Borden County (15-0) was stopped on its first series, then scored on its next four drives for a 26-0 lead with 8:39 left in the third quarter.

A 5-yard touchdown run by Baeza, and McCook touchdown passes of 68 yards to Oscar Baeza and 38 yards to Ed Rodriguez gave Borden County a 20-0 lead at halftime.

McCook opened the second-half with a 12-yard touchdown toss to Clint Scott.

Class 4A Division I

Texas City 37, Corsicana 34

HOUSTON — Adrien Daniels handed the Class 4A Division I state championship to the Texas City Stingerees — twice.

Daniels scored on runs of 19 and 34 yards and had a 76-yard touchdown kickoff return that gave Texas City a 30-13 lead with 11:21 to play.

But Corsicana scored three touchdowns to take the lead, and Texas City needed Daniels' 3-yard run with 1:48 remaining to give the Stingerees a 37-34 victory for their first state championship.

Class 5A Division I

Katy 24, Longview 3

HOUSTON — Finally, the Katy Tigers walked off the field as state champions.

Matt Gore passed for one touchdown and ran for another in a 24-3 upset victory over the previously unbeaten Longview Lobos in the Astrodome.

Class A

Granger 40, Wheeler 0

ABILENE — Brandon Everage ran for a touchdown and threw for three more and Jason Huf caught a touchdown pass and ran for another, carrying Granger past Wheeler for the Class 1A title.

The first crown in school history also was sweet revenge for Granger coach John Valastro, who lost the 1979 Class B championship to Wheeler when he was the sophomore quarterback of High Island.

■ **Texas Bowl**

STANTON: Buffs romp

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mitted by Stanton not only resulted in a loss of 15 yards but also of second-leading tackler Jeremy Smith, who was ejected in the first quarter.

"I heard Jeremy was hit by another kid and that he bowed up after he was hit and the referees threw him out," Cotton said. "It upset me because he's an all-state caliber lineman and a great linebacker."

The two teams might have been a little too keyed up for the big game as evidenced by the spirited yet undisciplined events of the first half. Stanton moved the ball impressively on its first drive, which ended when Chad Smith fumbled the ball away following a reception from Herm.

Appropriately enough, it was a turnover which set up the only first half score. After taking over on its own 42-yard line, Italy gave the ball back to the Buffaloes when Randy Johnson fumbled and Stanton's Josh Carson recovered at Italy's 41.

Three plays later, Herm showed how he is more dangerous out of the pocket than when he is in it, taking off up the middle, then weaving left, getting a block from wide receiver Tyron Davis to cut into the left corner of the end zone for a 27-yard scoring run which made it 7-0.

That was the only big offensive play of the first half for either team, but in Stanton's case, it was just a sign of things to come. The Buffaloes broke three huge plays in the second half to either score or set up their next 21 points.

"Both (Italy's and Stanton's) offenses are real explosive but we knew that whoever played D the whole game would win," Herm said.

The end of Stanton's first big play looked like it was going to be disastrous for the Buffaloes. Fullback Jody Louder found a crease in the left side of the line and headed for the sideline before cutting back behind a Davis block and heading for an apparent 52-yard scoring run. However, Louder fumbled the ball when he was tackled at the goal line and it rolled to the back of the end zone.

Louder's dignity was saved when Davis fell on top of the ball to give the Buffaloes a 14-0 lead.

"That was a better play by Tyron than it was by me," admitted Louder.

Italy responded on its next possession, going 70 yards on only five plays, finishing with a 1-yard run by quarterback Dejuan Davis which cut the lead to 14-7. Then it was up to Stanton's Davis to put it in the end zone again, only in a far more conventional way.

Stanton had a third-and-seven at its own 47 on the next possession when Herm scrambled around in the pocket and broke the grasp of David Weaver before finding Davis behind the secondary at the Italy 15. Davis made the catch, then put on a nifty move to cut back across the field and into the end zone for a 53-yard scoring play which made it 21-7.

It was the only catch of the game for Davis, but it made a statement that the big play component of Stanton's offensive machine is back at full speed. Davis had been hampered recently with an ankle injury.

"It gives me more confidence and puts me back on top of the game," said Davis, who has more than 1,200 yards receiving and 23 touchdowns. "We can drive it and eat up the clock, but to break a game open we needed to have some big plays."

Italy (14-1) couldn't come up with those plays. The Gladiators responded with a lengthy drive on their next possession and faced a fourth-and-goal at Stanton's 4. Louder intercepted Dejuan Davis at the 1-yard line to end the threat.

"We fought back," said Italy coach Bryan Erwin. "They hit a big play on us and we never wrestled the momentum back.

"The big difference was turnovers. You aren't going to win a state semifinal game making five turnovers (three fumbles and two interceptions)."

If the crushing blow hadn't already been delivered, it came two plays later. Herm kept the ball on what looked like a safe option play, then his athletic ability took over, as he leaped over one player and broke a tackle before finally being pulled down 90 yards later at the Italy 7.

"There was one guy there and I hurdled him," said Herm, who ran for 147 yards on nine carries. "Then I spun off another guy. I used to run hurdles in elementary school and it finally helped me."

Two plays later James Jenkins scored on a 5-yard run which provided the icing.

For the second week in a row, Herm ran for over 100 yards. He also had his most accurate passing game of the postseason, completing seven of eight for 127 yards and two touchdowns. But it's been his running which has garnered the most attention.

"It's by design," said Cotton. "We're going to get the ball in (Herm's) hands as often as possible."

And that ball is in good hands, a pair which has the Buffaloes on the verge of grasping a state title.

BUFFS: Stanton is one win from state title

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sessed until last Halloween night when the Buffaloes faced the defending state champions in a key District 6-2A battle.

"I think the fourth quarter against Iraan, when it was 14-12 and it looked like they had all the momentum, we gutted up and won 27-12," Cotton said. "I think right then we knew we had the kind of football team to play a long time."

"After Iraan is when I think we really got the confidence," said junior Tyron Davis. "We didn't even play our best game and we still won."

Ever since the beginning of the season, the Buffs always talked like they were on a mission. They beamed with confidence every time someone mentioned a trip to the state championship. On Saturday, it all came to fruition.

"We had our minds made up to be the best team at Stanton. When we did that, we set our goals to make it to the state championship. Now we've done that. Our goal now is to win it," said junior quarterback Kyle Herm, who piled up 274 yards of total offense and was responsible for two touchdowns.

After a sluggish first half in which the Buffs mustered only a 7-0 lead, the second half saw Stanton bust out with some big plays. One came with 3:34 left in the third quarter when Herm did a stellar job of evading a sack and found his favorite target, Davis, for a 53-yard touchdown catch to put Stanton up 21-7.

"They called bootleg and they gave Kyle a lot of time," Davis said. "When he rolled out, (the defender) was up on me and I acted like I was going to block him, and when he saw Kyle go that was all I needed. I just turned up-field and Kyle put it right on the money.

"I was talking about it all week: That the drives are important but it was going to take big plays to win the game."

Another big play also involved Davis when Jody Louder, who looked like he was going to score after rumbling for 51 yards, fumbled at the 1-yard-line. Luckily the ball bounced into the end zone and into Davis' hands for a TD.

"I saw the guy coming up and thought I could get there, he just punched the ball right out. So I got an assist to Tyron's touchdown," said Louder, who laughed just thinking about the play.

Louder said the real planning for a march to the state championship game began on the night of Nov. 15, 1996. On that night, Stanton lost a heartbreaker (32-31) to Shallowater in the bi-district playoffs.

"We promised ourselves at the end of last year that we weren't going to get beat this year and we weren't going to let what happened last year," Louder said. "You hope you can come this far, but you have to think realistically that things aren't always going to go your way. When they do, this is what happens. There are two teams left and we're one of them."

With authority, the Buffs' mission continues.

"We want the gold ring, not the silver ring," Herm said.

Stanton 35, Italy 7

Stanton		Italy
12	First Downs	15
277	Yards Rushing	140
127	Yards Passing	115
7-9-0	Comp.-Att.-Int.	8-15-2
3-40.7	Punts-Avg.	2-35.5
1	Fumbles Lost	3
4-39	Penalties-Yds.	5-45

Stanton	0	7	14	14	—35
Italy	0	0	7	0	— 7

Second Quarter

S — Kyle Herm 27 run (Joey Noyola kick).

Third Quarter

S — Tyron Davis recovered fumble in end zone (Noyola kick).

I — Dejuan Davis 1 run (Justin Duke kick).

S — Davis 53 pass from Herm (Noyola kick).

Fourth Quarter

S — James Jenkins 5 run (Noyola kick).

S — Jacob Saldivar 20 pass from Herm (Noyola kick).

Individual Statistics

Rushing: Stanton — Jenkins 12-38-1, Herm 9-147-1, Jody Louder 7-69, Davis 2-(minus 9), Sal Gonzalez 1-3, Will Hants 2-6, Adrian Hernandez 2-3. Italy — Davis 7-57-1, Edwin Wallace 13-43, Josh Chambers 3-14, Randy Johnson 12-78, Jontae Anderson 8-(minus 52).

Passing: Stanton — Herm 7-9-0-127-2. Italy — Davis 4-10-2-53-0, Anderson 4-5-0-82-0.

Receiving: Stanton — Chad Smith 3-43, Sal Gonzalez 1-4, Louder 1-7, Davis 1-53-1, Saldivar 1-20-1. Italy — Wallace 2-18, Johnson 3-48, David Weaver 2-35, Davis 1-15.

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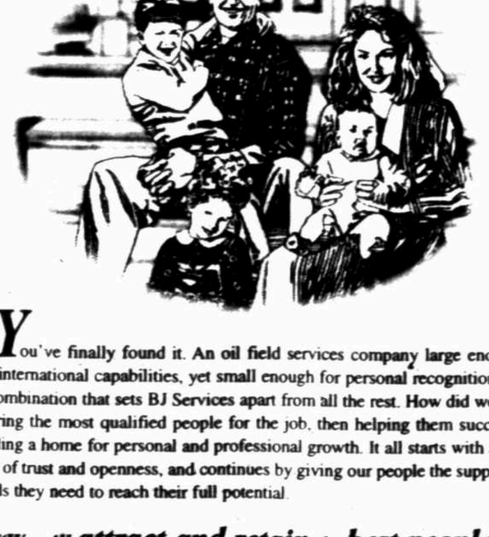

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New York	13	9	591	2 1/2
New Jersey	12	10	545	3 1/2
Boston	9	12	429	6
Washington	9	14	391	7
Philadelphia	6	14	300	8 1/2

Central Division

Atlanta	16	5	762	—
Charlotte	14	7	667	2
Cleveland	14	7	667	2
Indiana	13	8	619	3
Chicago	13	9	591	3 1/2
Milwaukee	11	11	500	5 1/2
Detroit	11	12	478	6
Toronto	2	20	.091	14 1/2

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Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	12	6	667	—
Utah	13	8	619	1/2
San Antonio	12	10	.545	2
Minnesota	9	12	.429	4 1/2
Vancouver	8	14	.364	6
Dallas	5	16	.238	8 1/2
Denver	2	19	.095	11 1/2

Pacific Division

Seattle	17	5	.773	—
L.A. Lakers	16	5	.762	1/2
Phoenix	13	6	.684	2 1/2
Portland	13	7	.650	3
Sacramento	7	14	.333	9 1/2
L.A. Clippers	4	18	.182	13
Golden State	3	16	.158	12 1/2

Saturday's Games

Late Game Not Included

Indiana 109, Washington 92
New Jersey 133, Denver 95
New York 95, Philadelphia 83
Charlotte 85, Cleveland 84
Detroit 93, Boston 77
Minnesota 112, Phoenix 101
San Antonio 107, Orlando 78
Chicago 97, Toronto 70
Miami 87, Milwaukee 84
Sacramento at Golden State (n)

Sunday's Games

L.A. Clippers at Seattle, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Sacramento, 8 p.m.
Houston at Vancouver, 8 p.m.
Dallas at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.

Pacers 109, Wizards 92

WASHINGTON (92): Howard 6-17 6-8 18, Webber 12-20 7-10 31, Williams 1-3 0-0 2, Cheaney 5-11 3-4 13, Strickland 3-12 2-4 8, Murray 4-10 0-0 9, Whitney 1-2 4-4 6, Ham 0-0 0-0 0, Eackles 2-7 1-1 5, Grant 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 34-83 23-31 92

INDIANA (109): Mullin 3-9 1-1 7, D.Davis 6-12 1-2 13, Smits 9-21 7-7 25, Miller 6-14 7-7 22, Jackson 2-5 4-4 8, A.Davis 2-5 4-4 8, Rose 3-7 3-3 9, Best 2-3 2-2 7, Pope 1-2 0-0 2, Hoiberg 2-2 2-2 8, Croshere 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 36-81 31-32 109

Washington	**27**	**26**	**20**	**19 — 92**
Indiana	**25**	**21**	**29**	**34 — 109**

3-Point goals—Washington 1-8 (Murray 1-4, Cheaney 0-1, Whitney 0-1, Webber 0-2), Indiana 6-14 (Miller 3-4, Hoiberg 2-2, Best 1-2, Jackson 0-1, Rose 0-2, Mullin 0-3). Fouled out—Howard. Rebounds—Washington 51 (Howard, Webber, Williams, Strickland 6), Indiana 52 (Smits 13). Assists—Washington 21 (Strickland 9), Indiana 23 (Jackson 6). Total fouls—Washington 22, Indiana 25.

Spurs 107, Magic 78

ORLANDO (78): Outlaw 2-4 4-7 8, Grant 7-16 0-0 14, Seikaly 6-12 0-1 12, Price 4-6 0-0 10, Wilkins 1-7 0-0 2, Harper 1-5 0-0 3, Armstrong 2-8 1-1 5, Evans 2-6 2-2 6, Schayes 3-6 2-2 8, Lawson 2-5 2-2 6, Taylor 0-4 0-0 0. Thomas 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 32-81 11-15 78

SAN ANTONIO (107): Elliott 2-5 1-2 5, Duncan 15-20 2-3 32, Robinson 9-13 0-0 18, Johnson 3-6 1-1 7, Del Negro 6-8 0-0 12, Perdue 2-2 1-2 5, Williams 3-6 2-2 8, Alexander 3-3 0-0 6, Rose 1-3 1-1 3, Jackson 3-7 0-0 7, Person 1-4 0-0 2, Herrera 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 49-78 8-11 107

Orlando	**18**	**18**	**20**	**22 — 78**
San Antonio	**34**	**18**	**31**	**24 — 107**

3-Point goals—Orlando 3-5, (Price 2-2, Harper 1-1, Wilkins 0-1, Armstrong 0-1), San Antonio 1-4, (Jackson 1-2, Elliott 0-1, Person 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Orlando 41 (Outlaw 8), San Antonio 44 (Duncan 11). Assists—Orlando 15 (Price, Harper 3), San Antonio 26 (Johnson 9). Total fouls—Orlando 16, San Antonio 18.

Timberwolves 112, Suns 101

PHOENIX (101): McCloud 6-18 2-2 16, McDyess 4-5 0-2 8, Williams 0-1 0-0 0, Ceballos 9-13 0-0 20, Kidd 7-13 3-4 20, Robinson 2-7 0-0 4, Manning 7-14 1-1 15, Nash 6-12 2-2 15, Milic 0-3 0-0 0, Bryant 0-0 1-2 1, Thompson 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 42-89 9-13 101

MINNESOTA (112): Garnett 8-12 4-6 20, Gugliotta 4-8 6-7 14, Roberts 4-6 0-0 8, Carr 8-14 1-2 18, Marbury 6-12 0-1 12, Hammonds 2-3 1-2 5, Mitchell 9-14 5-6 24, Wheat 0-0 0-0 0, Porter 3-7 2-3 9, Jordan 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 45-77 19-27 112

Phoenix	**31**	**23**	**28**	**19 — 101**
Minnesota	**31**	**26**	**22**	**31 — 112**

3-Point goals—Phoenix 8-26 (Kidd 3-3, Ceballos 2-5, McCloud 2-11, Nash 1-4, Robinson 0-1, Thompson 0-2), Minnesota 3-7 (Mitchell 1-1, Porter 1-2, Carr 1-3, Marbury 0-1). Rebounds—Phoenix 46 (Manning 8), Minnesota 45 (Garnett 8). Assists—Phoenix 23 (Kidd 8), Minnesota 34 (Marbury 14). Total fouls—Phoenix 21, Minnesota 13. Technicals—Ainge 2, McCloud, Porter, Minnesota illegal defense 3, Flagrant fouls—Mitchell, McCloud.

Hornets 85, Cavaliers 84

CHARLOTTE (85): Rice 9-23 9-9 32, Mason 3-10 3-4 9, Divac 6-10 0-0 12, Wesley 1-4 0-0 3, Phills 2-8 1-2 5, Geiger 1-4 2-2 4, Curry 4-8 0-0 11, Reid 2-4 0-0 4, Armstrong 2-3 1-1 5, Farmer 0-1 0-0 0, Beck 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 30-75 16-18 85.

CLEVELAND (84): Henderson 5-6 4-4 14, Kemp 9-16 7-8 25, Ilgauskas 6-12 3-3 15, Knight 3-8 0-1 6, Person 2-9 1-4 6, Ferry 0-5 3-3 3, Anderson 5-9 3-3 13, Potapenko 1-6 0-0 2, James 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 31-71 21-26 84.

Charlotte	**9**	**29**	**26**	**21 — 85**
Cleveland	**25**	**21**	**18**	**20 — 84**

3-Point goals—Charlotte 9-15 (Rice 5-8, Curry 3-5, Wesley 1-1, Phills 0-1), Cleveland 1-11 (Person 1-6, Henderson 0-1, Anderson 0-1, Ferry 0-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Charlotte 42 (Rice 9), Cleveland 50 (Person 9). Assists—Charlotte 21 (Wesley 5), Cleveland 22 (Knight 7). Total fouls—Charlotte 21, Cleveland 23.

Nets 133, Nuggets 95

DENVER (95): Ellis 0-4 0-0 0, Battie 4-11 1-2 9, Garrett 2-7 0-0 4, Washington 3-8 2-2 8, Jackson 7-13 4-4 18, Newman 7-12 7-9 21, Fortson 5-9 5-6 15, Goldwire 6-9 0-0 14, Lauderdale 1-1 0-0 2, Garris 2-2 0-0 4, Wolf 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 37-78 19-23 95

NEW JERSEY (133): Gill 5-9 0-0 10, Van Horn 8-11 11-15 30, Williams 8-15 2-2 18, Kittles 5-13 2-4 13, Douglas 9-14 1-3 19, Cassell 5-13 4-5 15, Benoit 5-9 0-0 12, Caige 1-1 0-0 2, Edwards 4-7 2-2 10, Dare 1-5 0-2 2, McDaniel 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 52-101 22-33 133.

Denver	**20**	**25**	**18**	**32 — 95**
New Jersey	**29**	**40**	**34**	**30 — 133**

3-Point goals—Denver 2-5 (Goldwire 2-3, Battie 0-1, Jackson 0-1), New Jersey 7-20 (Van Horn 3-4, Benoit 2-5, Cassell 1-2, Kittles 1-5, Gill 0-1, Douglas 0-1, Edwards 0-2). Fouled out—Battie. Rebounds—Denver 40 (Garrett 13), New Jersey 65 (Williams 22). Assists—Denver 13 (Jackson 4), New Jersey 32 (Cassell 9). Total fouls—Denver 26, New Jersey 21.

Knicks 95, 76ers 83

PHILADELPHIA (83): Jackson 5-12 0-0 11, Weatherspoon 2-6 0-0 4, Montross 3-5 3-4 9, Stackhouse 1-9 3-4 5, Iverson 8-20 12-13 29, Thomas 5-8 0-0 11, S.Williams 2-6 2-2 6, Davis 0-0 0-0 0, Cummings 3-7 0-0 6, Overton 1-3 0-0 2, Parker 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 30-76 20-23 83.

New York	**23**	**27**	**17**	**28 — 95**
Philadelphia	**26**	**19**	**16**	**22 — 83**

3-Point goals—Philadelphia 3-14 (Jackson 1-3, Thomas 1-4, Iverson 1-6, Stackhouse 0-1), New York 6-16 (Houston 3-6, Starks 2-5, Mills 1-3, Ward 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 47 (Weatherspoon, Montross 8), New York 52 (Ewing 13). Assists—Philadelphia 11 (Stackhouse 3), New York 25 (Ward 8). Total fouls—Philadelphia 17, New York 23. A—19,763 (19,763).

Pistons 93, Celtics 77

BOSTON (77): McCarty 7-15 4-6 19, Walker 8-23 0-0 19, Ellison 3-5 1-2 7, Billups 5-8 0-1 12, Mercer 4-11 0-0 8, Barros 0-2 0-0 0, DeClercq 1-5 0-2 2, Bowen 3-6 0-0 6, Thomas 1-1 0-0 2, Jones 0-0 0-0 0, Edney 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 33-77 5-11 77.

DETROIT (93): Hill 5-14 9-10 19, Ratliff 3-6 0-0 6, B.Williams 15-22 1-1 31, Dumars 4-10 1-1 10, Hunter 5-12 0-0 10, Sealy 3-4 0-0 6, J.Williams 3-8 3-4 9, O'Bannon 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 39-77 14-16 93

Boston	**22**	**17**	**21**	**17 — 77**
Detroit	**19**	**24**	**26**	**24 — 93**

3-Point goals—Boston 6-14 (Walker 3-7, Billups 2-5, McCarty 1-2), Detroit 1-6, (Dumars 1-4, Hunter 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Boston 43 (Walker 11), Detroit 47 (B.Williams 15). Assists—Boston 23 (Walker, Billups 6), Detroit 20 (Hill 8). Total fouls—Boston 21, Detroit 13.

Heat 87, Bucks 84

MIAMI (87): Brown 1-5 1-2 3, Mashburn 4-7 2-6 11, Austin 8-17 6-10 22, Hardaway 7-18 7-12 21, Lenard 5-9 9-9 21, Murdock 1-4 0-0 2, Askins 0-1 0-0 0, Mills 3-5 0-0 7, Causwell 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-66 25-39 87

MILWAUKEE (84): Hill 2-5 4-6 8, Robinson 13-22 2-2 28, Johnson 6-11 1-2 13, Allen 4-14 2-2 11, Perry 6-8 2-2 15, Lang 0-2 5-8 5, Curry 1-3 0-0 2, Gilliam 0-0 0-0 0, Pierce 1-2 0-0 2, Smith 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 33-67 16-22 84

Miami	**25**	**15**	**29**	**18 — 87**
Milwaukee	**28**	**13**	**25**	**18 — 84**

3-Point goals—Miami 4-10 (Lenard 2-3, Mashburn 1-1, Mills 1-2, Murdock 0-1, Askins 0-1, Hardaway 0-2), Milwaukee 2-6 (Perry 1-1, Allen 1-5). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Miami 42 (Hardaway 9), Milwaukee 49 (Johnson 14). Assists—Miami 14 (Hardaway 11), Milwaukee 16 (Allen 9). Total fouls—Miami 23, Milwaukee 26.

Bulls 97, Raptors 70

TORONTO (70): Miller 2-4 2-2 6, Camby 4-11 3-5 11, Tabak 2-6 0-2 4, Stoudamire 2-10 1-2 5, Williams 2-7 0-0 5, Wallace 7-15 0-2 14, Slater 5-10 1-2 11, Respert 2-6 0-0 4, McGrady 3-10 2-2 8, Garner 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 30-81 9-17 70

CHICAGO (97): Kukoc 6-7 2-6 15, Rodman 3-5 1-4 7, Longley 2-8 0-0 4, Harper 8-14 4-8 20, Jordan 4-16 3-4 11, Burrell 3-5 1-1 8, Caffey 2-4 0-0 4, Brown 1-4 2-4 4, Buechler 2-6 0-0 4, Wennington 4-7 4-5 12, Kerr 3-7 0-0 8, Kleine 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 38-83 17-32 97.

Toronto	**9**	**20**	**22**	**19 — 70**
Chicago	**24**	**16**	**29**	**28 — 97**

3-Point goals—Toronto 1-5, (Williams 1-3, Respert 0-2), Chicago 4-14, (Kerr 2-5, Kukoc 1-2, Burrell 1-2, Harper 0-2, Buechler 0-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Toronto 49 (Wallace 7), Chicago 70 (Rodman 14). Assists—Toronto 13 (Stoudamire, Garner 3), Chicago 27 (Rodman 14). Total fouls—Toronto 23, Chicago 19. A—23,867 (23,867).

NHL Results

NHL Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	22	9	0	44	94	55
Philadelphia	17	9	6	40	91	75
Washington	15	12	5	35	97	89
N.Y. Islanders	13	15	4	30	87	87
N.Y. Rangers	9	14	11	29	87	95
Florida	11	16	5	27	80	96
Tampa Bay	6	20	4	16	57	99

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	18	10	6	42	95	80
Montreal	18	12	4	40	102	85
Boston	15	12	5	35	80	82
Ottawa	13	15	4	30	80	77
Carolina	12	16	5	29	87	94
Buffalo	10	14	6	26	76	81

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	21	9	4	46	106	71
St. Louis	20	11	3	43	100	78
Detroit	19	8	5	43	107	77
Phoenix	13	14	5	31	85	89
Chicago	10	15	6	26	68	80
Toronto	10	15	5	25	65	81

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	16	8	9	41	97	84
Anaheim	12	15	6	30	76	95
Los Angeles	12	13	5	29	90	85
Edmonton	11	16	7	24	82	101
San Jose	11	18	3	25	80	96
Calgary	9	18	7	25	87	102
Vancouver	9	18	4	22	89	111

Saturday's Games

Late Games Not Included

N.Y. Islanders 4, Florida 1
Boston 4, Montreal 2
Tampa Bay 3, Ottawa 1
New Jersey 3, Toronto 0
Edmonton 4, St. Louis 1
Colorado at Vancouver, (n)
Washington at Los Angeles, (n)

Sunday's Games

San Jose at Chicago, 2 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Phoenix, 8 p.m.

Bruins 4, Canadiens 2

Montreal	**0**	**1**	**1**	**— 2**
Boston	**2**	**1**	**1**	**— 4**

First Period—1, Boston, Samsonov 4 (Carter), 8:22 (pp). 2, Boston, Carter 3 (Khristich, Sweeney), 14:32 (pp).

Second Period—3, Boston, Donato 13 (Heinze, Allison), 8:58. 4, Montreal, Stevenson 3, 15:09.

Third Period—5, Boston, Bourque 8 (Allison), 6:52. 6, Montreal, Bordeleau 2 (Manson, Damphousse), 19:02.

Goalies—Montreal, Moog 8-6-2 (25 shots-21 saves). Boston, Dafoe 11-10-4 (23-21).

Lightning 3, Senators 1

Tampa Bay	**1**	**1**	**1**	**— 3**
Ottawa	**0**	**0**	**1**	**— 1**

First Period—1, Tampa Bay, Ulanov 2 (Ysebaert, Hamrlik), 8:12 (pp).

Second Period—2, Tampa Bay, Zamuner 10 (Poulin, Andersson), 19:58.

Third Period—3, Ottawa, Gardiner 3 (Zholtok, Arvedsson), 3:31. 4, Tampa Bay, Wiemer 6, 19:27 (en).

Goalies—Tampa Bay, Schwab 1-8-1 (23 shots-22 saves). Ottawa, Tugnutt 6-5-3 (21-19).

Devils 3, Maple Leafs 0

New Jersey	**1**	**2**	**0**	**— 3**
Toronto	**0**	**0**	**0**	**— 0**

First Period—1, New Jersey, Gilmour 7 (Bodger), 1:20.

Second Period—2, New Jersey, Pederson 5 (McKay), 3:20. 3, New Jersey, Holik 17 (Andreychuk, Elias), 14:11.

Third Period—None.

Goalies—New Jersey, Brodeur 20-6-0 (25 shots-25 saves). Toronto, Potvin 9-10-4 (36-33).

Islanders 4, Panthers 1

Florida	**1**	**0**	**0**	**— 1**
N.Y. Islanders	**1**	**1**	**2**	**— 4**

First Period—1, New York, Lapointe 7 (Kruse, Lachance), 7:39. 2, Florida, Jovanovski 4 (Nemirovsky, Muller), 19:51 (pp).

Second Period—3, New York, Belanger 1 (Green, Hough), 5:51.

Third Period—4, New York, Bertuzzi 5 (Chorske), 2:55. 5, New York, Smolinski 6, 6:37.

Goalies—Florida, Fitzpatrick 2-7-1 (27 shots-23 saves). New York, Salo 10-10-1 (24-23).

Oilers 4, Blues 1

Edmonton	**1**	**1**	**2**	**— 4**
St. Louis	**0**	**1**	**0**	**— 1**

First Period—1, Edmonton, McGillis 7 (Weight), 8:35 (pp).

Second Period—2, St. Louis, Turcotte 4 (Twist, Poeschek), 5:46. 3, Edmonton, Lindgren 8 (Mironov, Marchant), 7:44 (pp).

Third Period—4, Edmonton, Mironov 8 (Marchment, Weight), 3:02 (pp). 5, Edmonton, Buchberger 3, 19:45 (en).

Goalies—Edmonton, Joseph 9-13-7 (37 shots-36 saves). St. Louis, Fuhr 16-8-3 (26-23).

NFL Glance

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Miami	9	5	0	.643	327	272
New England	9	6	0	.600	355	277
N.Y. Jets	8	6	0	.571	307	274
Buffalo	6	8	0	.429	220	316
Indianapolis	2	12	0	.143	244	362

Central

y-Pittsburgh	11	4	0	.733	366	291
Jacksonville	9	5	0	.643	354	295
Tennessee	7	7	0	.500	298	283
Baltimore	5	8	1	.393	291	310
Cincinnati	5	9	0	.357	308	367

West

y-Kansas City	11	3	0	.786	321	212
y-Denver	11	3	0	.786	417	250
Seattle	6	8	0	.429	305	332
Oakland	4	10	0	.286	294	377
San Diego	4	10	0	.286	256	358

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-N.Y. Giants	9	5	1	.633	287	256
Washington	7	7	1	.500	292	257
Philadelphia	6	7	1	.464	268	317
Dallas	6	8	0	.429	273	263
Arizona	3	11	0	.214	244	326

Central

x-Green Bay	11	3	0	.786	360	251
Tampa Bay	9	5	0	.643	268	217
Minnesota	8	6	0	.571	302	317
Detroit	7	7	0	.500	352	283
Chicago	3	11	0	.214	235	380

West

x-San Francisco	12	2	0	.857	332	210
Carolina	7	7	0	.500	237	253
Atlanta	6	8	0	.429	274	315
New Orleans	5	9	0	.357	197	292
St. Louis	4	10	0	.286	259	328

x-won division title
y-clinched playoff berth

Saturday's Games

NY Giants 30, Washington 10
Pittsburgh 24, New England 21, OT

Sunday's Games

Dallas at Cincinnati, noon
Detroit at Minnesota, noon
Tennessee at Baltimore, noon
Jacksonville at Buffalo, noon
Miami at Indianapolis, noon
Philadelphia at Atlanta, noon
Tampa Bay at New York Jets, noon
Arizona at New Orleans, 3 p.m.
Green Bay at Carolina, 3 p.m.
Kansas City at San Diego, 3 p.m.
Seattle at Oakland, 3 p.m.
Chicago at St. Louis, 7 p.m.

Monday's Game

Denver at San Francisco, 8 p.m.

Steelers 24, Patriots 21

Pittsburgh	**0**	**7**	**3**	**11**	**3 — 24**
New England	**0**	**14**	**0**	**7**	**0 — 21**

Second Quarter

NE—Coates 18 pass from Bledsoe (Vinatieri kick), 12:26.

NE—Gash 1 pass from Bledsoe (Vinatieri kick), 6:02.

Pit—Stewart 1 run (N.Johnson kick), :31.

Third Quarter

Pit—FG N.Johnson 36, 8:57.

Fourth Quarter

Pit—FG N.Johnson 34, 12:55.

NE—Meggett 49 pass from Bledsoe (Vinatieri kick), 10:31.

Pit—Bruener 1 pass from Stewart (Thigpen from Stewart), :38.

Overtime

Pit—FG N.Johnson 31, 10:17.

A—60,013.

	Pit	NE
First downs	22	15
Rushes-yards	40-138	18-42
Passing	266	211
Comp-Att-Int	26-48-2	21-36-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-00	0-00
Punts	5-43.0	6-44.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	10-72	5-35
Time of Possession	41:04	23:39

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Pittsburgh, Bettis 28-80, Stewart 10-57, G.Jones 2-1. New England, Cullors 5-19, Grier 6-14, Meggett 4-8, Gash 1-2, Bledsoe 2-(minus 1).

PASSING—Pittsburgh, Stewart 26-48-2-266. New England, Bledsoe 21-36-2-211.

RECEIVING—Pittsburgh, C.Johnson 6-87, Hawkins 5-77, Thigpen 5-45, Bruener 5-43, Bettis 4-12, G.Jones 1-2. New England, Jefferson 5-57, Coates 5-39, Meggett 4-66, Brown 3-32, Brisby 1-9, Byers 1-5, Cullors 1-2, Gash 1-1.

Giants 30, Redskins 10

Washington	**0**	**3**	**7**	**0 — 10**
N.Y. Giants	**17**	**3**	**0**	**10 — 30**

First Quarter

NYG—FG Daluiso 41, 12:44.

NYG—Way 15 run (Daluiso kick), 10:03.

NYG—Calloway 7 pass from Kanell (Daluiso kick), 1:14.

Second Quarter

Was—FG Blanton 33, 10:11.

NYG—FG Daluiso 28, :26.

Third Quarter

Was—Connell 43 pass from Hostetler, 12:17 (Blanton kick).

Fourth Quarter

NYG—FG Daluiso 28, 14:24.

NYG—Sehorn 35 interception return (Daluiso kick), 14:03.

A—77,571.

	Was	NY
First downs	14	18
Rushes-yards	15-45	37-130
Passing	275	110
Comp-Att-Int	23-42-4	13-25-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-13	2-15
Punts	3-41.0	6-40.2
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	1-0
Penalties-Yards	4-40	5-46
Time of Possession	25:15	34:45

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Washington, Davis 10-41, Connell 1-3, Hostetler 2-1, Bowe 1-0, Turk 1-0. New York, Way 11-49, Hampton 11-43, Barber 13-32, Kanell 1-4, Patten 1-2.

PASSING—Washington, Hostetler 23-42-4-288. New York, Kanell 13-25-2-125.

RECEIVING—Washington, Connell 5-89, Mitchell 5-70, Asher 4-48, Davis 3-23, Thomas 3-21, Thrash 2-24, Ellard 1-13. New York, Cross 5-52, Calloway 2-17, Way 2-17, Toomer 1-14, Patten 1-9, Pierce 1-9, Barber 1-7.

Diners Club Golf

LA QUINTA, Calif. (AP) — Results Friday of the $2.1 million Diners Club Matches:

Round Robin

PGA Tour (6,909 yards)

Pool A

Brad Faxon and Billy Andrade def. Steve Elkington and Jeff Maggert, 1-up.

Justin Leonard and Mike Hulbert def. John Daly and Tim Herron, 1-up.

Pool B

Tommy Tolles and John Cook def. Mark Calcavecchia and Jeff Sluman, 2 and 1.

Tom Lehman and Duffy Waldorf def. Jim Furyk and Lee Janzen, 3 and 1.

LPGA Tour (6,383 yards)

Pool A

Nancy Lopez and Laura Davies def. Karne Webb and Kelly Robbins, 1-up.

Tammie Green and Donna Andrews def. Alison Nicholas and Helen Alfredsson, 20 holes.

Pool B

Juli Inkster and Dottie Pepper def. Annika Sorenstam and Michelle McGann, 3 and 1.

Betsy King and Chris Johnson def. Brandie Burton and Colleen Walker, 4 and 3.

Senior PGA Tour (6,700 yards)

Pool A

Gil Morgan and Jay Sigel def. Jack Kiefer and Bob Duval, 24 holes.

Bruce Summerhays and Vicente Fernandez def. John Jacobs and Gary Player, 2 and 1.

Pool B

David Graham and Chi Chi Rodriguez def. Jim Colbert and Bob Murphy, 4 and 2.

Bob Eastwood and Walter Morgan def. Dave Stockton and Larry Nelson, 2 and 1.

Super Tour Scores

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Scores Saturday after the third round of the six-day, four-stop $350,000 Johnnie Walker Super Tour

J. Parnevik, Sweden	67-71-68 — 206
Nick Faldo, England	67-71-72 — 210
Ernie Els, South Africa	69-71-71 — 211
Felix Casas, Philippines	70-71-71 — 212
B. Ruangkit, Thailand	72-70-70 — 212
Hoong Cha-yuh, Taiwan	77-77-72 — 226
Maan Nasim, Indonesia	74-87-68 — 229

New Zealand

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP) — Leading scores Saturday after the third round of the $300,000 New Zealand Open:

Greg Turner, New Zland	69-69-71 — 209
Lucas Parsons, Australia	72-65-73 — 210
Brett Partridge, Australia	72-71-69 — 212
Craig Parry, Australia	73-71-70 — 214
Andrew Coltart, Scotland	71-70-75 — 216
M. Whitehouse, N. Zland	75-71-70 — 216
Frank Nobilo, New Zland	72-71-73 — 216
Ben Ferguson, Australia	72-69-76 — 217
Paul Gow, Australia	73-76-68 — 217

College Basketball

Men's Scores

SOUTHWEST

Lamar 75, Nicholls St. 63
Memphis 80, Oklahoma 78
SW Texas St. 73, Southwestern, Texas 55
Texas Tech 86, Prairie View 63
Texas-El Paso 71, Texas-San Antonio 62

EAST

American U. 75, Catholic U. 67
Canisius 71, Niagara 61
Colgate 80, Marist 69
Hartford 92, Sacred Heart 72
Hofstra 71, Florida Atlantic 62
James Madison 66, Duquesne 63
Loyola, Md. 73, Towson 71
New Hampshire 67, Dartmouth 54
New Orleans 77, Villanova 64
Northeastern 47, Harvard 45
Rhode Island 91, UNLV 83
Rider 64, Monmouth, N.J. 43
St. Bonaventure 63, Buffalo 59
Temple 74, DePaul 43
Wagner 62, Norfolk St. 50
West Virginia 89, Ohio U. 63

SOUTH

Alabama St. 68, Auburn-Montgomery 66
Austin Peay 83, Webster 60
Cent. Florida 86, Nova Southeastern 62
Citadel 77, Stetson 64
Coastal Carolina 58, Newberry 47
Fla. International 68, Alabama A&M 66
George Washington 58, Old Dominion 56
Georgia 55, East Carolina 54
Hampton U. 68, Howard U. 66
Jacksonville St. 71, Georgia Southern 59
Kentucky 85, Georgia Tech 71
Marshall 103, Rio Grande 64
Maryland 104, Md.-Baltimore County 66
Morgan St. 71, Md.-E. Shore 54
Murray St. 98, Washington, Mo. 66
N.C.-Asheville 89, Montreat 50
NE Louisiana 79, Grambling St. 72
North Carolina 50, Princeton 42
Rutgers 72, South Florida 60
Samford 58, E. Kentucky 55
Virginia 73, Va. Commonwealth 67
Virginia Tech 79, E. Tennessee St. 50
Winthrop 97, Marywood 55

MIDWEST

Ball St. 68, Wisconsin 56
Butler 63, Evansville 46
Dayton 94, Wright St. 63
Detroit 68, Michigan St. 65
Ill.-Chicago 72, Valparaiso 51
Illinois 71, Clemson 61
Illinois St. 71, Creighton 52
Iowa 60, Iowa St. 59
Kansas 103, Middle Tenn. 68
Michigan 81, Duke 73
Mississippi 71, Wichita St. 48
Missouri 65, SE Missouri 64
Nebraska 70, Minnesota 66
Northwestern 51, Seton Hall 44
S. Illinois 92, Alaska-Fairbanks 69
Saint Louis 68, Mo.-Kansas City 59
W. Illinois 80, E. Illinois 72
Xavier 88, Cincinnati 68

FAR WEST

Arizona 99, Coppin St. 82
Boise St. 79, Washington St. 72
Colorado St. 69, Cleveland St. 62
Montana St. 87, Rocky Mountain 50
N. Arizona 91, W. Oregon 63
New Mexico St. 82, SE Louisiana 79
Pacific 85, Fresno St. 74
Portland St. 92, Cascade 41
Sacramento St. 73, Cal Poly-SLO 70
San Diego 84, S. Utah 59

TOURNAMENTS

Boilermaker Invitational Championship

Purdue 107, San Francisco 82

Third Place

Idaho St. 63, Tenn.-Martin 50

Carrier Classic Championship

Syracuse 72, Miami, Ohio 53

Third Place

La Salle 73, Texas Southern 67

Cougar Classic Championship

Brigham Young 53, Pepperdine 52

Third Place

Auburn 63, Weber St. 58

Indiana Classic Championship

Indiana 64, South Alabama 56

Third Place

Wis.-Green Bay 80, Alcorn St. 62

TCU Tournament Championship

Texas Christian 99, Baylor 75

Third Place

Louisiana Tech 83, Miss. Valley St. 65

Michigan 81, No. 1 Duke 73

DUKE (9-1): Chappell 5-8 1-2 13, Battier 0-1 2-2 2, Brand 7-12 5-10 19, Wojciechowski 4-12 2-2 12, Langdon 4-12 2-2 12, McLeod 1-5 0-0 2, Avery 0-3 0-0 0

Giants force 6 turnovers, grab NFC East title

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Great defenses made the New York Giants Super Bowl champions under Bill Parcells.

■ NFL Roundup

Jim Fassel didn't change the formula in resurrecting the team and leading it Saturday to its first NFC East title since 1990.

On an afternoon the Gatorade bath and the cries of "Dee-fense" returned to the Giants Stadium, Jason Sehorn scored on a 35-yard interception return and the defense forced six turnovers. The Giants' 30-10 victory over the Washington Redskins returned them to the playoffs for the first time in four years.

The performance highlighted a season that saw Fassel, a noted quarterback guru, lead a team that finished last under Dan Reeves in 1996 to an improbable title that began with losses of three of the first four games.

The victory guaranteed the Giants (9-5-1) a home game in the first round of the playoffs in two weeks. It also put Washington (7-7-1) in a situation where it must beat Philadelphia at home next week and then get help to make the playoffs.

Charles Way, bypassed in the Pro Bowl selections last week, scored on a 15-yard run, Danny Kanell threw a 7-yard touchdown pass to Chris Calloway and Brad Daluiso kicked three field goals for the Giants, who got only one sustained drive from their offense.

The Redskins virtually handed the Giants the game, and there was little former Giants quarterback Jeff Hostetler could do to turn things around.

A fumble by halfback Stephen Davis and a mishandled snap by punter Matt Turk helped the Giants take a 17-0 first-quarter lead.

Hostetler, who took over for an injured Phil Simms in 1990 and led the Giants to a Super Bowl, briefly got Washington back into the game with a 41-yard touchdown pass to Albert Connell, cutting the lead to 20-10 early in the third quarter.

However, the defense stepped in front of his passes the rest of the way and or fell on loose ball when Washington put them on the ground. Sehorn provided the final blow with his fourth-quarter return, his second interception of the game.

Steelers 24, Patriots 21, OT

FOXBORO, Mass. — Forget about "Slash." Just call Kordell Stewart "The Comeback Kid."

For the second straight week, Pittsburgh's multi-talented leader rallied the Steelers from a 14-point deficit, a wild trip to a 24-21 overtime win Saturday that kept the New England Patriots from clinching a playoff berth.

It ended with Norm Johnson's 31-yard field goal on the only possession of overtime. And it was made possible by Kevin Henry's interception that led to Stewart's 1-yard touchdown pass to Mark Bruener with 38 seconds left in the fourth quarter and his two-point conversion completion to Yancey Thigpen.

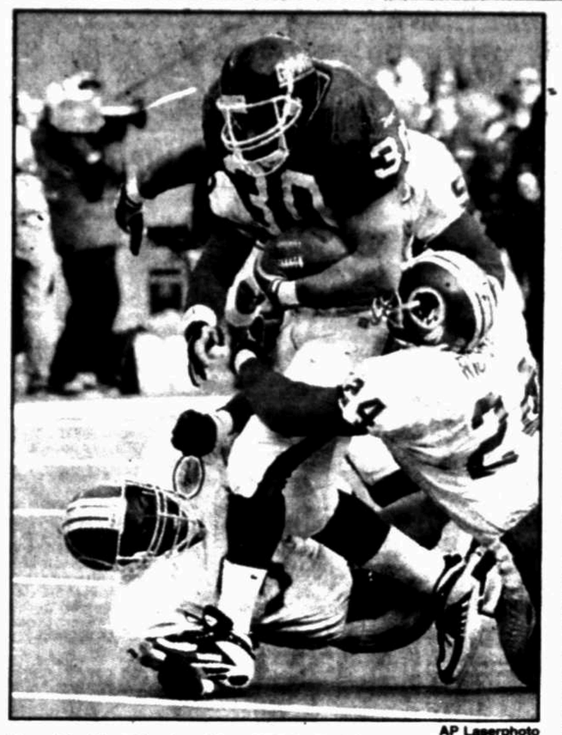
The Patriots had taken a 21-13 lead on Drew Bledsoe's 49-yard touchdown connection with Dave Meggett with 10:31 left in the fourth quarter. And they had the ball again as the clock was winding down.

Then Bledsoe, whose string of 15 quarters without an interception ended early in the fourth quarter, committed a disastrous mistake.

He threw the ball to his left, right into the hands of defensive end Kevin Henry, who began charging downfield.

As Bledsoe struggled to haul him down, Henry flipped the ball to teammate Orpheus Roye at the Patriots 18-yard line. Roye ran into the end zone, but the officials ruled it was a forward lateral and gave Pittsburgh the ball at the 18 with two minutes to go.

Thigpen made a diving fourth-down catch just inside the sideline, moving the ball from the 15 to the 4. Stewart ran 3 yards and, after Jerome Bettis was held to no gain, Stewart hooked up with Bruener and then Thigpen to tie it.



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New York's Charles Way (30) bulls his way through two Redskins, including Stanley Richard (24), for a touchdown during the Giants' 30-10 win Saturday in East Rutherford, N.J.

Playing for pride is something Aikman can barely remember

By Joe Kay
AP Sports Writer

CINCINNATI — Troy Aikman hasn't felt this way since he was a rookie.

With two games left in the season, the Dallas Cowboys (6-8) have virtually nothing at stake. Talk of the postseason has all but vanished; playing for pride is in.

It's quite a comedown for a team that's been to the playoffs every year since 1991 and won three Super Bowls.

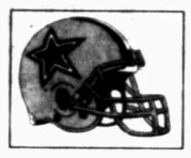
"It's the first time that I've gone through it since my rookie year in 1989," Aikman said. "It's a different circumstance, no question about it. I think this is maybe one of the most difficult things to do, when you get towards the end of the season and for the most part your playoff hopes are gone."

They're not entirely gone, but close enough. In order for the Cowboys to get a wild-card berth, they have to beat the Cincinnati Bengals (5-9) on Sunday and the New York Giants a week later.

In addition, Washington, Detroit and Carolina have to lose their last two games, Philadelphia has to lose to Atlanta, and Atlanta has to lose to Arizona.

In effect, they have about as much chance of making the playoffs as Cincinnati, which has no chance at all.

"We're preparing for a team in the same situation — they're not playing for anything, except they're playing at home for their fans," coach Barry Switzer said. "They've been in this situation for a long time and they're probably better prepared to play in it than we are, psychologically."



He's right about that. Since 1991, the Bengals have become experts at playing their best when it no longer matters.

In the past seven years, the Bengals have gone 9-47 in the first half of the season and 26-28 over the final eight games. For the second consecutive year, they're finishing with an impressive rush.

Last year, they went 7-2 after Bruce Coslet replaced Dave Shula as head coach. This year, they started 1-7 and came together when the playoffs were out of the picture and Boomer Esiason replaced Jeff Blake as the starting quarterback.

Cincinnati has scored 114 points in the last three games, one of the best spurts in franchise history. The Bengals are coming off a 41-14 victory over the Tennessee Oilers that represented their biggest margin of victory in nearly seven years.

It was impressive by every measure. Corey Dillon set a rookie record by rushing for 246 yards and the Bengals piled up 515 total yards with Esiason running the show.

"You have what might be the best-functioning offense in football for the last four or five weeks," Esiason said.

The Bengals have been re-energized by Esiason's return and are looking forward to the Cowboys' visit.

"They're still Dallas," offensive tackle Willie Anderson said. "Everybody grew up wanting to play for Dallas or against Dallas. My family wants to see me play, but they also want to see Troy, Emmitt, Deion and the guys."

The fans are caught up as well. The game sold out on Aug. 21; the only other sellout this season was for a game against Pittsburgh.

Some fans were looking forward to seeing Deion Sanders return to the stadium where he played baseball last summer for the Reds. But there will be no Deion on Sunday — at least, not in uniform. He's sidelined by a cracked rib.

His teammates aren't doing much better. Aikman was temporarily knocked out of a 23-13 loss to Carolina on Monday night, but plans to play on Sunday. The rest of the offense is one big wound — tight end Eric Bjornson is out with a broken shin, Emmitt Smith is severely limited by a shoulder injury, guard Nate Newton has a sprained knee and tackle Erik Williams has a rib injury.

"This is a team that's wounded in more ways than one," Coslet said. "I think they're physically wounded, their pride is wounded and they're dangerous.

"They've been champions for a long, long time, and we will not take that lightly."

Bills' Tasker to retire after season

Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Buffalo Bills special teams star Steve Tasker will retire after the season, leaving behind a 13-year career that includes four Super Bowls and seven Pro Bowls.

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Tasker made the announcement Saturday, a day before the Bills were to play the Jacksonville Jaguars in their next-to-last game of the regular season. He is one of five Buffalo players remaining from all four Super Bowl teams.

"It's been one long list of gifts," said Tasker, who is planning a career in broadcasting. "As I looked around here the past week, I realized I received another gift — the gift of wisdom to know when to walk away."

Perhaps the best special teams player in NFL history, Tasker made a career out of covering punts, blocking punts and returning them. He also was on kickoff coverage, kickoff return and played wide receiver in his career.

"I think he established over the last 12 years he is not just the greatest special teams player that ever played but a tremendous credit to the game and the Buffalo Bills," Bills coach Marv Levy said. "He's been a successful football player. He's going to be successful beyond."

Tasker has made a stronger argument than any other player in history about whether a special teams player should be inducted into the Hall of Fame. He is almost certain to be enshrined in the team's Wall of Fame that circles Rich Stadium.

He became a regular at the Pro Bowl and became the only special teams player in history to win most valuable player in the postseason all-star game, which he did in 1993. He made All-Pro six consecutive seasons, ending in 1996.

Packers deactivate Brown for Panthers game

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Green Bay Packers nose tackle Gilbert Brown, whose 345-pound frame is a formidable obstacle for running backs, was declared inactive for Sunday's game against the Carolina Panthers.

Brown will rest sore ankles. Joining Brown on the inactive list are wide receiver Derrick Mayes, tight end Jeff Thomason and offensive guard Joe Andruzzi.

Bucs victory would clinch playoff trip for entire state

By Dave Goldberg
AP Football Writer

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers are playing for a whole state this Sunday.

If they beat the New York Jets at Giants Stadium on Sunday, they guarantee that all three of Florida's NFL teams make the playoffs. The Bucs make it for the first time since 1982, and Miami and Jacksonville also get in.

The Bucs, of course, are worried only about themselves after 13 10-loss seasons in the past 14. At 9-5 they've already ensured themselves their first winning season since they went 5-4 in that strike-shortened 1982 season.

Interestingly, the game may be more important for the AFC, where just seven teams are alive for six berths entering the weekend and the Jets (8-6) are out with just one loss. Thus a Tampa Bay win puts in not only its northern and southern neighbors, but also New England, which lost 24-21 in overtime Saturday to Pittsburgh.

The Bucs should be familiar with the Meadowlands.

Two weeks ago, they were there to play the Giants, getting unusually docile weather for late November and winning 20-8. The Bucs have never won in temperatures under 42 degrees and the forecast said it will be just about 42 at gametime.

The Jets, probably the NFL's biggest surprise for the first three-quarters of the season, have lost two straight, including last week's 22-14 loss at home to the Colts, just the second win this season for Indianapolis.

One reason was a patchwork offensive line, without tackles David Williams and Jumbo Elliott, that allowed eight sacks.

Williams has a chance to get back this week, but it still will be a jumbled, inexperienced line that faces the Bucs' strong pass rush.

"That is what we have. I don't have a lot of options," says coach Bill Parcells.

The Bucs have injury concerns, too, mainly quarterback Trent Dilfer's ankle, sprained last week in the 17-6 loss to Green Bay in which the Packers clinched the AFC Central title.

If he doesn't go, it's Steve Walsh, one of those "where is he now?" backups who commute around the NFL.

"They brought me in to fill in for this type of scenario and obviously the season is on the line," Walsh said. "A win and we're in the playoffs and that would be a huge accomplishment."

For a whole state.

Walsh should know. He played in college at Miami.

The New York Giants opened the weekend Saturday by clinching the NFC East with a 30-10 win over Washington. Then Pittsburgh beat New England 24-21 in overtime.

In other Sunday games with playoff implications, Detroit is at Minnesota; Jacksonville at Buffalo; Miami at Indianapolis; Philadelphia at Atlanta; Green Bay at Carolina; and Kansas City at San Diego.

Dallas, barely alive, is at Cincinnati. Tennessee is at Baltimore, Arizona at New Orleans and Seattle at Oakland in games that have no bearing on any races.

Denver is at San Francisco on Monday night.

The playoff picture should be clearer after this weekend, particularly in the AFC, where the main emphasis is on positioning.

Kansas City, Denver and Pittsburgh all have clinched at least a wild card and if the Chiefs win their last two games — at San Diego and at home to New Orleans — they clinch the AFC West and home field in the conference.

The Dolphins and Jaguars will all clinch if they win OR if the Jets lose and the Patriots are also in if New York loses.

The AFC East title might come down to the final Monday night of the season, when the Pats and Dolphins meet in Miami. After its win Saturday, Pittsburgh leads Jacksonville by 1 1-2 games in the AFC Central title.

The NFC is more complicated.

San Francisco and Green Bay have clinched the West and Central and first-round byes, and the 49ers will get home field with one win in their final two games.

The Giants (9-5) will be the third seed in the NFC. The Redskins (7-7-1) can still get a wild card by beating Philadelphia and getting help.

Minnesota, which has lost four straight, can still clinch a playoff berth by beating Detroit on Sunday.

The Lions, Philadelphia, Carolina, Dallas and Atlanta all remain alive, although the Eagles (6-7-1), Cowboys and Falcons (both 6-8) only marginally.

Green Bay (11-3) at Carolina (7-7)
Detroit (7-7) at Minnesota (8-6)

These two games are more important for the Vikings, Lions and Panthers than for the Packers, who have clinched a first-round bye and are unlikely to get home field.

Despite the losing streak, the Vikings can clinch a wild-card spot with a win against the Lions, who started Minnesota's slide with a 38-15 win a month ago. The Vikings' quarterback is now Randall Cunningham, who made his first start in more than two seasons in San Francisco last week.

The Lions and Panthers are in similar positions. If they win their final two, they've got a shot — 9-7 should be good enough in the NFC.

But Carolina's task is harder. The Packers, who beat them 30-13 in the NFC title game last season, aren't about to rest anyone and the Panthers have a lot of key injuries. Cornerback Eric Davis is definitely out and starters Kerry Collins, Wesley Walls, Raghib Ismail and Fred Lane are all banged up.

"We know we don't have a lot of margin for error," says Dom Capers, who canceled his contact drills this week because of the injuries.

Jacksonville (9-5) at Buffalo (6-8)
Miami (9-5) at Indianapolis (2-12)

The other two-thirds of the Florida connection.

The Dolphins and Jaguars need only to win to ensure wild cards and the Dolphins can win the AFC East with two victories — the second would be the final game against New England.

The Bills might be better off in the Colts' position, holding the No. 1 pick in the draft if they lose out. Buffalo's six wins won't give them a shot at solving their quarterback dilemma with Peyton Manning or Ryan Leaf. Even owner Ralph Wilson acknowledged this week that Todd Collins doesn't seem to be the answer.

Kansas City (11-3) at San Diego (4-10)

The Chiefs can clinch home field in the AFC if they win and the Broncos lose Monday night in San Francisco. But that also sets up a dangerous first playoff game — the Broncos are likely to be the Chiefs' first playoff opponent.

Marty Schottenheimer, whose team has beaten San Francisco and Oakland by a combined 74-9 in its last two games, will stick with Rich Gannon, who has quarterbacked the Chiefs to consecutive wins over the Broncos, Seahawks, 49ers and Raiders.

Elvis Grbac, the starter, is still coming back from a broken collarbone. But to be ready for the playoffs, Grbac probably needs game action, perhaps next week against the Saints.

Dallas (6-8) at Cincinnati (5-9)
Philadelphia (6-7-1) at Atlanta (6-8)

"I can't imagine us still being in it," Dan Reeves says of his Falcons, who have won four in a row. "If we are, that's great. But I don't think we're really worrying about anything other than trying to win."

Dallas' loss to Carolina on Monday night left the Cowboys in the same position. The chances of them making it are almost nil and they know it. Their goal? "We still have a chance for a .500 season," says Barry Switzer.

The Eagles have a better shot if they win at Atlanta, then beat the Redskins, although Ray Rhodes seemed resigned to being out of the playoffs for the first time in his three-year coaching career after the loss to the Giants last week.

The Bengals are making what's becoming an annual garbage-time run behind the rejuvenated Boomer Esiason and rookie running back Corey Dillon.

Tennessee (7-7) at Baltimore (5-8-1)
Arizona (3-11) at New Orleans (5-9)
Seattle (6-8) at Oakland (4-10)
Chicago (3-11) at St. Louis (4-10)

These games are for next year, draft positioning, or to save coaches' jobs.

"The bottom line is having a winning season," says safety Marcus Robertson of the Oilers. "Granted we're not going to make the playoffs, but 9-7 would be the best record we've had in some time, and it would be something to build on for next year."

The rest of this group doesn't have that luxury.

Seattle is going at quarterback with Jon Kitna, who tore up the World League last spring. The Seahawks also have that .500 incentive, although even that may not save Dennis Erickson's job.

Joe Bugel in Oakland also is in jeopardy, Dave Wannstedt in Chicago and Vince Tobin in Arizona might be, and who knows what Mike Ditka will say this week about his future?

Denver (11-3) at San Francisco (12-2)
(Monday night)

The Broncos, who by this time last year had clinched everything in the AFC, now have only an outside shot at home field — they have to win twice and hope Kansas City loses once to San Diego or New Orleans. The Niners need to win only this one or at Seattle next week and they clinch home field in the NFC.

It will be an emotional night for the 49ers, who rebounded from a 44-9 thrashing in Kansas City to beat Minnesota 28-17 last week.

For one thing, Joe Montana's number will be retired at halftime. For another, Jerry Rice, who underwent major knee surgery after being injured in an opening-day loss in Tampa, may make an unprecedented return.

Congratulations

FLASHBACK

Midland U-12 girls soccer team finishes second at state tournament

MESQUITE -- The Midland Flashback U-12 girls soccer team finished in 2nd place in the North Texas State Soccer Association Target Tournament of Champions, Dec. 6-7, losing the title game in a driving rainstorm to the Wichita Falls Angels, 4-0.

Flashback opened the tournament Saturday with a 3-0 win over Grapevine-Southlake and followed that with 2-0 wins over Richardson and Tyler. In Saturday night's quarterfinal, Flashback scored another 2-0 win, over Garland.

In Sunday morning's semifinal, Flashback scored a goal with under one minute remaining in the second overtime to defeat the Aledo Bearcats, 1-0, before advancing to the championship game.

Congratulations, Flashback!

Flashback members pictured above: Top row (l-r): Lance Posey, coach; Sarah Taylor, Afton Glanton, Jessica Harkins, Brooke Wilson, Charlotte Epley, Cassie Meyer, Martha Scarborough, Courtney Major, Mike Wilson, coach. Bottom row (l-r): Jennifer Patterson, Jordan "Jordy" Posey, Beth Osterwisch, Katie Liddell, Amy Wallace, Amy Lawler, Riley Blake.

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Michigan upsets No. 1 Blue Devils

Associated Press

Robert Traylor scored 24 points and Louis Bullock added 23 as the Wolverines overcame a 17-point deficit to knock off No. 1 Duke, 81-73, Saturday in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Duke (9-1) opened the second half with 3-pointers by Mike Chappell and Trajan Langdon for a 52-35 lead. But the Blue Devils soon after endured a 4:39 stretch without a basket, and scored just two baskets over the final 7:46, the second with less than a second to play.

Bullock scored 17 points in the second half and Traylor had 15 over the final 20 minutes for Michigan (6-2).

Freshman Elton Brand scored 19 points for the Blue Devils, who were 9-of-29 in the second half and shot just 41.3 percent for the game. The Wolverines outrebounded Duke 45-29.

No. 4 Kentucky 85, No. Georgia Tech 71

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Heshimu Evans scored the first six points of a 16-5 run that helped No. 4 Kentucky erase an 11-point deficit and go on to beat No. 24 Georgia Tech.

Georgia Tech (5-2) used a 17-2 spurt to take a 27-16 lead with 5:09 remaining in the half.

No. 6 Arizona 99, Coppin St. 82

TUCSON, Ariz. — Coach Lute Olson's 350th victory at Arizona did not come easily.

The Wildcats, ahead by only four points with 10:45 left in the game, used a 9-0 run to take a 75-62 lead. Miles Simon, held to just two free throws over the first 30 minutes, sparked the Wildcats with a 3-pointer and dunk during the deciding run. Simon finished with 15 points.

Illinois 71, No. 17 Clemson 61

CHICAGO — Matt Heldman scored 17 points, including 14 straight free throws, as Illinois rallied in the second half.

Illinois trailed by eight points and overtook the cold-shooting Tigers by going 21-of-25 from the free throw line over the final 20 minutes.

No. 20 Temple 74, DePaul 43

PHILADELPHIA — Julian Dunkley scored 15 points and DePaul missed 20 of its first 21 shots as the Owls took a commanding first-half lead.

Dunkley, a 6-foot-10 forward who is one of Temple's best outside shooters, sparked a 24-3 first-half run with four 3-pointers. DePaul, meanwhile, began the game 0-for-10, going scoreless for the first 7:32.

No. 7 Xavier 88, Cincinnati 68

CINCINNATI — Xavier attached an exclamation point to its claim as the city's top basketball team.

Guards Lenny Brown and Gary Lumpkin each scored 23 points and triggered a wilting defense as Xavier (6-1) finished with its most lopsided win over Cincinnati in 41 years. The Musketeers have won

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the last two games between the nearby rivals.

No. 10 Iowa 60, Iowa St. 59

AMES, Iowa — Ryan Bowen scored the winning basket on a putback with 1:40 left and Guy Rucker blocked a last-second shot as Iowa escaped after blowing a 12-point lead.

Iowa (7-1) survived 28 percent second-half shooting and held on after Iowa State (4-3) failed to capitalized on two chances to go ahead in the final minute.

No. 2 North Carolina 50, No. 22 Princeton 42

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — The Tar Heels will likely move to the top of the college basketball polls after the nail-biting victory.

Duke's 81-73 loss earlier in the day at Michigan should drop the top-ranked Blue Devils and give arch-rival North Carolina (10-0) its first No. 1 ranking since the final Associated Press poll of the 1993-94 season.

No. 3 Kansas 103, Middle Tenn. 68

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Raef LaFrentz scored 20 points and Billy Thomas became Kansas' career leader in 3-pointers.

Kansas (11-1) won its 51st straight home game, the longest current streak in Division I.

No. 19 Maryland 104, Md.-Baltimore County 66

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Laron Profit scored 16 of his 18 points in the first half as the Terrapins beat their in-state rival for the ninth time in as many meetings.

Sarunas Jasikevicius had 18 points and eight assists for the Terrapins (5-3), who extended their non-conference home winning streak to 56 games.

No. 23 Georgia 55, East Carolina 54

GREENVILLE, N.C. — Badi Oliver made a free throw with no time remaining as the Bulldogs survived bad shooting and 16 turnovers.

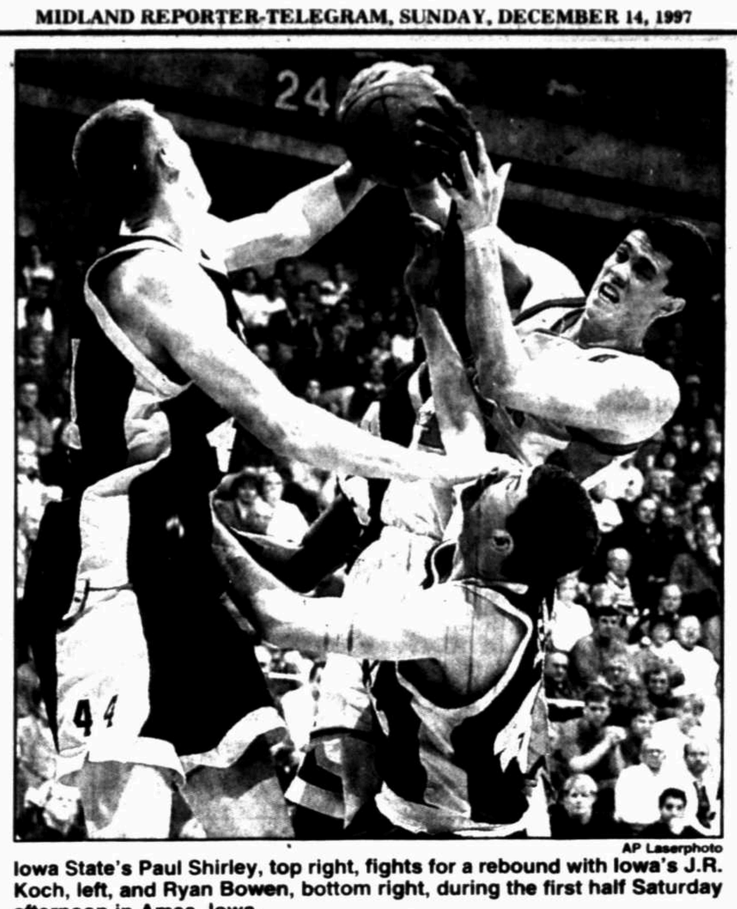
No. 8 Purdue 107, San Francisco 82

At West Lafayette, Ind., Chad Austin scored 29 points to lead No. 8 Purdue to the Boilermaker Invitational championship.

Purdue (8-2) has won six consecutive titles and is 15-1 in the tournament's eight-year history. San Francisco (5-2) was led by Hakeem Ward with 25 points.

No. 21 Mississippi 71, Wichita St. 48

At Wichita, Kan., Ansu Sesay and reserve guard Joezen Darby scored 15 points each for Ole Miss (5-1), which had little trouble against the less experienced Shockers (2-6), who trailed from the start in dropping their sixth in a row.



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Iowa State's Paul Shirley, top right, fights for a rebound with Iowa's J.R. Koch, left, and Ryan Bowen, bottom right, during the first half Saturday afternoon in Ames, Iowa.

TCU blows out Baylor

FORT WORTH (AP) — Hot backcourt shooting lifted Texas Christian to a 99-75 victory over former Southwest Conference rival Baylor on Saturday for the championship of the TCU Invitational.

TCU (9-0) got 22 points each from its backcourt trifecta of Prince Fowler, Mike Jones and Malcolm Johnson.

Baylor (4-4) was led by the 17 points of Roddrick Miller and the 13 points, 11 rebounds and five blocked shots by Brian Skinner.

Jones and Johnson combined for 36 of their 44 points in the second half to help TCU overcome a blown lead and then turn the game into a rout.

Baylor trailed 44-40 at the half, but rallied for a 53-51 lead after 4:24 of the second half after a 3-pointer by Leon Morris. Jones scored five consecutive points to put the Horned Frogs on top again, and TCU pulled away.

TCU's Lee Nailon was named the tournament MVP despite being forced to the bench early in the second half after picking up his fourth foul and finishing with only 10 points.

Tech takes care of Prairie View

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech defeated Prairie View A&M 86-63 Saturday night behind 14 points from Cory Carr and Cliff Owens.

Texas Tech has won four games in 11 days after opening the season with three losses.

Tamarron Sharpe scored 12 points to lead Prairie View A&M (3-3. Sharpe came into the game averaging 21 points, but scored just four points in the first half.

Carr moved into 10th place on the Red Raiders' alltime scoring list with his first goal. Carr, leading scorer in the Big 12 Conference last season, has 1,438 points in 95 games. The game was the 28th straight time he has scored in double figures.

Tech opened up a 30-12 lead with 10:42 left in the first half and led 41-26 at intermission.

Prairie View committed only one turnover the first half, but shot only 28 percent from the field.

Tech held Prairie View to one point during a four-minute span of the second half while opening up a 67-38 lead.

MC: Chaps move to 13-0

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points in the first half to help establish an inside MC presence while Williams came off the bench to add 11. Keith Leslie also threw in 10 in the first stanza.

"I thought we were a little sluggish, under the circumstances (right before the end of the semester) we were a little flat footed," Rafferty said. "Harold established himself offensively and Alu gave us a spark on the boards. He's a warrior. Sometimes he looks like he's going to fall asleep but he came in today and gave us a surge."

The lead at the half expanded afterwards as the Chaps slowed down Jacksonville's run-and-gun offense, forcing 28 turnovers and holding the Jaguars to 39 percent shooting.

In the second half, the Chap lead topped the 30-point mark, reaching 33 on many occasions as MC stepped up the defensive pressure while Brandon Burney hit for 11 and Doug Wade added 10 in the second half. It was never really a close game unlike the previous meeting, but the Chaps never allowed it to be.

"If you don't come out and establish yourself immediately, it is a 10-point game. We talked about reestablishing for the first five to 10 minutes," Rafferty said.

They didn't have to. The Chaps had five players in double digits with Arceuneaux leading the way with 23. Leslie scored 13, Wade 12, and Burney and Williams 11 each.

For Jacksonville, Jasper Smith scored 13 and was the Jaguars' only player in double figures.

In the second half when the game was out of hand, an interesting sidebar turned toward the sidelines as the respective head coaches tossed verbal shots in what appeared to be innocent play. Jacksonville coach Mike Kelley was upset with what he thought was unfair officiating. In the game, the Jaguars had 28 fouls called against them compared to MC's 15, and that resulted in a 43-17 Chap advantage from the free throw line.

When Rafferty answered one of Kelley's complaints, saying Jacksonville shot 50 free throws in the teams' previous matchup, that really got to Kelley, who fired back, "You guys shot 30." After the game Kelley didn't hesitate to vent his anger.

"That was bush league," Kelley said. "I don't think they want to play us again and we don't want to play them either. The officials are good officials, but two of them were asleep. They were putting it to me. He (Rafferty) had them in his back pocket. They shot 43 free throws and we shot 17.

"They (MC) have a great team and they would have beat us anywhere on this day. But he doesn't have to do that. It is a shame."

Kelley pointed to a moment in the second half when he purposely stepped on the Chap floor with the hope of getting a technical and getting thrown out. The referees didn't appease him in either respect.

"They screwed me," Kelley said about the officials. "There was one that was calling a good game and Rafferty said he wouldn't use him again. That is when I walked out (on the floor) to get a technical. They wouldn't give me one. They wanted me to watch it (the rest of the game)."

Rafferty responded saying, "A good official anywhere in this country is not going give a coach a technical in a 30-point game."

And to Kelley's other remarks, Rafferty said that he has no control over who the officials are. That decision comes down from the Western Junior College Athletic Conference office and to his knowledge this was the first MC game that each official called.

"In a 30-point game, officials don't determine the outcome," Rafferty said. "I am a little surprised by his (Kelley's) remarks. If they got the shaft, then there are 12 other opponents who got the shaft."

And as far as the 13-0 record goes, that is the bottom line.

Midland College 91, Jacksonville 63

Jacksonville (9-6): Edward McDaniel 0-2 0-0 0, Kendall Smith 3-8 0-0 9, Courtney Holland 3-6 3-3 9, Jasper Smith 4-12 2-3 13, Kermit Smith 1-8 3-6 5, Joey Chism 3-3 0-0 8, Terrance Dowell 1-4 0-0 2, Ricky Freeman 2-3 0-2 4, Montise Brown 3-8 1-2 7, Heath Fusilier 1-2 0-1 2, Derrick Nash 2-3 0-0 4, Dewayn McDonald 0-0 0-0 0, Zlatko Vulicic 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals: 23-59 9-17 63.**

Midland College (13-0): Brandon Burney 2-2 6-8 11, James Ware 1-3 2-2 5, Lance Robinson 0-1 5-6 5, Alu Williams 4-8 3-5 11, Calvin Williams 0-2 1-2 1, Keith Leslie 6-9 0-2 13, DeJuan Daniel 2-5 1-2 6, Harold Areuneaux 10-12 3-6 23, Walter Newsome 0-1 0-2 0, Jevon Banks 1-5 0-2 2, Dennis Onderig 1-2 0-0 2, Doug Wade 3-3 6-6 12, Leander Johnson 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals: 30-53 27-43 91.**

Halftime: 52, JC 29. **3-point field goals:** JC 8-25 (McDaniel 0-1, Smith 3-7, Holland 0-1, J.Smith 3-6, K. Smith 0-4, Chism 2-2, Dowell 0-2, Brown 0-2), MC 4-10 (Burney 1-1, Ware 1-2, A. Williams 0-2, C. Williams 0-1, Leslie 1-2, Daniel 1-1, Banks 0-1). **Rebounds:** JC 29, MC 36 (A. Williams 9). **Turnovers:** JC 28, MC 18. **Fouls:** 28, MC 15. Fouled Out: None.

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OILMAN'S: MHS claims tourney

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MHS soared to a 24-point lead, 42-18, in the second quarter and then ended up hanging onto the win down the stretch when the Kangaroos twice rallied to pull to within two points, the earliest of which was with 2:20 left to play in the game at 79-77.

"We depended on our press to get back in the game," said Killeen coach Bo Burgess. "You could tell that Midland was getting tired there at the end, but every time we got within two, we would get another one of those fouls they called. They shot 46 free throws and we had 17. That's a telling statistic.

"However, Midland is a good team and we are a good team. We haven't been playing this tough of competition. Everyone we played (MHS, Lubbock Coronado and El Paso Eastwood) won a trophy. That's what we needed."

Tatum and Jay Christian, who had 12 points, also joined Lemons on the all-tournament team. Mike Schwartz (12), Cedric Brooks (12), Lamar Hunter (12) and Phillip Jones (10) led Killeen.

Lee got to the consolation title game, but fell 66-65 to El Paso Eastwood when Ben Karam hit the second of two free throws with 0.6 seconds left to win the game.

"I was nervous after missing the first one," Karam said. "I figured I would make the first one and not have to worry about the second one, but I missed it. That gave me a little pressure."

The fact that Karam was even at the line frustrated Lee coach Jon House.

"We were playing for overtime. We had three fouls to give and I had my three most experienced players (Robert House, Aaron Erdwurm and Charncy Ephriam) on that side of the court. They know to foul on any kind of penetration and the ball goes out of bounds. Instead, Matt Winston has to slide over and try to take a charge and we get a foul and put Karam on the line. We played too well to lose like that."

Lee made two rallies to get back in the game. Eastwood took a 13-0 lead to start the game and the Rebels tied it at 23-23. Eastwood responded by building another lead, 40-28. Lee rebounded to tie the game at 63 and 65 before Karam put the game away.

Eastwood got 20 points from Jerry DeLaPena and 15 from Gabe Hernandez. Ephriam, another all-tournament pick, got 22 points for Lee while House added 18. Orlando Castillo had 10 points off the bench for Lee.

Even though Lee played in the consolation final, probably the most interesting game of the consolation bracket came when Lee defeated Odessa Permian 59-56 in the semifinals. The two teams are expected to battle for a state playoff in District 4-5A and will meet two more times in league action.

Lee was down by as many as nine points, 21-12, in the second quarter, but senior Charncy Ephriam guided a Rebel comeback with 15 rebounds and 28 points, 17 in the second half. Aaron Erdwurm also had 11 rebounds and scored 15 points, 10 in the crucial fourth quarter. E.J. Miller led Permian with 15 points.

A couple of factors to consider, however, is the fact that Permian starter Duane Chapman did not play in the game due to his taking the ACT and sophomore Roy Williams missed more than half of the game when he was injured with a fall to the floor. He had six points in the second quarter when he went out.

"Duane is good for about 10 to 12 points a game. Roy is just a young pup, but I put him in there for Duane some. To have both of them out, however, is a killer because we had very little to keep Ephriam from going to the hole," Permian coach Gary Bridges said. "You can tell yourself that this one doesn't count, but they all count when you're playing Lee."

Eastwood got to the consolation final with a 66-60 win over Levelland Joel Martinez led the way with 19 points, but Jerry DeLaPena had 14 and Gabe Hernandez 13 to help out.

Lubbock Coronado got 19 points from Meador Hall and 13 from all-tournament star Brian Rainey to win third place with a 56-53 win over Alamogordo. Hall scored 10 points in the fourth quarter to keep the Tigers at bay. Coronado had a good tournament, putting a major scare into No. 4 ranked Killeen on Friday before settling for the third place game on Saturday with Alamogordo.

Championship Game
Midland High 86, Killeen 78

Killeen (10-1): Mike Schwartz 4 3-5 12, Mario Hamilton 3 2-2 8, Cedric Brooks 5 1-4 12, Dojuan Covington 3 1-4 7, Jim Hanchett 2 0-0 4, Phillip Jones 5 0-0 10, Gary Skelton 3 0-0 6, Brian Burnett 2 0-1 6, Lamar Hunter 6 0-1 12. **Totals: 33 7-17 78.**

Midland High (12-1): Charles Tatum 6 5-10 23, Jay Christian 3 6-8 12, Kirby Lemons 13 123-16 39, Ross Nobles 0 8-10 8, Patrick Anderson 1 0-0 2, Erik Patterson 0 0-0 0, Camar Jackson 1 0-0 2, Josh Fernau 0 0-0 0, Antoine Latham 0 0-2 0, Randy Gardner 0 0-0 0, Kris O'Brien 0 0-0 0, Chris Cox 0 0-0 0, Jason Williams 0 0-0 0, Jesse Nicholson, 0 0-0 0, Geoffrey Jameson 0 0-0 0, Taylor Moody 0 0-0 0, Brent Winter 0 0-0 0, Robert O'Neal 0 0-0 0. **Totals: 24 32-46 86.**

Killeen	10	13	24	30	—78
Midland High	23	19	25	19	—86

Three-Point Goals: Killeen 3 (Schwartz 1, Burnett 2); MHS 2 (Tatum 2). Total Fouls: Killeen 33, MHS 20. Fouled Out: K (Hamilton, Hanchett, Jones), MHS, none.

Third Place
Lubbock Coronado 56, Alamogordo 53

Alamogordo: Jason Columbus 5 4-5 14, Rick Evans 3 6-7 12, Mike Richards 5 2-4 16, Nathan Bowman 1 0-0 3, Nigel Raynor 1 0-0 2, Chad Rabon 0 4-5 4, Todd Detter 0 2-4 2. **Totals: 15 18-25 53.**

Lubbock Coronado: Brian Rainey 5 1-1 13, Scott Campbell 1 0-0 2, Erik Thorvilson 2 3-4 9, Lester Newman 2 2-4 7, Meador Hall 6 5-5 19, Jordan Wheatley 0 3-4 3, Tray Smitherman 1 0-0 3. **Totals: 17 14-18 56.**

Alamogordo	9	16	12	16	—53
Lubbock Coronado	10	15	15	16	—56

Three-Point Goals: Alamo. 5 (Richards 4, Bowman 1), LC 7 (Rainey 2, Thorvilson 2, Newman 1, Hall 2, Smitherman 1).

Consolation Championship
El Paso Eastwood 66, Midland Lee 65

EP Eastwood: Joel Martinez 0 3-4 3, Ben Karam 4 2-2 11, Jeremiah Light 2 0-0 4, Tony Smith 3 0-0 6, Gabe Hernandez 7 1-2 15, Shawn Dozier 2 2-2 6, Jerry DeLaPena 8 0-0 20. **Totals 26 8-10 66.**

Midland Lee (9-4): Charncy Ephriam 10 2-3 22, Robert House 6 2-2 18, Aaron Erdwurm 2 1-2 5, Blake Hinsley 1 0-0 3, Jake Lacy 0 0-0 0, Josh Brewster 0 0-0 0, Matt Winston 1 5-7 7, Orlando Castillo 4 2-2 10. **Totals: 24 12-16 65.**

El Paso Eastwood	23	19	13	10	—66
Midland Lee	20	20	9	16	—65

Three-Point Goals: EPE 5 (Karam 1, DeLaPena 4); Lee 5 (House 4, Hinsley 1).

Consolation Semifinals
Midland Lee 59, Odessa Permian 56

Midland Lee (9-3): Jake Lacy 1 1-3 3, Orlando Castillo 0 0-0 0, Robert House 3 0-1 8, Blake Hinsley 1 0-0 2, Aaron Erdwurm 4 7-8 15, Charncy Ephnam 12 4-4 28, Josh Brewster 0 1-2 1, Dernick Walker 0 0-0 0, Matt Winston 0 2-2 2. **Totals: 21 15-20 59.**

Odessa Permian (8-5): E.J. Miller 5 5-7 15, Henry Burk 3 0-0 9, Roy Williams 2 2-2 6, John Johnson 3 0-0 6, Will Nelson 1 0-1 4, Jeremy Allen 4 0-0 8, Cory Cobb 4 0-2 8. **Totals: 22 7-12 56.**

Midland Lee	10	12	18	19	—59
Odessa Permian	11	14	18	13	—56

Three-Point Goals: Lee 2 (House 2); Permian 4 (Burk 3, Nelson 1).

El Paso Eastwood 66, Levelland 60

Eastwood: Joel Martinez 7 4-4 19, Ben Karam 2 3-3 7, Sal Hernandez 1 3-4 5, Jeremiah Light 2 0-0 4, Gabe Hernandez 5 3-4 13, Shawn Dozier 1 2-3 4, Jerry DeLaPena 6 2-3 14. **Totals: 24 17-21 66.**

Levelland: Richie Stansifer 3 7-9 15, Ricky Ochoa 3 1-1 9, George Ochoa 1 4-4 6, Chad McNeely 2 0-0 5, Stacey Jordan 2 1-2 6, Justin Hesse 0 2-4 2, Creed Hayes 4 7-11 15. **Totals: 15 22-31 60.**

Eastwood	16	17	6	27	—66
Levelland	13	10	13	24	—60

Three-Point Goals: EPE 1 (Martinez); Lev. 6 (Stansifer 2, ROchoa 2, McNeely 1, Jordan 1).

Guaranteed Game
Lubbock Monterey 52, El Paso Franklin 45

Monterey: Thomas Ricks 0 3-4 4, Erik Anaya 1 0-0 2, Jason Pope 3 9-13 15, Jose Beceiro 1 0-0 3, John McPhaul 5 3-4 15, Aaron Weldon 1 0-0 2, Tyler Henthorn 1 1-2 3, Kyle Moeller 1 7-8 9. **Totals**. 13 23-31 52.

Franklin: Cesar Juarez 1 0-0 2, Julian Ramos 2 0-0 6,Isaiah Kennedy 5 0-0 14, Preston Hendrix 1 0-0 3, Brandon MacMorran 0 0-2 0, Ben Collins 3 1-2 7, Terry Chaumont 3 2-6 8, Jason Bates 2 1-2 5. Totals. 17 4-12 45

Monterey	13	8	9	22	—52
Franklin	8	5	14	18	—45

Three-Point Goals: Mont. 2 (McPhaul 2); EPF 7 (Ramos 2, Kennedy 4, Hendrix 1)

All-Tournament Team

Charles Tatum, Jay Christian, Kirby Lemons, all of Midland High; Mike Schwartz, Mario Hamilton, Cedric Brooks, all of Killeen; Jason Columbus, Alamogordo; Brian Rainey, Lubbock Coronado; **Charncy Ephriam, Midland Lee;** Gabe Hernandez, El Paso Eastwood

HEISMAN: Defender gets trophy

(From 1C)

football's most precious prize, one usually reserved for quarterbacks and running backs.

But Woodson walked off with the 25-pound bronze statue for giving a performance that has the Wolverines a victory away from a national title.

"Defensive players can now go out and play their games," Woodson said. "This has opened doors."

In perhaps the biggest surprise in the 63-year history of the Heisman, Woodson won by a comfortable margin over Manning, who had become the preseason favorite when he announced last spring he was returning for his senior season as quarterback at Tennessee.

"This will be with me the rest of my life," the 6-foot-1, 198-pound Woodson said. "I was sitting in that chair and saying to myself, 'Do I really have a shot?' I kept thinking about the Rocket Ismail-Ty Detmer year (1990) and how everybody thought the Rocket was going to win it, but they opened the envelope and Ty Detmer got it."

Manning said he was disappointed mainly for Volunteers fans.

"I'd be less then honest if I said I didn't want to win it for them," he said.

While Manning threw for 3,819 yards, 36 touchdowns and led the third-ranked Vols (11-1) to the Southeastern Conference title and an Orange Bowl, the Heisman voters chose Woodson, who went from sublime to sensational whenever Michigan was on national TV.

Woodson's dominance in the Wolverines' 20-14 win over Ohio State on Nov. 22 may have been the Heisman clincher. In that game, he intercepted a pass in the end zone to stop a Buckeyes' scoring threat, caught a 37-yard pass to set up Michigan's first touchdown and then broke open a tight defensive struggle with a 78-yard punt return for a score — his fourth TD of the season.

JACKS: Amarillo Rattlers win in Odessa

(From 1C)

nowhere. They dump and chase, dump and chase. They worked hard and got the breaks early."

The Jacks have won seven of their last 11, but these things happen. "This is a league in which anybody can beat anybody else, as we saw Friday night," Clark said.

Despite Amarillo's dominance, Odessa had enough golden power play opportunities to turn disaster into victory, but Amarillo Goalie Matt DelGuidice (9-4-2) was brilliant. For Odessa goalie Billy Pye, it was only his second defeat in eight starts for the Jacks.

Amarillo struck for four goals in the second period to break open a 2-2 tie and the Jacks never got back in it.

Sami Laine would have been safer in a New York subway the last two nights, but despite the repeated muggings he came up with two goals to raise his total to 27.

Dan Margettie, Rick Girhiny also scored while the ex-Colby College Mules scored the Jack's final goal, Dan Lavergne setting up Nick Lamia.

Injury-wise, Shayne LeBreton reinjured his shoulder while Pat Barton (concussion), Paul Fioroni (shoulder separation), and Paul Berrington (stress fracture of his left leg) remained sidelined.

Assistant Coach Jeff Triano, reactivated, played despite a broke toe.

"Friday was such a big victory emotionally, it may have been that we thought this would be a cake walk," Coach Clark said, putting up a brave front and never even glancing at the straight razor on his desk.

Amarillo Rattlers 7, Odessa Jackalopes 5

Amarillo	2	4	1	—7
Odessa	1	1	3	—5

First Period: 1, Am Hutson (17) (Meek, 14 Karpen 27) 8:39. 2, OD Girhiny (6) (Magegethe 18, Lampron 15) 12:15. 3, AM Stevens (18) (Janicki 14) pp 19:53.

Second Period: 4, OD Laine (26) (Girhiny 13, Triano 7) 0:44. 5, AM Gallagher (11) (Machacek 7) 4:59. 6, AM Stevens (19) (Hutson 11) 5:43. 7, AM Reimann (3) (Janicki 14, Cameron 4) 9:46. 8, AM Ferguson (1) (Cameron 4, ault 6) pp 17:51.

Third Period: 9, OD Margethe (15), 10, AM Gallagher (2). 11, OD Laine (27) (Lampron 15) 5:52. 12, OD Lamia (16) (Lavergne 19) 14:45 pp.

Shots on Goal: Amarillo 15-24-10-49. Odessa 6-14-13-33. Goalies: Del Guidice 44 of 49 Saves. Pye 42 of 49 saves. A - 3,100 (est).

LOCAL SPORTS

Greenwood boys win Stanton title

GREENWOOD — The Greenwood Rangers boys basketball team defeated Merkel 51-47 to win the title of the Stanton Tournament.

Greenwood got 15 points from tournament MVP Calef Montes and 10 from Andrew Wootan in the win. Earlier in the day, Greenwood defeated Brady 55-41 behind 21 points from John Settles and 12 points from Montes.

In the girls final, Klondike defeated the Rangerettes 48-40 despite double-points from three Rangerettes. Valerie Wootan scored 12, Karen Gasch 11, and Kristi Brown 10. Klondike's Candace Ethredge, the tournament MVP, scored 14.

In a semifinal, Gasch scored 19 to lead Greenwood past Sterling City 53-41. Brown added 12.

The Garden City girl won the consolation title, defeating Brady 50-34 behind 15 points from Tiffany Maxie.

The Trinity boys fell today in championship bracket action at the hands opf Reagan County, 63-52.Ronnie Brewster lead the young 8-5 Chargers with 19. Mark Landry added 15.

Greenwood tournament
Boys Tournament

Champion: Greenwood. **Runner-up:** Merkel. **Third Place:** Coahoma. **Consolation Winner:** Jal.

Boys All-Tournament: Gared Beall, Sands; Cosme Cervantez, Jal; Davey Tillotson, Central JV; Blake Nichols, Coahoma; Jason Gwynn, Coahoma; Ty Thompson, Brady; Clint Sparks, Merkel; Larry Meeks, Merkel; **Andrew Wootan, Greenwood, John Settles, Greenwood. MVP: Calef Montes, Greenwood.**

Championship Game: Greenwood 51, Merkel 47. G. Andrew Wootan 10. Calef Montes 15. M. Sparks-13. Meeks 14.

Third Place: Coahoma 83, Brady 76. C. Peckham 13. Nichols 24. Roberts 13, Cain 20. B. Thompson 16. Williams 10. Schaeffer 18.

Semifinal: Merkel 68, Coahoma 49. M. Chris Sparks 31, Meeks 15. Dietz 12. C. Peckham 11, Bennett 11, Gwyn 11.

Greenwood 55, Brady 41. G. Calef Montes 12, John Settles 21.

Other Games: Sterling City 47, Sudan 44. SC. Rodriguez 12. S. Godinez 12. Reagan County 63, Trinity 52.

Consolation bracket

Final: Jal 69, San Angelo Central JV 47. J. Cervantes 19. Melancon 15 Bock 10. SA. Hardin 11.

Consolation Semifinal: Central JV 66, Rankin 61. SA. Tillotson 18, Thompson 10, Swann 17, Harden 10. R. Guaderrama 28, Ganies 11.

Klondike 58, Greenwood JV 47. K. T. Meadow 11, D. Meadows 14, G. Daniel Odom 12.

Other Games

Sands 57, Rankin 49. R. Loftin 14. S. Beall 16, Floyd 10, Brazwell 10.

Kermit 73, Midland Christian 70. K. Kenderson 21, Garcia 21. MC. Scott 19. Yakubanski 17, Miller 18, Tochterman 14.

Girls Tournament

Champion Klondike. **Runner-Up:** Greenwood. **Third Place**: Denver City. **Consolation Winner**: Garden City.

All-Tournament: Sarah Gifford, Trinity; Tiffany Maxie, Garden City; Darcie Whisenhunt, Brady; Misty Hooker, Denver City; Heather Tront, Denver City; Jennifer Gaston, Sterling City; **Karen Gasch, Greenwood; Kristi Brown, Greenwood;** Melissa Kinnear, Klondike; Darcy Cozart, Klondike. **MVP**: Candace Ethredge, Klondike.

Championship Bracket

Championship Game: Klondike 48, Greenwood 40. G. Kristi Brown 10. Valerie Wootan 12, Karen Gasch 11. K. Cozart 10. Kinnear 13, **Ethereidge** 14.

Semifinal: Greenwood 53, Sterling City 41. G. Kristi Brown 12. Karen Gasch 19 SC. Gaston 11, Daggett 11.

Third Place Game: Sterling City 54, Denver City 68. DC. Trout 15, Hooker 18. Woosley 13. SC. Gaston 16, Daggett 12.

Other Games: Alpine 56, Coahoma 62. C. Sterling 11, Ernest 11, Tindol 18. A. Garcia 31, Williams 11.

Consolation Bracket

Final: Garden City 50, Brady 34. GC. Tiffany Maxie 15, Niehuis 12. B. Wentworth 10.

Semifinals: Brady 73, Rankin 30. B. Whisenhunt 13, Wagner 10. L. Wentowrth 10. M. Wentworth 14.

Other Games: Sands 72, Crane 46. S. Mindy Floyd 36. C. Esparaza 22, Heredea 13.

Trinity 73, Rankin 68. T. Bartlett 27, Rougeaux 11, Gifford 16. R. Loftin 26.

Reagan County 63, Trinity 53

Reagan County: Ramirez 0 2-4 2; Saldibar 5 0-1 11, Figres 0 2-2 2, Reyes 2 0-0 5, Goodloe 1 0-2 3, B. Goodloe 7 0-1 14, Reyes 3 3-8 9, Camacho 2 0-0 5, Hernandez 6 0-1 12. Totals. 26 7-19 63.

Trinity (8-5): Mark Stoltz 2 0-0 5, Evan McLaughlin 3 2-4 8, Mark Villanueva 1 0-0 2, Mike Landry 4 6-6 15, Ronnie Brewster 6 6-8 19, Lane Rouse 1 0-1 3. Totals. 17 114-19 53.

Reagan County	12	15	22	14	— 63
Trinity	12	13	5	22	—53

3-Point Fields: RC 4 (Saldibar 1, Reyes 1, Goodloe 1, B. Goodloe 1), T 4 (Stoltz 1, Landry 1, Brewster 1, Rouse 1). Fouls: RC 25, T 24. Fouled Out: None.

Big Spring falls to Fort Stockton

SAN ANGELO — The Big Spring boys basketball team fell to District 4-4A foe, Fort Stockton 52-41 Saturday in the seventh-place game of the Concho Classic Tournament held at Central High School.

It was the second straight non-district loss to a 4-4A school for Big Spring which fell to Lake View on Friday.

Big Spring (3-9 overall) did not have a player in double figures, alhtough Chello Williams, Andy Hall, and Travis Womack had nine each. A 21-14 fourth quarter advantage sealed the Fort Stockton win.

In the title game, Copperas Cove defeated El Paso Coronado 44-41. Central defeated El Paso Irvin 69-61 in the third place game. For 11-2 Central, Terence Fields scored 28, Jason Brumm 15, and Ronald Rogers 14.

Lake View won the consolation title, defeating El Paso Austin 76-73.

Results from the Concho Classic held at Central High School in San Angelo.

Championship Game: Copperas Cove 44, El Paso Coronado 41. Third Place Game: Central 68, El Paso Irvin 61. Fifth Place Game: Lake View 74, El Paso Austin 63. Seventh Place Game: Fort Stockton 52, Big Spring 41.

Fort Stockton 52, Big Spring 41

Big Spring (3-9): Chello Williams 4 1-2 9, John Waston 1 5-5 7, Andy Hall 3 2-2 9, Randy Pollins 1 0-0 3, Greg Wollerzien 0 2-2 2, Travis Womack 4 1-2 9, Chauncey Ford 1 0-0 2. **Totals**: 14- 11-13 41.

Fort Stockton (4-7): Groth 0 0-1 1, Leaves 4 0-0 11, Fabela 3 4-6 12, Pules 0 2-4 2, Rivera 0 1-2 1, Cordero 3 0-0 7, Poage 3 4-5 11, Sawyer 2 0-0 5, Cabello 1 0-0 2. Totals. 16 12-21 52.

Big Spring	9	10	8	14	—41
Fort Stockton	11	14	6	21	—52

3-Point Field Goals: BS 2 (Hall, Rollins), FS 8 (Leyva 3, Fabela 2, Cordero 1, Poage 1, Sawyer 1). Fouls: BS 17, Fort Stockton 15. Fouled Out: Wollerzien.

Midland girls sweep Odessa

Midland Freshman Purple defeated Nimitz 57-36. Jenny Jones 17 points, Becky Valdez, Ashley Murray, Laura Koch combined 12 steals and 12 rebounds for 5-0 Purple.

The Maroon team from Lee freshman defeated Odessa Bonham 62-50. Shamera Bryson scored 29 points and pulled down seven rebounds. Shandi Neatherlin added 15 points and 20 boards while Christi Brunette racked up 8 points and 14 rebounds.

Midland Freshman Gold defeated Odessa Ector 47-39. Catherine Wade and Hayley Fernau were Gold's leading scorers although no totals were reported.

Frosh boys win Petroplex battles

The Midland freshman White team defeated Ector 65-63 to win its first game of the year. White (1-7) got 22 points from T. Jackson, and 10 points each from Will Smith, Ty Orr and Oscar Valles.

Midland Purple stayed perfect at 8-0 with a 86-81 come-from-behind-win over Odessa Nimitz. Jason South scored 16, Ryan Johnson 14, Thomas Carrington 13 and Blaine Leonard 10.

San Antonio destroys Magic

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Rookie Tim Duncan scored a season-high 32 points and added 11 rebounds Saturday night to lead the San Antonio Spurs to a 107-78 rout of the Orlando Magic.

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Roger Robles was a founding board member of the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and served in the capacity of the MHCC's first Chairman of the Board. In 1987, the Texas Association of Mexican American Chambers of Commerce selected Mr. Robles as the Hispanic Businessman of the Year. He currently serves on the board of directors as vice chair of Convention and Tourism.

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The Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and Membership Wish You a Safe and Enjoyable Holiday Season

Feliz Navidad Gala

The Feliz Navidad Black Tie Gala, the most recent of the MHCC social/fund raisers, was held at the Confederate Air Force Museum Hanger on Saturday, December 6,1997. The event was conceived to serve as a formal mixer and dance, through which friends of the MHCC are able to socialize and enjoy a quality evening of holiday cheer and entertainment, while contributing to the economic development fund of the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

The theme for the evening centered around the vintage WWII aircraft. Complimented by the spectacular 1940's big band sounds of the "No Name Jive Band," the night's motif was reminiscent of the eras music and history. Renditions of the classics helped to create an atmosphere of timeless elegance during which guests were invited to mingle, dance, and enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres compliments of Black Eyed Pea, Main Events Catering, Outback Steakhouse, and Sysco Foods.

The pace soon picked up as the Hispanic Cultural Center of Midland's Cultural Dancers took to the stage and performed to the enjoyment of the crowd. "The Rhythm Aces" contributed their unique style of rhythm and blues, and to top off the evening, a string of Tejano favorites performed by the "Tejano Outlaws."

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Economic Development

As the economy in the Permian Basin continues to improve, the MHCC International Trade Department proposes to take advantage of the newly created momentum resulting from a healthy economy and the interest generated following the MHCC's recent International Trade Expos. An International Trade Orientation seminar is scheduled to be held in early 1998 during which exporting businesses based in the U.S. will be afforded an opportunity to familiarize themselves with Mexican trade protocols and guidelines. The recent commitment by the Midland and Chihuahua Municipal Governments to solidify a sister city relationship requires the MHCC to serve as an information conduit in order to improve communication and provide reciprocal information such as economic indicators and other related data.

Other proposed seminars include Small Business Administration workshops and Historically Underutilized Business seminars which are geared to inform business owners and managers of the criteria and requirements relative to government procurement, qualification, and certification by the State of Texas.

Convention and Tourism

The MHCC Convention and Tourism Committee will be working in conjunction with Midland Trampoline and Tumbling, in the planning, coordination, and hosting of a national qualifying meet to be held in January 1998 at the Midland College Chapparral Center. The one day meet is expected to attract more than 400 athletes from a region that includes the cities of Abilene, Amarillo, El Paso, Midland, and Odessa. Midland Trampoline and Tumbling and the MHCC have high hopes of incorporating this first event into a yearly meet so as to compliment the family of special events that Midland hosts. Midland continues to gain ground as a regional hub with exceptional shopping, dining, lodging and other amenities. As Midlanders are the true beneficiaries of regular visitations from our neighbors, the Convention and Tourism philosophy is, the easiest dollar to attract and keep, is our neighbors.

President of Mexico Ernesto Zedillo and his wife Nilda Patricia Velasco pose with the winners of the nationwide art contest "Este Es Mi Mexico." A nation wide art contest sponsored by the Consul De Mexico was recently held in which children from throughout the U.S. were encouraged to render their drawings conveying their interpretation of Mexico from their perspectives. "Este Es Mi Mexico" or "This Is My Mexico" contest winners were treated with a special presentation from the President of Mexico Ernesto Zedillo. Local participants received a certificate of recognition from the Consul De Mexico in Midland.

"Este Es Mi Mexico"

An "Este Es Mi Mexico" rendering as submitted by Andrea Rodriquez, 13 of Goddard Jr. High. Andrea is the daughter of Minnie Rodriquez.

MHCC COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Dec. 12-14 Midland Soccer Assoc. Blast Coaches Classic. Hogan Park, 682-5346

Dec. 13-14 Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Ballet. Presented by the Midland Festival Ballet, accompanied by the Midland/Odessa Symphony. 8PM Sat. and 2PM Sun., Lee High Auditorium, 563-0921

Dec. 29-31 Byron Johnston Holiday Classic. Basketball Tournament, sponsored by MHS, Chap Center, 682-8533

Jan. 3-4 Texas Gun & Knife Show. Midland Center 9AM-5PM Sat; 10AM-5PM Sun.; (210) 257-5844

Jan.4-9 Bridal Fair. P.B. Bridal Assoc. Trade show of wedding related businesses, cakes, dresses, photographers, flowers, etc. Midland Hilton, 1-5PM, 520-0117

Jan. 15-Feb. 22 Electric Visions: Contemporary Artist's Series Exhibition. 10AM-5PM, Museum of the Southwest, 683-2882

Jan. 15-Feb. 22 Works by Andy Warhol from the Cochran Collection, 683-2882

Jan. 15 In the Third Dimension: Sculpture from the Museum's Collection. 10AM -5PM, Museum of the Southwest, 683-2882

Jan. 17 Leroy Villanueva. Community Concerts. 7:30PM, individual tickets are $25, Season tickets $35. MHS, 682-1375.

Jan. 27-Feb. 22 A Texas Treasure: From the Ransom Center at the University of Texas at Austin. 10AM-5PM, Museum of the S.W., 683-2882

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Dear Abby/6D

Don't let the holiday season be un-"bear"-able this year — every Christmas tree needs a teddy bear ornament or two.

Midland's American Legion Auxiliary is selling ornaments made from teddy bears. And they are more than cute — they are for a charitable cause. Funds raised from sales of these festive decorations will be used to help students in the medical field to go to school.

"The money goes to Midland College to use for scholarships in the medical field," said Donna Henderson, last year's chairman of the fund-raising project and this year's maker of the bears. "We used to specify nursing (scholarships), but we changed it to anything in the medical field."

The auxiliary's Past Presidents' Parley fund raises money all year for the scholarships, but this holiday season's fund-raising effort is the most fun, Ms. Henderson said. "This project is one of my favorites, which is why I like to work on it."

Each bear is made from a 2-1/2-inch (or so) plastic (shatterproof) Christmas tree ball, to which has been added the arms, legs and head of a teddy bear, making a (roughly) 4-inch-tall bear that is soft and shiny at the same time.

The person ordering the ornament can request names or greetings to be written on the bear. "You can specify what you want on it. Usually its the one name on the front and the year on the back," she said.

The idea for the bears, although not original to Ms. Henderson, was inspired by her family's Christmas celebration last year. "My sister had seen them made somewhere, so we made them for the children in the family last year," she said. "The kids just fell in love with them. We thought it would be a good project" to help raise funds for the auxiliary's scholarship support.

(The younger members of her family liked them so much that Ms. Henderson said establishing a new tradition of making a personalized bear ornament for each new member of the family "might be a good idea.")

And they are easy to make, she said. "Total (time), maybe 10 minutes. It doesn't take very long," so the auxiliary is hoping to sell quite a few bear ornaments this holiday season. "It would be nice if we could raise $1,000 (for the scholarship fund), which would be about 300 bears (sold)."

Phyllis Wilson, chairman of the Past Presidents' Parley committee this year, agreed. "I would like to raise at least $1,000" for the fund, she said.

The bears — which are made with plastic Christmas tree balls — are not as delicate as many other holiday ornaments, Ms. Henderson said, "because children play with them."

Sales have been brisk, thanks to efforts of many people, including auxiliary officers, who took bears to their places of employment and began taking orders from their coworkers, Ms. Henderson said.

One of the auxiliary officers who has been active in sales of the bears is Ms. Wilson, this year's chairman. When asked how many she has sold (as of Dec. 2), she said she wasn't exactly sure, but guessed "it has to be around 70 or 75. I've sold a lot of them."

The committee members have mixed feelings about whether or not the bears will also be next year's project. Ms. Henderson said "I would like to do it again if I have time. They are quick to make" and people seem to like the cheerful little bears.

But Ms. Wilson said next year's project might be something different.

But whatever next year's project turns out to be, this year's project has been a hit. Many people have commented on how cute and seasonal the bears are. Everyone seems to love them.

And so do the recipients of the scholarships.

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The ornamental bears are priced at $3.50 each. To order call 699-6564 or 570-1114.

Donna Henderson, above, is the artist behind the teddy bear ornaments that are helping to raise funds for scholarships. The bears are being sold by Midland's American Legion Auxiliary. The bears are made with plastic shatterproof ornament balls, and are personalized with names. Funds raised will benefit students in the medical field. A trio of bears, left, await new owners.

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HAVE YOU HEARD?

'Santa's helpers' gather toys for Midland Soup Kitchen

By Marilyn McKnight-Harrison

December the fifth was quite a busy day at the home of **Beverly and Lynn Conine**. At noon, 60 of "Santa's Helpers" gathered to collect what amounted to a "mountain" of Christmas-wrapped toys for the Midland Soup Kitchen Ministries. For the second year, Beverly asked guests to drop by for lunch and to bring a toy for charity. As a result, the Soup Kitchen is the recipient of some 75 presents to be distributed over the holidays. From the enthusiastic response she has received, Beverly says she is looking forward to continuing this tradition in the future.

McKnight-Harrison

Holiday spirit was kept at a high level by the drawing of door prizes for the guests.

Among the participants were **Julie Villarreal, Kathy Wurster, Ellen Bell, Gail Matthews, Boni Binggeli, Lyn Dulaney, Melinda Williamson** and **Patti Wallace**.

That evening, the Conines hosted a "Champagne and Harp" party for a group of their friends. An internationally known harpist, Houstonian **Louise Trotter** presented a recital, which featured a wide repertoire of music, including Broadway show tunes, jazz, country western and traditional Christmas carols.

Mrs. Trotter, who has recorded eight albums of her own arrangements, was introduced by her son, **Gary Trotter**, who is Lynn's business partner. She concluded her program by inviting the guests to join in singing "Silent Night" to her harp accompaniment. Lynn described the happening as another "wonderful evening out on the prairie."

Some of the guests were **Beverly and John Philbeck, Martha and Bruce Lowe, the Rev. Stockton Williams, Melanie and Lea Crump, Beth and Tom Mitchell** and **Kathy and Randy Martin.**

"BILL PENNEBAKER is 29,220 days old, and we want you to come and help us celebrate." So began the clever invitations to a cocktail buffet honoring the longtime Midland attorney on his 80th birthday.

Held at the home of Bill and his wife, Dot, the evening of December 6th, the party was attended by some 20 family members from near and far, as well as a host of friends. A tent in the back yard served as a gathering place for the overflow crowd.

The celebrants included Bill's children and grandchildren, **Jamie and Ruth Pennebaker** and **Teal and Nicky of Austin; Ward and Susan Pennebaker** and **Drew and Matt of Houston,** and **Mary and Jim Truitt** of Midland, and **Dot's daughter, Susan Wilson,** and son and daughter-in-law, **Sam and True Applegate,** all of Charleston, S.C.

Local guests included **Mary and Henri de Compiegne, Patti and Watson LaForce, Fern McGuigan, Julie and Allen Harvey, Ruth Cole, Charlene and John Younger,** and **Betty King.**

FORMER MIDLANDER Ford Thompson and his fiancee, **Julia Hogan,** both of Marble Falls, were honored with a cocktail buffet recently at the home of **Joan and Pat Baskin.**

The other host couples were **Sandy and Jim Alsup, Sue and Dick Dunbar, Carole and Harry Hinkle, Doris and John Redfern III, Linda and Rodney Satterwhite,** and **Nancy and Tom Sloan.**

Among the guests were Ford's parents, **Karen Thompson** of Abilene and **Tim Thompson** of Midland; his brother, **Tim Thompson Jr.** of Houston, and longtime friend **John Redfern IV** of Austin.

The couple will be married on Feb. 7 in Austin.

THE MIDLAND WOMAN'S CLUB was beautifully decked out in its holiday finery for a Christmas tea the afternoon of December 5.

Hostesses for the delightful event were **Dollie Ballenger, Frances Brown, Allis Chapman, Norma Diemer, Wanda Franke, Minnie German, Virginia Gilbert, Hazel Grieneeks, Hilda Hinds, Carole Hobbs, Jackie Ingram, Martha Moore, Lucille Nobles, Dorothy Perkins, Francess Ratliff, Beverly Riley, Dell Shettle, Hazel Smith, Leona Smith, Dorise Watson, Eileen Welch** and **Frances Wylie,** along with the Midland Garden Club and Progressive Study Club.

Guests oohed and aahed over the delicious teatime refreshments and the gorgeous Christmas decorations. The walls of the Great Hall were festooned with garlands of greenery, twinkle lights and red bows, and red poinsettias throughout the clubhouse added to the festive atmosphere. The main serving table was centered with a striking arrangement, featuring a brass birdcage decorated with more of the greenery and bows.

Among the party guests were **Jane Ward, Shirley Johnston, Ann Kleine, Chan Driscoll, Mary Frances Beverley, Sarah Grimes, Lorraine Mansker** and **Dorothy Rush.**

A YOUNG MIDLAND WOMAN almost captured the Miss IIllinois U.S.A. crown. **Tara Brady,** daughter of **Carolyn and Bruce Brady,** was first runner-up in the recent pageant held in Chicago. She represented downtown Chicago as Miss Gold Coast for the title.

A graduate of Midland High School and Midland College, she was Miss Midland in 1993 and Miss Permian Basin Fair in 1994. She is a graduate of Texas Tech and is now living in Chicago while pursuing her advanced degree in child psychology.

ANNE MARTIN BREEDING recently traveled to Ireland to research her Martin roots. Her sojourn took her to Dublin, Galway, Blarney and Waterford.

In the Galway Museum, she viewed giant plaques of the 14 original tribes. One of her ancestors, **Thomas Martin,** founded a tribe with land bestowed on him by Richard the Lionhearted for courage in battle.

Later Martins were Lord Mayors of Galway.

The ruin of their castle can be seen from the museum. Another of her forefathers, **Richard Martin,** was named as one of the founders of the

Singles mingle with families in suburbia

By Nathan Cobb
N.Y. Times News Service

Living among the soccer moms and the school buses, surrounded by power mowers and minivans, Jeffrey Glassman is a stranger in his own land. He is, after all, single in suburbia, living alone in a culture that blossomed as a haven for families half a century ago and is still ruled by them.

"There are no-o-o-o-o other single people around here," muses Glassman, a 31-year-old Boston attorney, as he sits in the living room of the two-bedroom, shingled Cape he owns on a leafy lane in Chestnut Hill. "It's culture shock to drive home at night and see the street flooded with kids. That's when I say, 'What am I doing here?'"

What he is doing is what more and more people like him are doing. Although pop sociologists have yet to concoct a catchy handle, youngish unmarried suburbanites (yussies, anyone?) sightings are definitely increasing. Census Bureau figures show that several suburban Boston communities — from Duxbury in the south, to Natick in the west, to Georgetown in the north — experienced faster growth rates among never-married 20- to 44-year-olds between 1980 and 1990 than for their overall populations. There is no reason to think this trend has abated. "Within the past year, about a dozen singles have bought property though us," reports Lorraine Kelley-Alessi, a real estate broker with offices in Sharon and Stoughton. "Fifteen years ago we probably would have gone a year without seeing a solitary single person."

But the live-alone homeowners are definitely out there now, drawn to the types of dead-quiet neighborhoods in which they grew up, or by the jobs that have percolated outside the city, or by the fact they're tired of pouring money into the deep hole of urban rent. Besides, why wouldn't they want what the rest of America wants when it chooses suburban living: a little greenery, a little elbow room, a little piece of the American Dream?

"Just because I'm single doesn't mean I have to miss out on some of the things married people have," says Marciann Dunnagan, a 35-year-old managing director of a legal placement agency, who last year moved out of a two-bedroom apartment in Boston's South End and bought a four-bedroom Cape on a quarter-acre lot in Natick.

Such as?

"Such as space. Backyard barbecues. Dinner parties. Things like that."

Indeed, the life of a suburban single often looks like the life of a suburban anybody. Susan Shadle, a 40-year-old bank operations manager who recently bought a home in Randolph after living in an apartment in the same town for 14 years, seldom bothers with Boston.

You're more likely to find her on the fairways of the Norwood Country Club, or perusing the local Christmas Tree Shop, or sitting down to dinner at a nearby Ninety-Nine Restaurant.

"I do the same things that other people here do," she says.

NEIGHBORHOOD ODDITIES

Still, there are trade-offs. Many young suburban singles say they are neighborhood oddities who don't mix particularly well with their neighbors because they lack the requisite ability to chitchat about, say, local schools. The arrival of an unmarried person among the suburban crowd tends to engender curiosity, occasionally even suspicion.

When 35-year-old Debbie Lavigne moved into a two-bedroom house in Plymouth last month, a neighbor came by to look her over even before the movers had departed. "You bought this place just for yourself?" Lavigne remembers the woman asking. "What's the matter? Don't you like boys?"

Sitting at her kitchen table in her pristine new home, Lavigne laughs.

Then her smile disappears, and she shrugs. "I never expected to be single at 35," she says, "but here I am."

And here is Jeff Glassman, the lawyer who finds himself alone and ambivalent in Chestnut Hill.

A once-confirmed urbanite who formerly lived in apartments on Beacon Hill and in Back Bay, Glassman hesitantly rented his late grandfather's home in 1995 when his Boston rent skyrocketed. By this spring he liked suburban living enough to plunk down $250,000 for the small house, complete with three bathrooms and a two-car garage.

"The more I lived here the more I enjoyed it," he says, conceding that the April day a falling tree branch did $15,000 worth of damage to the house was an exception. But he admits he misses strolling through Back Bay, biking along the Esplanade, or dropping into Tower Records.

He's traded Morton's showy steak house on Boston's Boylston Street for the predictable Cheesecake Factory in Newton's Atrium Mall. He prunes trees and strips wallpaper and wonders why his Home Depot bill is so large.

When friends come to visit — from the city, invariably — he feels compelled to "play host," and whip up a little something on the barbecue.

But, hey, the neighbors are friendly, right? "One couple even invited my girlfriend and me over for brunch," Glassman notes proudly. "Of course, the husband spent a lot of time talking about sprinkler systems. I was sitting there asking myself, 'Jeff, are you really, really ready for this?'"

TALES OF THE BURBS

Ask a single why he or she has taken the suburban plunge and you're likely to hear a tale or two like this:

'My decision on where to live wasn't based on whether or I was going to meet a lot of people. I'd rather have the action (in the city) be a choice than privacy be a choice.'

— Joanne Adduci, a single living in a Boston suburb

■ Roots. Both the baby boom generation and Generation X grew up in the suburbs that sprouted across America after World War II. These people are now adults, and the burbs still feel familiar. Consider Lauren Kiddy, a 30-year-old secretary who was raised in Stoneham.

When it was time to leave home, at age 25, Kiddy didn't give a moment's thought to the bright lights of Boston. She bought a one-bedroom condominium in Winchester, not far from her family. "I like the city as a place to visit, but not to live," she explains. "It's kind of intimidating. The suburbs are more comfortable to me." And more like home.

■ Gigs. America's suburbs were created as a place to live, not to work.

But that's changed, and the businesses that are now woven into the suburban fabric have lured workers to what was once considered the hinterlands.

■ Aversion to paying rent. Home ownership is still a major slice of American pie, and who cares if you don't have a spouse and kids to share it with?

Thirty-three-year-old Paul Crivell lived in Canton with his parents until last year, diligently saving money from his small landscaping business to buy his own home. He landed in a four-bedroom ranch in Stoughton.

"I deferred gratification for a long time for this," he says, sipping a beer in his large living room.

"My friends said I should leave home, rent an apartment, but I wanted to wait until I could afford my own place. That was very, very important to me."

But despite their increasing number, almost all suburban singles complain that there's one thing they frequently can't find around their neighborhoods: each other. There's no equivalent of Boston's Lansdowne Street in the suburbs. Move there and you trade Kenmore Square for just plain square.

Says Joan Haggerty, a 31-year-old business manager who lives in Medford: "You date someone for a while, you break up, and then you say, 'Now what am I going to do? How in the world do I meet another guy out here?'"

True, singles' dances and singles' church groups dot the suburban landscape, but they're often populated by divorced folks with kids at home. Organizations such as Singles in the Suburbs, which covers a handful of communities northwest of Boston, try to bring people together through the likes of bowling, canoeing, and miniature golf. LunchDates, a major local dating service, started in Brighton 15 years ago and has followed its market into the suburbs by opening four offices outside the city.

"But suburban neighborhoods are still mainly full of families, and the parks are full of soccer games," points out Steve Penner, a co-owner of LunchDates. "The shopping is great, but meeting people is hard."

It's especially hard for someone like John Kohl, a 30-year-old software developer who owns a four-bedroom Cape in Arlington and admits he's not a particularly good mixer.

Kohl lives alone on a dead-end street where the only noise is the sound of chirping kids. Most of his old college friends still live in Cambridge or Somerville, and many aren't eager to trek to the suburbs to visit him. He travels to Cambridge a couple of nights a month for dinner, but he's just as likely to end up eating quietly with friends in Arlington center. Yet if Kohl doesn't feel a strong connection to his immediate neighbors, he's at least tried to become active in his community. He sings in the Arlington-Belmont Chorale, for example, and he's one of the decided minority of singles among the town's 250 elected town meeting members.

"This way I have a say in what my tax money's being used for," he says, adding that his marital status doesn't affect his vote.

"I'm definitely for putting money into the schools," he said.

SOCIAL VACUUM

For the most part, singles who move to the suburbs know the social vacuum they're getting into. They know that if they've just moved from the city, many of their old friends might well be unlikely to visit them. They know their new neighbors may be unlikely to drop over for a cup of coffee.

"My decision on where to live wasn't based on whether I was going to meet a lot of people," says 43-year-old Joanne Adduci, a radio sales manager who recently purchased a two-bedroom ranch in Belmont among a gaggle of empty nesters, and who frequently drives into Boston for dinner, shopping, concerts, and the like. "I'd rather have the action be a choice than privacy be a choice."

Even singles who live among other singles can find themselves without close neighborhood ties. Scott McIsaac, a 34-year-old environmental consultant who bought a two-bedroom town house in Rockland four years ago, says he has little contact with the 43 single occupants of the condominium development's 51 units.

"I might say hello to them or talk about the condition of the grass," he says. "But I certainly don't go out and have beers with them. We've had an annual barbecue here the last couple of years, but the single people tended not to come. It was mostly the grandmothers."

But, hey, some suburban singles do mix with their neighbors. It would be hard to find more of a family town than Boxford, the plush and woodsy north-of-Boston suburb where house lots require at least 2 acres and the median sale price of a single-family residence last year was $345,000.

But this is home to Gerry Scott, a single, 39-year-old president of a Boston financial communications company who owns a four-bedroom Cape, a Morgan horse, two antique carriages, and a sleigh.

Scott is surrounded by married couples with children, but their lifestyle doesn't set him apart.

He hosts two neighborhood barbecues a year, plays Ping-Pong with the local dads on Friday nights, and has contributed a picnic table to a common recreation area.

"My best friend out here is my 6-year-old neighbor," Scott says. "I expect to get married someday and have kids of my own. And when I do, this is where I'll stay. I'll fit right in, won't I?"

Car color important to buyers

N.Y. Times News Service

Henry Ford wouldn't get away with telling customers today what he did in the early days of the Model T: they could buy any color — as long as it was black.

American car buyers demand wider choices today, and if they don't see the color they want, they won't buy the car.

In a study conducted last spring by the polling firm of Yankelovich Partners, nearly a third of those questioned said they would switch vehicle brands if they couldn't get the color they wanted. In another survey, conducted by an automaker, nearly half the respondents said they would switch cars if they couldn't find their first color choice. "When we ask people the most important factors in their purchase, they mention resale value, quality, reliability," said Alan Eggly of Ford Motor Co.'s color-and-trim design department. "Color ranks around 20th on their list. But when they talk about their vehicles, they talk about their red Mustang or their white Lincoln Town Car. They'll wait to get the color they want in a vehicle."

For many years the choices were pretty drab, like gray and off-white. That changed in the 1950s, when a technological breakthrough created a pure, durable white, which led to the proliferation of two-toned cars, like white with pink, turquoise or baby blue.

Current events and the mood of the nation strongly affect car color choices.

For instance, green, with yellow hues, became a favorite color during the Vietnam War. It reemerged in the early '90s as the United States grappled with a recession and corporate downsizing. Green, a symbol of harmony, counteracts emotional stress, said Robert Dailey, the automotive color and styling manager for Du Pont. "In distressing times, people have a need to look to nature for a calming effect to offset events like the Vietnam War," Dailey said.

What's the prediction for the car color of 2000? New earth tones, like gold, copper, bronze and brown, will be popular and there will be a new demand for navy blue.

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In short, if there is no viewing and no grave, cremation can prevent the closure necessary for healing. So if you are considering this option it is advisable that all family members be allowed to express their wishes and needs.
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Deadline to submit entries to the local mayoral committee is Dec. 29. Local winners will be honored at a recognition banquet. Send nominations to: Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Awards, in care of of Camp Fire Boys & Girls, 4500 W. Illinois, Suite 112...

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The two-day workshop will also include panel discussions, vendor demonstrations and exhibits. Cost to attend one day only is $15. Cost to attend both days is $25. Deadline to register is Jan. 14, 1998. Checks should be payable to Midland College and mailed to Regional Tech Prep Conference, 3600 N. Garfield, Midland, Texas, 79705...

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Some childless employees resent filling in for those with children

By Tammy Joyner
N.Y. Times News Service

ATLANTA — With all the talk about family friendly workplaces, the harried life of working parents, and day care and au pair nightmares, single people and childless couples may be feeling outnumbered and overlooked.

This is probably more true now — perhaps more than any other time of the year — when the issue comes up of who'll pull holiday duty at work. Seniority often is the general rule of thumb for determining who gets time off, but the decision may subconsciously boil down to who has children and who doesn't, experts say. And that may mask a deeper workplace issue: unspoken resentment between the two groups.

"One of the most common complaints is that companies are much more willing to be flexible and give time off to employees who have children. And sometimes the childless employees feel they have to pick up the slack," said John Hickey of Work in America Institute, a nonprofit workplace research group. The issue will be part of a two-year research study the institute is undertaking.

"In general, there's lots of observers and lots of employees who believe (company) benefits favor employees who have children," he added.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution recently asked readers whether single or childless couples are unfairly tapped for holiday duty. While some said they could sympathize with both sides, responses pretty much depended on family status.

Some, like homemaker Elaine Smithwick of Centerville, took the altruistic high road.

"I've been married for quite some time and have a grown daughter. But when I was single, I worked as a nurse and they always needed someone to work the holidays," she said. "I always volunteered to work Christmas morning because I thought parents ought to be home with their children. So for the sake of those who did have small children, I wanted them to have first crack at being off at Christmas. I think it's only fair."

SMITHWICK IS NOT alone in her view.

A Conference Board survey of 78 leading firms worldwide found that childless workers readily fill in for co-workers with children when they're called away due to child care concerns.

Many of the newspaper's readers, however, thought that single people are taken advantage of, and that the responsibilities of work need to be rotated.

Those views are echoed by Childless by Choice, a Leavenworth, Wash.-based support group for childless couples and single people. The organization believes many companies are fairly unsympathetic to childless and single workers. Case in point: Many company policies are called

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— Jay Bender, founder of Childless by Choice.

work/family policies. Corporations mindful of that fact are changing the name to work/life policies.

"A lot of people want to make it a fight between people who have kids and those who don't," said Jay Bender, who six years ago cofounded Childless by Choice with his wife, Carin Smith. Bender is quick to point out that the organization is neither anti-child nor is it unsympathetic to working parents.

"That's not what it's about. It's about having control over the choices you make in your life. People who choose to have children — it's a choice they made," Bender said. "They shouldn't expect other people around them in the workplace to pick up the slack. They're asking (singles and childless couples) to help them when they didn't have a role in their decision to have children.

"Children seem to be the acceptable reason for taking time off," Bender added. "It's OK to leave work early because Johnny has to go to the dentist. It's not OK to take time off to go horseback riding."

Such views may increasingly gain steam.

Adults who have never married are one of the largest and fastest growing groups of Americans, accounting for one in four — or roughly 44.2 million — people older than 18. That's twice the number in 1970. At the same time, the number of childless couples is expected to grow nearly 50 percent between now and 2010.

Those two groups will be the most common U.S. households by 2005, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

To avoid resentment, experts advise employers to plan and schedule work well in advance. And, employers need to be mindful that the holiday season can be a stressful season — regardless of marital or family status.

"What happens is that a lot of the stress at holiday time gets played out in the workplace. It's a lot of pressure for people," said Alice Freedman, spokesman for WFD, a Boston-based consulting firm that works with corporations on work/personal life issues.

"Companies need to be aware of how the holidays impact all workers."

What's a fair way of doling out work during the holidays? Here's what experts and readers suggest:

Talk openly about the issue. Planning and coordination are the keys to handling any worker's need for flexibility, says Marcia Brumit Kropf of Catalyst. If a part-timer has to leave work for a pediatric visit, for instance, talk about it and decide how duties will be handled. You have to consider how the person's absence will affect other workers.

"If you plan effectively, you can push off many of the crises that occur. You can also do some quid pro quos," she said.

Rotate holidays. Many callers suggested this idea.

Be flexible. Keep in mind that people have lives outside of work. "Different people have different needs," said Robert Kaufman, senior partner at the Atlanta law firm of Kaufman, Chaiken, Miller & Klorfein. "The periods around the holidays often offer a lighter work schedule allowing workers to . . . handle whatever the needs are. I would hope an enlightened management would give a great deal of deference to accommodating the employees as opposed to having a rigid schedule. It produces more good will among your employees."

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Brady Bunch redux?

Memories of "Marcia, Marcia, Marcia," and bellbottoms are hard to repress in light of new fashion billed as "retro ware." The retro look includes 1970s-style striped tops, like this one, and "patch-pocket flared pants" looking suspiciously like bellbottoms on a smaller scale.

Buy four dresses, get one free

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Buy four, get one free has most familiarly been applied with success to hamburgers, coffee, pantyhose and even sweaters. Donna Morgan, a designer of dresses priced between $100 and $200, thinks the strategy can work for dresses, too.

The company that bears Ms. Morgan's name is instituting a program this month that will allow women who buy four of its dresses and get a fifth, valued at $100, free.

The idea is to forgo the discounts rampant in the fashion business yet offer customers something enticing. No telling if it will catch on the same as with lower priced items, like hamburgers.

'Gifted' wrapper offers gift finishing tips

N.Y. Times News Service

If you'd like to make all your holiday presents look spectacular without having to spend lots of time and money, follow the lead of America's most "gifted" wrapper Michelle Ketchum, owner of "That's A Wrap" at Montclair Plaza in Montclair, Calif.

On Nov. 22 in New York City, Ketchum was crowned national champion and wrapped up a $10,000 grand prize in the first-ever "Scotch Brand Search for America's Most Gifted Wrapper" contest.

Here are five of Ketchum's practical gift wrapping tips for the holidays:

■ Have a big, bulky gift to wrap? Just try a large bow. Attempting to cover these items in gift wrap can look messy.

■ Out of wrapping paper? Use the Sunday comics, a decorative towel, colorful rolls of wallpaper, even aluminum foil.

■ Tape is a must for gift wrapping. A pop-up tape strip dispenser is a useful new gift wrapping tool.

The dispenser delivers precut strips of tape right to the fingertips, eliminating the need to stick pieces of tape onto table edges for easy access.

■ Don't have any ribbon? Try colored string or strips of fabric remnants.

■ Create beautiful gift tags from old holiday cards, postcards and even calendars. Just cut out a favorite design or image and attach to the gift.

For a free booklet filled with many more fun, practical, and time-saving gift wrapping tips, send a stamped, self-addressed No. 10 envelope to: Scotch Brand Tips Service Center, 2982 North Cleveland Avenue, Roseville, MN 55113. Or send an e-mail with name and mailing address to: tips3mservice.montagenet.com Please allow two to three weeks for delivery.

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Cookie swaps big for holidays

By Stefanie L. Pearson
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PHOENIX — Chestnuts roasting on an open fire. Jack Frost nipping at your nose. And heaps of cookies. Towers of cookies. Tray after Santa-bedecked tray.

It must be Christmas.

And since it is, cookies must be home-baked, filling your home with their cozily delicious aroma.

You need cookies. A lot of them.

Becky Fraley meets that need every year with a cookie exchange, a custom increasingly becoming a Christmas tradition.

Cookie exchanges are cookie-swapping parties. You bake several dozen of your own cookies, bring them to the party to exchange with other guests and go home with dozens and dozens of cookies of all varieties.

A Phoenix mother of three, Fraley has hosted a cookie exchange party for the last eight or nine years for her co-workers from Samaritan Health System Special Procedures.

She views the party, which she held this year on Nov. 14, as a great way to start getting into the Christmas spirit. She said she definitely associates cookies with Christmas, although she's not sure why.

"I guess it's the baking my grandparents did during the holiday season," she said.

Fraley's parties combine the baking of the cookies with the exchange. Each of her colleagues bring 10 dozen already-baked cookies and then spend the day at her north Phoenix home baking more. A lot more. They each leave with dozens of about 20 different kinds of cookies, she said.

"We play Christmas music to get into the spirit and just have a good time. Everyone is laughing and having fun," she said. "It's a bonding experience to get away from work and talk about other things."

It also cuts down on the amount of baking she needs to do. Like most people, she'll be bringing plates of cookies to her office and to parties. The Fraleys also have a tradition of bringing cookies to all of her neighbors.

Cookie exchanges can take a variety of forms. Some, like Fraley's, are communal baking sessions. Others are potluck cookie parties where the goodies go straight into doggie bags. Guests contribute a few dozen of their own cookies and then pick from the collection to go home with dozens of cookies.

Either way, the focus is equal parts cookie acquisition and socializing. It's both baking and sharing. And that brings together the best parts of the holiday season, said Dorie Greenspan, cookbook author and dessert expert.

"Giving it away" is one of the best parts of holiday cooking, she said in a phone interview from her New York City apartment.

When her son, now a college student, was in nursery school, she and other mothers used to do cookie exchanges, she said. "It was great fun. I don't understand why you have to wait for the holidays."

They didn't. Eventually, the mothers banded baking skills and turned it into a fund-raiser.

Tempe's First United Methodist Church has held a "cookie walk" for the last 21 years, with proceeds going to charity. Last year's walk raised more than $1,500, said Pat Huddle, who is chairing this year's event.

At First United, people pay $6 for a small box or $12 for a large box and then go through the cookie walk, stuffing their boxes with as many of the church's home-baked cookies as they can.

Huddle marvels at the engineering acumen displayed by many of the Arizona State University students who line up early to get good picks from the cookie menagerie (there are literally thousands from which to choose).

"Most people come through and just plunk the cookies into their boxes, but then you'll see (ASU students) who know exactly how to lay them into their boxes to get the most in that they can," said Huddle, a retired teacher with the Tempe elementary school district.

Cookie exchanges rarely come with hard and fast rules, but there is one absolute no-no: Don't even think about store-bought.

"You have to watch out for those people who bring store-bought cookies in a fancy box and want to trade them for your home-baked gems," Greenspan dead-panned.

If someone showed up bearing commercial cookies at her exchange, Fraley joked, "we'd have to kick 'em out. We can't have no store-bought cookies at my party."

HEAVENLY TOFFEE CHIP FUDGE
(From Land O Lakes Holiday Bake Line)

Approximate values per serving: 110 calories, 5 g fat, 10 mg cholesterol, 16 g carbohydrates, 45 mg sodium, 41 percent calories from fat.

FUDGE:
1/2 cup butter
1/4 cup milk
1 (6-ounce) package (1 cup) semisweet real chocolate chips
3 cups powdered sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup toffee chips
TOPPING:
2 tablespoons toffee chips

MICROWAVE DIRECTIONS: In a large microwave-safe mixer bowl, combine butter, milk and chocolate chips. Microwave on high for 1-1/2 to 2 minutes, or until butter and chocolate chips are melted. Stir in powdered sugar and vanilla; beat at medium speed, scraping bowl often, until smooth (2 to 3 minutes). By hand, stir in 1/2 cup toffee chips. Spread in buttered 8-inch-square baking pan. Sprinkle 2 tablespoons toffee chips over top; gently press into fudge.

Cover; refrigerate until firm (1 to 1-1/2 hours). Cut into squares. Store refrigerated in airtight container.

NOTE: Chocolate-coated and plain toffee chips are available in the baking section.

STOVE-TOP DIRECTIONS: In a 2-quart saucepan, combine butter, milk and chocolate chips. Cook over low heat, stirring occasionally, until butter and chocolate chips are melted (5 to 10 minutes). Place chocolate mixture in large mixer bowl. Stir in powdered sugar and vanilla. Continue as directed in microwave information above.

TIP: For easy cutting, line pan with aluminum foil, extending foil over sides of pan; butter foil. To serve, lift foil and fudge out of pan; cut into squares. Place squares in paper candy cups.

Makes 36 servings.

POUNDCAKE COOKIES
(From The Wooden Spoon Dessert Book, by Marilyn M. Moore)

Approximate values per serving: 43 calories, 0.8 g fat, 12 mg cholesterol, 8.4 g carbohydrates, 22 mg sodium, 16 percent calories from fat.

2 sticks unsalted butter
1 cup granulated sugar
1-1/2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
3 large eggs
1-3/4 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
4 tablespoons granulated sugar

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Grease and lightly flour a 15-1/2 x10-1/2 x1-inch jellyroll pan. In a large bowl, to make batter, cream butter and gradually add 1 cup sugar, creaming well, beat in vanilla extract and eggs (adding 1 at a time). Stir or sift together and then blend into the batter, 1/2 cup at a time, the flour, salt, baking powder and ground nutmeg. (If using a mixer, use the lowest possible speed.) Drop the batter by spoonfuls onto the prepared pan. Spread evenly with a spatula. Sprinkle 4 tablespoons sugar evenly over the batter. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes, or until very lightly browned. Cool in the pan, elevated on a wire rack. Cut into 1- by 3-inch bars while still slightly warm.

Makes 50 servings.

MEXICAN CHOCOLATE WEDDING CAKES
(From Land O Lakes Holiday Bake Line)

Approximate values per serving: 70 calories, 4 g fat, 5 mg cholesterol, 8 g carbohydrates, 40 mg sodium, 5 percent calories from fat.

3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
3/4 cup butter, softened
3 squares (1 ounce each) unsweetened baking chocolate, melted
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup chopped nuts
1/2 teaspoon salt
Powdered sugar

Heat oven to 350 degrees. In a large mixer bowl, combine brown sugar and butter. Beat at medium speed, scraping bowl often, until creamy (1 to 2 minutes). Add melted chocolate and vanilla. Continue beating, scraping bowl often, until well-mixed (1 to 2 minutes). Reduce speed to low; add all remaining ingredients except powdered sugar. Continue beating, scraping bowl often, until well-mixed (1 to 2 minutes). Shape rounded teaspoonfuls of dough into 1-inch balls. Place 2 inches apart on cookie sheets. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes, or until set. Remove from oven and let stand 5 minutes; carefully remove from cookie sheets. Cool another 5 minutes. Roll in or sprinkle with powdered sugar while still warm and again when cool.

Makes 60 servings.

RASPBERRY KOLACKY
(From The Complete Cookie)

PASTRY:
6 ounces cream cheese, chilled
1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, chilled
1 large egg, plus an additional egg yolk
1 tablespoon granulated sugar
1-3/4 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
FILLING:
1-1/2 cups seedless raspberry spreadable fruit
TOPPING:
1/4 cup confectioners' sugar

In the bowl of a stationary electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, combine the cream cheese and butter. Mix at low speed until smooth but still dotted with bits of cream cheese and butter. Mix in the egg and egg yolk. Mix in the granulated sugar. Add the flour and baking powder and continue to mix at low speed just until incorporated. Scrape the dough onto a sheet of wax paper and gather it into a ball. Wrap the ball in the wax paper and refrigerate it overnight. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Cut the dough into quarters. Put 1 quarter on a lightly floured work surface. (Rewrap the remaining pieces in the wax paper to prevent drying out.) Turn the dough in the flour to coat and roll it out to a 1/8-inch thick rectangle about 10x12 inches. Cut out 2-1/2-inch circles. Gather the scraps of dough, roll it out again and cut out additional circles. Mound 1 teaspoon of the raspberry filling in the center of each circle. Moisten the outer border with water. Fold opposite sides of the circle up over the filling, overlapping them slightly. Repeat with the remaining 2 sides. To secure the closed kolacky, gently insert half a toothpick into the top.

Continue the process until all the kolacky are assembled. Bake on ungreased cookie sheets for about 20 minutes, until browned. Transfer the kolacky to wire racks and cool for 5 minutes. Carefully remove the toothpicks and dust the kolacky with confectioners' sugar.

CHOCOLATE-DIPPED MOONS
(From Land O Lakes Holiday Bake Line)

1-1/2 cups powdered sugar
1 cup butter, softened
1 egg
1-1/2 teaspoons almond extract
2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon cream of tartar
1 teaspoon baking soda
1 (12-ounce) package (2 cups) semisweet real chocolate chips
1 tablespoon shortening
Powdered sugar (for topping)

Heat oven to 375 degrees. In a large mixer bowl, combine 1-1/2 cups powdered sugar and butter. Beat at medium speed until creamy. Add egg and almond extract; continue beating until well-mixed. Reduce speed to low; add flour, cream of tartar and baking soda. Continue beating until well-mixed. Shape dough into 1-inch balls. Roll balls into 2-inch ropes; shape into half-moons. Place 2 inches apart on cookie sheets. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes, or until set. (Cookies do not brown.) Cool completely.

In a 1-quart saucepan, melt chocolate chips and shortening over low heat, stirring occasionally, until smooth (2 to 3 minutes). Dip half of each cookie into chocolate; let stand on waxed paper-lined cookie sheets until chocolate is set. Sprinkle remaining half with powdered sugar. Store between sheets of waxed paper in covered containers.

Makes 54 servings.

YIN-YANG WAFERS
(From Land O Lakes Holiday Bake Line)

2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
2-1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/8 teaspoon salt
3 ounces unsweetened chocolate, broken up
1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, at room temperature
1 cup confectioners' sugar
1/2 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
1 large egg
1/2 tablespoon orange extract
1 teaspoon orange zest
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

Combine the flour, baking powder and salt in a mixing bowl. Whisk and set aside. Melt the chocolate in a microwave at full power for 1-1/2 to 2 minutes, stirring every 30 seconds, or in the top of a double boiler over boiling water. Combine the butter and sugars in a large bowl. Cream until smooth with an electric mixer at medium speed. Mix in the egg. Stir in the flour mixture with a wooden spoon. Take care not to stir too much; leave the mixture crumbly.

Remove half (about 2 cups) to another bowl. To one half of the mixture, add the orange extract and orange zest, stirring until a dough forms. Transfer to a sheet of wax paper and shape into a 2x10-inch log. Roll it up in the wax paper.

To the other half, add the melted chocolate and vanilla. Stir until smooth. Shape and wrap like the previous log. Refrigerate both for 20 minutes.

Unwrap the logs and cut each in half lengthwise. Lay 1 of the orange halves on a work surface, cut side up. Place a chocolate half, cut side down, on top, positioning it so that it rests about 1/2 inch off center. Wrap in wax paper. Reshape a second two-color log the same way from the remaining dough halves. Wrap. Refrigerate the logs for a minimum of 2 hours.

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Slice the logs into 1/4-inch wafers and place on ungreased cool sheets. Bake for about 8 minutes, until delicately browned around the edges. Remove to wire racks to cool.

For separate Orange Wafers and Crispy Chocolate Wafers, leave the two logs of dough intact (do not divide and reassemble) and refrigerate for at least 2 hours before slicing and baking.

For Lemon Yin-Yang wafers, substitute equal amounts of lemon extract for the orange extract and lemon zest for the orange zest.

Makes 39 servings.

Homebaked cookies just taste better

By Stefanie L. Pearson
N.Y. Times News Service

PHOENIX — With commercial baked foods so readily available — and many of them quite tasty — what's the point?

Heresy, says cookbook author Dorie Greenspan, a self-described baking evangelist.

Years ago, Greenspan chucked doctoral studies in gerontology to devote herself to the science of baking. OK, Greenspan probably wouldn't use that particular term, but she readily acknowledges there's a lot more to baking than just yummiology (the study of yumminess, of course).

Start with basic chemistry. After all, what are baking powder, baking soda and yeast? Chemicals. "You have to have your proportions just right," she says. "A little too much of one thing, and the cake won't rise."

When the 11-year-old learning fractions complains, "But Mom, I am never going to use this in real life," just pull out that measuring cup.

Baking also teaches discipline. When you're cooking, you can season to taste and futz with ingredients. Not so with baking.

"There are times when you can get away with a pinch of this or a pinch of that, but for the most part, it's a 'formula'," Greenspan says. You learn to follow directions, a skill sorely lacking in many adults.

Discipline. Precision. Technical skills. Sounds like the Army.

Now, ponder aesthetics. Think vanilla and cinnamon. Think fresh-baked bread. Think cozy. Think warmth. Think "home."

"Not for nothing do real estate agents tell you to boil apple peels and cinnamon," when you're selling a house, Greenspan said.

The smells of home baking elicit "fairy tale memories," she continued. "Even if you didn't grow up in a home where parents and grandparents baked, there's something almost primal about the smell of butter and cinnamon ... there's something warm about it." It's the smell of comfort, of well-being.

Those who bake at home can spread that around. "Baking for someone is an act of generosity," Greenspan says. "No, I can't prove that a homemade cookie tastes better, but I think that there is something special about it."

After all, it has the ingredient no commercial bakery uses: love.

There's one more thing. Baking conveys a sense of accomplishment — for adults and especially for kids, Greenspan said.

"So many things are out of our control these days, yet making something as simple as a cookie provides you with a sense of fulfillment that is often hard to get in other places," she says. "You know when you do it right."

ENGAGEMENTS

CULBERT-DEAN

Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn (Bud) Culbert of Midland announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly, to Daryn Dean, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dean of The Woodlands. The wedding is planned for March 14, 1998, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Midland.

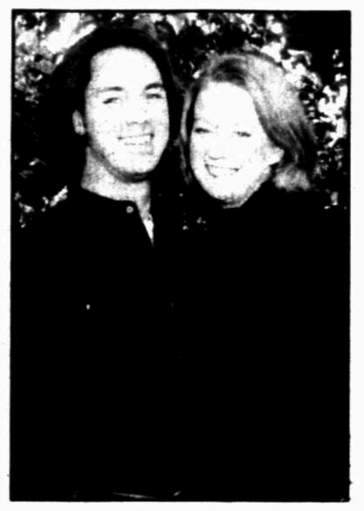
Miss Culbert is a graduate of Midland High School and Texas Tech University, where she earned a bachelor of science degree from the College of Human Sciences. She is an elementary school teacher in San Antonio and is completing her master's degree in education. Her fiance graduated from McCullough High School in The Woodlands and from Texas Tech, where he earned a bachelor of business administration degree in marketing. He is an account representative with Sirius Computer Solutions in San Antonio.

Kelly Culbert and Daryn Dean

SMITH-TOMLINSON

Leslie Ann Smith, daughter of Richard and Sherry Smith of Vernon, and Kit Tomlinson, son of Kenneth and Sherry Tomlinson of Midland, are planning to be married May 16, 1998, at Merket Alumni Center in Lubbock.

Miss Smith, a 1996 graduate of Vernon High School, is a junior at Texas Tech University, where she is majoring in French. Her fiance graduated from Midland High School in 1994 and is a senior at Texas Tech, majoring in therapeutic recreation.



Leslie Ann Smith and Kit Tomlinson

FRETWELL-LOPEZ

Janet Marie Fretwell and Eric John Lopez, both of Andrews, are planning to be married 11 a.m. Dec. 27 at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Andrews. The bride-elect is the daughter of John and Elaine Fretwell of Greenwood. Parents of the future bridegroom are Justo and Frances Lopez of Andrews.

Miss Fretwell graduated from Greenwood High School in 1990 and from West Texas A&M University in 1995. She is employed with Andrews Independent School District as a sixth-grade physical education teacher and seventh-grade girls coach at Andrews Middle School. Her fiance, a 1990 graduate of Andrews High School and a 1997 graduate of Texas Tech University, is employed with Texas Department of Transportation.

LIFESTYLE POLICIES

The Reporter-Telegram publishes engagement, wedding and anniversary annoucements free of charge. Deadline to get an announcement in the Sunday paper — including wedding and engagement announcements — is 5 p.m. the preceding Monday. For publication in a weekday paper, information should be received two days before it is to be published.

There is no limit as to how early in advance of the wedding an engagement can be announced. However, engagements are accepted to appear in the paper no later than two weeks before the wedding date.

Wedding announcements are accepted up to six weeks of the event. Anniversary announcements — 25th or higher — are also accepted up to six weeks after the anniversary date or celebration.

Announcements of pageant winners are published for teen-age and adult winners only. Photographs are published of winners, not runners-up or contestants. These announcements will be published on a space-available basis. Forms for weddings, engagements and anniversaries are available from Carol Ramirez in the Editorial office. All materials should include the signature and telephone number of the person submitting them.

Photographs may be submitted with wedding and engagement announcements, and with anniversary announcements of 50 years or more, but are not required. A portrait of the bride-elect or of the future bride and bridegroom together may be submitted with engagement announcements. Portrait photographs of the bride only or photos of the wedding couple may be submitted with wedding announcements. A different photo must be submitted for engagement and wedding announcements. Anniversary photos should be current. Vertical photos are preferred. Both black and white, and color studio quality portraits are acceptable from wallet size up to 8x10. Polaroid shots are not accepted.

Photos can be picked up from Carol Ramirez in the Editorial Department after publication, or a self-addressed, stamped envelope can be enclosed for the photo to be returned by mail.

CASBEER-POOL

Carrie Frances Casbeer and Thomas Gerald Pool were united in marriage on Saturday, October 4, 1997, at School Creek Baptist Church in Lampasas County, Texas. The double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Stephen Holcombe.

The bride is the daughter of Tom and Martha Casbeer of Lampasas and Houston. She is the granddaughter of Frances Tumlinson and the late Bill Tumlinson and Lois Casbeer and the late T.J. Casbeer, all of Lampasas.

The groom's Mother is Virginia Stewart Pool of Midland. His grandparents were the late Leonard and Anne Stewart of Midland.

The entry porch of the white country church was decorated with white tulle, English Ivy and Boston ferns and held the guest registry presided over by Brandie Harris of Arlington.

Musical selections were played by organist Betty Ann Whitis and "The Lord's Prayer" was sung by Alicia Straley of Lampasas. Lori Taylor of Euless, Texas presented a reading from 1 Corinthians.

Julie Thatcher of Thousand Oaks, California, served as Matron of Honor. Other attendants were Doreen Gross of Coppell, Texas, and Whitney Walker, cousin of the bride, of Lampasas.

Best Man was Jim Shock of Afton, Oklahoma. Groomsmen were Scott Brown of Midland and Kevin Cook of Arvada, Colorado. Jeff Casbeer of Austin and Bill Casbeer of Denton, brothers of the bride, served as ushers.

Steve and Lori Taylor, of Euless, served the couple as host and hostess at the wedding..

Following the ceremony, a reception and dinner was hosted by the bride's parents at their Lampasas home, Quiet Creek Ranch. Under a large white tent decorated with white tulle, miniature lights, flowers and greenery, dinner and dancing followed. Music was provided by Cutting Edge of Austin.

After a honeymoon in Negril, Jamaica, Tom and Carrie are at home in Euless, Texas.

On the eve of the wedding, a rehearsal dinner was given in the home of Bob and Carol Wright of Lampasas.

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Dostoyevsky 'lives' in St. Petersburg

By Michael Specter
N.Y. Times News Service

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — Russian literature really did not exist until — through a singular act of will, cruelty and imagination — Peter the Great summoned St. Petersburg, this strange, beautiful city, from the sea. Somehow, by inventing a new city in an old country, Peter created for Russia not just a fortress but also a soul.

If they wished, visitors here could do nothing but wander among the marble busts and ornate villas of the literary past: Pushkin's vest — pierced by the bullet that killed him in a useless duel — lies permanently on display. Here Gogol wrote much of "Dead Souls," his uncanny guide to the mind of the Russian bureaucrat. There are, of course, shrines to Aleksandr Blok and to Osip Mandelstam, 20th-century Russia's greatest poet.

In a former palace that became a communal apartment under the Communists, the rooms of the city's muse, Anna Akhmatova, have been turned into a simple monument to her moody elegance.

But for all the literary echoes ringing through the grand, neo-classical mansions, for all the artifice and pageantry, St. Petersburg is still the dark province of one febrile man: Fyodor Dostoyevsky. Although he was born in Moscow, he spent more than 30 years here, where he created his greatest novels. More than to any other writer, this city which is at once so glorious and so malign, belongs to him.

"There is something inexpressibly touching," Dostoyevsky wrote about the city in his story "White Nights": "Somehow I cannot help being reminded of a frail, consumptive girl, at whom one sometimes looks with compassion, sometimes with sympathetic love, whom sometimes one simply does not notice ... one cannot help asking oneself what power made those sad, pensive eyes flash with such fire?"

It was a series of questions that occupied him throughout his life.

DOSTOYEVSKY WAS the greatest interpreter of the limitless depths of the Russian soul, and this is the place where it has always been most clearly on display. He once declared that St. Petersburg was a city for the "half mad." Viscount Melchoir de Vogue, a Frenchman, agreed, and regarded Dostoyevsky as its warden: "He is the Shakespeare of the lunatic asylum." There was little question that the asylum was the city itself.

Much has changed here since Dostoyevsky died in 1881; much has even changed this year. (From the window of one of the many apartments in which he lived, Golden Arches are visible; from the doorstep of another dwelling you can spy offices for Fedex and Sprint.) It is sometimes hard to reconcile the mystical anti-Western view of the writer with a city that is now filled with boutiques; that has a Western hotel in a houseboat on the banks of the vast, roiling Neva, and that has never, in any real way, been a coherent part of Russia.

In the end, even today, it doesn't matter. The writer's city, finally, cannot be budged. The grim layer of cloud and fog rising from the Neva guarantees that. The canals are as fetid and mysterious as they were 150 years ago. And the fact that St. Petersburg is so European and has always been so helps create the city's permanent sense of ambivalence, of not belonging. So it is still fun — and instructive — to stroll the streets of the imperial city, seeing how intricately Dostoyevsky's work and life were meshed.

It is perhaps best to start where he ended up. Since 1971, the writer's last apartment has been a museum. There are two floors filled with paintings of everything from the French Revolution (which inspired him and many other St. Petersburg intellectuals) to likenesses of Christ. Collections both of his works and of the works he read — most notably his Bible — have also been retained. Historians tried without success to find the original plan for the apartment. So they improvised: they removed 18 layers of wallpaper until they found a green, ornately detailed paper dated 1878, a time when Dostoyevsky occupied the apartment. He wrote his last novel, "The Brothers Karamazov," in the cozy rooms here.

If you go:

To explore Dostoyevsky's St. Petersburg, the best place to begin is the F.M. Dostoyevsky Memorial Museum and Museum Art Gallery, at 5/2 Kuznechny Pereulok.

There are two convenient Metro stops: Vladimir-skaya and Dostoyevskaya; all taxi drivers will know the address as well.

The museum is the house where Dostoyevsky lived the last part of his life and where he died. It's open daily from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., except Mondays and the last Wednesday of every month.

The museum's telephone and fax number is (812) 311-40-31; fax only: (812) 311-18-04.

The museum staff members can arrange tours. Ms. Biron speaks Russian and French. Others speak English. If you give the museum enough time, it can arrange for an interpreter as well.

The tours, which last about two hours, cost $80 no matter what the size of the group.

Two photographs were made of his original study; so it can be seen today as it was when he wrote. He kept his desk compulsively neat but his writing style was intensely haphazard.

YOU CAN SEE manuscript copies where he fills a page, turns it over and fills the back and then scrawls additions in the margin. Two candles sit on his desk because he hated electric light and never used it when he wrote.

Dostoyevsky moved 20 times in his three decades here, most of the time because he could no longer afford what he had. His gambling was ruinous to his health, his relationships and his pocketbook. But it kept him productive. He was often poor, usually in debt. But he was always particular about what kind of place would be suitable for him.

"When he rented an apartment he always looked for corner buildings," said Vera Biron, a Dostoyevsky scholar who has written a Russian-language guide to the writer's city and who conducts tours for the Dostoyevsky Museum.

"That way he could be more isolated from people. It was also important to him to live in a place with a church or a cathedral that could be seen from his house."

We are standing at Sennaya Square, which when Dostoyevsky knew it was called the Haymarket. In his era the Haymarket was alive with noise, mud and the suffering of the poor. Serfs were beaten publicly here.

Dostoyevsky lived three times at three different houses on a narrow, cobblestone street here — Kaznacheyskaya Street. ("The most Dostoyevsky place in all of St. Petersburg," according to Ms. Biron. "He considered it the stomach of the city.") The rancid smell of the canal — women washed the family laundry in it, children bathed, and many used it as a toilet — is gone now. But the claustrophobia of the place remains. Buildings are pressed against each other — in contrast to the broad apartments so common in other parts of the city.

Dostoyevsky wrote "Crime and Punishment" in an apartment here that seems more like a punishment cell than a home. He started the book in 1865, one month after he had read an article about a merchant's son from Moscow who had killed two old women with an ax. The murderer had been an Old Believer in rituals, a "raskolnik" in Russian, and Dostoyevsky seized on him to create Raskolnikov, his murderous, intellectual hero, who was his fictional neighbor on this street, as was the old lady he killed.

Merchants no longer sell hay in the square here. Cars, clogging the narrow alleys around the Griboyedova Canal, have taken the place of horses. But the cramped, musty feeling of the neighborhood has been preserved for more than a century. It used to be filled with drunks and prostitutes. The prostitutes have moved to better locations, but men still weave uncertainly as they cross the Kokushkin Bridge.

When Dostoyevsky lived here this place was as seamy as a seaport city can get. Once while he was crossing the square a drunken soldier offered him a silver cross and the writer bought it although he knew he was being cheated. It turned out to be made of brass but Dostoyevsky couldn't part with it and became very upset when he lost it.

It was on this bridge that Raskolnikov stood contemplating suicide, staring bleakly into the black waters beneath him. It was also in this neighborhood that Dostoyevsky passed the worst moments of his life: in 1864 his wife died at the age of 43; late that year so did his brother and then his friend Apollon Gorogyev. He said that his life broke in two at this point.

"It is as if the tragedy of Dostoyevsky's life added a certain value to the neighborhood," Ms. Biron said. "There are simply some mystic places in St. Petersburg that never change in people's minds." Most of the square was destroyed during the Nazi siege of World War II. The buildings have been reconstructed, but the mood has never shifted.

Dostoyevsky's city is surprisingly small. It takes only an hour or two to cover all of it. From his lodging house not far from Haymarket Square to the block where the old moneylender lived, Raskolnikov took 730 famous steps. Many people, including prominent actors, have tried to take the 730 steps from the house near the canal where Raskolnikov is said to have lived to the lodgings of the old woman at what is now 25 Prospekt Rimsky-Korsakov. Nobody has managed to find the right pace.

But they never stop trying. On this trip the courtyard is filled with ancient women chatting in the fading sunlight. They look old enough to have lived when Dostoyevsky made his habitual nocturnal forays here. They know without having to ask why we have come.

"It's up there," one shouts. "The spirit of the dead is still on the landing." The stairs are cluttered and cramped and there are graffiti all the way from the ground to the fourth floor. The apartment is not open, but the sense of danger is palpable. There are notes and banners stuck to the floor: "Do it again," says one. "Why did she die?" asks another.

"You rarely see a literary event so alive after this many years," Ms. Biron noted, before walking through the courtyard, back toward the canal where Raskolnikov hid his ax. "It's funny," she said, looking out the window that once froze Raskolnikov. "He is not the most Russian of Dostoyevsky's characters. Mitya Karamazov (in 'The Brothers Karamazov') is far more Russian, more full of soul. Raskolnikov was a man of such pure ideas. He was too rational, too different. It had to be the Western influence. A Russian killer would have had an easier time in this city."

The same might be said for Dostoyevsky himself. He was famous from the publication of "Poor People," his first novel, in 1846. But in part due to his own profligacy he never had an easy time of it. He was, after all, a man whom the czar sentenced to death and then spared only as he stood at the gallows. Instead, he was sent to Siberia to spend four years in chains.

HE ONLY FOUND peace — if that is a word that can be used to describe his life — as he grew older. Sitting in his apartment on the night of Jan. 28, 1881, he told his wife that he felt bad and that he he knew he was going to die. She was well aware that he believed his premonitions so she tried to calm him. It did no good. He asked for the Bible he had carried with him in Siberia. He opened it, read it and died.

He was buried at the Aleksandr Nevsky Monastery, at once one of Peter's grandest and most serene creations, at the age of 58 on Feb. 1 in the first such public event for a Russian writer. Eighty thousand people watched in silence as the dead writer was carried through the streets he invented.

Weddings

JACKSON-WILLIAMSON

Sammie Jackson and Glen Williamson were married Nov. 14 at the Women's Federation Building in Midland. The Rev. Robert Lathen officiated.

The bridegroom is the son of Mary Williamson of Midland.

Ida M. Isom, sister of the bridegroom, was honor attendant. The bride also was attended by Delores McCalister, Learna Washington, Pat Sledge, Velta Austin, Mary Smith, Margie McCoy, Doris Rollie, Stephnie Lister and Mary Burks. Flower girl was Maisha Williams, daughter of the bridegroom.

Groomsmen were Michael Thomas, Charles Roseberry, Robert Burks, Willie McCoy, J.B. Roosevelt, Ray Smith, D.J. Jackson and Sherman O'Neil Sr. of Midland.

After a wedding trip to Palm Beach, Fla., the couple lives in Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Williamson

PONCE de LEON-SCHNEIDER

MORELIA, Michoacan, Mexico — The Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe (San Diego) in Morelia was the setting for the 7 p.m. Nov. 8 wedding of Ana Bertha Ramirez Ponce de Leon of Morelia, and Thomas Edward Schneider of Midland, Texas, USA. The Rev. Roberto Schoof officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Guillermo Ramirez Ochoa and Maria Elena Ponce de Leon de Ramirez of Morelia. Parents of the bridegroom are Tom and Patricia Schneider of Midland.

The couple was attended by the bridegroom's parents, and Danielle Brogan Snow of Kerrville, Texas, niece of the bridegroom; Jose Guillermo Rangel Ramirez of Morelia, nephew of the bride; Brian Shurr Schneider of Cleveland, Ohio, brother of the bridegroom; Guillermo Ramirez Ponce de Leon of Morelia, brother of the bride; Fabiola Esquer de Ramirez of Morelia; Leticia Ramirez de Rangel of Morelia, sister of the bride; Jose M. Rangel Cisneros of Morelia; Margaret Schneider Snow of Kerrville, sister of the bridegroom; Molly Schneider Clark of Midland, sister of the bridegroom; Laura Fitzmaurice Schneider of Fort Worth, Texas, sister of the bridegroom; Laura Garcia Salinas of Morelia; and Edgar Alejandro Rangel Ramirez and Oscar Rangel Ramirez of Morelia, nephews of the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edward Schneider

The bride is a graduate of Escuela Normal Superior Jose Maria Morelos de Michoacan in Morelia. She is a kindergarten and Spanish teacher. Her husband graduated from Texas A&M University and is co-owner of Way Out West Trading Company.

After a wedding trip to Spain, the couple lives in Midland.

DULIN-KOONTZ

Rachel Dulin and William Kevin Koontz, both of Brownwood, were married 4 p.m. Dec. 6 at First Baptist Church in Midland. The Rev. Andrew Wommack officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Leon and Joyce Dulin of Midland. Parents of the bridegroom are Cal and Marilyn Koontz of San Antonio.

Rebekah Yankowsky of Midland, sister of the bride, and Jenny Royer of Logan, Utah, were honor attendants for the bride.

Her other attendants were Julie Jones of New Orleans, Kelli Harmon of Shawnee, Okla.; Tiffany Davidson of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Emily Glisson of San Antonio, Layla McRoberts of Fort Huachuca, Ariz.; and Jerri O'Brian of Metter, Ga. Flower girl was Jessica Beisel of Midland, niece of the bride.

Jarrod Stringer and Ripp Hardaway, both of San Antonio, served as the best men. The bridegroom also was attended by Keith Yankowsky of Midland, David Matthews of Houston, Todd Green of Austin, Cody Bowles of San Antonio, David Schum of Brownwood and Jimmy Carter of Temple. Ryan Oliver served as usher and groomsman.

Mrs. William Kevin Koontz

After a wedding trip to Cozumel, Mexico, the couple lives in Brownwood.

Club News

WOMAN'S WEDNESDAY STUDY CLUB

Woman's Wednesday Study Club met at the Midland Woman's club for Christmas luncheon, with 15 members and guest, Catherine Hillgraf, attending. Hostesses were Nita Helmer and Jane Harmon. "One Accord," a group of singers from First Baptist Church, presented the program. Christmas project was discussed.

MIDLAND SYMPHONY GUILD

Midland Symphony Guild met at First Christian Church's Family Life Center with Pam Leibrock presiding. Lunch was catered by Murray and the Frenchman. Vicki Donnell led a review and discussion of proposed by-law changes. The by-laws were adopted.

PRECEPTOR ETA UPSILON CHAPTER, BSP

Preceptor Eta Upsilon chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met at the home of Genell Emerson. Donna Snyder was hostess and gave the program.

MIDLAND STUDY CLUB

Midland Study Club met for Christmas luncheon at Midland Country Club, with 24 members and guests, Doris Belden, Ruth Boyd, Barbara Aurthur and Ettie Lovett, attending. Hostesses were Peggy Heineman and Dixie Osborne. Kay Brahaney gave a program of music called "Seasonal Sounds."

JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB

Junior Woman's Club met at the home of Deborah Fikes for a Christmas meeting and gift exchange. Denise Smith presided. Sharla Sirgo was hostess. Kathy Kapp and Paula Albertson reported on the planned Parade of Homes. Mini-project for December was Dress-A-Live-Doll, with enough money being raised for five children.

MUSICIANS CLUB

Musicians Club met at St. Luke's Methodist Church, with Mrs. Roger Vester, Mrs. B. Kent Moss and Annelissa Hyde as hostesses. Hymn of the month was led by Debby Vester. Program on "Bach? J.S.? C.P.E? W.F.? or P.D.Q.? Huh?!!" was presented by Marty Banner. Performers were Kathleen Janssen, Mary Lou Bade, Ms. Vester, Allison Smith, Ms. Banner, Dorothy Matthews, Marian Stone, Ami McNamara and Maneeta Heckathorne.

Bridge Winners

The following are bridge winners for Nov. 24-30.

MONDAY
ACBL-WIDE CHARITY GAME
OVERALL WINNERS:
1. Leonora Slusher, Jimmie Penn
2. Marianne and Buf Slay
3. Linda Jerman, Jerry Crooker
4. Bobbie Wooten, Cliffa Slate
5. Belle Harris, Ken Hill
6. Joan La Fond, Helen Wise

STRAT A
NORTH-SOUTH:
1. Jimmie Penn, Leonora Slusher
2. Linda Jerman, Jerry Crooker
3. Bobbie Wooten, Cliffa Slate
4. Gloria Crites, Becky Kinsey

STRAT B
1. Bobbie Wooten, Cliffa Slate
2. Jimmie Branch, Jimmy Cox
3. Clarence Marley, Marina Mathews
4. N. Dale Beck, Jo Price

STRAT C
1. N. Dale Beck, Jo Price
2. Charlene DeLaune, Betty Moudy

STRAT A
EAST-WEST:
1. Marianne and Buf Slay
2. Belle Harris, Ken Hill
3. Joan La Fond, Helen Wise
4. Betty Reeves, Linda Warden

STRAT B
1. Belle Harris, Ken Hill
2. Joan La Fond, Helen Wise
3. Betty Reeves, Linda Warden
4. Phyllis Berkowitz, Tom Vick

STRAT C
1. Ken Hill, Belle Harris
2. Margie Hill, Neva Green
3. Terri Tedford, Nancy Harris

SUNDAY
1. Mary Hammond, Jimmie Penn
2. Ruth Fahrig, Sue Gardiner

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DEAR ABBY

Single father worried about social climate

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I am a single father with primary custody of my 11-year-old daughter, "Nadine." She and I are very close. She lives with her mother on weekends. However, since her mother works out of state, on some weekends she doesn't make it home to be with Nadine.

Van Buren

Abby, I have a rule that my daughter cannot have her girlfriends spend the night at our home. It's because I'm afraid of being accused of misconduct with her friends. I would never behave inappropriately, but today, men must be careful that there is no possibility of suspicion. I would not feel comfortable with Nadine spending the night at the home of a friend who lived alone with her father, and I think most parents probably would feel the same way.

Am I cheating my daughter by not allowing her friends to sleep over? Am I wrong to protect myself from the possibility of accusations? Or am I being paranoid? — 'OVERLY CAUTIOUS' OR 'RIGHT ON'? TAMPA, FLA.

DEAR RIGHT ON: In light of the social climate today, your caution probably is wise. However, explain to Nadine why you have the rule. She is old enough to understand.

Your daughter need not miss out on the girlhood ritual of sleep-overs — she could have her friends spend the night when she is with her mother.

DEAR ABBY: As a public service, please print my letter.

If you put an ad in the lost-and-found section of the newspaper, chances are it will end up on the Internet. When it does, rest assured someone will contact you and offer to return your lost item — if you wire money to pay for the shipping costs.

Do not, I repeat, DO NOT fall for this scam! Chances are, the crooks do not have the item and never did. They see an opportunity to cheat you. They are counting on your emotional attachment to the lost item. They'll rip you off and laugh all the way to the bank.

How do I know? Our daughter lost her beloved dog. She was ripe for this scam, and fell for it.

If people get a response to their lost-and-found ad, they should "accept" the offer, obtain the name and location of where the crook will claim the money, then notify police. At the very least, the police should be asked for advice. These people must be stopped. — VICTIM'S MOM, SUN CITY WEST, ARIZ.

DEAR VICTIM'S MOM: Thanks for the warning. It seems that we must all be on our toes these days to protect ourselves.

DEAR ABBY: I want a new bicycle, but my mother says I will have to earn it. I am too young to get a job. Can you tell me how to get some money for a new bike? — YOUNG READER IN NORFOLK, VA.

DEAR YOUNG READER: You may be too young for a grown-up job, but you are not too young to earn money by doing chores and odd jobs for neighbors.

Talk to your mother about taking on some of the chores at home. For example, ask her if she will pay you for sweeping the driveway or the kitchen, or taking the trash out every day. You could also ask your neighbors to hire you for such things as raking leaves, walking their dog, sweeping their sidewalks or pulling weeds. There are always small jobs for which people would be happy to pay you.

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— Anonymous (Forbes magazine)

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Children need to give as well as receive

By Linda Wolfsdorf
N.Y. Times News Service

Strange how you don't have to teach kids what to want for Christmas or Chanukah. If they can recognize Elmo, they're already experts in what's available and most desirable. How do they know so much? The education of these little consumers-in-the-making begins the minute the TV set beams out its first commercial.

Everywhere they look, kids are encouraged to want stuff for themselves, but there's barely a word about the pleasures of giving to others. The job of raising caring and generous children falls squarely upon parents. It's at home that most children learn of the rewards of reaching out when help is needed, or how to empathize with others, or begin to feel that having been blessed themselves, they have a responsibility to help those who are less fortunate.

Children need to be exposed early and often to the idea that each act of generosity not only creates a kinder, fairer world, but is a source of feeling good yourself. This won't happen by nagging, or even preaching. You teach compassion to youngsters by example. I heard two wonderful examples recently at a talk titled "Making Your Child a Mensch," mensch being a Yiddish word that roughly means a person of great integrity — someone you instinctively trust, someone you'd turn to in times of trouble. You might say being called a mensch is the equivalent of being awarded the Jewish Nobel Peace Prize. So how do you raise a mensch?

Marla Meyer talked about how her 5-year-old son accompanies her husband, a Reform rabbi, on his visits to nursing homes and strums a small guitar as his dad plays and sings to patients. Layah Lipsker told how her son goes with his dad, an Orthodox rabbi, to set up chairs for Friday evening services, then stands beside him at the door to welcome congregants as they arrive. Both these men have careers that involve service to others, but instead of leading their children to believe that good deeds are strictly for adults, they bring them along and show them ways they can contribute as well.

In her book, "Raising Compassionate Courageous Children in a Violent World," Dr. Janice Cohn suggests that kids need genuine accomplishments in order to develop a healthy sense of self-esteem. Empty praise, she says, has a destructive effect upon children's character. In contrast, when kids help others they come to feel truly competent, powerful, and proud of themselves. Cohn cites studies which show that those with a commitment to caring for others not only have higher levels of self-esteem, but perform better academically and socially, and are at lower risk of suffering from depression or anxiety disorders. Those who are involved with something beyond themselves are most likely to report high levels of well-being and life satisfaction.

The joy of giving comes from the pleasure of knowing that you've been able to bring someone else a little happiness. That's why it so important to allow our children to be givers as well as receivers.

Giving of oneself is one of the few gifts on earth that actually delivers more than it promises.

Divorced families can have happy holidays

By Barbara F. Meltz
N.Y. Times News Service

If professionals versed in the dos and don'ts of divorce were handing out report cards on coping at the holidays, Scott Williamson would score all A's.

The Sunday after Thanksgiving, as he and his two children were leaving his parents' home in New Hampshire, he stopped at a farm to cut down a Christmas tree. Laura, 5, and Reid, 3, had never done that before. If there was sadness attached to acquiring a tree without Mom, it wasn't evident; they were too excited. Indeed, the next morning when she came to pick them up, they couldn't wait to show it to her.

That each divorced parent creates new rituals with his or her children is high on professionals' to-do list. "It helps children feel more secure," says California family therapist Isolina Ricci.

Planning ahead is high on the list, too. Even though Williamson good-naturedly admits this is not his strong suit, he is making an effort this Christmas, the second holiday season that his children are living in two households. "In looking to see how much time for Christmas I had with them, I decided I should get the tree early," says Williamson, who shares joint custody.

MAKING PLANS ahead of time, weeks if not months, is as much for your children as it is for you. "Knowing details in advance helps diminish their anxiety," says psychologist Abigail J. Stewart of the University of Michigan. She urges parents to share schedules with the kids as soon as you agree to them, although with preschoolers, two weeks is plenty.

The biggest trap to avoid is child-as-prize. The child whose parents fight over who gets to be with her when ends up feeling like a possession, not like a child. Years later, it is that hostility that likely will be remembered, no matter how many other wonderful activities surrounded the holiday, says social worker Patricia Marquis who specializes in single-parent issues.

This child also gets mired in loyalty issues, says Stewart: "If I want to be with Dad, does that mean I don't love Mom? Will Mom be OK if I'm with Dad?" For a child who already feels pressure to please, this added holiday tension can overwhelm.

"Young ones will become whiney, clingy, or overly demanding," says Ricci. A school-age child who insists she doesn't want to go with Daddy really may want to go but is too worried about you to feel she can leave. Stewart tells parents to lie if you need to in order to give children peace of mind and permission to have fun. Rather than say, "I'm going to miss you, I don't know what I'll do without you," tell her: "I'll be thinking of you, hoping you're having a good time. I'm having dinner at Jody's and that will be nice for me, too."

Equally important but perhaps even more difficult is to encourage your child to talk about the celebrations at his other parent's house. "It's important that he doesn't feel like he leads two separate lives," says Ricci. If he clams up, it's probably because he thinks you don't want to hear about it. Disabuse him of that, she says.

Even if your divorce includes a holiday custody agreement, there are still details to work out. It's not enough to know your ex is dropping the kids off Christmas Eve. What time? Misunderstandings about details like this can ruin the day, reopening your wounds and turning relatives into firebrands. After one too many eggnogs, Uncle Joe may not hesitate to lace into your ex for being late or tick off other transgressions to your children, a situation to be avoided at all costs, says Stewart.

"If the parent brings the kids late, on this of all days, let it go," she says. "Don't get into it." Stewart is co-author of "Separating Together" (Guilford Press, 1997).

On the first Christmas after the separation your children need more specifics than usual. "They need to know what will and won't be the same, says Marquis. "Otherwise, there's room for disappointment."

That rule applies every year after, too, especially if situations or plans change. Stewart says it's a myth to think if you get past the first year, you're home free. "(Problems) might not happen every year, but they could happen any year," she says.

Stewart tells parents to keep in mind that the sadness a child feels at a holiday is not limited to what actually has been lost but also to what was wished for but never happened. "There may be a picture in her head of a wonderful holiday meal that never happened but that she wished would happen," she says. She recommends airing the issue even if your child doesn't:

BECAUSE A HOLIDAY does bring up the past, a child's fantasy for reconciliation may be stronger than ever about now, says Jack Feuer, a divorced dad and author of "Good Men, A Practical Handbook for Divorced Dads" (Avon, 1997).

"You may see your kids manipulating things so the two of you are together," he says. Resist the pleas for a meal with in-laws on both sides or suggestions about a gift for Mom. On the other hand, Feuer does suggest helping your child buy a gift for the other parent. "That's being a good role model," he says. "It teaches emotional generosity, tolerance, kindness."

What you and your ex-spouse are buying the children can be a big issue at the holidays, even a competition the children buy into: "Mom is giving me a CD player. What are you getting me?" Don't get defensive, cautions Ricci. A good response: "Your mother can afford to buy more expensive presents than I can, and it's nice she can give you special things." At another time, you might make the point that love is expressed in many ways at the holidays.

Ricci warns that outbuying the other parent as a way to score points with your child rarely works. Even a preschooler is uncomfortable with an unusual number of gifts, and a school-age child may get angry: "He's trying to buy my loyalty! I'll show him!"

In an ideal situation, parents consult each other about gifts, says Ricci, and give the big ones jointly. "That sends a powerful message, that Mom and Dad can cooperate when it comes to you," she says.

No matter how much planning and effort you put into a holiday, there's always bound to be some issue, some question, you didn't anticipate. Williamson found himself floundering one night recently when 3-year-old Reid asked him if Mom could be there when they open presents this year.

"His question made me realize that even though the adults knew exactly what was going to happen, we hadn't told the kids," says Williamson.

"I explained he'll be at his mom's house Christmas morning this year. I walked him through the whole schedule."

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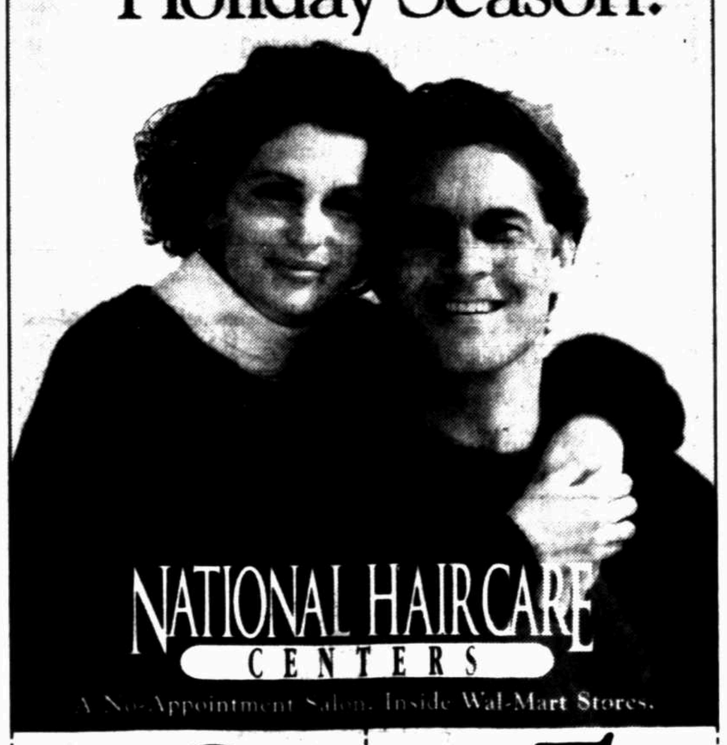
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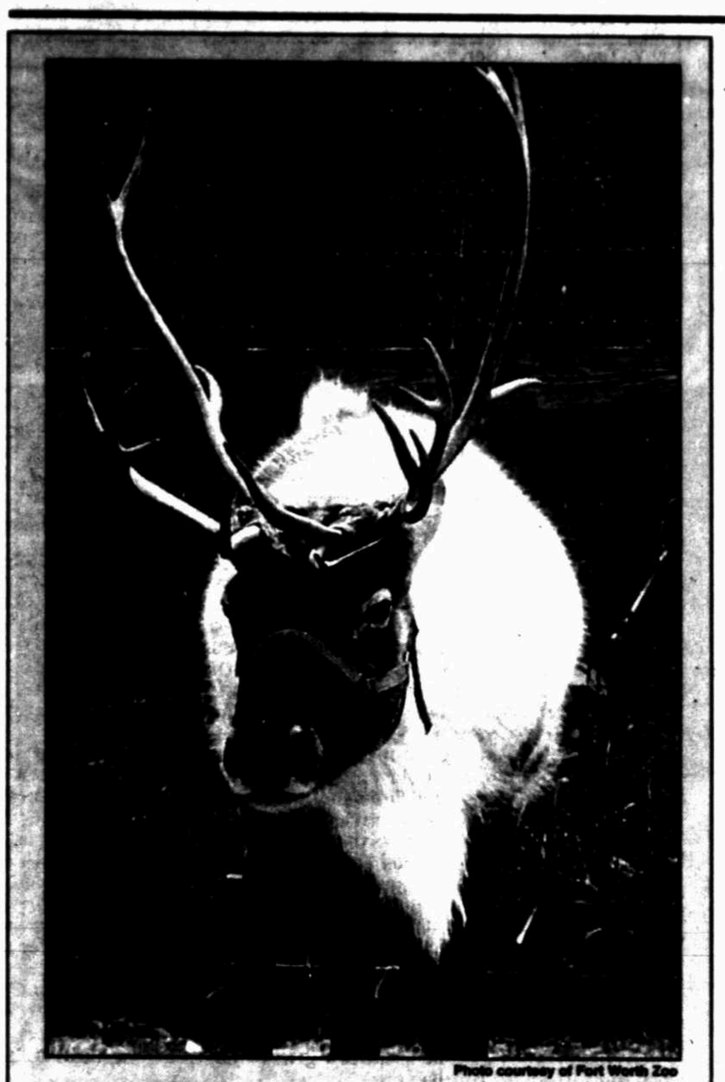

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Waiting for Santa

Reindeer are visiting the Fort Worth Zoo through Jan. 3, 1998 (except for Dec. 24 and 25) on the zoo's Reindeer Ranch. The reindeer arrived Dec. 12, and are part of Christmas scenes including light displays at the zoo. Free "reindeer antlers" will be given to children age 12 and under (while supplies last). For zoo hours and information call 1-(817) 871-7015.

Sun or snow? Off-season bargains abound

By Jerry Morris
N.Y. Times News Service

Sun or snow? That's the question for travelers at this time of year.

Weather sometimes plays too much of a role in deciding where to go any time of the year. For those of us in snow climates, I must admit there is nothing like escaping winter's woes for even a week.

I just returned from a week in the Caribbean on Celebrity Cruises' new Mercury, and I liked the idea that the day before leaving, we had enough snow to make escaping New England all the better.

So while heading for sunny destinations may bring instant pleasure as to weather, taking a different direction can provide not only new experiences but also bargain travel.

TOUR EUROPE

Winter is an excellent time to head to Europe. You don't go to Europe to lie on a beach — you go for its cultural and historical attractions. And at this time of year, Europe is quite lively with great theatre or excellent for museum visiting. But the best reason for thinking Europe now is price. Travelers can find bargain air fares to the Continent — last year, fares went below $300 round trip — and many airlines have packages for under $500 that include air fare, hotel, or a rental car. Ask your travel agent.

Auto Europe, for example, has a $459 package with round-trip air from Boston to London that includes an economy car rental with unlimited mileage through March 31. Packages are available to other European destinations and from other US cities. For information, call 1-800-223-5555.

Canada is a country that has learned to live with snow. Montreal has an entire underground city beneath it, so visitors almost never have to go outside for shopping, theater, and other attractions. Toronto also has an underground network of shops and is basically now "on sale," with great buys on hotel stays and theater — it's the third largest city for theater in the world and has some great Broadway hits on stage.

Out in Vancouver, one delightful inn loves stormy days. "The Wickaninnish Inn was designed from the ground up to offer the best location on North America's west coast for storm watching," said inn manager Charles McDiarmid. He adds that "once visitors stare in awe at the heights of 24-foot waves pounding on the coast, skeptics are quickly convinced that the stormy weather is as enchanting as the inn's majestic setting in the township of Tofino on Vancouver Island's west coast."

Storm watchers can do so in luxury at the inn, with every room having an ocean view, "soaker" bathtub, fireplace, and rain slickers to encourage outside enjoyment of the invigorating weather. However, the inn's location on the open Pacific also provides the warmest winter temperatures in Canada.

"Storm watching season" also brings some great value packages to the inn with rates beginning at $140 a night. There's a nice sandy beach nearby for beachcombing after a storm; and it's handy to the Pacific Rim National Park Reserve. For information, call the inn at 1-800-333-4604, or to get an idea of what it's like out there, call up the web site at www.island.net/wick for images.

CRUISE VANCOUVER

For New Englanders, Vancouver is now an easy nonstop flight away via Canadian/American airlines. One word of warning, though. With winter here, add a day or two to your travel plans. We were lucky on that cruise aboard the Mercury that the snow had already fallen; otherwise, we could have missed the ship if the plane had been canceled because of the snow. A pre-cruise package not only adds to the vacation experience but also is good insurance for getting on the ship. It would have been a shame to miss Celebrity Cruise's Mercury; the ship is a beauty with a fantastic spa aboard and outstanding dining and service, all at an affordable price.

SKI SWEDEN

Ski Sweden? Why not, because the country boasts 1,000 lifts and 350 ski areas, everything for cross-country, downhill, and snowboarding. The first snow falls in November and there's skiing into summer under the midnight sun. Sweden also features resorts with wild terrain and few people. At Salen, there's also the world's only ski-by McDonald's.

And for pure fun, plan on joining the Vasa Ski Race, named for King Gustav Vasa, who in 1521 had to ski for his life to escape the running Danes. He made it, united the country, put a crown on his head, and started modern Sweden. Every year, on the first Sunday in March, the route he followed is skied by thousands of people in the world's biggest cross-country skiing event. For a free copy of Ski Sweden and Snow Adventures, call the Swedish Travel & Tourism Council, 1-212-885-9700.

Several tour operators are offering packages to help travelers explore holiday traditions in diverse parts of the world.

HOLIDAY IN MEXICO

Mexican Christmas is the theme of an eight-night trip to Oaxaca. Nightly posadas, re-enacting the Holy Family's search for shelter in Bethlehem, and a fiesta in honor of the radish will be among the celebrations. An art historian will accompany the tour. Oaxacan folk art and archeological sites will be investigated through trips, lectures and demonstrations. The trip, which costs $1,595, runs from Dec. 20 to 28. Information and reservations: (800) 552-4575.

Among the Smithsonian Institution's study tours during the holidays is a four-night trip to Williamsburg to explore Christmas traditions in Colonial America. In addition to a tour of Colonial Williamsburg, the package includes visits to several James River plantations and an excursion to the archeological site of 17th-century Wolstenholme Town. Accommodations are at the Colonial Williamsburg Lodge. The tour is from Dec. 15 to 25 and costs $1,235. For more information, call (202) 357-4700. Participants in a Smithsonian study tour must be members of the Smithsonian Institution, which costs $24 a year.

SHOP IN ITALY

A Christmas trip to Italy combines art appreciation and shopping. From Dec. 22 to 28, Christmas in Florence includes guided tours of the Uffizi and the Pitti Palace, a day trip to Siena and San Gimignano, and another day trip to two designer outlet stores outside the city. Christmas Day festivities include lunch at the Piazza Michelangelo, overlooking the city.

The six-night trip costs $2,195. For more information, call Margot Cushing at Linden Travel, 421-3320, extension 259 or (800) 808-6237.

Prices for all these packages are per person, based on two in a room, and do not include air fare.

Yuletide on wharf eclectic

N.Y. Times News Service

SAN FRANCISCO — There's something a bit incongruous about Christmas in San Francisco. First, there are all those Buddhists — and others to whom the religious aspects of the Christian holiday matter not at all. And then there are the palm trees.

San Francisco is a melange of cultures, races, languages and religions, and its diversity is reflected in its yuletide appearance.

At Fisherman's Wharf, the Christmas decorations send mixed signals. A tall Christmas tree garishly decorated with red balls and bows bears a circular tree topper with the words, "Happy holidays, Port of San Francisco" circling the image of a crab. Christmas lights outline the rails and cables of the USS Pampanito, a World War II submarine set up for touring.

But the crab-topped tree looks somewhat classier when viewed from the water, returning from a bay cruise as daylight fades and only the tree's white lights are visible; and the small, undecorated evergreens that adorn the prows of the historic ships tied up at Hyde Street Pier look festive. Some of the sailboats, too, run lights up their rigging and masts. And the Venetian Carousel at Pier 39 (a waterfront shopping and amusements mecca) strikes a festive chord, playing "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town."

Add to the incongruous category: Christmas in Chinatown. Although the holiday seems largely ignored in this bastion of Asian culture, there are some conspicuous examples. Case in point: Canton Bazaar, where you can buy a gilt Buddha while listening to "Deck the Halls" or "Jingle Bells."

Lighted garlands swag their building exteriors and miniature white lights outline the arched windows — even though red and fuchsia bougainvillea drapes the courtyard balconies and tropical flowers like impatiens and mandevilla bloom in half whiskey barrels.

In a similar vein, Ghirardelli Square's multitiered, balconied shops and restaurants (in the 1900 Cocoa Building and the 1911 Chocolate Building) are right at home decked with lighted wreaths in their windows and white-lighted little trees in the courtyard.

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Red River, N.M.

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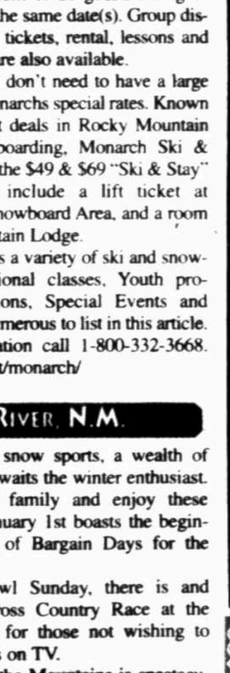

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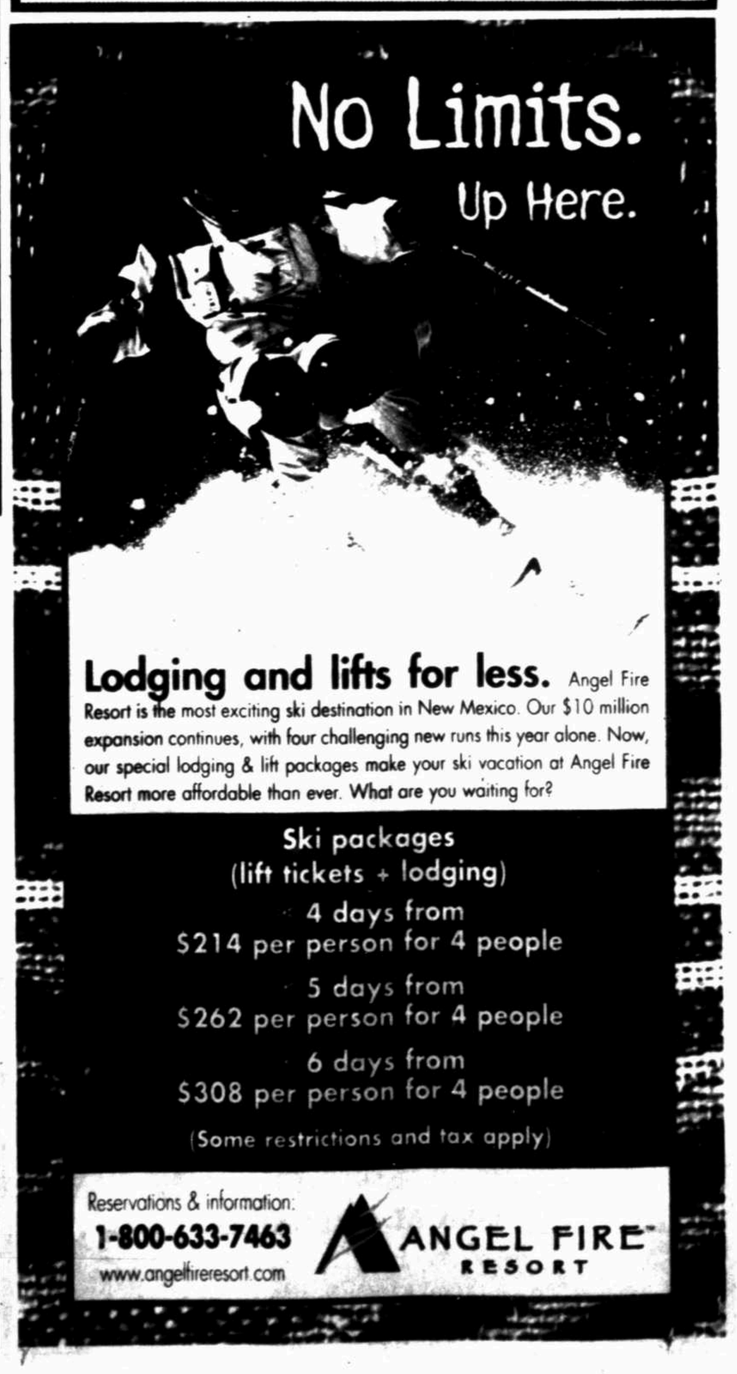

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'Tis the Season to be BUSY

'Tis the season to be busy, perhaps no one knows that better than area performers who meet their shadows in the race to create holiday cheer for others.

"I have church music directors calling me to lobby for musicians beginning in March," said Tim Young, general manager of the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale, Inc. "They plan their programs earlier, earlier and earlier in the year because musicians are in such high demand.

"For a start, the symphony takes up two complete weekends with our pops concerts and our 'Nutcracker' performances (final ballet today at 2 p.m. at Lee High School Auditorium). Then every church is doing some sort of musical presentation and either as members of the church or as hired musicians, people are working every moment of every weekend."

The musical frenzy affects "just about all types of musicians because it's the time of year for Christmas parties," Young said. "The other thing that is going on is the school programs. About three quarters of our musicians are teachers, and they are all working with their students to present their school programs. I believe last weekend in Midland there were about 27 different school programs. Everybody is doing something."

Midland Community Theatre is no exception with its annual production of Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol" on stage at Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave., through Dec. 21.

"It's a very busy time of the year," said Tim Jebsen, MCT director. "Not only is 'Christmas Carol' going on, but we're rehearsing the January special ('Godspell') and auditioning for the musical.

"There's just no shortage of stuff going on here at the theater. We've got lots of people coming to see 'Christmas Carol.' Lots of families. It's a real popular time of the year for people to come to the theater and get in the spirit."

Nostalgia provides part of the appeal of produc-

Please see BUSY/3E

Story by Georgia Temple

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Abo[illegible] votes for her favorite Christmas tree at the Museum of the Southwest Monday night. Votes were cast by wrapping ribbons around a pole next to the tree. At top, 7-year-old Emily Foster sits on Santa's lap at the Museum of the Southwest Monday night. In background, the "Sounds of Christmas" tree by Crafts Bazaar is one of many in the Christmas tree exhibit at the Museum of the Southwest.

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Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Joyce Nichols Lewis

"SEASONAL VERSE"
By ALFIO MICCI

ACROSS
1 Post-bath dusting
5 Icy
10 Dress shirt items
15 Kemo —
19 Hodgepodge
20 Jungle vine
21 "Pagliacci" character
22 Kind of test
23 Start of a seasonal verse
27 Awry
28 Distribute
29 Sign up
30 English architect
31 Brouhaha
33 — Express
35 Mount for Moses
38 Metric measure, briefly
39 Decrease?
40 Second line of verse
49 Horse of a certain color
50 Mountain spur
51 Year, in Paris
52 "— fatale": Verdi aria
53 Sign
54 Weather forecast
55 Took to the trail
56 Church feature
57 "Kate and —" of TV
58 Walking sticks
59 Oust
60 Innocence
63 Cavalry weapon
64 Crosses out
65 Spreads
66 Sour
67 Took an oath
68 Tommy's guns
69 Or so
70 John or Hayley
71 Saint — - l'Ecole: Fr. military school
74 Potter's need
75 Hams
76 Wife of Jason
77 Clarified butter of Indian cuisine
78 Third line of verse
82 Makes tracks
83 Jason's craft
84 Lawful
85 Ta-ta
88 In agreement
90 Harm, in Hamburg
92 Cuomo
93 Rose essence
95 One held in custody
99 Last line of verse
103 Henning of magic
104 Gather as grads
105 Antelope
106 Western Indian
107 First word in Massachusetts' motto
108 Annex
109 Wash setting
110 Press quest

DOWN
1 Labor
2 Voice range
3 Have an ess trouble
4 Crew member
5 Forest clearing
6 Innsbruck iron
7 Hollywood's pint-sized tough guy
8 One-million connection
9 Actress Susan
10 Old hat
11 Sheer linen
12 Upset
13 Out of focus
14 Part of SPCA
15 River of France
16 Squirrel morsel
17 Archie Bunker, e.g.
18 Pulitzer-winning biographer
24 Uruguay border lake
25 Place for a do over
26 French queen
31 TV's Berle, to some
32 Wiesel of the Peace Prize
34 Mies van der —
35 Rani's raiment
36 Privy to
37 Minn.'s neighbor
38 Granite State city
39 Mystery writer Michael
41 Earthquakes causes
42 Bert's buddy
43 Was a disappointed dieter
44 Press employee
45 — the question
46 With "The," Dostoyevski novel
47 Scandinavian
48 Patellas' places
54 Weaving frames
55 Sisterly attire
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59 Turkey wattles
60 Prominent person
61 Pianist Claudio
62 "— my case"
63 Disdain
64 Bob and Elizabeth
66 Helps in a heist
67 Part of VCR
69 Renounced
70 Fuse
71 Fashionable
72 Himalayan nonesuch
73 Take five
75 Eden exile
76 Poetic time
77 Football field
79 Joyful cry
80 New Zealander
81 Homer classic
85 Anglo follower
86 Hades, to Hadrian
87 Feudal superior
88 "— 'clock scholar"
89 Occupied
90 18 Down namesakes
91 Chopin piece
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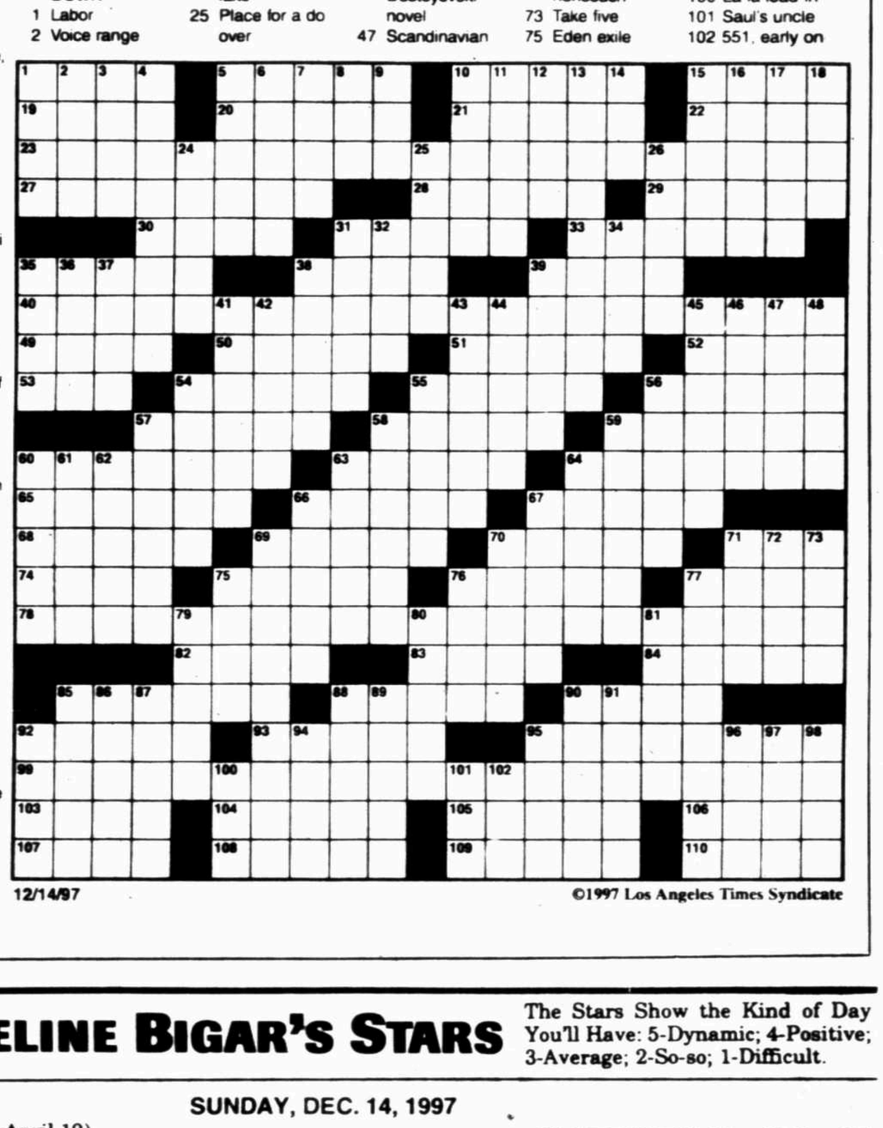

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Jacqueline Bigar's Stars

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

SUNDAY, DEC. 14, 1997

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Confusion marks plans, and your attitude reflects it. Pull back, and focus on the things you do have control over. You might opt to finish writing holiday cards, decorate the house or bake cookies. Whatever is going on will pass. Let others run around and be crazed! Tonight: Be happy at home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Fiscal confusion prompts a change in plans. Adjust them, and be sure of what you expect. Do not settle; do what you want. Communications open up another way, a different approach. Visit with friends, and share Christmas cheer. Tonight: Head out and about.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You are out of kilter, yet smiling. Don't make a strong stand, just realize where your energies are off. A smart move would be to complete your shopping, so that you can get into the cheer of the holiday season. A special gift does not have to be costly. Tonight: Indulge.

CANCER (June 21-Julv 22)
★★★★★ Relax this morning; the afternoon gets demanding. You'll want to get out and visit. Confusion lurks behind the scenes; don't let that stop you. Be positive, put your best foot forward and enjoy the moment. Someone cares. Tonight: Your smile goes a long way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Use the early hours to make key calls. You will need your space later. Change plans if you must, take a break and get extra rest. You have been busy, socializing. Be unusually careful with money; you could make a mistake that hurts you. Tonight: Smile away.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You are out of kilter. Be careful now; you might be overwhelmed by demands from a parent or higher-up. Emphasize friendship, socialize more and enjoy life to its fullest. Understand that you are pushing the limit. Take a nap if you can. Tonight: Find the best parties.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Take a drive, and make calls in the morning. Later, it is as if you are on call. You are so busy fulfilling other people's demands that you are overwhelmed. Say no, if you want. Put shopping high on your list. You are happiest when out and about. Tonight: Cruise around.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Be careful with others in your life. Your diplomatic ability comes into play. Don't push too hard; be sure of yourself, and express your feelings. Your ability to detach, intellectualize and see the big picture helps you get centered. Tonight: Play holiday music!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Let another blow his fuse; you can't stop him, anyway. One-to-one relating is far more rewarding and worthwhile than being with crowds, at parties or with friends. You build stronger foundations and a deeper sense of caring. Tonight: Stoke the fires.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You wake up ready to handle certain key matters. The afternoon presents wonderful opportunities for socializing, receiving presents and having a glass of eggnog. You have a good time wherever you are; enjoy the holiday get-togethers. Tonight: Play the night away.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ That naughty glint in your eye announces mischief, to others' delight. But you could wear yourself out quickly. Get into a project this afternoon that you have been putting off. Slow down, and take a nap later. You have been packing a lot into every hour. Tonight: Relax.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Handle a domestic matter before it gets out of control. You are pressured to help out when you want to play. What can you do? After all, it is the weekend, and you seem in the mood to indulge and appreciate loved ones. Tonight: Let romance back into your life!

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SPOT THE CARD

Both vulnerable. South deals.

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♡ J
◇ Q 10 8 6 4 2
♣ J 7

WEST
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EAST
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◇ A J 5
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SOUTH
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The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
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Opening lead: ?

Have you ever had one of those days at the bridge table where everything you do goes wrong? If you have, you can sympathize with West on this deal. Only one card on opening lead gives declarer the contract. The odds are 12-to-1 against finding that card, if you shuffled the West cards and picked one at random! Can you spot the calamitous lead?

North's raise to four hearts is a close decision. The jack of trumps is a useful filler and the hand does contain an ace. If partner is a sound bidder, we would opt for the raise, but opposite a shapely 14-count that decision will not be a winner.

At the table West, a player who has represented North America in international competition, selected the nine of diamonds! That was instant death. Declarer covered with the ten, and smartly unblocked the king when East took the ace and returned the jack of diamonds — a suit preference signal for spades. West shifted to the queen of spades, declarer rose with the ace, cashed the jack of hearts and came to hand with the ace of clubs to draw trumps and made the rest of the tricks — the club losers went on dummy's diamonds.

After any other lead, declarer will lose two tricks in each minor. All the defenders have to do is lead a trump early to prevent declarer from ruffing a club in dummy, but that really doesn't matter.

Double dummy, the contract can always be made. All declarer need do is use one of dummy's entries to lead the ten of diamonds, pinning West's nine. That limits the defenders to a maximum of three tricks in the minors, counting a possible ruff. But the chance of that happening at the table is as close to zero as one can get.

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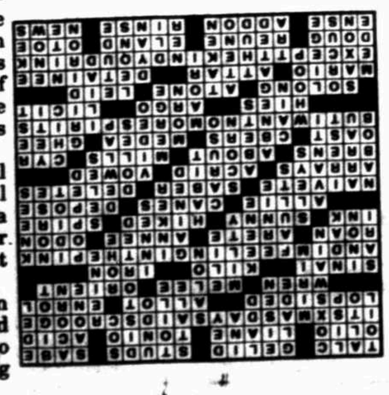

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DECEMBER 14 - 20
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

American Airpower Heritage Museum: EXHIBITION: The American Airpower Heritage Museum is internationally recognized for its collection of authentic World War II artifacts and memorabilia. The museum currently has five permanent exhibits, highlighting five different phases of World War II, in the main gallery and two permanent exhibits in the hanger. Take an on-line tour of the museum at http://www.avdigest.com/aahm/aahm.html, 9600 Wright Dr., Midland International Airport, Hours: Mon.-Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 12-5pm, call 563-1000, Admission charged. Group and student discounts available with prior reservation.

Film Series: Lest We Forget - A Video Journey Through World War II, Free showing every other Saturday at 1pm, moderated by a museum docent and free refreshments.

First Presbyterian Church: CAROLS AND CHORUSES: 6 pm, Sounds of the Season, Sanctuary Choir, Celebration Singers, Agape Ringers, Soloists, Orchestra and Organ, reception following, Sanctuary, First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas, call 684-7821, Free.

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: LITTLE HOUSE UNDER CONSTRUCTION: participate in building a house, through January 4, 1998, 1705 W. Missouri, Tues.-Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 2-5pm, call 683-2882.

Gallery 1114: EXHIBITION: Inspired: by the Classics, through January 11, 1998, 1114 N. Big Spring, Thurs.-Sun. 1-5pm, 682-9303, Free.

HEB Wine Department: EXHIBITION: The Works of Jan Foust Hurt, call 697-1471, 3325 W. Wadley, Mon.-Sun. 24 hours.

McCormick Gallery, Midland College: 3600 N. Garfield, Mon.-Thurs. 8am-10pm, Fri. 8am-5pm, Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 1-5pm, call 685-4556, Free.

Midland Arts Association: 1998 SPRING ART SHOW: Slide entries due January 5, Show opens March 6, Jurors are Jessica Zemsky and Jack Hines, call 699-7136.

Midland Community Theatre: FAMILY MUSICAL: A Christmas Carol, 2pm, Davis Theatre I, call 682-4111, 2000 W. Wadley, Admission charged.

Midland County Historical Museum: EXHIBITION: La Salle Shipwreck Excavation, 301 W. Missouri, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 2-5pm, Admission free, call 682-2931 or 688-8947.

Midland County Historical Society: Z. Taylor Brown-Dorsey Medallion Home, Midland's oldest restored home, 213 N. Weatherford, guided tours give fine capsule of Midland County History - open by appointment, call 682-2931, Admission free.

Midland Festival Ballet: NUTCRACKER BALLET: Tchalkovskyis Nutcracker, accompanied by the Midland/Odessa Symphony, 2pm, Lee High School Auditorium, 3500 Neely, call 563-0921, Admission charged.

Museum of the Southwest: EXHIBITION: Selections from the Mari and James A. Michener Collection of Twentieth Century American Painting, through January 18, 1998, EXHIBITION: Decorator Trees, Holiday trees designed by artists and decorators are displayed throughout the Museum, through January 4, 1998, EXHIBITION: Texas Realists: Contemporary Artists Series, Richard Wood: Painting, richly colored and detailed paintings, through December 28, EXHIBITION: Ned Jacobs: Sol y Sombra, through January 4, 1998, the first major exhibition of his work in the Southwest since 1979, EXHIBITION: Audubonis Texas Animals, through July 26, EXHIBITION: Merritt Mauzey and Friends: Prints by Texas Regionalists from the Museumis Collection, through January 11, 1705 W. Missouri, Tues.-Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 2-5pm, call 683-2882, Free.

Permian Basin Menis Acappela Christmas Chorus: CONCERT: Acappella Christmas, with special guests The Black Gold Harmony Chorus, Permian Basinis new Sweet Adeline Chapter, 3pm, Our Saviorís Lutheran Church, 3309 Neely Ave., call 685-1831 or 520-9930, Free.

Odessa College: LRC, 201 W. University, Mon.-Thurs. 7:30am-10pm, Fri. 7:30am-5pm, Sat.& Sun. 2-5pm, call 335-6646, Free.

Odessa Art Association: 4909 E. University, San Miquel Square, Odessa, call 362-7988, Free.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum: EXHIBITION: The Dongying Sister City Cultural Exchange Exhibit, includes 22 panels of photographs, folk art, handicrafts and calligraphy, SUNDAY RIG TOURS: tours of the modern drilling rig, 2:30-4:30, weather permitting, a docent will be at the site near Interstate 20 to explain the rig for no additional charge, 1500 W. I-20 West, Mon.-Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 2-5., call 683-4403, Admission Charged.

The Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin: EXHIBITION: Selections from the Mari and James C. Michener Collection of Twentieth Century American Art, through January 18, 1998, EXHIBITION: Echoes of Africa: A Cultural Journey, paintings by Beatrice Lebreton and sculptures by Augie Kuyowa NiKele, 4909 E. University, Odessa, Tues-Sat., 10am-5pm, Sun. 2-5pm, call 550-3811, Free.

University of Texas of the Permian Basin: Mon.-Thurs. 8am-10pm, Fri. 8am-5pm, Sat. 1-5pm, Sun. 1-5pm, 3rd Floor Gallery, 4901 E. University, Odessa, call 552-2806, Free.

White Pool House: 112 E Murphy St., Tues. 12pm-3pm, Wed.-Fri. 10am-3pm, Sun. 2pm-5pm, call 1-333-4072, Free.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

Nita Stewart Haley Memorial Library: EXHIBITION: Guy Coheleach, In His Sights, nationally acclaimed wildlife artist, Main Galley, through Feb. 6, 1998, Mon.-Fri.,9am-5pm, 1805 W. Indiana, call 682-5785, Free.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

Presidential Museum: EXHIBITION: PARTNERS ACROSS AMERICA: Girl Scouts & First Ladies, EXHIBITION: Golden Anniversary of the Permian Basin Girl Scout Council, through December, Other Displays: Every Four Years, new portrait of Bill Clinton, the new First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton miniature, Tues.-Sat. 10am-5pm, 622 N. Lee, Odessa, call 1-332-7123, Admission charged..

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

Midland Community Theatre: FAMILY MUSICAL: A Christmas Carol, 8pm, Davis Theatre I, call 682-4111, 2000 W. Wadley, Admission charged.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

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ENTERTAINMENT IN BRIEF

Performance set

ODESSA — Sonny Rhodes is to perform 9:30 p.m. Saturday at Sam's Bar-B-Que, Second and Grandview.

Tickets are $7 in advance and $8 at the door. They may be purchased at Endless Horizons and Sam's. The performance is sponsored by the Permian Basin Blues Society. Society members will be admitted free. For membership information call 1-915-332-7881 or 557-7593.

Rhodes, whose current CD "Out of Control" is in the Top 20 on the blues chart, is one of the few contemporary bluesmen to specialize in the lap steel guitar, continuing a Gulf Coast tradition pioneered by L.C. "Good Rockin'" Robinson and Hop Wilson in the 1950s and early '60s. He received his first electric guitar from his mother and learned to play while emulating the styles of T-Bone Walker, Freddie King and Chuck Willis.

Live broadcast

Gioachino Rossini's "Il Barbiere di Siviglia" will be broadcast live from the stage of the Metropolitan Opera House at 12:30 p.m. Saturday over KCRS radio.

The cast will include Bulgarian mezzo-soprano Vesselina Kasarova in her Met broadcast debut as the strong-willed Rozina; Dwayne Croft as the mischievous town barber and jack-of-all-trades, Figaro; American tenor Bruce Ford in his Met broadcast debut as the love-struck Count Almaviva; Paul Plishka as Rosina's elderly guardian, Dr. Bartolo; and Simone Alaimo as the seedy music teacher Don Basilio.

Presentation set

DALLAS — The Dallas Opera is to present Mozart's fairy tale "Singspiel, The Magic Flute"

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BUSY: Special Christmas events help get Midlanders in holiday spirit

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tions like Charles Dickens's "Christmas Carol," Jebsen said. "I think that they're looking for something that can get them into the mood of the spirit of Christmas. Something that reminds them of their past Christmases, some of the feelings they had, the songs they sang. And that's what this show does."

Permian Playhouse of Odessa, 310 W. 42nd St., also has a Christmas show in production. "Babes in Toyland" is onstage today, Dec. 20 and 21 at 2:30 p.m. and Dec. 20 at 8 p.m.

The Christmas musical opens in Mother Goose Village and features a Scroogish villain.

"Barnaby has gotten angry with everybody in the village and has decided to evict everybody from their homes and cancel Christmas," said Elizabeth Cleveland, who is directing the show. "So everyone is very distressed over this turn of events. Homeless and missing the holidays is not a good way to spend Christmas."

The hero, Tom-Tom, decides he can save Christmas by visiting the master toy maker," Ms. Cleveland said. "There's a lot of singing. There's quite a bit of dance, and we have our musical director, Mike Dunn, and our choreographer, Amy Muffley, to thank for that. The play's central theme is Christmas. Some of the songs are from the movie, and people will recognize them if they know the movie."

"BABES IN Toyland" is being presented by the theater's youth performing troupe, the Kaleidoscope Company, whose lives are as hectic as many adult performers at this time of year.

"They are incredibly busy because not only do they have their school Christmas concerts and Christmas plays, but also for band and choir, all region tryouts are held around this time," Ms. Cleveland said of the youth performing troupe. "And they've got finals. So they are just all over the place.

"The kind of dedication that it takes from them to put a show like this together is phenomenal. They all worked very hard and also managed to have quite a bit of fun. They're kids. They always have fun. They don't do it unless it's fun."

Are the adults having as much fun as the kids?

"For musicians, it can almost take some of the joy out of it because you're playing constantly," Young said.

Almost, but not quite.

"It's the time of year when every community has a lot of very special events going on," Young said. "In Midland, I think our concert and the 'Nutcracker' are a pretty big deal and the activities downtown. In Odessa, the lighted Christmas parade they had last Saturday (Dec. 6) and then, musically, the Living Christmas Tree at First Baptist (6 p.m. today at 709 N. Lee St.). It's really, really cool. You have this huge Christmas tree, and the singers are actually up inside the tree, and the effect is neat."

MIDLANDERS HAVE multiple choices of presentations they can attend to get into the Christmas spirit. A listing of those occurring today would include, among others:

■ The Sanctuary Choir of **CRESTVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH** presents the Christmas musical "A Christmas Fantasy" in the sanctuary, 3300 Thomas Ave., during the evening worship service at 6:15 p.m.

■ The Youth Choir at **KELVIEW HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH** presents "Bethlehem, A.D." during the 9 and 11 a.m. services. The presentation is a contemporary look at the Christmas story. Then, at 6:30 p.m. the third through sixth grade choir presents "It All Happened in the Country," a telling of the Christmas story by a modern day country family.

■ **The EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY**, 1400 W. Illinois Ave., 5 and 7 p.m., "Carols from Around the World," choristers, handbell ringers and instrumentalists participate in their 15th annual Candlelight Carol Services. Prelude music begins 30 minutes before each service. The 5 p.m. service features the children's choirs 3 to 6 years old and junior choristers first, second and third grades. The 7 p.m. service features the junior choristers fourth through eighth grades and the youth handbell choir. The adult choristers, adult handbell and instrumentalists serve at both services. A reception follows each service.

■ **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, Main Street at Ohio Avenue, will present Hal Hopson's "Festival of Lessons and Carols" at 8:30 and 10:35 a.m. A Festival Orchestra, handbell ensemble and organ will accompany the choirs and congregation as they sing the carols of the season. The 8:30 a.m. sanctuary service will feature a service of lessons and carols led by the Celebration Singers Youth Choir, Seraphim Ensemble and the Junior choir accompanied by organist Joan Lucas and pianist Kathy Clark.

■ **ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, 3011 W. Kansas Ave., 6 p.m., Handel's "Messiah," presented by the Chancel Choir, directed by Bert W. Bostic. The choir will sing the Christmas section and the Hallelujah Chorus, accompanied by members of the Midland-Odessa Symphony. Soloists include Marge Savage, Kasey Cantwell, Carolyn Larson, Linda Fox, Vivian Moss, Bruce Peeler, Tom Savage and Don McCartney. Before the service, St. Luke's Instrumental Ensemble will play a variety of Christmas music in the foyer beginning at 5:30 p.m.

■ The Adult Choir of **ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, 1701 N. Main St., presents its singing Christmas program during the 11 a.m. service. Also a covered-dish dinner is set for the 6:30 p.m. at the church. Santa Claus will appear for the children around 7:30 p.m.

■ The Christmas cantata "Worship the King" will be presented during a combined worship service at 10:30 a.m. at **ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, 4501 Thomason Drive. A covered-dish luncheon will follow the service. A repeat performance is set for at 6:30 p.m. A reception follows.

■ The Sanctuary Choir, Agape Ringers and Celebration! Singers of **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** will present their annual Christmas offering entitled "Sounds of the Season" at 6 p.m. Sunday in the sanctuary, 800 W. Texas Ave. Accompanied by members of the Midland-Odessa Symphony, the singers will present a program of carols, both old and new.

■ "Of Shepherds and Kings" will be performed by **HARVEST TIME CHURCH** Choir and a cast of Bible characters at the 10:15 p.m. service at the church, 8300 W. Highway 191.

■ **MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH**, 1001 Andrews Highway, will present the Christmas musical "Don't Be Afraid Brigade" at 6:30 p.m. The musical, which tells of the preparation of the angels for making the announcement about the birth of the Christ-Child, will be presented by the children of the church.

■ Dance fans have an opportunity to catch the final performance of Midland Festival Ballet's **"THE NUTCRACKER,"** at 2 p.m. today at Lee High School Auditorium. Accompanied by the Midland-Odessa Symphony, Asya Verzhbinsky, soloist with the Birmingham Royal Ballet of Great Britain, will dance the role of the Sugar Plum Fairy, John "Johnny" Simons, cofounder of the Hip Pocket Theatre in Fort Worth, will portray Herr Drosselmeyer, and Cornell Crabtree, most recently of Valentina Koslova's touring company "Daring," will dance the role of the Cavalier.

■ And in Odessa, in addition to the "Living Christmas Tree" at 6 p.m. today at **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**, the **ODESSA CHRISTIAN FAITH CENTER**, 8860 N. Andrews Highway, will present an original Christmas musical, "God of Miracles," at 6 p.m. today.

Live theater fans have a selection of Christmas productions to chose from depending upon the distance they are willing to travel.

■ In addition to the "Christmas Carol" at **MIDLAND COMMUNITY THEATRE** and "Babes in Toyland" at Permian Playhouse of Odessa, the Angelo Civic Theatre, 1936 Sherwood Way, San Angelo, is presenting "The Dangerous Christmas of Red Riding Hood" at 2 p.m. today and Dec. 21 and at 8 p.m. Dec. 18-20, and the Big Bend Players are staging "The Twelve Dancing Princesses" at 8 p.m. Dec. 18-20 in the Alpine Civic Center. For reservation information on San Angelo call 1-915-949-4400 and for Alpine call 1-915-837-8190.

Additional offerings during the season include, among others:

■ The Christmas tree exhibit at the **MUSEUM OF THE SOUTHWEST**, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. The decorator trees are by Permian Interiors, Antiques Etc./Dan Haller, Crafts Bazaar, Cynthia Wolfe, Flowerland, A-1 Floral, Connolly Architects AIA, Judy Corrigan/Mary de Compiegne, and Lynn Layman's fifth-grade class at Greathouse Elementary. The trees will remain on display through Jan. 4.

■ Pre-school children are invited to meet "Mrs. Santa" and "Xmas Duck Quackers" during a free holiday story-telling program at the **MIDLAND COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY** from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday. The event is sponsored by the Children's Department of the library. Included in the activities will be Operation Gingerbread and a Jingle-Bells Sing-a-Long. Those attending are invited to bring a camera. For more information call 688-8991 or 699-7820.

■ **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, Main Street at Ohio Avenue, the third of its "Noontime Noels" at 12:05 p.m. Wednesday in the sanctuary. The 30-minute concert will be preceded and followed by a lunch of vegetable-beef stew and fresh garden salad. Lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall at 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. at $4 per person. Child care is provided.

■ **THE FREDDA TURNER DURHAM CHILDREN'S MUSEUM**, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., 10 a.m. Friday, Story Break: "Polar Express," the magical tale of a small boy's trip to the North Pole on the Polar Express Train. The story is by author and artist Chris Van Allsburg. Free. No reservations necessary.

■ **CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF MIDLAND**, 2608 Neely Ave., has a special musical program planned for the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. services Dec. 21 when "A Family Christmas" is presented by the Adult Choir and the Rainbow Kids Choir.

■ **ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, 3011 W. Kansas Ave., will observe the first Sunday after Christmas with a service of "Lessons in Carols, The Christmas Story in Song," at 10:50 a.m. Dec. 28 in the sanctuary. In 1880, E. W. Benson, then Anglican Bishop of Truro, England, composed a "Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols," based on ancient sources, for Christmas Eve. In 1918, it was adapted for the chapel of King's College, Cambridge, by its Dean, Eric Milner-White, who also wrote "The Bidding Prayer." The Blessing after The Lord's Prayer, added by Milner-White, was first included in its present form in 1930. The nine lessons given here have been customarily used in recent years at King's College. The service has been edited for UM congregations.

■ The noontime Noel at **FIRST UMC** on Wednesday, Dec. 17, will feature the First UMC Women's Ensemble.

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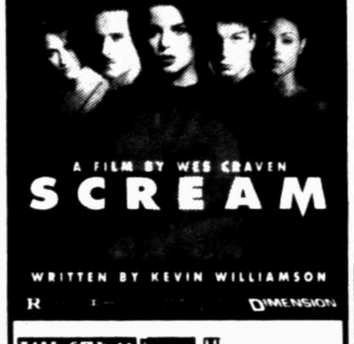
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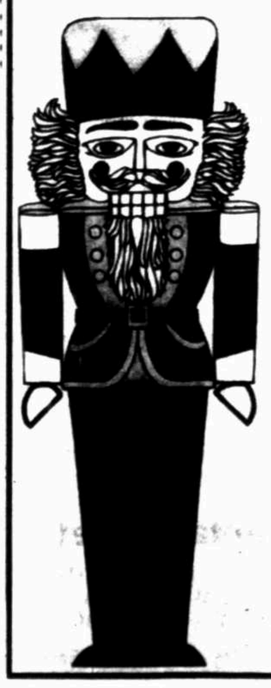
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ENTERTAINMENT IN BRIEF

(From 2E)

with Minnesota Opera.

Show times are 2 p.m. today and at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Saturday and Dec. 27 at Music Hall at Fair Park.

Single tickets range from $29 to $150.

For more information or to purchase tickets call the Dallas Opera Ticket Services, 1-214-443-1000.

Program postponed

Frank Capra's "American Dream," originally scheduled to premiere on American Movie Classics Tuesday, has been postponed.

The producers of the 90-minute documentary about the life of the filmmaker feel that it is award-winning material and will be submitting it to the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences for Academy Award consideration. The new rules of the academy state that there cannot be a television airing of a documentary while it is being viewed for possible nomination, and AMC is accommodating with the producers' request to pull the program.

The documentary will be rescheduled and shown at a later time.

Paintings displayed

Paintings by Dollie Ballenger are on display this month in the Casual Room and the Garden Room at Midland Country Club.

For more information call the country club.

Exhibit on display

The exhibition "Inspired by the Classics" is on display through Jan. 11 at Gallery 1114, 1114 N. Big Spring St.

Members of the gallery whose work is included are Kitt Beck, Travis Beckham, Rosa Ellis Clark, Karen Hembree, Olivia Hill, Sharon Navage, Tom Whiles and Lee Wiesenfeld.

Others whose work is included are John De France, Danny Holeva, Joyce Howell and Kent Moss.

The show features clay, mixed media and 3-D construction as well as drawing, painting, photography and prints made by traditional or digital means.

Gallery 114 is an alternative space for modern and contemporary art. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday.

Painting displayed

A painting of a New Mexico adobe house by Margaret Earhart is on display this month at BankOne.

Ms. Earhart is a longtime member and honorary director of the Midland Palette Club Art Center and a member of Midland Arts Association.

Works on display

Paintings by Merle Burleson Taylor are on display at Midland American Bank this month.

Mrs. Taylor is the immediate past president of the Midland Arts association and is also a member of the Palette Club. She retired in 1993 after 25 years as an art teacher at Lee High School. Her paintings in oil and watercolor varying subject and technique.

Collection shown

The Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., and the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University in Odessa, are exhibiting the collection of James A. Michener.

Entitled "Selections from the Mari and James A. Michener Collection of 20th Century American Art," the exhibition reflects the interests of the author and his wife. The collection was given to the University of Texas at Austin. The selections being shown here are part of the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

For specific information call the Museum of the Southwest, 683-2882, or the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 550-3811. Hours at both facilities are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Students work

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin is hosting an exhibition of work by freshman and sophomore students at the Third Floor Gallery.

The exhibition remains through Jan. 4.

Work displayed

Work by Ned Jacob is on display in the exhibition "Ned Jacob: Sol y Sombra" at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., through Jan. 4.

Jacob is known for his portrayal of horses, American Indians, African tribesmen and landscapes involving sun and shadow. He is a realist as his oils, pastels and drawings attest.

The exhibition is made possible by underwriting by Mrs. Fred T. Hogan and the support of Karen and Spencer Beal and Permian Cardiology Associates.

Also works by Richard Wood are in the "Texas Realists: Contemporary Artists" exhibition through Dec. 28.

This show concludes the "Texas Realists" segment of the Contemporary Artists Series. A new series, "Eclectic Visions," begins in January with paintings by New Mexico artist Jim Wagner.

The "Texas Realists" series is supported by a grant from the de Compiegne-Wallace Foundation.

Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information call 683-2882 or 570-7770.

Spring show set

Midland Arts Association's Spring Show is set for March 6-April 5 at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

Slide deadline is Jan. 5. Jurors will be Jessica Zemsky and Jack Hines. Ms. Zemsky is a leading painter of children and a distinguished portraitist. Hines is the author of the "Creative Process" articles in Southwest Art Magazine for 12 years. The two have operated the Zemsky-Hines ProArt workshops for 24 years and now show their work in their own gallery in Big Timber, Mont.

Ms. Zemsky and Hines will conduct a workshop on painting children and life painting March 6-8. Advance registration fee of $175 is due by Feb. 6.

For more information call Marie Marinovich, 699-7136.

Museum exhibits

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

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

And, until the end of December, the facility will house an exhibit featuring "The Golden Anniversary of the Permian Basin Girl Scout Council" and another featuring selected "First Families."

Miniature art

The Nita Stewart Haley Memorial Library and J. Evetts Haley History Center is displaying miniature art through the holiday season.

Participating artists include Carolyn Anderson, Wayne Baize, Cindy and Terry Burleson, Guy Coheleach, Rose Ann Day, Valoy Eaton, Joni Falk, Vel Miller, Bill Mittag, Ned Muller, Don Ray, Sandy Scott, Lowell E. Smith, Richard Thompson, James Trigg, Bernard Vetter and Fritz White.

Hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information call 682-5785.

Scripts needed

Scripts for the melodrama for Midland Community Theatre's Summer Mummers must be received no later than Friday.

Authors are to contact the MCT business office, 682-2544, for specific script requirements. Scripts need to be mailed to Summer Mummers, c/o MCT, 2000 W. Wadley Ave., Midland, Texas 79705, and must be received no later than Dec. 19 to be considered.

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New York Philharmonic, musicians agree on pact

N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — The management of the New York Philharmonic and representatives of its musicians have quietly negotiated an unprecedented six-year labor contract that experts say may point the way to new harmony in a strike-prone industry.

The contract, which was negotiated almost a year before the musicians' current labor agreement expires, was described as the longest ever for a symphony orchestra and will raise minimum salaries above $100,000 for the first time in the industry. However, most musicians negotiate their own higher pay.

Surprised players were informed of the agreement Thursday and began a 24-hour ratification period that an official of the American Federation of Musicians said was likely to end with a vote for the pact's approval Friday.

The agreement, reached in a month of intense negotiation, was portrayed by both sides as a reaction to the recent wave of orchestra strikes, in Atlanta, San Francisco and Philadelphia — and nearly in New York and Cleveland as well — that crippled performance schedules and outraged audiences.

With the existing contract running to September 1998, both sides have in effect bought themselves labor peace for seven years.

Bill Moriarity, president of Local 802 of the musicians federation, said the proposed contract "sets a new pattern for everybody." He called the initial response of the orchestra's 104 members at a meeting in Avery Fisher Hall Thursday "positive" and predicted that the conclusion of voting after Friday afternoon's concert would bring ratification.

I. Philip Sipser, the labor lawyer representing the musicians, said that in a 30-year career he had never seen an orchestra contract wrapped up so quickly, and predicted that it would become the basis for negotiation throughout the industry, influencing talks in Boston and Cincinnati.

The key to the breakthrough, both parties said in interviews this week, was a determination to jettison the usual bargaining chips and focus on a handful of central issues like salary and health care. Existing provisions for rehearsal schedules and travel time and other working conditions were left intact.

There were three main elements to the agreement, both sides said.

The minimum weekly salary would rise incrementally about 26 percent over six years, from the current $1,560 to — officially — $1,980 by 2004, although an additional stipend assures that every player will earn at least $2,000 a week, 52 weeks a year, by the end of the contract.

Pensions, now $43,500 a year, would increase to $53,000, what the current industry pay leader, the Chicago Symphony, will offer in 2000.

Health care payments would be restructured so that the players would no longer be liable for an added $10 weekly charge per member if costs exceed $1.2 million a year.

In interviews last week, both sides said the agreement was driven by the sour memories of an unusually turbulent period in the orchestra business, including hostilities at the Philharmonic.

From last year through the beginning of this year, strikes shut down the Philadelphia Orchestra for nine weeks, the San Francisco Symphony for nine weeks, the Atlanta Symphony for 10 weeks and the Oregon Symphony for 15 days. The Cleveland Orchestra barely escaped a strike and the Chicago Symphony recently came to terms with its players after some hard bargaining.

The cause of this concentrated period of restiveness is not clear. But musicians for the leading orchestras are known to watch each others' contracts carefully and to demand parity or better with their peers. Because managements, even if they were inclined to, could not feasibly hire replacement workers — star first violinists are hardly as interchangeable, say, as truck drivers — players can effectively shut down a house by walking out.

There has never been a six-year contract in the symphony industry before, he said. Now, he said, "The New York Philharmonic will become the basis for negotiation in every symphony contract before the millennium."

ENTERTAINMENT IN BRIEF

(From 4E)

Live entertainment

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

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

Upcoming performances include Karaoke, Tuesday; Electric Gypsies, Wednesday through Saturday; Joker Spade, Dec. 21 and 26-27; Dan & Rick, Dec. 22-23; and David Trout, Dec. 29-31.

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

Show to close

ODESSA — A showing of work by Pam Price closes Thursday in the Options Gallery at Odessa College.

The exhibit is entitled "Woman Who Runs With the Computers."

Hours are 7:45 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Traveling exhibit

"Little House Under Construction" is currently at the Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum of the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

In this traveling exhibit, children participate in many of the processes used in building a house. "Little House Under Construction" was created by the Rainbow Children's Museum in Cleveland, Ohio, and is sponsored by Connolly & Associates, Larry Stewart, Mid-Tex of Midland, Kahler Construction, Builders and Homeowners Supply Company, Mims & Stephens Insurance, Institute of Pain Management, and the Junior League of Midland.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information call 683-2882.

Classics aired

Explore some of the best stories, poems and essays of the Southwest in "StoryLines America" when area public radio stations and the local public library team up to give readers and listeners a new opportunity to enjoy regional literature.

Sundays through Dec. 28, KOCV, FM-91.3, and KNEW, FM-88.7, will air a weekly series of discussion programs featuring classics with a Southwestern theme. Listeners will be able to take part in the programs by way of an 800 telephone number.

Books include "Death Comes for the Archbishop" and "Bless Me, Ultima."

KNEW will carry the first hour of the program at 8 p.m. and KOCV will air the second hour at 9 p.m. Midland County Public Library has a limited number of each book.

"StoryLines America" is funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities and administered by the American Library Association. For a series schedule visit Midland County Public Library or Centennial Branch Library.

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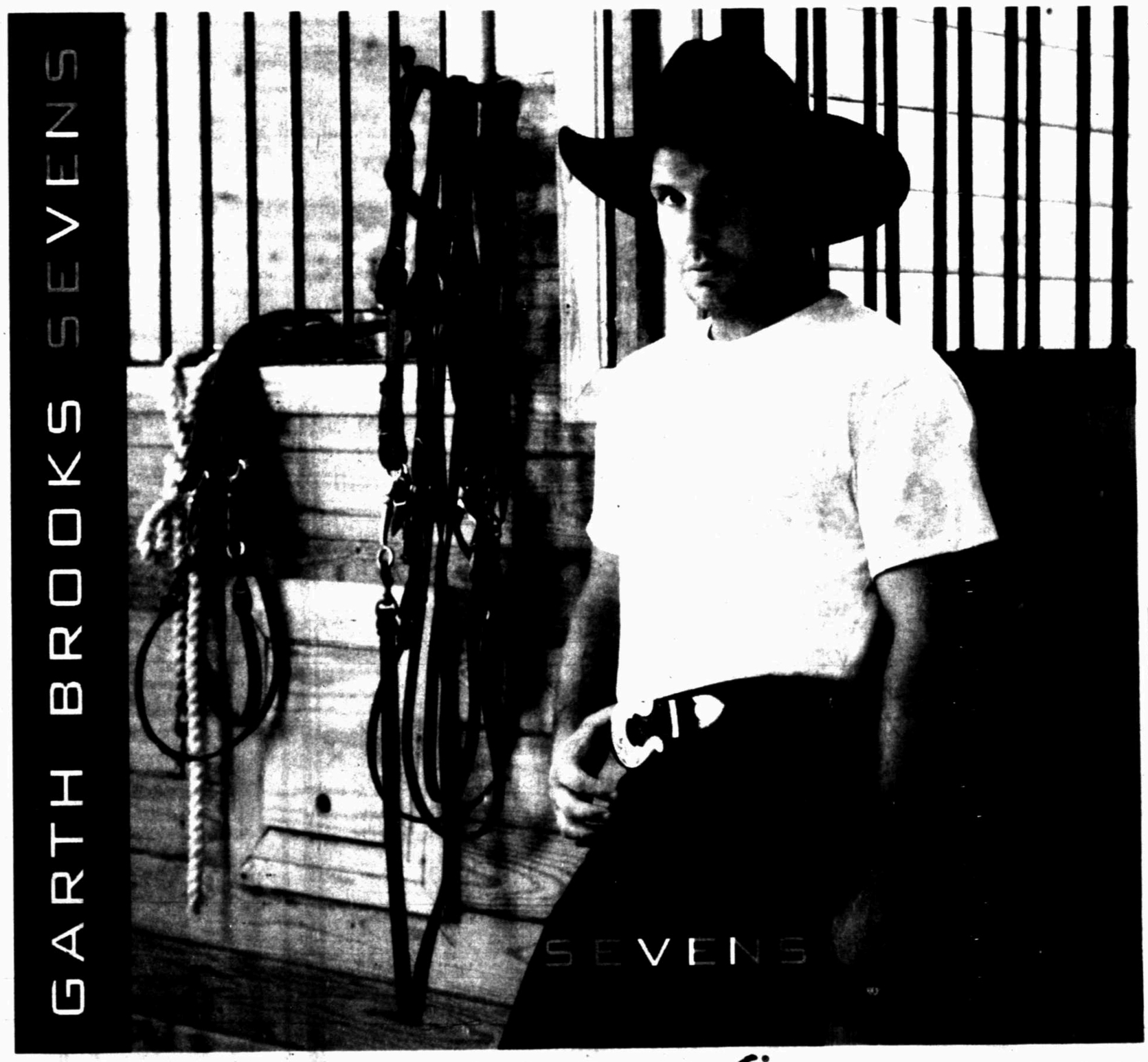

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Accounting scholarship

(From Left) Sidney Beal, president of the Permian Basin Institute of Management Accountants (IMA), presents a $300 check to Midland College student Andrea Knapp as accounting instructor Dale Westfall looks on. The IMA presents one scholarship to an MC student each semester. The IMA is the world's largest professional organization for management accountants and financial managers. Knapp plans to pursue a master's degree in accounting at Texas Tech University.

Board meeting set

The Midland College board of trustees will meet 4 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 16 in the Gibson Board Room of the Pevehouse Administration Building.

Christmas concert

The Midland College Concert Band and Jazz Ensemble will present a concert of traditional Christmas music 7:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 15 in the Wagner and Brown Auditorium of the Allison Fine Arts Building. The concert is free, and the public is invited.

EMS fundraiser

Big Tex Trailers has donated a one-axle 4x8 utility trailer with ramp to be raffled off by Emergency Medical Services students as a fundraiser. Tickets are $1, and the drawing will be 5:30 p.m., Dec. 15 at the Davidson Family Health Sciences. Proceeds will be used to purchase equipment for the Mobile Training Unit. For more information, contact EMS Program Director Gary Roberts, 685-4593.

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'Dressing for success' goal of OSTE fashion show

Last week, students in MC's Office Systems Technology (OSTE) program threw away the textbook and had a class that included a makeover and a fashion show during the Professional Women's Makeover Fashion Show.

The primary focus of OSTE is to train students for office careers in administrative, computer assistant, medical or legal areas. That training also includes helping students prepare for job interviews, according to instructor Leanne Jamison.

While OSTE instructors emphasize that students should dress appropriately for job interviews, "the fashion show is a more effective way of helping students than talking or showing a video," Jamison said.

The fashion show had another purpose, according to instructor Sylvia Brown. The instructors wanted to build the students' confidence about job interviews.

"When you look good, you feel good about yourself," Brown said.

Jamison, Brown and lab instructor Lenelda Pennington agreed that a makeover and fashion show would be a fun and effective way of teaching students about "dressing for success," but they knew their students had little money for new hair styles and clothes.

But, with the help of Susanna Nunez, Beth Bell, and Julie Aldana from A'mbiance Salon, Sylvia Cook, senior sales director from Mary Kay Cosmetics, Connie Beversdorf, MC director of job placement, and MC employees who donated clothes, nine OSTE students were able to show off their new looks in a fashion show for other OSTE students.

While the students got manicures, new hairstyles, makeup and clothes for job interviews, Jamison said she thought students also got a valuable lesson about what potential employers expect.

"I think this will make a lasting impression," she said. "When they go to a job interview, they'll know what to expect and how to dress."

The immediate benefit was the change in the students' appearance. "The results were wonderful," Brown said.

Student Melissa Cavanaugh-Mathis said she agreed. "The way I feel since the fashion show is incredible. I feel so good about myself and my abilities."

Cavanaugh-Mathis praised her instructors' for "such a genuine conern for us."

"I don't know how I will ever be able to thank them enough for all that they have done," she said.

The experience gave student Alicia Lee a new goal: "I'm looking forward to completing my education so I can find a job to dress like this everyday."

All the students said they hoped the fashion show would be a yearly event.

(Top) Sylvia Cook, senior sales director for Mary Kay Cosmetics, applys eye shadow to OSTE student DeEtta Wilson during her makeover. (Bottom) OSTE student Velma Keith shows off her new hairstyle and clothes during the Professional Women's Makeover Fashion Show.

MC: open for classes during the holidays

Most Midland College offices will close for the Christmas holidays after 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, but classrooms will be open for the college's annual Winter Interim session.

The Winter Interim session is a quick way to earn college credit. Students can earn three hours of credit in three weeks of classes Dec. 22-Jan. 9.

Students can still register from 8-9 a.m. on the first day of class, Dec. 22. Eight courses in economics, English, government, music and sociology are being offered. Classes are scheduled to meet 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Early registration continues through Dec. 15 for Midland College's spring semester.

Registration is 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday in the Student Services area of the Scharbauer Student Center.

Students who miss early registration can register after the holidays 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 8 in the Student Services area of the Scharbauer Center.

Late registration is is 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12-16 in the Student Services area of the Scharbauer Center.

Since holiday expenses can take a bite out of the family budget, Midland College offers a tuition payment plan that requires 50 percent down and two payments during the semester of 25 percent each. There is a $20 fee for all payment plans.

For payment instruction, please contact the cashier at 685-4531.

The Student Services staff strongly encourages all students to seek out an academic advisor from their major area concerning courses needed and scheduling before you registe

Counselors are generally available 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Call 685-4501 for an appointment.

Counselors also can help advise students on the TASP test, a state-required test for students in Texas public colleges and universities. For information about the TASP test, contact a counselor at 685-4505.

Two MC sophomores nominated for national award

Two Midland College sophomores are the college's nominees for *USA Today*'s annual All-USA Academic Team.

Marketing major Debi Oknefski and psychology/biology major Trey Morris are among the more than 1,200 community college students nationwide nominated for the award, which will be announced in April. At that time, 60 students will be honored for their academic accomplishments and record of community service.

Oknefski, who plans to attend Texas Tech University next fall, has a 3.74 grade point average.

She is a member of Students in Free Enterprise, secretary/vice president of the Midland College Student Government Association, president of the Inner Club Council and an ambassador for Students In Philanthropy. She also is an Abell-Hanger scholar.

Morris and Oknefski

In the essay that accompanied her nomination, Oknefski described the impact of her volunteer experience:

"Poverty, illness, and loneliness—many realities I was not accustomed to seeing in my everyday world—I saw and experienced. I also saw the happiness and joy that volunteers made possible as local people were aided in their struggle to survive, physically, mentally and financially."

Oknefski has been a volunteer for Christmas in April, Trinity Towers, the Permian Basin Food Bank and the American Diabetes Association.

Morris, who will return to Harvard University in June 1998, plans to obtain degrees in biology and psychology before attending medical school.

He is education chair of the Midland College Student Government and parliamentarian for the Texas Junior College Student Government Association. He was the tournament director for the Permian Basin Academic Challenge and the Region I Academic Challenge.

Morris was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior College, the winner of the Anatomy and Physiology Olympics and attends MC on an Abell-Hanger scholarship.

In his essay, Morris wrote about his "epiphany" after successfully organizing the Permian Basin Academic Challenge:

"I can lead. *I* can lead. My most important role had been not in organizing the tournament or coordinating contests but in inspiring over fifty of my peers to have faith in realizing their capabilities."

Oknefski and Morris were recommended by the MC chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the honorary society for two-year colleges, and then nominated President David Daniel.

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MAKING THE GRADE

The Midland West Rotary Club has named Jessica Leah Welborn as their student of the week.

Ms. Welborn, daughter of Tom and Mary Jo Ellison of Midland, attends Lee High School. Her honors and activities include the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Peer Assistance Leadership, Texas Association of Future Educators, Lee Varsity Softball, All-American Scholar, National Hispanic Merit Finalist, and named Best Debater-Youth Legislative Session.

Ms. Welborn plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in industrial engineering.

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Frank Phillips College named Nick Benavidez as their Student of the Month.

Benavidez is a sophomore physical education major from Midland.

He plans to play baseball.

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Kathrine Prentice, daughter of Dick and Betty Ann Prentice, was recently inducted into the Golden Key National Honor Society at Texas Tech University.

She is a 1994 graduate of Midland High School and plans to obtain an elementary education degree.

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The Midland Lion's Club has named the following as their junior lions for the week: Karl Heimke, Michael Entzminger, Micah Prude, Kiersten Donnelly and Jami Mobley.

Heimke , son of Robert and Julie Heimke of Midland, attends Midland High School. His honors and activities include, president of MHS Band, National Honor Society, National Merit Commended Scholar, three-year academic letters, and all-region and area bands.

Heimke plans to attend Rice University and major in electrical engineering and computer science.

Entzminger, son of David and Melanie Entzminger of Midland, attends Midland High School. His honors and activities include, MHS Theatre Production, Varsity Soccer, Texas Scholars, Texas Instruments BEST Engineering Contest Team and National Honor Society.

Entzminger plans to obtain a degree in engineering or computer science.

Prude, son of Randy and Miriam Prude of Midland, attends Lee High School. His honors and activities include, National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, National Merit Semi-Finalist, Duke National Talent Search Finalist and All-American Scholar.

Prude plans to obtain a degree in engineering and international business.

Ms. Donnelly, daughter of Jeannine and Rob Donnelly of Midland, attends Midland High School. Her honors and activities include National Honor Society, Student Council Cabinet member, Alternate to the International Science Fair, Senior Class Officer Secretary and Rotary Youth Leadership Award.

Ms. Donnelly plans to attend the University of Texas or Notre Dame and obtain a degree in liberal arts.

Ms. Mobley, daughter of Robby and Gay Mobley of Midland, attends Lee High School. Her honors and activities include, LHS P.A.L.S., Spanish Honor Society, LHS Senior Girls, United States Achievement Academy and All-American Scholar.

Ms. Mobley plans to attend Texas A&M or Texas Tech University and obtain a degree in biology or pre-med.

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The Midland Morning Lions club has named Shamiqua Polk and Ashley Cannon as their students of the week.

Ms. Polk is a student of Lee High School where she is active in track and the treasurer of Health Care Scouts of America. She is a Texas Scholar, and has been named Lions Club Ambassador.

She plans to attend Midland College and then transfer to Texas Tech University.

Ms. Cannon, daughter of Lyle and Paula Cannon, is a student of Lee High School where she is active in Senior Girls, Texas Scholars, and a student athletic trainer for football and soccer. She has been named Lions Club ambassador.

She plans to pursue a career in physical therapy.

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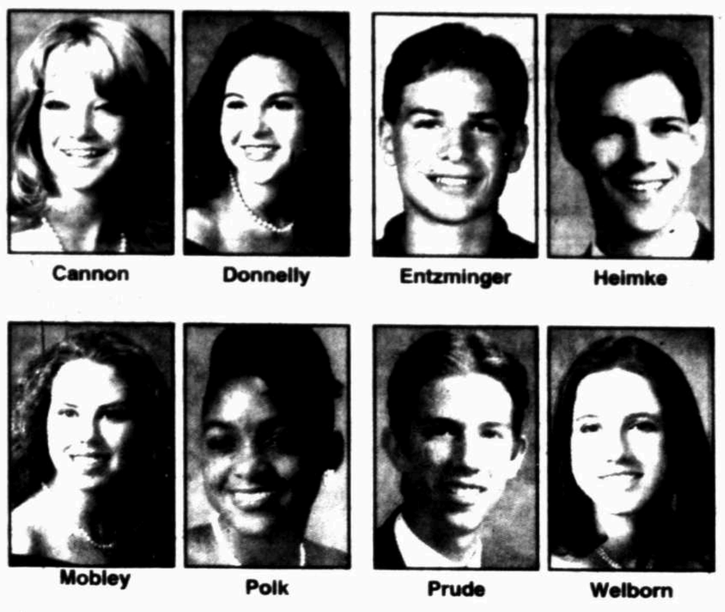
Jennifer Brockett, daughter of Sheri Smith Brockett and Hal Brockett of Midland, was recently inducted into the Golden Key National Honor Society at Texas Tech.

Miss Brockett, a 1994 graduate of Lee High School, is a psychology major.

The Golden Key National Honor Society is an organization that recognizes the top 15 percent of juniors and seniors in all fields of study.



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EDUCATION IN BRIEF

Providing trained workers for jobs in the area's fastest growing industries is the goal of two new programs at Midland College.

This spring, students can continue working on certificate degrees in building science and horticulture. The programs offered classes for the first time in September.

The certificate program for a construction technician is 16 hours in the major field of study.

The certificate program for construction management will consist of 37 hours in the major field of study. The horticulture technician certificate will consist of 24 hours in the major field of study.

Call Midland College for more information

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ODESSA — Standard Sales Co. Inc. recently presently $100,000 to The University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

The gift is to be evenly divided between the Ted G. Roden Endowed Presidential Scholarship in Business and the Fund for Excellence Endowment.

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The Lee High School Rebel Band recently competed in the New Mexico State University Tournament of Bands in Las Cruses, N.M.

The band won the "Grand Champion Award," placing first among 35 bands from Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and Oklahoma. The Rebel Band also won the preliminary competition in class 5A.

Also, the Lee High School Band earned its 28th consecutive first division rating at the UIL Region VI Marching Contest at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa

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DENVER — Roy Hurst, assistant professor at The University of Texas-Permian Basin, recently attended the National Science Teachers Association's (NSTA) Western Area Convention in Denver

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Midland Independent School District will display a report this month at all campuses showing its performance on the 1996 and 1997 TAAS standardized exams. A complete copy of the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) report for the district and campuses will be available for public viewing in school libraries.

Included in the report are accountability ratings, percentages of students passing the TAAS by grade and subject matter, percentages of students exempted from the exam and attendance information. The Texas Education Agency also maintains a website that includes MISD information at http: //www.tea.state.tx.us.

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Visions of Sugarplums

Taylor Billingsley puts another handmade ornament on the tree at Museum of the Southwest as he and other students from Greathouse Elementary School decorate the "Visions of Sugarplums" tree in the solarium at the museum Saturday morning.

SCHOOL MENUS

Midland Independent School District

Monday — Breakfast: Pancakes and syrup, or assorted cereals, toast, fruit juice, milk. **Lunch**: Cheese or beef pizza or chicken nuggets, green beans, tator tots, cornbread, fruit drink, milk.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Cinnamon coffee cake or assorted cereals, toast, fruit juice, milk. **Lunch**: Bean and cheese chalupa or lasagna, golden corn, tossed salad, french bread, fruit drink, milk.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Waffles and syrup or assorted cereals, toast, fruit drink, milk. **Lunch**: Roast turkey or cheeseburger, mashed potatoes, broccoli with cheese sauce, lettuce and tomatoes, hot roll, holiday jello, fruit drink, milk.

Thursday — Breakfast: Breakfast gingerbread, or assorted cereals, toast, fruit drink, milk. **Lunch**: Soft chicken tacos or nacho grande, refried beans, lettuce and tomatoes, pineapple, fruit drink, milk.

Friday — School Holiday

Greenwood Independent School District

Monday — Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk. **Lunch**: Chicken rings, potatoes with gravy, hot rolls, orange glazed carrots, chilled fruit, milk.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Waffles, bacon, juice, milk. **Lunch**: Hot dogs with chili, baked beans, french fries, pears, milk.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, juice, milk. **Lunch**: Oven fried chicken, potatoes with gravy, English peas, sliced bread, apple cobbler, milk.

Thursday — Breakfast: Bacon and eggs, biscuits with jelly, juice, milk. **Lunch**: BBQ ribletts, potato salad, pork and beans, cherry applesauce, milk.

Friday — Breakfast: Pop tarts, cereal, juice, milk. **Lunch**: Peanut butter sandwich, carrot sticks, cheetos, mixed fruit, milk.

PRINT: With freedom of the press comes responsibility, teacher says

(From 8E)

ing about the photo lab.

"One of the first things to learn is to develop the film. Then we've got to do a contact sheet, which shows all the film."

Eli Garrard said that he finds the process exciting. He decided to tell readers about the Boy Scouts of America.

"I like the experience in journalism," Eli said. "It was really fun writing the story, knowing that it was going to be published."

Ms. Paniszczyn said the students are willing to put in long hours to publish the paper. Sometimes she holds voluntary workdays after school for the students to catch up on work.

"I had approximately 20 kids here on Saturday," she said of a recent voluntary workday. "You wouldn't come if it wasn't fun, would you?"

The teacher rewarded the children with a pizza party afterward. She believes that working on the paper is teaching students how to work effectively as a team.

"It's doesn't matter how smart you are, if you can't work with other people you're not going to be successful," she said.

Then there's the basic education that comes with studying the American press and its constitutional right to freedom from government control.

The same press also has a responsibility to tell the truth and for the freedoms it and the general public have in the United States, she said.

"I want to give them a respect for that as well," she said. "Even if someone writes something that you disagree with, you can write a letter to the editor and you can speak out. You can't do that in most countries."

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EDUCATION

Caribe Kahler pastes up a finished ad as Anna Ramsey waits her turn to do the same.

Students in Elaine Paniszczyn's newspaper class at Carver Center put out the "Flying Times Express."

Students at the Flying Times Express are learning to dig up all the news that's

Fit to Print

By Richard Enos
Staff Writer

The eyes and ears of Midland students are combing the halls for all the news that's fit to print.

Carver Cultural Center's biannual Flying Times Express gives sixth-graders a head start on the time-honored tradition of putting out a school newspaper.

The Midland Independent School District paper has won numerous awards in its 17 years of existence. Students in MISD's sixth-grade gifted-and-talented program — Gifted Education Midland — put out the paper.

Each semester the class teaches children about day-to-day operations of a newspaper, as well as concepts like a free press and its civic responsibility, Carver journalism teacher Elaine Paniszczyn said.

"We started out by studying the First Amendment and their rights, but we also go over the responsibilities," Ms. Paniszczyn said. "I told them there is no such thing as an absolute freedom.

"I think it's real-world skills that they will actually use," she said. "And they do use computer design, the programs and lay out the ads."

About 100 students in different classes put out two 30- to 40-page papers during the school year — one paper in December and one in May.

The students use computers for writing and layout and have a photo lab for developing and cropping pictures. Sometimes during a deadline crunch the students use Carver's computer lab for writing.

Ms. Paniszczyn works with about 15 student editors to come up with story and photo ideas early in the semester. The students must then go out to the community to sell ads.

"They have to get out and sell ads to get our paper published," she said.

She said the students have fun putting out the paper, but they also learn about writing and about the business of funding a newspaper.

The excitement of having their name on an article inspires the children.

"(It's) because of the novelty of it — the novelty of journalism and photography," she said. "They have a ready audience and they know that they are going to be published."

Jordan Stevens and Katie Liddell are two of the student editors who help proofread the stories and check the reporters' facts.

"It's fun ... you learn how to deal with writing it," Katie said. "We've helped with getting the ads ready, getting it typed up."

A student's article has to be proofread by at least six other students before it's ready.

"It's just a long process that you have to go through," she said. "You have to work with your classmates so that you don't have mistakes or have typos."

As part of their daily routine, the students read local newspapers.

"We read it and sort of helps us get ideas," Katie said.

Jarrod Sparks said he was surprised about the amount of work it takes to put out a newspaper.

"It's really hard. It takes a very long time to actually put a story together."

Jarrod said the students turned their stories in before Thanksgiving. His assignment was to poll students and teachers on whether teachers give too much homework.

"Then we had another revision," he said. "I would think writing a story on that would be so easy, but I didn't realize that there would be all these revisions.

Emily Watkins said that like most of the children, she enjoyed working in the photo lab.

"I've taken pictures, but I've never gotten to develop them," she said. "(It's) fun because you get to work in the darkroom."

"It's the icing on the cake. It's the carrot that dangles," Ms. Paniszczyn added.

Emily and Katie teamed up on a story about music and what sort of music students liked. Their survey found that the pop groups The Spice Girls and Hanson were most popular.

Jordan Stevens, a student editor, said there's little to separate the editors from the students.

"We got the title by being very helpful since we started putting together the paper," Jordan said. "Really, since we're behind we're doing the layout of the paper, getting the ads laid out."

Jordan also wrote a story about school uniforms. San Jacinto Junior High is the only school in MISD currently using student uniforms.

"I talked to all the junior high principals about that. We did editorial cartoons and opinion articles," he said. "I found out that principals' opinions are mixed, also that ... if you have written consent from your parents you don't have to wear uniforms."

Jordan also said he enjoyed learn-

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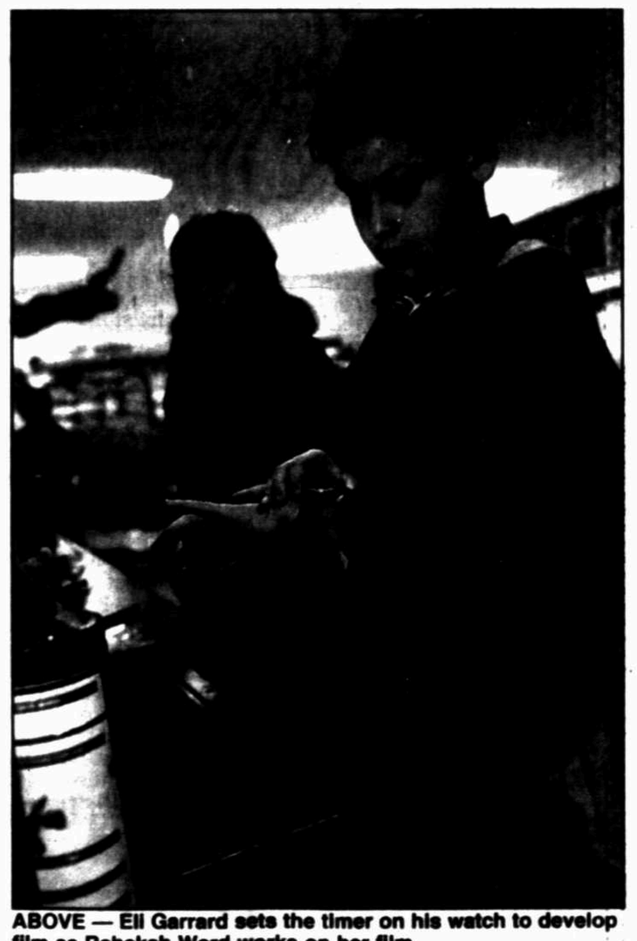

ABOVE — Eli Garrard sets the timer on his watch to develop film as Rebekah Ward works on her film.

AT LEFT — Mrs. Paniszczyn explains to Jessica Pillado how to enlarge and reduce ads on the copy machine.

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Here Now Folks 1996 Fire-engine Red 1996 S10 Chevy LS Truck
Still under factory warranty! Manual transmission, save you lots of gas! Aluminum wheels, cloth interior & X-tra clean just ask for Randy Riviera! Call Now!

Looking For That Special Ride
Well drive into luxury with this 96 Mitsubishi Galant LS. This is a dream ready to happen. This emerald green baby is fully loaded, power windows, power door locks, tilt, cruise, A/C, leather, sunroof, spoiler, fog lights, auto-climate control, with all these options, this is style within style. Come by Kelly Grimsley in Midland and get a hell of a deal, just ask for the "Galan-Man" "Dion".

Folks, Here & Now - A 1993 Chevrolet Cavalier Wagon
She's a small car with lots of room. Comes with an automatic transmission, tilt wheel, cruise, power locks. A little gas goes a long way in this little gem. Just ask for Rudy Rivera!

1994 BMW 318I
Red with tan leather, power windows, locks, mirrors, sunroof, low miles, very very nice car, looks and drives like new. Come by today or call 522-7400. Please ask for Wood-Chuck.

1994 SEVILLE SLS
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1995 Ex. Cab Ford Ranger
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1995 Chevy Monte Carlo Z-34
LOADED! Red w/black leather, power everything, for best pricing on any of these cars. Call 522-7400 and ask for **Rudy.**

1995 Jeep Wrangler Rio Grande Edition
4 wheel drive, only 15K miles, dark green with taupe colored cloth top. Come by today or call 520-7400 and Please ask for Wood, Chuck.

1997 Ford F150 Ext. Cab P/U
Black/Tan interior, loaded! 3rd/Door, CD player, bed liner, towing hitch, sliding rear windows, clean, clean, clean, save thousands. Come by 3818 W. Wall or call 522-7400. Please ask for Wood-Chuck.

1996 Saturn SL2
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105 HAPPY ADS

110 Lodge Notices

Midland Masonic Lodge #623, 1600 W. Wall, P.O. Box 1758. Reg. stated meetings 2nd & 4th Thurs. 7:30 pm. Tom Arnold, WM. Robert G. Kiker, Sec.

Midland Shrine Club, 2019 Trade Dr. 520-9206. Reg. mtng. 3rd Thurs. each mo. Hosp. 6:30 pm, dine 7 pm., Bus. mtng. 8 pm. Marvin Witcher, Pres. Earl Selman, Secty. 687-4344

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LOST: Small brown and black female dog, blue collar, long tail and ears. 686-8436.

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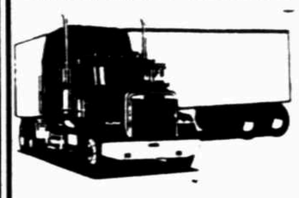

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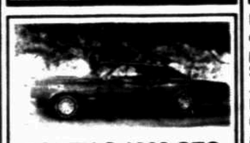

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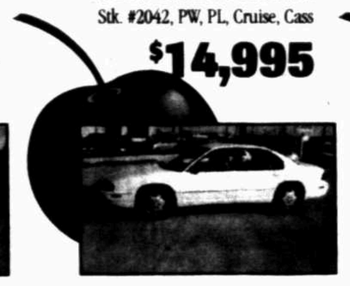

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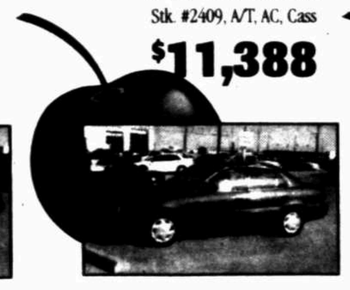

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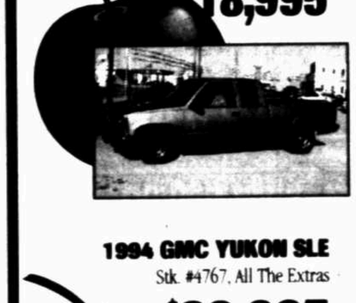

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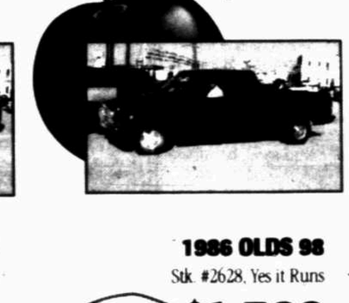

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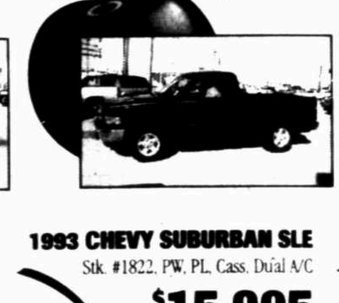

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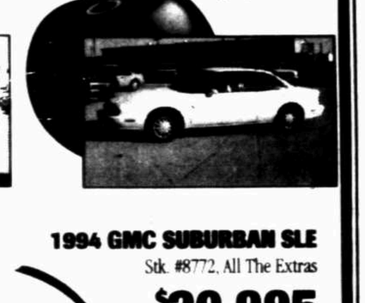

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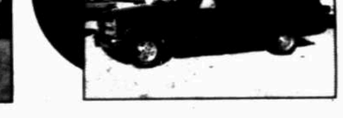

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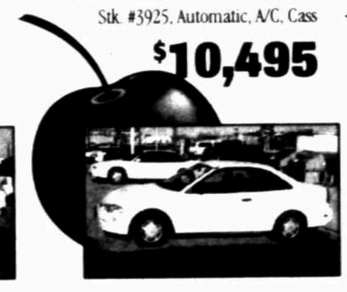

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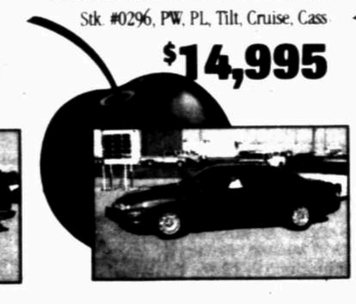

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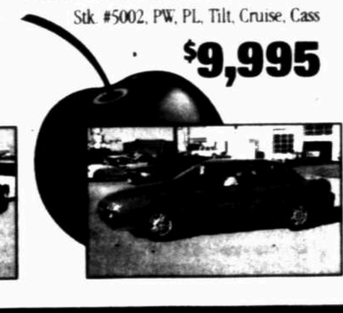

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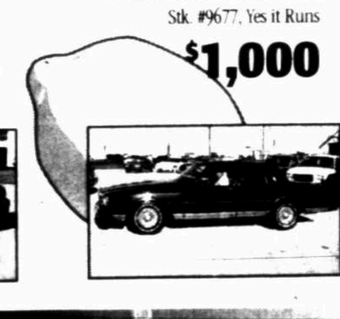

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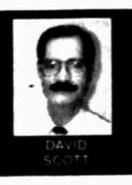
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310 General Help Wanted

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*MECHANIC

Sr. Vehicle Mechanic

FedEx, the world's largest express transportation company, currently has a position available in Midland, Texas for a Sr. Vehicle Mechanic to provide timely, quality maintenance and field operations for FedEx vehicle fleet and ground equipment, which require preventative maintenance, troubleshooting, repairs, and/ or modifications.

Candidates must have a high school diploma/ GED, six (6) years of fleet, automotive and truck vehicle maintenance experience and applicable licenses/ vocational training. Must have knowledge of the use and operation of all automotive and testing equipment, gauges and tools normally associated with the troubleshooting and repair of hydraulic, gasoline and diesel automotive equipment. Possession of a complete set of hand tools, including metric sizes, is required. Must be able to work for extended periods of time without supervision and lift/ maneuver vehicle components. Applicants must meet qualifications as outlined in Section 391 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. This is a safety sensitive position and is subject to drug and alcohol testing. Medical exam required.

FedEx offers an excellent starting salary of $16.56 per hour and an exceptional benefits package. If qualified, please send your resume postmarked no later than 12/19/97 to Federal Express District Office, Attn: Vehicle Maintenance Manager, 9311 San Pedro, #1000, San Antonio, Texas 78216. Equal Opportunity Employer. M/F/D/V

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INFORMATION RESOURCES, INC.
Personnel Department
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fax resume to: 915-689-9942

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*GENERAL

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Other things being equal, preference will be given to applicants possessing the following qualifications:

- High School Diploma or GED
- Valid Texas Drivers License
- Proven ability to work on an individual basis or with groups of people
- Project a positive attitude among other district personnel, and demonstrate a willingness to work
- Experienced working background in general carpentry or construction applications
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- Experience in hardware applications
- Must be capable of lifting and moving objects which weigh up to 100 pounds

- MISD is an equal opportunity employer
- MISD requires Criminal History and Reference Checks be run for all potential employees
- Complete job description available upon request

Interest in this position may be expressed by submitting an application and a letter of interest describing your qualifications for the position to the Office of Auxiliary Personnel, 615 W. Missouri, Suite 201 Midland, Texas 79701, no later than 5 pm **Friday, December 19, 1997.**

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310 General Help Wanted

COOK- Immediate opening! Part Time. Minimum 20 hours per week at $7 per hour. Primary shift is Saturday to Sunday, as needed on other days. Must be able to prepare meals for 48 people, 3 times per day. Must be able to follow recipes and oral instructions. apply between 8 am- 5 pm, Monday- Friday at Court Residential Treatment Center, 215 W. Industrial Ave., Midland, TX 79701. Applications taken until positions filled.

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We're expanding into West Texas and seeking experienced dental staff. Benefits, professional growth- and some fun too!

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310 General Help Wanted

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311 Medical Help Wanted

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Full-time positions are available for experienced RNs with a Texas license or eligible, and interest in positions within:

• CRITICAL CARE
• TRAUMA • NEURO
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We provide a competitive salary, an excellent benefit package, and exceptional quality standards. To receive information about RN opportunities, call the Nurse Recruiting Office at 800/410-8365 or fax your resume to 281/997-5550 for immediate consideration. EOE. M/F/D/V.

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Apply in person at Permian Basin Blood Institute, 200 Airport Plaza, Midland, TX. Attention: Bill Franks, Marketing Manager.

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Bill Powers, Director of Human Resources
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Memorial Hospital
Human Resources Department
2200 W. Illinois
Midland, Texas 79701

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Human Resources
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310 General Help Wanted

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MIG welders for local manufacturing company. Certification not required will be tested.

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No Experience required will train. Come By:

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Pediatrics — Nursery (12 hour shifts)

We are prepared to offer full/ part time RN's an excellent compensation and benefits package. For more information, please contact the Nurse Recruiter at (800)833-2916 ext. 1568 or send resume to Memorial Hospital and Medical Center, Human Resources Department, 2200 W. Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701 or fax resume to (915)685-6934. E-mail jdillman@midland-memorial.com EOE

ONCOLOGY

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HENDRICK MEDICAL CENTER

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Hendrick Health System
Attn: Laura Dick
1242 North 19th Street
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(800)933-2289
(915)670-2295
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We are prepared to offer an attractive compensation and benefits package plus interview and relocation expenses. For confidential consideration, please submit resume and salary history to:

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Human Resources Department
2200 W. Illinois
Midland, Texas 79701
1-800-833-2916
Fax: (915)685-6934
E-mail: jdillman@midland-memorial.com
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LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSE

Requires Texas LVN License, minimum of one year nursing experience required. Mental retardation and/ or mental health and/ or long term nursing care preferred. Responsible for monitoring, documenting health/ medical conditions, planning, providing, securing and coordinating health care services and the administration, monitoring, documenting of medications. Take calls on a 24-hour basis, alternating with other nursing personnel. Salary $1,703 per month. For details call our Job Line 915-570-3424 or submit application to: PERMIAN BASIN COMMUNITY CENTERS, 401 E. Illinois, Suite 301, Midland, TX 79701. EOE.

Director Of Nursing (RN)
$3,000 Sign On Bonus

We have an excellent opportunity for an experienced RN professional to oversee the operations of our nursing department in our 30 + bed long term care facility in Lamesa, Texas! The successful candidate will have demonstrated leadership and supervisory skills in long term care, and be familiar with federal and state regulations. In addition to this great bonus, we offer an attractive salary, and relocation package!!!

Contact Emma Aguilar, Administrator, @ 806-872-8351

Lamesa Healthcare Center
1818 North 7th St.
Lamesa, TX 79331 EOE

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319 General Help Wanted

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311 Medical Help Wanted

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Midland, TX 79708-8976

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ECTOR COUNTY Health Department/ part time jail LVN: HS degree/ GED; valid nursing license with the State of Texas; valid Texas drivers' license; subject to an in-depth background investigation. $10/ hr; Various hours/ work days. Deadline: open until position is filled. Apply 1010 E.18th. St. Rm. 310. EEO/AA Employer.

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MEDICAL- Experienced Medical Insurance Clerk for Doctor's office. Knowledge of Medical Manager required. Monday- Friday, 10 am to 5 pm. Please fax resume plus salary requirements: 683-6161.

PHYSICAL THERAPY Aide/ Tech needed full time to assist in treatment of patients, to supervise gym clientele and to maintain cleanliness/ tidiness of facility. Salary in excess of minimum wage. Includes benefits. Contact Chris Phillips, PT at T-STAR, P.C., 4610 N. Garfield, B-5, Midland, TX 79705. 570-8782.

319 General Help Wanted

SKIP TRACER. Immediate opening for experienced skip tracer. Previous experience must be verifiable. Apply in person American Lenders Service Company, 312 E. 2nd, Odessa.

WANTED- FULL TIME Head of Maintenance at The Junction Apartments. Must be HVAC Certified, have own tools and pass drug test. Apply in person only- no phone calls, 1902 N. Midland Drive.

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319 General Help Wanted

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Employment Specialist-TG
Bank One Building, Suite 500
3800 East 42nd Street
Odessa, TX 79762

WEST TeleServices Corporation EOE

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Qualifications
Bachelors Degree in Economics, Finance or Marketing. Excellent analytical/ computer skills. Strong interpersonal and communication skills. Oil Field experience a plus.

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Compose and evaluate analytical marketing data, making recommendations to management regarding forecasting and pricing decisions. Individual will keep up to date on customer and competitor trends, evaluating this information to provide input into short and long range planning decisions. Assists in product launch and other marketing decisions as appropriate.

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Box T-5069
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Midland, TX 79702

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Manages construction projects and contracts including review of plans and specifications. Supervises project design and reviews new subdivision plats, plans and specifications. Designs projects and supervises construction inspection. Must have a Bachelors Degree in Civil Engineering and must be registered as a Professional Engineer in the State of Texas. Texas driver's license required. Five years experience with progressively increasing responsibility required. Experience should include construction inspection, design and personnel supervision. Closing Date: Open Until Filled. Wages & Hours: $2,891/ month- $4,246/ month, DOE, Monday- Friday 8 am to 5 pm. Applications accepted at: City of Midland, Personnel Dept., 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas. EOE

311 Medical Help Wanted

PHYSICIAN needs articulate, professional person with excellent public relations and communication skills for busy office. Duties include heavy phones, complex scheduling, computer skills. Knowledge of insurance and Medical Manager helpful. Please apply in person at 1304 W Texas between the hours of 9:00 and 3:00 pm.

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RESPIRATORY THERAPIST

*Full Time
*RRT Preferred
*CPR Certified
*Texas License
*NICU Experience Preferred

For more information contact
Odessa Regional Hospital
Human Resources
334-8397
EOE

312 Professional Help Wanted

INTERNATIONAL OILFIELD Company has a local opening for a Sales Engineer. Must have an engineer degree. Should have a personable manner. Full benefits. Company vehicle. Salary depends on experience. Send replies to Box PJ- 3018, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

OIL & GAS Tax accountant needed. 4 Years experience. Call Keith, 687-1410.

312 Professional Help Wanted

LOSS CONTROL REP

Full or part time position. Conduct commercial insurance inspections. Texas SSR certification required. Send resume to: ECS Choicepoint 2201 N. Central Expressway, Suite 125, Richardson, Texas 75080 or fax 972-918-9377. EOE

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Technology Service Solutions, a subsidiary of IBM, has part- time openings in the Midland area for PC hardware maintenance technicians. Position requires a good understanding of PC's and associated devices. Working knowledge of PC software, DOS, Windows, Lotus 123, etc, is also necessary. Candidates must have excellent communication and customer service skills. Car required. Business miles reimbursed. Work hours flexible, 20-25 hours per week.

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All applicants should have prior oil and gas experience working with an accounting software package and should be proficient in Excel and Word or comparable software in a windows environment.

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Midland, Texas 79702

Human Resources Insurance Administrator

Growing Midland Based company, seeking applicant responsible for all phases of Human Resources and risk Management. Candidate must have extensive knowledge and experience in payroll, employee benefit programs, policies and procedures, and employment law. Applicant should possess knowledge and experience in all property and casualty policies, claims handling (including job - related injuries), administration of safety programs. Accounting degree helpful, but not required. Send resume and salary requirements to: Box PJ-3017, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702

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Part- Time Non- Profit Center Coordinator:
Plan, organize, and implement all activities of the Non-Profit Center. Provide monthly reports of net revenue. Associate degree required. Bachelor's degree and three years experience with non- profit agencies preferred. 19 hours per week. Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.

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Midland, Texas 79705
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***DISTRICT ENGINEER**

Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas Corp. is currently recruiting for a District Engineer to be responsible for drilling, completion and production activities in West Texas and S.E. New Mexico. This position is located in Oklahoma City, OK.

Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas Corp. is an independent energy company engaged in the acquisition, development exploration, production and marketing of natural gas and oil. We offer competitive salaries, a 401(k) Plan, and excellent benefits. Learn more at our Web site: www.ldng.com.

Please send Resume and Salary Requirements to:

Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas

Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas
Attn: DE
14000 Quail Springs Pkwy
Suite 600
Oklahoma City, OK 73134

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***Electrical Engineer**

to design analog and digital circuits needed immediately. Must have exceptional technical writing skills, automotive electronics experience a plus. Salary DOE. Call

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·POLICE OFFICER

The City of San Angelo Police Department is now accepting applications for the position of Police Recruit. Civil Service testing is scheduled for Saturday, January 10, 1998 with the physical agility testing that weekend. Application deadline: 01/05/98. For more information, call (915)657-4221. The City of San Angelo is an Equal Opportunity Employer

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DOCKET CLERK

The United States District Clerk's Office in Midland is currently accepting applications for the position of Docket Clerk.

Description of Duties: The Docket Clerk maintains the official case records in criminal and civil cases; issues all civil processes; prepares and maintains a docket sheet with respect to all information filed or indictment returned; enters in the docket a complete and concise record of all papers filed in the case and all proceedings held in open court; receives the papers from the Magistrate Court on proceedings before them and correlates them with the cases pending before the Court; keeps the necessary records on all defendants admitted to bail; furnishes information as to the status of cases; notifies all parties affected by an order of judgment; makes the official reports in patent and trademark cases; provides statistical information on all cases commenced and closed and on all defendants disposed of; coordinate incoming documents into the Clerk's Office and routes them to appropriate destination, once they have been checked for omissions and errors, and is the initial contact of the Clerk's Office between the general public, litigants and the bar; performs other duties, as assigned such as filing, records retention, etc.

Minimum Qualifications Requirements: Position requires at least 2 years of clerical or administrative experience and 3 years of legal experience. Excellent customer service, communication and organizational skills are also required. Must be able to process a high volume of paperwork and have the ability to handle more than one task at a time. Computer skills are required.

Starting Salary Range: $24,787- $31,000

Application Procedure: Qualified candidates may apply by mailing a current resume. In addition, please attach a letter stating your interest and qualifications including salary history and a daytime telephone number. Mail to:

Lorre K. Asher
Human Resources Manager
United States District Court
655 E. Durango Blvd., Suite G-65
San Antonio, Texas 78206

Applications must be postmarked no later than December 19, 1997. No late applications will be considered. No telephone inquiries please.

The Court is not authorized to reimburse travel expenses for interviews or relocation. This position is subject to mandatory electronic direct deposit of salary payments. Please note that final candidates will also undergo a background check and may be given a test to determine level of skill/ knowledge.

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*Controller

A local manufacturing company, experiencing rapid growth, is accepting applications for the position of Controller. Applicants should:

- Have a college degree in Accounting
- Be a Licensed CPA
- Have 3- 4 Years experience in a manufacturing industry
- Have prior general ledger and cost accounting experience
- Have experience with SEC, merger, acquisitions
- Have strong communication, organizational and supervisory skills

This individual will be responsible for monthly closing of the general ledger, monthly financial reporting and analysis of operating results, assisting with the annual budgeting process, coordinating the annual audit process, and overall management of the accounting function.

Please send resume with current salary earnings to:

Attention: Sylvia Murray
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Amarillo, TX 79105-0949

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- **LVN, Odessa and Midland**
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- **ACT Team Leader, Odessa**
- **Accounting Clerk II, Accounts Payable, Midland**
- **Accounting Clerk II, Accounts Receivable, Midland**
- **Counselor Intern, Midland**

For details call our Job Line 915-570-3424 or submit application to: PERMIAN BASIN COMMUNITY CENTERS, 401 E Illinois, Suite 301, Midland, TX 79701. EOE.

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Minimum Requirements: (Graduation from an accredited high school, plus three years of full time experience as a Community Service Aide, or such related work as a Social or Financial Service Aide, Manpower Aide, Community Worker, Community Organizer, or Outreach Person, or experience with The Texas Workforce Commission. Fifteen semester hours from an accredited college may be substituted for each year of the required experience. Or, eighteen months of in-service experience in the Social Services Technician Career Ladder.) **For application, please contact Mary at (915)366-3788 or pick up an application at: 2525 N. Grandview, Suite 600 Odessa, TX.**

Applications due December 26, 1997 by 5:00 pm.
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312 Professional Help Wanted

***PROJECT MANAGER**
for environmental company needed immediately. BS degree & 2- 3 yrs. experience in environmental field required. Salary DOE. Call

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***PROPERTY SUPERVISOR**
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Qualified, professional Secretaries for immediate placement with several O&G companies. All phases of O&G needed! Call us Monday with your qualifications and salary requirements.

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ECONOMIC AND PLANNING ANALYST
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Experienced with economic evaluation, strategic planning & performance management. MBA a Must. Salary DOE. FEE PAID.
Cheryl Zedler
Global/Perm Division
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Supervision of oil field chemical lab. Experienced Lab Manager. Prefers Chemistry degree w/analytical lab exp. Salary $OPEN. No fee. Call LeeAnn.
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LAND SECRETARY
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LEASE ANALYST- Contract/ Full- time. 3 to 5 years experience. Landpro experience preferred. Independent oil and gas operator. Send resume to: Box P-06054, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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PROJECT GEOPHYSICIST

Enron Oil & Gas Company, one of America's leading exploration and production companies, is seeking an experienced Geophysicist to participate in exploration efforts in the Midland Division office.

The successful candidate will have earned a B.S. or M.S. in Geology or Geophysics and have at least 10 years experience in prospect generation. Also required are proven skills in structural and stratigraphic geophysical interpretation, complex trace attribute evaluation and 2D/3D seismic technology application including design, parameter selection, and quality analysis of acquisition, processing and re-processing. Necessary computer skills include familiarity with LANDMARK (UNIX) interpretation and various geophysical modeling and calibration software.

Enron Oil & Gas has been successful in development of high-grade prospects utilizing a multi-disciplinary exploration/exploitation "team" approach. If you enjoy working with a winner, please send your resume for confidential consideration to: **Enron Oil & Gas Company, EB 2313, P.O. Box 4362, Houston, TX 77210-4362.** EOE, M/F/D/V. No phone calls or personal visits, please. Visit our website at **www.enron.com**

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LIAISON- Permian Basin Center for Battered Women and Their Children has an opening for Community and Justice System Liaison. Must have a Bachelor's degree in criminology or one of the behavioral sciences and a minimum of two years experience working with the justice system in Midland community. Minorities and bilingual individuals encouraged to apply. Fax resume to 915-686-7186 or send to P.O. Box 2942, Midland, Texas 79702.

PRODUCTION/ DRILLING SECRETARY

Midland Independent seeks dependable, enthusiastic secretary to assist the operations department. Duties include: daily drilling report, filing, telephone, AFE's and invoice handling with some state production reporting and other internal reports. Candidate must have computer skills using WordPerfect, Lotus 1-2-3, and Excel. Previous experience in production/ drilling will be a plus. Benefit package applies. Send resume, references and salary expectations in strict confidence to: Box T-5072, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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Midland, Texas 79701

CITY OF MIDLAND
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*ASSISTANT TO THE FINANCE MANAGER-

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Human Resource Director
Attn: A18 Secretary
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Assistant to Land Mgr. Contract, Farm-outs/Farm-ins, & Leases. Word Processing & Spreadsheet. Salary to $30K + Benefits. No fee. **Call LEEANN, ASAP!**

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Week-end hours. Inbound telephone customer service/sales. Knowledge of cars & engines required. Previous sales exp. No fee. Call LeeAnn.

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Legal/law office exp a + WordPerfect 6.0/Windows. MUST have excellent secretarial & typing skills. $DOE. No fee. Call Cheryl Gortney.

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The successful candidate for this position should have:

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L.D. (Buddy) Sipes, Jr.
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320 Skilled Trades

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A OR B MECHANIC for small gas compressor company in Midland. Shop and field work but no overnight travel. Minimum of 5 -10 years experience. Send resume, salary requirements and history to: Aztec Gas, Inc. 7824 W. Interstate 20, Midland TX 79706.

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Experienced Welder/ Fabricator

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LOCAL INSTRUMENT Company needs Electronics Technician for field service work. Requires AAS in electronics or equivalent military experience, clean driving record and drug test a must. Send resume to: Box B-1040, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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MUDLOGGERS. Experienced mudloggers! Discovery Logging will interview candidates with two years minimum experience: Geology degree preferred. Candidate needs good communication, analytical and mechanical skills. Candidate must be willing and able to adapt to Discovery Logging and its client based working environments. Candidate must be in good physical condition. Job requires light lifting and agility. Must have good transportation. Logging units are well maintained and all units have user friendly logging computers. Drug screen required. Competitive pay, matching retirement plan and health insurance available. Discovery Logging, P.O. Box 80531, Midland, Texas 79708, 687-1823.

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340 Child Care Needed

WANTED SOMEONE to watch my children in my house. Mostly evenings. References required. Call 520-5264 ask for Vicki.

341 Child Care Providers

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350 Business Opportunities

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Attention Readers

Occasionally ads found in this section come from distant points and the Midland Reporter-Telegram cannot always know the merits of the offers. We suggest when you are in doubt that you call the Better Business Bureau before signing any contract.

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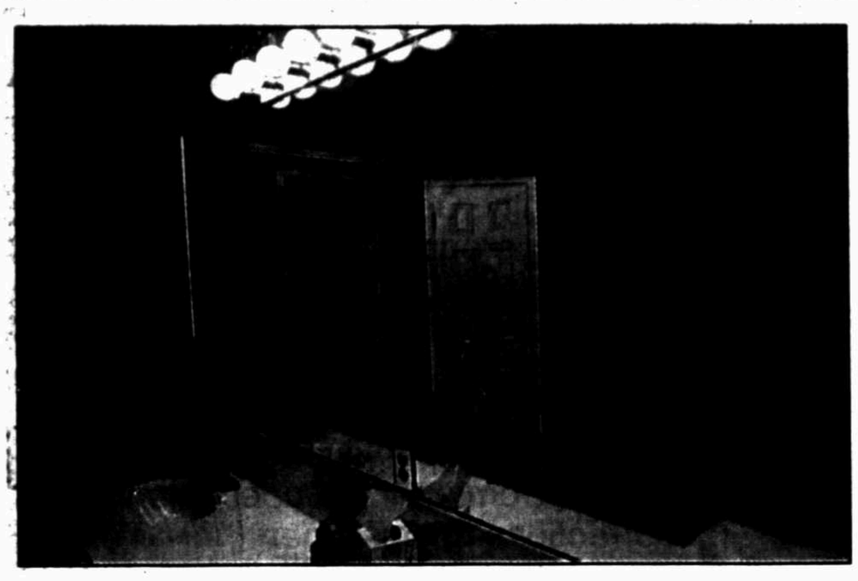

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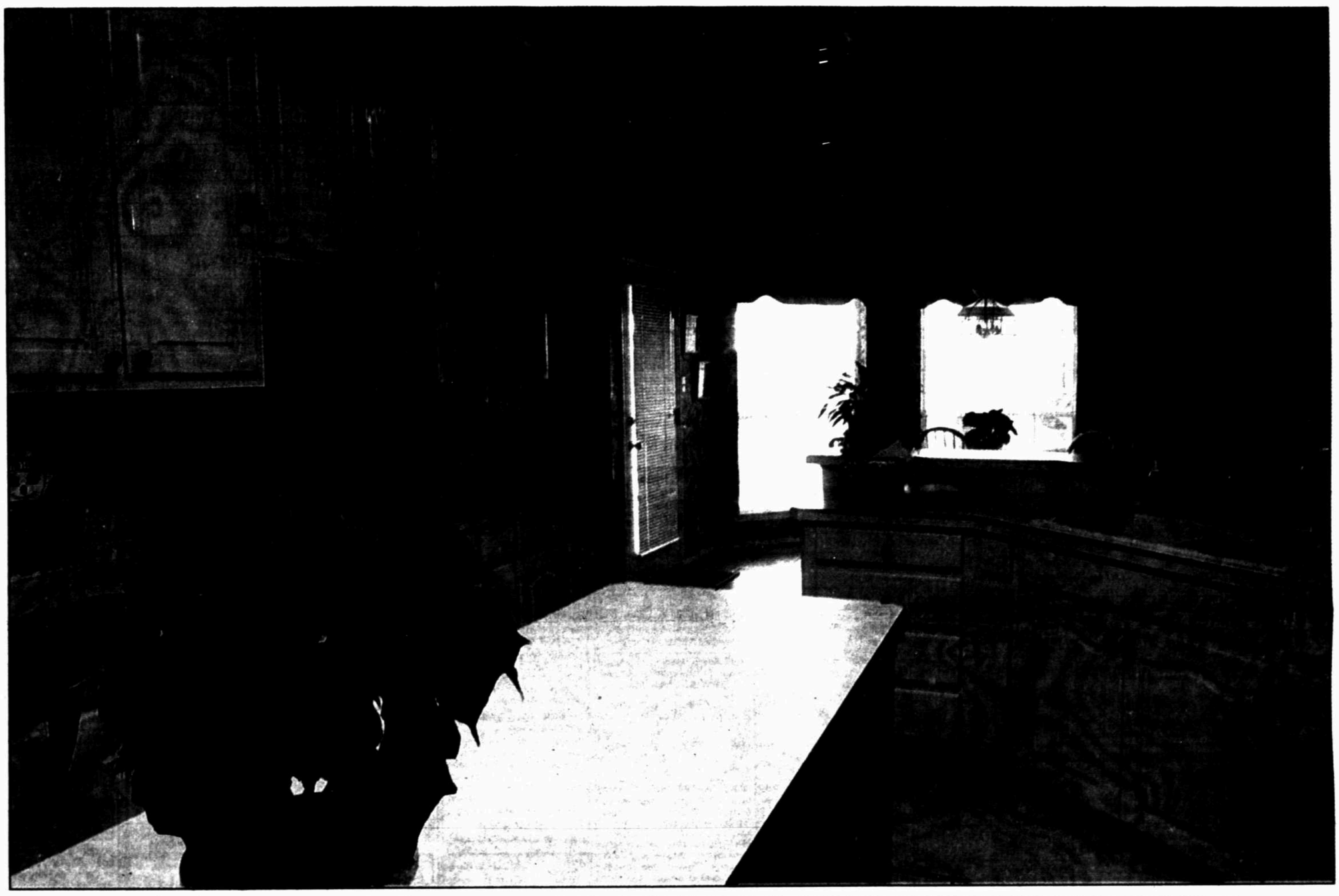

The open house this afternoon is sure to be the perfect opportunity to see this rather charming four bedroom house in Grassland Estates.

Set on a large plot at 5701 Greenridge the home is only a few years old and is in immaculate condition. Stylishly decorated and very well equipped with amenities it offers a very 'livable' floor plan and a number of attractive features.

Perhaps the most dramatic room in the house is the kitchen.. Light and bright has masses of both working and storage space as well as practical aspects such as the large, center island and a spacious pantry. Details like the glass fronted cabinets and a built-in desk add to the appeal of the room. Looking over the bay-windowed breakfast room the kitchen forms the heart of the family room as it also opens onto the den and the dining room. As with the kitchen it is impeccably proportioned and appointed offering a large fireplace, built-in bookshelves and even its own guest bath.

High ceilings, crown moldings and landscaped grounds are the themes on the property which is listed for $169,500.

One definite advantage to this home is that there are no neighbors at the rear of the house - meaning that the back yard is very private indeed.

For more information about this home, either stop by the open house between 3 and 5 p.m. this afternoon or call Anita Noles of Re/Max at 682-8820

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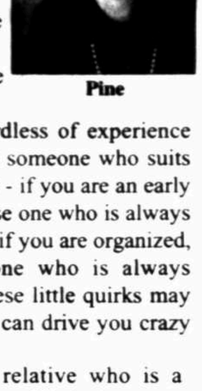
How do you find a good broker or agent?

Just like finding a doctor or an attorney, many people are referred to a broker by friends or family who have had a good experience with that agent.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Although many people prefer an experienced agent,a newer agent may prove to be willing to go the extra mile to build their business. Regardless of experience you should find someone who suits your personality - if you are an early bird, don't choose one who is always running behine, if you are organized, don't choose one who is always losing keys. These little quirks may seem minor but can drive you crazy after a while.

If you have a relative who is a broker you may still do better to find a broker who has a proven track record of selling homes quickly in your neighborhood. It is also importent to work with someone who won't push you into making a decision or accepting an offer before you are totally ready. You want a broker who will take the time to tell you the facts, compare various options but not scare you into taking a bad offer. At the same time your chosen broker should be strong enough to tell you when you have overpriced your home and work to help you price it right for the market you are currently in. Should you ever have a problem with your agent you should contact that agent's managing broker. One of the managing broker's most important job is to smooth out any problems between agents and sellers. Your listing agreement is with the brokerage firm, not just an individual agent.

(This article submitted by Norma Pine, of Chaparral Realtors)

"ARM" Advice

Adjustable rate mortgages once were considered to be 'Good News-Bad News' decisions for many buyers.

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Adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs) offer lower start rates and better buying power for purchasers - that was the good news. The bad news included potential rate fluctuations of up to two percent per year over the life of the loan. This can cause buyers unpleasant surprises down the road if payments rise. Another problem was that some lenders' ARM products offered few rate buy-down choices, so that finding a good 'fit' for your pocketbook could be frustrating.

But, today's good news is that you don't need an ARM to get those advantages. Your Realtor can help you find a lender that can offer fixed rate loans with many different payment combinations that cost less than similar loan products. You can now find fixed rate loans with flexible payment plans.

Home buyers can know exactly what their payment can be. The interest rate is fixed with small payment increases during the first one, two or three years of a loan, and then it is fixed for the remaining term. This type of loan will often have a lower lifetime cap rate.

Consult your local Realtor to help reduce your out-of-pocket closing costs and to really increase your purchasing power.

(Story submitted by Kay Sutton, owner of Kay Sutton, Realtors)

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410 Misc. Sales

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410 Misc. Sales

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COMPUTER, Packard Bell Legend, Lexmark color printer, cabinet, $1,000. Conn Minuet organ $400. Electric bed $350. Call after 7 pm, 687-3828.

SNOW SKIS- 2 sets, boots, bindings, poles- $200. Stackable washer and dryer $200. 634-5158.

POWER WHEELS, Jeep Wrangler, almost new, $125 negotiable. Call 570-0315.

★ LEE HIGH Band earning money for trip to New York. Will Rake Leaves. Also taking orders for Turkeys and Hams for Christmas. 694-5068.

BEANIE BABIES, need to reduce collection, call 694-4767 after 5 and on Saturday. Cash only.

GOOD FILL DIRT For Sale, eleven miles east of Midland, $2.00 per yard. Call 458-3541.

WHEEL CHAIR- light weight, with attachments, good condition, $100. Call 683-7812.

SLEEP & SNORE ERNIE for sale. Brand new. Still in box. $100. 915-697-6801, leave message.

NICE DOLLS, stuffed animals and Lennox Christmas plates. Reasonable. Also Elvis Collection 1/2 price! 697-2694 after 5.

NEED CHRISTMAS or other music? Try Blue Gravy Records and Tapes. 1710 Carter.

AMANA RADAR Range- oven, $65. O'Keefe & Merritt, built in oven, $135, country sofa/ matching chair, green/ gold/ blue tweed, with maple trim. $165. Tecumseh A/C compressor, new, $55. Two squares of taper sawn, red, cedar shingles, $35. each. Call 684-8580.

410 Misc. Sales

BERBER CARPET- 18 yards, 4 years old, cream and tan, $72., call 689--2205.

WATERFORD "Shelia" CRYSTAL. 4 Liqueur, 4 Hock, 4 Continental Champagne, 4 Saucer Champagne, 4 Wine, 4 Water Goblets, 2- 12 oz. Tumbler and 2- 6 oz. Tumblers. Call to see (915)528-5407.

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ALVAREZ ACOUSTIC 6 string guitar, $300. Complete set of golf clubs with pull cart, $150. Sears portable rowing machine, $40. Call 458-3541.

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BEANIE BABY sale!!! Large selection of Ty's, current and retired, starting at $10. Cash only. 3918 Baybrook, Saturday and Sunday 12 pm- 4 pm, 559-0539.

★ BIBLE TALK: "Does God Tolerate Divorce for Every Cause?" 520-0381. Free recorded message.

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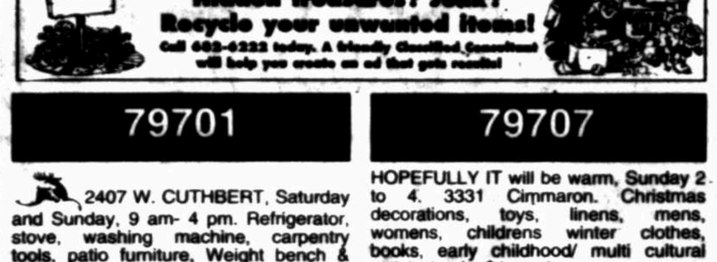

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2407 W. CUTHBERT, Saturday and Sunday, 9 am- 4 pm. Refrigerator, stove, washing machine, carpentry tools, patio furniture, Weight bench & equipment, PVC plumbing connections (new), Country knick knacks, like new girls clothing size 3- 7, rocking horse, child's size kitchenette, Little Tikes playhouse, BB gun, hockey sticks, women's & junior's clothing size 7- 16 and Christmas decorations. No checks please.

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415 Misc. Wanted

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DOGS:

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"Beauty"- Sharpi mix, two year old spayed female.
"Rockette"- Collie/Australian Shepherd mix, four years old, female. Long white coat with black/brown spots.
"Casper"- 3 Year old male Pit mix, dark brindle, gets along well with other dogs.
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432 Household Furniture

GOOD CONDITION, couch and matching chair, 2 end tables $200 or best offer. Call 694-4837.

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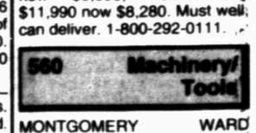

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NOTEWORTHY
Single white male, 29, 6'3", 190lbs., smoker, lives in Odessa, likes parties, travel, sports, metal music, seeks single white female, without kids, for dating. Ad# 7393

ROMANCING COWBOY
Single white male, 50, 6', slim-build, outgoing, enjoys dining out, dancing, movies, riding and roping, seeking single white female, 29-49, with similar interests. Ad# 4715

HEART OF GOLD
Single white father, 30, medium-build, non-smoker, likes rollerblading, playing the guitar, fishing and spending time with his children, interested in meeting compatible single white female, 19-35. Ad# 7240

READY TO SETTLE DOWN
Single Hispanic dad, 31, 5'11", 175lbs., short black hair, brown eyes, non-smoker, lives in Ft Stockton, enjoys the outdoors and skiing, seeks slender single Hispanic female, 21-40, children a plus. Ad# 1100

NOT PICKY
Easygoing single white male, 22, 5'9", medium build, smoker, hobbies include hanging out with friends, seeks slender single white female 21-25. Ad# 4685

TOGETHERNESS
Single white male, 27, 5'9", smoker, enjoys children, music and the outdoors, seeking special single white female, under 34, to share life. Ad# 1070

GO OUT WITH HIM
Single hispanic male, 22, 5'9", medium-build, shy, enjoys movies, playing pool, dancing, seeking single hispanic female, 18-23, with similar interests. Ad#.8735

SHARE YOUR FEELINGS
Fun-loving, compassionate single white male, 23, 5'9", medium-build, non-smoker, non-drinker, enjoys walks, playing pool, bowling, seeks single white female, 18-34, to spend quality time with. Ad#.2232

FUN AWAITS
Outgoing single white male, 26, 6', medium build, smoker, enjoys photography, movies, seeking special single white female, 25-35. Ad# 1028

ARE YOU THE ONE?
Slim single Hispanic male, 19, 5'7", smoker, interests include law enforcement and martial arts, seeking slender single Hispanic female, 18-25. Ad# 2635

DEFROST MY HEART
Single white male, 42, 6'2", average-built, non-smoker, shy, lives in Odessa, likes dining out, camping, fishing, hunting, movies, seeks compatible single female, 28-45, for friendship. Ad# 2220

WILL SPOIL YOU
Congenial single white male, 32, 6'1", non-smoker, lives in Midland, likes movies, dining out, concerts, seeks compatible single black female, 18-35, for companionship and friendship. Ad# 7734

LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU
Single white male, 41, 5'10", medium build, smoker, lives in Midland, enjoys golf, outdoor activities, sports, camping, looking for a medium-built single white female, 30-42, without children at home, with similar interests. Ad# 7414

RECIPE FOR LOVE
Dynamic single white male, 46, 6'5", medium build, smoker, non-drinker, from the Odessa area, enjoys fishing, bowling and playing pool, seeks single white female, 38-46, physique unimportant, children okay. Ad# 1817

FAMILY-ORIENTED
Single white male, 20, 5'10", 165lbs., smoker, enjoys country music and dancing, long walks, time with family and friends, interested in meeting a slender single white female, 18-25, kids are a plus. Ad# 1169

CHARISMATIC
Single black male, 35, 6'2", heavyset, non-smoker, people person, creative, outgoing, likes horseback riding, travel, romantic evenings, looking for non-smoking single female, 25-37. Ad# 1062

CIRCLE THIS AD
Congenial single white male, 44, 5'11", 175lbs., from Odessa seeks honest, sincere, monogamous single white female, 34-49, non-smoker, non-drinker, enjoys traveling, bowling, family life. Ad# 1114

THE BEST OF TIMES
Expressive single white male, 41, 5'10", medium build, smoker, employed, lives in Midland, likes golf, bird hunting, going to the lake, barbecues, seeks single white female, 35-42, without kids at home, with similar interests. Ad# 4147

CHEMISTRY
Stable single Hispanic male, 29, 6'1", non-smoker, non-drinker, resides in Houston, enjoys animals and the outdoors, seeking single female, under 31, for possible relationship. Ad# 2384

FIND OUT TODAY
Single white male, 30, medium build, non-smoker, non-drinker, enjoys music and movies, seeks slender single female, age unimportant. Ad# 3610

BE MY SWEETHEART
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Hardworking, medium-built single Hispanic male, 26, 5'9", non-smoker, seeking fun-loving, outgoing single female, under 32, to share quality time. Ad# 8824

COUNTRY BOY
Single white male, 21, 6'9", smoker, resides in Odessa, interests include rodeos, country music, going for walks, seeks slender single mom, 18-35, for serious relationship. Ad# 4656

MILD-TEMPERED
Laid-back single white male, 38, 6'1", medium build, smoker, likes outdoor activities, in search of a strong-willed, communicative single white female, 28-38. Ad# 8088

NO HEAD GAMES!
Single white male, 38, 6'1", medium build, smoker, resides in Midland, enjoys socializing, seeking single white female, 28-38. Ad# 1808

HUMOR A PLUS
Warm-hearted single white male, 18, 6'1", slim, blondish-brown hair, hazel eyes, non-smoker, enjoys the movies, animals, in search of attractive, dependable, sincere single white female, under 33. Ad# 1212

DOESN'T DO BARS WELL
Easygoing, hardworking single white male, 32, 5'9", medium build, non-smoker, lives in Midland, enjoys travel, the outdoors, seeks medium-built single white female, 20-40, without children at home. Ad#.5995

DAZZLING
Romantic single white male, 42, 5'7", medium build, blond hair, blue eyes, non-smoking, enjoys sports, dining out, movies, camping, seeks single white female, 26-35, non-smoker. Ad# 5564

OLDIE BUT GOODIE
Attractive, affectionate single white male, 37, 6', 210lbs., red hair, hazel eyes, non-smoker, non-drinker, enjoys movies, dining out, cooking, football, seeks single female, 20-30, physique unimportant, for possible relationship. Ad# 4444

BARS DON'T EXCITE ME
Easygoing, fun-loving divorced white dad, 32, 6'3", 230lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, smoker lives in Odessa, enjoys pool, likes hunting, fishing, racing cars, pool, the park, seeks medium-built single white female, 25-36. Ad# 8521

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Aviso de Registracion de Violador Sexual:
Un hombre de 44 años de edad sé ha hallado culpable del delito de Indecencia con la Niña. El hombre esta registrado para vivar in Midland, la calle de West Kentucky, 79701.

(Maintenance Project)

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF TEXAS HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORK

Sealed proposals for the following projects: BRIDGE SPALL REPAIR, Control No. 6015 38 001, Estimate $27,000, Guaranty $600, MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY, Control No. 6018 91 001, Estimate $70,200, Guaranty $1,500, Midland County, MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY, Control No. 6018 93 001, Estimate $88,600, Guaranty $1,800, Ector County. MOWING RIGHT OF WAY, Control No. 6018 96 001, Estimate $67,200, Guaranty $1,400, Ward County. MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY, Control No. 6018 97 001, Estimate $64,700, Guaranty $1,300, Reeves County. MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY, Control No. 6018 98 001, Estimate $41,800, Guaranty $900, Reeves County. REPAIR BRIDGE DECK AND RAIL, Control No. 6021 31 001, Estimate $21,600, Guaranty $0, Reeves County, and REMOVE AND REPLACE SIGNS, Control No. 6021 32 001, Estimate $12,100, Guaranty $0, Winkler County, in Ector County, of the Odessa District will be received by the Texas department of Transportation until 2:00 pm, January 13, 1998, then opened and publicly read. Bidding proposals and specifications will be available at the District Operations Office of: Charles E. Martin, 3901 East Highway 80, Odessa, Texas 79761, (915)333-9140. Usual rights reserved.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Trustees of the Midland Independent School District is requesting bids on Metal Roofing for the Vocational Ag Lab Facility. Bid #8M-0011 addressed to Mr. James Riggen, AIA, Director of School Plant Services, Building #1, 801 South Moran, Midland, Texas 79701 will be received until 2:00 pm, CST, January 6, 1997, at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained by calling 915-689-1505.

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BID

Midland County Hospital District is accepting bids for **FLOOR LEVELING FOR THE CHCC RENOVATION.**

Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Memorial Hospital and Medical Center on or after Wednesday, December 10, 1997.

ALL BIDS MUST BE SEALED AND LABELED "BID #311-120897 ENCLOSED".

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL FAXED BIDS FROM BIDDERS BE ACCEPTED.

ALL BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF THE MATERIALS MANAGER BY 12:00 P.M., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1997.

Bid opening will be at 2:00 P.M. in Department of Materials Management, Memorial Hospital and Medical Center, 2200 West Illinois, Midland, Texas, 79701, On Tuesday, December 23, 1997.

ALL BIDS MUST BE PRICE PROTECTED UNTIL April 23, 1998.

ALL BIDS WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL AFTER AN AWARD HAS BEEN MADE. VENDORS WILL THEN BE ALLOWED TO REVIEW THE BIDS IN THE PURCHASING OFFICE ACCORDING TO THE POLICY/ PROCEDURE OF MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER. MIDLAND COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS, TO WAIVE FORMALITIES.

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Bids for Audio Visual Equipment for the Midland Independent School District, Bid #8-0008 addressed to Mr. Leon Hartter, Director of Purchasing, Midland Independent School District, 7201 W. County Road 60, Midland, Texas 79707 will be received until 2:00 pm CST, January 5, 1997 at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained by calling (915)689-1752.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Trustees of the Midland Independent School District is requesting bids on Portable Steel Bleachers for Lee Senior High school, Bid #8M-0012 addressed to Mr. James Riggen, AIA, Director of School Plant Services, Building #1, 801 South Moran, Midland, Texas 79701 will be received until 1:00 pm, CST, December 19, 1997, at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained by calling 915-689-1505.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Bids for Health Supplies for the Midland Independent School District, Bid #8-007 addressed to Mr. Leon Hartter, Director of Purchasing, Midland Independent School District, 7201 W. County Road 60, Midland, Texas 79707 will be received until 2:00 pm CST, December 18, 1997 at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained by calling (915)689-1752.

REQUEST FOR BIDS ON TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for a transportation enhancement project for development of bid specifications for the grand opening a restored convent covered by STP 95(163)TE in Martin County, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, 200 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, until 1:00 P.M., January 6, 1998, and then publicly opened and read. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the sealed proposal arrives at the above location and is in the hands of the letting official, by the specified deadline regardless of the method chosen by the bidder for delivery.

This contract is subject to all appropriate Federal Laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Texas Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that it will insure that bidders will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color, sex or national origin, in having full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and in consideration for an award. Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Michael V. Chetty, Area Engineer, Midland, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction and Maintenance Division, 200 East 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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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF TEXAS HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORK

Sealed proposals for the following projects: MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY, Control No. 6019 66 001, Estimate $149,100, Guaranty $2,300 in Midland County, and INSTALL OR REINSTALL SMALL SIGNS, Control No. 6021 28 001, Estimate $106,600, Guaranty $2,200 in Pecos County of the Odessa District will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, 200 East Riverside, Austin, Texas, until 1:00 pm, January 6 & 7, 1998, then opened and publicly read. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction and Maintenance Division, Riverside Annex, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704, (512-416-2496). Bidding proposals and specifications will be available for inspection at the District Operations Office of: Charles E. Martin, 3901 East Highway 80, Odessa, Texas 79761. Usual rights reserved.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Midland County Hospital District is accepting proposals for **BANKING SERVICES.**

Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Memorial Hospital and Medical Center on or after Monday, December 15, 1997.

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UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL FAXED PROPOSALS FROM RESPONDENTS BE ACCEPTED.

ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF THE MATERIALS MANAGER BY 3:00 P.M., TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 1998.

ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE PRICE PROTECTED UNTIL MAY 6, 1998.

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Notice of Sex Offender Registration:
A 29 year old male convicted of the charge of Aggravated Sexual Assault with a child is registered to live in Midland, East Texas Street, 79701.

Aviso de Registracion de Violador Sexual:
Un hombre de 29 años de edad sé ha hallado culpable de violacion Asalto Sexual con Intencion de Crimen. El hombre esta registrado para vivar in Midland, la calle de East Texas, 79701.

Notice of Sex Offender Registration:
A 46 year old male convicted of the charge of Aggravated Sexual Assault is registered to reside on North County Road 1140, Midland County.

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UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL FAXED BIDS FROM BIDDERS BE ACCEPTED.

ALL BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF THE MATERIALS MANAGER BY 12:00 P.M., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1997.

Bid opening will be at 2:00 P.M. in Department of Materials Management, Memorial Hospital and Medical Center, 2200 West Illinois, Midland, Texas, 79701, On Tuesday, December 30, 1997.

ALL BIDS MUST BE PRICE PROTECTED UNTIL April 30, 1998.

ALL BIDS WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL AFTER AN AWARD HAS BEEN MADE. VENDORS WILL THEN BE ALLOWED TO REVIEW THE BIDS IN THE PURCHASING OFFICE ACCORDING TO THE POLICY/ PROCEDURE OF MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER. MIDLAND COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS, TO WAIVE FORMALITIES.

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Notice of Sex Offender Registration:
A 51 year old male convicted of the charge of Indecency With a Child is registered to live in Midland, East Willeys Street, 79701.

Aviso de Registracion de Violador Sexual:
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This is a suit to quiet title to real property located in Midland County, Texas, more particularly described as: Being the North 60' of Lot one (1), Block 10 (10), Re-Subdivision of Lilly Heights Addition, an addition to the city of Midland, Midland County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof of record in volume 105, page 478, Deed Records of Midland County, Texas.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of the Court at Midland, Texas this the 20th day of November, 1997.

Louie P. Enriquez
Deputy Clerk of the District Court of Midland County, Texas

Notice of Sex Offender Registration:
A 37 year old male convicted of the charge of Indecency With Children is registered to live in Midland, Cedar Street, 79701.

Aviso de Registracion de Violador Sexual:
Un hombre de 37 años de edad sé ha hallado culpable del delito de Indecencia con la Niñas. El hombre esta registrado para vivar in Midland, la calle de Cedar, 79701.

REQUEST FOR BIDS ON TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for landscaping from the direction islands on Golf Course Road to Miand Drive adn Tremont at Loop 250 covered by CL 906-32-23 in Midland County, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, 200 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, until 1:00 P.M., January 6, 1998, and then publicly opened and read. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the sealed proposal arrives at the above location and is in the hands of the letting official, by the specified deadline regardless of the method chosen by the bidder for delivery.

Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Michael V. Chetty, Area Engineer, Midland, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction and Maintenance Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

The Texas Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that it will insure that bidders will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color, sex or national origin, in having full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and in consideration for an award.

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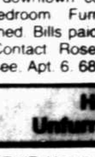
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SPENCE...New Whitehead: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv	$ 83,500		
TAMMY CV...Darling Home! 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Light/Bright	$ 82,900		
JORDAN...Great Home: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Home Warranty	$ 82,500		
REBEL...Wedgewood Park: 4 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Sprinkler	$ 82,000		
FLOYD...New in Fairway Park: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv	$ 81,500		
MISSION CT	UNDER CONTRACT		
NEELY	NEW LISTING	$ 79,900	
Great Floor Plan: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Garden Room			
DOUGLAS...Roomy: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-**Non-Qualify Assmp**	$ 79,000		
FRONTIER...Nice Home: 4 bd-3 bd-1 liv-Seq Master	$ 78,000		
CANEMONT...Sunken Living Area: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv	$ 78,000		
SPENCE...New in Fairway Park: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv	$ 76,744		
WILLINGHAM...Very Nice! 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Great Master	$ 76,500		
SPENCE...New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Options	$ 76,244		
CASPER...New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Colors	$ 74,744		
FLOYD...New Whitehead: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Colors	$ 74,244		
DORA PL...Recent Carpet/Paint: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Move-In Ready	$ 73,000		

SPENCE...New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Colors	$ 70,225		
CAMARIE	NEW LISTING	$ 68,900	
Well Maintained: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Wonderful Yard			
TREVINO...Fairway Park: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Can See Model	$ 68,225		
SPENCE...Whitehead in Nortgate: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv	$ 67,784		
GRAHAM...New Construction: 3 bd-2-ba-1 liv	$ 66,784		
DUBLIN (Odessa)...Very Nice: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv	$ 64,900		
OHIO...Great Home! 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Lots of Space	$ 64,900		
GRAHAM...Fairway Park: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Colors	$ 64,704		
ILLINOIS...Roomy: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-**Workshop/Garage**	$ 63,500		
PASADENA	NEW LISTING	$ 62,900	
Cute, Cute House! 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv--Corner Lot			
BELAIRE...Pretty Home: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Move In Condition!	$ 59,000		
OSAGE...Rec. Imprvmnts! 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Great Starter	$ 58,500		
EISENHOWER...Great Appeal: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv w/Hrdwd Flrs	$ 54,000		
RIC...Great Family Home: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Corner Fireplace	$ 52,000		
ROOSEVELT...Recent Updating: 3 bd-1.5 ba-1 liv-Wtr Well	$ 49,700		
CUTHBERT	NEW LISTING	$ 45,000	
Lots of Potential! 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Possible Owner Finance			
GASTON...Recent Carpet/Paint: 2 bd-2-car gar-Bonus Rm	$ 32,500		
DALLAS	UNDER CONTRACT		
MARIENFELD...Fixer-Upper: 2 bd-1 ba-Starter/Investment	$ 15,000		
TYLER...Pried to Sell: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-"As-is"	$ 7,000		

SUBURBAN PROPERTIES

CARDINAL...One-of-a-Kind! 4 bd-3.5 + .5 ba-2 liv-Gst Hse	$ 190,000		
S. CO RD 1200...Fine Country Living! 4 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv	$ 190,000		
E. CO RD 103...New in Greenwood: 4 bd-3 ba-1 liv	$ 165,000		
S. CO RD 1128...Grnwd: 4 bd-2.5 ba-Swafford Resale	$ 164,500		
S. CO RD 1118...Stone Home: 4 bd-4 ba-2 liv-Greenwood	$ 160,000		
S. CO RD 1119...Dickerson Resale: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Grnwd	$ 158,900		
S. CO RD 1218...Great Property! 3 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Super Barn	$ 150,000		
S. CO RD 1065...Horse Lover's Delight! 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv	$ 148,000		
S. CO RD 1200...Roomy: 4 bd-3 ba-Wrkshp-Apprx 3.01 Ac	$ 137,500		
S. CO RD 1184...Fine Living: 4 bd-3.5 ba-Horses OK	$ 110,000		
S. HWY 349...Two Story: 4 bd-3.5 ba-3 liv-Lots of Space!	$ 99,900		
E. CO RD 109...Greenwood: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Apprx 2 yrs old	$ 94,900		
E. CO RD 110...Greenwood: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Apprx 5 Ac	$ 89,900		
CHINABERRY	NEW LISTING	$ 87,900	
Gardendale: 3 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Beautiful-Apprx 1 Ac			
E. CO RD 140...Immaculate: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Finished Bsmnt	$ 87,500		
W. CO RD 150...Apprx 21 Ac Fenced: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv	$ 79,950		
ROBIN (Odessa)...Apprx 1 Ac: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-4+Car Gar	$ 79,900		
E. CO RD 104...Grnwd - 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Apprx .43 Ac	$ 69,900		
W. CO RD 140...4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Apprx 1 Ac	$ 68,750		
W. CO RD 50...Approx 2 Ac: 2 bd-2ba-1 liv-Nice!	$ 59,900		
S. CO RD 1130...**REDUCED!**: 3 bd-2ba-2 liv-Greenwood	$ 59,000		
S. CO RD 1184...NEW LISTING	$ 49,000		
Huge Master Bdrm: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Apprx .5 Ac			

COMMERCIAL

WOLFCAMP CIR	2 Lots	$	15,000
E. HWY 80	Zoned LR2	$	35,000
BIG SPRING	Great Office-Neat & Clean-Move-In Ready	$	39,500

LOTS AND LAND

HAMBY	12 Lots	$	1,500 ea
WALNUT LN	2 Blocks	$	3,500 ea
ALAMO DR	2 Lots	$	4,500 ea
GARDEN LN	2 Blocks	$	4,500 ea
BOWIE DR	1 Lot	$	4,500
MARK LN	2 Lots	$	6,000 ea
E. CR 110	Greenwood: Apprx 2.13 Ac	$	7,000
S. CR 1065	Mob Hm OK	$	14,000
CHERRYWOOD	Corner Lot	$	24,000
N. CR 1130	Apprx 25 Ac	$	30,000
E. CR 1090 & FM 307	Grnwd Schools: Apprx 21.5 Ac	$	34,400
LOOP 250 N	Apprx 27 Ac-Loop & CR 1140 Frontage	$	61,634
MIDLAND	NEW LISTING	$	85,000
Apprx 3.34 Ac-Single Family Detached Land			
WHITMAN	Apprx 11 Ac	$	130,000
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ANETTA-New carpet, paint & vinyl! 3BD/1BA	$29,900	HWY. 180/SNYDER-Great Investment Opportunity! 36 unit motel. Sold as is	$100,000
TANNER-Super Clean! Nice Starter Home! 3BDR/1BA	$35,000	MARK LN-Terrific new home in Fairmont! 4BR/2BA Bright & Open!	$101,900
E. CO. RD. 150-	UNDER CONTRACT	CRESTGATE-Corner Lot-Over 3,000 sq. ft. 4BDR/3BA/3LA	$121,500
GASTON-Well taken care of 3BD/1BA/1LA	$36,750	CRESTGATE	UNDER CONTRACT
ILLINOIS-Totally Redone!! New carpet & paint. 3BD/2BA/2LA	$47,500	MELVILLE-Huge house in Vista! 4BR/3BA. Inground pool, formal dining room, huge kitchen & den areas, mother-in-law bedroom, and oversized laundry. **NEW LISTING!**	$131,900
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CRENSHAW-Quaint Cottage! 3BD/2BA/2GA. **Perfect for Bond money!**	$51,000	PRINCETON-Wonderful!! Country home in the town. Large 4BD/2BA/2LA. Extra parking on side & barn on side. Owners want quick sale!!! **NEW LISTING!**	$139,500
PLEASANT-Neat 4BDR/2 Bath/2 Garage with central heat and air. Very nice home on large lot. Immaculate in very detail! **NEW LISTING!**	$55,500	ANDREWS HWY.-8 offices, 2 restrooms, recp. area & parking! **NEW LISTING!**	$125,000
SWEETBRIAR	UNDER CONTRACT	CHAPEL HILL-Magnificent home! 3BD/3.5BA/2LA! Many updates!	$129,000
CIMMARON-Bare-Bone Bargain! 3BD/2BA/2LA. New Paint & Carpet!	$57,000	RUSTIC-New GTN Gardenhomes! 3 & 4 BDR! **OR LEASE!**	$129,000 to $146,000
S. CO. RD. 1160-Like new Ranchette on 4 acres. 3BD + study/2BA. **Great Value!**	$57,500	SHADY OAK-Outstanding home! 4BD/2.5BA/2LA on golf course!!	$153,500
NASSAU-	UNDER CONTRACT	GRASSLAND-Better than new!! 4BD/3BA & plantation shutters	$157,900
COUNTRY CL-Great home in "Old Midland". 3BR/2BA. **Owners request offers!**	$89,900	GRASSLAND-New Ripplinger Const. In Grassland! New plan! 4BD/2.5BA	$160,000
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WHITTLE WAY-So Stunning!! Much new! 3BD/2BA. Great Condition!! **REDUCED!**	$71,500	SEQUOIA-Luxurious 2 story, 5 BDR/3.5BA. **Owners want offers!!**	$182,000
S. CO. RD. 1160-Charming in the country! 3BD/2BA w/apt. + wrkshp on 3+acres!!	$74,500	DEVLIN PL-	SOLD
UPLAND-Contemp. home/Large lot & water well!! 3BDR/2BA	$74,900	S. CO. RD. 1285-64 acres between Midland & Odessa!	$224,000
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SUNSHINE-	UNDER CONTRACT		
ELMA-	UNDER CONTRACT		

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NEW LISTINGS

S HWY 349 - 31.2 ac land with 2 houses $250,000
WOODHOLLOW - Fabulous 4 br/3 ba/2 la/formal den/3 car-gar & much more $169,900
S CO RD 1130 - Lots of new in this 3 br/2 ba/2 la/2 fp & 3 car gar - 2.63 ac $169,900
QUAIL POINT - Desirable Patio Home w/3 br/2.5 ba/2 car gar, huge la & fp $129,900
PARKHURST - Super 3 or 4 br & 3 ba with great SHOP! Won't last long! $126,500
ERIE - Sparkling clean 3 br/2 ba/1 car gar, central heat/ac $44,500

SENSATIONAL HOMES OVER $100,000

VERDE GLEN CT - Greentree North, Bent Tree Estates, 5 br/3.5 ba, luxury 2 story $345,000
E CO RD 120 - 3 br/2 ba, 2 la, fp, pool, barns, pens, orchards & more $210,000
NEELY - Colonial 2-story 5+ br, Large pool, cabana, brick floors $199,500
OAKLAWN - Luxury Town home, 2 br/2 ba. MUST SEE! $195,000
CO RD B-2200 - Stanton, 315 acs, 2 300 gal irr. wells, baling equip , Mobile home. $185,000
DAVENTRY - Lovely 4 br/3 ba/2 car gar. Quality everywhere $173,500
ANN - Very unique Dome home over 4000 sq. ft. on 1.3 ac. storage- work shop $160,000
E CO RD 120 - 2 story office bldg. Corner Rankin Hwy $150,000
CO RD 1265 - Immaculate country home - 3 br/2 ba/2 car gar, fp $150,000
HIGHLAND - T. Hunt new const. 4 br/3 ba, seq. guest quart. Open kitchen & den $148,900
W CO RD 56 - Superior 3 br/2 ba/2 la/2 car gar, huge workshop, 3 ac ..... REDUCED! $139,500
LANHAM - Luxury new M. Jackson Patio Home, 3 br/2.5 ba/3 car gar ..... REDUCED! $129,500
RICHMOND - 3 br/2 ba 2 la, H O Warranty OWNER FINANCE ..... REDUCED! $119,500
WEDGEWOOD - Superb TH, little maintenance to flower beds only. 1 yr. Old $119,000
KENSINGTON - 3 br/ 2 ba **LOOKING FOR OFFERS** ..... REDUCED! $116,000
S CO RD 1315 - Awesome split level home! Between Midland/Odessa. 5+br/3.5 ba/2 fp $112,000
GARFIELD - Splish splash into summer - 4 br/3 ba, extra large master $112,000
LANHAM - Duplex -ea t has 3 br/2 ba, superb property $110,000
DURANT - Spacious 3 br/ 2ba/2 la w/ bonus rm sec. sys, 2 half ba in Kimber-Lea $102,000

TERRIFIC VALUES UNDER $100,000

E CO RD 110 - 3 br/ 2 ba/2 ac/ Home Warranty/ $1000 decorating allowance $98,500
MAXWELL - A family delight! 4 br/2 ba/2 la/2 car gar, fp, beautiful neighborhood $93,550
EDGEMONT - 4 br/2 ba, seq. master. Lots of new, corner lot ..... REDUCED! $92,000
LANHAM - Beautiful 4 br/3 ba with tall shade trees. New Corporate listing $91,500
DYER CIRCLE - In fantastic condition, very roomy 3 br/ 2 ba, 2 levels $90,000
NEELY - Like new 4 br/2 ba, fp, 2 car gar, great yard. NO GRASS! $89,500
GREEN TREE BLVD - Updated-great area-a golfers bungalow-3br/2 ba/2 car gar ..... UC
FANNIN - 3 br/2 ba, fp, new kitchen cabinets, unusual floor plan- ..... REDUCED! $81,000
TANGLEWOOD - 3 br/2 ba/2 car-gar. Great shape $78,000
FREDNA - 3 br/2 ba/2 car garage, neat floor plan $77,211
MANOR - Very nice 4 br/2 ba, spacious liv & dining, in great condition, conv. location $76,000
LAVACA - 3 br/2 ba/ 2 car gar. Owner is extremely anxious ..... UC
NORWOOD - Town home 2 br/2 ba. Spacious floor plan. Home Owners Warr. $74,900
BEECHWOOD - 3 Duplexes -2 br/2 ba For Sale or Lease $70,000
SHANDON - 4 plus br/2 ba. Great family home w/ lots of pluses. Let's make a deal! $69,000
DENGAR - 4 br/2 ba/2 la w/pool & game room. Great floor plan! $68,750

WESTWIND - Townhouse with 2 br/2 ba/2 car-gar , new paint, new carpet ..... UC
OHIO - 3 br/2 ba/2 la with some updates OWNER WILL ACCEPT OFFERS! $64,500
CO RD 1175 - New '97 Mobile Home w/new septic & water well 3 br/2 ba on 4.8 ac $60,000
EISENHOWER - 3 br/ 2 ba, Beautiful yard, Sautillo tile thru out. Lots of new! $59,900
MCDONALD - Great location! 3 br/2 ba/2 la/ gar, fp, bright kitchen, skylights $57,900
CRENSHAW - Very nice 3 br/ 2 ba/2 car gar, fp. Closing cost pd on full price offer $57,500
PASADENA - Lots of updating on this 3 br/2 ba/2 car-gar/fp in nice neighborhood $56,900
PINE - Great 3 br/2 ba/2 car gar, nice pool, convenient location ..... UC
BELAIRE - 3 br/2 ba/2 car gar. Sellers are offering $1,000 incentive to buyer $56,000
SHADYLANE - 3 br/2 ba/1 car gar - completely remodeled from carpet to roof $49,500
GRAY - Bricked Mobile Home with 3 br/3 ba & large add. - workshop & RV parking $49,000
S. JEFFERSON - Exceptional 3 br w/custom brick work, cir. dr, cer. tile floors $48,000
BAIRD - Duplex- great investment property. Will sell as package for $41,750
KESSLER - 3 br/2 ba w/rfg a/c. Huge trees. Great home for the money ..... UC
CANYON - Super updated 3 br/2 ba all new in & out $38,500
SENTINEL - 3 br/2 ba, open kitchen & living area. Good investment ..... UC
JEFFERSON - 3 br/2 ba/2 car gar, workshop. Owner financing avail. $33,500
HOLMSLEY - 3 br/2 ba/2 la, large room, close to town ..... OFFERS! $32,500
KENTUCKY - 4 br/2 ba converted duplex $32,000
KEITH - Charming older home, 3 br/2 ba/2 car-carport. Large front porch $31,900
SYCAMORE - 2 br/1 ba/2 la. Great starter home! $29,500
BAIRD - DUPLEX -Investment property, 2 br/2 ba/1 liv area $29,500
CO RD 57 - 2 br/1 ba sits on 7 ac with storage $29,150
BRUNSON - 2 br/1 ba, steel siding/new paint $27,500
HOLLOWAY - 2 br/1 ba, with exceptional potential. Great investment! $27,560
HILL AVE - 2 br/1 ba/2 la, workshop/garage $26,595
BRUNSON - 3 duplexes w/2 br/1 ba REDUCED to $11,600. 1 duplex ..... REDUCED! $11,800
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COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES & VACANT LOTS

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N BIG SPRING - 5 Acres zoning commercial $155,000
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3 OR LESS BEDROOMS

#14 Dunblane.....$399,000
Spectacular custom on 2.5 acres w/over 4800 sq. ft.!! Pool, barn, shop, RV/Boat parking, kennels, aquarium room, 3 jacuzzis, and sauna! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Hwy. 176.....$250,000
Andrew's County. 3BR, 2B, 2 LA's, more than 250 acres, stg. buildings, security system, sprinkler, over 250 trees. Ruth Young at 682-7884.

Saddle Club North!.....199,900
Prime location/Spectacular home on HUGE corner lot with pool, enclosed sunroom, 2 fireplaces. Call Anita.

Stanolind.....$150,000
Beautifully updated with wood floors, tumbled marble in kitchen. Faux painting, fully landscaped, lots of built-ins. Vicky Garrett 570-889/800-583-5923.

Driftwood-On The Golf Course.....$149,900
Fantastic kitchen with island cooktop, stupendous family room, oustanding master bedroom & closets. What a view! Call now Larry & Debbie Hatfield 689-7758.

Driftwood-On The Course.....$144,000
Spectacular view is such a plus for this 3 bedroom w/sequestered master. Berber carpets, 2 covered patios, plantation shutters & much more. Call Anita!

Rustic Trail-On The Course.....$139,900
Kahler custom. Superior kitchen with family sized breakfast nook, oversized den, seq. master, lots of storage & walk-in closets. Talk to Larry or Debbie Hatfield 689-7758.

Wallace Townhome.....$134,500
Stunning updated 3BR, 2 1/2 BA, spacious townhome with so much new in excellent condition. Sandy Scott 684-0370

Lockheed - Old Midland Unique - Low Maintenance.....$130,000
A dream come true. 3 car gar. pk. pad. 3 bed. 3 ba. Call Ruth 682-7884.

Built by Tom Canton-New Listing.....$125,000
3/2/2, waterfall-pond. Call Lavonne Johnson 694-0444

Old Midland.....$119,000
Fantastic 3BR, 2 BA, fireplaces in both living areas, huge master, large utility, darling kitchen, loads of windows, lush grounds. Hurry to see! Ask for Larry or Debbie Hatfield 689-7758

Timber Lane.....$110,000
Great new construction by Kahler! 3 bdrm/2 bath, great floorplan, neat neighborhood. Be the first to own this dream home! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Goddard Place.....$104,900
2 fireplaces, 2 living areas - convenient cul-de-sac location plus Home Warranty! Call Donna Pehl 697-0490

Bellechasse.....$103,000
Large 3 bdrm, formal dining, in-ground pool. Clemmie Sorge

Dyer Circle.....$100,000
Gorgeous landscaping on large lot, updated papers, double yard with dog run, oustanding pantry.

Pecan Reduced To Sell!!!.....$99,900
Wallace townhome w/sequestered... suite. Newly painted interior and kitchen vinyl. Must see!! Call Sandy Scott 684-0370

Old Midland.....$99,000
Superb! Master bedroom with wonderful bath. 3 baths, 3BR, 2 living areas. WORKSHOP! Beautiful landscaping. Ask for Larry or Debbie Hatfield 689-7758

Sh... don-Tile Floors.....$97,500
Pool, workshop. Fannin School area.

Winfield.....$97,500
So much space - Great loction & quality - workshop. Call Jo.

Candle Tree.....$95,000
New listing - 3 BD, cheerful decor, formal living with fireplace, workshop, covered patio. Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

Lehigh.....$94,000
High ceilings, skylights, 2 marvelous baths, oversized rooms are just a few of the features found here. Hurry to see! Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Crestmont.....$87,900
Sequestered master, formal dining, corner. Call Clemmie Sorge.

Idlewilde - By Bush Elementary.....$89,900
4 yrs. old - just like new. 2 baths, formal dining, vaulted den ceiling, fireplace, home warranty, landscape allowance. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923

Culver.....$89,500
New listing with a bright kitchen, 3 BD, 2 BA, 2 LA, den with fireplace, study and has large back yard. Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

Wedgewood Park- Just Reduced.....$87,500
Beautiful home inside and out... ...ving plus sunroom & study. Call Anita.

Imperial.....$87,500
Wonderful three bedroom, two ... home. Close to Lee High school. Some features include two living areas, enclosed patio, bonus room and auto sprinkler system. Call Kirk to see.

Edgemont-Reduced.....$85,000
Great price for area, good sized rooms, double fireplace. Call Denise 697-1799

Camarie-New Listing - Immaculate.....SOLD.....$84,900
Immaculate 3 bedroom - on... ...room - Fannin area. Call Mary Jo.

North "I".....SOLD.....$84,900
Comfortable, well cared fo... ...e rooms & recreation - sized backyard. So much new! Call Karen Czech 685-4028

Merrill.....$84,500
A great New Listing with many ... sequestered master, clean as a whistle - updated kitchen - don't miss it - Call Mary Jo Drury 684-4268 or 682-8820.

Fall Into This.....$83,000
Wonderful 3 BD, 2 BA home with a great home/office. Located in "Peaceful Old Midland" location. Call Marilyn Jo.

St. Andrews.....Reduced $82,900
BAN THE BLAHS! 3 bedrooms, very open plan w/formal dining plus breakfast area, fabulous master suite. Call Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923

Shandon.....$82,500
Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 living ... decking, gorgeous landscaping, greenhouse or 3rd garage parking. Sandy Scott 684-0370

Harvard.....$82,000
Super home, totally redone in great location. 3BR, 2BA, 2 living areas - 2 car carport. Hurry Call Sandy Scott 684-0370

McDonald.....$79,950
It's a superior home! Sequestered master, vaulted ceiling in den, hi-lite, 3BR, 2 bath home. Great size, great home. Call Clayton 682-9494

Green Tree Blvd.....$79,900
Low maintenance, patio hom... course, spacious master suite. Separate formal dining could be study. Call Marilyn Jo.

Wydewood.....$79,900
Very nice three bedroom with two bathrooms and a two car garage. Home has just been painted outside and has two new air conditioners. Fresh paint & New carpet!! Call Kirk French at 682-8820.

Tammy Cove -Reduced.....$78,000

Lanham.....$78,000
Exceptional three bedroom, two bathroom patio home with no grass to mow! Recently new air cond. Compressor and water heater. Cul-de-sac location adds peace and quiet.

Douglas.....$77,900
Wonderfully updated 3/2 w/large living area & loft. Large backyard. Beautiful ceramic tile, terrific wall coverings. Call Anita.

McDonald.....$76,500
REDUCED! Workshop plus over 1900 sq. ft. in immaculate condition, formal dining and much more! Call Sandy Scott 684-0370

W. Louisiana.....$75,000
Cute 3/2 dollhouse in "Old Midland" has hardwood floors, large indor utility. Huge trees in yard, within walking distance to park. Call Anita.

Mark Lane.....$73,500
Something Special describes this home with 3 BD, wet bar, built-in bookshelves and brick patio. Call Marilyn Jo.

Stanolind.....$73,500
Nestled amoung the trees this large 2 living, 2 1/2 bath, 2 car garage will capture your heart, not your pocketbook! Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923

Neely - Reduced.....$73,500
Soo clean & pretty - 2 baths, large open living, atrium off dining, skylights, light carpet, wood shutters. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923

Whitney Drive.....Reduced $72,900
Great home w/open plan-updated floorng, tile counters, large rooms & great trees!! Super buy. Priced to sell. Call today to see! Victoria Printz 689-4800

Phillip Place.....REDUCED $4,000 - NOW-$72,500
Sharp 3 bedroom, 2 bath, ... living area - all new paint, garage doors, wood fence, newer heat & air. Hurry! Call Sandy Scott 684-0370

Regal-Close to Park.....Reduced $69,900
Cul-de-sac. Tiled entry, spa... seq. master, skylight in kitchen, large breakfast nook. Outstanding! Ask for Larry & Debbie Hatfield 689-7758

Ainslee.....$69,900
2 baths, formal dining & large backyard with workshop. Vinyl plank hardwood throughout. Carpeted bedrooms. Call Karen Czech 685-4028

Maxwell.....$69,900
Great 3 bedroom w/3 living areas, formal dining, 2 car garage - Spacious. Call Sandy Scott 684-3070

Wedgewood-Reduced.....$69,900
WOW 3/2 so much updating, open plan, huge yard - it's Great! Call Donna 697-0490.

Arbor Park.....$68,500
3/2 on corner lot. Close to sch... sold to sell. Call Anita.

Garfield.....$67,500
Loads of house for the price, fireplace, sunroom, parking pad. Call Clemmie.

Fannin.....$66,500
Pretty brick traditional 3 bed... bath. Please call Billie Sherman 697-5545.

Terrace - Reduced - OFFERS PLEASE!.....$65,000
A Real Doll House! A really large den plus separate liv. rm. 3 BR-2BA-2 gar. joyce brickey 682-3191

Wydewood.....$65,000
Come see this cute 3/2 with ... overlooking shaded backyard. Call Anita.

Wadley.....$64,800
New Listing, 3 bedroom, grea... floors. Call Jo Braden.

Cimmaron.....$62,500
Great New Listing in Fann... Neat and clean - fresh paint - Mary Jo Drury 684-4268 or ...

Laura.....$62,500
3 bedruoms, 2 baths, lots of square footage for the money. Don't miss this one. Mary Jo 684-4268.

Stanton.....$59,900
Loads of cabinets in this fantastic kitchen. Cozy den, great bedrooms, cute, cute, cute. Talk to Larry or Debbie Hatfield 689-7758

Upland.....$56,900
Well maintained 3BD home ... formal dining. One owner home. Separate formal dining for holidays. Call Marilyn Jo.

Louisiana.....$53,500
Thankful opportunity fo... ownership. Nice 3BD, 2 BA, formal living/dining with lots of cabinets. Call Marilyn Jo.

Melton Alley-New Listing.....$52,500
Great townhouse, no yard, lge. rooms. Call Clemmie.

Ric - Reduced.....$51,900
Nice and well maintained best describes this three bedroom, two bathroom home with two living areas. Call Kirk at 682-8820.

Mercedes.....$49,900
Pretty home, lots of updating. Call Clemmie.

Gaston Drive.....$49,500
Doll house in premium condition! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, ref. central heat & air, sprinkler system, 3 car garage & workshop! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Trevino- Present Offer!.....$49,500
Super great 3BR, 2BA, 2 gar. liv. rm. dining rm. Priced low to sell fast! Pretty interior. Ask for joyce brickey 682-3191

Ric-Reduced.....$46,900
Super floorplan in this darling home with 2 baths, garage and oversized yard! Walls of windows make this one bright and cheerful! Victoria Printz 689-4800

Boyd.....$46,500
Cute! Large living area, nice bedrooms. Call Larry or Debbie Hatfield 689-7758

Bedford.....$45,000
A trip or two to the hardware store and thin 3-2-2 will shine! Open living area, good BR space, mature neighborhood. Clayton Alexander 682-8820

124 S. Glenwood.....$42,900
Cozy 3 bedroom, 2 living areas, fireplace. Call Clemmie.

Cute 3 Bedroom-New Listing.....$42,500
2 baths, on corner lot. Call Lavonne Johnson 694-0444.

Pleasant.....$35,000
Unbelievable at this price. Midland housing program would finance this 3 bed, 2 ba, huge kitchen, corner lot, please call Ruth Young 682-7884.

Anetta Drive- Reduced.....$34,900
New on Market. 3 BR, 2 Baths. Much updating. Nice wood deck in backyard. Must see to appreciate. Joel Oldham 689-9696.

3117 Mariana.....$34,000
Cute 3 bedroom in Dellwood... ...hone 694-0444

Monty-New Listing.....$28,900
Super 3 bedroom, one b... central heat & only $28,900.00. Mary Jo Drury 684-4268 ... SOLD

S. Mineola.....$24,950
This is it! A great starter home without being a fixer-upper. Nice and neat 3BR/1BA house which feels like home. Qualifies for HIP. Call Clayton.

Teakwood.....$74,500
Lge. 2 story Townhouse, sunken den, lge mstr, low maintenance yrd. Call Clemmie.

Fielder-Reduced.....$69,900
COOL DOWN in this SUM... home. 2BD, 2BA, spacious and comfortable. Fresh paint & new formica in kitchen. Call Marilyn Jo 684-0377.

Nobles - Owner/Agent w/pay 6% Buyer's Costs.....$45,000
Remodeled 2 bedroom, 1 bath, spacious den w/fireplace, 1 car garage. Non-qualifying or new loan - pool not warranted. Sandy Scott 684-0370

Bentwood-Reduced.....$45,000
Darling Duplex: side "A" is ... bath & side "B" is 2 bed/1 bath w/fireplace. Covered parking and storage on both! Great investment! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Brunson.....$37,500
Darling! Super kitchen with tons of cabinets, berber carpet, tiled sun room, updated land shows great, plus bonus room. Come see inside. Talk to Larry or Debbie Hatfield.

Parker.....$31,900
Just like new! Cute 2BD, 2BA, brick home w/central heat & air. Great house w/large fenced yard. Victoria Printz 689-4800.

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W. CR 60.....$550,000
Superior equestrian facilities, pool, tennis courts, 2 guest houses, 4 garages, RV garage, 17 acres, open to offers. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

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Spectacular custom on 2.5 acres w/over 4800 sq. ft.!! Pool, barn, shop, RV/boat parking, kennels, aquarium room, 3 jacuzzis and sauna! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

W CR 54.....$265,000
Gleaming hardwood floors, gameroom, study, 4 bedrooms, 3 fireplaces, beautiful view of Midland skyline. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

W CR 58.....$235,000
Dream kitchen, exercise/nursery room off masters, Texas-size home on 4-1/2 acres. Built in '93. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

N. Hwy. 349.....$189,000
A city home in the country where you can spread out - great barns, lovely 4 bedroom, 3 bath home - you will have to see it to believe it-Call Mary Jo Drury 684-4268 or 682-8820.

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Co. Rd. 1086.....$129,900
New Construction in Greenwood, lots of tile, great floorplan. Call Clemmie.

Co. Rd. 120.....$129,900
Great 2-story 5 bedroom or 4 plus study. Updated/pretty!! 3 acres with fenced area for animals. Call Marilyn Jo.

Solomon Lane- Reduced.....SOLD.....$129,900
Trees a Plenty! 3 living, 2-... , horse stalls, dog kennels, pipe fencing. Vicky Garrett 5... -5923.

1300 E. Co. Rd. 130-New Listing.....$115,000
Located on 2 1/2 acres, gorgeous new decor w/3+ bedrooms, 2400 sq. ft. barn/workshop/RV garage. Pecan producing orchard. Roses galore. Terrific piece of property. Call joyce brickey 682-3191.

E. Co. Rd. 109.....$112,000
3 or 4 bedrooms. Tri-Level.

Kniffen.....$105,000
Spacious 3 BR on 1.25 acres, 3 stall 15'x45' horse barn, 14'x28' workshop. Must see! Sandy Scott 684-0370

S. Co. Rd. 1200.....$105,000
Lge. home updated, 4 AC, plus mobile home that is Leased. Call Clemmie.

E. Co. Rd. 109.....$99,900
Large 3 bedrooms, w/formal dining. Greenwood area. Call Clemmie.

10908 E. Co. Rd. 109.....$97,900
Large updated home, seq. master, formal dining. Call Clemmie.

E. Co. Rd. 130.....$95,000
Located on 2 acres, close to town, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 living areas, country kitchen. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923

E. Co. Rd. 109.....$92,500
1.5 year new 3/2 has custom touches everywhere, beautiful kitchen w/whitewashed cabinets, tile breakfast bar. Huge utility. Large bedrooms!

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Four bedrooms, 2 bath, workshop, walk-in closets. Mary Jo Drury 684-4268.

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Co. Rd. 64 East.....$76,500
4 acres in Greenwood school district with a nice grey brick home. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living areas. Nice master bedroom, curved drive in front. Call Lavonne.

Co. Rd. 60.....$61,500
Great property, workshop and barn. 5 acres. Call Clemmie.

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Half with mobile home hook-up-... ...all with partially completed home - $35,000. Or - $50,000 for all. Ca... ...en Czech 685-4028.

N. Co. Rd. 1130 - Reduced.....$47,900
Wonderful two bedroom, two ... home on 1.15 acres in the Greenwood School district. Also has a workshop, central heat & air and a two car carport. Call Kirk at 682-8820 today!

Co. Rd. 53 W......$43,500
3 bedroom, barn. 91 acres. Call Jo Braden.

S. Co. Rd. 1178.....$40,000
20 acres off Rankin Hwy! Bring all offers! Victoria Printz 687-5636.

Co. Rd. 1083 - Reduced.....$29,900
3.18 acres behind the Ranger Station Cafe in Greenwood (corner of 307 & 1083). This property has great potential. Call Kirk at 682-8820.

Co. Rd. 1140 N......$29,900
12.5 acres with 8 septics, 4 water wells, 6 mob. home spaces. Victoria Printz 687-5636.

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Co. Rd. 1178.....$22,000
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10 acres, sandy soil. Call Clemmie.

Townhouse Lots on Boyd Ave......$15,000 Ea.
3 lots in Lone Oak Subdivision. Kirk French.

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2 acres land, water well, septic system, outbuildings. Good mobile home site. Call Marilyn Jo 684-0377.

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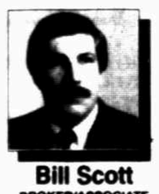
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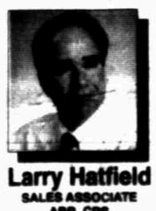
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OPEN 3:30-5
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OPEN 4-5
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CHESLEY CT-Custom plan, 5BR/3BA, lots of upgrades, light & airy 229,500

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TRINITY MEADOWS-4BR/5BA/2LA/3-garage inTrinity Meadows. Excellent condition - wonderful price 159,900

THAMES CT-Traditional in Polo Park! 4BR/3BA, ope kit/den/breakfast. Tall ceilings, super condition 159,900

BLUEBIRD BRANCH-Kahler construction underway. 4BR/2BA off Bluebird in quiet cul-de-sac 150,000

SOLOMON-Loads of country charm in this completely remodeled 4BR filled with extras 144,900

GODFREY-A must see....wonderful large 4BR, 3BA, pool, sauna room, bonus room & much, much more 135,000

MABERRY-Spacious w/low maintenance, 3BR/2BA/2LA, formal dining. Lots of new 134,500

DUNKIRK-Super on quietest (shortest!) street in town. 3LA/4BR/2BA, new kitchen, recent roof 130,500

HARVARD-Patio style 4/3/2 plus 2-garage, shop w/overhead door & covered parking for 4-5 cars 129,900

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PRINCETON-Fabulous Old Midland home w/huge rooms! Three living areas 125,000

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HUMBLE-Unique, custom 3BR w/living room, spacious gameroom + bonus room in MaMar Terrace 124,500

BISHOPS CASTLE-4BR/3BA in Polo Park in beautiful condition! Hurry to see! 123,000

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BISHOP CASTLE-Great 3/2.5/2 home, light and bright and ready to move into today! Must see! 119,500

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FAIRFAX-Large 4BR/3BA, fantastic neighborhood, landscaped 113,500

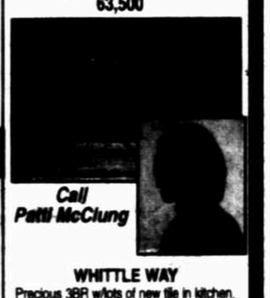
GOLF COURSE-Special Hickey TH - one-owner custom, spacious rooms, 2FP 112,500

NORTHTOWN-Super 4BR/2.5BA/2LA + huge bonus room. Convenient to everything 109,500

FAIRVIEW-This light & bright 3BR has Saltillo tile, formal living and dining and a pool 106,000

Call Karen Mason

MICHIGAN
Darling 3BR cottage! Call to check on non-qualifying assumption possibilities.
63,500



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WHITTLE WAY
Precious 3BR w/lots of new tile in kitchen, baths & entry!
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VENTURA
A Christmas present! 3BR/2BA/2LA/2GA. lots & Lots of redone! Much tile.
86,900

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Beautiful updated home w/gracious front porch, huge rooms & lush backyard. Immaculate
97,000

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W of Midland, restricted area, 1 acre, 4BR/3BA, 4th BR could be 2nd LA. Updated & pretty.
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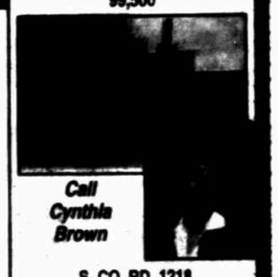

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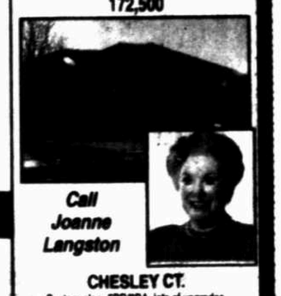
S. CO. RD. 1218
Quiet country home on 20 ac w/lots of pecan trees. Screened-in porch, RV pad +2G/Stor bldg.
172,500



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MICHIGAN-Charming "Old Midland". large, sunny rooms w/recent updating.Lots of parking area! 88,500

ELMA-Perfect shape! Wonderful home in Wydewood. 3BR/2BA. Sprinklers front and back 87,500

VENTURA-A Christmas present! 3BR/2BA/2LA/2GA. Lots & Lots of redone! Much tile 86,900

KANSAS-Large & roomy in Old Midland. Beautifully updated w/new vinyl & paint 86,000

WYLEA-LOVELY new listing in Wydewood. Cul-de-sac. 3/2/2 plus office. Bush Elem 86,000

MARK LANE-Very nice 3BR on quiet cul-de-sac. Good condition w/large yard 85,000

FAIRBANKS-Great 3BR/2BA in top condition. Big bedrooms. formal dining. corner lot. pretty house! 83,900

ST. ANDREWS-3BR/2BA, formal dining, screened-in patio w/tile floor-offering $1,000 in Buyers Closing Cost 81,900

BEDFORD-4BR. updated, sparkling pool. Light and bright formal living & dining and 2LAs 83,750

THORNBERRY-New Listing! Wonderful 3/2/2 w/2LA. Tile floors and tall ceilings. Must See 81,500

CARPENTER-Stanton. Updated 3BR/3BA + 3LA. 3rd LA huge would make wonderful master 79,900

CANADIAN-Northgate 3BR/2BA/2GA with formal dining and corner lot 79,000

CHON COVE-Secluded yet convenient Wydewood beauty on quiet cul-de-sac 78,500

STOREY-A super west side duplex! 3BR/2BA each side! Shown by appt 78,000

GULF-Seller to pay for 2 pts plus up to $1,500 of buyer's closing costs! 77,000

SPARTAN-Spacious, light and bright. Centrally located, formal dining 75,500

KANSAS-Brick charmer w/guest house. 2BR/2BA in main house. Hardwood floors 75,000

SHELL-No yard care. top notch TH. many amenities. close to everything. 2BR/2BA 74,500

CONROE-Immaculate. totally updated home w/bonus room. hot tub and more! 74,000

STEWART-Fantastically maintained 4BR on quiet street w/many updates & park-like backyard 73,900

WHITNEY-Beautifully maintained. easy-to-care-for 3BR in great location 72,000

BELTON-Great home on quiet cul-de-sac. 3/2 with nice LA and backyard for play 69,900

BOYD-So roomy. 4BR/2.5BA, beautiful drive-up. Great opportunity 69,900

EMERSON-Carpet & paint allowance. Close to schools, quiet friendly neighborhood 69,900

WHITTLE WAY-Precious 3BR w/lots of new tile in kitchen, baths & entry! 69,900

WADLEY #M66-Spacious, low maintenance condo. 2LA, 2BR, 2 1/2 BA, very low maintenance 68,500

GODFREY-Nice size 4BR home w/pool across from park. Large open living & dining w/FP 68,000

STOREY-Look no further! This 3BR has close-in location, hardwoods & terrific kitchen 67,500

FERNCLIFF-New paint throughout! Good floor plan tucked into quiet street 67,000

MICHIGAN-Darling 3BR cottage! Call to check on non-qualifyng assumption possibilities 63,500

BRAZOS-Large home for the money! Fresh paint, good floor plan, good price! 62,000

GOLF COURSE-Wonderful location! Zoned residential house is to be sold with property as is 60,000

BELAIRE-Loads of fresh paint in nice 3BR w/high ceiling. Quiet neighborhood! 59,500

NICKLAUS-Charming & comfortable, spacious, MBR, pretty tile floors. Great fireplace 59,000

SHADYLANE-Adorable 3BR w/new carpet, vinyl, fence. laundry room. All repairs done this year 53,900

ROOSEVELT-Take a double take! Talk about redone!!! 3BR/3LA, new kitchen, new everywhere 53,000

MONTY-Cozy home, close to school, recently repainted inside, 3BR/2BA 49,900

KANSAS-3BR/2LA/ bonus room/workshop .New paint, carpet & large yard, great windows 49,500

ILLINOIS-Great 3BR/2LA w/new paint and wallpaper. Don't miss this one 49,500

ILLINOIS-3BR/2BA/2LA, recent tile, large lot 46,900

WASHINGTON-Well-maintained home w/great attached heated & cooled workshop! 44,500

BRUNSON-Great property on 3 lots. House 4BR/1BA with 1BR rental 42,500

FAIRMOUNT-One-owner, custom built 3BR/2BA/2-car w/workshop. Affordable 39,900

SWEETBRIAR-3/2, recent paint, carpet, tile and partial fence 39,900

MARIANA-3BR ready to move into - even has its own refrigerator. New roof. 2LAs & more 39,500

CONNELL-Space galore with lots of extras, such as workshop, satellite dish and water well 34,500

KENTUCKY-Fabulous place to belong. Very neat 2BR, large LA, water well and sprinkler system 32,500

KENTUCKY-2BR w/hardwood floors & separate guest house or rental 25,000

DELANO-priced to sell quick! 2BR/1BA, updated carpet & flooring 24,500

ATLANTA-Well priced 3BR/2BA w/2LA. Priced for quick sale 22,000

BENTON-Nice 2BR with large, fenced yard. Priced to sell 14,000

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S. CO. RD. 1218-Quiet country home on 20 ac w/lots of pecan trees. Screened-in porch, RV pad + 2G/Stor bldg 172,500

TATTENHAM-Close in - 1.7 ac- 1300' barn, 4BR/4BA. Great home 164,500

S. CO. RD. 1184-Suburban home at its finest. Pastoral setting in Ridge Heights 147,800

N. CO. RD. 1244-As Is Where Is! 2-story 3BR/2BA, huge gameroom up. 2 acres + shop 134,900

W. CO. RD. 68-WOW! What a price on this super remodel w/pool 133,000

SARATOGA-Wonderful charming home w/beautiful pool, acreage with barn for horses 110,000

S. CO. RD. 1184-Priced to sell "as is". Pool, workshop, guest quarters or office. Great possibilities 110,000

KNIFFEN-3BR/2BA new construction brick home on 1.25 acres 105,000

N. CO. RD. 1247-W of Midland, restricted area, 1 acre, 4BR/3BA, 4th BR could be 2nd LA. Updated & pretty 99,500

CO.RD. 1070-3 year old brick home. 1 acre, over 2300 sq ft per MCAD 89,900

E. CO. RD. 139-Exceptional 3BR, 30'x36' shop w/RV storage 89,800

S. CO. RD. 1210-South Midkiff, large 3BR w/3.78 acres. Hardwood floors and a rental house also 75,000

GOLD-Garden City, TX. An entire city block only. 40 min. from Midland, 2 houses & more only 75,000

E. CO. RD. 105-Greenwood, 3/2/2-car gar. 16x20 patio, sprinkler, one-owner 67,900

COLGATE-Doublewide on 1.2 acres, barn/workshop, corrals, immaculate great yard. RO softener 39,900

E. CO. RD. 86-3BR Mobile home w/workshop, barn & stalls - plus adj. acreage w/water wells & septic tanks 38,500

CO. RD. 114-Country living for a great price 26,500

LOTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY

BLUEBIRD-12.212 acres available across from the ball park. Can be sub-divided 146,520

BLUEBIRD-7.18 acres. Can be sub-divided 86,220

CARDINAL LN-Two 3.997 acre lots. great country living in the city. city water available 64,000

MOCKINGBIRD LANE-4 acre lot. Perfect for country living in the city 64,000

BLACKBERRY-Prettiest lot in Mission Properties. Central cul-de-sac location 55,000

CUTHBERT-Fabulous new development of zero lot line homes. Call for information to reserve your lot! ..... 49,900 ea.

"L" STREET-Rare lot in museum district 37,500

FAIRWOOD-Large lot in Mockingbird Heights; great location for your dream home! 36,500

RUSTIC TRAIL-Last remaining estate-size lots on Rustic 35,000

SADDLE CLUB EAST LOTS-Prestigious - only a few remaining 33,000-45,000

OAK-300 ft on Oak 127 ft on Main-financing available 30,000

MAIN-New houses in area. Excellent opportunity for builder 28,500

QUAIL POINT-Wonderful townhome lot in Quail Point. Hurry - its the last one! 28,500

ELM ST. & LAMESA RD.-Lot could be commercial location 22,500

CROCKETT-5 lots sold separately or as a package ..... 6,000 each

GASTON-Lot in Permian Estates 5,500

VARIOUS OTHER HOME SITES-Call for more details 2,850-35,000

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FM 307-Prime acreage in Greenwood 178,800

FM 150-160 acres between Tower and Cotton Flat Roads. Great possibilities 160,000

S. CO. RD. 1218-Nice area, great privacy! 20 acres fenced. Ready for your new home 60,000

FAIRGROUND-3 lots East of city, owner may carry the financing 38,500

DERBY LANE-7.5 acres, 2 water wells, 2 trailer pads near Gardendale 25,000

W. CO. RD. 69-4.45 acres w/pens, fence & H20 well 24,500

W. CO. RD. 143 1/2-2 ac South of TI. Ready for your mobile home or new house. 24x40 workshop, trees 21,000

FM 1788-Two 1.69 acre residential tracts to be sold together 20,000

W. CO. RD. 69-2.5 acres, Colorado River Water Tap, paved roads, fenced 19,500

CO RD 1195S-3.10 acres 17,100

HIGHWAY 349-RIDGE HEIGHTS-3 acre tract-Ridge Heights with water well 15,000

CO. RD. 52W-3.02 prime acreage, possible owner finance 15,000

CO. RD. 1297-4.96 acres adjacent to Water Wonderland 12,000

S. CO. RD. 1183-Owner will consider financing 9,900

CO. RD. 1213-Skywest Airport Land. 2.5 acres w/runway access 8,500

INVESTMENT & COMMERCIAL

MIDLAND DRIVE-Retail/Office remodel to suit long term triple net lease, owner agent ..... CALL

E. NEW JERSEY-2 metal bldgs. 2800 sf each 16' OH doors ..... CALL

MIKE'S CABINET SHOP-NO. CO. RD. 1140-.85 ac, good well, includes all equipment ..... CALL

MEDICAL/DR'S OFFICE FOR SALE 2300 MICHIGAN-2000sf for sale ..... MAKE OFFER

DOWNTOWN-RETAIL/WAREHOUSE-14,000 sf, approx 2.5 acres ..... MAKE OFFER

LOOP 250 @ INDUSTRIAL PARK-extra large shop/warehouse & office space ..... CALL

FIVE POINTS- HWY. 349-1.8 acres commercial tract ..... CALL

DAVIS RD MOBILE HOME PARK-14 spaces, 4.4 acres, 6 owned homes & 3BR house ..... CALL

INDUSTRIAL PARK-Fronts on I-20, new utilities, 23.6 ac ..... CALL

2,500 SF WAREHOUSE INDUSTRIAL PARK ..... CALL

RANKIN HWY-Established business for sale 125,000

ILLINOIS-2250' tile bldg - club or restaurant, one blk. to MMH. REDUCED 70,000

BIG SPRING-8 offices on 1/3 block. Good child care or law office. Owner finance 68,000

MISSOURI-Good close to downtown location for small business or office 49,500

MAIN-Small office building, near downtown, 1392 sf 42,500

BEHIND RED LOBSTER-17,500 sq. ft. Lot 35,000

FOUR LOTS NEAR DOWNTOWN-Bargain - 30,000 sq. ft. 30,000

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COLORADO-5 rental units, great return 60,000

CARRIZO-Contemporary duplex in Old Midland location 39,900

COLLEGE-Duplex + efficiency 39,500

CARRIZO-Duplex 1BR/1BA each side. Owner will consider financing 23,900

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INSIDE

A weathered spool holds cable for the oilfield. The Permian Basin rig count this week remained exactly the same, although the balance shifted slightly with the New Mexico area picking up three rigs dropped in Texas.

See RIG COUNT / 3

Well completed

DENVER – Mallon Resources Corporation reported that it has completed its Mallon Bell 3 State Comm. No. 2 gas well in Eddy County, New Mexico. The well is completed in two Morrow Formation zones at approximately 11,400 and 11,700 feet, which have tested at a combined production rate of approximately 3.2 million cubic feet of gas per day. Mallon owns an approximate 43 percent working interest in the well, and is the operator.
The Mallon Bell 3 State Comm. No. 2 is located approximately one mile northeast of Mallon's Black River 10 Federal Comm. No. 1 well, which was completed in November 1996 and is currently producing in excess of 4 million cubic feet of gas per day.

Discovery success

Clayton Williams Energy, Inc. announced first results from its emerging exploration program with a Wilcox field discovery on the Mamou prospect in Evangeline Parish, Louisiana. The discovery well, the Perron No. 1, was drilled as a directional well to a total depth of 14,263 feet. Open hole log and sidewall core evaluations indicated potential pay in both the Wilcox and Sparta formations. The well was perforated and completed without stimulation in the second Wilcox sand and tested flowing at equivalent daily rates of 341 BO, 1,097 MCF, and 2 BW on a 14/64" choke with 1,490 psi flowing tubing pressure.

See CLAYTON WILLIAMS / 2

Gregory sold

Continental Emsco Company of Houston has acquired all outstanding stock of Gregory Rig Service and Sales, Inc. of Odessa. Continental Emsco Company is a leading supplier of oil field products and services, including drilling machinery, mobile rigs, offshore mooring systems, marine winches, distribution and procurement services, artificial lift systems and tubular supply.

See Gregory / 3

Parallel success

Parallel Petroleum Corporation reported successful completion of three natural gas discovery wells in the Yegua/Frio/Wilcox Gas Trend in Victoria County, Texas. The three wells, two of which are dual completions, had calculated open flow potentials ranging from 3.5 to 5.7 million cubic feet of gas from the upper Frio formation. The company expects aggregate gross production from the wells to stabilize at approximately 3 million cubic feet of gas per day.

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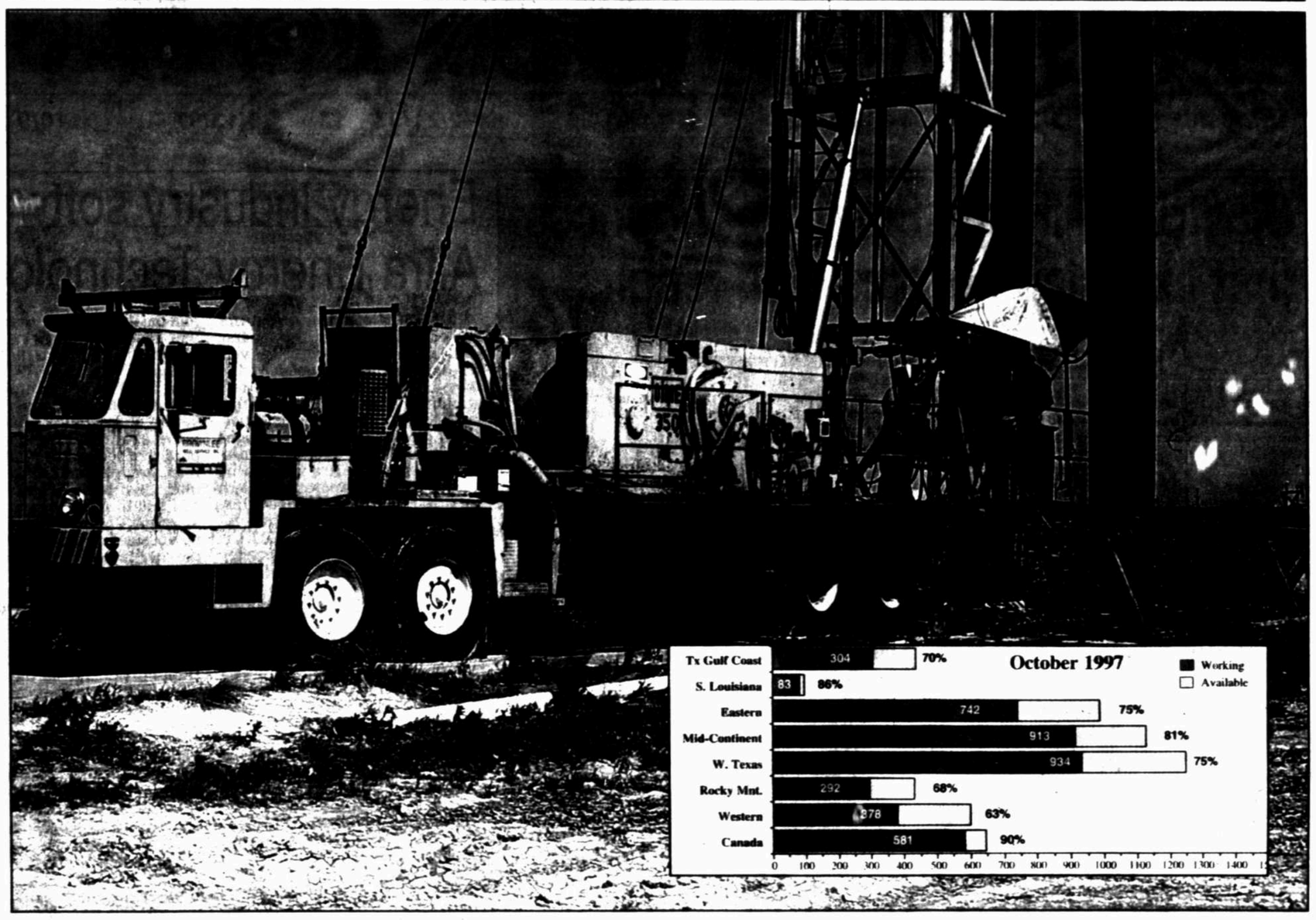

A portable work-over rig set up on-site. The rig was owned by Brownlee, one of Key Energy Group's first acquisitions. The increasing number of company acquisitions in the service industry, triggered by high equipment prices and rig and personnel shortages, has analysts predicting continued high prices for operators.

Price relief not in service industry forecast

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

Operators discouraged with increasing well service rates, will be even more discouraged in the months to come. With the well service industry continuing to consolidate at an unheard of pace and activity running wide open at nearly 100 percent, rates are destined to increase.

According to Well Servicing Magazine, the publication for the Association of Energy Service Companies, the well service industry is consolidating so fast that it will have to "take a breather" soon just to assimilate the acquisitions.

Key Energy Group, for example, has averaged an acquisition every ten days through October. Key's 29 acquisitions include everything from drilling rigs, to workover rigs, dump trucks, hot oilers, transports, and a supply store and include major purchases as Ram Oil Well Service, Cobra Oil Well Service and J.W. Gibson Well Service. Beginning only with Midland-based Yale E. Key Well Service, the company now operates 750 rigs nationwide. Executive Vice President Ken Hussman, says the company is now actively represented in every producing Basin except South Texas.

The publication points out that nearly a half billion in acquisitions has taken place since the first of the year with the average acquisition price averaging $230,000 per rig and $400,000 per rig if ancillary services such as trucking is included.

Activity levels are also matching consolidation. According to Guiberson-AVA, a division of Dresser Industries, which tracks well servicing activity, service companies nationwide report continued demand for workover rigs with the total number of rigs tracking approximately 100 than last year. Of the total 5,568 available rigs in the U.S. and Canada, 4,263 were working this month for an average utilization rate of 77 percent.

Canada has the highest utilization rate at 90 percent, and West Texas has the highest number of working rigs at 934 with a 75 percent utilization rate.

What does rapid consolidation and high activity mean for rates? Analysts point out that rates are still not high enough to justify the construction of new rigs, which now average almost a half million per rig. That means consolidation is likely to continue in a "sellers" market, as stacked and inactive rigs are gobbled by the market. It also means the number of companies that want to sell or merge is growing smaller, meaning the cost per rigs will go even higher. Some have predicted that rates will have to increase another $50 per hour to justify new rigs.

> **'The Permian Basin, despite its intense activity, remains the lowest price of the producing regions for workover rig rates at $135 to $145 per hour.'**

But regardless of the relationship between rig prices and contractor rates, the feeling is that rates will have to increase just to meet rising labor costs. Rig rates have moved up 10 percent this year and are expected to go even higher in 1998. Nearly all the rate increase has been the result of labor costs.

In a dynamic market if one company increases wages to attract crews, all other companies must respond. Hussman says the crew shortage remains the number one problem in the industry and it is imperative that rates go up in order to attract crews. Nick Petronio, vice president of U.S. Central operations for Pool Co. says the only limiting factor to the service sector is qualified people.

The Permian Basin, despite its intense activity, remains the lowest price of the producing regions for workover rig rates at $135 to $145 per hour. The Gulf Coast averages $190 to $200 per hour and California about $160 to $175. Pool reports that the nationwide average is approximately $160.

As the demand driven service industry bumps into capacity constraints in equipment and personnel, rates will move higher, notes Well Servicing Magazine.

CORPORATE PROFILE

Titan Exploration successfully applies growth formula

By Ellen Hopkins
Special to the Oil Report

The formula for growth for larger independent oil companies is not that unique or that complex. Simply put the formula is: Keep finding and development costs low, keep management costs low, operate when you can and seek only acquisitions that provide exploration, exploitation and development potential.

What is unique, however, is how successfully Titan Exploration, Inc., has used the formula. Formed in March 1995, the company has tripled in size using the formula for growth and profit.

An example of how well it uses the formula is reflected in its October 1996 acquisition from Mobil. Titan acquired interests in five fields and an estimated 28 mmboe for $135.7 million. The acquisition increased Titan's reserves by approximately 77 percent and was expected to increase daily average production by 21 percent over year-end 1996.

Jack Hightower

Since that acquisition, Titan has completed 86 remedial projects -- which include replacing rods, tubing, flow lines and surface equipment -- in the Eunice, Sand Hills, Tubb, University Waddell and Dune fields. The effort resulted in a 37 percent net production increase in four months.

Another asset builder was the acquisition of Anadarko's interest in 18 West Texas fields and six New Mexico fields in 1995. The package included a CO2 project and eight waterfloods. The company estimated at that time that the $40.6 million deal cost approximately $3.38 per barrel. In the following year the reserves were re-evaluated and determined to have increased such that the finding cost for the transaction was $1.88 per barrel of oil equivalent.

One of the commonalities of the company's acquisition and exploration candidates such as these is that the properties fit a "core area profile." Included in the profile are objectives such as producing zones with complex geology and multiple producing horizons, and the potential for further acquisitions in the area, as well as the opportunity to apply new technology such as 3-D seismic, horizontal drilling, deep gas lift, waterflood and EOR.

Three other prime examples of fitting the core area profile are the nearly 3,000 acres that Titan leased in the Giddings Deep play near Brenham, Texas, the Austin Chalk area and the Cotton Valley Pinnacle Reef play in Anderson County. All three areas fit the core area profile in that they are located in prolific producing regions, offer multipay potential and are situated where pipeline and marketing infrastructure is already in place.

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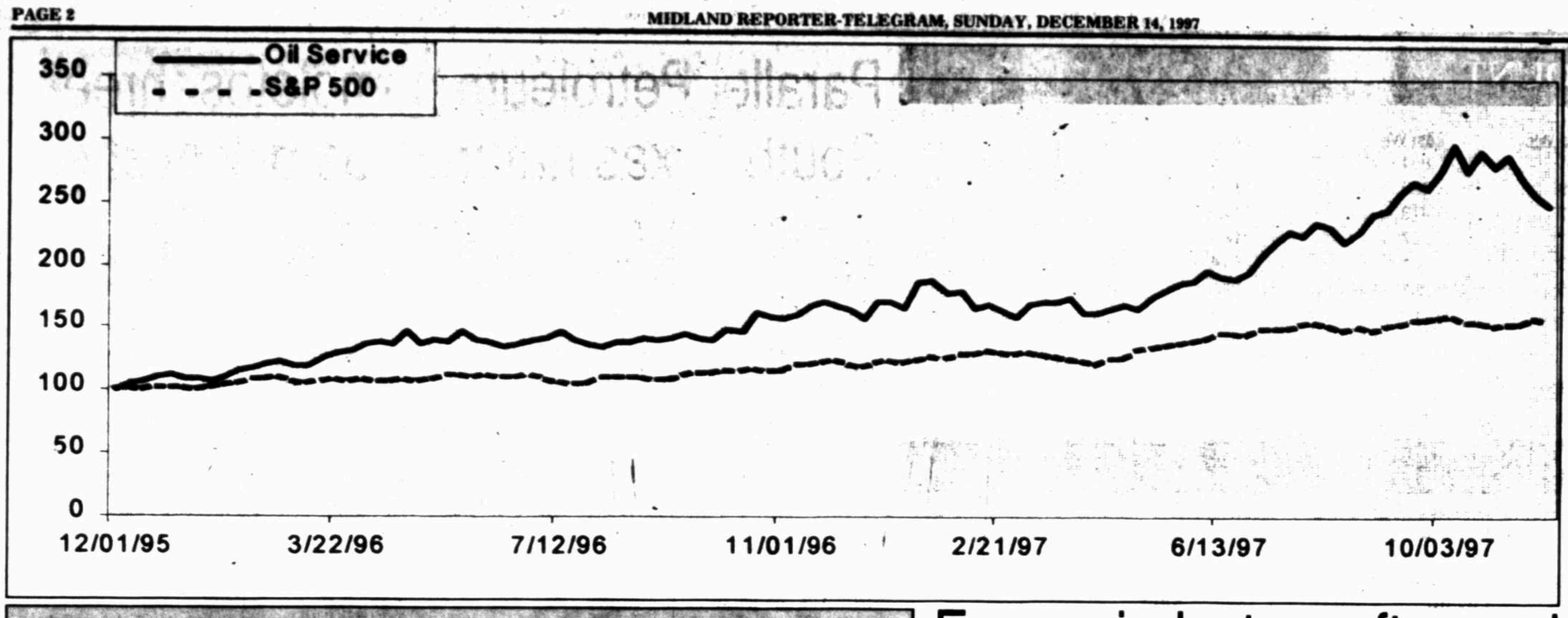

Rising prices

High prices in the service industry, aggravated by equipment and personnel shortages, are reflected in stock prices also. The chart at left graphs the stock prices of oil service companies in comparison to the S&P 500.

Clayton Williams Energy announces first Louisiana exploration results

Clayton Williams Energy, Inc. announced first results from its emerging exploration program with a Wilcox field discovery on the Mamou prospect in Evangeline Parish, Louisiana. The discovery well, the Perron No. 1, was drilled as a directional well to a total depth of 14,263 feet. Open hole log and sidewall core evaluations indicated potential pay in both the Wilcox and Sparta formations. The well was perforated and completed without stimulation in the second Wilcox sand and tested flowing at equivalent daily rates of 341 BO, 1,097 MCF, and 2 BW on a 14/64" choke with 1,490 psi flowing tubing pressure. Currently the well is shut-in for a bottom hole pressure build-up and construction of production facilities. The Company owns a 100% working interest in this well.

In its Austin Chalk area, the Company has previously announced the acquisition of approximately 50,000 acres under two separate farmout agreements near its North Giddings Block. The Company has drilled 3 successful wells on its southern farmout and plans to continue drilling this acreage. The Company has drilled one successful well on its northern farmout and recently completed a second well which it is evaluating. The Company plans to continue drilling on this acreage on a well by well basis.

The Company continues infill-drilling activities in the northern portion of its North Giddings Block where the results have been positive and additional locations have been added. The Company plans to drill two additional wells in the Southern portion of its North Giddings Block which will complete its drilling in this area. The Company will retain its remaining acreage in the southern portion of the block for other prospective formations, including Cotton Valley Pinnacle Reefs.

The Company is currently processing its Cotton Valley 3-D Seismic Survey and interpretation has begun on the northern quarter of the survey. Any drilling resulting from this survey will begin in the first quarter of 1998.

The majority of the Company's 1998 capital expenditures will be on its emerging exploration program in Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas and on Cotton Valley Pinnacle Reef drilling if seismic interpretation warrants. These plans will continue the Company's shift of emphasis from its traditional Giddings Field area. Accordingly, the Company's ability to replace its production and maintain or increase its reserve level will be largely dependent upon exploratory drilling results.

The company has entered into swap arrangements for approximately 1,900,000 barrels of oil for the period from December 1997 through December 1998 at an average price of $19.61. In addition, the Company has hedged 760,000 MMBtu of its gas production through March 1998 under collar arrangements with average floor prices of $3.02 and average ceiling prices of $3.34."

1997 oil exploration buyouts, mergers valued at $35 billion

HOUSTON, - About $35 billion in oil exploration company mergers and acquisitions were announced in 1997, the highest amount since 1984, and the buying spree is expected to continue, industry observers and executives said. "The cycle has a long way to run," said Arthur Smith, chief executive of John S. Herold Inc., an oil and natural gas consulting firm concentrating on exploration and production companies.

The dollar value of acquisitions this year so far is double last year's.

Smaller companies are pooling resources to buy properties cast off by larger rivals, compete for exploration sites, and buy reserves because that's often cheaper than exploring for new ones.

Transactions in the U.S. this year will total $14.7 billion to $15 billion, while international agreements will account for $18 billion to $20 billion, Smith predicted.

An Arthur Andersen survey of 94 energy company executives found 70 percent expect slightly more mergers, acquisitions and divestitures in 1998 than this year.

Rising share prices have made stock a good alternative to cash or debt as currency for transactions, and other types of financing are also easily obtained.

"In years past. . . opportunities went begging because companies couldn't get capital," Smith said. "Now the deal is king and capital is plentiful."

Smith declined to name companies that may be purchased. Union Pacific Resources Group, which recently dropped a hostile $6.4 billion takeover bid for Pennzoil Co., has indicated it is shopping for acquisitions.

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> Arthur Smith, John S. Herold, Inc.

Because companies have stronger balance sheets and oil and natural gas prices have remained stable, more money is chasing available acquisition targets, and that is making purchases more expensive, said B.P. Huddleston, chairman of B.P. Huddleston & Co., a technical and financial adviser for energy companies.

"This is going to be a tough, aggressive business for a long, long time," Huddleston said.

Jon Brumley, chairman of Pioneer Natural Resources Co., said the merger frenzy results from better-managed companies with greater cash flow finding fewer places to invest their money.

"There are more companies chasing opportunities than there are opportunities," said Brumley, whose company next week will complete two acquisitions worth a total $1.13 billion in cash, stock and assumed debt.

In many of the hottest exploration areas, small companies that don't establish a presence early can be shut out, he said. Sometimes the best way to get that presence is by purchasing companies already drilling in a targeted region. Pioneer itself was formed last August in the $1.9 billion merger of Mesa Inc. and Parker & Parsley Petroleum Co.

While much of the buying has been by companies with market value of less than $500 million, the larger players also have been involved.

Amoco Corp. this year has sold $1.4 billion worth of U.S. oil and gas properties, and Texaco Inc. last month completed its $1.39 billion purchase of Monterey Resources Inc.

Energy industry software developer, Altra Energy Technologies, acquired

HOUSTON - Battery Ventures and Austin Ventures, two leading software and communications venture capital firms, announced that they have acquired all of the outstanding interests in Houston-based Altra Energy Technologies, L.L.C., from a unit of The Williams Companies, Inc. and Duke Energy Corporation. Altra will now be an independent corporation, known as Altra Energy Technologies, Inc.

Altra, together with its subsidiary Altra Streamline, L.L.C., is the leading provider of energy management software and electronic trading services. More gas is bought, sold and transported through or with the assistance of Altra (TM) systems than any other technology worldwide, and Altra is in the process of duplicating its gas market success in the electric power and retail energy markets. Since the beginning of 1997, Altra's Streamline (TM) and Chalkboard (SM) Web-based systems have transacted or brokered more than $2.5 billion in energy trades via electronic commerce.

"Electronic commerce, brokerage commerce and the Internet are playing a pivotal role in the rapid growth of the wholesale and retail energy markets, primarily motivated by new regulations and legislation at both the federal and state level," said E. Russell (Rusty) Braziel, Altra's president and chief executive officer. "By focusing on the advantages of electronic commerce and brokerage commerce, Altra is creating the technologies that energy marketers, traders, and transmission companies need to manage their business and reduce their transaction costs."

"Altra offers a superb set of integrated products and consistent implementation success to a rapidly changing industry," said Oliver Curme, a general partner of Battery Ventures. "The purchase of Altra gives Battery and Austin Ventures an excellent opportunity to capitalize on the energy market trend toward open access in retail energy marketing and the growth of electronic commerce."

The acquisition of Altra comes at a time of major change for the energy industry. The natural gas and energy markets total more than $300 billion, and as more states move toward deregulation, new and established players will battle head-to-head for customers - households, factories, hospitals and the like - who for the first time will have the ability to purchase energy directly from their vendor of choice.

In the future, customer choice will be king, and energy marketers will require systems that provide marketing and sales support, robust customer information management, and more poerful, integrated billing capabilities, in addition to physical supply management. Companies will face further business process challenges as the energy market converges with other services like phone, cable and telecommunications. In effect, the retail market will become an enormous information business, and success will depend not only on the assets of a commodity - but on the ability to manage all the information surrounding that commodity.

"The emerging retail industry is going to change the way people sell, buy and transport gas," said Braziel. "As the retail market expands, the number of monthly wholesale gas transactions, for example, should jump from the tens of thousands to the tens of millions. Utility and gas marketers' existing systems are not sufficiently designed to handle the complexity involved in servicing many small-volume customers in multiple service territories and jurisdictions. Altra's solutions help companies address this new level of transaction volume and complexity."

Battery Ventures' Curme added, "There will be more change in the power business over the next five years than there was in the last 50 years. All the major utilities, power consumers and energy marketers will require sophisticated information systems in order to compete in a deregulated environment. Altra is already the leading software and services vendor for energy trading, and is well-positioned to meet the industry's emerging needs."

Altra was founded in early 1996 through the combination of the information and the electronic trading systems businesses of Williams and PanEnergy Information Services Company, a subsidiary of Duke Energy Corporation. The company, an independent software, electronic trading and network services company since that time, counts more than 4,000 users of its systems in the United States, Canada, Latin America and Australia.

In addition to the electronic trading and brokering systems Streamline and Chalkboard, Altra's product portfolio includes the Gas Management System (GMS) and the energy transaction system EnGenius (TM), which help companies leverage data across the enterprise, reduce costs and increase efficiency. Other products include AltraWeb (TM), designed for Web-based gas scheduling; Streamline Lite (SM), for real-time price viewing; and AltraNet (TM), a secure Internet alternative.

"Battery Ventures' expertise in managing high-tech companies will allow Altra to quickly realize its additional value and growth potential," said Fred Fowler, group president of energy transmission for Duke Energy.

TITAN: Merger opens door to offshore

(From 1)

In both the Giddings Deep play and Austin Chalk the company is continuing to evaluate the availability of additional acreage. Along with its partners the company had acquired 54,000 acres (Titan has 50 percent interest) at year-end 1996 in the western extension of the Austin Chalk in Webb County to bring the total to 80,000 acres in the area. In the Cotton Valley Pinnacle Reef play in East Texas Titan has leased approximately 3,000 gross acres.

In September this year a proposed $65 million merger agreement between Titan and Offshore Energy Development Corp. (OEDC) was announced. Jack Hightower, Titan's chairman and CEO, said the merger opens the door for Titan in a new core area -- offshore Gulf of Mexico.

Hightower said along with OEDC's Gulf Coast geophysical expertise that Titan could expect to expand its asset base in this new core area through acquisition, exploitation and exploration efforts both onshore and offshore. OEDC's undeveloped Gulf of Mexico acreage is comprised of approximately 111,000 net acres.

Other onshore West Texas potential is evident in the Mi Vida field in Ward County where Titan shot 3-D this past year over the entire area. The company is currently interpreting the 41-square mile shoot. Drilling opportunities for Titan this year include the Penasco Draw Upper Penn field and the Puckett Ellenburger field, where the Rosa Mitchell is offsetting the Robbins #3 which currently produces approximately 11 MMCFGD.

To keep up with all this activity the company increased its employees from 28 in September 1996 to 46 in March of this year.

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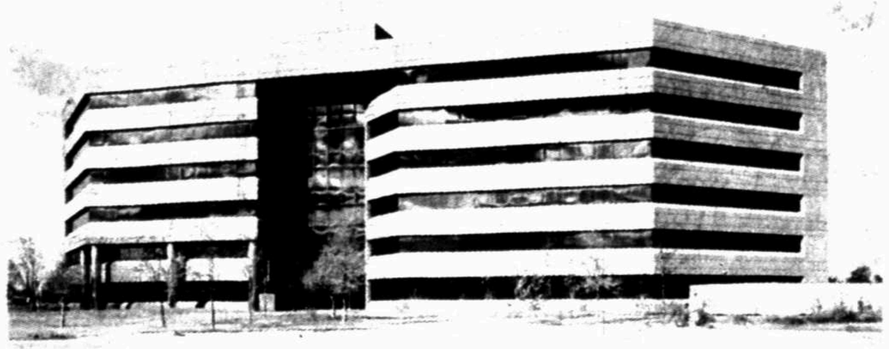

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Canada	477	473	N/A
U.S. Directional	221	227	N/A
U.S. Horizontal	63	61	N/A
U.S. Gas	645	630	N/A
U.S. Oil	365	371	N/A

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Concho	00
Crockett	17
Irion	00
Kimble	00
McCullough	00
Menard	00
Reagan	04
Runnels	00
Schliecher	00
Sutton	03
Terrell	04
Tom Green	00
Upton	04

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Brewster	00
Crane	03
Culberson	00
Ector	02
El Paso	00
Glasscock	07
Howard	01
Hudspeth	00
Jeff Davis	00
Loving	03
Martin	03
Midland	18
Mitchell	00
Pecos	06
Presidio	00
Reeves	05
Sterling	01
Ward	05
Winkler	03

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Cottle	00
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Terry	01
Yoakum	04
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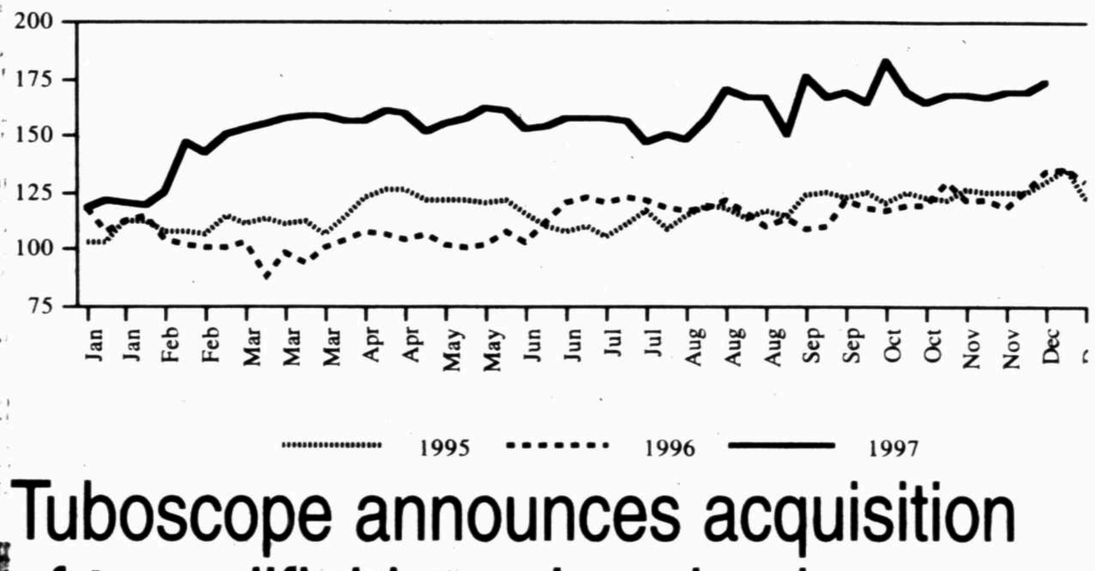

Parallel Petroleum completes three South Texas natural gas discoveries

Parallel Petroleum Corporation reported successful completion of three natural gas discovery wells in the Yegua/Frio/Wilcox Gas Trend in Victoria County, Texas. The three wells, two of which are dual completions, had calculated open flow potentials ranging from 3.5 to 5.7 million cubic feet of gas from the upper Frio formation. The company expects aggregate gross production from the wells to stabilize at approximately 3 million cubic feet of gas per day. Parallel owns working interests in the wells ranging from 19.3 percent to 21.5 percent. Industry partners and individual investors own the remaining interests.

Larry C. Oldham, president, said, "These discovery wells were drilled on our 320,000-acre position in the Yegua/Frio/Wilcox Gas trend, onshore the Gulf Coast of Texas. This year we implemented an aggressive seismic acquisition and exploratory drilling program on this acreage and have commenced drilling activities on six of the 14 designated 3-D exploratory projects. To date, we have participated in the drilling of 19 wells on this acreage, of which 13 have been successful, for a success ratio of 67 percent. Ten of these wells are producing and the remaining three are awaiting completion, with production expected to commence by year-end. Because most of the wells began producing during the fourth quarter, the effect of new production on operations will be more evident in the first quarter of 1998. We are currently participating in the drilling of another five exploratory wells on this acreage and expect to commence drilling three additional wells before year-end. Including drilling activity in the Permian Basin, we expect to meet our target of drilling or commencing drilling operations on approximately 16 wells during the fourth quarter."

> **'Including drilling activity in the Permian Basin, we expect to meet our target.'**
>
> Larry C. Oldham, President

Oldham commented that in spite of weather-related delays that slowed 3-D seismic acquisition activities in the first half of the year, the company has completed and interpreted surveys on eight o its 14 Yegua/Frio/Wilcox Gas Trend projects. He noted that he expects 3-D seismic surveys on the remaining six projects to be completed and interpreted by mid-1998.

From the first eight 3-D surveys completed, we have identified sufficient drilling locations to allow us to continue an aggressive drilling pace in 1998, even without processing any new seismic data. We expect 3-D seismic projects on our extensive Yegua/Frio/Wilcox acreage to provide a prospect inventory of drillable locations that positions us to drill seven to eight wells per quarter for the next two years. Completed 3-D surveys have shown indications of additional reserve potential, primarily in the deep Wilcox Formation, on certain projects. A successful Wilcox well generally contains larger quantities of reserves than found in Yegua and Frio wells but such wells also involve higher risk and cost significantly more to drill and complete. While the cornerstone of our drilling program focuses on Yegua and Frio potential, we plan to explore Wilcox potential in prudently-selected locations.

Odessa's Gregory Rig Service acquired by Continental Emsco

HOUSTON - Continental Emsco Company of Houston has acquired all outstanding stock of Gregory Rig Service and Sales, Inc. of Odessa.

Continental Emsco Company is a leading supplier of oil field products and services, including drilling machinery, mobile rigs, offshore mooring systems, marine winches, distribution and procurement services, artificial lift systems and tubular supply. It is a market leader in repairing and refurbishing drilling equipment.

Gregory Rig Service and Sales supplies and refurbishes well servicing and work-over rigs with manufacturing and repair facilities located in Odessa and Victoria, Texas, and in Oklahoma City. The company is also known for its patented disk brake design.

The merger will create a new division within CECo called CE Mobile Equipment which will manufacture CECo's complete Wilson line of well servicing and work-over units. CE Mobile Equipment will increase the company's emphasis on repair and refurbishment programs for both well servicing rigs and drilling equipment.

The combination will make the division the nation's second-largest manufacturer and re-manufacturer of well servicing, work-over and mobile drilling equipment, according to Larry Richards, who has been named chief operating officer of the CE Mobile Equipment division.

"This acquisition reinvigorates our mobile rig line and brings our top-quality refurbishment services even closer to our customers in the field. This is a response to a real need that our customers have expressed," Richards said.

Woody Gregory, president of Gregory Well Service said, "We are excited to become part of the Continental Emsco family. This acquisition gives us the resources we need to significantly grow the company and provides outstanding opportunities for our employees."

Tuboscope announces acquisition of two oilfield services businesses

HOUSTON - Tuboscope Inc. announced that it has acquired two oilfield services businesses to complement its own Solids Control Products & Services line. Tuboscope acquired the stock of WMCO Instruments, Inc. and WMCO Equipment, Inc., of Lafayette, Louisiana, which rent drilling instrumentation systems to oil and gas operators on the Gulf Coast. Tuboscope also announced its acquisition of the assets and business of Nu-Tec Inc.'s Solids Control Division, a provider of proprietary tools and technologies to remove gumbo from drilling fluids. Gumbo is a sticky shale which is particularly troublesome for drillers. Nu-Tec's gumbo removal equipment, introduced 3 years ago, is installed on approximately 80 offshore drilling rigs. Both acquisitions were made with cash and notes. Further terms of the transactions were not disclosed.

"These proprietary products will further expand Tuboscope's rapidly growing solids control business," noted John F. Lauletta, President and CEO of Tuboscope. "WMCO's 'AccuScan' computerized gas detection and mud pit monitoring systems, and Nu-Tec's proprietary 'Gumbo Chain,' 'Gumbo Box,' and 'Scalper' products, will help our customers drill more safely and efficiently." Lauletta noted that gumbo is a tough problem for many drillers, and that Tuboscope now offers the solution. Additionally, Lauletta underscored the importance of reliable rig instrumentation to drilling operations, a service which WMCO has provided for over forty years.

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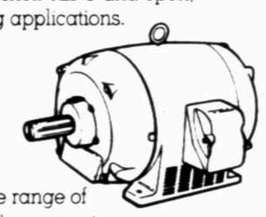

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Not everything at Kyoto is about global warming

The global warming preachers at Kyoto have aimed one hellfire sermon after another at the Great Satan of polluters — the U.S.A. With accusing fingers and flared nostrils of indignation, new age evangelists of the New World Order and their "green dupes" have described the U.S. as an energy glutton and the number one user of fossil fuels in the world.

If this accusation, delivered by the liberal Clinton administration, Al Gore and his environmental groupies, and a host of third world never-do-wells is supposed to make Americans cringe in shame, forget it!

America has no call for shame. Rather, we should pridefully wear our energy consumption as a badge of merit! The more a nation produces for its citizens and the world the more energy it uses. Energy use — not energy waste — is a measure of how well people eat, how comfortably they live, how much they travel and enjoy life. Over 65 percent of Americans, highest in the world, live in their own air conditioned, heated home full of appliances. This is wrong?

DeTocqueville described America as a place "where everyone is in motion." Through personal energy and hydrocarbon energy America has produced a quality of life the world never dreamed of. This country gave the world the assembly line and mass production. It has given the world automobiles, airplanes, air conditioning, movies, television, computers, transistors, lasers, radar, plastics, textiles, chemicals, medicines and machinery. The technological contribution of America to the world would require volumes.

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Not only is America the world's leading producer of technology, it is also the world's bread basket, exporting about $35 billion of corn, wheat, soybeans, fruits and vegetables each year — sometimes even to those who hate us. It takes energy to produce food.

It also takes a lot of energy just to live in this country. We are a large nation, and getting from place to place takes more energy. In the distance traveled from Midland to Dallas, one could pass through four nations in Europe — each with its own language, culture and currency. Sometimes we forget how big we are. Texas is bigger than most nations of the world. The Permian Basin alone is bigger than Guatemala, Cuba or Ireland, two times larger than Switzerland, The Netherlands and Belgium and four times larger than Haiti.

Now, because we are a large, majestic, productive, rich and powerful "industrial nation," Clinton-Gore and the rest of the green whackos at Kyoto want to penalize us with energy quotas. As Stuart Eizenstat, chief U.S. negotiator at Kyoto put it: "The world will be watching us. We have a chance to do something really good." Funny, I thought America was doing something good.

If Eizenstat and friends, Clinton and Gore, have their way, the U.S. will be forced to reduce it's greenhouse emissions to 7 percent below 1990 standards. This would require a massive a new bureaucracy (police) to monitor backyard barbecues, lawn mowers, and asthma inhalants and to set new regulations, fees, penalties and taxes for compliance and non-compliance. Remember Clinton's Carbon Tax, which would have put a tax on every single level of energy use, which was soundly defeated. It's back. And, it's alive and well in Kyoto!

While the world's most productive nation would be straddled with a punitive energy quota possibly costing hundreds of thousands of U.S. jobs, no energy penalties whatsoever would be applied to the so-called "developing" nations such as China, India and Mexico. As we all know "developing nations" is just another way of saying: "corrupt, non-productive, backward, non-democratic, polluting nations."

Dr. Margaret Maxey, a former nun who holds a chair of free enterprise at the University of Texas calls radical, global environmentalism pure evil and a new religion. If global environmentalism is the new religion of the liberal, elitist, global warming has become its theological cornerstone.

The scientific evidence as to whether or not global warming is real or not is inconclusive, and if it is real, proof of whether it

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ARCH PET INC
ROGERS #2
ATOKA (GLORIETA-YESO); T18S, R26E, SEC 23; 2310 FNL 330 FEL; EL: 3302 GR; SPUD 6/5/97; COMP 7/9/97; TD 3650, PBTD 3638; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 2906 TO 3316; IPP 47 BOPD, 26 MCFD, 227 BWPD; API # 30-015-29445
NEARBURG PROD CO
B&B #8
NORTH DAGGER DRAW (U/PENN); T19S, R25E, SEC 22; 1980 FSL 660 FEL; EL: 3447 GR; SPUD 7/6/97; COMP 9/11/97; TD 8200, PBTD 8117; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERS 7705 TO 7780; IPP 21 BOPD, 246 MCFD, 45 BWPD; API # 30-015-28427
LOUIS DREYFUS NAT'L GAS CORP
MCKITTRICK 29 FED COM #22
HAPPY VALLEY (MORROW); T22S, R26E, SEC 29; 1715 FNL 1160 FWL; EL: 3429 DF; SPUD 3/2/97; COMP 6/25/97; TD 11663, PBTD 11618; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 10838 TO 11406; IPF 0 BOPD, 28 MCFD, 8 BWPD; API # 30-015-29351
DEVON ENERGY CORP
TODD "36O" STATE #10
INGLE WELLS (DELAWARE); T23S, R31E, SEC 36; 660 FSL 1980 FEL; EL: 3506 GL; SPUD 6/16/97; COMP 7/26/97; TD 8746, PBTD 8658; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 7097 TO 8183; IPP 179 BOPD, 130 MCFD, 277 BWPD; API # 30-015-29405
SANTA FE ENERGY RESOURCES INC
H. B. "11" FEDERAL #6
E. PIERCE CROSSING (BONE SPRING); T24S, R29E, SEC 11; 1650 FNL 1980 FWL; EL: 3051 GR; SPUD 5/14/97; COMP 8/28/97; TD 8450, PBTD 8407; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 8051 TO 8158; IPF 214 BOPD, 1013 MCFD, 53 BWPD; API # 30-015-29585

LEA COUNTY

CHESAPEAKE OPER INC
GILMORE "24" #1
NE LOVINGTON; T16S, R36E, SEC 24; 2130 FNL 607 FEL; EL: 3844 GL; SPUD 10/4/97; COMP 11/17/97; TD 14500, PBTD 11312; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 11140 TO 11225; IPF 288 BOPD, 400 MCFD, 8 BWPD; API # 30-025-34141
WISER OIL CO
MALJAMAR GRAYBURG UNIT #153
MALJAMAR; T17S, R32E, SEC 4; 672 FSL 2162 FWL; EL: 4120 GL; SPUD 1/7/97; COMP 4/4/97; TD 4200, PBTD 4175; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 3837 TO 3995; IP WIW; API # 30-025-33454
WISER OIL CO
MALJAMAR GRAYBURG UNIT #154
MALJAMAR; T17S, R32E, SEC 4; 1980 FSL 990 FWL; EL: 4126 GL; SPUD 12/30/96; COMP 1/4/97; TD 4200, PBTD 4156; PRODUCTION IS THORUGH TREATED PERFS 3828 TO 3990; IP WIW; API # 30-025-33628
WISER OIL CO
MALJAMAR GRAYBURG UNIT #256
MALJAMAR; T17S, R32E, SEC 24; 660 FNL 2072 FWL; EL: 4072 GL; SPUD 1/13/97; COMP 1/18/97; TD 4450, PBTD 4377; PRODUCTION IS THORUGH TREATED PERFS 3915 TO 4232; IP WIW; API # 30-025-33752
WISER OIL CO
MALJAMAR GRAYBURG UNIT #267
MALJAMAR; T17S, R32E, SEC 24; 1956 FNL 2003 FWL; EL: 4072 GL; SPUD 2/2/97; COMP 2/7/97; TD 4450, PBTD 4407; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 3953 TO 4234; IP: WIW; API # 30-025-33751
MALLON OIL CO
MALLON 34 FEDERAL #16
MALJAMAR; T19S, R34E, SEC 34; 1980 FSL 660 FWL; EL: 3678 GR; SPUD 11/8/96; COMP 9/25/97; TD 10300, PBTD 10259; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 10144 TO 10164; IPP 47 BOPD, 20 MCFD, 57 BWPD; API # 30-025-32818
TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
C.C. FRISTOE B FEDERAL NCT-2 #21
JUSTIS; T24S, R37E, SEC 35; 330 FNL 1650 FEL; EL: 3169 GL; SPUD 7/6/97; COMP 8/3/97; TD 6458, PBTD 6404; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURE TREATED PERFS 5108 TO 5532; IPP 174 BOPD, 930 MCFD, 314 BWPD; API # 30-025-34010
BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS CO
JUSTIS 25 FEDERAL #2
JUSTIS; T25S, R37E, SEC 25; 1661 FSL 2219 FWL; EL: 3056 GL; SPUD 8/2/97; COMP 8/25/97; TD 6860, PBTD 6813; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 6176 TO 6773; IP CAOF 1567 MCFD; API # 30-025-34072

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CROCKETT COUNTY

CROSS TIMBERS OPERATING COMPANY
#17 JEAN SCHEUBER "A"
HENDERSON (CANYON); 26-KL TC RR CO SUR; 467 FNL 1750 FEL; 11 MILES SE OF OZONA; EL: 2448 GR; CONTR: PATTERSON DRILLING; TD 8177, PBTD 8131; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 7750 TO 7800; IP CAOF 1505 MCFD
CROSS TIMBERS OPERATING COMPANY
#16 JEAN SCHEUBER "B"
HENDERSON (CANYON); 30-KL TC RR CO SUR; 1726 FSL 761 FEL; 11 MILES SE OF OZONA; EL: 2250 GR; CONTR: PATTERSON DRILLING; TD 7815, PBTD 7799; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 7764 TO 7794; IP CAOF 580 MCFD
CROSS TIMBERS OPERATING COMPANY
#15 JEAN SCHEUBER "B"
HENDERSON (CANYON); 30-KL A. NARRO SUR, A-4684; 364 FSL 2168 FWL; 11 MILES SE OF OZONA; EL: 2422 GR; CONTR: PATTERSON DRILLING; TD 8029, PBTD 7967; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 7764 TO 7794; IP CAOF 410 MCFD
CROSS TIMBERS OPERATING COMPANY
#4 MONTGOMERY 1
OZONA (CANYON); 1 TC RR CO SUR, A-3923; 660 FNL 660 FEL; 19 MILES SW OF OZONA; EL: 2458 GR; CONTR: PATTERSON DRILLING; TD 7027, PBTD 6927; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 6728 TO 6750; IP CAOF 140 MCFD
UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES
#3 MCMULLAN P-2
DAVIDSON RANCH (PENN 7890); 2-P TC RR CO SUR, A-4455; 1967 FNL 2700 FEL; 10 MILES SE OF OZONA; EL: 2432 GR; CONTR: WES-TEX DRILLING; TD 9155, PBTD 8992; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 7866 TO 8016; IP CAOF 422 MCFD
PRIMAL ENERGY CORP
#4 DUNLAP 91
AMERICAN (CANYON); 91-1 I&GN RR CO SUR, A-494; 1100 FSL 3050 FEL; 35 MILES SW OF OZONA; EL: 2447 GR; CONTR: PATTERSON DRILLING; TD 7750, PBTD 76900; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURE TREATED PERFS 7200 TO 7572; IP CAOF 105.4 MCFD
UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES
#8 MONTGOMERY C. C. #2B
OZONA (CANYON); 2-R TC RR CO SUR; 121 FNL 2018 FEL; 19 MILES SW OF OZONA; EL: 2265 GR; CONTR: PATTERSON DRILLING; TD 6571, PBTD 6500; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURE TREATED PERFS 5948 TO 6356; IP CAOF 197 MCFD
ENRON OIL & GAS COMPANY
#3404 HENDERSON TRUST "OO"
OZONA (CANYON); 34-ST TC RR CO SUR; 1207 FNL 3059 FEL; 12 MILES SW OF OZONA; EL: 2473 GR; CONTR: PATTERSON DRILLING; TD 9098, PBTD 9122; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 6526 TO 7210; IP CAOF 460 MCFD

IRION COUNTY

TXP INCORPORATION
#3 PEARL WILLIAMS
DOVE CREEK (6500); 40-21 H&TC RR CO SUR, A-1072; 1700 FNL 853 FWL; 9 MILES SW OF MERTZON; EL: 2257 GR; CONTR: CLEERE DRILLING; TD 6550, PBTD 6480; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 6390 TO 6436; IPP 31 BOPD, 65 MCFD, 30 BWPD

REAGAN COUNTY

LOMAK PRODUCTION
#9 UNIVERSITY 9B
FARMER (SAN ANDRES); 9-49 UL SUR; 330 FSL 330 FWL; EL: 2711 GR; CONTR: ROD RIC; TD 2600, PBTD 2556; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 2380 TO 2391; IPP 34 BOPD, 0 MCFD, 7 BWPD
LOMAK PRODUCTION
#17 UNIVERSITY "10"
FARMER (SAN ANDRES); 10-49 UL SUR; 975 FNL 983 FEL; EL: 2749 GR; CONTR: ROD RIC; TD 2600, PBTD 2574; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 2370 TO 2393; IPP 36 BOPD, 1 MCFD, 0 BWPD

TOM GREEN COUNTY

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WILDCATS

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CROCKETT COUNTY

J. CLEO THOMPSON
MEADOWS 1003 #1
WILDCAT-D; MFS LOPEZ #1003 SUR, A-4153; 1401 FNL 660 FEL OF LSE; 1401 FNL 660 FEL OF SUR; 9 MILES SW OF OZONA; OBJ: 9400; PERMIT # 470586; API # 42-105-37960
ENRON OIL & GAS COMPANY
UNIVERSITY 6-22 #1
WILDCAT-D; UL SUR, BLK 6, SEC 22; 467 FSL 1907 FWL OF LSE; 467 FSL 1907 FWL OF SUR; 31 MILES S OF BIG LAKE; OBJ: 9150; PERMIT # 470598; API # 42-105-37962
ENRON OIL & GAS COMPANY
UNIVERSITY 6-30 #1
WILDCAT-D; UL SUR, BLK 6, SEC 30; 600 FWL 1638 FSL OF LSE; 600 FWL 1638 FSL OF SUR; 30 MILES S OF BIG LAKE; OBJ: 9100; PERMIT # 470599; API # 42-105-37961

REAGAN COUNTY

TEXLAND-RECTOR & SCHUMACHER #2
COPE 77 "A" #2
WILDCAT-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-509, BLK 2, SEC 77; 610 FEL 900 FNL OF LSE; 1370 FWL 900 FNL OF SUR; 26 MILES NE OF BIG LAKE; OBJ: 5400; PERMIT # 467659; API # 42-383-34857

RUNNELS COUNTY

PURVIS OPERATING CO
DUDLEY RANCH #408 #1
WILDCAT-REENTER; JACOB KNOBB #408 SUR, A-336; 467 FNWL 1667 FSWL OF LSE; 467 FNWL 1667 FSWL OF SUR; 9 MILES SW OF BALLINGER; OBJ: 4960; PERMIT # 467143; API # 42-399-30360

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CRANE COUNTY

PARKER & PARSLEY DEVELOPMENT LP
COWDEN "XY" #1
WILDCAT-D; H&TC RR CO SUR, A-128, BLK 2, SEC 15; 493 FNEL 973 FSEL OF LSE; 973 FSEL 2800 FSWL OF SUR; 4 MILES NE OF IMPERIAL; OB: 5500; PERMIT # 463482; API # 42-103-34526

DICKENS COUNTY

LOUIS DREYFUS NATURAL GAS CORP
PITCHFORK-TOREADOR "BG" #71
WILDCAT-D; RM THOMPSON SUR, A-546; 2670 FNL 505 FEL OF LSE; 1470 FNL 505 FNLEYL OF SUR; 20 MILES SE OF SPUR; OBJ: 4400; PERMIT # 470615; API # 42-125-30683

KING COUNTY

PRIMROSE OPERATING COMPANY
BATEMAN TRUST EST ACCOUNT #1
WILDCAT-RECOMP; J. B. RECTOR SUR, BLK A, SEC 117; 3660 FWL 3000 FSL OF LSE; 1039 FWL 6421 FNL OF SUR; 10 MILES E OF GUTHRIE; OBJ: 6500; PERMIT # 451442; API # 42-269-00245

PECOS COUNTY

MEDALLION EXPLORATION CORP
SCHLOSSER ESTATE #1
WILDCAT; T&P RR CO SUR, BLK 49, T8S, SEC 25; 663 FSL 1995 FEL OF UNIT; 12 MILES SW OF COYANOSA; EL: 2783 KB; CONTR: PATTERSON DRILLING; SPUD 6/30/97; COMP 7/24/97; TD 7372, PBTD 7051; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 6773 TO 6958; IPP 24 BOPD, 136 MCFD, 118 BWPD; PERMIT # 459969; API # 42-371-36693

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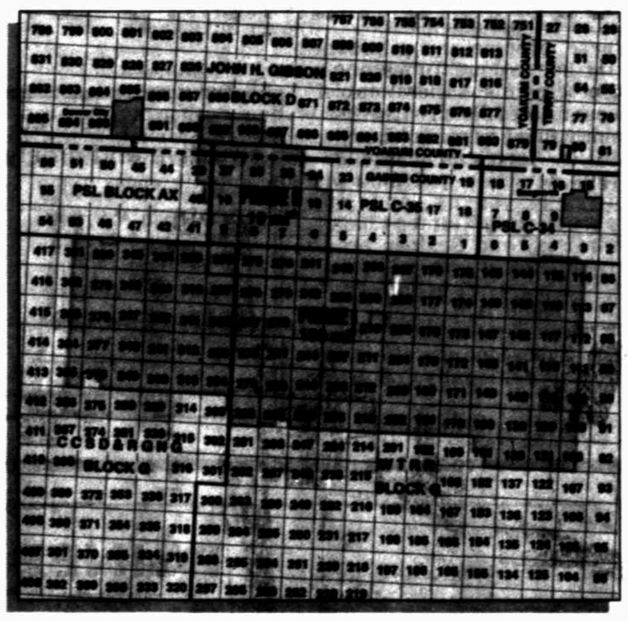

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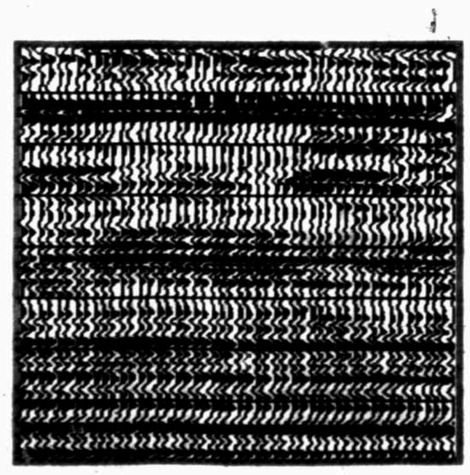
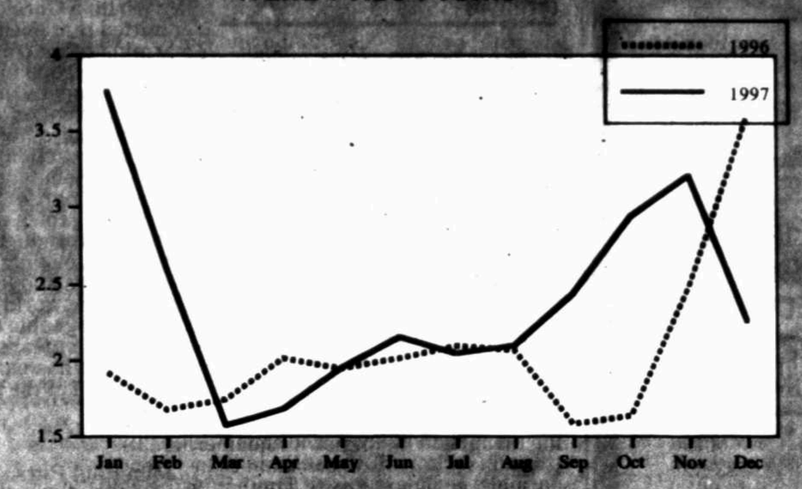


Spot Gas Price Comparison

Waha Price Profile



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Waha Averages

This month	Last Month
$2.26	$3.18

Current Spot Prices

- Mid Continent (Arkoma) $2.37
- Gulf Coast (Louisiana) $2.55
- Rocky Mountain (Wyoming) $1.94

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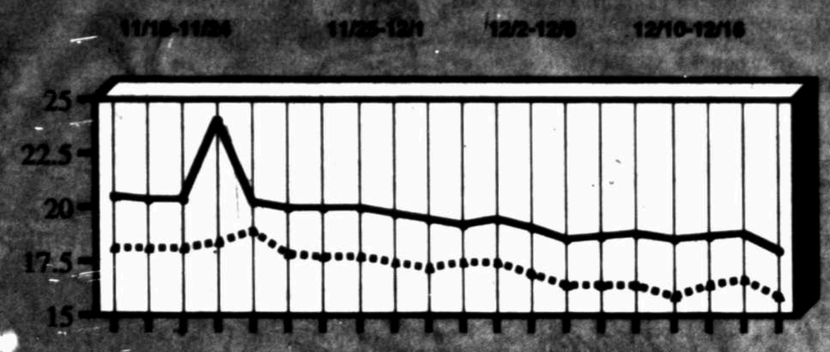

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Chevron	16.60	Marathon*	16.60	Shell*	N/A
Citgo*	16.50	Mobil*	17.50	Sun*	16.60
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E.O.T.T.	16.00	Navajo Nkl	17.00	Unocal	17.75

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DEVELOPMENT WELLS

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EDDY COUNTY

BEACH EXPL INC
HENSHAW #9
HENSHAW; T16S, R30E, SEC 23; 660 FNL 1980 FWL; 6.5 MILES NE OF LOCO HILLS; ROT 11,800 DEVONIAN; REENTRY OF SHELL OIL CO HENSHAW DEEP UNIT #9, P&A OLD TD 9474; API # 30-015-10075
GP II ENERGY INC
VICKERS FEDERAL #9
SQUARE LAKE; T16S, R31E, SEC 16; 10 FSL 10 FEL; 7.5 MILES NE OF LOCO HILLS; ROT 3700 GRAYBURG SAN ANDRES; API # 30-015-29919
GP II ENERGY INC
VICKERS FEDERAL #8
SQUARE LAKE; T16S, R31E, SEC 30; 1330 FNL 2630 FEL; 6.5 MILES NE OF LOCO HILLS; ROT 3700 GRAYBURG SAN ANDRES; API # 30-015-29918
GP II ENERGY INC
GRIER FEDERAL #22
SQUARE LAKE; T16S, R31E, SEC 31; 2630 FNL 1330 FEL; 6.5 MILES NE OF LOCO HILLS; ROT 3800 GRAYBURG SAN ANDRES; API # 30-015-29920
GP II ENERGY INC
CARPER AB FEDERAL #5
SQUARE LAKE; 16S, R31E, SEC 34; 1310 FNL 10 FWL; 6 MILES NW OF MALJAMAR; ROT 4000 GRAYBURG SAN ANDRES; API # 30-015-29928
MARBOB ENERGY CORP
BURCH KEELY UNIT #832
GB-JACKSON; T17S, R29E, SEC 25; 660 FNL 1345 FE; 3 MILES SW OF LOCO HILLS; ROT 4800 SR/QU/GB/SA; API # 30-015-29921
MARBOB ENERGY CORP
BURCH KEELY UNIT #833
GB-JACKSON; T17S, R29E, SEC 25; 1345 FNL 1980 FWL; 3 MILES SW OF LOCO HILLS; ROT 4800 SR/QU/GB/SA; API # 30-015-29916
MARBOB ENERGY CORP
BURCH KEELY UNIT #862
GB-JACKSON; T17S, R30E, SEC 19; 660 FSL 330 FEL; 2 MILES W OF LOCO HILLS; ROT 4800 SR/QU/GB/SA; API # 30-015-29929
DEVON ENERGY CORP
MALCO "B" FEDERAL #4
RED LAKE; T18S, R27E, SEC 6; 840 FNL 1650 FEL; 5.5 MILES SE OF ARTESIA; ROT 2800 QUEEN GRAYBURG SAN ANDRES; API # 30-015-29922
DEVON ENERGY CORP
MALCO "B" FEDERAL #5
RED LAKE; T18S, R27E, SEC 6; 1700 FNL 2310 FEL; 5.5 MILES SE OF ARTESIA; ROT 2800 QUEEN GRAYBURG SAN ANDRES; API # 30-015-29923
DEVON ENERGY CORP
MALCO "B" FEDERAL #6
RED LAKE; T18S, R27E, SEC 6; 2030 FNL 1750 FEL; 5.5 MILES SE OF ARTESIA; ROT 2800 QUEEN GRAYBURG SAN ANDRES; API # 30-015-29924
DEVON ENERGY CORP
EAST SHUGART UNIT #86
SHUGART; T18S, R31E, SEC 34; 330 FSL 780 FEL; 10.5 MILES SE OF LOCO HILLS; ROT 4200 Y/SR/QU/GB; API # 30-015-29917
ARCO PERMIAN
BARCLAY STATE #7
SO LIVINGSTON RIDGE; T23S, R31E, SEC 2; 660 FSL 660 FEL; 15 MILES S OF HALFWAY; ROT 8600 DELAWARE; API # 30-015-29925
ARCO PERMIAN
BARCLAY STATE #8
SO LIVINGSTON RIDGE; T23S, R31E, SEC 2; 990 FNL 470 FEL; 15 MILES S OF HALFWAY; ROT 8600 DELAWARE; API # 30-015-29926
ARCO PERMIAN
BARCLAY STATE #9
SO LIVINGSTON RIDGE; T23S, R31E, SEC 2; 660 FNL 1980 FEL; 15 MILES S OF HALFWAY; ROT 8600 DELAWARE; API # 30-015-29927
MARBOB ENERGY CORP
THUNDER ROAD FED #3
GRAYBURG; T17S, R30E, SEC 20; 990 FNL 2310 FEL; 1 MILE W OF LOCO HILLS; ROT 6000 PADDOCK; API # 30-015-29912
STEPHENS & JOHNSON OPER CO
EAST MILLMAN POOL UT TR 6 #8
EAST MILLMAN; T19S, R28E, SEC 13; 1310 FSL 330 FEL; 14.5 MILES NE OF LAKEWOOD; ROT 2750 QUEEN GRAYBURG SAN ANDRES; API # 30-015-29906
SANTA FE ENERGY RESOURCES INC
H B "10A" FEDERAL #8
CEDAR CANYON; T24S, R29E, SEC 10; 660 FSL 400 FEL; 6 MILES NE OF MALAGA; ROT 8300 BONE SPRING; API # 30-015-29915
MARBOB ENERGY CORP
THUNDER ROAD FED #1
GRAYBURG; T17S, R30E, SEC 20; 2310 FNL 2310 FEL; 1 MILE W OF LOCO HILLS; ROT 6000 PADDOCK; API # 30-015-29910
MARBOB ENERGY CORP
THUNDER ROAD FED #2
GRAYBURG; T17S, R30E, SEC 20; 1650 FNL 1650 FEL; 1 MILE W OF LOCO HILLS; ROT 6000 PADDOCK; API # 30-015-29911

LEA COUNTY

MW PETROLEUM CORP
JOE CAMEL #2
HOUSE; T20S, R38E, SEC 13; 2080 FNL 1650 FWL; 4 MILES SE OF NADINE; ROT 6900 DRINKARD; API # 30-025-34211
CHEVRON USA INC
EUNICE MONUMENT SOUTH UNIT #653
EUNICE MONUMENT; T21S, R36E, SEC 4; 150 FSL 90 FWL; 1 MILE N OF OIL CENTER; ROT 3800 GRAYBURG SAN ANDRES; API # 30-025-34213
CHEVRON USA INC
EUNICE MONUMENT SOUTH UNIT #640
EUNICE MONUMENT; T21S, R36E, SEC 5; 1340 FSL 2495 FEL; 2 MILES NW OF OIL CENTER; ROT 3800 GRAYBURG SAN ANDRES; API # 30-025-34212
CHEVRON USA INC
EUNICE MONUMENT SOUTH UNIT #670
EUNICE MONUMENT; T21S, R36E, SEC 10; 1300 FNL 2559 FEL; .5 MILE SE OF OIL CENTER; ROT 3800 GRAYBURG SAN ANDRES; API # 30-025-34214
CHEVRON USA INC
EUNICE MONUMENT SOUTH UNIT #699
EUNICE MONUMENT; T21S, R36E, SEC 10; 252 FNL 100 FEL; .5 MILE SE OF OIL CENTER; ROT 3800 GRAYBURG SAN ANDRES; API # 30-025-34214
MARATHON OIL CO
BERTHA BARBER #18
MONUMENT; T20S, R37E, SEC 5; 1730 FSL 660 FWL; 2 MILES SW OF MONUMENT; ROT 7800 ABO; API # 30-025-34205
MARATHON OIL CO
HANSEN STATE #8
MONUMENT; T20S, R37E, SEC 16; 1650 FNL 1890 FEL; 6.5 MILES SW OF MONUMENT; ROT 7600 ABO; API # 30-025-345203
ENRON OIL & GAS CO
GREENBACK 7 STATE #1
EAST FOWLER; T24S, R38E, SEC 7; 800 FSL 1775 FEL; 8.5 MILES NE OF JAL; ROT 12000 ELLENBURGER; API # 30-025-34208
MARATHON OIL CO
BETHA BARBER #17
MONUMENT; T20S, R37E, SEC 5; 2230 FNL 1850 FWL; 2 MILES SW OF MONUMENT; ROT 7800 ABO; API# 30-025-34204

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CROCKETT COUNTY

ENERGY PRODUCTION CORPORATION
SHANNON ESTATE "B" #1
SHANNON-RECOMP; HORIZONTAL WELL; GC&SF RR CO SUR, A-1761, BLK 1, SEC 23; 660 FNL 1980 FEL OF SUR; 660 FNL 1980 FEL OF SUR; 11 MILES SE OF IRAAN; OBJ: 2235 (SAN ANDRES); PERMIT # 470591; API # 42-105-02983

EDWARDS COUNTY

LOMAK PRODUCTION COMPANY
JACK MANN "9" #17
SAWYER-D; CCSD & RGNG RR CO SUR, A-815, BLK WH, SEC 9; 750 FNL 2170 FEL OF SUR; 750 FNL 2170 FEL OF SUR; 16.6 MILES SE OF SONORA; OBJ: 6000 (CANYON); PERMIT # 469115; API # 42-137-31396

TEXAS RRCD 8

ANDREWS COUNTY

HICON GAS PRODUCERS INC
UNIVERSITY 13-14 SOUTH #4
SHAFTER LAKE-D; UL SUR, BLK 14, SEC 13; 581 FNL 567 FEL OF LSE; 2073 FSL 567 FEL OF SUR; 7 MILES NW OF ANDREWS; OBJ: 3300 (YATES); PERMIT # 468729; API # 42-003-38294
UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA
SOUTHWEST ANDREWS UNIT # 3318N
ANDREWS-D; PSL/J. E. PARKER SUR, A-2061, BLK A-46, SEC 18; 1371 FNL 1347 FWL OF LSE; 1371 FNL 1347 FWL OF SUR; 3 MILES WLY OF ANDREWS;

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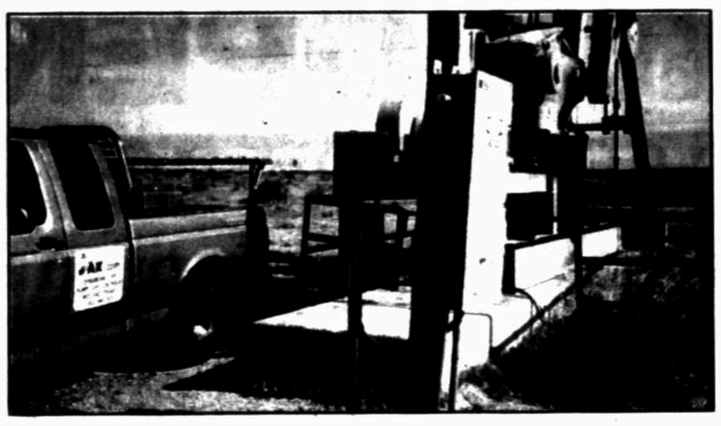

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By Norman Johnson

PITTS: Global warming liberal smoke screen

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will be more harmful than beneficial to the world climate is also far from conclusive. Nevertheless, the false doomsday science and noble accusing rhetoric of the issue has become an effective weapon in the hands of the one-world globalists.

If it is about burning less fossil fuels, why don't the Kyoto leaders simply issue an ultimatum to OPEC to produce 5 percent less oil and gas. Or why not pay OPEC to produce less. Such a simple plan was not even an option, giving rise to the suspicion that global warming accord appears more aimed at promoting an agenda of economic equalization (socialism) than eliminating greenhouse gases. Timothy Wirth, a Gore crony, has admitted that even if global warming is not true, the treaty will still be good for the world.

Kyoto may be about global warming (real or imagined) for some, but for others it's about affirmative action on a global scale. It's about quotas for some, raising the bar for others - diminishing the gap between the industrial (productive) nations and the developing (unproductive) nations and leveling out the assets of the world to make it more manageable on a global scale. It is a means to an end, and the end has nothing to do with control of the climate.

John Paul Pitts is oil editor of the Reporter-Telegram

Pride announces recapitalization plan

ABILENE - Pride Refining, Inc., the managing general partner of Pride Companies, L.P., announced a financial recapitalization plan which would significantly reduce Pride's debt and annual cash payment requirements and would enhance Pride's financial and operating flexibility.

As part of the plan, BankBoston has issued a commitment to refinance Pride's letter of credit and revolver facilities, as well as to fund certain term financing at a future date. In conjunction with BankBoston's commitment, Varde Partners, Inc. has entered into an agreement to purchase from NationsBank Pride's present bank debt.

Upon receipt of required consents, the foregoing transactions with Varde and BankBoston would, among other things, result in Price having bank debt of $35.2 million (a reduction of approximately $14.3 million in the amount of bank debt projected to exist at closing) and Pride issuing to Varde approximately $14.3 million of preferred equity, which (along with approximately $2.5 million of the bank debt held by Varde) will be convertible into approximately 34 percent of Pride's outstanding common equity. Varde will also fund approximately $4.2 million for working capital purposes.

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BYRD OPERATING COMPANY
#1 SCHUCH "B"
SCHUCH (CADDO LIME); 5 1/2 JONATHAN M. WHITAKER SUR, A-7633; 1930 FSL 1680 FEL; EL: 2196 KB; CONTR: HACK DRILLING CO; TD 6440, PBTD 6350; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURE TREATED PERFS 6228 TO 6256; IPP 26.6 BOPD, 77 MCFD, 0 BWPD

UPTON COUNTY

ARCO PERMIAN
#2 R. S. WINDHAM
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); 128-D CCSD&RGNG SUR; 18 MILES NW OF RANKIN; 660 FNL 660 FEL; TD 12487, PBTD 12004; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURE TREATED PERFS 7100 TO 8350; IPP 51 BOPD, 45 MCFD, 138 BWPD

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ANDREWS COUNTY

PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY
UNIVERSITY ANDREWS #112
EMBAR (5600); UL SUR, BLK 10, SEC 29; 731.2 FEL 3360 FNL OF UNIT; 14 MILES SW OF ANDREWS; EL: 3234 GR; SPUD 3/30/97; COMP 5/6/97; TD 8000, PBTD 6267; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURE TREATED PERFS 5518 TO 5884; IPF 24 BOPD, 673 MCFD, 57 BWPD; PERMIT # 457304; API # 42-003-33443
SAGE ENERGY COMPANY
SAGE-EXXON "6" #5
FULLERTON (SAN ANDRES); PSL SUR, BLK A-32, SEC 6; 555 FNL 725 FWL OF UNIT; 14 MILES NW OF ANDREWS; EL: 3335 GR; CONTR: V&B DRILLING; SPUD 3/25/97; COMP 3/31/97; TD 4785, PBTD 4752; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 4511 TO 4614; IPP 25 BOPD, 6.2 MCFD, 250 BWPD; PERMIT # 459510; API # 42-003-38176

CRANE COUNTY

ALTURA ENERGY LTD
NORTH CROSS/DEV/UNIT #134HZ
CROSSETT (DEVONIAN); HORIZONTAL; H&TC RR CO/J. W. CARRUTHERS SURVEY; 4367 FNWL 4473 FNEL OF UNIT; 7 MILES S OF OZONA; EL: 2350 GR; CONTR: NORTON DRLG; SPUD 3/23/97; COMP 4/7/97; TD 5248 TVD, 7358 MD, PBTD 7358 (OH); PRODUCTION IS THROUGH OPEN HOLE 5570 TO 7358 MD; IPF 228 BOPD, 2197 MCFD, 23 BWPD; PERMIT # 457489; API # 42-103-34461

HOWARD COUNTY

ORYX ENERGY COMPANY
DORA ROBERTS B D & E #296 L/U
HOWARD GLASSOCK; W&NW RR CO SUR, BLK 29, SEC 137; 640 FNL 1190 FEL OF UNIT; 1.5 MILES SW OF FORSAN; EL: 2751; CONTR: BRANDERA DRILLING; SPUD 4/4/97; COMP 4/8/97; TD 3100, PBTD 3100; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 2364 TO 2862; INJECTION WELL; PERMIT # 456665; API # 42-227-35118
ORYX ENERGY COMPANY
DORA ROBERTS B D & E #297 L/U
HOWARD GLASSOCK; W&NW RR CO SUR, BLK 29, SEC 137; 170 FNL 1940 FWL OF UNIT; 1.5 MILES SE OF FORSAN; EL: 2742; CONTR: BRANDERA DRILLING CO; SPUD 4/4/97; COMP 4/8/97; TD 3100, PBTD 3100; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 2552 TO 2842; INJECTION WELL; PERMIT # 456666; API # 42-227-35119

MIDLAND COUNTY

PIONEER NATURAL RES USA INC
MIDKIFF UNIT #903 A
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); T&P RR CO SUR, BLK 38, T4S, SEC 35; 9943 FNL 4620 FEL OF UNIT; EL: 2764 GR; CONTR: FWA; SPUD 2/17/97; COMP 3/1/97; TD 9000, PBTD 8500; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 7273 TO 8205; IPP 40 BOPD, 35 MCFD, 140 BWPD; PERMIT # 458194; API # 42-329-33651
AUTRY C. STEPHENS
WINDHAM "10" #7
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); T&P RR CO SUR, BLK 40, SEC 10; 1980 FSL 2500 FEL OF UNIT; EL: 2778 GR; CONTR: CLEERE DRILLING; SPUD 2/8/97; COMP 3/3/97; TD 10350, PBTD 10325; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 7755 TO 10279; IPP 37 BOPD, 65 MCFD, 109 BWPD; PERMIT # 456221; API # 42-329-33628

MITCHELL COUNTY

CHEVRON USA INC
NORTH WESTBROOK UNIT #2408
WESTBROOK; HORIZONTAL; T&P RR CO SUR, BLK 28, T1N, SEC 11; 7610 FNL 10360 FEL OF UNIT; 6 MILES NW OF WESTBROOK; EL: 2136 GL; SPUD 8/12/96, COMP 1/22/97; TD 3215, 3877 MD, PBTD 3169; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 3025 TO 3425; IPP 3 BOPD, 0 MCFD, 14 BWPD; PERMIT # 450754, API # 42-335-32741

REAGAN COUNTY

PIONEER NATURAL RES USA INC
SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #2312 A
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); LS&V RR CO SUR, BLK C, SEC 1; 1980 FSL 3316 FEL OF UNIT; 17 MILES NW OF STILES; EL: 2679 GL; CONTR: FWA; SPUD 2/24/97; COMP 3/6/97; TD 8530, PBTD 8468; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 6707 TO 8289; IPP 60 BOPD, 36 MCFD, 95 BWPD; PERMIT # 458356; API # 42-383-34723
PIONEER NATURAL RES USA INC
SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #2133A
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); T&P RR CO SRU, BLK 37, T5S, SEC 46; 7292 FSL 3645 FWL OF UNIT; 16 MILES NW OF STILES; EL: 2689 GL; CONTR: FWA; SPUD 1/26/97; COMP 2/5/97; TD 8590, PBTD 8558; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 6835 TO 8411; IPP 63 BOPD, 33 MCFD, 123 BWPD; PERMIT # 457455; API # 42-383-34701

WINKLER COUNTY

PIONEER NATURAL RES INC
TAYLOR-MOSS UNIT #3
KEYSTONE (SAN ANDRES); PSL SUR, BLK B-2, SEC 8; 280 FNL 663 FEL OF UNIT; 8 MILES NE OF KERMIT; SPUD 4/1/97; COMP 5/1/97; TD 5300, PBTD 4705; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 4343 TO 4508; IPP 95 BOPD, 50 MCFD, 15 BWPD; PERMIT # 460922; API # 42-495-32467
SOUTHWEST ROYALTIES INC
N. R. COLBY B #27
KERMIT; PSL/CSBA SUR, BLK 26, SEC 38; 990 FNL 990 FWL OF UNIT; 3 MILES W OF KERMIT; EL: 2831; CONTR: J. C. WELLS RIG #5; SPUD 2/17/97; COMP 3/6/97; TD 3153; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 2654 TO 3030; IPP 28 BOPD, 25 MCFD, 35 BWPD; PERMIT # 453848; API # 42-495-32598

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BORDEN COUNTY

PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY
WEST JO-MILL UNIT #912
JO-MILL (SPRABERRY); T&P RR CO SUR, BLK 33, T4N, SEC 21; 1505 FWL 4571 FSL OF UNIT; 16 MILES SW OF GAIL; EL: 2719 GR; CONTR: BANDEA DRLG; SPUD 9/5/97; COMP 9/19/97; TD 7650, PBTD 7598; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURE TREATED PERFS 7484 TO 7504; IPP 159 BOPD, 55 MCFD, 25 BWPD; PERMIT # 461748; API # 42-033-31679

DAWSON COUNTY

HENRY PETROLEUM CORP
EAST ACKERLY DEAN UNIT #105
ACKERLY (DEAN SAND); T&P RR CO SUR, BLK 34, T4N, SEC 43; 1977 FWL 5552 FNL OF UNIT; 3 MILES NW OF ACKERLY; EL: 2764 GR; CONTR: FWA SPUD 3/20/97; COMP 4/3/97; TD 8725, PBTD 8686; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURE TREATED PERFS 8521 TO 8577; IPP 19 BOPD, 10 MCFD, 6 BWPD; PERMIT # 455790; API # 42-115-32941

HOCKLEY COUNTY

WALSH PETROLEUM INC
PHILLIPS "A" #3
YELLOWHOUSE S. (SAN ANDRES); SCL SUR, LAB 13, LGE 719; 467 FNL 789 FEL OF UNIT; 4.5 MILES NE OF PETTIT; EL: 3568 GL; CONTR: BRW; SPUD 4/21/97; COMP 4/28/97; TD 4752, PBTD 4747; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 4723 TO 4738; IPP 10 BOPD, 5 MCFD, 57 BWPD; PERMIT # 455046; API # 42-219-36300

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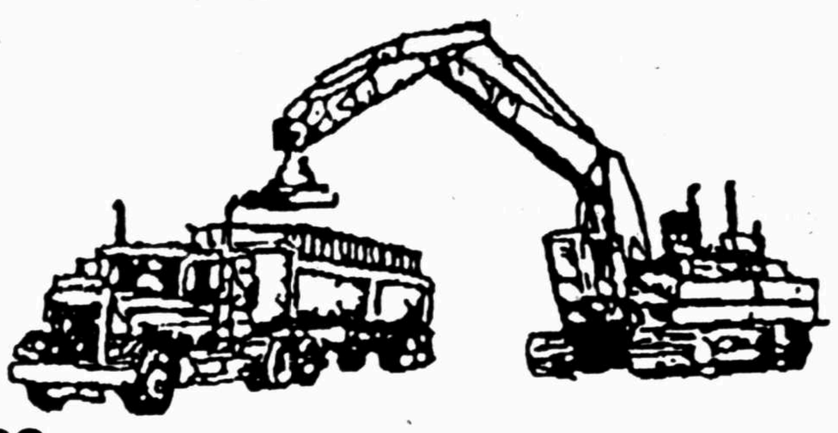

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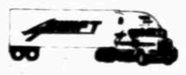

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LYNX PETROLEUM CONSULTANTS INC
COX ESTATE #2
BOYDELL, S-RECOMP; PSL/W. S. WILLMON SUR, A-564, BLK A-31, SEC 4; 660 FSL 760 FEL OF LSE; 660 FSL 760 FEL OF SUR; 25 MILES NW OF ANDREWS; OBJ: 10986 (CLEAR FORK); PERMIT # 470244; API # 42-003-10977

ECTOR COUNTY

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
H. E. CUMMINS "B" #31
GOLDSMITH-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-350, BLK 45, T1N, SEC 33; 1980 FSL 1320 FEL OF SUR; 1980 FSL 1320 FEL OF SUR; 6 MILES NW OF GOLDSMITH; OBJ: 7000 (CLEARFORK); PERMIT # 463819; API # 42-135-37495

MARTIN CO.

KINDRED PETROLEUM COMPANY
GLENDENING "A" #2
PHOENIX-D; T&P RR CO/J. P. ROUNTREE SUR, A-809, BLK 36, T3N, SEC 26; 660 FNL 660 FWL OF LSE; 1980 FSL 1980 FEL OF SUR; 7 MILES NW OF LENORAH; OBJ: 3990 (GRAYBURG); PERMIT # 470317; API # 42-317-34142
KINDRED PETROLEUM COMPANY
WOODWARD "A" 36
PHOENIX-D; T&P RR CO/J. P. ROUNTREE SUR, A-809, BLK 36, T3N, SEC 26; 1980 FSL 1980 FWL OF LSE; 1980 FSL 1980 FWL OF SUR; 7 MILES NW OF LENORAH; OBJ: 3990 (GRAYBURG); PERMIT # 470319; API # 42-317-34144
SANTA FE ENERGY RESOURCES INC
SALE RANCH -C- #4
SPRABERRY-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-223, BLK 37, T1N, SEC 23; 337 FSL 2640 FWL OF LSE; 2310 FNL 2640 FWL OF SUR; 9 MILES NW OF STANTON; OBJ: 9200 (TREND AREA); PERMIT # 470320; API # 42-317-34140
SANTA FE ENERGY RESOURCES INC
SALE RANCH -G- #3
SPRABERRY-D; T&P RR CO/M. J. SKINNER SUR, A-899, BLK 37, T1N, SEC 8; 441 FWL 2640 FNL OF LSE; 2640 FNL 2310 FEL OF SUR; OBJ: 9250 (TREND AREA); PERMIT # 470321; API # 42-317-34141

MITCHELL COUNTY

PIONEER NATURAL RES USA INC
HORWOOD #3
IATAN, EAST HOWARD-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-594, BLK 29, T1S, SEC 3; 2629 FSL 669 FW OF LSE; 2629 FSL 669 FWL OF SUR; 9 MILES SW OF WESTBROOK; OBJ: 3450; PERMIT # 470335; API # 42-335-34021
PIONEER NATURAL RES USA INC
ETTA HOLT BROWN #13
IATAN, EAST HOWARD-D; T&P RR CO/I. T. BRENNAND SUR, A-1415, BLK 29, T1S, SEC 2; 1508 FNL 447 FEL OF LSE; 1508 FNL 447 FEL OF SUR; 9 MILES SW OF WESTBROOK; OBJ: 3450; PERMIT # 470340; API # 42-335-34025
PIONEER NATURAL RES USA INC
ETTA HOLT BROWN #15
IATAN, EAST HOWARD-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-596, BLK 29, T1S, SEC 11; 1371 FNL 478 FWL OF LSE; 1371 FNL 479 FWL OF SUR; 9 MILES SW OF WESTBROOK; OBJ: 3450; PERMIT # 470341; API # 42-335-34024
PIONEER NATURAL RES USA INC
HORWOOD #1
IATAN, EAST HOWARD-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-594, BLK 29, T1S, SEC 3; 282 FSL 724 FEL OF LSE; 282 FSL 724 FEL OF SUR; 9 MILES SW OF WESTBROOK; OBJ: 3450; PERMIT # 470342; API # 42-335-34023
PIONEER NATURAL RES USA INC
ETTA HOLT BROWN #14
IATAN, EAST HOWARD-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-596, BLK 29, T1S, SEC 11; 89 FSL 477 FEL OF LSE; 1419 FSL 2154 FWL OF SUR; 9 MILES SW OF WESTBROOK; OBJ: 3450; PERMIT # 470295; API # 42-335-34020

WARD COUNTY

KAISER FRANCIS OIL COMPANY
UNIVERSITY 31-W #3
WAR-WINK-D; UL SUR, BLK 17, SEC 31; 467 FWL 1980 FSL OF LSE; 467 FWL 1980 FSL OF SUR; 11.8 MILES NW OF PYOTE; OBJ: 7200 (CHERRY CANYON); PERMIT # 454381; API # 42-475-34424

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COCHRAN COUNTY

GRUY PETROLEUM MANAGEMENT CO
C. R. STARNES #1R
LEVELLAND-D; T HARRISON/J. H. BROWN #4 SUR, A-7; 713 FNL 713 FEL OF LSE; 713 FNL 1927 FWL OF SUR; 13.5 MILES SW OF WHITEFACE; OBJ: 5250; PERMIT # 470594; API # 42-079-32923

DAWSON COUNTY

WALSH PETROLEUM INC
BRITT "131" #5
WELCH-D; PSL SUR, BLK C-39, SEC 16; 455 FSL 1050 FWL OF LSE; 2133 FNL 1391 FEL OF SUR; .25 MILES W OF WELCH; OBJ: 5100; PERMIT # 470609; API # 42-115-33005

DICKENS COUNTY

KROCAN ENERGY CORPORATION
FINA/BLE 'B' UNIT #5
NAVIGATOR-D; H&GN RR CO/E. M. DICKEY SUR, A-621, BLK 1, SEC 194; 409 FEL 490 FNL OF LSE; 1281 FWL 1810 FNL OF SUR; 8 MILES SE OF SPUR; OBJ: 4800 (TANNEHILL B); PERMIT # 470145; API # 42-125-30679
EASTERN ENERGY CORPORATION
GALE #1
NAVIGATOR-D; H&GN RR CO SUR, A-89, BLK 1, SEC 165; 570 FEL 850 FSL OF LSE; 1790 FNL 2150 FWL OF SUR; 8.5 MILES SE OF SPUR; OBJ: 4700 (TANNEHILL B); PERMIT # 457873; API # 42-125-30626

GARZA COUNTY

PATTERSON PETROLEUM INC
JOHN #1A
HAPPY-D; T&NO RR CO/J. P. LESTER SUR, A-1031, BLK 2, SEC 30; 175 FEL 3605 FNL OF LSE; 412 FEL 1697 FSL OF SUR; 12 MILES SW OF POST; OBJ: 5150 (SPRABERRY LIME); PERMIT # 470162; API # 42-169-33496

HOCKLEY COUNTY

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ALEX A. SLAUGHTER ESTATE "E" #15
TSTAR-D; MAVERICK CSL, LGE 40, LAB 5; 1045 FSL 642 FWL OF LSE; 1045 FSL 642 FWL OF SUR; 11 MILES S OF LEVELLAND; OBJ: 8600 (ABO); PERMIT # 470106; API # 42-219-36380
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ALEX A. SLAUGHTER ESTATE "E" #14
TSTAR-D; MAVERICK CSL, LGE 40, LAB 5; 1950 FSL 527 FEL OF LSE; 1278 FNL 527 FEL OF SUR; 11 MILES S OF LEVELLAND; OBJ: 8600 (ABO); PERMIT # 470107; API # 42-219-36379
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ALEX A. SLAUGHTER ESTATE "E" #13
TSTAR-D; MAVERICK CSL, LGE 40, LAB 5; 629 FSL 681 FEL OF LSE; 629 FSL 681 FEL OF SUR; 11 MILES S OF LEVELLAND; OBJ: 8600 (ABO); PERMIT # 470108; API # 42-219-36378
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SLAUGHTER "G" #70
TSTAR-D; ZAVALLA CSL, LGE 37, LAB 21; 1711 FEL 467 FNL OF LSE; 948 FWL 467 FNL OF SUR; 11 MILES S OF LEVELLAND; OBJ: 8600 (ABO); PERMIT # 470109; API # 42-219-36374
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SLAUGHTER "G" #68
TSTAR-D; ZAVALLA CSL, LAB 24, LGE 37; 4966 FNL 467 FEL OF LSE; 836 FSL 467 FEL OF SUR; 11.5 MILES S OF LEVELLAND; OBJ: 8600 (ABO); PERMIT # 470110; API # 42-219-36376
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SLAUGHTER "G" #63
TSTAR-D; ZAVALLA CSL, LGE 37, LAB 52; 1027 FEL 4308 FSL OF LSE; 1027 FEL 1403 FSL OF SUR; 12 MILES S OF LEVELLAND; OBJ: 8600 (ABO); PERMIT # 470111; API # 42-219-36375
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SLAUGHER "B" #49
TSTAR-D; MAVERICK CSL, LGE 40, LAB 6; 1099 FSL 817 FWL OF LSE; 1099 FSL 817 FWL OF SUR; 11 MILES S OF LEVELLAND; OBJ: 8600 (ABO); PERMIT # 470112; API # 42-219-36377

KING COUNTY

P. C. BURNS OIL PRODUCERS INC
MASTERSON "A" #5
JUNIPER-D; R. M. THOMSON SUR, A-484, BLK A, SEC 26; 2500 FSL 2500 FWL OF LSE; 2500 FSL 2500 FWL OF SUR; 20 MILES NE OF GUTHERIE; OBJ: 6100; PERMIT # 470148; API # 42-269-32295

SCURRY COUNTY

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
BISHOP #7
SHARON RIDGE-D; H&TC RR CO SUR, BLK 97, SEC 164; 990 FSL 330 FEL OF LSE; 990 FSL 982 FWL OF SUR; 11.7 MILES SW OF SNYDER; OBJ: 4000 (CLEAR FORK); PERMIT # 470750; API # 42-415-33666
ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
VAN NORMAN #14
SHARON RIDGE-D; H&TC RR CO/J. H. HENDERSON SUR, A-2013, BLK 97, SEC 131; 100 FNL 330 FEL OF LSE; 100 FNL 2309 FWL OF SUR; 3 MILES NW OF IRA; OBJ: 3500 (CLEAR FORK); PERMIT # 470118; API # 42-415-33652
ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
VAN NORMAN #15
SHAORN RIDGE-D; H&TC RR CO/J. H. HENDERSON SUR, A-2013, BLK 97, SEC 131; 1141 FNL 1055 FWL OF LSE; 1141 FNL 1055 FWL OF SUR; 3 MILES NW OF IRA; OBJ: 3500 (CLEAR FORK); PERMIT # 470120; API # 42-415-33651
SPALDING ENERGY INC
FULLER B 4
CORAZON-D; H&GN RR CO/J. R. MORRIS SUR, A-2362, BLK 5, SEC 88; 670 FNL 594 FEL OF LSE; 2436 FEL 2121 FNL OF SUR; 2 MILES N OF FULLERVILLE; OBJ: 2500 (SAN ANDRES); PERMIT # 470322; API # 42-415-33662
SPALDING ENERGY INC
FULLER "C" #1
CORAZON-D; H&TC RR CO/A. L. WILSON SUR, A-2462, BLK 97, SEC 662; 330 FWL 330 FSL OF LSE; 330 FELYSL 1482 FELYEL OF SUR; 2 MILES N OF FULLERVILLE; OBJ: 2500 (SAN ANDRES); PERMIT # 470323; API # 42-415-33661
ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
VAN NORMAN #6R
SHARON RIDGE-D; H&TC RR CO/J. H. HENDERSON SUR, A-2013, BLK 97, SEC 131; 1211 FNL265 FWL OF LSE; 1211 FNL 265 FWL OF SUR; 3 MILES NW OF IRA; OBJ: 3500 (CLEAR FORK); PERMIT # 470183; API # 42-415-33653
ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
VAN NORMAN #19
SHARON RIDGE-D; H&TC RR CO/J. H. HENDERSON SUR, A-2013, BLK 97, SEC 131; 1570 FNL 1116 FWL OF LSE; 1570 FNL 1116 FWL OF SUR; 3 MILES NW OF IRA; OBJ: 3500 (CLEAR FORK); PERMIT # 470186; API # 42-415-33654
ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
VAN NORMAN #17
SHARON RIDGE-D; H&TC RR CO/J. H. HENDERSON SUR, A-2013, BLK 97, SEC 131; 934 FNL 330 FEL OF LSE; 934 FNL 2316 FWL OF SUR; 3 MILES NW OF IRA; OBJ: 3500 (CLEAR FORK); PERMIT # 470187; API # 42-415-33655
ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
VAN NORMAN #16
SHARON RIDGE-D; H&TC RR CO/J. H. HENDERSON SUR, A-2013, BLK 97, SEC 131; 1382 FNL 794 FEL OF LSE; 1382 FNL 1855 FWL OF SUR; 3 MILES NW OF IRA; OBJ: 3500 (CLEAR FORK); PERMIT # 470188; API # 42-415-33656
ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
VAN NORMAN #12
SHARON RIDGE-D; H&TC RR CO/J. H. HENDERSON SUR, A-2013, BLK 97, SEC 131; 330 FNL 990 FWL OF LSE; 330 FNL 990 FWL OF SUR; 3 MILES NW OF IRA; OBJ: 3500 (CLEAR FORK); PERMIT # 470190; API # 42-415-33657
ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
VAN NORMAN #11
SHARON RIDGE-D; H&TC RR CO/J. H. HENDERSON SUR, A-2013, BLK 97, SEC 131; 330 FNL 330 FWL OF LSE; 330 FNL 330 FWL OF SUR; 3 MILES NW OF IRA; OBJ: 3500 (CLEAR FORK); PERMIT # 470191; API # 42-415-33658
ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
VAN NORMAN #8R
SHARON RIDGE-D; H&TC RR CO/J. H. HENDERSON SUR, A-2013, BLK 97, SEC 131; 330 FSL 337 FWL OF LSE; 2327 FNL 940 FWL OF SUR; 3 MILES NW OF IRA; OBJ: 3500 (CLEAR FORK); PERMIT # 470193; API # 42-415-33659
ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
VAN NORMAN #18
SHARON RIDGE-D; H&TC RR CO/J. H. HENDERSON SUR, A-2013, BLK 97, SEC 131; 798 FNL 1231 FWL OF LSE; 798 FNL 1231 FWL OF SUR; 3 MILES NW OF IRA; OBJ: 3500 (CLEAR FORK); PERMIT # 470197; API # 42-415-33660

TERRY COUNTY

THE WISER OIL COMPANY
WELLMAN UNIT #411
WELLMAN-D; PSL/J. J. ADAMS, A-528, BLK C-36, SEC 22; 3793 FNL 4605 FWL OF LSE; 1465 FSL 1969 FWL OF SUR; 3.9 MILES SE OF WELLMAN; OBJ: 10500; PERMIT # 470169; API # 42-445-31858

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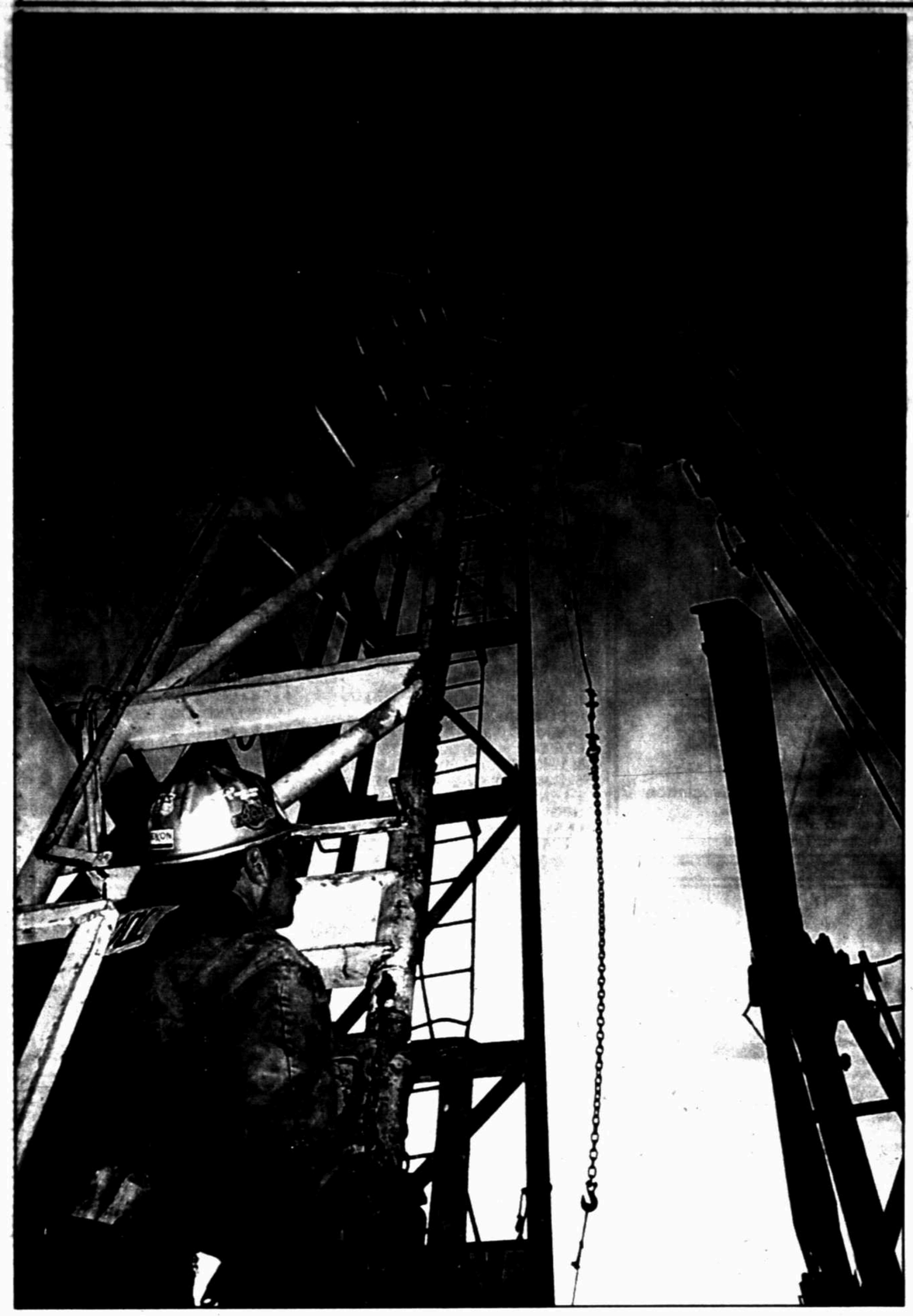

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Marathon, Ashland proceeding

ASHLAND, Ky. - Marathon Oil Company and Ashland Inc. confirmed that the Federal Trade Commission has advised both companies that it has completed the antitrust review of their refining and marketing joint venture announced earlier this year, and that the agency will permit the transaction to proceed.

The companies have completed their due diligence review of the venture and anticipate signing a definitive agreement within a few days.

MEETINGS

Safety engineers announce meeting

The American Society of Safety Engineers-Permian Basin Chapter will hold their regular meeting at Mission Dorado Country Club on Thursday, December 18, at 11:30 a.m. The cost for the meal will be $10. Contact Retha Prazan at 915/571-1004 for any questions.

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RR CO SUR, BLK JS, SEC 30; 660 FNL 1980 FEL OF UNIT; 6 MILES NW OF LUBBOCK; EL: 3304 GR; CONTR: RILEY DRLG; SPUD 12/31/96; COMP 1/13/97; TD 5754, PBTD 5730; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 5587 TO 5645; IPP 40 BOPD, MCF-TSTM, 10 BWPD; PERMIT # 456821; API # 42-303-31353

CONCHO RESOURCES INC
WEST BROADVIEW UNIT 3402
BROADVIEW, W (CLEAR FORK); EL& RR CO SUR, BLK JS, SEC 30; 3300 FNL 1980 FWL OF UNIT; 6 MILES NW OF LUBBOCK; EL: 3298 GR; CONTR: SITTON DRILLING; SPUD 2/1/97; COMP 2/10/97; TD 5756, PBTD 5723; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 5521 TO 5660; IPP 85 BOPD, MCF-TSTM, 20 BWPD; PERMIT # 456820; API # 42-303-31352

CONCHO RESOURCES INC
WEST BROADVIEW UNIT #503
BROADVIEW, W (CLEAR FORK); EL&RR CO SUR, BLK JS, SEC 30; 3300 FSL 3300 FWL OF UNIT; 6 MILES NW OF LUBBOCK; EL: 3299.6 GR; CONTR: SITTON DRLG; SPUD 1/27/97; COMP 2/1/97; TD 5754, PBTD 5713; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 5532 TO 5673; IPP 20 BOPD, MCF-TSTM, 24 BWPD; PERMIT # 456823; API # 42-303-31355

SCURRY COUNTY

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
J. M. STERLING ET AL #1R
SHARON RIDGE (CLEAR FORK); H&TC RR CO SUR, BLK 97, SEC 160; 330 FWL 1104 FSL OF UNIT; 8 MILES SW OF SNYDER; EL: 2308; CONTR: BANDERA; SPUD 10/5/96; PBTD 10/9/96; TD 3335, PBTD 3285; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 2367 TO 3279; IPP 23 BOPD, MCF-TSTM, 93 BWPD; PERMIT # 451268; API # 42-415-33435

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
MCLAUGHLIN #3R
DIAMOND -M- (CLEARFORK); H&TC RR CO SUR, A-2254, BLK 97, SEC 179; 330 FSL 293 FWL OF UNIT; 12 MILES SW OF SNYDER; EL: 2297 GR; CONTR: DEL-MAR; SPUD 7/27/97; COMP 8/2/97; TD 3390, PBTD 3345; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED FRACTURE PERFS 2321 TO 3326; IPP 19 BOPD, MCF-TSTM, 89 BWPD; PERMIT # 454190; API # 42-415-33484

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
MCLAUGHLIN #6
DIAMOND -M- (CLEARFORK); H&TC RR CO SUR, A-2254, BLK 97, SEC 179; 435 FNL 319 FWL OF UNIT; 12 MILES SW OF SNYDER; EL: 2305 GR; CONTR: DEL-MAR; SPUD 8/8/97; COMP 8/13/97; TD 3400, PBTD 3355; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURE TREATED PERFS 2327 TO 3306; IPP 13 BOPD, MCF-TSTM, 157 BWPD; PERMIT # 454189; API # 42-415-33485

BAYTECH INC
OCHSNER "64" #1
MIRAGE (STRAWN); H&GN RR CO/H. BLACKARD SUR, BLK 3, SEC 64; 469 FEL 1040 FSL OF UNIT; 2 MILES SELY OF DUNN; EL: 2253 GR; CONTR: PATTERSON DRLG; SPUD 9/11/97; COMP 9/26/97; TD 7565, PBTD 7524; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURE TREATED PERFS 7363 TO 7374; IPP 90 BOPD, 65 MCFD, 0 BWPD; PERMIT # 466338; API # 42-415-33611

SCURRY COUNTY

VISTA RESOURCES INC
HARDEE "B" #3
SHARON RIDGE (1700); KIRKLAND & FIELDS SUR, LOT 6, SEC 31; 330 FNL 330 FWL OF UNIT; 4 MILES SE OF IRA; EL: 2172 GR; CONTR: RED IRON WELL SERV; SPUD 2/12/97; COMP 2/18/97; TD 1682; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 1594 TO 1677; IPP 13 BOPD, MCF-TSTM, 65 BWPD; PERMIT # 455801; API # 42-415-04234

TERRY COUNTY

CROSS TIMBERS OPERATING COMPANY
PRENTICE NORTHEAST UNIT #18607
PRENTICE (6700); C&M RR CO SUR, BLK D-14, SEC 20; 7070 FSL 8505 FEL OF UNIT; 6 MILES N OF TOKIO; EL: 3528 GR; CONTR: NORTON DRILLING; SPUD 3/12/97; COMP 3/26/97; TD 7484, PBTD 7435; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURE TREATED PERFS 6717 TO 7303; IPP 155 BOPD, 31 MCFD, 311 BWPD; PERMIT # 450674; API # 42-445-31765

YOAKUM COUNTY

ALTURA ENERGY LTD
CENTRAL OWNBY UNIT #907
OWNBY (CLEAR FORK, U); J. H. GIBSON SUR, BLK D, SEC 487; 2802 FNL 2784 FEL OF UNIT; 10 MILES ESE OF PLAINS; EL: 3585 GR; CONTR: NORTON DRLG; SPUD 1/2/97; COMP 1/17/97; TD 7013, PBTD 6950; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 6617 TO 6843; IPP 82 BOPD, 6 MCFD, 154 BWPD; PERMIT # 454459; API # 42-501-34176

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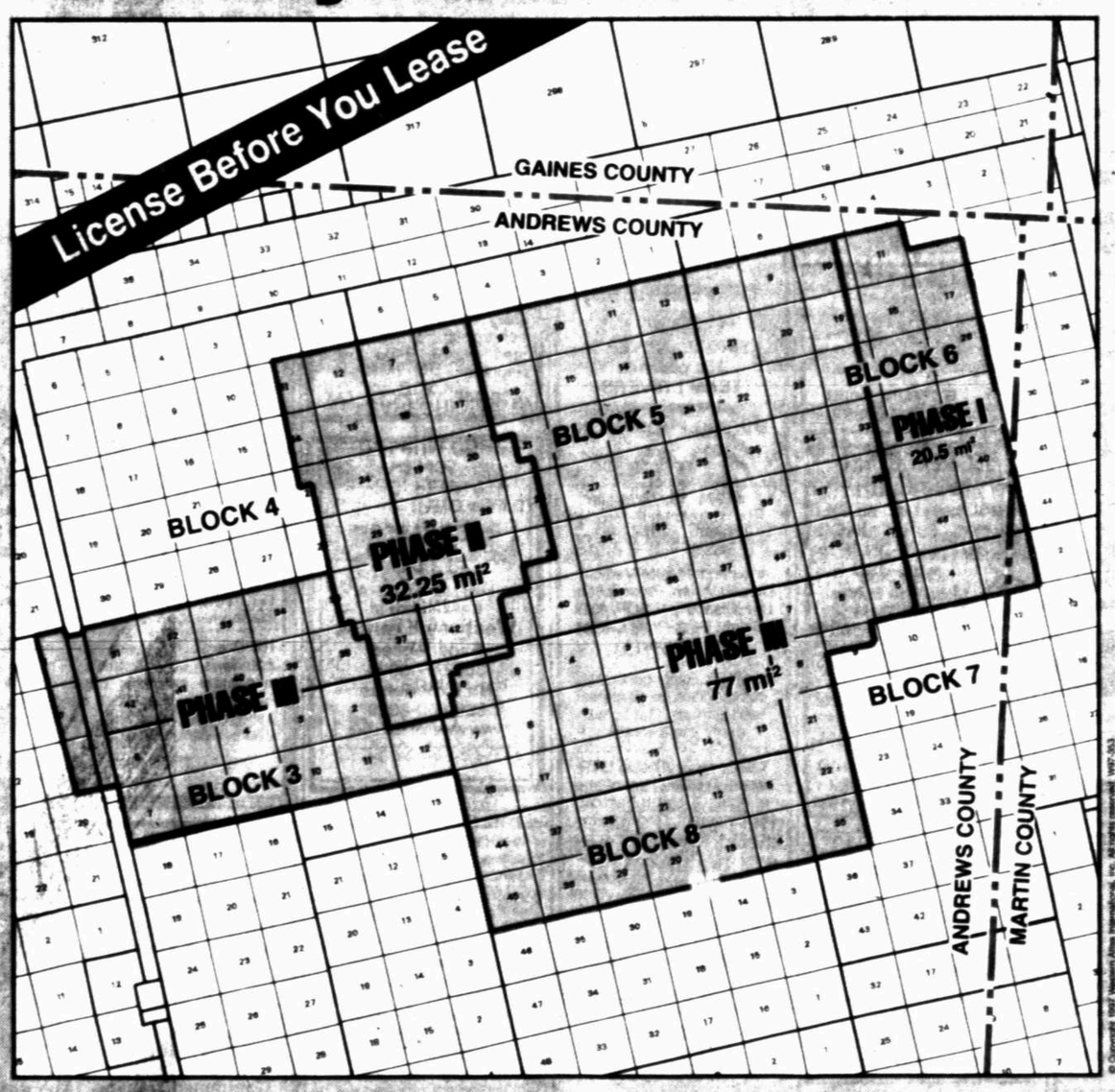

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