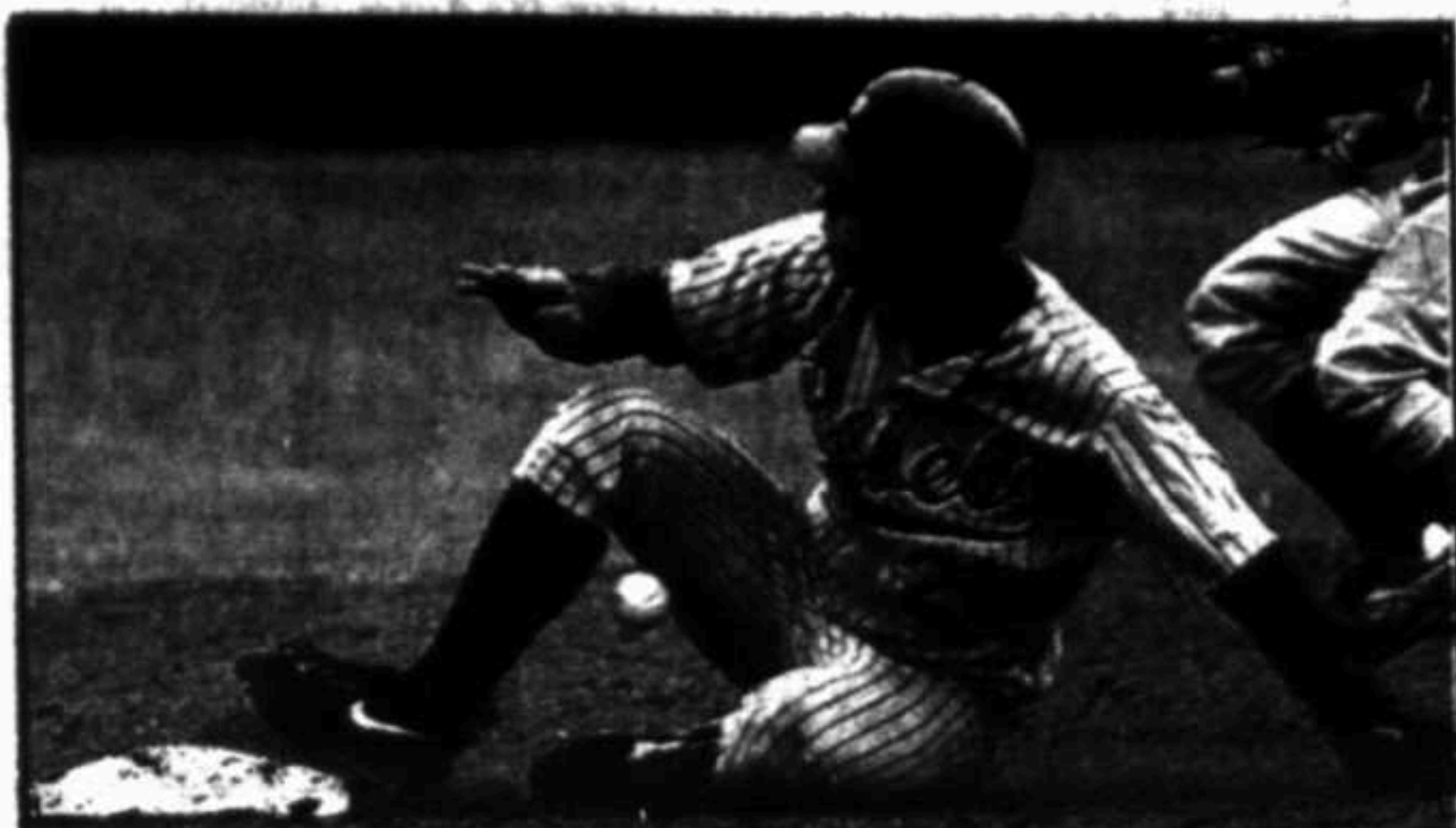




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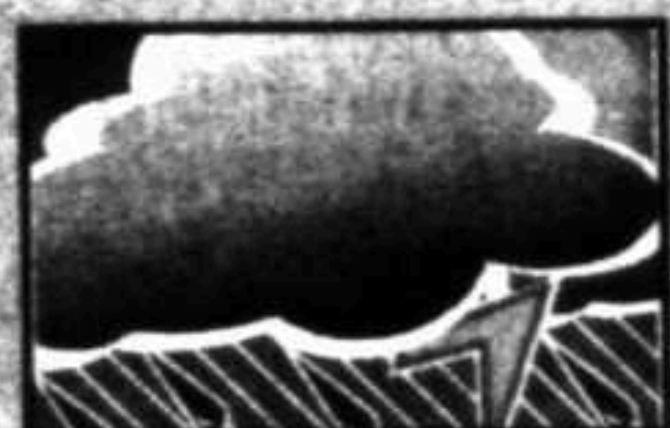
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A.M. BRIEFING

TODAY

Partly cloudy,
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Weather on 4A



An ethnic Albanian Kosovo refugee helps put on her younger brother's shoes in a refugee camp near village of Blace, Macedonia, Saturday. Hundreds of thousands of ethnic Albanian Kosovars have left their home province through national and regional borders since NATO began airstrikes against Yugoslavia on March 24.

NATO summit

WASHINGTON — NATO ran into defiant objections from Russia and questions from its own members Saturday about enforcing an oil embargo against Yugoslavia by searching ships at sea. President Clinton urged Americans to be patient with the bombing strategy in the meantime.

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USA Weekend

Ken Burns, award-winning filmmaker of PBS documentaries "The Civil War," "Baseball" and "Lewis and Clark," is scheduled to be in Midland April 5, 2000, as part of the Davidson Distinguished Lecture series at Midland College. Burns' interview with baseball's Mark McGwire is featured in the USA Weekend inserted in today's Reporter-Telegram.

Voters' Guide

Candidates in the May 1 election for District 2 of the MISD board and Place 5 of GISD board are presented in the League of Women Voters of Midland Voter's Guide.

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Gary Ott

Teens' excitement brings back memories of school years.

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Week draws attention to victims

19th annual National Crime Victims' Rights Week begins today

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

Committing a violent crime and getting caught is a good way to get your name in the newspaper and your face on TV. To mention lots of attention from the criminal justice system. But often, the victim of that crime is not the object of everyone's attention, according to Sue Slaton, coordinator of the Midland County Crisis Intervention Unit.

"Victims are so quickly forgotten. Take the shooting in Denver. People probably know by now, the guys who did it. But, I bet nobody could tell me the names of some of those who got shot," said Ms. Slaton, who hopes that's a reality she can change.

The 19th annual National Crime Victims' Rights Week kicks off today and will run through Saturday. The theme of this year's event is "Victims' Voices, Silent No More."

That theme has special significance to Lydia Fresca, who founded Survivors of Homicide in 1984.

Ms. Fresca's father was murdered when she was 6 years old. She could never get anyone to discuss the crime with her and her mother would break down crying when she asked.

"It's horrible to grow up with all that silence, to keep all your feelings inside," Ms. Fresca said. "But we don't have to be silent anymore. We can speak out."

Ms. Fresca founded Survivors of Homicide after her daughter Angela was murdered in 1992.

"According to the statistics, a large percentage of us will be the victim of a violent crime in our lifetime. It's sad, but it's the society we live in," Ms. Slaton said.



AT RIGHT: Denise Hall and her sister Danielle Randolph look through a scrapbook of photographs and keepsakes of their mother, Wanda Randolph, who was killed by her husband in December 1995.

BELOW: From left, Wanda Randolph and Javier Granado. AT BOTTOM: Naomi Aguirre and her husband, Alberto, stand at the grave of her brother, Javier Granado, who was killed in August 1991.

Photo at right by Tim Fletcher
Photo below by Brian Adamson

Sisters miss mother they never got to tell goodbye

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

A Christmas morning dawned in 1995, children rushed to the tree, checked their stockings and stared wide-eyed. They ran to wake their parents. They tore open their gifts, barely taking time to see what they had. Families sang carols, drank eggnog and apple cider.

Twelve-year old Midlander Danielle Randolph spent that Christmas in tears. Instead of making party arrangements, Denise Hall made funeral arrangements.

The two girls' mother had been shot three days before, forever marking it a tragic holiday.

Wanda and Daniel Randolph Jr. married in January 1984. It was Randolph's third marriage. Given the chance, his previous wives might have cautioned Wanda about the marriage.

Randolph beat his first wife to the point of hospitalization and even threatened to kill her. His second wife suffered repeated beatings at his hands. After an entire night of being punched and stomped to the floor, "He put a 9mm to my head and threatened to kill me," his second wife said in a previous Reporter-Telegram article.

After the beating, she was raped, then beaten again the next morning.

Wanda found out about her husband's tendencies soon enough.

On Nov. 20, 1990, she filed a criminal complaint with the Greenville Police Department.

In that complaint, Wanda said her husband often

Please see MOM/4A



Sister feels those responsible for brother's death got off too easy

Editors Note: Because one of the men believed responsible for the death of Javier Granado was never charged, the fictitious name of "Harvey" is being used. Granado's sister, Naomi Aguirre, gave an account of what witnesses told her about her brother's murder.

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

Three-year old Nicholas Granado pleaded with his uncle, "Come on Harvey, get up. Take me to the park. Don't go to sleep."

Javier Granado wouldn't be waking up from his sleep within the coffin.

His life ended Aug. 31, 1991.

The tragedy, Naomi Aguirre said, is nobody really knows why he was lured to 1300 N. Pecos St. that night or why two men brutally beat and stabbed her brother to death.

Please see BROTHER/4A

Former Midland couple shocked by tragedy in their upscale community

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

LITTLETON, Colo. — Former Midlanders Rex and Mary Richardson live in an upscale Colorado community that is beset by grief, disbelief, and chaos.

And like other residents of Littleton, and many people across the nation and world, they seek answers to the Tuesday slayings of 12 Columbine High School students and a teacher by two teenage classmates.

"It's just extremely shocking," said Mrs. Richardson, a Midland High School biology teacher in the 1950s. "I just felt blessed that my children are passed that age. And my grandchildren are almost to that age."

"I just feel blessed that nothing like that has happened to my immediate family or friends," said Mrs. Richardson, 65. "We live

close enough to see what's been going on all of the time, and it's been chaos up here."

She and her husband, Rex, live within a mile of the school, but their children had attended Littleton High School.

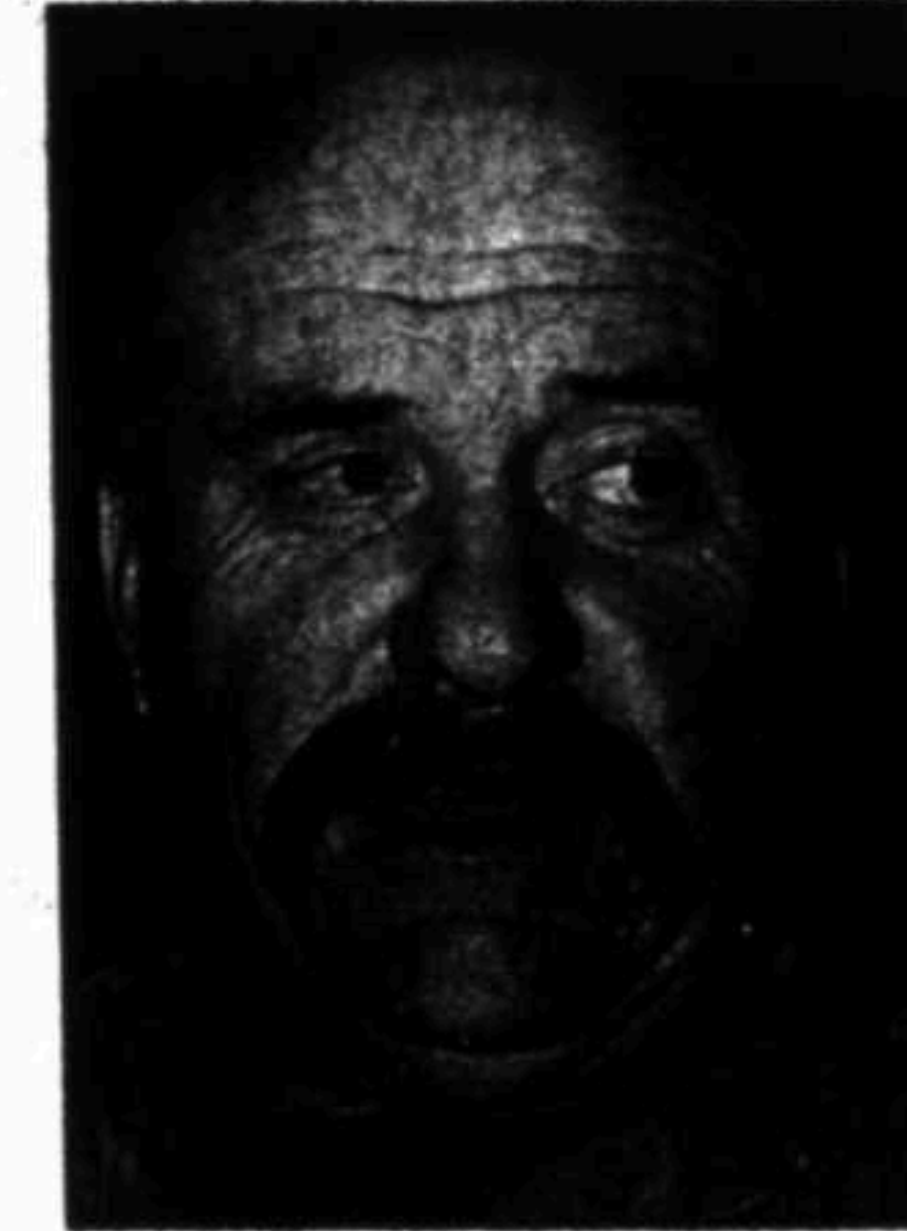
IN DISBELIEF

When Richardson first heard of the school shootings, he was in disbelief.

"Because there have been some other school shootings around the country, you kind of take those seriously," he said on Friday. "I didn't dismiss it totally" after initially hearing of the news in a telephone call from a son. "But none of us had any idea of the magnitude of what was going on. I still can't believe it. I think we all will be in disbelief, probably for weeks, here."

Richardson, 72, was a landman

Please see COUPLE/5A



Gun owners: Issue is about responsibility

By Richard Acosta
Staff Writer

After incidents like the shooting deaths in Littleton, Colo., questions are often raised about gun laws and gun ownership.

At this weekend's Texas Hunters Exposition at Midland Center, the general reaction from the people attending the show — those who deal with guns on a regular basis — was that the issue should not be about the guns, but about taking responsibility for one's actions.

Rob Payne, one of the dealers at the show, said that passing the buck has become the new American pastime.

"No one is willing to take responsibility," Payne said.

"Everyone is quick to blame the NRA or the gun manufacturer. It is the fault of someone holding the gun. It was a terrible thing that happened. All the psychologists say those kids had problems. My kids have grown up around guns their whole lives and I have hunted all their lives. They have never gone crazy and killed all their classmates."

Please see GUNS/4A

"I could load my gun and set it on the table and it will not go off. It is not inherently bad; it is the person who picks it up, wraps his hand around it that (sometimes) makes it bad."

—Rob Payne, gun dealer

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In Belgrade, thousands protest bombing of TV headquarters

By George Jahn
Associated Press

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — Thousands of Belgrade residents, carrying candles and flowers, marched Saturday to a church near the bomb-shattered headquarters of Serb TV, protesting a NATO attack that authorities say killed 15 people and injured 30.

From the march route, search crews could be seen digging through the jumble of concrete and steel where missiles struck early Friday in what NATO called an attack on the Serbian government's "propaganda machine."

NATO staged more attacks Saturday, including a strike on an oil refinery in the northern city of Novi Sad. NATO says it is intent on keeping the Novi Sad facility and the country's other main refinery at Pancevo out of operation.

Seeking strategies to stop oil imports from reaching Yugoslavia, NATO officials are considering bombing pipelines and possibly searching ships heading into Montenegro, the other republic that along with Serbia forms Yugoslavia.

"Why are we doing this? Essentially because without oil, the Yugoslav military machine will come to a halt and very quickly," NATO spokesman Jamie Shea said at a briefing in Washington, where Western leaders met for a second day to mark NATO's 50th anniversary.

In Cairo, Egypt, Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov said Russia would ignore any NATO decision to impose an oil embargo against Yugoslavia. "According to international law, sanctions cannot be imposed unless they are approved by the (U.N.) Security Council. We abide by the international law and not NATO decisions," Ivanov said.

The Belgrade march from Republic Square to St. Marco Church was held in place of the city's normal daily protest concert.

"We will postpone our concert for happier times," rock musician Bora Djordjevic told the 5,000 protesters, that included government officials and local journalists.

"One has to invent a new word in Serbian to describe what happened the other night," said Information Minister Milan Komnenic. "The word 'savagery' is not strong enough."

Journalist Nebojsa Spajic, head of the Belgrade Independent Media Center, said: "After this, every journalist in the world is a target."

Belgrade itself was spared a new round of NATO attacks late Friday and early Saturday, but numerous strikes were reported across the rest of Serbia, including Kosovo province.

Targets included the airfield near Kosovo's capital, Pristina;

and offices and industrial sites in the southern city of Nis, headquarters of the army group responsible for operations in Kosovo. NATO officials and refugees from the province — mostly ethnic Albanians — say Serb troops have forced out hundreds of thousands of people. The Yugoslav government says the refugees are fleeing NATO airstrikes.

The Yugoslav news agency Tanjug said another NATO strike hit a military compound in Novi Pazar, 85 miles south of Belgrade, wrecking a document center and a World War II monument.

In Kosovo, the Serb-run Media Center said five ethnic Albanian children were killed and six wounded Saturday when they accidentally set off a NATO cluster bomb in a field where it had fallen without detonating. There was no independent confirmation of the report.

Yugoslav President Slobodan

Milosevic met Saturday with his top aides in Belgrade, reportedly to discuss the "difficult" humanitarian situation in Kosovo. Tanjug said the officials also praised the Serb public's "heroic resistance against the militarily and technically superior enemy."

In Washington, NATO leaders pledged to continue the air attacks until Milosevic accepts Western terms for a peace agreement in Kosovo, including the return of ethnic Albanians.

Summit leaders set out conditions Milosevic must meet for NATO to halt the airstrikes: stop all violence, withdraw Serb forces from Kosovo, agree to deployment of an international military force, permit the return of all refugees and accept autonomy for Kosovo.

Belgrade's daily Politika — a strong supporter of Milosevic — called NATO "a criminal organization, celebrating its 50th anniversary by dropping bombs, destroying civilian objects and killing innocent people."

More than 600,000 refugees have fled Kosovo since airstrikes began, and Western aid groups say hundreds of thousands of others are displaced within the province, many trying to leave.

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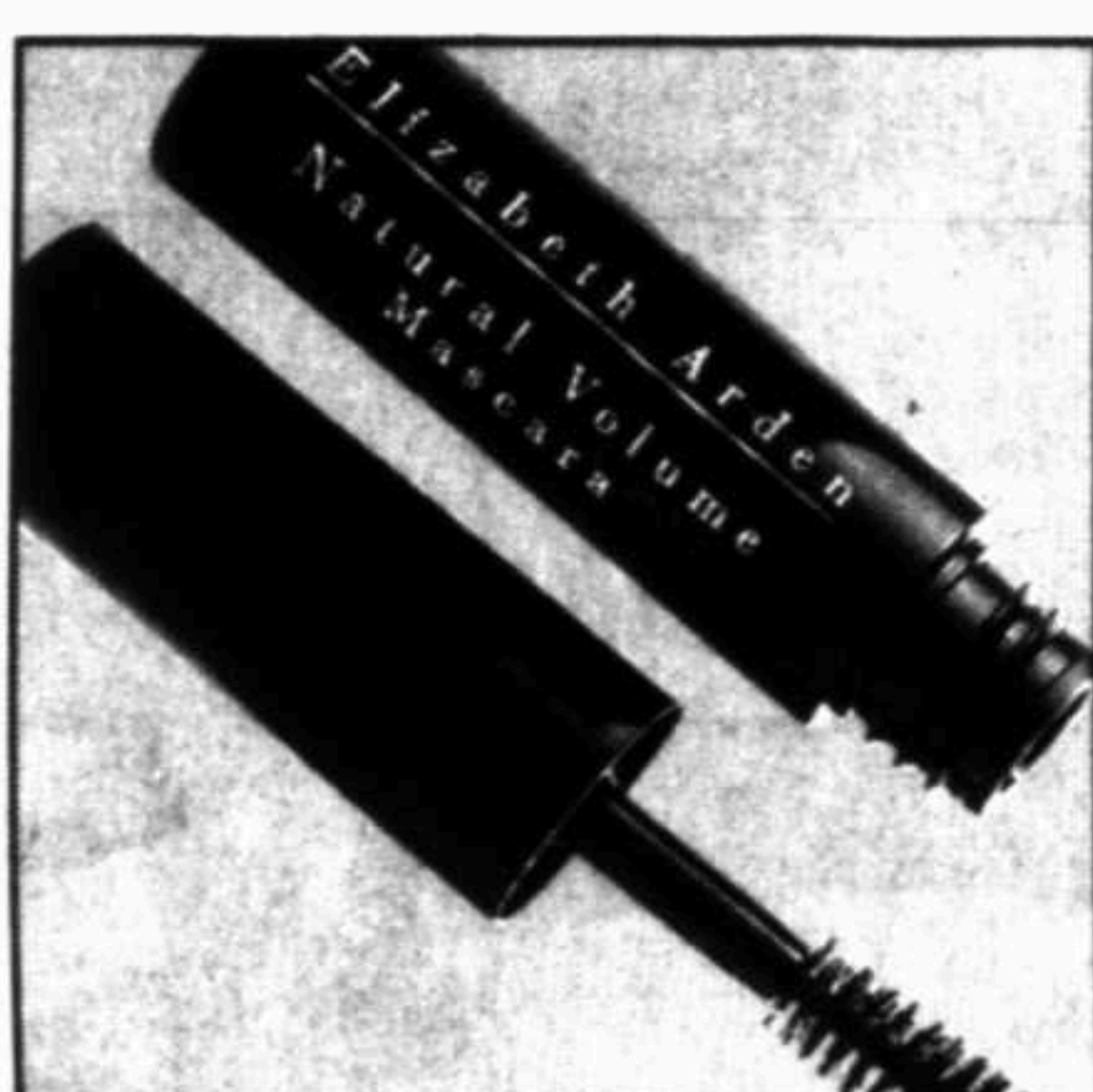
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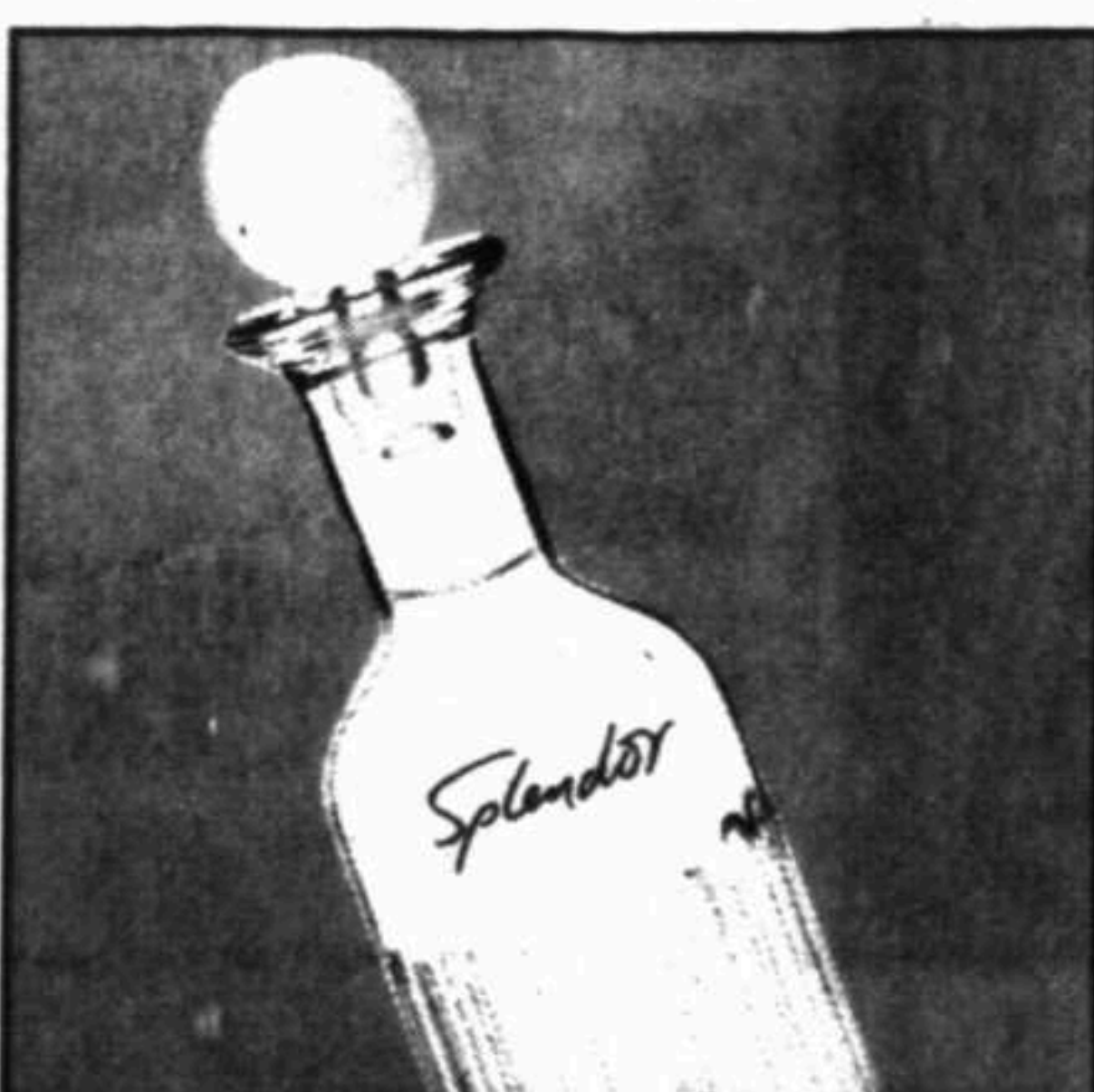
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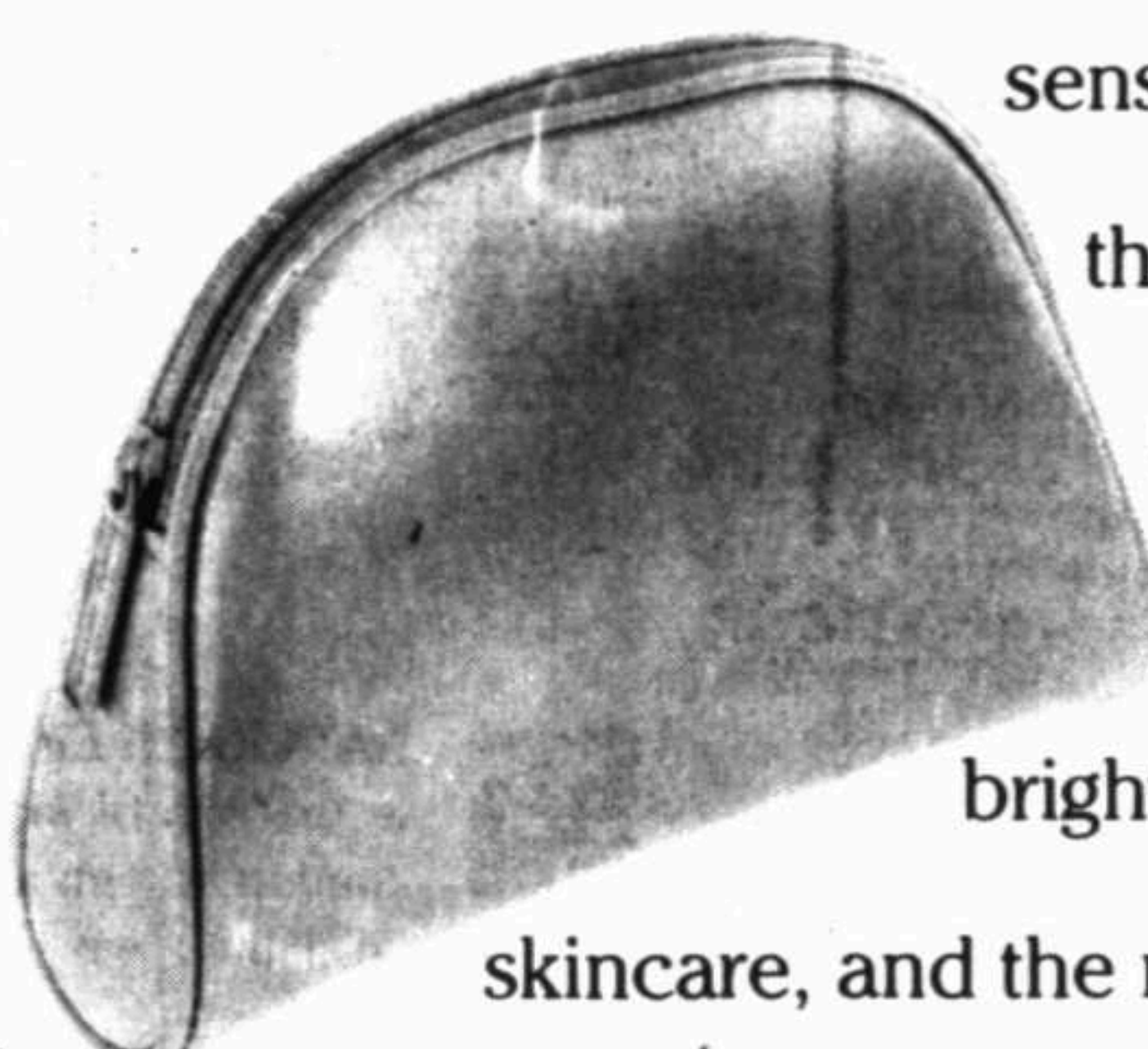
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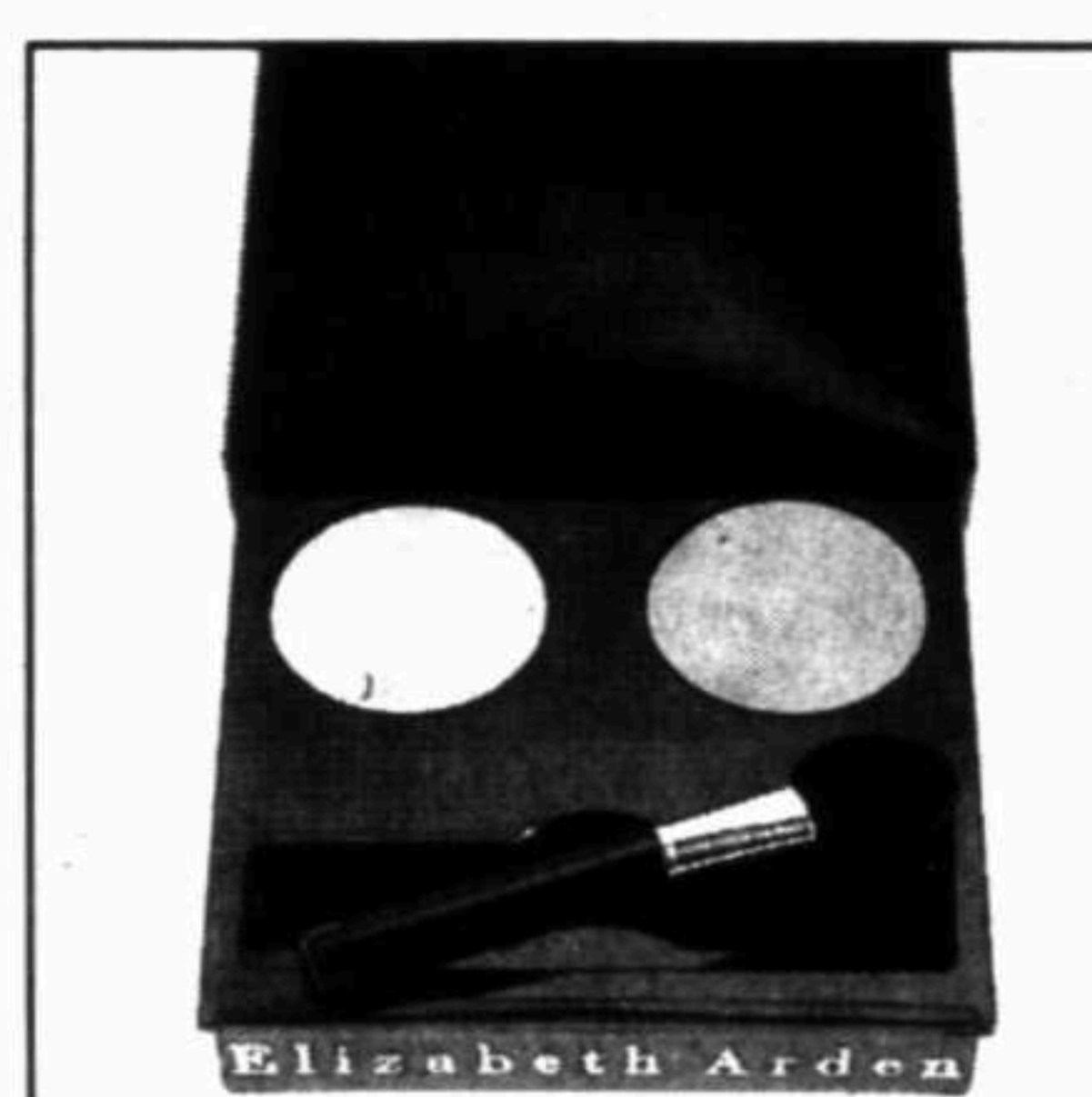


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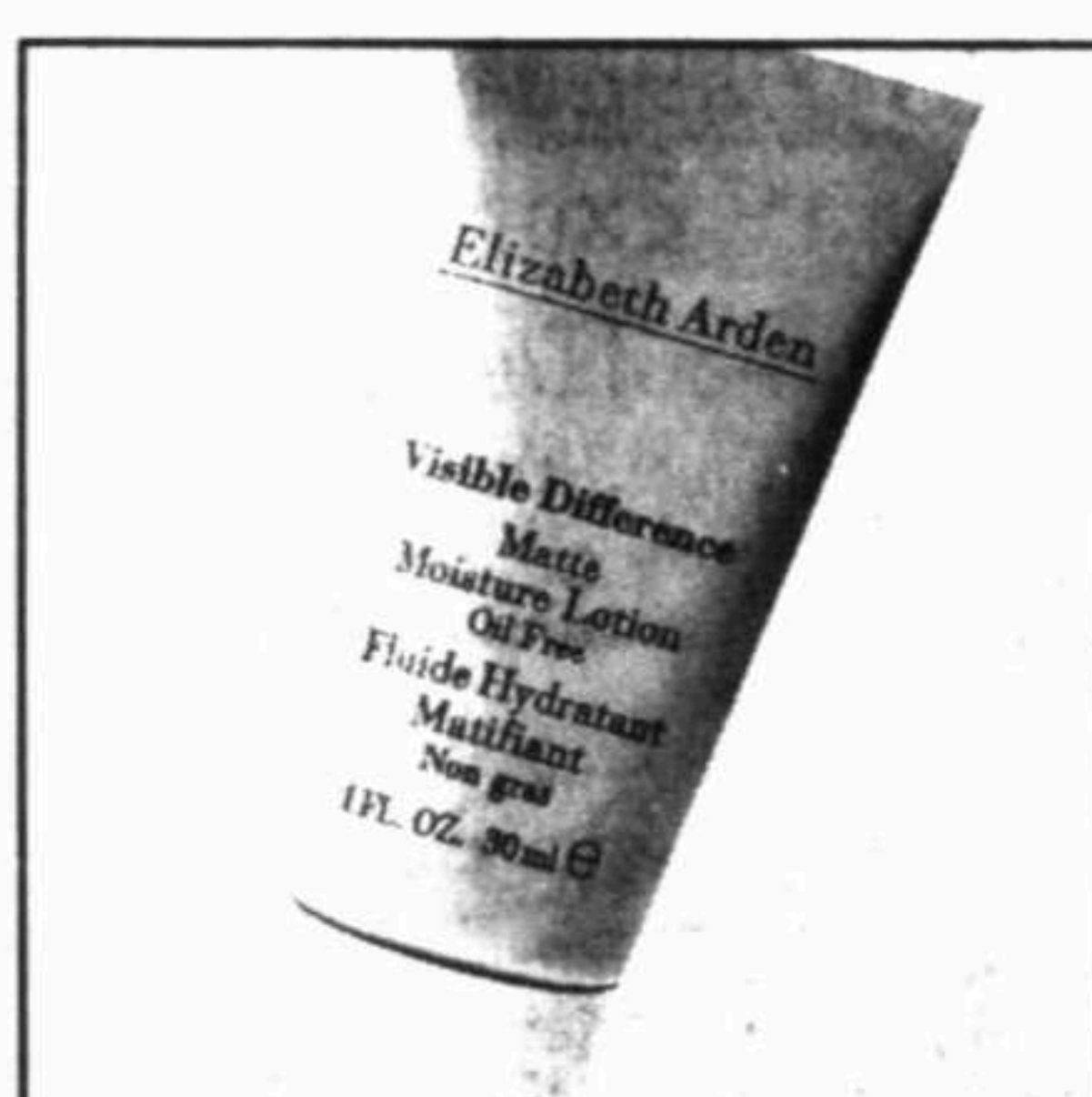


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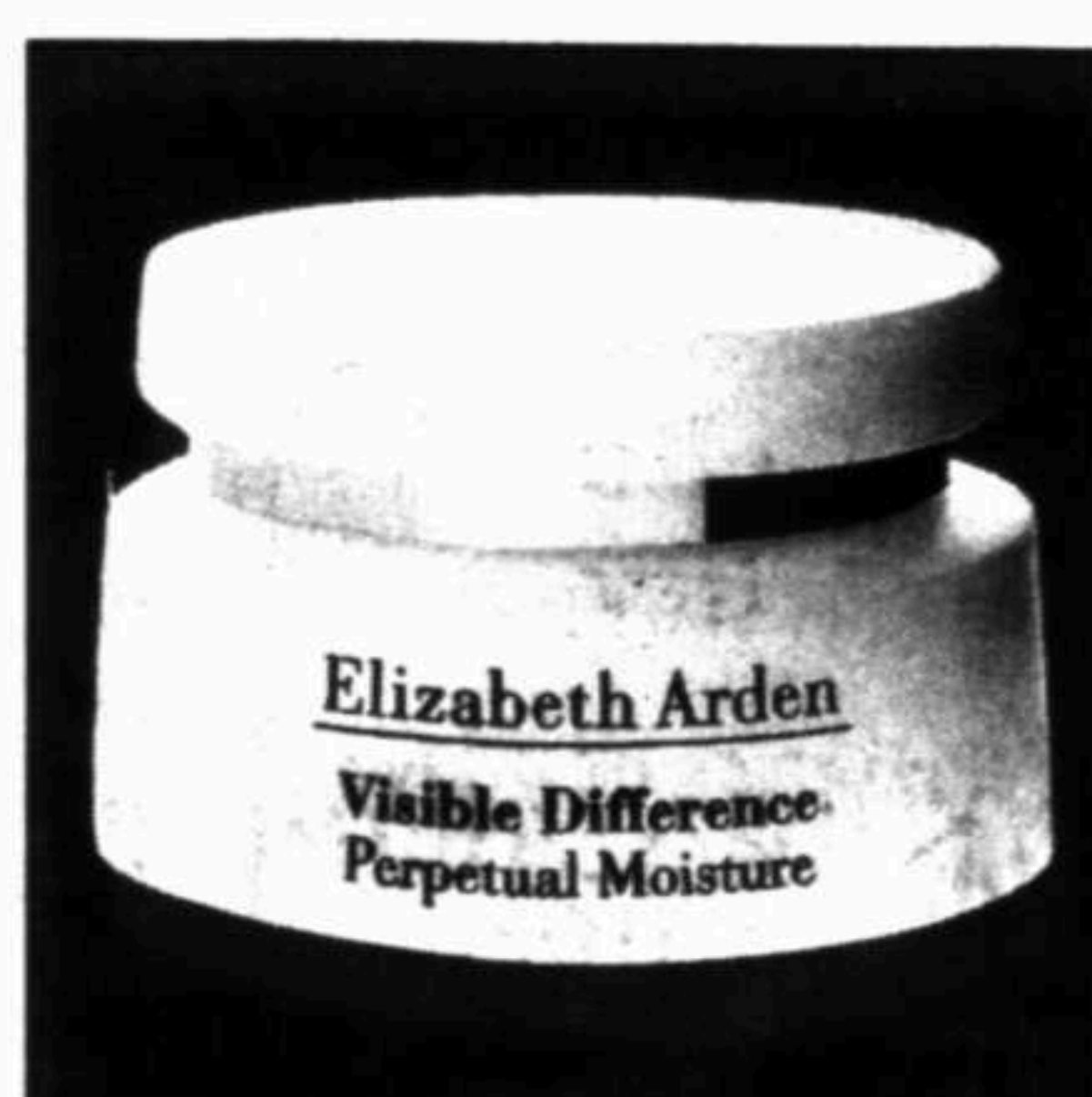
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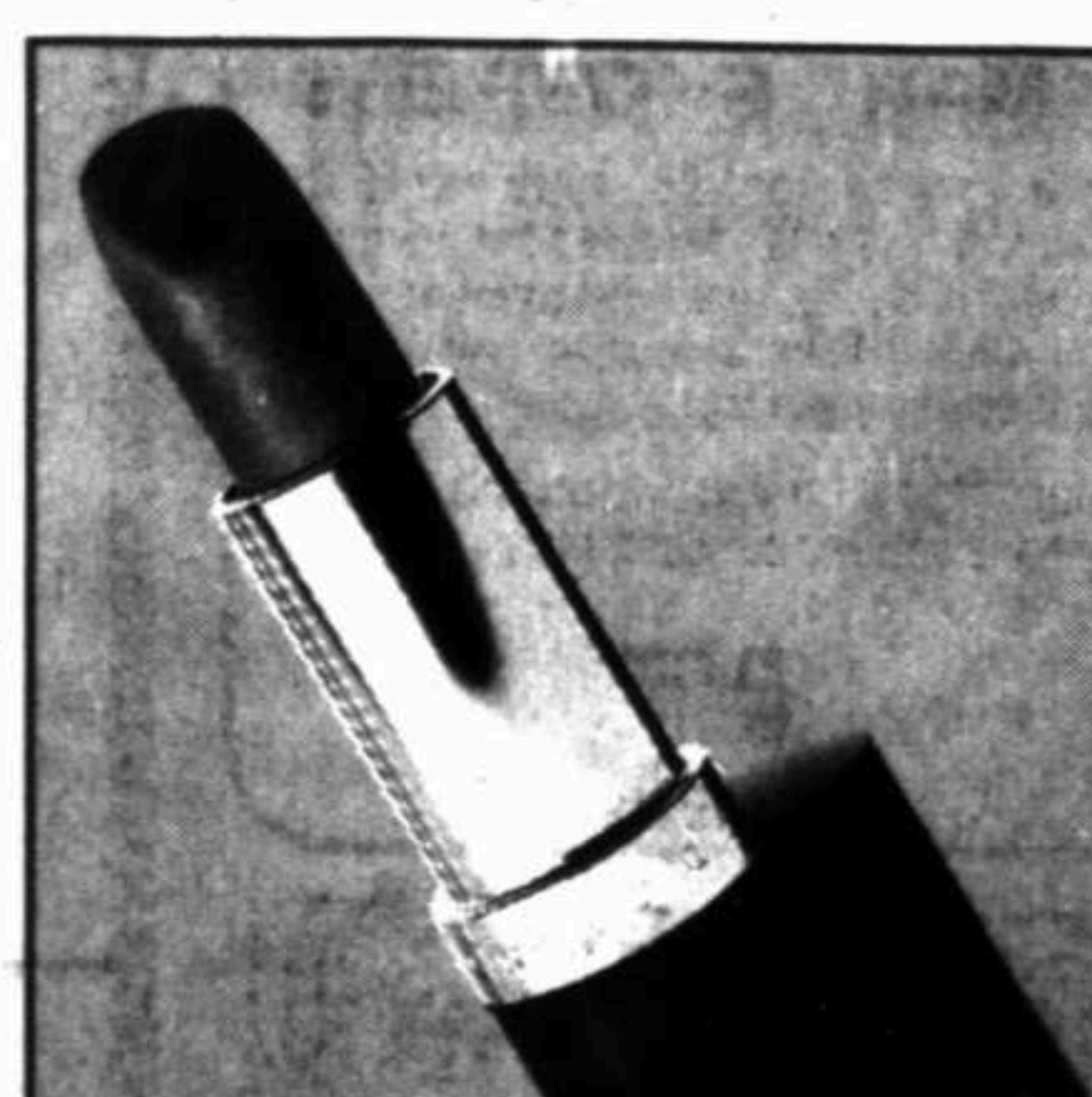
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Web site opens for air strikes — as they happen

By George Jahn
Associated Press

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — It's mid-afternoon, hours before evening air raid sirens normally sound over Belgrade. But in Nenad Cosic's home, another kind of early-alert system is already active.

"We can hear the idiots — flying towards Yugoslavia," warns an e-mail sent from Slovenia hundreds of miles away. "Good luck, Yugoslavia!"

Cosic sighs as he slots the message into a growing list on his screen.

"They're starting early today," he says of the aircraft coming from the north, heading in his direction for a new wave of NATO airstrikes meant to force a compromise on Kosovo. "It's going to be a long and busy day."

A Yugoslav Internet provider and a peacetime graphic designer, Cosic now spends up to 18 hours of his day compiling what amounts to an anti-NATO early warning system — and a blow-by-blow description of the strikes.

Operating from an office on the ground floor of his villa in downtown Belgrade, the bearded 43-year-old says he rarely sees his wife and two children, even though living quarters for the family are only a floor away.

"This has turned into a passion," he says of his long hours at the computer screen, as he shoves his glasses atop his head to rub his red-rimmed eyes. "It gives me a feeling of doing something useful during this war."

Typically, the first e-mails Cosic receives are like the one on a recent afternoon from Celje, Slovenia — northwest of Yugoslavia — warning of NATO overflights toward intended targets.

Others follow from the Serb part of neighboring Bosnia.

"They are flying over very high up," says an e-mail from the border town of Bijeljina. "Shoot down the bastards!" And another Bosnian Serb warns: "Planes flying high over Banja Luka. Brothers, hold on!"

As the evening progresses, the pace picks up and the content of the e-mails change — from alerts to often very personal messages of bombs and missile strikes as they occur. By midnight, Cosic opens new mail every few seconds, and the chronology of attacks on towns and suburbs near Belgrade is growing.

00:35 — "In Zemun, we can hear planes and several detonations from the direction of Belgrade."

00:36 — "Loud detonations and planes flying over. Our air defense is fighting back. Good luck Belgrade."

00:36 — "Many explosions in Pancevo."

There is no guarantee the e-mails are accurate. But the targets named in overnight messages to Cosic's site on the World Wide Web usually jibe with those reported by state media the next day.

And the e-mail site is well-visited. Cosic says the page listing

overnight attacks and others with related material has had about 20 million hits since starting operations about four weeks ago, many from as far as the United States.

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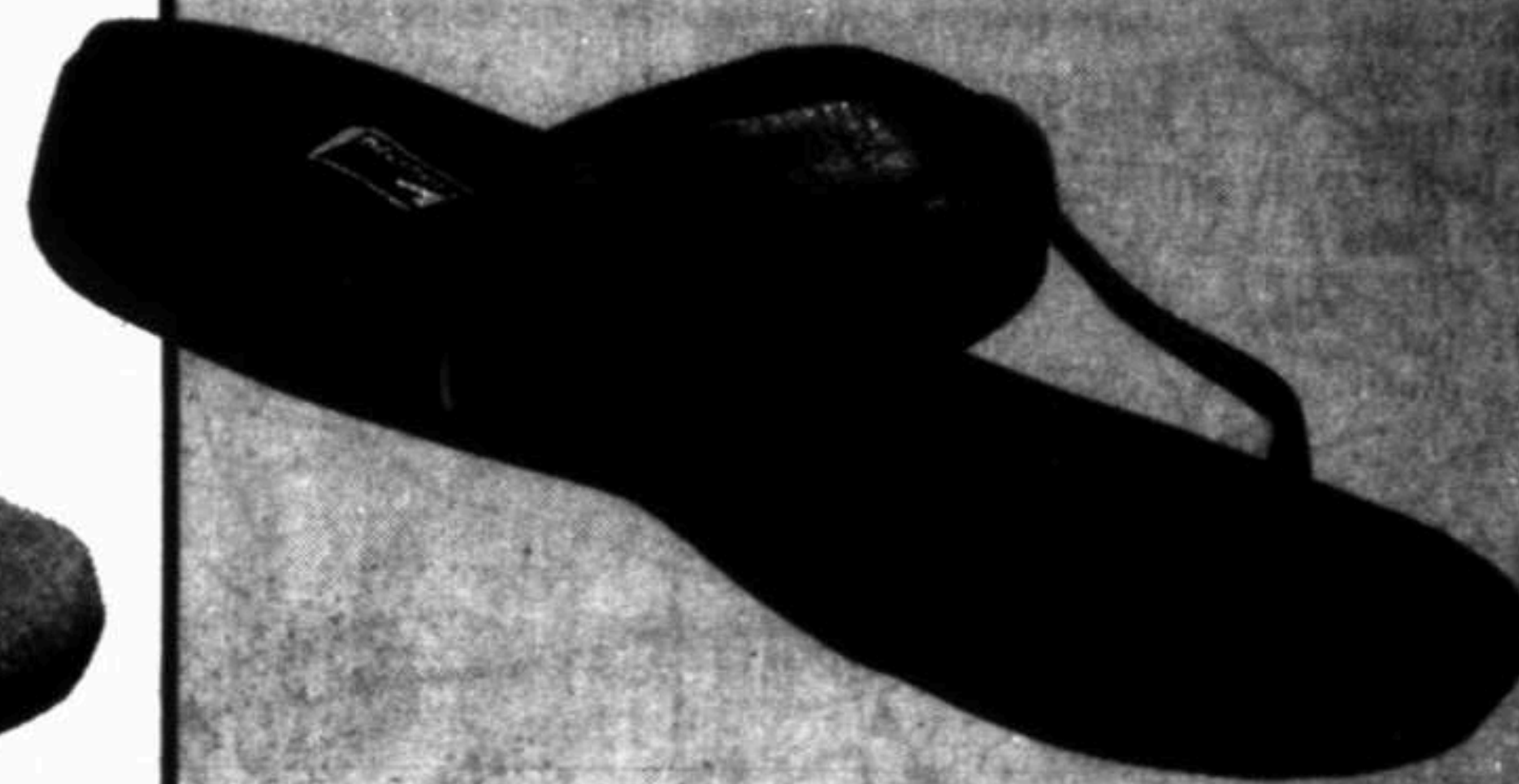
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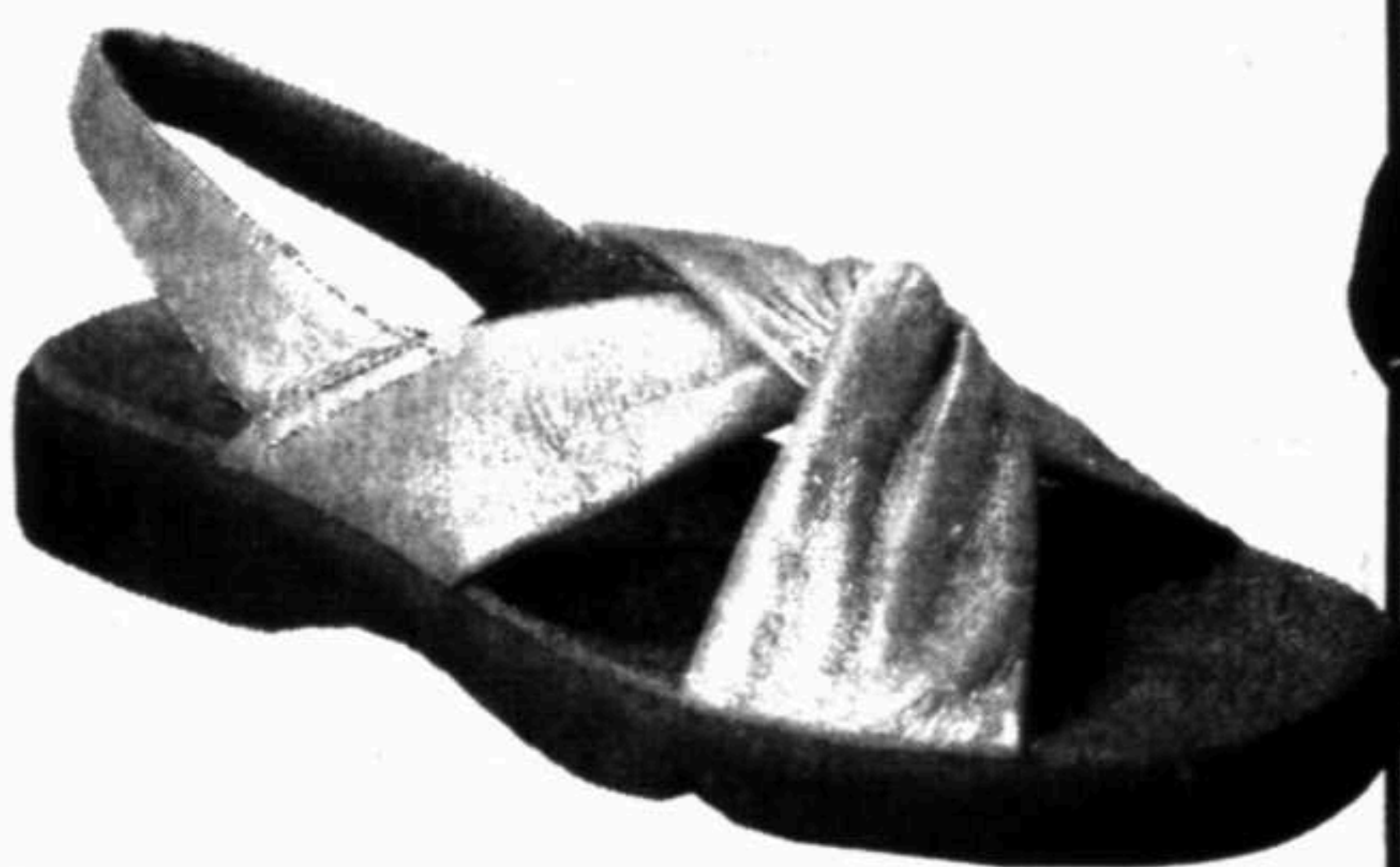
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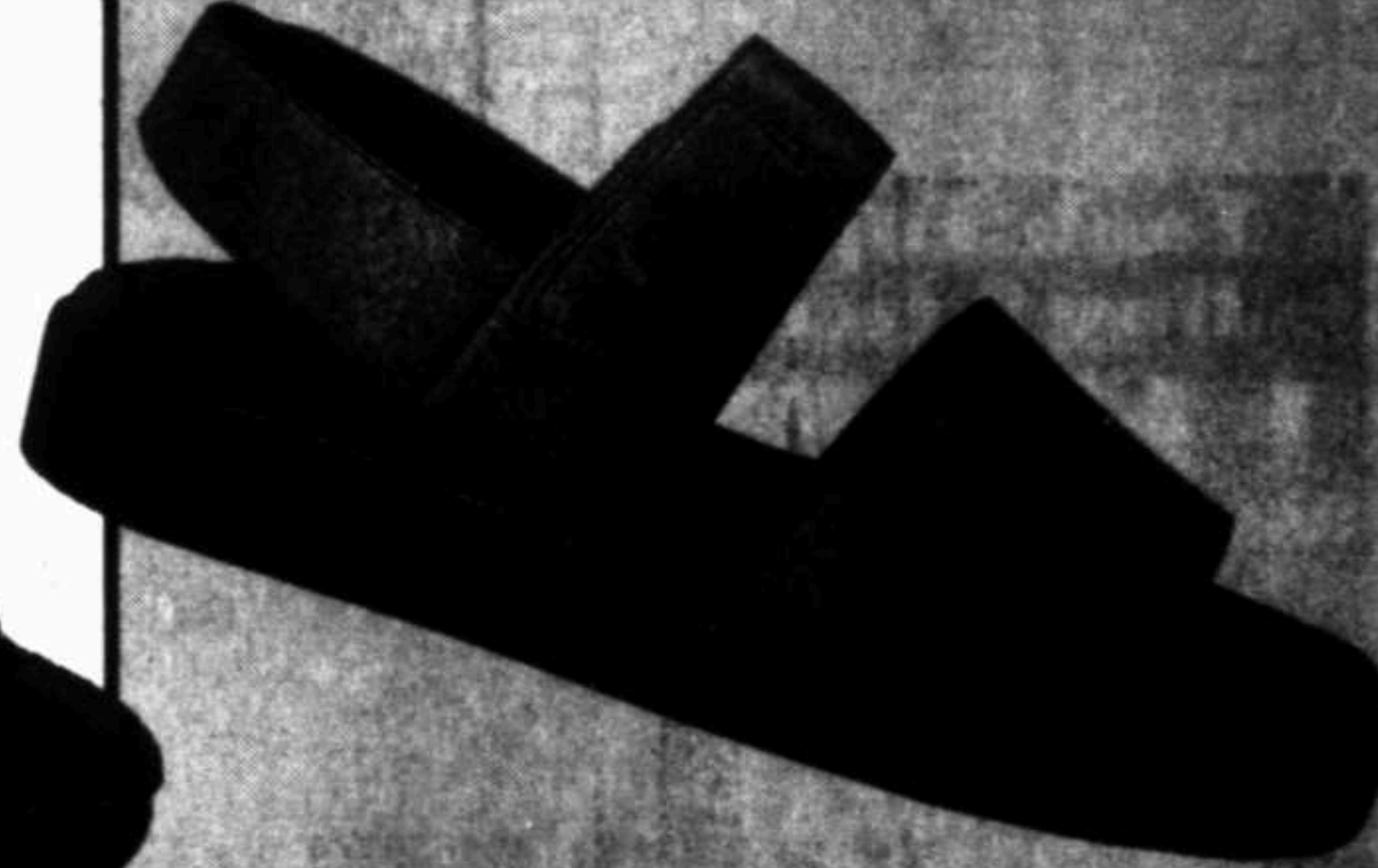
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Midland forecast

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Today	Monday	Tuesday
Chance of rain	Sunny	Sunny
High 80	High 82	High 86
Low 50	Low 51	Low 51

Today's forecast calls for a chance of morning thunderstorms with skies becoming partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain and a high around 80 and southwestern to west gusty winds blowing at 15-25 mph.

Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear skies with a low around 50. Monday's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with a high in the low 80s.

Tuesday's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with a high in the mid-80s to lower 90s.

After an overnight low of 46, Saturday's high reached 51, compared to the record high for that date of 95 set in 1943. The record low of 37 was set in 1995.

Yesterday's precipitation
 Rainfall Friday: 0.00 in.
 Rainfall Saturday: 0.03 in.
 Total for month: 0.12 in.
 Total for year: 1.67 in.
 Normal total yr to date: 2.10 in.

Yesterday's temperatures
 High: 51
 Low: 46
 Normal high: 82
 Normal low: 52

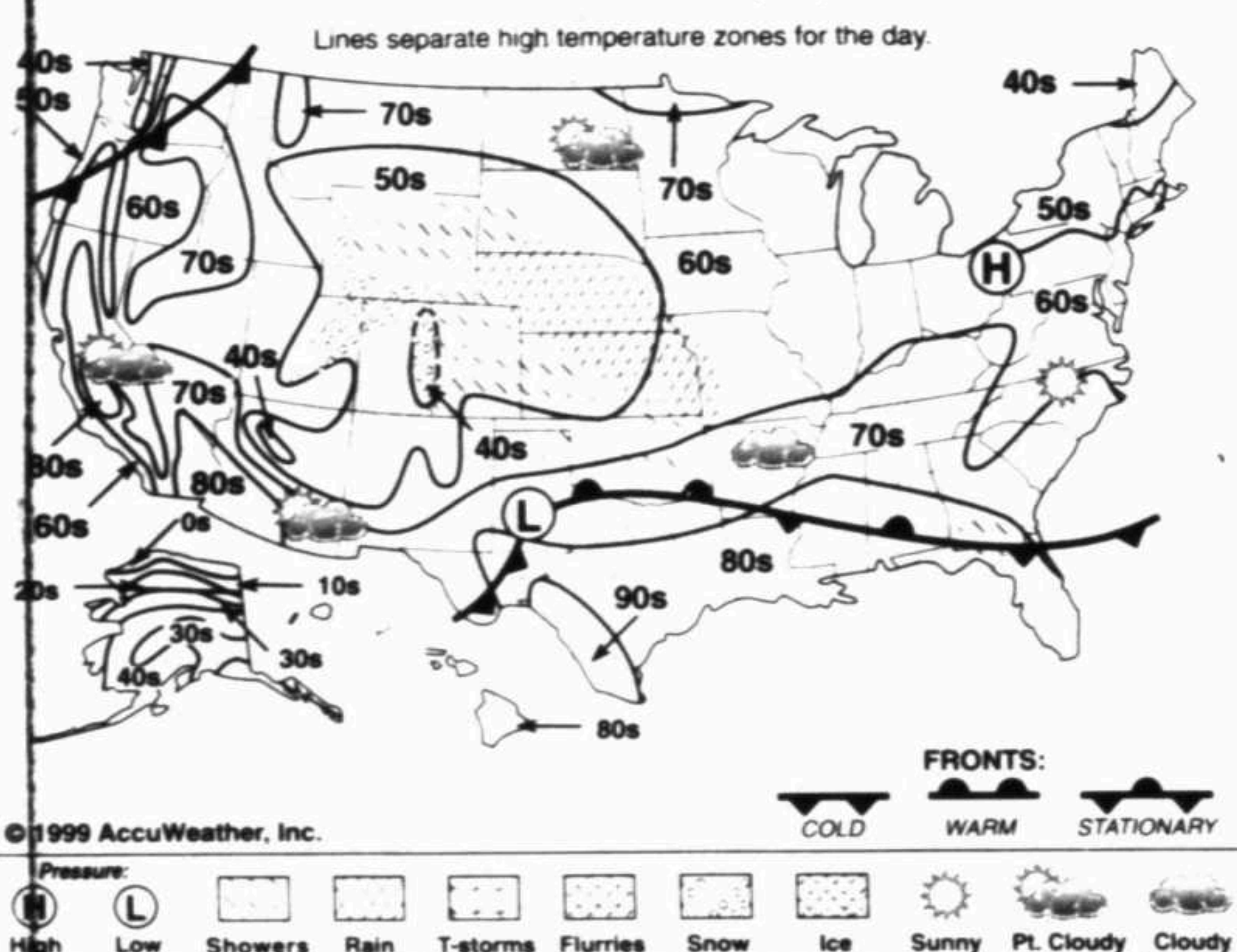
Pollen count
 Trees: high Weeds: low
 Grass: low Molds: low
 Dust: high
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National forecast

National weather

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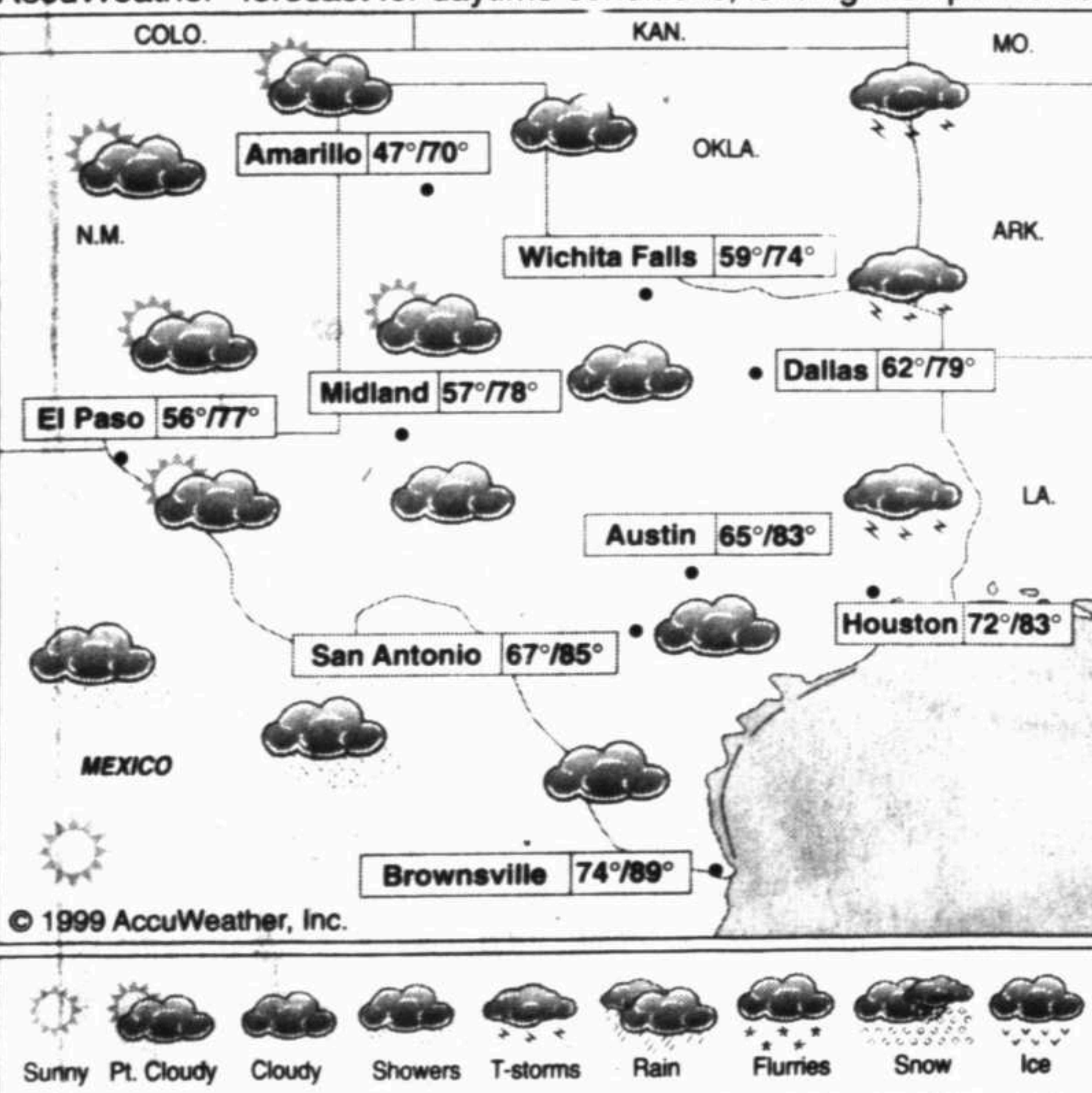


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Albuquerque	61	44	0.00	0.00	0.00
Anchorage	48	32	0.00	0.00	0.00
Atlanta	85	68	0.00	0.00	0.00
Atlanta City	80	36	0.00	0.00	0.00
Baltimore	61	37	0.00	0.00	0.00
Birmingham	77	67	0.00	0.00	0.00
Boise	68	46	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bozeman	57	36	0.00	0.00	0.00
Buffalo	48	29	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chattanooga, S.C.	82	71	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chattanooga, W. Va.	82	71	0.00	0.00	0.00
Charlotte, N.C.	71	60	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cheyenne	40	30	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chicago	53	34	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cincinnati	62	39	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cleveland	47	35	0.00	0.00	0.00
Columbia, S.C.	82	70	0.00	0.00	0.00
Columbus, Ohio	60	35	0.00	0.00	0.00
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Jacksonville	93	65	0.00	0.00	0.00
Kansas City	58	47	0.00	0.00	0.00
Las Vegas	58	50	0.00	0.00	0.00
Little Rock	61	41	0.00	0.00	0.00
Los Angeles	65	57	0.00	0.00	0.00
Memphis	67	62	1.14	0.00	0.00
Miami Beach	90	74	0.00	0.00	0.00
Milwaukee	50	36	0.00	0.00	0.00
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Tucson	74	57	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tulsa	62	51	0.00	0.00	0.00
Washington, D.C.	63	41	0.00	0.00	0.00

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Services for victims of crime

At least 18 Midland County agencies offer services for victims of crime.

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MHMC Emergency Room (915) 685-1588

Community Healthcare Clinic (915) 697-4747

DA/Victim Assistance (915) 688-1048

National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 25-May 1

Today — Sermons at local churches. Organizers request a weeklong recognition demonstrated by turning vehicle lights on.

Monday — Flags flown at half-staff at business and government offices. Proclamation by Mayor Bobby Burns at City Hall at noon.

Tuesday — Ceremony on courthouse lawn by victims' tree at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday — Main ceremony at Centennial Plaza at 10 a.m.

Thursday — Flashlight parade to Midland County Courthouse at 7 p.m.

Friday — Silent prayer — quiet day.

Saturday — Family time for victims.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend all activities.

MOM: Sisters' mother killed 3 days before Christmas

(From 1A)

physically assaulted her and in December 1989 had fired a shot at her while she lay on the floor. The bullet missed, but the day before the complaint was filed, Randolph beat Wanda with a gun and a broomstick. The next day, he allegedly threatened to shoot her and threatened to hit her with a hammer. He was arrested, but Wanda later signed a non-prosecution affidavit.

"He was always beating on her," said Denise. "He would hit her in the head. He had pulled a gun on her on several occasions and he stabbed her in the shoulder with a screwdriver once."

When the situation became too abusive, Wanda would go stay with Denise. "I'd ask her why didn't she leave. She would say, because she was afraid he would find her and kill her. She also said she loved him."

Danielle, now 15, was afraid to stay. In early 1995, she moved in with her sister because of excessive beatings.

"He had her out in the yard one time and beat her with a fan belt," Denise said.

By then, beatings were old hat for Danielle. Her father had been battering her since she was 6 years old.

"He would hit me and throw me across the room."

"The worst was when he whipped me with an extension cord because I got a bad report card."

She got C's. For that crime he chased his daughter through the house lashing her across the back and legs, bringing blood and leaving welts.

Wanda didn't come home Dec. 21, and Randolph was on a rampage. He went to Denise's house looking for his wife.

"You could tell he was upset," Denise said. He went back to 302 S. Adams St. — the home he and Wanda shared with Wanda's adopted mother, Kuma Mitchell.

He asked Ms. Mitchell if she knew where his gun was. She didn't.

Wanda didn't come home until Dec. 22.

When she did, Randolph was waiting for her. Ms. Mitchell heard arguing at about 1:30 a.m., then a gun shot.

"When mother came in, he asked where she had been. He didn't even give her time to answer before he shot her," Denise said.

Testimony during Randolph's murder trial showed that Wanda was shot point-blank in the top of the head as she sat on her bed.

BROTHER: Sister, niece had hard time dealing with death

(From 1A)

It's likely they'll never know. Freddie Sanchez of Lamesa was charged with the murder, but he plea-bargained and the case never went to trial. Hector Perales, another man who Naomi feels certain was involved, was never charged.

"They never even talked to him," Naomi said. "The people we've talked to, that were there, said they saw both men beating him and kicking him."

Talking to people on the street and investigating the matter on their own, Naomi and her family have tried to piece together her brother's final night.

That Saturday night, Harvey was watching movies with friends.

They heard a knock at the door. Perales, a close friend who had often visited in the Granado home, was looking for Harvey.

"Hey, there's this house party. Why don't you come over?" Perales said.

Harvey thanked him, but said he already had plans.

Perales left, but came back. He kept coming back — a total of five times — until Harvey relented.

He told his friends, "I'll be back. I'm just going to go see what they want."

Harvey never returned.

Harvey, 27, had endured some problems. He'd been convicted twice on drug violations and spent six months in prison on both occasions. Six months before his death he'd gone through substance abuse rehabilitation. By all accounts, he was clean. He was trying to lead a different life.

Police would have his family believe something different.

"A police detective told us, 'It was just two drunks having a fight and your brother lost,'" Naomi said.

"It was just cold, flat," said Naomi's husband, Alberto Aguirre.

Naomi asked to see the medical examiner's report and was told that there was no alcohol in Harvey's system.

They heard several other stories about his death.

"I looked into it, if he was in a gang from prison. He wasn't. And he wasn't into drugs anymore," Naomi said.

"I think it was because he was trying to change his life."

First-hand accounts from the

13 witnesses made her even more certain.

When Harvey showed up at the party, Sanchez offered him a beer.

"No thanks," Harvey said. Drugs were also offered. Harvey had been addicted to heroin, but again he resisted.

"You think you're better than we are?" Sanchez asked.

"No, I've just made my family suffer so much," Harvey said. "I've hurt myself, my brother and my sister and I don't want to do it anymore."

Maybe Sanchez didn't like Harvey's attitude. Maybe he was angered that Harvey could break the spell and he couldn't. Maybe he was just high and didn't have a good reason when he went into the kitchen and grabbed a 6-inch knife.

He stabbed Harvey in the forehead and sliced a half-moon down the side of his face to his chin. He stabbed him in the throat, then the shoulder, then the stomach.

Harvey fell to the ground as Sanchez and Perales kicked and punched him. He tried to crawl away, pleading, "I'm dying. Just leave me alone and let me die in peace."

The two men continued to kick him until his body was still. They walked away and two women rushed over to perform CPR.

Harvey was actually back from death's door, but Sanchez and Perales were lurking near by.

They came back and stomped the life out of Javier Granado a final time.

"Freddie Sanchez not only killed Harvey that night, he messed up our whole family," Naomi said. "We were a tight-knit family."

Harvey made an effort to spend quality time with his family. He was close to his niece, Talina, and to Nicholas.

"He used to take them to the park for walks. They were his pride and joy."

The severance of that connection weighed heavily on Talina.

"She turned into a 9-year-old adult overnight," Naomi said.

Her school work began to suffer and her teacher called to tell the Aguirres that something was wrong.

Talina wouldn't eat. She wouldn't talk, wouldn't play with other children and wouldn't do her homework.

WEEK: Victims' Rights Week to begin today

(From 1A)

Ms. Slaton would like to get people involved with the judicial system and victims' rights before they become victims.

"We all think it can't happen to us. Some people think victims of violent crimes are in the wrong place at the wrong time or are associating with the wrong people."

"That's just not true. You can be minding your own business, look at somebody the wrong way and end up being a victim," she said. "That's why it's important for everyone, not just victims, to attend these events."

Victims' Rights Week also will seek to bring more awareness of the issues victims face.

"They will never have the same life. They may learn to live a fairly enjoyable life but it will never be the same," said Ms. Slaton, adding that victims aren't always just the person against whom the crime was perpetrated.

Victims also include immediate family and anyone closely connected to the initial victim, according to Ms. Slaton.

"It's kind of like a pebble in water. It's the ripple effect."

Ms. Slaton's office, which deals with victims of all tragedies — such as natural disaster, murder, domestic violence and rape — receives approximately 45 calls per month.

The murder and Randolph's 60-year sentence left Danielle an orphan and Denise responsible for raising her preteen sister. Danielle plummeted into depression. She wouldn't talk to anyone. She lashed out in school and her grades went down.

"It's still kind of the same," Danielle said. "I still don't like to talk about it that much."

The worst times for her are around Mother's Day, birthdays and Christmas.

"I really miss her not being able to go to my track meets and basketball games. But the worst is, she'll never get to see me graduate."

Denise has similar feelings.

"Whenever her birthday comes around it's hard. And it's hard when I see daughters with their mothers. It just eats me up."

Denise offered some advice for anyone who might be in the same situation her mother was in. "If you're in an abusive relationship, this is what it can lead to. I never expected it to get to this point ... where he would actually kill her. You can't say your last goodbye, can't say I love you. The person is just gone and it leaves this pain in your soul."

Danielle might have said it better.

"If you've got a mother, just love her."

party. That was offered as a reason Perales was never indicted in connection with Harvey's death.

Naomi was told, "He's already in jail. Why do you want him prosecuted?"

Perales, as well as Sanchez, could be out of jail within the next five years.

Sanchez got 40 years for his plea bargain and could be out on good behavior as early as 2004.

"I really don't think that's fair," Naomi said. "He'll get to come home to his mom, to his wife and kids. We weren't given that chance. Harvey wasn't given that chance."

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COUPLE: Former Midlanders living amid tragedy

(From 1A)

for Conoco in Midland and then moved to the Denver area in 1969 to open a district office for Pennzoil. Later, he started a partnership, Western Exploration and Production Co., which was "funded by a lot of Midlanders."

The Richardsons' four children were born in Midland: Rex Richardson Jr., 42, of Durango, Colo.; Greg Richardson, 40, of Parker, Colo.; Jennifer Barber, 38, of The Woodlands and recently of Midland, and John Richardson, 35, of Boston.

The area where Columbine High School is situated is "beautiful," Richardson noted. "It's actually much closer to our house than the high school our kids went to."

Columbine is in Jefferson County, and the Richardsons live in neighboring Arapahoe County.

COMPASSION FOR STUDENTS

Mrs. Richardson said that she feels "sorry for the kids who are in school now."

"Our little grandchildren (Laura, 13, and Melissa, 12), when they came over here the other day, they didn't even want to go toward that school," Mrs. Richardson said. "They didn't want to see it — where it happened. I was amazed."

Littleton, a town of about 35,000, is an upper-middle-class suburb of Denver.

After the shooting, the community was inundated by the media and their tools and equipment: hovering helicopters and low-flying airplanes and dozens of television vans and their transmitters and disks representing the major networks and news agencies the world over.

Two days after the shooting, Richardson was in downtown Littleton to get a haircut when an Israeli television crew interviewed him and the barber.

Richardson said he told the crew that he "wouldn't be surprised if it (the shooting) happened in Israel because it is a long way off" and bombings do occur there. "But right here under our own nose? We can't believe it."

"Columbine is a big high school (near a) beautiful park" replete with tennis courts and baseball diamond, and a "nice library," and is "very close to a big shopping mall, Southwest Mall."

In Littleton, "there are some pockets of big houses, something like the Racquet Club there in Midland — the more expensive homes," in addition to the more modest upscale homes similar to his old neighborhood in the 2400 block of Sinclair Avenue in Midland.

The youths responsible for the

deaths and injuries, Dylan Klebold, 17, and Eric Harris, 18, probably were from upper-middle-class families. Klebold's father is a geophysicist, Richardson said. Harris' father reportedly is a retired military man.

"There's been rumors of it being a racial thing," Richard said. "I don't really think it was that at all. I don't think the students think it was. (They) happened to shoot one black kid out of a school of almost 2,000 — 1,980-something students. There were only 14 black students in the school. They happened to shoot one of them."

"Like the students, we are kind of disbelieving" that the carnage happened at all.

Across the community and beyond, people "keep wondering what has caused all this," Mrs. Richardson said.

Like his wife, Richardson said that "everybody is trying to come up with an answer for" violence among some teen-agers. "I think most people realize it is not any

one answer. We think it is (partly in) the movies" that portray violence (and) ... a lot of it is both parents working a lot — nobody home watching what the kids are doing."

Richardson wondered where the parents were when the youths, one or both, were building bombs used in the slayings.

"You have to blame them both" regardless of who made the bombs or who was the leader, Richardson said.

In an account of the slaying from survivors, Richardson said that Harris and Klebold were shooting in the school library.

Under a table, there was a girl seeking safety.

"They leaned under (the table) and asked her if she was praying and if she believed in God, and she said, yes, she did, and they shot and killed her," Richardson said. "They kind of sprayed them all. But some of them were playing dead. They didn't get them all."

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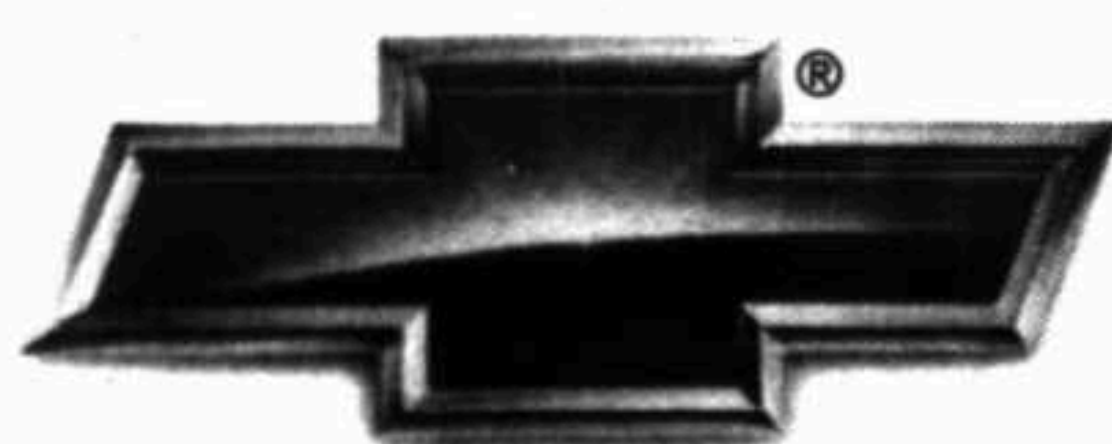
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Voter's guide

School board elections May 1, 1999

MIDLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, DISTRICT 2

List your qualifications and experience relative to this position. (limit - 75 words)

George B. Lara Sr.



As successful business owner for eleven years, and a community leader for number of entities (Eastside Lions Club, current Secretary/Treasure, former member of F.A.M.A., MISD cluster alignment committee, MISD section X agreed judgment committee Alternate member, City of Midland Street commission, City of Midland Economic Development advisory board, Lamesa road task force committee, Country Mesa advisory committee, Census 2000 committee) within the community. With this experience I know first hand the process of adopting policies and goals and working within a budget. But most importantly communicating with the community.

What are the three most critical issues facing MISD today and what actions are needed to resolve them? (limit - 100 words)

I believe one of the most critical issues that MISD is facing today is Parental Involvement. How do we resolve that? By setting goals that will involve parents participation in their children's education from the elementary level to the high school level. Secondly, next years short fall in revenues, I believe that every program will have to be scrutinized, and evaluated for its success rate. Third, the shortage of Qualified Educators, MISD must be able to compete in compensating and have a retention program for the new and current Teachers.

In the context of single member districts and diverse interests in our community, how would you balance these needs with the good of the entire district? (limit - 100 words)

As board trustee, one must recognize the importance of plaintiff intervenors. MISD must be able to work with plaintiff intervenors in regards with the responsibilities of the adoption of goals and policies. I believe every child should have every opportunity to succeed beyond his or her capabilities. As we enter the new millennium we have great challenges. But working together we can meet and exceed the challenges for the betterment of our children and community.

Adela Marmolejo



My previous experience with PTA provided me with the opportunity to focus on issues, with basic knowledge of school operations, and was an avenue to information on different educational programs used throughout the state and the nation. I have 431.5 hours of school board training. Texas required 10 hours per year but I have sought out as many opportunities possible to broaden my knowledge in order to better serve the citizens of Midland especially those in District 2.

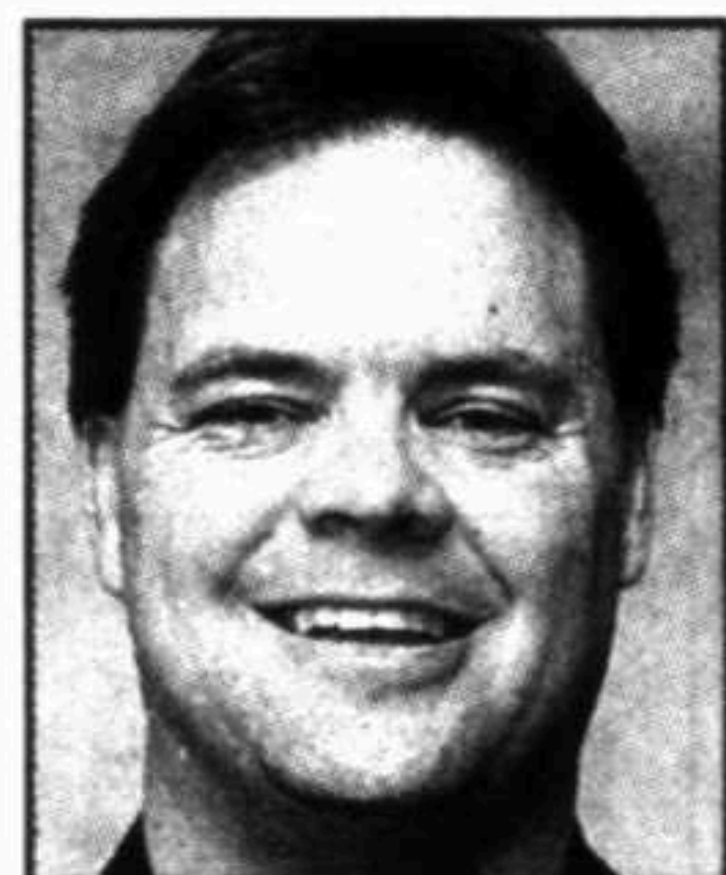
Three critical issues facing MISD are next year's budget, the Agreed Judgment, and compliance with federal/state mandates. Monies from the state will be reduced due to less revenue, charter schools, students leaving MISD, and the legal cost for the Agreed Judgment. The challenge is to maintain competitive teachers' salaries and quality educational programs. New facilities are needed at the secondary level to address guidelines set by Title IX, Special Education, and enrich programs such as in the area of science. Finally meeting the requirement in the Agreed Judgment concerning secondary course offerings, elementary student assignments, gifted and talented program.

Diversity is an asset. Single member district gave all citizens an equal voice in the decision making process. Communication is the key to balance the diverse interest within our community. Communication requires listening as well as speaking skills. School Board members need to accept that people are unique. People have different needs, areas of sensitivity, and concerns. Education has basic requirements that children need. There are mandates set by government to insure quality education. My focal point will continue to insist that all children have the right to equal facilities, curriculum, teaching staff, and access to all special program.

GREENWOOD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, PLACE 5

List your qualifications and experience relative to this position. (limit - 75 words)

Price Robinson



- Greenwood resident for 16 years.
- Two children in Greenwood schools.
- Board member for 9 years. Current board president.
- B.S. Degree from Sam Houston State University. MBA Degree from UTPB.
- Lieutenant with the Midland Police Department. Graduate of the FBI National Academy.
- Over 240 hours of school board training in areas such as school finance, school law, governance, policy making, and board member responsibilities.
- Active member of First United Methodist Church.
- Graduate of Leadership Midland.
- President - Permian Basin School Board Association.

What are the three most critical issues facing GISD today and what actions are needed to resolve them? (limit - 100 words)

First is the economy. The district will lose approximately \$635,000 due to declining values and enrollment. Sound budget management and financial planning by the board will enable the district to adequately deal with this. Also, early retirement of bond debt will result in a substantial tax decrease. Second, to continue challenging our students academically. Three of four campuses received Recognized status last year for outstanding TAAS scores. Distance learning in the fall will enable high school students to receive high school and college credit for certain classes. Third, to keep abreast of changes in technology. We continue to upgrade our technology plan and achieved Internet access last year with grant funds.

Chris Soape
did not submit response.

Polling places for the May 1 election:

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Bird's penchant for people results in return to captivity

PHOENIX (AP) — A California condor that has a penchant for people, even allowing someone to pick it up, has been returned to captivity.

The unusual behavior alarmed overseers of a federal program who had released the giant bird to the wild in northern Arizona five months ago.

"This was an unusual condor. It walked right up to people," said Bill Heinrich of the Peregrine Fund, an Idaho-based organization that's heading the reintroduction program in partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

"Scavenger species like condors are attracted to areas of high activity. In nature, activity signals the possibility of a food source," he said. But contact with humans can be dangerous for condors and vice versa.

The year-old male, labeled Condor 86, approached people at three different locations. It was picked up at an airport near the Grand Canyon, authorities said Friday.

"The lack of fear of humans put the condor in danger — a behavior that could have jeopardized other condors if he had taught them to approach humans," said Shawn Farry, the fund's condor field team leader. "When cornered, condors will use their powerful beak for protection. That's another reason not to approach them."

Peregrine Fund biologists first recaptured Condor 86 on March 25 after it spent an afternoon and an evening in a mulberry tree at a resort parking lot in Hurricane, Utah.

It was kept in a kennel until being released again April 2 at the horse-shoe-shaped Vermilion Cliffs near the Grand Canyon.

But on April 4, the condor was seen approaching river rafters at Travertine Canyon on the Hualapai Indian Reservation and the following day spotted at the small airstrip and terminal area at Grand Canyon West.

"One guy at the airport picked it up and took it inside so coyotes wouldn't get at it," Heinrich said.

The bird was placed in the Peregrine Fund's propagation center in Boise, Idaho. Eventually, it will be integrated into a captive breeding program n either at the Idaho center, the Los Angeles Zoo where it was hatched or the San Diego Wild

Animal Park.

California condors, among the most ancient of North America's birds, were nearly shot, poisoned and electrocuted to extinction until biologists launched a multimillion-dollar recovery program in the 1980s.

They trapped all 22 surviving wild condors and brought them into zoos, setting their offspring free in California and Arizona. The carrier-

eating birds with a nearly 10-foot wingspan had been absent from Arizona's skies since the 1920s.

Condor 86 was one of eight birds released last Nov. 18 at Hurricane Cliffs near the Arizona-Utah border. Fourteen other condors have been set free over the past three years at Vermilion Cliffs.

All of the birds are monitored by radio transmitters attached to their wings.

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Information bill goes to Senate should be OK'd

Senate Bill 1851, The Omnibus Public Information Bill, is scheduled for floor debate in the Texas Senate on Monday and while there are still some troubling provisions to the legislation, it represents a step forward for open government in Texas and should be approved.

The bill by San Antonio Republican Jeff Wentworth contains the recommendations of the interim committee on public information that traveled to eight different cities around Texas last summer to discuss the important issue of public information. The various recommendations were then rolled into one omnibus bill that creates more access to information for Texans.

Some of the highlights of the bill include:

- A requirement for the posting of citizens' rights to information within offices of governmental bodies.
- The establishment of new criteria to be reviewed by the Sunset Commission. The commission will be able to review agency procedures for providing information to the public.
- The narrowing of commercial and financial information that may be withheld by a governmental body.
- New language regarding access to information maintained by the judiciary.

-- A reduction from 60 days to 45 days of the time allowed for an Attorney General's response.

As noted previously, not every provision of this bill is positive. One, for example, allows the attorney general's crime victims' compensation division to develop a form that would allow crime victims who seek financial assistance from this fund to opt out of the system.

What happens in that situation, however, is that the accountability built into the system is sacrificed.

Another detrimental aspect of the bill is that it creates a charge for inspection of documents where no copies are requested if (1) the documents are older than five years or will fill six or more archival boxes, and (2) take more than five hours to compile.

Until this bill, every person requesting to see public information could do so free of charge. While this change is being made to give government officials the ability to recoup some of their costs, it will have a deterrent effect for some seeking public information.

Sen. Wentworth deserves credit for doing a good job on this bill. It should be approved.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, April 25, the 115th day of 1999. There are 250 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 25, 1959, the St. Lawrence Seaway opened to shipping.

On this date:

In 1792, highwayman Nicolas Jacques Pelletier became the first person under French law to be executed by the guillotine.

In 1859, ground was broken for the Suez Canal.

In 1898, the United States formally declared war on Spain.

In 1901, New York became the first state to require automobile license plates; the fee was \$1.

In 1945, delegates from some 50 countries met in San Francisco to organize the United Nations.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. and Soviet forces linked up on the Elbe River, a meeting that dramatized the collapse of Nazi Germany's defenses.

In 1963, Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov invited Samantha Smith to visit his country after receiving a letter in which the American schoolgirl expressed fears about nuclear war.

In 1983, the Pioneer 10 spacecraft crossed Pluto's orbit, speeding on its endless voyage through the Milky Way.

In 1990, Violeta Barrios de Chamorro was inaugurated as president of Nicaragua, ending 11 years of leftist Sandinista rule.

Ten years ago: Japanese Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita announced his resignation in order to take responsibility for his involvement in Japan's Recruit stock scandal.

JACK ANDERSON

CIA penetrates some of Castro's more embarrassing secrets

Cuban dictator Fidel Castro has at least seven children, countless houses and a personal protection force of nearly 10,000 men.

These are some of the revelations from our intelligence sources on the bearded badman of Havana, who in 40 years of power, has generally managed to keep his private life just that.

Only one family member, illegitimate daughter Alina Fernandez, has lifted the curtain a bit. Fernandez escaped to the United States in 1993, and soon left for Spain, where she wrote a memoir offering limited insight on her father.

That Castro remains megalomaniacal about his image is evident from a little-known incident recently in which Cuban diplomats successfully squelched a biography of Castro by a Chinese scholar. Though the account was not unfriendly, or even that personal, the Chinese government acceded to Castro's whim and had the soon-to-be distributed book banned.

In recent years, despite Castro's attempts to keep the curtain closed on the humbug socialist's personal life, the CIA has penetrated some of the more embarrassing secrets — often with the help of Russian spies, long since fed-up with their formerly expen-

sive, heavily subsidized dilettante comrade in Cuba. Castro remains an unreconstructed socialist who refuses to pull his island nation into the world mainstream. Even students at the University of Havana, from which Castro spawned his revolution four decades ago against dictator Fulgencio Batista, have privately referred to Castro as "el loco" (the crazy one), while pulling at invisible beards.

Since revelations about his personal life are sure to anger him, we relish revealing some of those closely guarded details, which both CIA and Russian intelligence sources provided to our associate Dale Van Atta. Any day we can beard the paranoid prima donna of Havana is a good day. What follows are some of the juicier insights:

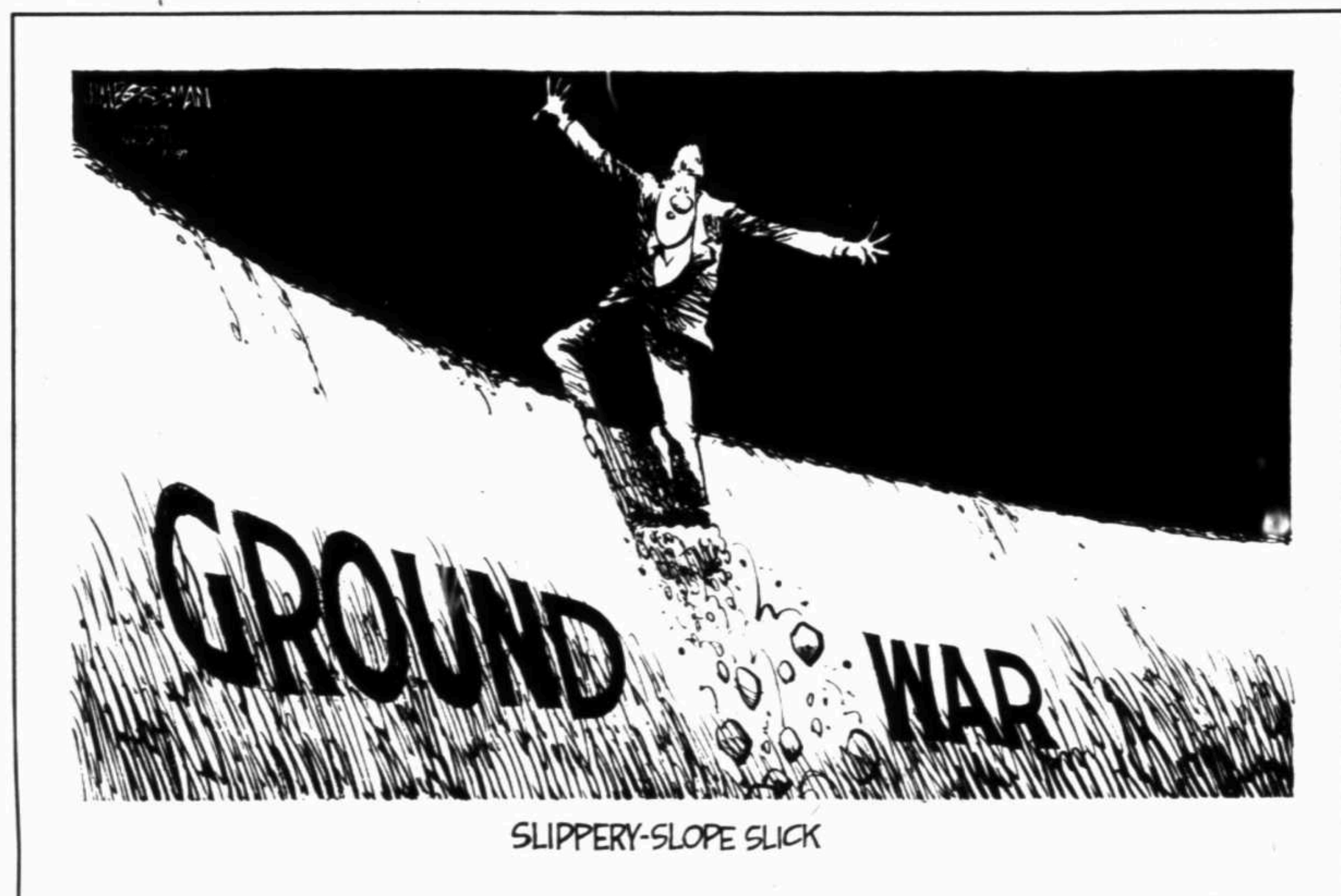
The dictator, who preaches socialist abstinence to the people, has three luxury yachts and at least 32 houses. Three of those houses are in Havana and two are underground bunkers — appropriate for a man who always feared the United States might nuke him.

Nearly 3,000 of the approximately 10,000 loyalists who make up Castro's personal bodyguard force are stationed in the capital. Another 20,000 men from the Ministry of the Interior and the Army can be called on to quickly augment the bodyguard force.

Castro became so paranoid after the attempts by the CIA in the 1960s to poison him with shellfish toxin, make his beard fall out, and harm him with other bizarre plots, that the ocean is cleared before he can indulge in a favorite sport of scuba diving. At times, more than 100 frogmen have been called in to check out the waters for any foreign — even fishy — object and protect him while he swims.



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WILLIAM SAFIRE

Punishment from air isn't enough to win war

WASHINGTON — Manhole covers are being sealed and sharpshooters are preparing to patrol rooftops as this capital braces for the biggest turnout of world leaders since the Kennedy funeral.

The 19 nations of the Atlantic alliance had planned to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the military organization that stopped the Russians. Instead, they will be marking their failure to stop Serbia from expelling unwanted Albanians from its province of Kosovo.

Nobody at NATO will concede defeat. Beribboned briefers use laser pointers to show bridges destroyed, oil refineries destroyed and empty barracks blown up — as if bombing from a safe distance had anything to do with NATO's military mission.

That was not to "degrade" anything but to stop the Serbs from emptying Kosovo. Threats of bombing failed; actual bombing failed; no matter what pictures of devastation are shown on television screens, nobody can credibly deny that NATO is failing in its primary mission. The Serbs have almost finished doing the bloody work they set out to do.

That is military defeat. If unreversed, it means the end of NATO and a new century of ethnic war. Punishment from the air, calibrated to hurt but not too much, is not enough to win the war. The way to free Kosovo is to send in men with guns to force out the men with guns now doing the killing.

Why are we not even preparing to do that? Diplomats can blame a miscalculation of Slobodan Milosevic's willingness to gamble all; buck-passers can find an excuse in the difficulty of getting consensus from every nation in the alliance on the need to send in troops; our embarrassed generals can explain that taking the threat of invasion "off the table" emboldened the Serbs.

But in the end, NATO's inability to stop the slaughter and mass expulsion was caused by the failure of nerve of the president of the United States. He saw the unfolding carnage, eloquently articulated the stakes in stopping war criminality, made much of

the need for "staying the course," but then — when ethnic cleansing made it starkly plain that he would have to lead the alliance into a battle costing casualties — choked.

He is afraid it will be labeled "Clinton's war." Public opinion, now supporting ground action to stop rape and mass murder, could turn against him at the first sight of body bags. And so he waits for others to push him into taking the military steps to save refugee lives that NATO credibility and international morality urgently require. The banner he wants to carry into battle reads "60 percent support."

Meanwhile, Congress has done nothing to get our commander in chief to do his duty to lead. Too many Republicans like the notion of "Clinton's war," anticipating public disapproval of ignominious defeat or of costly victory. Too many Democrats with memories of Vietnam and no recollection of World War II are still mired in quags.

Not all in Congress are shrouding themselves in ambiguity on Topic A. This week Sen. John McCain, credentialed by suffering in war and joined by three Democrats and three Republicans, offered a resolution spelling out the mission — Serbian withdrawal and the return of refugees under NATO-led long-term protection — and authorizing "all necessary force" to accomplish it.

"I know," said McCain, getting to the heart of the cause of Clinton's vacillation, "as should anyone who votes for this resolution, that if Americans die in a land war with Serbia, we will bear a considerable share of the blame for their loss. We are as accountable to their families as the president must be."

That's a tough vote, but one necessary to strengthen a president loath to assume "the awful burden" by himself. The key NATO leaders assembling here know that with Clinton's hands frozen on the wheel in this storm, McCain has for weeks been the de facto president of the United States, providing leadership, accepting responsibility.

The Senate should not flinch from debating and passing the McCain Seven's "all necessary force" resolution. The alliance should use a powerful infantry presence on Serbia's borders to threaten invasion on more than one front. If no Kosovo withdrawal ensues, let NATO be NATO.

William Safire's column is distributed by New York Times News Service.



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GEORGE WILL

Professoriate is reproducing itself too promiscuously

WASHINGTON — Here is an irony to savor.

Once upon a time, Marxists predicted that the inevitable collapse of capitalism would be brought on by (among other "contradictions" in the system) a crisis of overproduction. That is, the steady impoverishment of the masses would mean an insufficiency of customers for what capitalism produced.

Like so many of Marx's predictions, that one is tardy in coming true. (An admirer once said of Leon Trotsky: "Proof of Trotsky's farsightedness is that none of his predictions have come true yet.") However, at long last there is indeed a crisis of overproduction in one little niche of our capitalist culture, and it is the niche where such Marxists as still exist have gone to earth.

It is in higher education. The professoriate is reproducing itself too promiscuously. There is a glut of Ph.D.s.

This is merely the market speaking, and no Marxist worthy of his membership in the Modern Language Association (many members of which teach literature as sublimated class struggle) will willingly bend a knee to market forces. Still, although this crisis will not produce capitalism's final convulsion that ushers in socialist perfection, it is instructive. Markets communicate important information (this is why socialist nations are, strictly speaking, ignorant) and the more-than-saturated academic job market reveals important cultural facts.

The Chronicle of Higher Education, a window on the sometimes strange world of academics, reports that in 1997 universities awarded a record number of Ph.D.s — for the 12th consecutive year. The number, 42,705, is 10 percent higher than just five years ago and 32 percent higher than a decade ago. "However," the Chronicle says laconically, "the rate of growth in doctorates has slowed, leading some observers to predictions of a downturn within several years."

Within several years. It is nice to know that in today's revved-up world of globalized hypercommerce, where a tap on a computer key can speed vast sums around the world in response to minute changes in conditions, there still is a little lagoon of calm, where market signals, however strong, receive a leisurely response.

For more than merely "several years" there has been a buyers' market for Ph.D.s. That will not be dramatically changed by the current modest spike in tenure-track hiring, which is being produced by two factors: retirements among faculty hired during the higher education boom of the 1960s, and surging revenues and endowments produced by the soaring economy and stock market.

The growth of a reserve army of unemployed Ph.D.s is faster in the humanities than in fields such as engineering because engineers can more easily find attractive jobs in the corporate world. The MLA estimates that fewer than half the 8,000 Ph.D.s hoping to be professors of literature, who will be produced between 1996 and 2000, will find tenure-track jobs within a year of acquiring their degrees. And many MLA graduate students become quite cross when urged to consider alternatives to academic employment. Says one militant from the University of Florida, "I didn't go \$80,000 in debt to do something else."

Academics are not immune to the spirit of the age, the entitlement mentality. They insist that the overproduction of Ph.D.s is really just an underproduction of jobs to which they are entitled. Part of their problem is that the academy is not immune to the trend elsewhere in the economy toward "temps" — part-time workers, often called "adjunct professors." At four-year public institutions, 23.7 percent of faculty are part-time; at private institutions, 38 percent.

Some in the anxious proletariat of those earning or possessing Ph.D.s want to elbow aside the proletariat of "temps" — many of whom have not yet earned Ph.D.s — by pressuring universities to require full-time professors to teach even elementary writing courses. But some universities are more inclined to offer freshly minted Ph.D.s career counseling that directs them away from academia, to government or business employment.

Many political science Ph.D.s can put their skills to work in the growing world of public policy think tanks. But such options are, to say no more, few



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LETTERS

Oil problems not because of hoarding

In response to the letter from J.B. Keaton of Big Spring in the April 20 Reporter-Telegram, Keaton has some serious misconceptions of the petroleum industry, leading to his view that producers are "hoarding" petroleum and "withholding it from consumers." He also wants to know why consumer prices always move in an upward manner. He goes on to suggest that oil producers have the same problems as farmers — dealing with higher costs and stagnant or declining product prices — while retail prices go up. Finally, Keaton wants to know why there was no hype or hoopla when American markets were being flooded with surplus foreign steel, clothing, shoes, etc.

My responses to the statements/comments are:

■ The current oil industry problem derives from worldwide petroleum production that exceeds demand and leads to bloated inventories and reduced prices. Much of the oil imported into the United States is being dumped at prices below market costs. It would be foolish to hoard or withhold produced oil — how can a producer survive by restricting sales revenue after incurring the cost of exploration, development and production?

■ As to crude and gasoline prices, they have not moved upward, not even keeping pace with inflation. On an inflation adjusted basis, oil and gasoline are at their lowest levels in decades. This is fact.

■ The statement I agree with is that oil producers and farmers do have similar problems. Both have to deal with higher costs and reduced margins on sale of their products.

■ Producers in other industries have not been silent while facing flooding of low price products into the United States. Witness the strong steel lobby that recently secured governmental restrictions on imported steel.

Recent efforts by the domestic petroleum industry largely have been directed toward restriction of dumping cheap oil in the United States at levels that have glutted the market and driven up inventories. These efforts have been made to attempt preserving an industry that has been so vital to the country and that has played a major role in its economic and military well-being. Survival is at stake, and the industry should be saluted, rather than chastised, for what it has done and is doing.

Arlen L. Edgar

U.S. planes are using banned fuel in war

Who is in charge of our war effort in the Balkans? Certainly not the president or Department of Defense (DOD). I wonder how many U.S. citizens know that our jet fighters staging out of Aviano are being fueled by foreign petroleum products from countries that are unfriendly to us — some like Libya who are banned from selling crude oil or petroleum products to the United States. It is fact that Greece gets large volumes of its crude oil from Libya, then in turn, refines it and sells it to the DOD/USAF. Likewise, it is suspected that Greece and Italy also purchase Iraq crude and backdoor sell it to U.S. forces at Aviano!

Even more alarming is that according to the Wall Street Journal, Texaco is now or has been furnishing gasoline to Yugoslavia to fuel its war effort against the United States. In fact, while Texaco has announced that its last and final shipment of gasoline to Yugoslavia was on April 11, 1999, the mere fact that Texaco (in cahoots with Saudi Arabia) is supporting the enemy is pure traitorous.

As a retired senior military officer, I am totally against the gradualism of our growing involvement in the Balkans. Have we not learned our lesson in Vietnam or Korea when we allowed our government to run the combat strategy until our total defeat by the

enemy? How can our government allow U.S. companies to feed supplies to and receive petroleum products from the enemy? I wonder how many other U.S. companies are assisting the enemy. Wake up, America!

I have alerted my congressman to this atrocious situation — I am hopeful that all Reporter-Telegram readers do the same.

Harry A. Spannaus
Colonel, USAF, Ret.

School uniform data may be misleading

At a recent parent information meeting on uniforms at Abell, we were informed that San Jacinto gave out 3 percent more As. True maybe, but misleading. The only problem is the 3 percent reflect grades earned by one year's total student body at San Jacinto with the next year's total student population, a 50 percent population correlation at best. Last year's eighth-graders have been replaced with an entirely different set of incoming sixth-graders. A more proper comparison (achieves a much higher population correlation) would be this year's eighth-graders with last year's seventh-graders. After all, these are the students that have received the "benefits" associated with uniforms for the last two years.

Taking the information that I obtained from MISD, numbers for the eighth-graders compared to last year's seventh-graders for the first four six-week periods provide some very disturbing data. At San Jacinto, As have decreased 18 percent from last year, and the number of students failing one or more subjects increased 13 percent! Thinking maybe the eighth grade was academically harder than seventh, I made the same comparison for the other three junior highs. The result was as follows: Abell - A's increased 8 percent and the number of students with at least one failing grade decreased 2 percent; Goddard - As increased 7 percent and students with at least one failing grade increased only 2 percent. The grades for Alamo students reflect As dropping 24 percent and students with one or more Fs increasing 12 percent.

Mr. Hair's letter suggests that the higher number of suspensions at San Jacinto may be influenced by student enrollment and enforcement factors. San Jacinto (as of March 3) has the SMALLEST population of the junior highs! (San Jacinto - 786, Abell - 921, Alamo - 943, Goddard - 970). I know that enforcement factors could not come into play because MISD Character Education Traits, adopted April 25, 1995 by the school board, specifically state that all MISD employees "Be impartial. Refrain from... misleading others. Be tolerant of diversity. Be considerate of other people's feelings, rights, and property. Affirm individual rights and freedoms." If that document were being followed we wouldn't even be discussing uniforms.

Floyd Houdyshell

Taxes for sports arena are unwanted

Recent articles in the Reporter-Telegram report a movement to construct a sports arena in Midland. Proponents estimate a cost of \$35 million and suggest location on the city-owned Air Park property.

One proposal is to increase the sales tax by .25 cents to fund the project. This would be .25 cents per \$1, not .25 cents per \$100 as one "expert" has estimated. Our good mayor has expressed his approval of such an increase. It appears that our mayor has never seen a proposal to increase the sales tax that he did not like.

Assuming that the \$35 million estimate is correct (which I doubt) and a city population of 100,000, the cost for a family of four will be \$1,440 (\$35,000,000 x 1/100,000 x 4). To finance the project with a .25 cent tax increase per \$1 of sales, this family would have to spend \$560,000 (\$1440 x 100 cents per dol-

lar x \$1/.25). These figures ignore interest. Because the companies who buy municipal bonds are in business to make money, interest could easily double the above amount to \$70 million or more. Our family of four must spend more than \$1,000,000 to fund this amount.

Could we eliminate funding for the uneconomical privately owned paper salvage project and use this money to fund the sports arena? I understand that taxpayer money now committed to the paper salvage operation is \$14 million (\$700,000/yr x 20 years). Hopefully our City Council will come forward and enlighten us as to why they are spending taxpayer money on it and how much they are spending. At any rate, elimination of this boondoggle would provide insufficient money to fund the sports arena.

There is a saying: "You can't beat City Hall." Why should Midland citizens have to beat City Hall (City Council)? Is the council supposed to work for the citizens or for special interests? In the case of the paper salvage operation, did the council vote in favor of the citizens or in favor of special interests?

City Council has recently authorized another \$5 million certificate of obligation and I understand they have also transferred \$2 million from city surplus into the general fund to cover this year's expenses. With these economic problems and the problems of our oil, farming and ranching industries can Midland also afford a \$70 million sports arena?

W.J. Sandidge

Purchase of Sears building "smells"

The purchase of the old Sears building by MISD does not pass the smell test. How can something of this importance be voted on and passed with as little and vague public notices as were given?

On March 29 at an MISD town meeting at Greathouse Elementary, I asked Board Member Becky Oekerman, administrators Larry Lusby and Dorsey Rushing about this purchase and I was told "it hasn't been discussed." Now the purchase has been agreed to. This purchase agreement was not presented to the Real Estate Committee or discussed in public. I have been attending the Leadership MISD or CHAMPS meetings and no mention has been made in this forum. Again, I say something smells!

I find it amusing that when MISD wants something it always finds the money, notably \$750,000 for softball fields and now \$1 million for a Technology Center, all with no tax increase. However, we must increase taxes to pay for roof repairs at Lee High. Ask yourself where does all this money come from?

Attorney Ted Kerr was asked if this action violated the Texas Open Meetings Law. He replied "technically no." That's like asking a bartender if it is OK to drink alcohol, "technically no." Why not ask an impartial entity, the Attorney General, for an opinion?

Other suitable buildings are available, and some would be donated to MISD for tax write-offs. Yet MISD is compelled to spend money — our tax dollars!

I call on the MISD School Board to demand a full public disclosure on this purchase. What was the purchase price for the last five sales of this property? What is the relationship between the seller and MISD administration, the total cost of the project, what other properties were considered and the reasons, pro and con, of these other properties?

It is incumbent upon MISD to dispel any and all misinformation or the public may have or, as usual, does MISD even care what we, the taxpayers, think? The call by MISD for inclusion is only a bunch of bunk.

Wayne Woodside

READER'S VIEWS: VICTIM'S RIGHTS

Victims help each other stand strong

Victim's Rights Week stands for anyone who has ever been a victim. A victim is someone who has been victimized by a person or persons. It could be murder, rape, sexual assault, or one could be robbed or hurt by someone intentionally.

Also a victim is anyone in the family who is affected, whether it be your mother, father, sister, brother, grandmother, grandfather, aunt, uncle, nephew, niece, cousin, or a friend. You have been victimized of your rights! If we do not take a stand and make our voices heard for ourselves, we should do it for our family or someone we know.

We will never make a difference in these terrible crimes. Victims still have rights! Please make your voices be heard for your loved ones who are no longer here or for someone who chooses to be silent.

Support Victim's Rights Week because anyone can become a victim. Today, tomorrow, next week, next month, next year or 10 years from now.

Don't say it can't happen to you or your family or someone you know because that is not true! Believe me, it can happen to you just like it did to our family. Our family was victimized on July 28, 1995; Jip (James Irving Poole) was stabbed to death by Tommy Rains two hours after Jip's 18th birthday. And that is when our nightmare began. And it will never be the same, for our loving Jip

is no longer here with us.

But we will always make our voices heard in his behalf because Jip's voice is no more. Please make your voices be heard and maybe with everyone's support, we can stop someone else from becoming the next victim.

Elishia (Sissy) Garvin
Jip Poole family

Local advocate for victims is wonderful

In these days of seemingly timid victims' voices, I would like to applaud our local "Victims of Homicide" for being a vocal advocate for victims and their families.

In the days immediately following the murder of my brother, James, this wonderful group took us in, helping and preparing us for the battles ahead. We would like to publicly thank V.O.H. and all who supported our family during our time of trial.

Carlos W. Zachery

One person can inflict pain on many

The week of April 25 is National Survivors of Homicide Week. We wish everyone could see ahead the pain one person can inflict on so many people when their violence gets out of hand! What right do we have to hurt another person?

Killing, rape, verbal or physical violence — why can't each and

every one of us treat others the way we would like to be treated? (This was written in remembrance of Jip Poole by his grandmother.)

Lois Bisbee

Murder victim's niece will not be silent

I will not be silent anymore. My feelings are not directed toward anyone, but the one who has red on their hands. I was once a happy-go-lucky girl, but now nothing goes by without me first questioning it.

It was once singing that I heard when I woke up in the morning. Now I hear nothing but a humming every once in awhile. As soon as my uncle, Panzon, died, the music left our hearts and home. I once felt safe to walk in my own neighborhood. Now I look behind me, afraid of what might be behind me.

The man that took my uncle that night not only took a part of my family, but a part of my childhood. I really didn't have a choice but to grow up and face life and what I have in store for me in the future. And what I see up ahead scares me and really makes me mad all at the same time.

So, as a 17-year-old girl I have let my voice be heard as I talk to everyone who thinks that a child does not understand what happens at the time. Maybe their voice needs to be heard, but there is no one there to listen.

Talina G. Aguirre

READER'S VIEWS: COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL SHOOTING

Outcasts would not exist with uniforms

Concerning the massacre at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo.: as one who grew up in the barrios and understands how gangs form regardless of race, perhaps it is time to wake up our school board and our community to vote in uniforms in all high schools.

I personally believe that if uniforms for the whole student body were in place in Columbine High School, that this tragedy would not have happened. As the reports came in, the "Trench Coat Mafia" were said to wear black trench coats with combat boots with their pants tucked into them. According to the Denver Post, they were described as a part of an outcast group. The attitudes in these groups would have not developed as strongly if they were all in the same school uniform.

I strongly believe that in a uniformly dressed situation even outcasts or outsiders would enjoy a oneness with those who have, in

the past, looked upon them as outsiders.

Manny Ribera

Uniforms may stop this kind of violence

I spent Tuesday night in front of the television, watching the scene in Littleton, Colo. unfurl. My emotions were reeking havoc: too sickened to watch, and, yet too afraid not to.

You see, I am a mother of a 10-year-old and it made me sick to think that one day she could be in that very same situation. But, I am also an educator and I was afraid to turn away for fear that I would miss hearing about what signs to look for.

We tell the children, "Don't judge each other by the color of skin." But they do. In Littleton, they not only killed each other because of skin color, but the murderers selected certain "cliques" as targets. Children were ruthlessly executed! Parents, teachers, community leaders — something has got to change!

At Bush Elementary, we have chosen to make a change." We have proposed and passed a mandatory school uniform. Please understand, uniforms will not "rob a child of their identity." Our hope is that uniforms will help create a safe, learning environment where ALL children will feel equal.

Every day, I teach 21 children who come from very diverse backgrounds. My students are young, naive third-graders. But, they are still aware of who "has" and who "has not." I spend hundreds of dollars each year trying to even the playing field. I purchase school supplies, books, jackets, etc. And, I can honestly say the same thing is going on in my colleagues' classrooms.

All we, as educators, want is to teach children! I believe as a mother and as a teacher that school uniforms will enhance the learning environment. I just hope that our parents are willing to put forth an effort to make Bush an even better place to be. We must stand together for the children's sake and safety.

Melanie Cuttriss-Curtis,
third-grade teacher

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SPEAKING OUT

School uniforms have proven beneficial for grades, discipline at San Jacinto

EDITOR'S NOTE: While the Midland Reporter-Telegram stands by Daniel Arp's article of April 11, we always try to provide a forum for those with opposing views.

by Andrea D. Freeman

As a parent of three San Jacinto Junior High students, I am appalled at the bias shown against school uniforms by the reporter, Daniel Arp. This is the second article in your paper in recent weeks that has taken facts and figures quoted by schools and used them in a haphazard manner to suggest that uniforms are not a good idea for our schools.

The decision to have school uniforms at San Jacinto was made by the parents. That it was made after careful consideration of all information available at the time. The reports in Arp's article in the April 11 Reporter-Telegram indicated that uniforms have not made a significant difference in the climate at the school. I beg to differ. During the first year of uniforms, the number of office referrals for the school declined 17 percent from the year

before. Granted, there were more dress code violations than the previous year, but that could be from something as simple as the student not having a belt on.

San Jacinto reported every single violation, no matter how simple, and I can assure you that they have been diligent in checking compliance with that uniform code. The Level I violations at San Jacinto for the first year showed a 13 percent decrease. Level II violations showed a modest 3 percent decrease, including dress code violations. If those dress code violations are excluded, they show a 14 percent decrease. The Level III violations, the more severe offenses, showed a very significant decrease of 27 percent over the previous year.

If you take students in seventh grade prior to uniforms and compare their numbers the following year, the decrease in Level III violations was 30 percent! Even more dramatic was a decrease in suspensions of nearly one-third over the previous year and a decrease in expulsions of 40 percent for the same period. These are the facts. Lar-

Mrs. Russell L. (Andrea D.) Freeman is president of the San Jacinto Junior High School Parent-Teacher Association. She has lived in Midland for 20 years and has three teenagers in San Jacinto.



ry Winget has been very careful to keep records and has been willing to share them with anyone who is interested. In fact, he met with Arp for 1 1/2 hours only two weeks before the article was published, although the article stated only that Winget did not return phone calls on the Friday before when he was informed that Winget was tied up with school-related business.

The most important issue to me as a parent regarding uniforms is what the teachers feel it has done within the classroom. The teachers at San Jacinto feel that the students settle down quicker and get to work faster. The number of As have increased 1.9 percent. Bs 3.4 percent, and

Cs 1.2 percent, while Fs have decreased 2.7 percent. TAAS scores are also up.

I have also seen our household clothing expense go down as a result of uniforms, and I would imagine that most other parents have seen the same thing. There is not a need to buy as many school clothes since it is not obvious if a child has worn the same outfit two days in the same week. We just do the laundry! Since there are no labels, the pressure to have just the "right brand" of clothing is removed. Many days, our children do not even change out of their uniform unless they have a special activity that evening, so there is no need to have two complete sets of clothing.

At San Jacinto, uniforms have been provided to those who are not able to afford them, according to the free-lunch guidelines. Some of those uniforms are donated by local merchants or purchased with allotted funds. Last year, the total budget for uniform purchases at San Jacinto was only about \$2,500. I know that some schools are using funds from soft drink machine sales to provide the necessary uniforms for

needy students. Also, parents have donated gently worn uniforms that their children have outgrown. Last summer, San Jacinto hosted a uniform exchange where parents could buy, sell, or donate uniforms.

No one has said that uniforms are a cure-all for school problems, but the facts have shown that they are helping at San Jacinto. Any improvement should be applauded rather than looked at negatively. Incidentally, the photo shown along with Arp's article was taken at the end of school, when students naturally are going to get more comfortable and untuck their shirts.

I feel this positive information needs to be shared with the public. If the benefits of uniforms are only modest, they are at least a step in the right direction. Our children have been insulted by the articles published. They are proud of their uniforms and the results and feel they have been real pioneers in this issue. The bottom line is that our children excel in school and life and many feel that uniforms have shown to be a benefit at San Jacinto.

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China, U.S., Koreas begin first substantive peace negotiations

By Alexander G. Higgins
Associated Press

GENEVA — North and South Korea opened a new phase in their peace talks Saturday, beginning what was to be their first substantive negotiations with China and the United States after more than a year of meetings to lay the ground-work.

"We need a little bit of patience since it's a very complicated matter which has been in existence for almost half a century," said Qian Yong-nian, head of the Chinese delegation.

The four former combatants in the Korean War have said it is likely to take years to write a peace treaty to replace the temporary armistice that ended the 1950-53 conflict.

It already has taken four rounds, starting in December 1997, just to agree on how to proceed. After the opening session Saturday, the delegates were to work in two committees — one to reduce tensions on the Korean peninsula and the other to decide how to put in place a permanent peace. The round was expected to conclude Tuesday.

Despite the procedural agreement, there remained a key differ-

ence. North Korea continues to insist that the talks include Pyongyang's demand that the United States withdraw its 37,000 troops from South Korea.

But Park Kun-Woo, head of the South Korean delegation, told reporters Saturday, "The only thing I can tell you for sure is that the role of the U.S. troops on the Korean peninsula is not on the agenda."

Park did say, however, that "the disposition of all forces" could be discussed once "substantial progress" was made on the peace accord.

Since the last session in January, the United States and North Korea have been able to resolve one dispute: North Korea agreed in New York last month to give the United States access to a site suspected of being an underground nuclear facility.

The United States reportedly agreed to provide the famine-stricken country with 600,000 tons of food.

The United States has had less success in its efforts to curb North Korea's missile program. The United States maintains North Korea is the world's No. 1 exporter of missile equipment and technology, including sales to countries including Pakistan and Iran.

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Friends say goodbye in first of many funerals

By David Foster
Associated Press

LITTLETON, Colo. — They lined up next to the pulpit, aside the white casket covered with the felt-tipped signatures and farewell wishes that will be buried with her. And one by one, they told Littleton and the nation the story of her life.

On police lists, she was Rachel Scott, 17, victim. But these young men and women knew somebody far more resonant: a prom date who was trying to quit smoking. An actress and budding playwright who talked of decorating the apartment she'd have one day. Rachel Joy Scott — the girl who befriended strangers, the girl with the ideal middle name.

And suddenly she was gone. On Saturday, weeping and hollow-eyed, they mourned her in a sad parade, their reminiscences melting together into a portrait of a truly extraordinary girl.

One sobbing blond girl told of how Ms. Scott would always jumpstart her car in the Columbine High School parking lot. A muscular boy said he wished he could have protected her. Her handsome prom date, Nick Baumgart, thanked her for sharing her life.

"A truer friend you couldn't find," said Baumgart, who took her to the prom just a week ago. "You could be having the worst day of your entire life. All she had to do was smile."

Ms. Scott was one of 12 students



Brittney Pastine and Kimmie Cornell, right, weep as they kneel before the casket of Rachel Joy Scott at a casket signing at the Trinity Christian Center in Littleton, Colo., on Saturday. Scott, 17, was one of the students who was killed at Columbine High School on Tuesday. Both Pastine and Cornell described themselves as best friends of Scott.

slain by Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris in their rampage through Columbine on Tuesday. Her funeral was held at Trinity Christian Center, a church less than a half-mile from Columbine. Its front door affords a clear view of the school library.

The Rev. Bruce Porter lamented the removal of prayer from America's public schools but said the violence at Columbine may have changed matters.

"Prayer was re-established in our public schools last Tuesday," Porter said to applause. "What the judiciary couldn't do, what the churches couldn't do, the children did themselves."

Ms. Scott's teachers remembered a dedication and verve that elevated her from the crowd. "I was so proud of that girl. She was talented and beautiful, and I know that she's with us still," said Paula Reed, Ms. Scott's forensics

teacher. "But she took part of me with her."

The choreographed funeral, complete with a montage of family pictures from Ms. Scott's earlier childhood and happier times, featured a continuous tape loop of Celine Dion's "My Heart Will Go On," the "Titanic" theme song. A female mime and a youth group also performed.

In one picture, Ms. Scott mugged with a fedora and bright lipstick; another showed her grinning with friends, her face flushed.

Just a few days before the shooting, Ms. Scott wrote in her cousin's yearbook that "it's hard to find God through these halls." But she urged her cousin, Sarah Scott, to keep on trying.

Dozens of teens in the audience wiped streaming tears from their faces and dropped their heads into their hands. One diminutive girl buried her head in the burly shoulder of her companion.

Friends signed Ms. Scott's closed casket by the dozen in black felt-tip marker, leaving their words with her permanently. Some promised they'd see her in heaven. "You are my hero," one wrote. Others tried to make sense of the death. Her parents simply said goodbye.

"Honey, you are everything a mother could ask the Lord for in a daughter. I love you so much!" her mother wrote. And from her father: "I love you. Dad. Forever."

Diary discloses plans, motives of gunmen in massacre

By John Hendren
Associated Press

LITTLETON, Colo. — A detailed diary by one of the Columbine High School gunmen showed they were "going for the big kill" in a suicide attack that had been planned for a year before they struck on Adolf Hitler's birthday, the sheriff said Saturday.

"The bottom line of this thing is they wanted to do as much damage as they could possibly do, and destroy this school, and destroy as many children as they could and go out in flames," Jefferson County Sheriff John Stone told reporters.

It was the strongest official statement about the motive for Tuesday's murder-suicide rampage that killed 12 students, one teacher and two teen gunmen.

The handwritten diary, discovered in one of the gunmen's homes, uses German phrases and goes back a year. Stone said the assailants' reasoning was: "We want to be different, we want to be strange and we don't want jocks or other people putting (us) down. ... We're going to punish you."

Stone said he didn't know which of the gunmen kept the diary.

The sheriff also placed some blame on the par-

ents of Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris. He noted that along with the diary, investigators found a shotgun barrel on a dresser and bomb-making materials.

"A lot of this stuff was clearly visible and the parents should have known," said Stone. "I think parents should be accountable for their kids' actions."

The parents have not commented beyond separate written statements released by their attorneys. The statements expressed sorrow and sympathy for the victims' families.

The diary shows that Klebold, 17, and Harris, 18, had been planning the attack for a year. The teens also had a school map that noted where the school was ill-lit and pointed out possible hiding places. The diary also revealed that they monitored the lunch room to find out when the greatest number of people would be there.

"They were going for a big kill," said Stone. "This had been on their minds and they've been planning this particular thing and they've been building bombs ... for a considerable period of time. They've been acquiring weaponry for a considerable period of time."

Asked why they picked April 20, the sheriff said, "It was Hitler's birthday."

He added: "It was a Nazi kind of thing." Police have interviewed hundreds of witnesses and collected 2,000 pieces of evidence, down to the smallest scraps of metal at the school, in the search not only for a motive but to determine whether Harris and Klebold had accomplices, before or during the shootings.

No arrests have been made and no other suspects beyond the dead gunmen have been identified.

One member of the same clique of trench coat-clad outsiders — called the Trenchcoat Mafia — in which the gunmen belonged — described being taunted by other students.

The youth told The Denver Post that life for members of his group as "hell ... pure hell." He said that athletes at the school called him "faggot," bashed him into lockers and threw rocks at him as he rode his bike home.

"I can't describe how hard it was to get up in the morning and face that," the 18-year-old, demanding anonymity, told the paper.

But he said he did not know of his friends' violent plans.

"I'm not saying what they did was OK," he said. "But I know what it's like to be cornered, pushed day after day."

Shooting survivors realize what they've lost

By Joseph B Verrengia
and Elisabeth Wright
Associated Press

LITTLETON, Colo. — Weeks, maybe months from now, little moments will remind them of what two misfit boys armed with very adult weapons stole from them.

A Kansas farmer won't harvest wheat with his grandson for the first summer in 12 years. A best friend won't be buying a fishing boat with his buddy.

Empty chairs in Bible study. Lighter grocery sacks and smaller laundry piles. Unfinished plays and shuttered piano keyboards.

Remove one person from the fabric of this world and it leaves a gap. Remove 15, and the void is enormous. But it is in the discovery of the little absences — the small holes — that heartbreak awaits the friends and families of the victims of Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold.

For Columbine football coach Andy Lowry, it might be next August when it's time to hand lineman Matt Kechter his extra-large uniform.

For Kechter's kid brother, it might be this week, when he steps off the school bus and finds nobody there to shoot hoops in the driveway.

"Matt always waited by the mailbox for his little brother to come home from school," said Greg Barnes, a sophomore basketball player. "He was the most innocent person I knew."

For the parents of Steven Curnow, there will be a hollowness on May 19, when the latest installment of the "Star Wars" saga is to open in movie theaters with inescapable hype.

Curnow, 14, wanted to become a Navy top gun and pilot his own F16. But in a recliner armed with a remote control, he was transported to "Star Wars" mythical world "a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away."

They could hear their son rewinding the trilogy's videos and precisely mimicking the characters' dialogue.

Obi-Wan Kenobi: "Use the force, Luke."

Darth Vader: "I find your lack of faith ... disturbing."

For Michelle Oetter, it will come on May 1. She had looked forward to wearing her new silver drop earrings and matching twisty necklace to the prom at Ponderosa High School.

In her dreams she danced with her boyfriend, John Tomlin. "He treated me like I was queen of the world," she blurted through tears.

Instead, somebody will return his rented tux — black with a white vest and silver trim to match her jewelry — while his remains return to his native Wisconsin.

Even those whose lives were spared are confronted with what they lost.

When Richard Castaldo awoke in Swedish Medical Center and was strong enough to speak, he asked his father to bring him his Led Zeppelin CDs to intensive care.

The 17-year-old can nod his head as Robert Plant wails on "Whole Lotta Love." But he can't tap his foot or jam on an air guitar.

Castaldo is paralyzed from the shoulders down. He was eating lunch outside when he was cut down where he sat by a burst of semiautomatic weapons fire. Five bullets ripped through his chest and back, fragmenting two vertebrae between his shoulder blades.

"Everything north of that works," said trauma surgeon William Pfeifer.

Castaldo asked his father who was killed at Columbine. He cried as the names of his classmates were recited.

He couldn't lift his hand to wipe his tears.

Some try to force the issue, rather than wait to discover what's been stolen. Three days after Cassie Bernall's murder, 40 teen-agers from her bible study group at the West Bowles Community Church boarded the same bus that she rode for years.

Their destination: Cassie's bedroom.

It looked as if she was expected home at any minute: Clothes scattered on the floor. Sparkly blue nail polish and a worn emory board. A

love poem taped to the wall. A teacher's note: "I cannot see how you missed the purpose of the assignment so completely."

Bernall was executed in the library after she told one of the gunmen that she believed in God. On her backpack hung a bracelet engraved with the question, "What would Jesus Do?"

Her father climbed to the roof above her room Tuesday night to hold a vigil with high-powered binoculars trained on the library where his missing daughter lay slain.

This summer, Clyde Rohrbough's companion will be gone.

Since he was 3, freshman Danny Rohrbough had helped his grandfather harvest wheat every July on 720 acres near Colby, Kan.

"Of course, he wanted to drive," Claude Rohrbough said. "It wasn't until last year that we allowed him to operate it."

Danny was shot holding an exit door open so others could flee. He died on the sidewalk a few steps from safety.

Claude Rohrbough paused for what seemed to be an eternity.

"We'll miss his help," Danny's grandfather said, finally. "We'll have to find a way to do it without him."

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NATO leaders see broader mission, plan to cut oil

By Terence Hunt
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — NATO ran into defiant objections from Russia and questions from its own members Saturday about enforcing an oil embargo against Yugoslavia by searching ships at sea. President Clinton urged Americans to be patient with the bombing strategy in the meantime.

"I don't think that this air campaign has been going on for a particularly long time," the president said. The allies must be willing to prosecute the war with determination and "pay the price of time," he said.

On the second day of their summit, NATO leaders said military commanders were laying plans under orders issued Friday night for sea searches to "switch off the oil tap" fueling Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic's military machine.

But Russia, angry about 32 days of airstrikes against Yugoslavia, indicated it would ignore an embargo. "According to international law, sanctions cannot be imposed unless they are approved by the (U.N.) Security Council," Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov said on a trip to Egypt. "We will continue delivering oil in keeping with our international commitments." Russia and Libya are Yugoslavia's key oil suppliers.

And in Moscow, former Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin said the world "may slip toward a third world war, the final war" as a result of NATO's bombing. Chernomyrdin, Russia's mediator on Kosovo, also said he had received invitations from the leaders of several NATO countries to discuss his recent efforts to end the crisis.

Concerns about stopping ships also were heard at the summit. "According to international rules, it is an act of war" to stop and forcibly search ships on the seas, French President Jacques Chirac said. "So we must be very cautious." He said France supports NATO's determination to prevent any material useful to Yugoslav military forces from reaching them and he urged all democratic nations to support the embargo.

Clinton defended the idea of searches, saying it was unreasonable to ask pilots to risk their lives attacking oil depots when Milosevic could get fuel from ships. Clinton said he did not expect that sea searches would lead to violence "but we have to be firm about it" and "take every reasonable means" to ensure the success of any embargo.

NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana said the alliance would do "whatever is in our means and our capabilities" to enforce such an embargo. He said he hoped it would not be necessary to challenge Russian ships. Solana would not state a legal basis for interdicting ships at sea, but he told reporters, "I will give you an answer before I leave Washington tomorrow night."

The idea of a naval embargo took center stage on a day that NATO leaders were agreeing to enlarge the alliance's mission so as to confront crises beyond its borders —

such as other Kosovos — and to intensify the battle against ethnic conflict, terrorism and weapons of mass destruction.

Clinton also brought up the three American servicemen captured by Serb forces. He complained that Milosevic has denied the soldiers Red Cross visits while telling American television audiences he would permit them.

The leaders — each sitting beside his foreign minister — met around a massive pentagonal table, the center filled with folds of blue fabric gathered together by a gold star, an arrangement resembling the NATO flag. The talks were held in the Mellon auditorium where, 50 years ago, President Truman led allies in signing NATO's founding treaty, pledging a one-for-all, all-for-one common defense.

The summit expanded beyond the 19 NATO countries to include leaders of 23 nations in a partnership with the alliance. They all were invited to the White House for dinner under a huge tent on the South Lawn.

Despite objections from Russia to NATO expansion, the leaders agreed to leave the door open to more new members. The alliance expanded to 19 countries this year with the inclusion of former Russian satellites Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic.

At an afternoon news conference, Clinton said the month of airstrikes against Yugoslavia might seem long to some, but he noted that allies bombed Iraq for 44 days before beginning a ground assault. He said "it takes time" to force Serb forces from Kosovo.

"We're not drifting," Clinton

asserted. "We are moving forward with a strategy that I believe strongly will succeed." He said, "I am convinced we will prevail if we have the patience."

Clinton said NATO's new blueprint — its first update since 1991 — would permit the alliance to "advance security and freedom for another 50 years by enhancing our capacity to address conflicts beyond our borders, by protecting our citizens from terrorism and weapons of mass destruction, by deepening our partnerships with other nations and helping new members enter through NATO's open doors."

Acting on instructions issued late Friday by defense ministers, NATO military commanders began drafting plans to search ships in the Adriatic Sea as part of an oil embargo against Milosevic.

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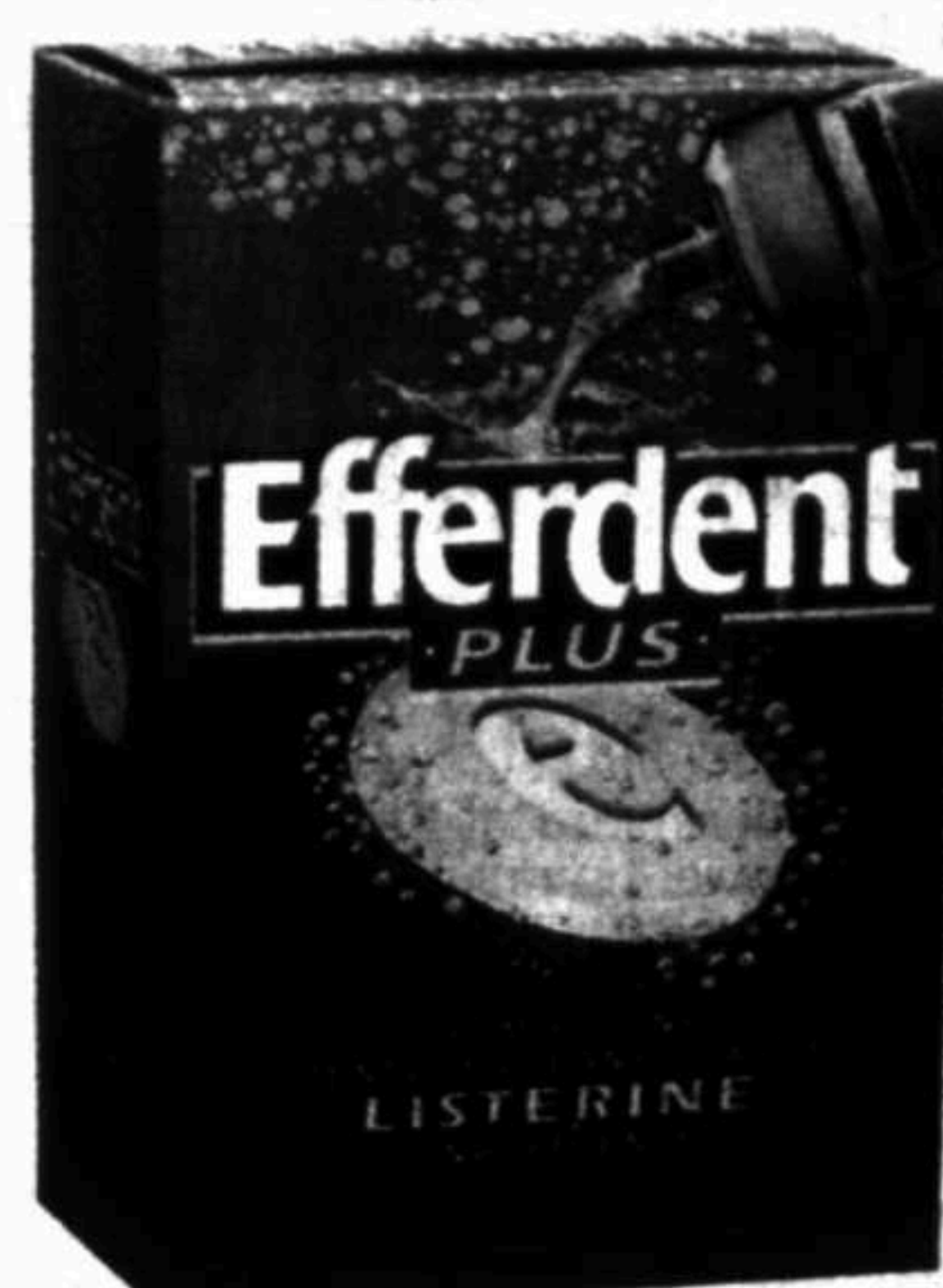


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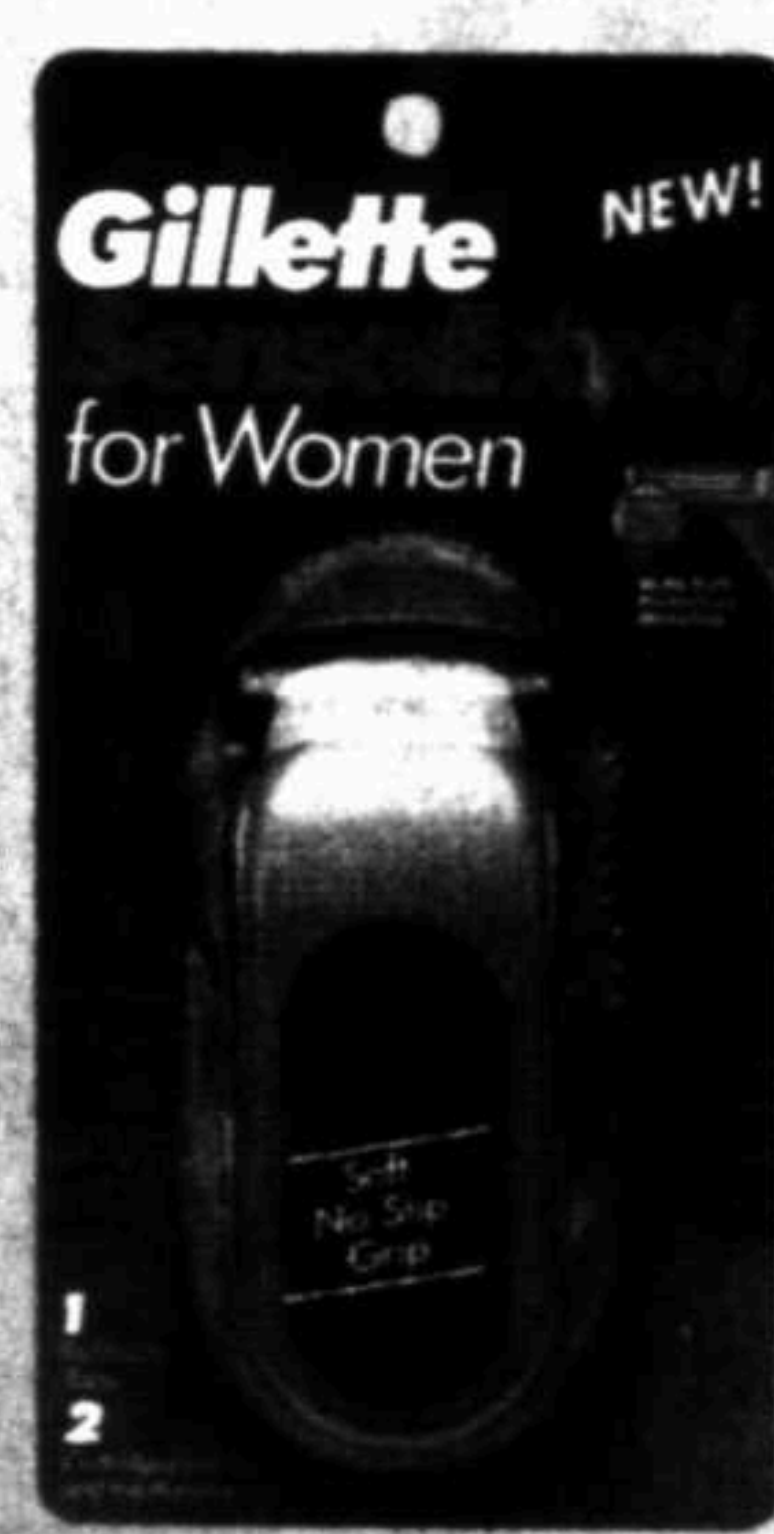


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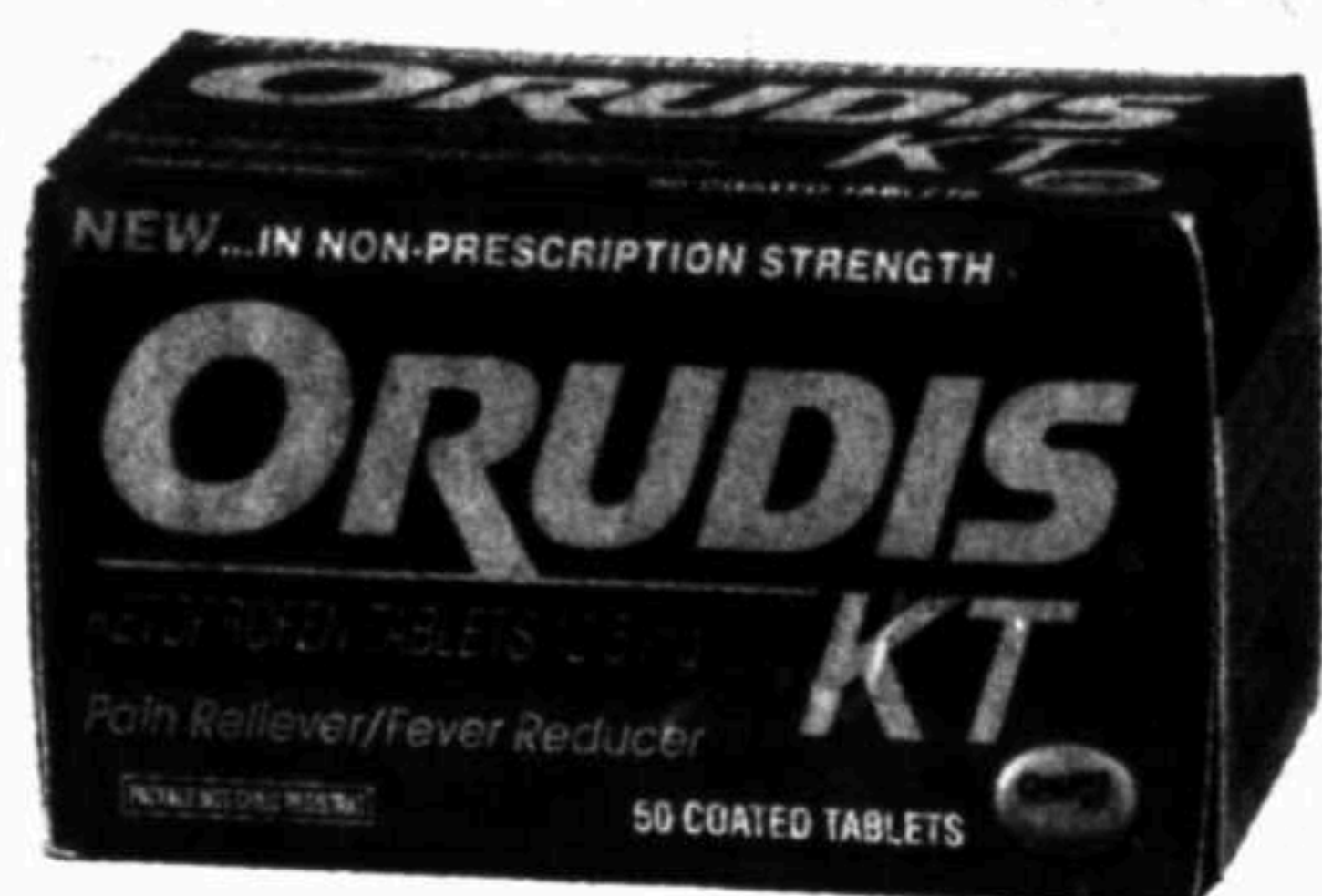


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Heritage night

The Summer in the City series, which runs in June and July at Centennial Plaza, will include a German/Czech Heritage Night on July 8. That event will include a beer contest and a German pastry bake-off. Prizes and ribbons will be awarded in several categories in each contest. For more information, call 686-8991.

Kelsey fund

The Knights of Columbus, Council 3071, comprising St. Ann's and St. Stephen's Catholic churches, combined to help raise more than \$5,500 for the benefit of the Kelsey Logan Angel Fund April 17. The dinner-dance-banquet was the first fund-raiser for the Kelsey Fund. The fund, which benefits children by providing gifts or granting requests for children fighting cancer, has been in existence for four years and was created by Pam and Brad Logan after the death of their 2-year-old daughter, Kelsey. All money raised by the donations goes directly to children battling cancer.

Garage sale

Brynm School, W. County Road 60 at Highway 158, will have a garage sale from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., May 8. The school is accepting donations of items for the sale. For more information or to have items picked up, call 520-0075 or 699-6375.

Asthma workshops

A series of asthma workshops continues at 6:30 p.m. Monday at Westwood Medical Center. Sessions include asthma medications, inhalers and spacers, and asthma at school. A question-and-answer period will follow the sessions. For more information, call 520-3171.

Bi-polar seminar

A Lunch and Learn Seminar on treatment of bi-polar disorder is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Friday at Desert Springs Medical Center. The event is free, but reservations are required. Deadline to register is Wednesday. To register or for more information, call 563-1200.

Housing Authority

The board of commissioners of the Housing Authority of the city of Midland is to meet at 11:30 a.m. Monday. The board meets in the conference room at the Housing Authority, 700 W. Scharbauer Drive.

Healthy kids

Representatives of Blue Cross & Blue Shield will be conducting several meetings in Midland over the next two weeks to inform parents about the Texas Healthy Kids insurance program. Among the things covered by the program are doctor's office visits, including well-child visits; immunizations; prescription drugs; dentist's visits; and hospitalization. The program is for children 2-17. Other requirements will be discussed at the meetings, scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Chap Center; 7 p.m. Thursday, Lee Freshman High School auditorium; 7 p.m. May 4, Alamo Junior High School auditorium; and 7 p.m. May 6, San Jacinto Junior High School auditorium. For more information, call 699-0344.

TODAY'S AGENDA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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League recognizes environmental 'heroes'

By Richard Acosta
Staff Writer

Delegates from all around Texas came to Midland for the three-day League of Women Voters State Convention at the Holiday Inn Convention Center.

One of the highlights Saturday was the keynote address by league national President Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins at the fifth annual Environmental Awards Luncheon.

Ms. Jefferson-Jenkins, the 15th national president of the group, has been a member of the league since 1982. She spoke of the need to protect the environment and acknowledged the efforts made by the league.

"The decisions we make today will have a long-term effect," Ms. Jefferson-Jenkins said. "We must protect the world we live in. The effort of League of Women Voters through training and education has been able to promote understanding between industries and resources. Resources should be protected and preserved for the future."

Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins, national president of the League of Women Voters, speaks Saturday during the awards luncheon for the league's state convention at the Holiday Inn.

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Christmas in April '99

Story by
Richard Acosta

Photos by
Tim Fischer

Volunteers weather rain, clouds to lend helping hands to project

By Richard Acosta
Staff Writer

A few drops of rain and a high of only 51 were not going to keep hundreds of Christmas in April volunteers from working Saturday.

Although the program is active year-round, Saturday marked the day when the group does the most work.

Bobby Trimble, president of Christmas in April, said he was happy with the amount of work that was done despite the weather.

"I am always pleased when we get a lot of work done," Trimble said. "People need help, and we will persevere until we get it done. I am sure they will be back after church (today) if the weather is nice to finish the work."

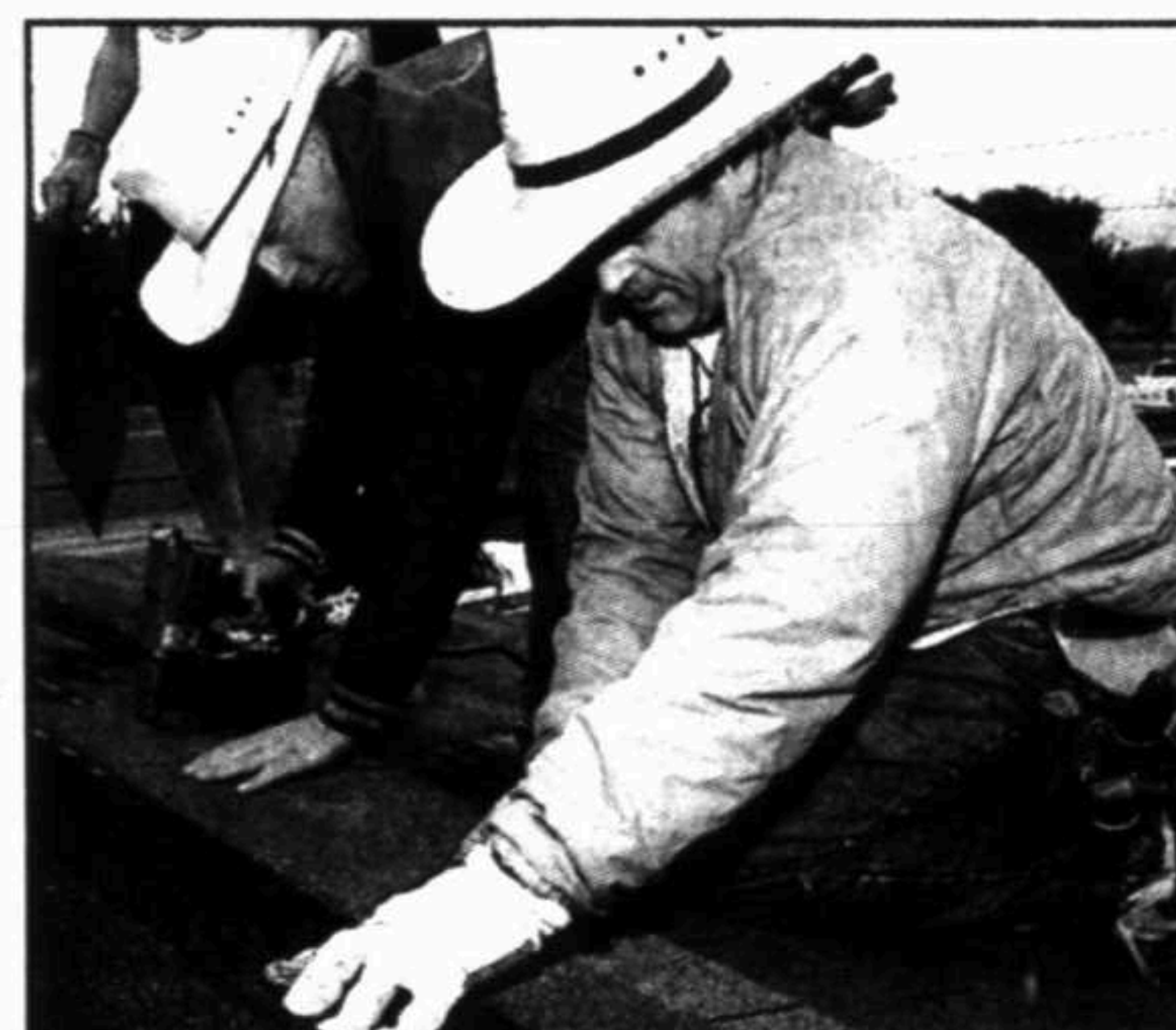
One of the house captains, Billy Priebe, said the work the organization allows him to do is right up his alley.

"I've always enjoyed this kind of work," Priebe said. "When you accomplish something, it is good to see the results of your hard work at the end of the day. We are here helping people out like the good book teaches us to do."

Trimble said the program started with his men's Sunday school class helping the single women of his church. In 1973, through the former Park Center YMCA, the group branched out into the community.

Two years later, they worked through the Human Relations Council, but when

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The annual Christmas in April work day was Saturday at several homes across Midland. The nationwide home-repair program was started by Midlander Bobby Trimble in 1973. Far left, Leslie Heist and Ann Hilgemeyer paint the exterior of the home at 603 E. Cuthbert Ave. At left, Greg Fitzgerald, left, and Terry Little replace the roof shingles at 118 E. Cowden Ave. The two are with First United Methodist Church's youth group.

NASA engineer teaches kids eggs-elent lesson

By Richard Acosta
Staff Writer

ODESSA — It was a toe-tapping, finger-snapping, egg-dropping good time at the University of Texas at the Permian Basin student center Saturday morning as NASA aerospace engineer Aprille Ericsson-Jackson helped kids learn team work.

"It is important to get involved in the lives of the youth," Ms. Ericsson-Jackson said. "We need young people to get involved in the technical field and get up and do the work."

"I call this the 'age of the remote control.' Kids learn that they don't even have to get up to change the channel. Instead of getting up and looking in a book

for information, they go to the Internet."

To help the kids with their hands-on skills, Ms. Ericsson-Jackson divided them into teams and gave them the task of building a container that would protect an egg from a high fall. The "egg drop" is not a new idea; however, Ms. Ericsson-Jackson presented hers a bit differently.

"Building Recyclable Space Vehicles" is an interactive presentation for the youth. Not only did they have to build the egg-drop device, but they had to keep up with the cost.

Everything the children used had a price tag: boxes, 25 cents; bags, five cents; string, one cent; and so on. Then to get an accurate price as to the cost of the device, Ms. Ericsson-Jack-

son had the children multiply the cost by 1 million.

Half the kids climbed up on the observation deck while the rest stood below in the courtyard. Before dropping the device, the children explained what the container was made of, what it cost, the name of their company and the name of their ship, if it had one.

Children were not the only ones who had an opportunity to benefit from Ms. Ericsson-Jackson's experience.

Ms. Ericsson-Jackson spoke on "How to Reach Your Goals: Encouraging Youth" Friday night at the Center for Energy and Economic Diversification.

Ms. Ericsson-Jackson is an aerospace engineer in the Guid-

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Aprille Ericsson-Jackson, an aerospace engineer at NASA, gives a high five to Rachel and Wesley Powers after they and teammate Ashley Warren won the egg-drop competition Saturday morning at the University of Texas at the Permian Basin.

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GARY OTT

Teens' excitement brings back memories of school years

The two young people standing in line at the grocery store last weekend were quite excited. They were using words like "awesome," "cool" and "wow" to great excess, especially "awesome," which best I could tell, was uttered at least 25 times during the three minutes we were in the presence of one another.

I rolled my eyes and looked away. It was either that or say something I might later regret.

But in a way, their excitement was understandable. They were, after all, going to a party later that night and from the sound of it, it was going to be some kind of happening. One of their friend's parents was out of town, and, well, you know what that means?

Yeah, that's right. It's party time... especially when you're 17 years old, which appeared to be the approximate age of this rambunctious duo.

You could see the exhilaration in their eyes, and in their mannerisms. They were bouncing up and down and giving each other high fives. The hours couldn't pass fast

enough for them. They just kept talking about what an "awesome" — yes, "awesome" — time they were going to have that night. It was going to be the social event of the year. Anyone who was anyone would be there. Just to receive an invitation was a sure sign that you had arrived as a "cool" person. I mean, like, wow, can it get any better than that?

As I watched the scene unfold, it took me back in time, and the memories that resulted were mixed. When you are growing up, there is a great deal of status — probably too much — attached to parties. Indeed, to be left off a guest list can be a devastating blow to the ego.

And for most of us, that omission occurred on more than one occasion. Someone threw a giant party and didn't invite us. So we moped around for days, trying to determine what we had done to deserve such a tragic fate. We pleaded with our friends to tell us what went wrong. But usually they didn't know. In fact, when you got right down to it, there was just one reason: The party host did not like us. At least not on that particular weekend.

But then there was the other extreme. There were times, rare though they were, when we not only got invited to the party, but turned out to be the star of the show. For those few hours we were at our best. The witty one-

liners just appeared out of nowhere. Girls who in the past had completely ignored us were suddenly enthralled by our every action. They could not get enough of our charm.

It was that kind of magic that the two teen-agers in the grocery store were clearly hoping for. Their sense of anticipation was obvious. Their youthful optimism filled the air. It was as though they considered themselves destined to be the hit of the party. Nothing could stop them.

So when they paid for their items and left the store, I looked at the woman behind me — who was about my age — and we both smiled. "Sounds like they've got a big night planned," she said with a laugh.

"Yeah," I replied. "We should all be so lucky."

She nodded in agreement. Then she gave a mischievous grin and said, "I just hope it turns out to be a totally awesome party."

"Maybe even as far out as the ones we used to have," I said.

She laughed. "That would be pretty groovy, wouldn't it?"

Then, feeling a bit out of date, we shook our heads nostalgically and headed for our cars.

Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram.



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Cinco de Mayo festivities are just around the corner

By Richard Acosta
Staff Writer

The month of May is just around the corner, and that means Cinco de Mayo celebration: festivals, concerts, parades, soccer games.

But why? What makes the fifth day of the fifth month so special? Upon asking 20 people at random, only one person was able to come close to why Cinco de Mayo is celebrated as a holiday.

Cinco de Mayo means the fifth of May, but the meaning behind the day runs much deeper.

It commemorates the day when 4,000 Mexican soldiers defeated an 8,000-man army, mostly French, at the city of Puebla, Mexico, on May 5, 1862.

Puebla is about 100 miles east of Mexico City.

According to various books and Internet sites, the French had landed in Mexico (along with Spanish and English troops) five months earlier on the pretext of collecting Mexican debts from the newly elected government of democratic President Benito Juarez.

Under Emperor Napoleon III, the French brought Maximilian, a Hapsburg prince, to rule the new Mexican empire.

During this time, France was not worried about the United States because of the American Civil War. The French army left the port of Vera Cruz to attack Mexico City to the west, assuming that the Mexicans would give up when their capital fell.

Under the command of Texas-born Gen. Ignacio Zaragoza, the Mexicans awaited the French. Zaragoza ordered his cavalry out

to their attackers' flanks. In response, the French sent their cavalry off to chase infantry Col. Porfirio Diaz and his men.

The remaining French infantrymen charged the Mexican defenders through sloppy mud caused by a thunderstorm and through hundreds of head of stampeding cattle stirred up by Indians armed only with machetes.

When the battle was over, many French were killed or wounded, and their cavalry was on the retreat.

The loss kept Napoleon III from supplying the Confederate army; 14 months after the Battle of Puebla, the Civil War ended.

The following is a list of events in Midland and Odessa to celebrate Cinco de Mayo:

■ Cinco de Mayo Parade in Midland, 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Saturday, down Lamesa Road beginning at Garden Lane and ending at Wadley Avenue. For more information, call the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, 697-2334 or 687-2335.

■ Odessa Cinco de Mayo Parade, 10 a.m. Saturday, starting at Odessa College. For more information, call the White-Pool House Friends at 333-7858.

■ Midland Soccer Association's fifth annual Cinco de Mayo Soccer Tournament, April 30-May 3. For more information, call the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, 697-2334 or 687-2335.

■ Cinco de Mayo "The Supers" of Tejano Music Jam, Saturday and May 2 at Twin Cities Speedway. For more information, call 580-8112.

OBITUARIES



Genevieve Hunt

In loving memory of Genevieve Ann Hunt. A blessed soul who walked the earth and touched the heart of everyone who crossed her path. A loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, her spirit touched our hearts and left our lives changed forever.

She died April 23, 1999, in a Midland hospital.

She was born on May 16, 1918, in Butte, Montana, to Andrew and Catherine (Metully) Brnadie.

Preceded in death by her loving husband and soul mate, Calvin L. Hunt, they spent the majority of their lives together in Butte, Montana, raising their family and running their business. Now they are together again and will walk among the angels hand in hand.

Survivors include a daughter, Donna (David) Eccleston; two sons, Dennis (Beth) Hunt and Gary (Noreen) Hunt; a sister, Rose (Carl) Hussein; an aunt, Anne Carveth; eight grandchildren, Dana (Stefan) Mohr, Douglas (Stacie) Eccleston, Dianna Eccleston, Steven (Gina) Hunt, Denise Hunt, Nicole Hunt, Ryan Hunt, Justin Hunt; three great-grandchildren, David, Dawn, and Jacob; and several cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services will be held in Butte, Montana, starting with a viewing at 5 p.m. Tuesday, fol-

lowed by a reading of the rosary at 7 p.m. at Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home. Services will be held Wednesday morning, April 28th, at Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home with interment at Fish Creek Cemetery, Whitehall, Montana.

Flowers are to be sent to Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home, 1800 Florence Avenue, Butte, Montana 59701.

We'll miss you Grandma, with all our hearts and souls, and we're truly blessed to love you for eighty years. Know that you are forever within our hearts and always on our minds.



LaDonna Parmele

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life. — John 3: 16

On Wednesday evening, April 14, 1999, in Benbrook, Texas, a suburb of Fort Worth, our Lord Jesus Christ, in his infinite and all-knowing wisdom, called LaDonna Lei Callahan Parmele home to live forever and walk the streets of heaven with him.

A memorial service to honor her cherished life was held at 6 p.m., Saturday, April 17, 1999, at St. Anne's Episcopal Church. A viewing to reflect on her giving and generous spirit was held for family and friends from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 17, 1999, at Mount

Obituary & Death Notice policy

There is no charge for death notices of residents or former residents of Midland or for those who have Midland relatives. We also publish death notices for residents of the surrounding West Texas area.

Free death notices include date and place of death, service and burial information, funeral home handling arrangements, date and place of birth, brief biography, survivors and memorials. A longer, more detailed obituary is available for a charge. It may include tributes, expanded biography, organizational associations, notes of appreciation, pallbearers, honorary pallbearers and a photo.

Deadline for both free death notices and paid obituaries is 3:30 p.m. and information must be either received from or verified by a funeral home.

Olivet Funeral Home.

LaDonna was born in Springfield, Missouri, on April 26, 1965, to Donnie Ray and Keaka Callahan of West Plains, Missouri. She lived briefly in West Plains and in 1968 moved with her family to Midland, Texas, where she was raised and grew up. She was active in church and accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior at a very young age. She attended Midland schools and graduated from Midland High School in May 1983. She attended Baylor University in Waco, graduating in 1987 with a BBA degree in finance and marketing. She moved to Dallas after graduation in 1987. In November 1994, she married Shannon Parmele of Fort Worth. At the time of her death, she was employed part-time by Hallmark Gifts Inc. and was attending school through the American Express Company training to obtain her license as a certified financial planner and adviser. She loved animals and she was an avid Dallas Cowboys football fan and an avid fantasy football player/team owner with her husband, Shannon. She would have celebrated her 34th birthday on April 26, 1999.

Her memory will be celebrated by all of those who knew her and whose lives she graced during her very short stay with us in this life. She will be wonderfully remembered as a loving wife, a dedicated daughter, a proud aunt and a dear friend.

God Bless You, LaDonna, because you blessed us!

She was preceded in death by both her paternal and maternal

grandparents.

Survivors include her husband, Shannon Parmele of Benbrook, Texas; her parents, Donnie R. Callahan of West Plains, Missouri, and Keaka K. Callahan of Midland; her brother, Kenneth; nephew, Sean and sister-in-law, Brenda K. Callahan of Midland; her mother and father-in-law, Chuck and Roxanna Parmele of Fort Worth; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and friends all across the nation.

Elizabeth McDaniel

Elizabeth McDaniel was born November 16, 1906 in Cameron, Texas, to Wylie and Amelia (Rowlett) Sanders. She died at a local hospital Friday, April 23, 1999. She resided most of her life in Dallas, Texas, and worked for Fina Oil Company there for many years, retiring in 1971. She moved to Midland in 1997.

Mrs. McDaniel is survived by her son, Rodney McDaniel of Midland; her sister, Nina Markem of Dallas; and her granddaughter, Mary McDaniel Rogers of Midland, Texas.

A memorial service has been scheduled for 4 p.m. Monday, April 26, 1999, in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Stockton Williams of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be directed to one's favorite charity.

DEATH NOTICES

Billie Roper

SAND SPRINGS — Billie Maxine Roper, 70, of Sand Springs died Saturday, April 24, at a Lubbock hospital.

Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home in Big Spring.

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ance, Navigation and Control Center at NASA's Goddard Flight Center.

She holds both a master's degree and Ph.D. in mechanical engineering from Howard University. She received her bachelor of science degree in aeronautical/astronautical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Associate art professor Chris Stanley was instrumental in bring-

ing Ms. Ericsson-Jackson to UTPB. He said he read about her one day and knew she would be great for the school.

"There is this weekly journal for higher education that spoke highly of Aprille Ericsson-Jackson," Stanley said. "I knew that the college of arts and science is always looking for good speakers and she really has a grasp on the concepts of higher education."

"As an artist, I like activities like the egg drop. The way it gets kids going in art and in science. It is like a Leonardo da Vinci thing."

Wife of missing man found guilty of murder

RUSK (AP) — A 23-year-old East Texas has been convicted of murdering her husband, who was missing a month before his body turned up in a swamp last year.

Patricia Sexton was tried for capital murder but convicted of a lesser charge of murder that doesn't carry the possibility of the death penalty.

Testimony in the punishment phase of the trial is set to begin Monday. Ms. Sexton could receive a sentence of five to 99 years or life in prison.

The verdict came Friday just after 11 of the jurors told state District Judge John Robert Adamson they did not believe the panel could

reach a verdict.

Ms. Sexton, a mother of three, was charged in connection with the Feb. 20, 1998, death of Bobby Sexton, 38. His body was found a month later in an Anderson County swamp.

Sexton, 38, disappeared in February of last year and was missing for a month before his body was found in an Anderson County swamp.

The defendant's former boyfriend, Michael Fielding, admitted under oath last week that he shot Sexton in the chest and then dumped his body in the Neches River. Fielding said he killed Sexton at the defendant's request.

VOLUNTEERS: Bad weather doesn't put damper on program

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Questions derived from concerns expressed by grieving people

Mark Mercer, M.S., L.P.C., SWA

One of the most important factors determining how well you will adjust during bereavement is the quality of support you receive from other people. And since those who are grieving have a strong need to tell their story over and over, some of your friends may get tired of listening. If the person who died was your main support person, your grief involves a dilemma: now when you need them the most, they are gone.

Here are some ideas you may find useful. 1) Be open to the possibility of some new friends. Those you counted on may not be there for you, but others you barely know may now become your closest friends. 2) It may be helpful to find someone who is in the same boat you are. But steer away from people who make you feel overwhelmed with their need to talk about their grief. 3) When there is no one around to talk to, try writing down your feelings on paper. You may be surprised how enormously helpful this is. 4) Support groups are excellent places to express your feelings among people who will understand. Call us for times and dates.

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Governor speaks to youth at 'True Love Waits' program rally

AUSTIN (AP) — Hundreds of youth who have pledged to abstain from sex until marriage got some moral support Saturday from Gov. George W. Bush, who said their decisions will help curb out-of-wedlock births and sexually transmitted diseases.

"In this day and age that's a bold act," Bush said. "You see, it's not cool in some people's minds to say 'I want to wait until I find the person I want to marry for life.' I know that. ... But I think it's cool. And I appreciate your leadership."

Bush spoke at a rally for "True Love Waits," a program founded by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1993 that he has praised.

The youths, who spread picnic blankets across the south lawn of the Capitol, have signed cards promising God they'll abstain from sex until they enter a biblical marriage relationship, according to the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

The rally is meant to "celebrate the commitments made by hundreds of thousands of students concerning sexual purity

and to show Texans that 'not everyone is doing it,'" said event coordinator Jane Wilson.

While few of her friends have made a similar commitment, they respect her decision, said Anlyn E. ... 14, of Buda, a town of 1,800 outside Austin.

"I believe that sex before marriage is wrong," she said. "God gave it to us as a gift."

Kristyn Downey of Austin, also 14, said most of her friends haven't signed the card.

"It's a part of my morals," she said. "I just don't think it's right to have sex before marriage."

Bush didn't say whether he had abstained from sex before marriage. He told the crowd: "I think the thing that baby boomers have got to say is not that we made mistakes but that we learned from our mistakes and are willing to share the wisdom."

Asked whether his mistakes had hurt him, Bush said, "I don't say they've hurt me. I've just learned from them. I will say what's hurt is the babies born out of wedlock and the amount of sexual transmitted diseases in society today — it's a serious problem."

Officials say teens charged in plot weren't copycats

WIMBERLEY (AP) — Investigators said Saturday they found gunpowder, crude explosive devices and computer disks with bomb-making information in the homes of three 14-year-old boys accused of plotting an assault at their junior high school.

"All of the juveniles gave a written statement to the investigators," Hays County Sheriff Don Montague said. "Based on the statements given, it is clear that these young men were serious about targeting fellow students and teachers."

Five eighth-grade boys were taken into custody Friday afternoon on juvenile charges of conspiracy to commit murder, conspiracy to commit arson and conspiracy to manufacture explosives, authorities said.

The three boys whose homes were searched and a fourth boy remained in juvenile detention Saturday, the sheriff said at a news conference. He would not reveal the location of the fifth boy.

They will be detained until at least Monday, when a judge will decide whether they should be released, Montague said.

Patrick Keaveny, assistant district attorney, said officials have not decided whether to try the youths as adults.

Only three homes were searched Friday night because that's all authorities had probable cause to check, Montague said.

In addition to the bomb parts, deputies and agents from the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms found how-to instructions downloaded from the Internet, officials said.

Montague described what they found as "very dangerous."

"There would have been people hurt. There could have been people killed" if the youths had

been successful, Montague said. The investigation is continuing and more students could be implicated, he said.

The alleged plot, believed to have been conceived in January, came to light Friday when school officials were contacted by students who had overheard discussions.

School officials said concerns about teen violence being expressed nationally in the wake of the Littleton, Colo., massacre may have

'Based on the statements given, it is clear that these young men were serious about targeting fellow students and teachers.'

— Don Montague, Hays County sheriff

prompted acquaintances of the teens to take the threats more seriously.

The district "is deeply saddened by the arrest of the students allegedly involved in this matter," said Wimberley Superintendent David Simmons.

School officials will meet with concerned parents over the next couple of days but have no current plans to add additional security on campus, he said.

Nothing unusual was found at the Danforth campus of Wimberley Junior High, which has more than 400 students, said Simmons, who ordered the boys expelled.

"I can't sit here and tell you things are totally safe," Montague said. "I can tell you that

we've taken every measure we can. We've searched the school, we're continuing to talk to these young people. We have no indication that there's anything in that school that would harm them."

Officials declined to release the boys' names or their written statements.

"As I understand it, they do attend some of the same classes together and they are friends," said Montague, adding that he didn't know whether they were members of any groups.

Wimberley, a town of about 3,000 people, is located about 40 miles southwest of Austin in the scenic Texas Hill Country. Parents in the town were on edge Saturday.

Kim White, whose twin sons are seventh-graders at the junior high, said she came to the sheriff's office to find out what was going on after her children's classmates called the house late Friday night.

"Their reaction was total fear," she said of her sons. "At a campus that small, if they didn't know them (the five), they knew of them. So we just wanted to know the facts."

Leora Strong, the mother of another student in the district, said she was concerned that there was not enough security at the schools.

"I'm horrified. I don't know if my child is safe," she said.

Ms. Strong spent the day talking with other concerned parents before ending up in front of the white-stone campus where a little league baseball game continued despite the commotion.

She said it was especially disturbing that these students apparently began planning their attack months before the Colorado attack — they weren't just copycats.

Bush dedicates reopened courthouse in Hill Country

HILLSBORO (AP) — The bell in the clock tower is new.

The "belle" of the town square is not. She's just been made over for her comeback party.

Thousands turned out Saturday to dedicate the reopening of the century-old Hill County Courthouse.

Gutted by fire on New Year's Day in 1993, the limestone courthouse has undergone a \$10 million renovation restoring it to its former glory.

"This is a fabulous piece of architecture," Gov. George W. Bush said at the dedication ceremony. "I want Texans to understand how important courthouses are to the center of the communities in many of our small towns."

Beth Stubblefield, 69, said the fire devastated the county.

"The courthouse is Hillsboro and Hill County," she said. "All that was left standing were the limestone walls."

The three-story courthouse — accented by Corinthian columns and a three-tiered clock tower — reminded residents of an elaborate gift box that was empty inside.

But country music singer Willie Nelson, a native of nearby Abbott, said county residents could not bear to let the building stand vacant.

"The courthouse is pretty special to a whole lot of people," said Nelson, 66, who has been helping to raise money for the restoration.

"It was an important part of my life. I visited it every Saturday when I was growing up," the singer said. "It was beautiful."

Nelson kicked off fund-raising efforts six years ago with a benefit concert — and promised to return when the renovation was completed.

His \$25-a-ticket concert Saturday evening was expected to pay off the restoration work, buy new furniture and cover the cost of landscaping.

Dallas architects used photographs and historical recollections to re-create the interior of the French- and Italian-influenced structure as it appeared when it was built in 1890, a design of Wesley Clark Dodson.

Since then, much of the original building had been remodeled and lost a little bit of its historic appeal.

"It hasn't been the original roof since maybe 1910," said artist Bill Morgan. "But it has most of Dodson's original design."

Morgan featured the building for March 1996 in his series of calendars, "Old Friends: Great Texas Courthouses."

The building, visible for 20 miles along I-35 between Dallas-Fort Worth and Waco, has been on Texans' conscience as much as any courthouse in the state, he said.

Morgan added that the restoration of the gutted building gives hope to other counties that their

courthouses also can be preserved.

"To see it brought back into the original condition shows that no matter what shape these old buildings are in, you can bring them back," he said.

At the dedication, Bush plugged a bill to renovate courthouses, saying the old buildings will maintain old-fashioned values well into the 21st Century.

"It's a place where neighbor comes to see neighbor," the governor said. "It reminds us ... to love our neighbors like we love ourselves."

Hill County Judge Kenneth Davis said that like many rural courthouses, the structure surrounded by the city square was a social center in addition to a place for record-keeping or dispensing justice.

"I can remember Saturday night get-togethers before we had television, going there for country music shows," said Davis, 57, who has lived his entire life in Hillsboro.

"For a year after the fire, every time I drove by I'd look at the clock tower to see what time it was," Davis said. "It was just habit."

The clock keeps time again, thanks to donations, grants and insurance payments that financed the restoration.

The old bell that used to ring from the 70-foot clock tower also will return — but only for display. The bell cracked when it fell dur-

ing the fire, silencing the booming tones that once interrupted court proceedings.

"It was something everyone listened for," Davis said. "The new bell isn't as loud. Modern technology is not as good as it was in 1890, I guess."

Next month, workers from the offices of the district attorney, county clerk, tax assessor and auditor will move back into the courthouse from an abandoned grocery store that has served as makeshift offices.

Marble from the original courthouse floor was salvaged to serve as counters in the tax and clerk's offices.

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Authorities find immigrant dead on freight train

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — An undocumented immigrant was found dead and 12 others were caught when authorities cut open a locked freight train compartment near Pearsall, authorities say.

The dead man, believed to be in his 20s, was in a group of undocumented immigrants who paid \$650 to \$1,500 each for transportation from Laredo to San Antonio, Frio County Sheriff Carl Burris said Friday.

"When we found him, he had only been dead for a little while," Burris told the San Antonio Express-News in Saturday editions. "The others managed to get out of the (train) car through its roof."

The group was discovered near Pearsall late Thursday after one of the immigrants locked in the compartment escaped and came to the door of a woman who lived near the railroad tracks and asked for help.

"He told her they had been locked in the car and some of them were very sick," Burris said.

"Before my officers could get there, the train took off," he added. "We radioed the train dispatcher and stopped the train about a mile later. That is when all the people started coming out of the roof."

More than a dozen law enforcement officers helped chase down the people who fled the train, he said.

The dead man had been sealed in the tractor-trailer rig that was riding piggyback on a flatbed freight car. Someone, using two 3-inch bolts to close the door, sealed it shut at about 8 p.m. Wednesday.

"We had to cut the bolts to get into the car," Burris said. "I don't know how they had planned to get out."

A 16-year-old girl and her father, who were among the 12 people Border Patrol officers and Frio County deputies caught, were sent back to Mexico on Friday, and the other undocumented immigrants were being held for questioning.

Burris said District Attorney Lynn Ellison is prepared to file charges against the person or people who locked the immigrants in the car if enough information can be gathered to identify them.

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Jurist weighs justice with little sleight of hand

By Mark Babineck
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Judge Frank Price is prone to a little deception when he's on the bench.

Price, who has held one Houston-area judgeship or another for 25 years, remains among the highest-rated jurists in the annual bar poll. Yet most who appear before him don't know he's practicing skull-duggery right before their eyes.

The sleight of hand Price undertakes during the day helps him after hours when he exchanges his robe for a tuxedo, the uniform of a nightclub magician.

"It's fun. It's a nice diversion from the legal profession," said Price, 60. "I enjoy making people laugh, have a good time and enjoy themselves. It puts happiness in people's lives, and I feel good when I can do that."

By day, Price runs a mediation practice with a colleague and fills in as a retired judge in both district court and the 1st Court of Appeals. Many weeknights, the prestidigitator performs at Magic Island, a two-story office building that was converted into a Sphinx-exterior club 15 years ago.

Price practices constantly, whether riding in a car, watching a Rockets game on television or presiding over a courtroom.

"Once I was listening to a witness on the stand and I've got a deck of cards," Price said. "Apparently I was listening so intently that what I was doing with the cards were making too much noise. The witness looks at me and says, 'What are you doing?'"

"I said, 'Just answer the question.' Really, I was paying so much attention I didn't hear the cards."

Fiddling with magic tricks helps him concentrate on courtroom proceedings, which rarely are as gripping as they're portrayed in movies. Also, Price says, practice makes perfect.

"They way you become proficient at anything is by doing it over and over," Price said. "I've found that I could do things under the bench, maybe practice a certain

sleight. You don't think about what you're doing because it's got to be natural."

His club act consists of up-close tricks with everyday items. Patrons look on from a bank of 32 theater-style seats in a cozy room — the front row is arm's length from his table.

"When I first saw his act, it caught me off-guard," said Judge Eric Andell, who also sits on the 1st Court. "You don't know whether to believe what you're seeing. There's a judge, and he's doing magic tricks, and you say, 'What's this?'"

Price got into magic while at Houston Lamar High School, where he and a swim teammate

was kidding about the stealing, though."

With rolled-up sleeves, he folds a dollar bill into a tiny square, only to unfold a \$100 bill. Then comes another dose of dry wit: "The Secret Service tells me I have to turn it back into a dollar or I'll go to jail."

Price then reveals some rubber balls, confounding the audience as balls that should be in his pocket appear in his hand, balls supposedly in his hand show up in a box, etc. Afterward, he seamlessly shuffles silver coins across his table, revealing them under his left hand when they appeared under his right seconds before.

"The trick is not in the coins, just the result of a misperception youth," he says.

He wraps up the short set by seemingly "printing" the image of playing cards onto blank cards by pressing them together. He goes on to "print" all sorts of combinations, including creating a black card by pressing it against his tux.

The befuddled customers applaud and file out, only to be followed by another small group a few minutes later who watch the same show. At Magic Island, patrons relax before dinner in a parlor, eat, then take in short, informal shows like Price's before seeing a headline magic act in the larger theater.

By 11 p.m. or midnight, it's been a long day.

"If I didn't want to do it I wouldn't, but I enjoy it," said Price, currently single with two grown sons and three grandchildren. "There are times when I get bored with my act and threaten to change it, then I get an audience who gets real pumped up. Or sometimes people come back and want to see a particular thing I do."

Price acknowledges he doesn't need the money from these gigs. But fellow Magic Island close-up magician Scott Hollingsworth is a full-time employee, booking acts and filling other functions at the club.

"I also cut up the carrots. Monday, I'm moving up to cucumbers," Hollingsworth jokes.

'It's fun. It's a nice diversion from the legal profession.'

— Judge Frank Price

began performing at birthday parties and such. Price's affinity for magic lasted through college, law school and his entire legal career.

After short stints as a prosecutor and in private practice, Price was appointed to a district bench in 1973 and quickly was assigned one of his biggest cases, the murder trial of Lilla Paulus, convicted of killing socially prominent Dr. John Hill.

He later condemned Ronald Clark O'Bryan, convicted and eventually executed for killing his son with poisoned candy on Halloween night in a case that shocked the nation.

After serving as a district judge during the 1970s, Price was appointed to the 1st Court of Appeals by Gov. Bill Clements. Voters swept him out along with most other GOP candidates in the 1982 elections, and he's served as a fill-in ever since.

Price has dabbled in different types of magic but long has settled on the close-up variety, one of the most difficult. He doesn't tell his audiences he's a judge, only that his day job has made him experienced at lying, cheating and stealing.

"I'm a lawyer," he confides. "I

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A total of \$1,314,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will be allocated to the City for the 1999/2000 program. Approximately \$58,000 in program income is expected during the 1999/2000 program. A minimum 70% of these funds must be allocated to projects which benefit low and moderate income persons. Examples of activities eligible for CDBG funding are: housing rehabilitation, sidewalk and street improvements, park improvements, code enforcement, lot clearance, economic development, and public services.
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Miss Leonard, daughter of Margaret and Guy Leonard of Midland, attends Midland High School.

Her school activities include varsity basketball, Student Council, National Honor Society, All-American Scholar and academic letterman.

She plans to attend The University of Texas and become an orthopedic surgeon.

The Midland Rotary Club named Sara Holland and Justin Wilson as their students of the

week.

Miss Holland, daughter of Terry and Nita Holland, attends Midland High School.

Her school activities include Student Council, D-FY-IT, Physics Circus, National Honor Society, Outstanding Latin Award and was named Outstanding Senior Girls by University Women of Midland.

Miss Holland plans to attend Texas A&M University and become a meteorologist.

Wilson, son of Lynn and Rosemary Wilson of Midland, attends Midland High School.

His school activities include

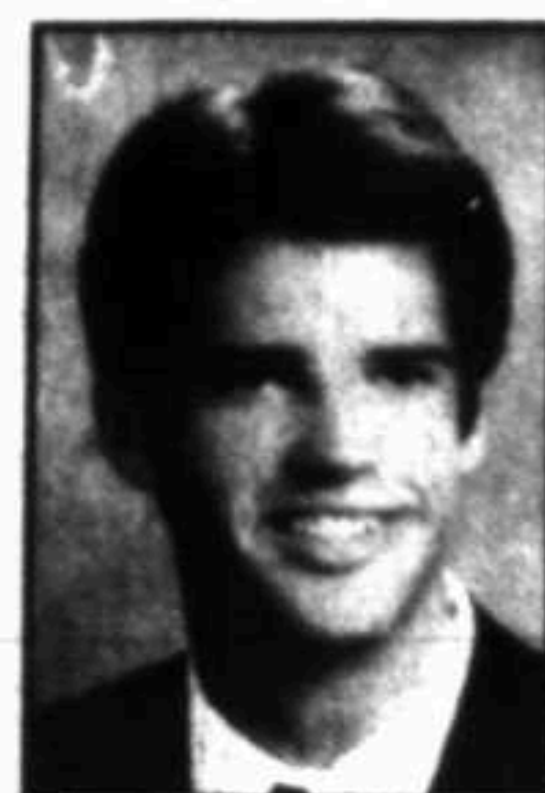
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Luis Antonio Sanchez Arauz is a Hispanic male (Date of Birth 09/19/97). At the time of his disappearance he was 2'2" tall and weighed 20 pounds. He has brown eyes, black hair and a mole on his chin.

Luis was last seen in the company of his non-custodial father, Juan Antonio Arauz, aka "Brother Antonio" white male (Date of Birth 01/12/69), September 4, 1998 in Crockett (Houston County), Texas. Mr. Arauz has a butterfly tattoo on his left forearm and scars on his throat and eyes. There is an active felony warrant (W120823285) charging Mr. Arauz with Interference with Child Custody.

Anyone having information regarding this missing child's whereabouts is encouraged to contact the Crockett Police Department at 409/544-2021 or the Houston County Sheriff's Office at 409/544-2862 or the Texas Department of Public Safety Missing Persons Clearinghouse at 1-800-346-3243 in Texas or 512/424-2812 outside of Texas.

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Diana Christine Mata is a Hispanic female (Date of Birth 05/11/82). At the time of her disappearance she was 5'5" tall and weighed 155 pounds. She has brown eyes and brown hair. Diana has a tattoo "13" on her right wrist, a tattoo of a heart on her lower right leg, a "D" on her right or left upper arm and a tattoo of dots on her right knuckles.

Diana was last seen November 3, 1998 in Benbrook (Tarrant County), Texas. She was last seen wearing a blue and white Dallas Cowboys wind jacket, a brown long-sleeve striped sweater, blue jean overalls, brown leather shoes, a black backpack and a silver necklace with a Mickey Mouse charm. Diana may have traveled to Mexico.

Anyone having information regarding this missing juvenile's whereabouts is encouraged to contact Detective Deane, Benbrook Police Department, Benbrook, Texas at 817/249-2752 or the Texas Department of Public Safety Missing Persons Clearinghouse at 1-800-346-3243 in Texas or 512/424-2812 outside of Texas.

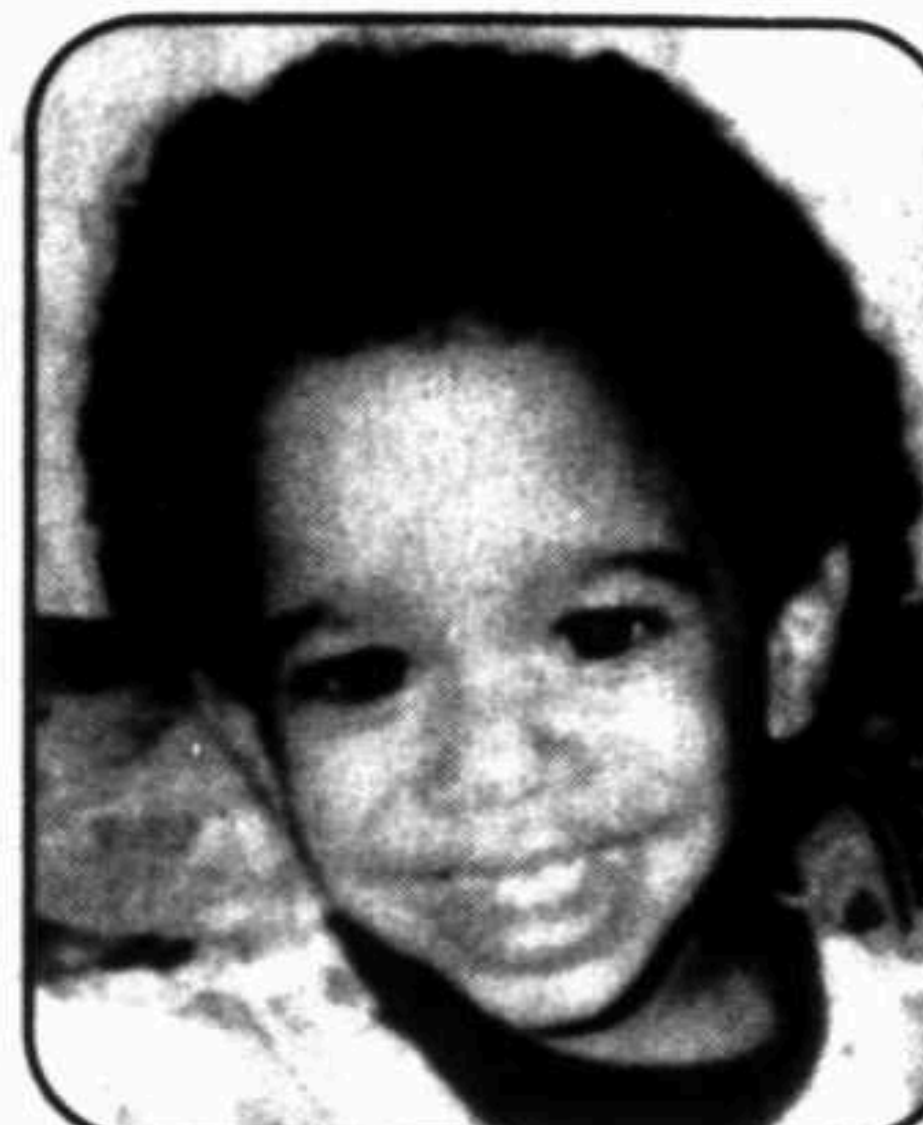
DEANGELO MARQUIS MCNEIL

MPCH Case #A99-01-003
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DeAngelo Marquis McNeil is a black male (Date of Birth 06/01/94). At the time of his disappearance he was 2'6" tall and weighed 30 pounds. He has brown eyes and black hair.

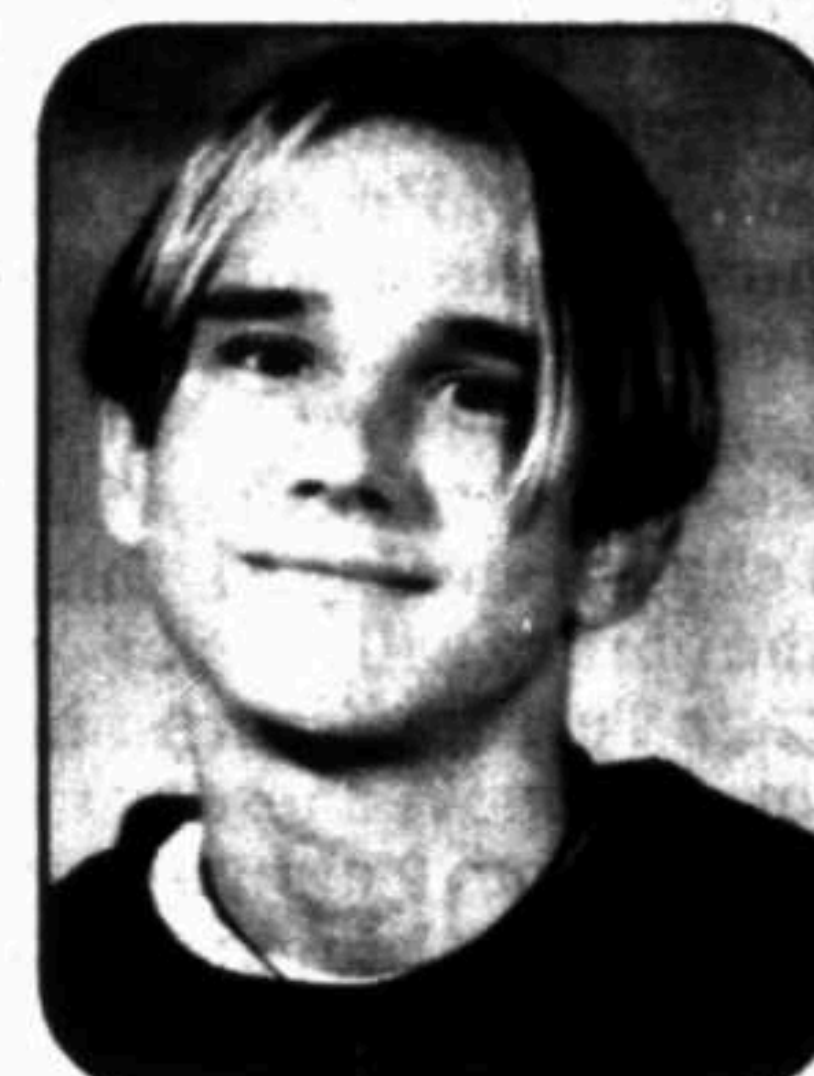
DeAngelo was last seen with his mother, during visitation, while in custody of the State of Texas, April 27, 1997 in Houston, (Harris County), Texas. His mother claims she gave him away and her story subsequently has been disproved.

Anyone having information regarding this missing child's whereabouts is encouraged to contact Patrick Smith, Harris County Attorney's Office, Children's Protective Division, Houston, Texas, at 713/599-5808 or the Texas Department of Public Safety Missing Persons Clearinghouse at 1-800-346-3243 in Texas or 512/424-2812 outside of Texas.



MATTHEW AARON FENNELL

MPCH Case #R99-01-007
NIC/M182983988



Matthew Aaron Fennell is a white male (Date of Birth 11/05/84). At the time of his disappearance he was 5'6" tall and weighed approximately 100 pounds. He has brown eyes, blond hair and a wart on the bottom of his chin.

Matthew was last seen January 13, 1999 in Midlothian (Ellis County), Texas, carrying his black and white Locust Bass Guitar and his Fender Amp.

Anyone having information regarding this missing juvenile's whereabouts is encouraged to contact Officer Jeremy Osteen, Ellis County Sheriff's Office, Waxahachie, Texas, at 972/923-4921 or the Texas Department of Public Safety Missing Persons Clearinghouse at 1-800-346-3243 in Texas or 512/424-2812 outside of Texas.



BRIANA GREEN

NIC/M168959712

TOBIAS GREEN

NIC/168960585

ANNA GREEN

NIC/M168959100

MPCH Case #A98-12-004

Briana Green is a white female (Date of Birth 04/14/91). At the time of her disappearance she was 4'5" tall and weighed approximately 60 pounds. She has blue eyes and blond hair.

Tobias Green is a white male (Date of Birth 10/13/92). At the time of his disappearance he was 4'0" tall and weighed approximately 40 pounds. He has green eyes and blond hair.

Anna Green is a white female (Date of Birth 07/12/89). At the time of her disappearance she was 4'9" tall and weighed approximately 70 pounds. She has blue eyes and blond hair.

Tobias, Briana and Anna were last seen October 13, 1997 in Tyler (Smith County), Texas. They may be in the company of their father, Toby Michael Green, white male (Date of Birth 01/06/58).

Anyone having information regarding these missing children is encouraged to contact Lieutenant Jason Waller, Smith County Sheriff's Office, Tyler, Texas at 903/535-0964 or the Texas Department of Public Safety Missing Persons Clearinghouse at 1-800-346-3243 in Texas or 512/424-2812 outside of Texas.

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CHECKING OUT THE LIBRARIES

By Sandra Wegner

Whether it's called a "Mixed Bag" or a "Brown Bag," it is the second series of lunchtime programs at the Midland County Public Library, 301 W. Missouri Ave.

Leila Seal of Allega Holiday Travel will start everyone down the road with "Vacation News and Ideas" on May 19. The following week, on May 26, Leanna Biles of the Big Bend Area Travel Association has suggestions for short trips close to home. Linda Bond of the Arts Association of Midland will be at the library June 2, with ideas on how to entertain the children or grandchildren this summer in Midland.

"It's a Mixed Bag" will feature programs with a patriotic theme during June. Gardening in an arid land will be the subject of programs July 7 through July 28.

Come and bring, or don't bring, your lunch at 11:45 a.m. to the second floor meeting room of the Main Library. Programs of about 30 minutes, plus time for questions, will begin at noon.

Main Library hours of service will change on May 24. Until Aug. 16, the library will be open on Monday and Tuesday from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. and on Wednesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. The hours of Centennial Branch Library in Midland Park Mall will not change. Branch hours are 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Parents traveling with children usually hear: "How much farther is it?" and "How long till we get there?" and they usually hear these questions over and over. On the next trip consider this library solution: the children's areas of the Main Library and Centennial

Branch Library have books-on-tape. Tapes can make the trip more pleasant for the entire family.

Summer is the busiest season in the Children's Department at Main Library. Official kickoff date for the Summer Reading Clubs is June 2, but registration can start as early as May 24. Schedules for children's summer program events are available at the Main Library and Centennial Branch Library.

April 6 was Tartan Day and the Scottish Heritage Society of the Permian Basin celebrated the event by giving the Main Library several books about Scotland.

Society members made their presentation to the library with some members wearing kilts and all members wearing plaids.

There is a large bronze plaque in the Main Library that reads like a who's who of Midland's shakers and doers of years gone by. Once passed by all entering the Midland County Public Library north

entrance, it is now seldom seen.

The plaque proudly commemorates the building of Midland Public Library erected in 1957. You will note that the word, county is not in the library name. At that time both the city and the county of Midland financially supported the library. Listed on the plaque are county and city officials, plus library board and trustees who were in office during the construction period.

Most of those named are no longer living but many of the family names are still prominent: Stitt, Cason, Bryant, Franklin, Henderson, McKaskle, Gideon, Maricle, Sidwell, Estes, Davis, Greathouse, Hallman, Mims, LaForce, Cowden, Fasken, Glass, Goldsmith, Scharbauer, Speed and Butler.

Organizations that founded the library are listed with dates: 99 club, 1903; Time and Tide Club, 1903; Woman's Wednesday Club, 1904; and Midland Library Association, 1903.

Support groups named on the plaque were the Altrusa Club, the West Texas Geological Society,

and the Friends of Midland Public Library Inc.

Some may remember the head librarians of period: Mrs. J. Henry

Wilkinson Jr. and Mrs. Rose Kinzer. Architects Neuhardt & Babb of Midland are the last names given on the plaque.

Sandra Wegner is director of Midland County Public Library.

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U.S. airlines may get carrier rights to China

DALLAS (AP) — Fewer restrictions and the advent of larger airplanes mean U.S. airlines soon will be brawling over carrier rights to China, the world's largest market with some of the tightest restrictions.

Representatives of Beijing and Washington signed an agreement earlier this month that will relax the rules on flying to and from China. Those changes, along with the recent introduction of the Boeing 777, which can fly farther and bypass gate-restrictive Japan, will allow air carriers to fly straight to Asia, where air travel is growing 10 percent annually.

Boeing began taking orders two years ago for the ultra-long-range

777, which is capable of carrying up to 328 passengers 8,300 miles.

"The 777 certainly makes China a reality for American," said John Hotard, a spokesman for the Fort Worth-based airline. "Now, non-stop or direct service into China will make it much easier for the U.S. carriers to do business in that region."

China, which let foreign investors into the country 20 years ago, has long kept some sectors, such as aviation, closed to outside investment. The country recently has been offering to make concessions in its trade barriers to get backing for World Trade Organization membership, a goal it has sought for 13 years.

The deal signed April 9 will double the total number of passenger and cargo flights among all U.S. airlines between the two countries from 27 to 54. The Department of Transportation will award eight new flights immediately and nine more on April 1, 2000. The rest will be added in 2001.

The agreement removes all restrictions on gateway departure cities from the United States. Passengers traveling to China currently must go from New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Anchorage, Alaska, San Francisco, Honolulu, Seattle and Detroit. They must land in Beijing, Shanghai or Guangzhou.

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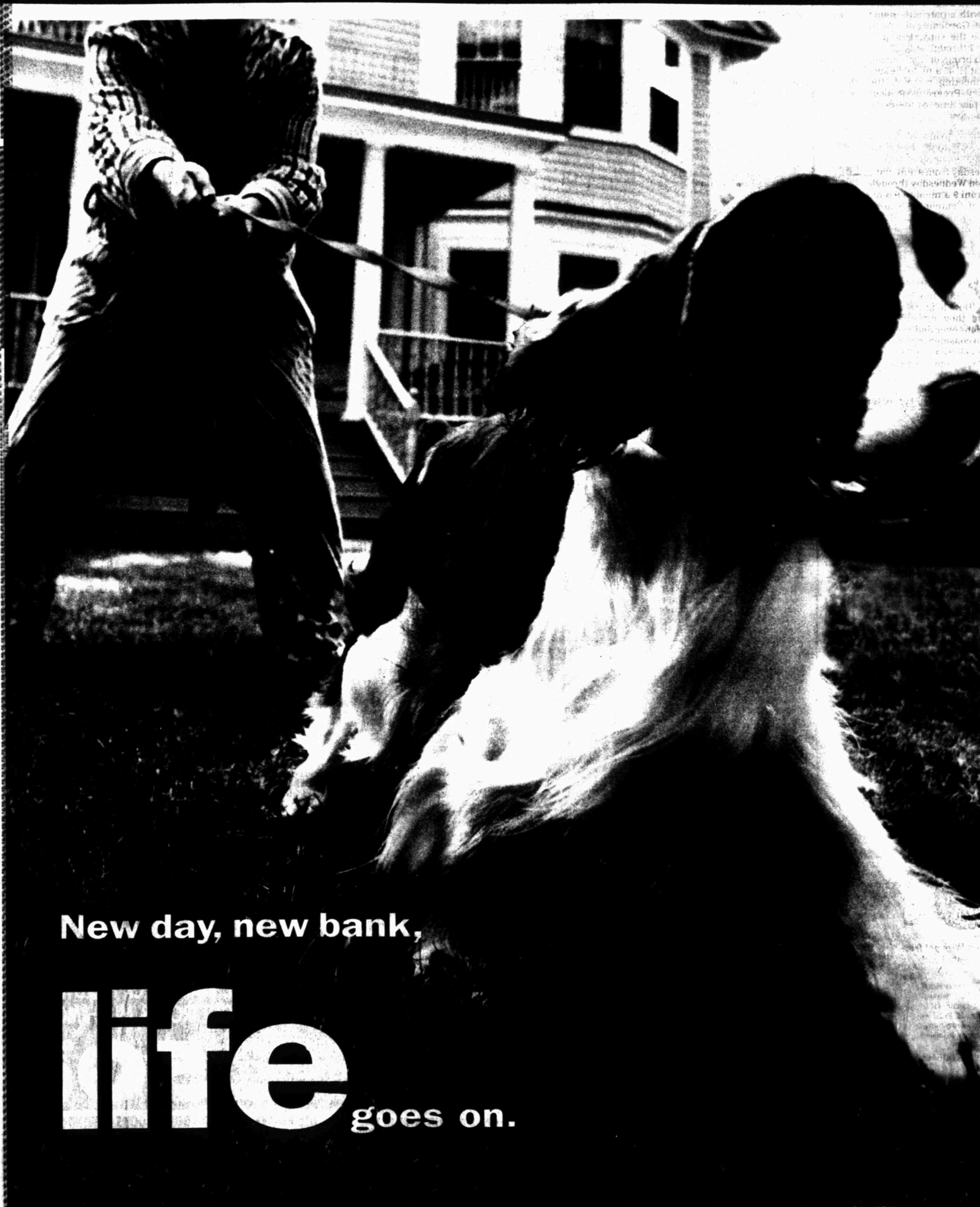
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Local best sellers are based on weekly sales at Midland bookstores and reflect varied reading interests. This week's local best sellers are from Waldenbooks, Midland Park Mall, 4511 N. Midkiff, Midland.

National best sellers are from The New York Times.

NATIONAL Fiction

1. **The Testament**, by John Grisham.
2. **Bittersweet**, by Danielle Steel.
3. **Vittorio, The Vampire**, by Anne Rice.
4. **Tara Road**, by Maeve Binchy.
5. **What's Heaven?** by Maria Shriver.
6. **River's End**, by Nora Roberts.
7. **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone**, by J.K. Rowling.
8. **Single & Single**, by John Le Carré.
9. **Abide With Me**, by E. Lynn Harris.
10. **Hush Money**, by Robert B. Parker.

Nonfiction

1. **All Too Human**, by George Stephanopoulos.
2. **The Greatest Generation**, by Tom Brokaw.
3. **Yesterday, I Cried**, by Iyanla Vanzant.
4. **Tuesdays With Morrie**, by Mitch Albom.
5. **Business (At) the Speed of Thought**, by Bill Gates.
6. **Another Country**, by Mary Pipher.
7. **The Century**, by Peter Jennings and Todd Brewster.
8. **The Art of Happiness**, by the Dalai Lama and Howard C. Cutler.
9. **Monica's Story**, by Andrew Morton.
10. **Blind Man's Bluff**, by Sherry Son-tag and Christopher Drew with Annette Lawrence Drew.

LOCAL Fiction/Nonfiction

1. **A New Song**, by Jan Karon.
 2. **The Girl Who Loved Tom Gordon**, by Stephen King.
 3. **Bittersweet**, by Danielle Steel (HLW).
 4. **I Thee Wed**, by Amanda Quick.
 5. **The Greatest Generation**, by Tom Brokaw.
 6. **Yesterday, I Cried**, by Iyanla Vanzant.
 7. **Soul of the Fire**, by Terry Goodkind.
 8. **We'll Meet Again**, by Mary Higgins Clark.
 9. **Something More**, by Sarah Ban Breathnach.
 10. **Majors**, by John Feinstein.
- Mass Market/Trade**
1. **You Belong to Me**, by Mary Higgins Clark.
 2. **Homeport**, by Nora Roberts.
 3. **Charming the Prince**, by Teresa Medeiros.
 4. **Moon Over Water**, by Debbie Macomber.
 5. **Coast Road**, by Barbara Delinsky.
 6. **Catcher in the Rye**, by J.D. Salinger.
 7. **Jade Island**, by Elizabeth Lowell.
 8. **Star Wars - X wing #8**, by Michael Stackpole.
 9. **Time to Hunt**, by Stephen Hunter.
 10. **N is for Noose**, by Sue Grafton.

TEST YOUR LITERARY KNOWLEDGE

You may feel right at home with this one. It's another matching exercise — titles with authors — and it's a potpourri of fiction and nonfiction in contrasting disciplines (even a Charlie Chan mystery) plus drama and poetry. You pass with nine correct answers (a simple majority) and earn an A with 12 right.

Titles:

1. "Alison's House"
2. "Bleak House"
3. "Both Your Houses"
4. "The Fall of the House of Usher"
5. "From Bauhaus to Our House"
6. "A House by the Side of the Road"
7. "House Divided"
8. "A House for Mr. Biswas"
9. "A House Is Not a Home"
10. "The House of Bernard Alba"
11. "House of Blue Leaves"
12. "The House of Connelly"
13. "The House of the Seven Gables"
14. "The House Without a Key"
15. "The Little House on the Prairie"
16. "This House of Sky"

Authors:

- a. Polly Adler
- b. Maxwell Anderson
- c. Earl Derr Biggers
- d. Charles Dickens
- e. Ivan Dolg
- f. Sam Walter Foss
- g. Federico Garcia Lorca
- h. Susan Glaspell
- i. Paul Green
- j. John Guare
- k. Nathaniel Hawthorne
- l. V.S. Naipaul
- m. Edgar Allan Poe
- n. Laura Ingalls Wilder
- o. Ben Ames Williams
- p. Tom Wolfe

Quiz answers: 1-h; 2-d; 3-b; 4-m; 5-p; 6-f; 7-o; 8-i; 9-a; 10-g; 11-j; 12-k; 13-l; 14-c; 15-n; 16-e.

Lindbergh was an American hero

LINDBERGH
by A. Scott Berg
(G.P. Putnam's Sons, New York,
\$30, 628 pages, fully indexed)

Reviewed by Evetts Haley Jr.

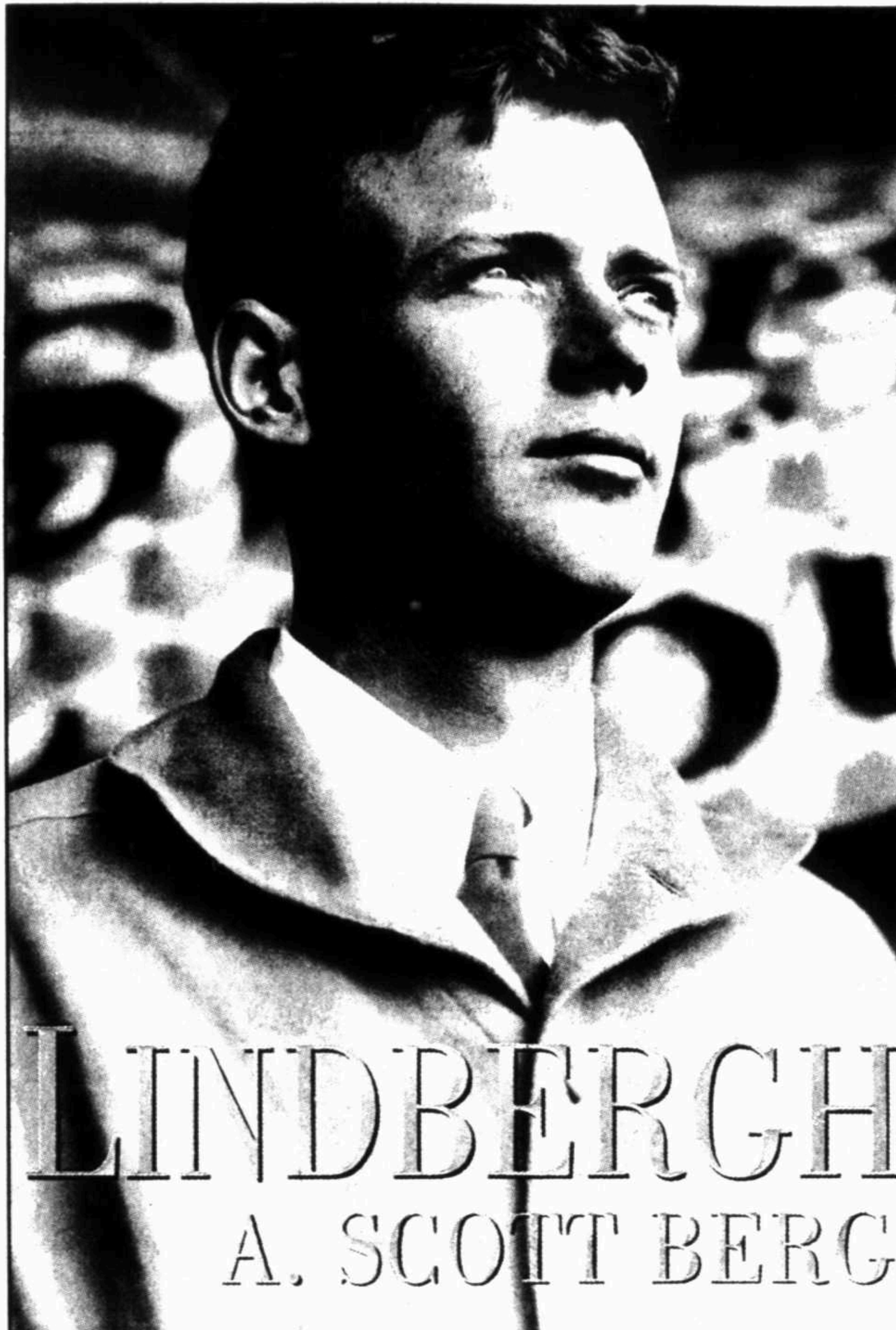
Charles A. Lindbergh, often referred to as C.A.L., very rarely as "Slim," never as Charley, is an authentic 20th century American hero. He was also a man of monumental accomplishments, impeccable character and proven patriotism. One of the travesties of American history was the politically inspired questioning of his patriotism prior to our country's entrance into World War II. The minions of Franklin D. Roosevelt, allied with that part of world Jewry reacting to Hitler's persecution of German and Polish Jews, were determined to take our country into the second European war in less than two decades. Roosevelt needed our entrance into war in order to overcome the tradition in this country against electing a president for more than two terms. Post Roosevelt, our people wisely demanded and got a constitutional limitation to two terms (and currently there is a vigorous movement afoot for a constitutional amendment for term limitation for Congress as well).

Lindbergh joined an outfit called "America First" which was composed of a number of distinguished Americans, including the retired General and businessman Robert E. Wood of Chicago, who were determined to see the United States return to a national policy in keeping with the "Monroe Doctrine" which every school boy of that day knew. The Monroe Doctrine prescribes that our country will draw a line and prohibit, militarily if necessary, the intrusion of old world powers into the Americas while eschewing our own military involvement in the interminable wars of Europe and the Mideast. Virtually all polls of the day indicated 60 percent or more of our people adamantly opposed our country's entrance into the war against Germany, especially so after Germany invaded Russia!

Charles A. Lindbergh resigned his colonel's commission in what was then the Army Air Corps Reserve and financed himself on a speaking crusade (mostly in the eastern and midwestern states) urging his listeners and hundreds of thousands of admiring fans to stand up against our entrance into World War II. Notwithstanding a natural aversion to public speaking and with the exception of occasional small groups of programmed hecklers, Lindbergh was very well received. To the frustration of the President of the United States, the people generally continued to oppose the concept of sending their sons abroad for the opportunity to die against the well-disciplined and extremely efficient German armies. Roosevelt's response to Lindbergh's speaking successes was to enlist a number of sycophants, including two members of his cabinet not coincidentally including one Jew, to play what we now call the race card.

Lindbergh was roundly vilified as racist and anti-Semitic. Most of the major press of the day, including that of William Randolph Hearst, reacting in large measure to pressure from the Jewish lobby, conducted their own campaign to defame this recognized national hero and destroy his credibility and even his character. Character assassination is a malignancy seeded and grown in the first half of this century. Admittedly, however, especially taken out of the entire context of a few of his speeches, Lindbergh did make some utterances that exposed himself to the charge of racism. But, pro-Nazi or anti-Semitic, Charles Lindbergh decidedly was not, though each reader ought to make that assessment for him or herself. What Roosevelt could not forgive him for was his honest appraisal of Hitler's air force and true potential at arms!

This reviewer is of the generation that



had the opportunity to see ships flying the rising sun flag in the Houston ship channel in 1940, being piled high with scrap iron. We were remarked to by an elder, "We will live to see that iron being shot back at Americans." This left us with no surprise to read that Lindbergh and his colleagues in "America First" believed that Roosevelt maneuvered our country into inviting the 1941 Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, so determined was he to thwart the will of the American people and get us into war.

A. Scott Berg's biography of 562 pages of actual text is an awesome work of research. It is presented in chronological order of the subject's life. It is doubtful that a reader having read a couple of Lindbergh's previous biographies, or some of his or his wife, Anne Morrow Lindbergh's own published works, should be disillusioned by reading this one. But it is not light reading. Its story is not apt to be taken casually. From an historical perspective we suspect the nearly 100 pages covering the period in Lindbergh's life from late 1935 until Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, may have the greatest significance.

No doubt, however, the adventuresome spirit, valor and undiluted patriotism of a man flying and fighting in a uniform without rank or insignia, who had he had the misfortune of having been captured in enemy territory, would have been immediately and unceremoniously shot as a spy (which he never was), will possess great fascination for all war history buffs reading Berg's monumental work today. This part of Lindbergh's life is covered in two

chapters of less than sixty pages. The first of these chapters is titled somewhat annoyingly, if appropriately, "Clipped Wings."

During this period Lindbergh flew as a test pilot planes from the B24 (which he helped the people at Ford motor company in Detroit organize the construction of) through various fighters of the Navy, Marine Corps and Army Air Corps including the dynamic P47. He actually, if unofficially, flew combat missions with Marine pilots in the South Pacific and shot down a Japanese plane himself in an unanticipated encounter. Lindbergh was thankful that the Japanese pilot was just "a poor shot" thereby saving his own life!

There will be times when most of Berg's readers will wonder about the author's own objectiveness as to his subject's convictions? It may be that only Lindbergh's self-sacrifice, manifest bravery and obvious good judgment in combat he sought (he was never under orders like other combat pilots), prevailed on a previously skeptical author to recognize our hero of "The Spirit of St. Louis" as a true patriot. From this reviewer's observation, he was even the greater patriot as exemplified by his standing with the courage of his convictions against the politically inspired war to save Great Britain and Russia from the German armies! Following the death of President Roosevelt and after the formation of the United States Air Force (from the old Army Air Corps), then-Secretary of the Air Force Harold Talbot secured senatorial approval for a Brig. General's commission for Charles A. Lindbergh, which President Dwight D.

Eisenhower was happy to announce. A much-deserved vindication this was after the fighting was over.

In this review we have concentrated on the less obvious if not outright obscure aspects of the life and career of Charles A. Lindbergh. We have deliberately emphasized the elements of the career that we believe should not be relegated to historical footnotes. Make no mistake though, Berg's work is a full-scale life history of the subject. From his youth at Little Falls, on a farm in the wilds of Minnesota, the grandson of an immigrant Swedish farmer (on his father's side) through his somewhat troubled childhood and lackluster academic performance (he flunked out of the University of Wisconsin as a sophomore) through his "barnstorming" days as a youthful pilot, until his magnificent organization of, ascent in, and solo flight of "The Spirit of St. Louis" from Long Island, N.Y. to Paris in 33 hours in 1927, it is all there. Personality and character traits are adequately revealed by the author that were essential to Lindbergh's accomplishments. On our list of necessity to his even living until a natural death and burial in Maui, Hawaii (as a result of cancer in 1974 at the age of 72), much less his many accomplishments, we believe in order are: self-discipline, a sense of observation and grasp for detail, instinct and capacity for scientific discovery, sense or ability for organization, patience and finally the ability to maintain overall emotional, mental and physical fitness. His exploits and very survival indicate a human superiority in each of these traits. No other human of his time was, his equal!

Unquestionably, in Anne Morrow Lindbergh, whom he married in Mexico City during her father's service as United States Ambassador (he was later United States Senator from New Jersey), Charles Lindbergh had a strong and able woman as a wife. She developed into a noted writer. Although possessed of a nanny and household staff for most of their lives (the Morrises were a family of means), Anne was a competent and loving mother. She had to be self-disciplined too to survive the ordeal of the kidnapping and murder of her first born. Over a hundred pages of the Berg biography cover the birth, kidnapping, discovery of the body, investigation of and arrest and prosecution of this crime. Individuals of lesser strength could not have survived this gruesome loss of the namesake with their sanity and health intact. The Lindberghs went on, however, to become the parents of five more children, all of whom grew up to become normal, productive adults. But, in writing of the two generations (or three) chronicled by the author such disappointments or indiscretions as both parental and sibling estrangements and adultery are revealed. All of these ultimately reached an acceptable if not happy ending.

Finally, interspersed throughout most of the biography are many pages reporting on Lindbergh's business and scientific accomplishments. He was virtually a co-inventor of the heart pump. He contributed to numerous aeronautical advancements. Perhaps he spent more time than any other helping map, organize and schedule airline routes, both national and global. In later life, he turned into what is often described today as an environmentalist, though militant as such he certainly was not. He was a knowledgeable and sincere naturalist who spent considerable time with such primitive peoples as the Masai in East Africa and the remote tribes of the Philippines. A great traveler throughout his life, he lived to question the effect of the ease and scope of the movement of people on the stability of the world that he had spent most of his career making possible. Perhaps his legacy is of the importance of the recognition of science being tempered by the laws of nature. That and as the leading example living in his generation of personal courage and patriotism!

Lawyer drafts divorce law guide for Texans

By Clifford Pugh
Associated Press

If Texas native Jerry Hall were able to divorce Mick Jagger in her home state instead of Great Britain, her claim for \$50 million might not seem that exorbitant.

Under Texas law, any divorce settlement would be dictated by what the couple accumulated during their marriage.

So if the famous couple amassed \$100 million during their relationship, her request would be a "little low" under Texas standards, Dallas divorce attorney Ike Vanden Eykel says.

"Down here, if we're representing a wife and all we get is 50 percent, we consider that a loss," he says.

One thing seems certain: A high-profile divorce in the Lone Star State is likely to have a "Gunfight at the O.K. Corral" quality to it, says Vanden Eykel, author of the new "Successful Lone Star Divorce: How to Cope With a Family Breakup in Texas" (PSG Books, \$16.95).

Divorce is different in Texas than it would be almost anywhere else on Earth, for a number of reasons:

■ Texas is one of only nine states that recognize community property. Under state law, a non-wage-earning spouse has just as much right as a wage-earning spouse to property accumulated during the marriage.

■ For all practical purposes, alimony is nonexistent, Vanden Eykel says. The Texas Legislature passed a limited law in 1995 that allows maximum payments of \$2,500 a month for three years to an ex-spouse who was married at least 10 years and has no means of support.

■ Either party can ask for a jury trial. In a divorce case, a jury can determine community property and custody issues and even decide the value of a disputed

business. Texas is the only state where a jury can determine custody.

"You've got 12 people (deciding important divorce issues), and that makes it somewhat of a gunfighter's type of justice still in this state," says Vanden Eykel, whose clients have included Texas Rangers baseball player Juan Gonzalez and the ex-wives of evangelist Robert Tilton and millionaire Rex Cauble.

Things often get nasty if there's a fight over custody or if one party feels harmed by a spouse's extramarital affair and embarks on a personal vendetta.

"These things so easily get out of hand. You have to realize the system rewards 'nuclear war.' It's like going into an oil refinery with a blowtorch. If you set it off, there is going to be a fire," Vanden Eykel says.

He offers these suggestions for helping to maintain civility during a divorce case:

■ Consider your options. Seriously ask yourself: Is the marriage salvageable? If there's a chance, try counseling, therapy or a trial separation to work out problems.

■ Once you have ended it, there's nothing left to save. If you try to save it, you might just succeed," he says.

■ Do your homework. Educate yourself on the legal system and what a divorce will cost you emotionally and financially. Know both your financial situation and your spouse's, including the value of retirement funds and the amount of outstanding or potential debts.

■ People come in without knowing that, and they end up learning about the system halfway into it, and by then they can't get out of it," he says.

■ Interview several lawyers. Ask friends who have been in similar sit-

uations for referrals. Interview at least two lawyers before deciding to hire someone. Compare what each says, and gauge how comfortable you feel that your interests will be protected.

Ask the same questions of each lawyer, and don't tell one what the other said. Ask about the types of cases they have handled, their thoughts about mediation, which mediators they use (if they can't name one, they probably don't use mediation often), and specific questions on how they would handle your situation.

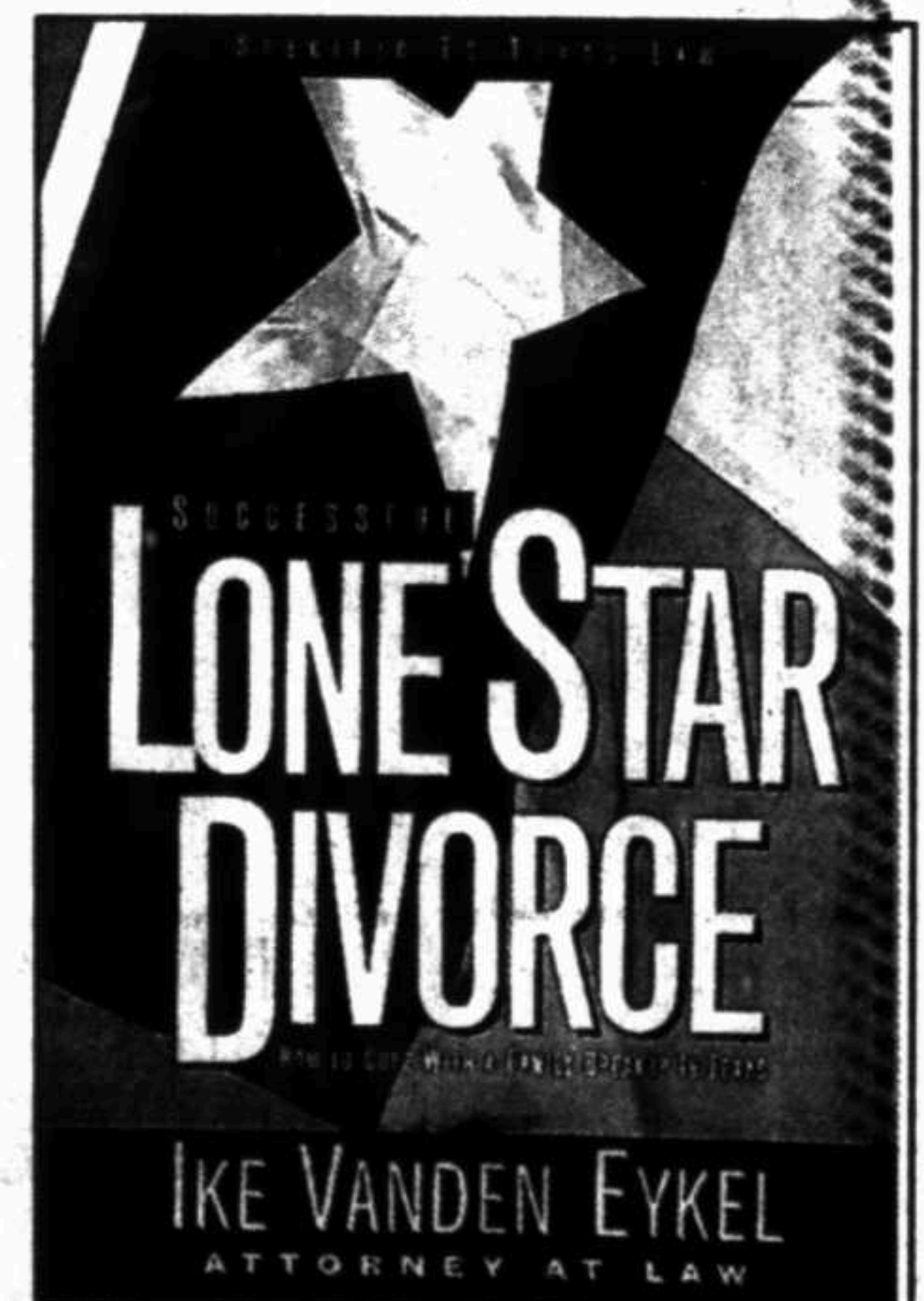
Vanden Eykel, who charges \$450 an hour, agrees that not everyone needs a high-priced divorce attorney. He recommends hiring "the most lawyer you can afford" for your situation.

"You can destroy an ant hill with a missile, but a shovel will do just fine," he says. "Not every case needs to be attached to a team. You may not require someone at the top of the fee range."

■ Stay involved. Once you've hired a lawyer, be a part of the process. Don't abdicate the case to your attorney. Let him or her know what you are thinking; otherwise, you may be left with unanswered questions after the divorce is finalized.

■ Shut up. People going through a divorce often feel a need to tell everyone how lousy the ex-spouse is and other details of the breakup. Such negative talk can come back to haunt you, particularly during delicate negotiations. You may also inadvertently give away your strategy with such loose talk.

■ Stay focused on your objective. Don't let thoughts of vengeance or vendettas blur your focus. Try to fashion a resolution that gets you all or much of what you need without putting your spouse through a "human meat grinder."



"You can't keep the emotions out, because it is an emotional situation, but you can try to keep them under control and not let them be damaging to you," Vanden Eykel says.

Despite news accounts that often highlight the most acrimonious divorces, more than 85 percent of divorce cases in the state are resolved in mediation without going to trial, Vanden Eykel says.

"The magic of mediation is, quite frankly, amazing," says the attorney, who calls mediation the most significant development in his 25 years of practice (followed by the invention of the photocopier and the fax machine).

"Mediation has allowed for an avenue to resolve differences without this 'nuclear war.' It forces (couples) to sit down with a trained mediator and try and settle the case."

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By T.E. Jenkins
Big Spring Correspondent

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Mock job fair helps prisoners learn how to find, keep jobs when they are released

By T.E. Jenkins
Big Spring Correspondent

BIG SPRING — Inmates at the Big Spring Federal Corrections Institute got the chance to check out today's job market at the facility's first mock job fair.

More than a dozen Big Spring businesses, including Scenic Mountain Medical Center, KBST Radio Station, Signal Homes, and Norwest Bank, helped prison officials present an exercise in dealing with prospective employers, and the rigors faced when applying for a job.

"One of the things you have to remember is that all of these inmates will be released," said Chip Whitworth, supervisor of education for the prison.

"They will eventually be your neighbor, and my neighbor. I would like to see these guys be able to become productive members of society, rather than going back to the type of lifestyle that got them here in the first place."

Whitworth said it's important to remember that the inmates have the same worries as everyone else in society.

"Just because these guys are in prison, a lot of people just want to see them as an inmate, and not a person. Most of these guys have families and homes waiting on them when they get out, and it's important for us to help them cope with their re-entrance into the outside world as much as we can."

"One of the best ways we can do this is through programs like this," Whitworth said. "When these guys get out and have to go to job interviews, they'll have a head start on how to deal with the fact that they have been in prison, and how possible employers may view their rehabilitation."

Tony Wilson, an inmate in the prison for the last 18 months, said one of the biggest fears that inmates face is being asked by prospective employers what their crime was.

"That's definitely one of the hardest things for us to deal with," said Wilson. "That's why this is so helpful for us. We get the chance to practice what we will say when employers ask us some of these hard questions. Here, they even coach us a little bit on what to say, so we have a better chance at getting a job when we get out."

"It's hard for a lot of people to think of us as anything but inmates, but we are everyday people just like them. We have to own up to what we have done, get through that, and prepare to become a working member of

society."

Many of the "prospective" employers seemed impressed with the skills and experience that the inmates had attained, and Wilson said he owes a great deal of that to the FCI system.

"I've got my EPA license to work in the heating and air conditioning field, and I got it through the educational programs offered at the prison," said Wilson. "They really offer some good courses to help us, and I hope to use that education when I get out."

Joel De La Garza, consumer bank manager for Norwest Bank in Big Spring, said that the inmates he interviewed possessed the attributes an employer looks for when it comes time to hire.

"It's really hard to say whether

or not you would hire some of these guys, but for the most part they have the education and experience that most employers look for," said Garza. "That certainly makes them look attractive to employers, and should help them find work when they get out of prison."

Prison Public Information Officer Alan Booth said the program appears to be a success.

"Not only did the inmates get the chance to get a feel for the current job market, but the employers who helped us put this on got the chance to see that these inmates are real people, like you and me, and need the same things we do," said Booth. "With the apparent success of the program, we expect to make it an annual event."



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TEEN BEAT

The idea of losing even one friend to random act of violence is horrid, 15 would be indescribable

By Matt Josefy

My God, my God, why have you forsaken us?

Oblivious to the events of the day until my boss flicked on a television, I watched in shock the live CNN special reports.



Josefy

I've given numerous speeches on violence in schools through the year in debate; I'm familiar with Jonesboro and security measures instituted nationwide. But this...

As I watched a junior from the school in Littleton, Colo., I put myself in his shoes and felt something distasteful inside. The idea of losing even one friend to a random act of violence is horrid; to lose 15 in one day would be indescribable.

To hear preliminary reports that the violence was directed against other races and persons with different extra-curricular activities sent chills down my spine and brought thoughts of the madness inflicted by Hitler.

I tried unsuccessfully to picture the motivation one must have to carry through such an act. The deliberate planning is quite scary.

Yet violence and homicide reports are so common that we have been desensitized. Only when something of this magnitude occurs do we pay attention, which is unfortunate. I think the reason that what happens in schools piques our attention is the indication factor.

The controllers of tomorrow's future are housed under the roofs of school campuses. Whatever goes on inside is signs of things to come. If there are those in my generation who feel that the only way to cope with problems is to shoot others and commit suicide, how will my generation treat the first job loss, divorce, death of a parent, or failure in general? The prospect is frightening.

No one can ignore this matter. My classmates had much reflection. One girl said she was almost scared to come to school. Both of us had had the same reaction: who do we know who would commit such an act? Fortunately, no one came to mind. While I know some odd characters, none would resort to such extreme measures.

What was just as scary were the numbers of students who had ties to the Denver suburb. Several friends had either lived there, were supposed to move there, or had friends at that particular high school. Just like the shot heard 'round the world, this is something that reaches everyone in some form or fashion.

This was something that caught everyone's attention. Even students realized that this was something to be taken seriously and cracked only a few minor jokes. The outrage was evident throughout the day and people of all types were bonded in discussion. Speculation and rumors caught like wildfire.

Some were quick to jump on the bandwagon in support of uniforms and metal detectors. Classmates objected with vigor.

"They could have snuck bombs in their backpacks no matter what they were wearing." "It's not like you can not let anyone ever wear a jacket to school." But it does spark the debate.

After all, if clothing is a form of expression, this was obviously an expression that went to far.

Another idea to consider: the next time you forget to say hello to someone walking by, you might consider what a simple hello can do. Inclusion, or should I say exclusion, is an important motive in events such as these. A friend of mine, Adam Martin, tells a story that he found in writing a speech:

One boy was walking home from school when another walking in front of him dropped all of his books and papers out of his backpack. The first student stopped to help gather the mess and invited the second over to play video games. After a timid thank-you the two separated. A couple years later after graduation, the two students saw each other again. The

second student with tears in his eyes extended an extremely gracious thank you and told the first, "I had just taken everything out of my locker and was on my way home to commit suicide. Your act of kindness made me rethink my decision."

Adam points out that perhaps media coverage is necessary, but not always positive. Just as some think that violence on television and the big screen influences actions such as these, Adam feels that the extreme publicity may be forever implanted in the mind of another troubled youth. This idea, while not necessarily viewed as an option, may resurface when a teen is going through tragic circumstances.

No matter how you look at it, images of fleeing teen-agers from a tragic scene are embedded in my mind. While the SWAT teams slowly sift through evidence and carnage, perhaps Americans are just as slowly beginning to realize that it's time to sift through ills nationwide. There's explosive waiting to detonate, and I'm not referring to the car of those teen-agers.

Is there anyone willing to take a chance in hope of disarming these bombs? The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms doesn't have the technology or technique to dismantle the rising tide of anger, distrust and violence in our nation today. The right to bear arms loses its appeal when we neglect the responsibilities that

uphold all of our other rights. I'm still just as blown away as anyone, but already we're forced

to begin putting the pieces back together. My God, my God: why have we forsaken You?

Matt Josefy is a junior at Midland High School.

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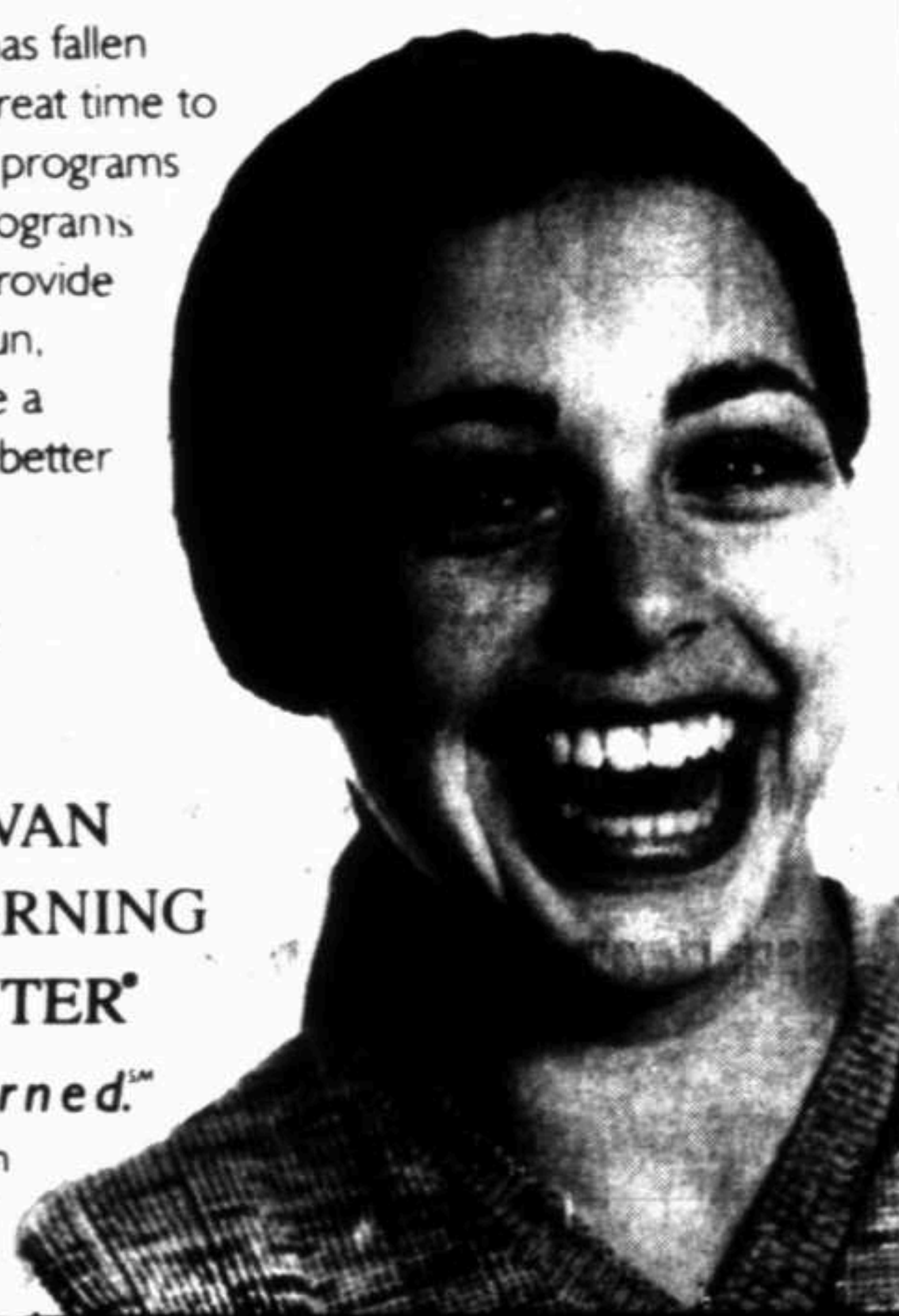


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Thursday — Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger, cheeseburger or cheese sandwich, tator tots, lettuce and tomato, vegetable soup, fruit drink, milk.

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Records
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Midland 6, El Paso 3
El Paso 4, Midland 3
Midland 9, El Paso 8
El Paso 5, Midland 3

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Tonight	Wichita	6 p.m.
April 26	Wichita (2)	6 p.m.
April 27	Wichita	7:11
April 28	Wichita	7:11
April 29	at El Paso	7:30
April 30	at El Paso	7:30
May 1	at El Paso	7:30
May 2	at El Paso	7:30
May 3	at El Paso	7:30

TV Sports

AUTO RACING — NASCAR
Winston Cup Series, Diehard 500,
noon, ABC.

NASCAR Winston Cup Series,
Diehard 500 (delayed tape), 2 a.m.,
ESPN.

TENNIS — U.S. Clay Court
Championship, noon, CBS.

Monte Carlo Open, championship
match (same-day tape), 2 p.m.,
ESPN.

SOCCER — MLS, Tampa Bay
Mutiny at New York/New Jersey
MetroStars, noon, ESPN.

**United States Women's National
Team vs. China**, 3:30 p.m., ESPN2.

NHL PLAYOFFS — First round:
Phoenix Coyotes at St. Louis Blues,
game 3, 1 p.m., FOX.

**Ottawa Senators at Buffalo
Sabres**, game 3, 5:30 p.m., ESPN2.

Dallas Stars at Edmonton Oilers,
game 3, 8:30 p.m., ESPN2.

BASEBALL — Texas Rangers at
Minnesota Twins, 1 p.m., FSX.

New York Mets at Chicago Cubs,
1:20 p.m., WGN.

Atlanta Braves at Florida Marlins,
3 p.m., TBS.

**St. Louis Cardinals at Los Angeles
Dodgers**, 7 p.m., ESPN.

GOLF — PGA Chick-Fil-A
Charity Championship, final round,
1:30 p.m., ESPN2.

PGA Greater Greensboro Classic,
final round, 2 p.m., CBS.

**Senior PGA Home Depot Invita-
tional**, final round, 4:30 p.m., ESPN.

NBA — Houston Rockets at
Phoenix Suns, 2 p.m., NBC.

Seattle Sonics at Utah Jazz,
4:30 p.m., NBC.

HORSE RACING — San Francis-
co Breeders' Cup Mile and Excelsior
Breeders' Cup Handicap (delayed
tape), 12:30 a.m., ESPN2.

Texas Scores

NBA — San Antonio Spurs 108,
Los Angeles Lakers 81.
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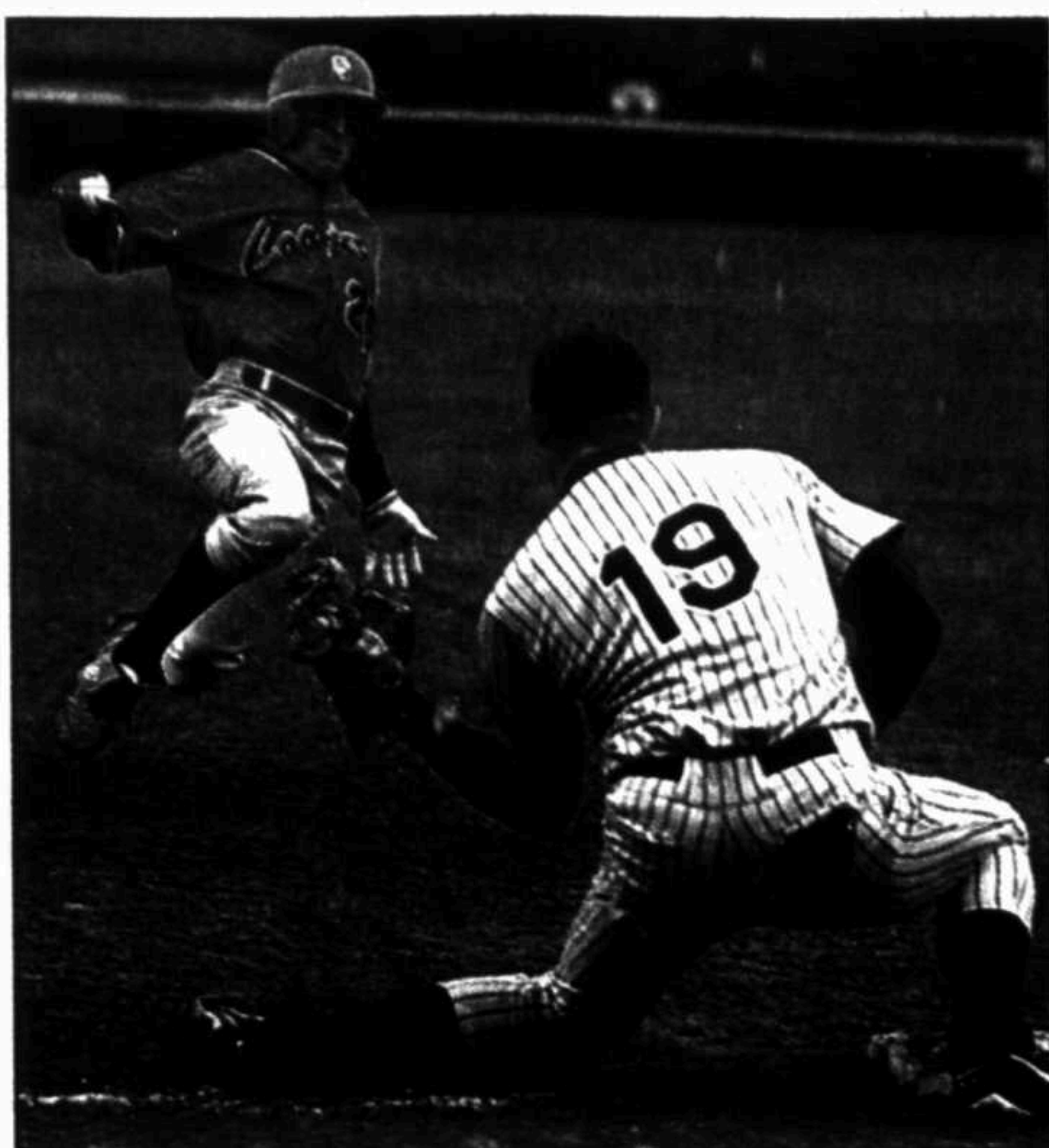
BASEBALL — Texas Rangers 7,
Minnesota Twins 2.
Houston Astros 4, Cincinnati
Reds 3.

Sports Today

JUCO GOLF — Midland College
women at Possum Kingdom tourney.

Strawberry trouble

NEW YORK — Darryl Strawberry
was suspended indefinitely Saturday
while baseball investigates his arrest
this month on a charge of cocaine
possession.
Commissioner Bud Selig put the
37-year-old outfielder on "admini-
strative leave," which isn't defined by
baseball's rules but carries the same
penalties as a suspension.
Strawberry can't participate in
workouts or games with the New
York Yankees or their farm teams
until the inquiry is completed.
"It's in the hands of the legal sys-
tem in Florida and it will depend on
what happens there," Selig said.
Speaking on the condition he not
be identified as a high-ranking baseball
official said, "This is a suspension."

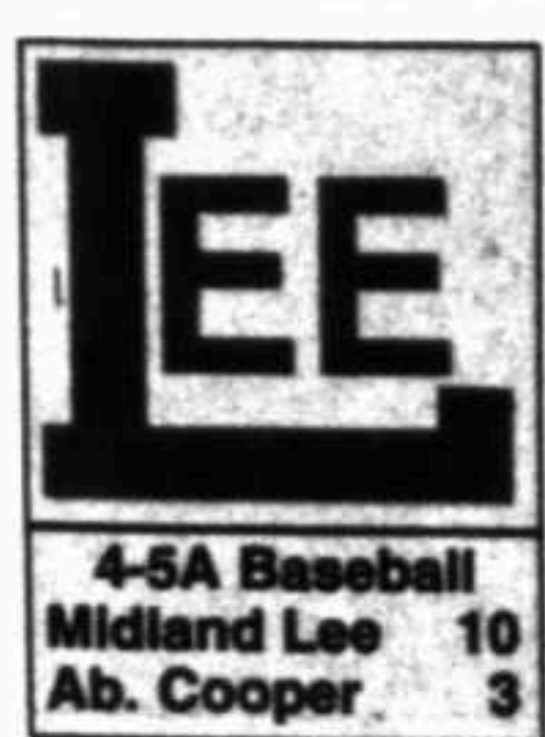


Rebels travel across town to nail down playoff berth

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

Saturday was as symbolic a day of the quality of high school baseball as Midland has seen in several years when you consider that one Tall City team clinched a play-off berth on the other's field — with that other team out of town.

Mild rains which blew on to Midland Lee's Ernie Johnson Field early Saturday morning were enough to form a puddle around the second base area which couldn't be fixed in time for Lee's crucial District 4-5A game against Abilene Cooper. Lee



4-5A Baseball
Midland Lee 10
Ab. Cooper 3

Bulldogs triumph in Abilene/5C

coach Jesse Benavidez phoned Midland High coach Barry Russell shortly before Russell took his team to a game at Abilene High for permission to play at Zachery Field.

After Russell gave Benavidez clearance to use the field, the Rebels took care of the rest. Lee jumped out to a big early lead over Cooper and never let up, going on to rout the Cougars 10-3 and take the upper hand in claiming the district championship along with clinching a playoff spot.

Lee (8-2 in district, 19-5 overall) hammered Cooper starter Josh Adams, taking a 5-0 lead after three innings, highlighted by solo home runs by Nate Brignon and Ryan Klatt. Quite simply, the Rebels made themselves at home on the same field where they blew a five-run lead and lost an 11-10 game to MHS two weeks earlier.

Please see BASEBALL/4C

All-Time Angels: An Era Ends

With RockHounds and Athletics now here, only Angel memories remain

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

A new era of Texas League baseball is underway with the Midland RockHounds playing under the umbrella of the Oakland Athletics, but before the memory fades for the Midland Angels, we would be lacking if we didn't recognize the best of the best of that era.

Although the Angels were woefully lacking in producing Texas League playoff teams since 1986 (only two playoff appearances), the organization did produce dozens of players who found their way to the Major Leagues.

And, after all, that is what a minor league team is supposed to do. The Angels brought to Midland some of today's stars in "The Show" and we were able to see them get their start. That's the fun part of watching the minor leagues.

So, it's time to pick the All-Time Midland Angels baseball team. And there is no real formula here. A player didn't have to make the major leagues to make this team, but it could be a factor. As you will see, there was great talent at all positions, making this task a tough chore.

But here goes, and there is no better place to start than around the horn.

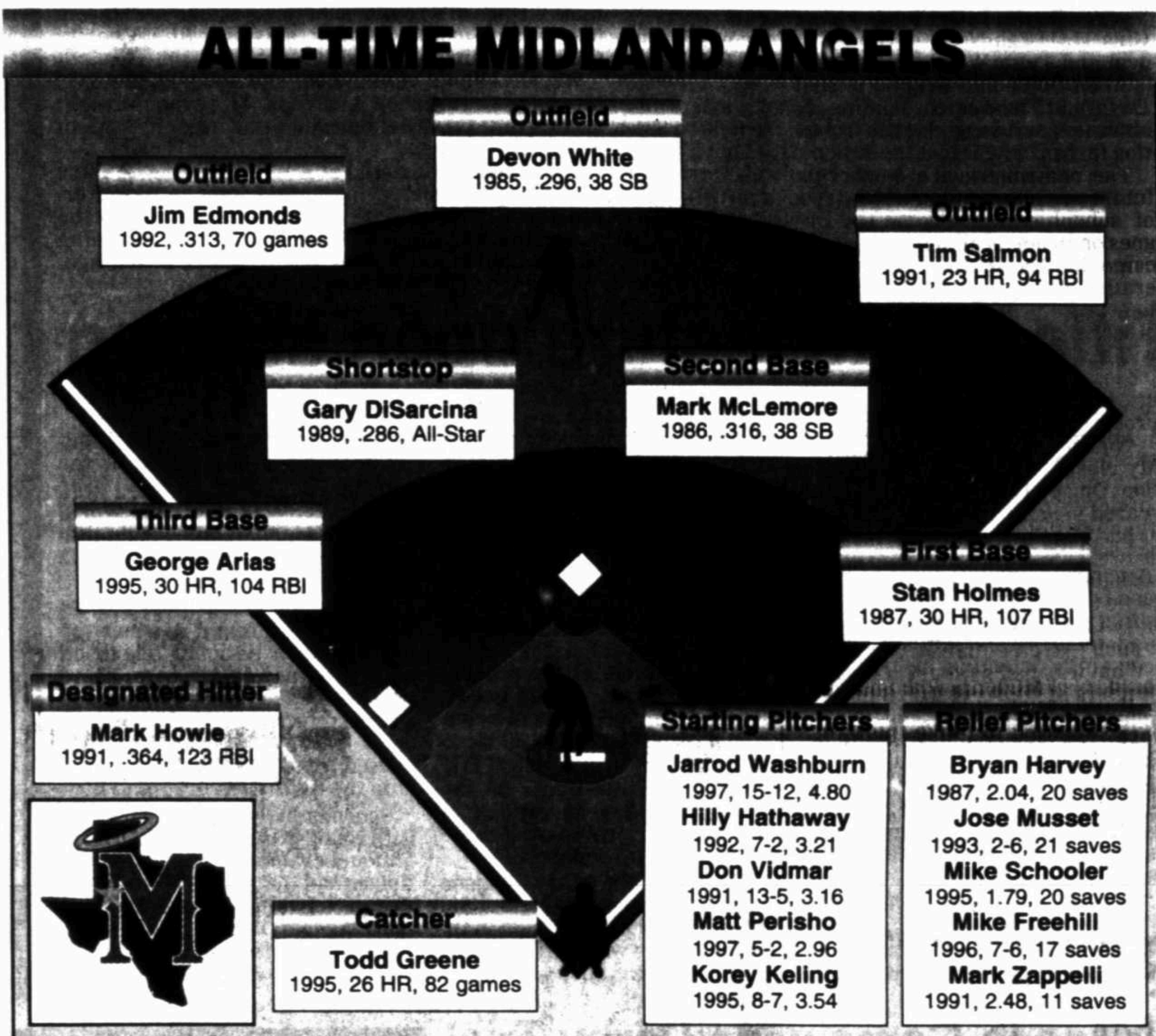
First Base

This position produced five players who hit over .300, two who had more the 100 RBIs and three major leaguers of note. However, our overall pick is STAN HOLMES, who hit .308 with 30 home runs and 107 RBIs in 1987. Holmes joins outfielders Joe Redfield and Doug Jennings as the all-time Angels' home run leaders. All three hit 30 homers in the same season. George Arias later joined the 30-homer club.

IN THE RACE: Chris Cron drove in 103 runs in 1989 while hitting 22 homers and batting .301. Lee Stevens (1988, .297, 23/97) is now a big producer with the Texas Rangers. Sap Randall (1986, 22/93) had the best average at .331. Danny Buxbaum (1998, 17/53) hit .330. Chris Pritchett drove in 91 runs with a .309 average in 1994 and is now playing with Anaheim. J.R. Phillips, who spent part of last season with the Houston Astros, drove in 77 runs in 1992, but hit only .237.

Second Base

This was not the strongest position over the years for the Angels, but the M-Angels' very first player at second base from 1986 is our overall choice, MARK McLEMORE. He hit .316 and stole 38 bases and went on to become a star in the Majors. He is now playing in his 14th year in the Big Leagues and has played in



Bobbie Scott/Reporter-Telegram

1,150 Major League games for California, Cleveland, Houston, Baltimore and now Texas, where he is the team's starting second baseman.

IN THE RACE: The list is short here. Kevin Flora (1991, .285, 12/67) stole 40 bases and J.D. Ramirez (1994, .287, 58 RBIs) did hit 14 homers.

Shortstop

This position produced some really good defensive players, but none of the leaders for this award hit over .300 while in Midland. Still, it wasn't hard to make our pick, GARY DISARCINA. He hit .286 and drove in 54 runs with only four homers in 1989, but was a TL All-Star. He is now a 10-year veteran with Anaheim. He hit only .287 and drove in 56 runs with Anaheim last

year, but was still named as the club's MVP. That speaks volumes about how highly regarded he is as a defensive player and team leader. Alas, he started this season on the disabled list.

IN THE RACE: Damon Easley (1989, .254, 6/57, 22 SB) could easily be the pick. He has become a star with the Detroit Tigers and drove in 100 runs last year and is off to another good start this year. Tim Harkrider (1995, .291, 2/39) struck out only 36 times in 460 at-bats. Rod Correia (1992, .290, 6/56) stole 20 bases.

Third Base

A real dilemma develops here. George Arias or Troy Glaus. A case can be made for both, but our pick is

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Elway plans to retire

By John Mossman
AP Sports Writer

DENVER — John Elway is ready to join Michael Jordan and Wayne Gretzky in retirement — the third transcendent athlete to leave his game in the last four months.

The peerless Denver Broncos quarterback, the architect of a record 47 game-saving drives, told friends he has had enough after 16 seasons of pro football, sources close to Elway told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Elway, playing in a golf tournament at Pebble Beach, Calif., wouldn't talk about a retirement announcement when contacted at the resort by an Associated Press reporter.

"I know everybody wants to know, but I'm not going to talk about it right now," Elway said Saturday night on his way to appear at a private dinner. "There'll be an announcement next week. That's all I have to say about it for now."

Elway all but announced his retirement during an interview earlier Saturday with Denver TV station KCNC.



John Elway, who led the Denver Broncos to victories in the last two Super Bowls, will announce his retirement as early as Monday, according to friends of the player.

"For so many years everything in my family has revolved around me. It's time for that to change," Elway said in the interview. "I really accomplished everything I wanted to. There's no real upside to coming back."

His announcement could come as early as Monday, but KCNC said it could be

delayed to Wednesday so as to let more time pass since the school shootings at a suburban Littleton high school.

Elway reportedly considered announcing his decision last week but delayed it, first because Broncos owner Pat Bowlen was out of town and then because of the

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Rain forces postponing of 'Hounds

Staff Report

There was simply too much rain on the Dog House Saturday afternoon.

The rain, compounded with a light standard which was not operating, caused the first home postponement of the year for the RockHounds as they were about to open a five-game series at Christensen Stadium against Wichita. The Wranglers must have felt right at home because just a little more than a week ago, two games between the RockHounds and the Wranglers were called off because of bad weather.

Saturday's game has been rescheduled as part of a doubleheader at 6 p.m. Monday. The post-game fireworks show which was scheduled for Saturday will now be put on after Sunday's game. There will be a single game at 6 p.m. today against the Wranglers.

Taking the mound tonight for the RockHounds is righthander Tim Manwiller (0-0, 6.30 ERA) against Wichita's Scott Mullen (0-1, 9.75).

Manwiller gets moved from the

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Major League Baseball

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

W	L	Pct	GB	10	Str	Home	Away	Int
New York	11	5	.688	2-5-4	W-1	8-1	3-5	0-0
Tampa Bay	11	6	.647	-2-8-2	L-2	9-1	3-5	0-0
Boston	11	8	.579	1-12-7	L-1	5-3	6-5	0-0
Minnesota	11	8	.569	2-12-7	L-1	5-3	6-5	0-0
Baltimore	4	13	.235	7-17-2	L-1	3-5	1-8	0-0

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	10	Str	Home	Away	Int
Cleveland	12	4	.750	0-0-0	W-1	6-2	4-3	0-0
Chicago	9	6	.600	2-12-7	L-1	4-3	5-3	0-0
Detroit	7	10	.412	5-12-6	L-2	6-3	1-7	0-0
Minnesota	4	13	.235	7-17-2	L-1	3-5	1-8	0-0
Kansas City	6	10	.375	6-3-7	W-1	3-8	3-2	0-0

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB	10	Str	Home	Away	Int
Texas	10	8	.556	2-5-5	W-3	5-3	3-7	0-0
Oakland	10	8	.556	2-5-5	W-3	5-3	3-7	0-0
Seattle	7	10	.412	2-12-7	L-1	4-3	5-3	0-0
Anaheim	7	11	.389	3-6-7	W-1	2-4	5-7	0-0

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

W	L	Pct	GB	10	Str	Home	Away	Int
Atlanta	10	6	.625	2-5-5	W-1	3-3	4-4	0-0
New York	11	7	.611	1-12-5	W-2	3-2	6-6	0-0
Philadelphia	9	8	.529	1-12-5	W-2	3-2	6-6	0-0
Florida	5	12	.294	5-12-7	L-1	3-5	2-7	0-0

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	10	Str	Home	Away	Int
St. Louis	9	7	.563	1-2-4	W-1	4-5	2-2	0-0
Pittsburgh	8	5	.615	2-4-6	L-1	4-4	2-2	0-0
San Francisco	12	7	.632	2-4-6	L-1	4-4	2-2	0-0
Arizona	10	8	.556	1-12-5	W-2	3-2	6-6	0-0
San Diego	8	9	.471	3-5-5	W-1	6-5	2-4	0-0
Cincinnati	6	8	.429	3-12-4	L-2	3-2	3-6	0-0

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB	10	Str	Home	Away	Int
San Francisco	12	7	.632	2-4-6	L-1	4-4	2-2	0-0
Arizona	10	8	.556	1-12-5	W-2	3-2	6-6	0-0
San Diego	8	9	.471	3-5-5	W-1	6-5	2-4	0-0
Cincinnati	6	8	.429	3-12-4	L-2	3-2	3-6	0-0

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Saturday's Games

W	L	Pct	GB	10	Str	Home	Away	Int
Atlanta	10	6	.625	2-5-5	W-1	3-3	4-4	0-0
New York	11	7	.611	1-12-5	W-2	3-2	6-6	0-0
Philadelphia	9	8	.529	1-12-5	W-2	3-2	6-6	0-0
Florida	5	12	.294	5-12-7	L-1	3-5	2-7	0-0

Sunday's Games

W	L	Pct	GB	10	Str	Home	Away	Int
Atlanta	10	6	.625	2-5-5	W-1	3-3	4-4	0-0
New York	11	7	.611	1-12-5	W-2	3-2	6-6	0-0
Philadelphia	9	8	.529	1-12-5	W-2	3-2	6-6	0-0
Florida	5	12	.294	5-12-7	L-1	3-5	2-7	0-0

NL Boxes

W	L	Pct	GB	10	Str	Home	Away	Int
Atlanta	10	6	.625	2-5-5	W-1	3-3	4-4	0-0
New York	11	7	.611	1-12-5	W-2	3-2	6-6	0-0
Philadelphia	9	8	.529	1-12-5	W-2	3-2	6-6	0-0
Florida	5	12	.294	5-12-7	L-1	3-5	2-7	0-0

ASTROS & REDS

W	L	Pct	GB	10	Str	Home	Away	Int
Atlanta	10	6	.625	2-5-5	W-1	3-3	4-4	0-0
New York	11	7	.611	1-12-5	W-2	3-2	6-6	0-0
Philadelphia	9	8	.529	1-12-5	W-2	3-2	6-6	0-0
Florida	5	12	.294	5-12-7	L-1	3-5	2-7	0-0

CUBS & METS

W	L	Pct	GB	10	Str	Home	Away	Int
Atlanta	10	6	.625	2-5-5	W-1	3-3	4-4	0-0
New York	11	7	.611	1-12-5	W-2	3-2	6-6	0-0
Philadelphia	9	8	.529	1-12-5	W-2	3-2	6-6	0-0
Florida	5	12	.294	5-12-7	L-1	3-5	2-7	0-0

RED SOX & INDIANS

W	L	Pct	GB	10	Str	Home	Away	Int
Atlanta	10	6	.625	2-5-5	W-1	3-3	4-4	0-0
New York	11	7	.611	1-12-5	W-2	3-2	6-6	0-0
Philadelphia	9	8	.529	1-12-5	W-2	3-2	6-6	0-0
Florida	5	12	.294	5-12-7	L-1	3-5	2-7	0-0

DETROIT

W	L	Pct	GB	10	Str	Home	Away	Int
Atlanta	10	6	.625	2-5-5	W-1	3-3	4-4	0-0
New York	11	7	.611	1-12-5	W-2	3-2	6-6	0-0
Philadelphia	9	8	.529	1-12-5	W-2	3-2	6-6	0-0
Florida	5	12	.294	5-12-7	L-1	3-5	2-7	0-0

WHITE SOX & TIGERS

W	L	Pct	GB	10	Str	Home	Away	Int
Atlanta	10	6	.625	2-5-5	W-1	3-3	4-4	0-0
New York	11	7	.611	1-12-5	W-2	3-2	6-6	0-0
Philadelphia	9	8	.529	1-12-5	W-2	3-2	6-6	0-0
Florida	5	12	.294	5-12-7	L-1	3-5	2-7	0-0

GIANTS & ROCKIES

W	L	Pct	GB	10	Str	Home	Away	Int
Atlanta	10	6	.625	2-5-5	W-1	3-3	4-4	0-0
New York	11	7	.611	1-12-5	W-2	3-2	6-6	0-0
Philadelphia	9	8	.529	1-12-5	W-2	3-2	6-6	0-0
Florida	5	12	.294	5-12-7	L-1	3-5	2-7	0-0

PILLSBURY & EXPOS

W	L	Pct	GB	10	Str	Home	Away	Int
Atlanta	10	6	.625	2-5-5	W-1	3-3	4-4	0-0
New York	11	7	.611	1-12-5	W-2	3-2	6-6	0-0
Philadelphia	9	8	.529	1-12-5	W-2	3-2	6-6	0-0
Florida	5	12	.294	5-12-7	L-1	3-5	2-7	0-0

AL Leaders

W	L	Pct	GB	10	Str	Home	Away	Int
Atlanta	10	6	.625	2-5-5	W-1	3-3	4-4	0-0
New York	11	7	.611	1-12-5	W-2	3-2	6-6	0-0
Philadelphia	9	8	.529	1-12-5	W-2	3-2	6-6	0-0
Florida	5	12	.294	5-12-7	L-1	3-5	2-7	0-0

Auto Racing

NASCAR DieHard 500

TALLADEGA, Ala. (AP) — The starting lineup for Sunday's NASCAR Winston Cup DieHard 500 at Talladega Superspeedway with starting position, car number in parentheses, driver, make of car and speed in mph:

Pos	Driver	Car No.	Make	Speed
1	Jeff Burton	197	Oldsmobile	197.252
2	Jeffrey Burton	197	Oldsmobile	197.252
3	Jeffrey Burton	197	Oldsmobile	197.252

PADRES 7, DIAMONDBACKS 2

San Diego Padres defeated the Arizona Diamondbacks 7-2 on Sunday at Petco Park. The Padres scored three runs in the bottom of the ninth inning to secure the victory.

GIANTS 7, ROCKIES 2

The San Francisco Giants defeated the Colorado Rockies 7-2 on Sunday at Candlestick Park. The Giants scored three runs in the bottom of the ninth inning to secure the victory.

LATE BOXES

Box office receipts for Sunday's games were reported. The Padres game drew the largest crowd, with over 40,000 fans in attendance.

NHL Playoffs

The NHL playoffs are in progress. The Boston Bruins are leading the Eastern Conference, while the New York Rangers are leading the Western Conference.

NBA Results

Results from Sunday's NBA games. The Los Angeles Lakers defeated the San Antonio Spurs 101-88. The Miami Heat defeated the Orlando Magic 95-88.

Tennis

Results from Sunday's tennis matches. Andre Agassi defeated Pete Sampras 6-4, 6-3, 6-4. Lleyton Hewitt defeated Andre Agassi 6-4, 6-3, 6-4.

Golf Roundup

Results from Sunday's golf tournaments. Tiger Woods won the Shell Houston Open with a score of 13-under par. Phil Mickelson won the Shell Houston Open with a score of 13-under par.

Greater Greensboro

Results from Sunday's golf tournaments in Greensboro. Tiger Woods won the Shell Houston Open with a score of 13-under par. Phil Mickelson won the Shell Houston Open with a score of 13-under par.

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Results from Sunday's LPGA tournament. Annika Sorenstam won the Chick-fil-A tournament with a score of 13-under par.

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Texas League

Eastern Division

Shreveport	10	7	.5
Tulsa	6	8	.4
Jackson	4	11	.2
Western Division			
Midland	8	7	.5
Wichita	8	7	.5
El Paso	8	8	.5
San Antonio	7	9	.4
Saturday's Game			
Arkansas	4	Shreveport	5

Bulldogs get big win at AHS

Staff Report

ABILENE — While their crosstown rivals were making themselves at home at Zachery Field, the Midland High baseball team concluded this past week with another triumphant performance in its road show.

The Bulldogs, coming off a dramatic late District 4-5A victory over San Angelo Central four days earlier, pulled off another big road win Saturday, beating Abilene High 9-5 to put themselves in prime position for a return trip to the playoffs.

All Midland High has to do to make the playoffs is either defeat Odessa Permian Tuesday or have Central lose one of its final two games against either Abilene High or Midland Lee next week. None of that is automatic, but you certainly have to like Midland High's chances.

The Bulldogs (23-7 overall, 7-4 in district) started the week in strong

style by beating Central 3-2 with two runs in the top of the seventh. Nothing so dramatic happened in the win over Abilene High (9-5 and 4-6), although the weather conditions were less than ideal.

"We learned a lot when we played Central on the road," said Midland High coach Barry Russell. "We played the last three innings (against Abilene High) in a downpour. We're learning how to deal with some harsh conditions in the road."

Unlike the Central game, the Bulldogs never trailed against Abilene High, going up 8-1 in the sixth inning by knocking around three different Eagles pitchers. It was Abilene High's turn to catch up in the bottom of the sixth, though, as the Eagles touched up Midland High starter Aaron Pullin for four runs.

Mark Avila, a recent call-up from the junior varsity who has won two starts, relieved Pullin.

Avila struck out a hitter, then after hitting a batter, induced a double play grounder to end the inning.

"He is really showing some guts," said Russell of Avila, who pitched the last two innings to earn the save. "He came in an got a strikeout and turned a double play ball. You can't ask anything more in that situation."

Midland High's bats provided Pullin (who picked up the win) and Avila with plenty of cushion. The Bulldogs had 12 hits as Pullin had three and Aaron Hamblin, Laynce Nix and Matt Bose had two apiece. Nix hit a solo home run off reliever Brad Massey in the sixth.

Jayson Nix also drove in two runs.

"We stayed on them and hit the ball the whole game," said Russell, whose team went scoreless in the first inning but scored at least one run in every frame after that. "(Abilene High) used three pitchers and our problem we've had has

4-5A Baseball

	District		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
x-Abilene Cooper*	8	3	13	7
x-Midland Lee	8	2	19	5
Midland High	7	4	23	7
San Angelo	4	5	10	11
Abilene High	4	6	9	9
Odessa Permian	3	6	10	12
Odessa High	1	9	4	19

*overall record includes a tie
vs.-clinched playoff spot

Overall record includes a tie x-clinched playoff spot

Saturday's Games
Midland Lee 10, Abilene Cooper 3; Midland High 9, Abilene High 5; San Angelo Central at Odessa Permian, postponed due to rain. Odessa High was open.

Tuesday's Games
Odessa Permian at Midland High; Midland Lee at Odessa High; Abilene High at San Angelo Central. Abilene Cooper is open. All games at 4:30 p.m.

been adjusting to teams when they changed pitchers. I was really pleased with the way we played today."

Midland High 9, Abilene High 5
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Abilene High 010 004 0-5
Aaron Pullin, Mark Avila (6) and John Schaffter, Chris Church, Ben Bailey (3), Brad Massey (5) and Galloway W. Pullin, L. Church, S. Avila, 2B MHS — Pullin, Abilene — Sharp, 3B Abilene — Massey, Will Tippen, HR MHS — Laynce Nix.

ELWAY: Friends say Broncos' QB will retire

(From 1C)

shootings.

"I've talked to him and he told me what he's going to do," Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said Saturday. "But I'm not going to comment. I'm going to let John make his announcement."

Bowlman did not return a phone call.

Elway, 38, the winningest and perhaps most durable quarterback in NFL history, won his second straight Super Bowl title and the MVP award in his final game on Jan. 31.

So, he is leaving on top, just like Jordan, who hit the championship-winning shot for the Chicago Bulls against the Utah Jazz last June. Jordan announced his retirement in January and Gretzky played his final NHL game last Sunday.

"I'm glad to see him retire as a champion," Miami Dolphins quarterback Dan Marino said Saturday. "I'm sure it was a tough decision, knowing how much John enjoys competing on the football

field, but I know he did what was best for him and his family."

During the NFL draft last weekend, Shanahan said he expected Elway to announce his decision before minicamp, which opens Friday. It wasn't the one Shanahan wanted to hear, but he was bracing for it.

The coach has said that if his Hall of Fame-bound quarterback retired, he would be confident turning to veteran Bobby Brister as his new starter.

Brister insists Elway has not confided in him about his plans. In fact, of a dozen or so Broncos players interviewed during informal workouts the past two weeks, none said he knew Elway's intentions.

"If it is true, then it's the opportunity of a lifetime, that's for sure," Brister told The Denver Post. "I'm going to miss John being around just like everybody else because we have such a great relationship."

"By no means am I John Elway. I just think if I can fill my own shoes that will be good enough to

get us where we want to go."

Where they want to go is back to the Super Bowl for a try at an unprecedented third straight crown.

That possibility was alluring to Elway. After winning his first Super Bowl title in 1998 — after three losses in the championship game — Elway spent four months pondering his future, finally deciding to come back for what he said would be his final season.

Of Elway's trademark game-saving drives, perhaps the best was the 98-yard march in the final five minutes to tie Cleveland in the 1986 AFC championship game. The Broncos won in overtime, sending Elway to his first of five Super Bowls.

He guided his team to more victories (148) than any other quarterback, and he threw for 51,475 yards and accounted for 54,882 total yards — second only to Marino.

He is the only player to pass for 3,000 yards and rush for 200 yards in seven straight seasons (1985-91).

He was selected to nine Pro Bowls and honored as the NFL's MVP in 1987. He holds 55 Broncos' regular-season and postseason records.

In beating Atlanta 34-19 in Miami on Jan. 31, he became the first quarterback to start in five Super Bowls. The Broncos' 23-10 win over the New York Jets in the AFC championship game two weeks earlier gave him a 5-1 record in conference championship games — the best in NFL history.

Marino may have better numbers, and others such as Joe Montana and Terry Bradshaw more titles, but Elway leaves with another legacy all his own.

"He's got to be the most durable quarterback ever," former Broncos coach Wade Phillips said. "He's the Lou Gehrig of that position."

Elway was hit more than any quarterback in NFL history, absorbing 559 sacks in 256 games, but he missed only 15 starts because of illness or injury.

The pounding finally caught up with him. He needed long massages every day just to get through the week.

And through it all — every season since 1983 — he has been synonymous with the Denver Broncos.

"John Elway is the Denver Broncos," former NFL quarterback Joe Theismann once said. "When you turn on the TV and the Denver Broncos are playing, you expect to see John Elway playing." Not anymore.

BASEBALL: Rebs clinch playoff berth

(From 1C)

"Any kind of a good start was a key, although we got one here two weeks ago and it didn't matter," said Benavidez, who could afford to reflect on that loss to MHS with some humor after Saturday's big win. "Scoring those runs in the first inning was good to get us out in front."

"I think the kids came out ready to play even though we had to wait after we moved the game. I admire the way they came out and just took care of business."

The tone was set with one out in the bottom of the second when Brignon lined a pitch from Adams over the right field fence for a 1-0 lead. One out later, Matt Winston singled to right, Marc Matthews walked and Eric Clodfelter drove home Winston with a base hit to make it 2-0, as Matthews and Clodfelter each moved up a base on the throw home from the outfield.

Michael Burlison then singled to left on the next pitch to drive home two runs and make it 4-0.

While that turned out to be all that Lee starter Collin Gilliam would need, Klatt seemed to be on a mission. Despite hitting only .231 in district, the three-year letterman was Lee's offensive star on the day.

Klatt connected on a 2-2 pitch from Adams leading off the third, blasting it to dead-centerfield to make it 5-0. After Cooper rallied to cut the lead to 5-3, Klatt led off the bottom of the fifth with a solo shot to left off Adams, igniting a five-run inning which provided the final margin.

"I knew how important this game was to me," said Klatt. "In other games where I haven't hit, the other guys have picked it up. It was finally time for me to carry my weight today and take the pressure off the other guys."

Klatt also doubled off Cooper reliever Mark Rau — who came on for Adams in the fifth — and led a Lee attack which had 12 hits, six for extra bases. George Figueroa, who had a two-run double in the fifth, also had a pair of doubles.

The Rebels knocked around Adams for 10 hits and 10 runs, all of which were earned, different from the earlier meeting in the season when Adams picked up the win.

"I didn't remember anything from the last game," said Klatt, who will certainly remember Saturday's contest. "I had an 0-for (no hits) so I kind of repressed it."

As tough a time as Adams had on

the mound, the Cooper hitters had just as rough a time at the plate in the first three innings against Gilliam. The Cougars (8-3 and 13-7-1) put leadoff hitters on in the second and third against Gilliam, but both times they were erased on double plays.

Cooper did get to Gilliam on an RBI single by Jeremy Jansen in the fourth and scored two more runs in the fifth (one unearned) on a single by Elliott Strader to cut it to 5-3. After Lee's uprising in the bottom of the fifth, Gilliam walked Tommy Arko on four pitches to start the sixth, he was pulled in favor of Josh Ramos, who threw two scoreless innings to close out the game.

"As far as getting the ball down and keeping hitters off balance it takes one time through the lineup before (opposing hitters) get used to it," said Benavidez of Gilliam's early effectiveness. "The conditions on the mound weren't too great through the later innings."

But the cool drizzle which fell for much of the game couldn't put a damper on the day for the Rebels, who with a half-game lead with two district games to play are firmly in control of their own destiny. Their magic number is two, meaning either sweeping their final two games or winning one with Cooper losing, will give them the district championship. Midland High, which defeated Abilene High 9-5, is also on the doorstep of claiming a playoff berth.

"We don't want to depend on anyone," said Benavidez of clinching the district title. "I'm not too surprised with where we're at. Midland High went up to Abilene and did their job so we came over to their place and did ours."

Midland Lee 10, Abilene Cooper 3									
Cooper	ab	r	h	bi	Lee	ab	r	h	bi
Gibbs ss	3	2	0	0	Neetherlin 3b	3	0	1	1
Mavroulis rf	3	1	0	0	Brignon cf	4	1	1	1
Strader dh	4	2	1	0	Klatt ss	4	2	3	2
Pavell 2b	0	0	0	0	Winston rf	4	2	2	0
Jansen 1b	4	0	2	1	Matthews 1b	2	2	0	0
Arko c	2	0	0	0	Clodfelter lf	2	1	2	1
Meyer cr	0	0	0	0	Burlison c	3	0	1	2
Adams p	1	0	0	0	Moore cr	0	0	0	0
Rau p	1	0	0	0	Haney 2b	2	1	0	0
Riddle cf	2	0	0	0	Figueroa dh	3	1	2	2
Fields 3b	3	0	0	0	Gilliam p	0	0	0	0
Harrison lf	3	2	0	0	Ramos p	0	0	0	0
Totals	26	7	7	2	Totals	27	10	12	9
Abilene Cooper					000	120	0	—	3
Midland Lee					401	050	x	—	10
E — Brignon, Klatt, DP — Cooper 1, Lee 3, LOB —									
Cooper 7, Lee 4, 2B — Harrison, Figueroa 2, Klatt, HR —									
Brignon, Klatt 2, SB — Winston, Clodfelter, S — Clod-									
felter									
Cooper	ab	r	h	bi	Lee	ab	r	h	bi
Adams, L	4	2	10	10	2	4			
Rau	1	1	2	0	0	0			
Lee									
Gilliam, W 7-1	5	0	6	3	2	3	4		
Ramos	2	0	1	0	0	1	1		
Gilliam pitched to one batter in sixth									
WP — Adams, HBP — Riddle (by Gilliam), Matthews (by Adams), T — 1-47									

'HOUNDS: Game gets put off until Monday

(From 1C)

bullpen to the starting rotation thanks to the promotion of righthander Tim Hudson to Triple-A Vancouver late Friday night.

Hudson was 3-0 with a 0.50 ERA at Midland. Hudson's move certainly wasn't unexpected after a pair of dominating performances in the Texas League and the fact that he pitched in 22 games at Double-A Huntsville last season. There's no doubt he's got a great shot to be in Oakland before the year is through.

Joining the RockHounds is righthander Julian Leyva and catcher Willie Morales. Leyva will get his first

start of the season in the second game of Monday's double-dip. Leyva has been promoted from Class A Visalia and spent most of last season with Class A Modesto where he was 11-7 with a 3.60 ERA in 28 appearances.

Morales joins the 'Hounds from Vancouver. Morales was 2-for-14 with a double and two RBIs with the Canadians. He was the Athletics' 14th round draft choice in 1993 out of the University of Arizona. Morales spent last season in Triple-A Edmonton where he hit .194 with five home runs with 30 RBIs. Morales was sent down because of the injury to starting catcher Cody McKay, who broke a bone in his throwing hand on Thursday.

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Spurs take care of Lakers

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Tim Duncan and the San Antonio Spurs finally beat the Los Angeles Lakers.

Duncan had 21 points and 13 rebounds as the Spurs snapped a six-game losing streak against the Lakers with a 108-81 victory Saturday night.

It was the first time the Spurs beat the Lakers since Duncan entered the NBA last season.

"It's good to get that off my shoulders," Duncan said. "We'd been getting beat by them. Sometimes they'd beat the crap out of us. It was good to have a good game against them and beat them."

San Antonio got 16 points from David Robinson, 14 from Sean Elliott, and 13 points and 12 assists from Avery Johnson. The Spurs have won six in a row overall and 25 of their last 29 to move within two games of Utah for best record in the West.

"It was a great team effort," said coach Gregg Popovich. "One has to be impressed with their execution on both ends of the court and with everybody on the court. They reacted well with each other on defense. We had five guys who trusted each other."

Shaquille O'Neal scored 26 points and Glen Rice added 19 for the slumping Lakers, who have lost five of their last seven games.

"We didn't match their effort or intensity tonight," said Lakers coach Kurt Rambis. "I was disappointed with the effort. They outworked us. We are not going to improve playing that way."

The Spurs shot 55 percent from the field and out-rebounded the Lakers 44-33.

"This wasn't a statement game," Duncan said. "Statements come during the playoffs. We want to make our statements in the playoffs."

A crowd of 31,972 watched the game at the Alamodome, where the Spurs have won 11 straight.

"The crowds have been great for a long while," Popovich said. "I think they're starting to believe in this team and get behind them. Having this many people in the Dome starts to make it feel like Utah or Phoenix. It's huge in helping us get our energy going."

San Antonio made 15 of 20 shots from the field in the second quarter to take a 60-46 halftime lead, and

the Lakers got no closer than nine points in the second half.

The Spurs increased their lead to 83-64 on a 20-foot jumper by Jaren Jackson with 50 seconds left in the third quarter. They

Texas NBA Teams

stretched their lead to 91-69 on a four-point play by Jackson with 7:11 remaining in the game.

"They are one of the hottest teams in the league right now," O'Neal said. "Tonight they played with a lot of fire and intensity."

Kings 105, Mavericks 102

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Vlade Divac scored a season-high 28 points Saturday night as the Sacramento Kings won their fifth straight game, defeating the Dallas Mavericks 105-102.

Sacramento moved into a tie with idle Minnesota for the seventh playoff spot in the Western Conference. The Kings are 22-22, the first time the franchise has been at the .500 mark in April since the 1982-83 Kansas City Kings finished with a 45-37 record.

Gary Trent had 32 points and 14 rebounds for Dallas, while Michael Finley added 26 points and eight assists. Jon Barry made two free throws with 14.3 seconds left to put the Kings ahead 105-102. Dallas then missed two 3-pointers in the final six seconds.

Kings star Chris Webber had back spasms and left the game in the third quarter. He returned briefly in the fourth, but didn't play the final 8:12 and finished with 17 points and six rebounds.

Vernon Maxwell scored 16 points, including a 3-pointer that put Sacramento ahead 102-98.

Barry and Predrag Stojakovic each scored 11 points for the Kings, who have won seven of their last nine games.

Maxwell made a driving layup and Barry followed with a three-point play, putting the Kings ahead 99-95 with 3:53 left.

The Mavericks opened the fourth quarter with an 11-5 run to take their biggest lead at 89-84 with 8:44 remaining. The Kings regained the lead, 92-91, when Maxwell hit a 3-pointer with 6:18 left.

Morgan wins again for Rangers

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Mike Morgan gave Texas its third consecutive solid pitching performance, and Juan Gonzalez drove in three runs for the second straight game as the Rangers beat the Minnesota Twins 7-2 Saturday night.

Morgan (4-0), with his major league record 11th team, gave up seven hits and two runs in seven innings for the best start of his career. His four victories, including one in relief, top the major leagues.

Gonzalez continued to fight his way out of an early season slump with three hits, including a two-run single in the third and a run-scoring double in the fifth.

Gonzalez had gone 16 games without a home run and seven games without an RBI before hitting a three-run homer on Friday night.

Rafael Palmeiro added a two-run homer off LaTroy Hawkins (1-3), his fourth of the year, to cap a

Texas MLB Teams

three-run fifth inning by the Rangers.

Texas has won three straight games, all against the Twins in this series, while the Twins have lost their last four.

Throwing errors by both teams led to the first two runs of the game.

Tom Goodwin opened the game for Texas with a walk, then stole both second and third and scored when Twins catcher Terry Steinbach threw the ball into left field.

Astros 4, Reds 3

CINCINNATI — Ken Caminiti drove in two runs with his 1,500th career hit to key a three-run eighth inning rally that gave the Houston Astros a 4-3 victory against the Cincinnati Reds on Saturday.

Craig Biggio and Derek Bell led off the eighth with consecutive singles off Danny Graves (1-3). After Jeff Bagwell walked to load

the bases, Caminiti singled in two runs to tie it at 3. Houston took the lead when Richard Hidalgo grounded into a force play at second.

Scott Elarton (2-0) pitched two innings for the win, allowing one hit and two walks while striking out two. Billy Wagner pitched the ninth for his fifth save.

Barry Larkin was in a 2-for-29 slump when he hit a three-run homer off Mike Hampton to give Cincinnati a 3-0 lead in the third.

The Astros scored in the seventh when center fielder Mike Cameron misplayed Hidalgo's fly ball and was charged with a three-base error. Hidalgo scored on Chad Everett's infield single.

Reds starter Steve Avery allowed one unearned run, three hits and three walks in seven innings.

Hampton allowed three runs in six innings on four hits, three walks and six strikeouts.

LOCAL SPORTS

Toughman Contest coming to Odessa

The "Original Toughman Contest" takes place April 30-May 1 at the Ector County Coliseum. Doors open at 7 p.m. each night and the fighting starts at 8 p.m.

There will be about 20-25 fights each night. This real life version of the "Rockem-Sockem Robots" pits local fighters in boxing matches. Each fight consists of three one-minute rounds. There are two weight divisions for the men: 170-184, 185-400. There will also be several weight divisions for women.

More than \$3,000 will be shared by winners and runners-up. Winners may advance to televised finals.

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Tickets are \$21, \$17 and \$14 and are on sale at: Midland — C.D. Warehouse, World Gym. Odessa — Pee Wee Daltons, Endless Horizons, Lechugas, La Bodega, World Gym. Tickets can all be purchased on the days of the show from noon until showtime.

Midland Christian takes two

Thanks to a sweep of Dallas Baptist Saturday, the Midland Christian Mustangs clinched a playoff spot. The Mustangs (17-9 overall, 8-4 in district) won the first game 19-4 and then completed the sweep with a 14-7 victory.

Trent Lee was the winning pitcher in the first game to improve to 3-0. Offensively, Lee had two hits, with a triple and three RBIs; Brandon Tobias had a double; Ryan Hellums had a three-run home run and Garrett Rasor had two hits with a triple.

In the second game, Jamie Beeghley (5-1) got the win on the mound. Seth Denson had two hits; Beeghley had two hits with a double and a triple; Brandon Lucas had two hits with a double and three RBIs; Hellums had three hits with a triple and four RBIs and Rasor had two hits.

Depending on what happens later in the week with Fort Worth Christian, the Mustangs can finish as high as second in the district. The Mustangs will start playoffs a week from Tuesday. In the meantime, Midland Christian will have a warm-up game against Loraine at 4:30 p.m. Friday at Timlin Field.

Lady Mustangs win district

The Midland Christian Lady Mustangs won their fifth TAPPS District 1-4A softball championship with a two-game sweep of First Baptist Academy. The Lady Mustangs won 15-0 and 16-0 on Saturday.

The Lady Mustangs (20-11 overall, 11-1 in district) will next play Dallas All Saints on Tuesday May 4 in Midland in a bi-district playoff. The time is yet to be determined.

The next game for Midland Christian is a doubleheader against Jal, N.M., on at 5 p.m. Friday at the Bill Williams Complex.

Game 1
Midland Christian 15, First Baptist Academy 0
First Baptist Academy 000 — 0 0 2
Midland Christian 771 — 15 16 0
Morton and Byrd: Mindi Sheppard, Danna Sheppard and Bethany Spradlin. W — Mindi Sheppard. L — Morton. 2B — MC: M. Sheppard, Kallie Johnson.

Game 2
Midland Christian 16, First Baptist Academy 0
First Baptist Academy 000 — 0 0 1 5
Midland Christian 2143 — 16 14 0
Morton and Byrd: Sarah Lemons, D. Sheppard and Bethany Spradlin. Edna Balero. W — Lemons. L — Morton. 3B — MC: Jessica Valle. HR — MC: Spradlin.

Trinity tennis

WACO — The Trinity boys placed third out of 17 teams with 10 points in the TAPPS 3A Championships played at the Charles McCleary Tennis Center. The Trinity girls came in fifth overall.

In Saturday's action Trinity's Catherine Durbin lost to Kristen Shilson from Northland Christian 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 in the girls singles semifinals. The Trinity boys doubles team of Steven Lee and Mark Villanueva lost to the team of Amar-Richie from Vanguard School 6-3, 7-5.

Midland Christian tennis

WACO — The Midland Christian girls placed fourth as a team at the TAPPS 4A Championships played Saturday at the Charles McCleary Tennis Center.

Midland Christian girls doubles teams of Tenille McDonald and Kelly Gaddis, and Kristi Cosner and Jenny Porter both reached the semifinals. Singles player Meredith Thomas lost in the first round.

On the boys side, the doubles team of Matt Martinez and Jarod Lee reached the quarterfinals, and the team of Ryan Cosner and Taylor Eben lost in the first round.

MHS JV falls to Eagles

The Midland High JV baseball team lost a 15-10 decision against Abilene High's JV Saturday.

Jorge Perez took the loss for the Bulldogs (12-10 overall, 5-5 district). On offense, Jason South had two hits and two RBIs, while Tony Esslinger had a double, a triple, and four RBIs.

MHS JV next takes on Odessa Permian's JV on Monday at Zachary Field.

Lee JV falls to Cooper

The Midland Lee junior varsity baseball team couldn't quite rally in the bottom of the seventh inning Saturday afternoon, losing to Abilene Cooper 5-4 at Zachary Field.

Cedric Benson had two hits, including a triple and drove in Lee's final run which cut the deficit to a run in the seventh. Also in that inning, Jason Matthews doubled home a run with Lee trailing 5-4.

Losing pitcher Jeff Cramer doubled in a run and Brad Stovall also had an RBI. Lee is now 15-6 overall and 6-4 in District 4-5A.

MHS wins Shootout

Midland High won the Midland Basketball Shootout held at Midland Christian High School with a 39-31 win over Odessa High.

The Shootout was a one-day event where both teams played six games in one day.

Trinity in MISD tennis tourney

Four entries for the Trinity junior high tennis team reached the finals of the MISD Tournament, with two winning and two losing.

Trinity's Jay Bates and Luke Hawkins won the seventh grade boys doubles title by beating San Jacinto's Drew Peacock and Alfredo Perez 6-2 while the seventh grade girls duo of Katie Beal and K.C. Beal beat Abell's Megan Rodgers and Ashley Young 6-0.

In the seventh grade girls singles finals, San Jacinto's Catherine Cobb defeated Trinity's Lauren Wilson 6-4. In eighth grade girls doubles, Alamo's Stacy Moore and Lauren Scherer beat Trinity's Teresa Byrom and Addis Smith 6-2.

Correction

It was erroneously reported in Saturday's edition that Trinity's Clint Adcox qualified for state in the triple jump. It was Clint Kitto who qualified.

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ALL-TIME: Angels era includes impressive outfielders

(From 1C)

GEORGE ARIAS. He tied the club record with 30 homers in 1995 to win the Texas League home run championship and drove in 104 runs. He started this season as the starting third baseman for the San Diego Padres, but has been placed on the disabled list. His full season in Midland with big power numbers give him the advantage as our pick.

IN THE RACE: Glaus (.309, 51 RBIs) was with the Angels for only two months in 1998, but he blasted 19 homers and led all of professional baseball in homers over that span of time, even in the record year of Mark McGuire and Sammy Sosa. Long homers at Christensen Stadium are now referred to as "Glausonian". No one could hit them further. Overlooked will be Bobby Rose (1989, 11/73), who hit .359, and Jeff Manto (1988, .301, 24 HR) drove in 101 runs.

Catcher

Few will differ in the pick here. **TODD GREENE** hit .327 and drove in 57 runs in only 82 games before being promoted to Triple-A. In addition, he had 26 home runs and was well on the way to becoming the franchise leader. He is now starting at Anaheim.

IN THE RACE: Jorge Fabregas (1993, .289, 6/56) is now a starter with the Florida Marlins. His homers with the Angels don't match that of Greene. Ben Molina spent a lot of time in Midland where he hit a combined .304 from 1996 to 1998 and John Orton (1987 and 1989) was a good catcher, but hit only .230.

Outfielders

This is literally an All-Star team within itself, the very best the Midland Angels had to offer. Our picks are **DEVON WHITE**, **TIM SALMON** and **JIM EDMONDS**, but if you differ, you could have reason.

White (1985, .296, 12/75, 38 SB) has become a major competitor in the Major Leagues while playing with California, Toronto, Florida, Arizona and now Los Angeles. With 1,641 Major League games under his belt, he leads all M-Angel graduates. He also has seven Gold Glove awards for his defense and three World Series rings won with Toronto and Florida.

Edmonds (1992, .313, 8/32 in 70 games) had a rather brief career with Midland, but he has become a star with Anaheim, even earning an All-Star berth and is averaging over .300 for his Big League career.

Salmon (1991, 23 HR) hit only .245 for the M-Angels and once went 0-for-20 at the plate. Still, he drove in 94 runs and went on to become the 1993 American League Rookie of the Year (.283, 31/95). He has had two 100 RBIs seasons and is still a starter for Anaheim.

IN THE RACE: Garret Anderson (1992, .274, 2/19) played in only 39 games with Midland, but has gone on to become a hit in the Major Leagues and is a .299 career hitter and had 92 RBIs in 1997 for Anaheim. Dante Bichette (1986, .284, 12/36) is an All-Star outfielder at Colorado with a .300 career average. He hit 40 homers in 1995 and has had four seasons with over 100 RBIs with the Rockies. Orlando Palmeiro (1993, .305, 0/64, 18 SB) is also now at Anaheim.



Current Anaheim Angel Gary DiSarcina hit .286 and made the Texas League All-Star team when he played for the Midland Angels in 1989. He was picked at shortstop for the All-Time Midland Angel Team.

There alone are six big time stars, but where the guilt comes in is not being able to find a place for Joe Redfield (1987, .321, 30/108) and Doug Jennings (1987, .338, 30/104). After all, these two had unbelievable seasons with Midland. Also big Jim McCollum (1988, .343, 20/75) deserves respect.

Designated Hitter

Alas, the M-Angels did use the abominable DH, so we have to have that slot here too. Fortunately, the Angels did produce several key players who could fill this role, but our pick is **MARK HOWIE** (1991, 18 HR). Howie led the minor leagues that year with a .364 average and drove in 123 runs and was Minor League Player of the Year, but he never got a shot at "The Show," the biggest injustice ever seen here.

IN THE RACE: Keith Luuloa (17/102, 43 doubles) was one of the most popular Angels with the fans and he hit .334 in 1998. He may have been the best utility player to come along, playing first, third, second and short in his two seasons here. Aaron Guile (1997, .329, 22/85, 37 doubles), is another utility player who could fit in here as could Mark Sweeney (1993, .356, 9/32). Major Leaguer Pedro Guerrero (1995, .302, 7/40) made his comeback with the Angels, playing 66 games. Luis Raven (1994, .304, 18/57) played in 44 games.

Starting Pitching

Someone said not to pick any pitching for All-Stars for Midland. And there is a ring of truth to that since the overall stock wasn't very impressive in hitter-friendly Christensen Stadium. Still there were some notable performances. Our picks are **JARROD WASHBURN**, **HILLY HATHAWAY**, **DON VIDMAR**, **MATT PERISHO** and **KOREY KELING**.

Washburn was 20-18 for his career (1996-97) for Midland with a 4.67 ERA, but he was 15-12 in '97, recording the most wins in a single

season. He was also the Texas League strikeout leader that year. Hathaway posted a 7-2 mark in 1992 with a 3.21 ERA in his only season with Midland.

Vidmar had an outstanding year in 1991 with a 13-5 record and a 3.16 ERA, which was third best in the

Texas League. However, he was 15-15 for his Midland career of three seasons, still with a 3.99 ERA, which is very good for having to pitch half your games in Midland.

Perisho was 5-2 with an amazing 2.96 ERA in 1997 and 8-4 overall in two seasons with a 3.06

career ERA.

Korey Keling was 8-7 in 1995 with a 3.54 ERA while striking out 101 batters. Keling still lives in Midland.

IN THE RACE: Shad Williams was 3-0 in 1994 with a 1.11 ERA and had Midland's only no-hitter, a seven inning affair in a doubleheader against Wichita. Naturally, the gem came on the road and that's reason enough to leave him off the All-Time team. Matt Beaumont was only 16-30 in three seasons with Midland, owning a 5.76 ERA, but he recorded 250 strikeouts. He was the TL strikeout king in 1996, however. Kyle Abbott pitched for Midland in both 1990 and 1996 for a 12-14 record as a starter, but he also recorded 17 saves in relief roles.

It is interesting to note that Major League heavyweights Bert Blyleven (1992, 2-3, 2.73) and Fernando Valenzuela (1991, 3-1, 1.96 in four games) both pitched for Midland on rehab assignments. Both are probably headed for the Hall of Fame. Valenzuela also pitched for the San Antonio Missions before he ever made the Major Leagues and he got his Major League call from the Dodgers on a homestead in Midland.

Relief Pitchers

Even though Midland had its share of relievers who threw gasoline onto the fire, there was also a good crop of closers. Our picks are **BRYAN HARVEY**, **JOSE MUSSET**, **MIKE SCHOOLER**,

MIKE FREEHILL and **MARK ZAPPELLI**.

Harvey had a great Major League career, ending up with Florida, but he also was great in Midland in 1987 with a 2-2 record, 2.04 ERA and 20 saves.

Musset is the Angels' save leader with 21 in 1993, but he did have his moments on the mound. He was 2-6 that year with a hefty 5.49 ERA, high for a closer.

Schooler, a former Major Leaguer, had 20 saves in 1995 with a 3-3 record and a sterling 1.79 ERA.

Freehill produced 17 saves in 1996, but he too had his troubles with a 7-6 record. His 3.42 ERA that year is also a little high, but acceptable.

Zappelli was 2-2 with 11 saves and a 2.48 ERA in 1991.

IN THE RACE: Troy Percival, the current closer at Anaheim would be a good pick, but he was here only shortly in 1992, posting a 3-0 record, 2.37 ERA and five saves. Julian Heredia (1993, 5-3, 3.12 with 89 strikeouts), Miguel Garcia (1987, 10-6, 2.59), Darryl Scott (1992, 1-1, 1.82, 9 saves), Bill Simas (1994, 2-0, 0.59, 6), Nick Skuse (1997, 0-0, 6.27, 16), Vinicio Cedeno (1989, 8-3, 4.14) and Tim Burcham (1989, 6-4, 3.77, 6) all spent worthy time with the M-Angels.

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ALL BIDS MUST BE SEALED AND LABELED "BID #375-042299 ENCLOSED".	90 Legal Notices SEALED BID AUCTION ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL SCHOOL OF LUBBOCK, INC. is accepting sealed bids to purchase the following property: All of the Surface Only of Section 95, Block M, ELARR Ry. Co. Survey, Dawson County, Texas This property is located near Lamesa, Texas and consists of approximately 640 acres. Bidding will close at 3:00 o'clock p.m. Central Time on Monday, May 10, 1999, and bids will be opened at 5:00 o'clock p.m. Central Time on that date. Interested persons may obtain bidding instructions and a Bid Information Package by contacting: Wm. Mark Thompson, Esq. Baker, Brown, Thompson & Wagnon, P.C. 5010 University, Suite 433 Lubbock, Texas 79413 (806)792-1014	90 Legal Notices THE PERMIAN BASIN Community Centers is requesting proposals for public accounting firms to perform the annual audit for the fiscal year 1999. Beginning April 26, 1999 proposal packets may be picked up in the accounting office of the Permian Basin Community Center 401 E. Illinois, Midland, Texas Suite 300, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Monday thru Friday). Proposals must be in the hands of the accounting office no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 21, 1999.	90 Legal Notices DOCUMENT 00030 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS 1.1 OWNER: Midland College 1.2 PROJECT: Campus Supervisory Control System, Midland, Texas 1.3 ENGINEER: Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Engineers • Architects • Planners 5214 Thomson Drive, Midland, Texas (915) 697-1447, (915) 697-9758 FAX 1.4 DESCRIPTION: Midland College will receive sealed bids for a new campus wide supervisory control system. This system will utilize Direct Control of all HVAC systems and will be expandable to provide other energy saving control functions. 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The Owner reserves the right to retain any check, bank money order or bank draft as liquidated damages in the event the bidder withdraws his bid. If the proposals are opened and before official rejection of the bid by the Owner, or, if successful in securing the award of the contract, the successful bidder fails to enter into the contract and fails to furnish satisfactory performance and payment bonds. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond, each in the full amount of the contract price, executed by a surety company or surety companies authorized to execute surety bonds under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas. The proposed contract is subject to the Vernon Texas Civil Statutes, Article 601B concerning the participation of Historically Underutilized Business. HUB goal is set at 10%. 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Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Memorial Hospital and Medical Center on or after Monday, April 26, 1999.

ALL BIDS MUST BE SEALED AND LABELED "BID #376-04299 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. ON MONDAY, MAY 17, 1999 AT WHICH TIME BIDS WILL BE CLOSED.

Bid opening will be at 2:00 P.M. in the Department of Materials Management, Memorial Hospital and Medical Center, 2200 West Illinois, Midland, Texas, 79701, on Monday, May 17, 1999.

ALL BIDS MUST BE PRICE PROTECTED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 17, 1999.

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 POLICY/PROCEDURE OF MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER, MIDLAND COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND TO WAIVE FORMALITIES.

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BID

Midland County Hospital District is accepting bids for LEES CARPET.

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UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL FAXED BIDS FROM BIDDERS BE ACCEPTED.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION (PERSONAL INJURY CASE) - THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE TO RESPONDENT:

"You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

TO: JAMES ROBERT JACKSON, Defendant.

Greeting: You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of the Citation, the same being Monday the 17th day of May 1999, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. before the Honorable District Court of Midland County, at the courthouse in Midland, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed on the 19th day of January 1999, in this case, numbered CV-42-471 on the docket of said court, and styled, CHARLOTTE DILLBECK plaintiff vs. JAMES ROBERT JACKSON, Defendant. The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: CHARLOTTE DILLBECK is the plaintiff and JAMES ROBERT JACKSON is the Defendant. A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows: TO-WIT: JUDGMENT FOR DAMAGES AGAINST DEFENDANT, IN AN AMOUNT IN EXCESS OF THE MINIMUM JURISDICTIONAL LIMITS OF THIS COURT, INTEREST ON JUDGMENT AT LEGAL RATE FROM DATE OF JUDGMENT, PREJUDGMENT INTEREST AS ALLOWED BY LAW, COSTS OF COURT AND SUCH OTHER RELIEF WHICH PLAINTIFF MAY BE ENTITLED, as is more fully

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shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and Seal of said Court, at office in Midland, Texas this 12th day of March, 1999. Attest: VIVIAN WOOD, Clerk 142nd District Court, Midland County, Texas By: Irene Olgin, Deputy.

95 Public Notices

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Al Talbot, Sec.

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Keith Hughes, Pres.
Marvin Witcher, Secty.

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Breakfast 7:30 a.m.
Tom Burns, W/M (P.T.)
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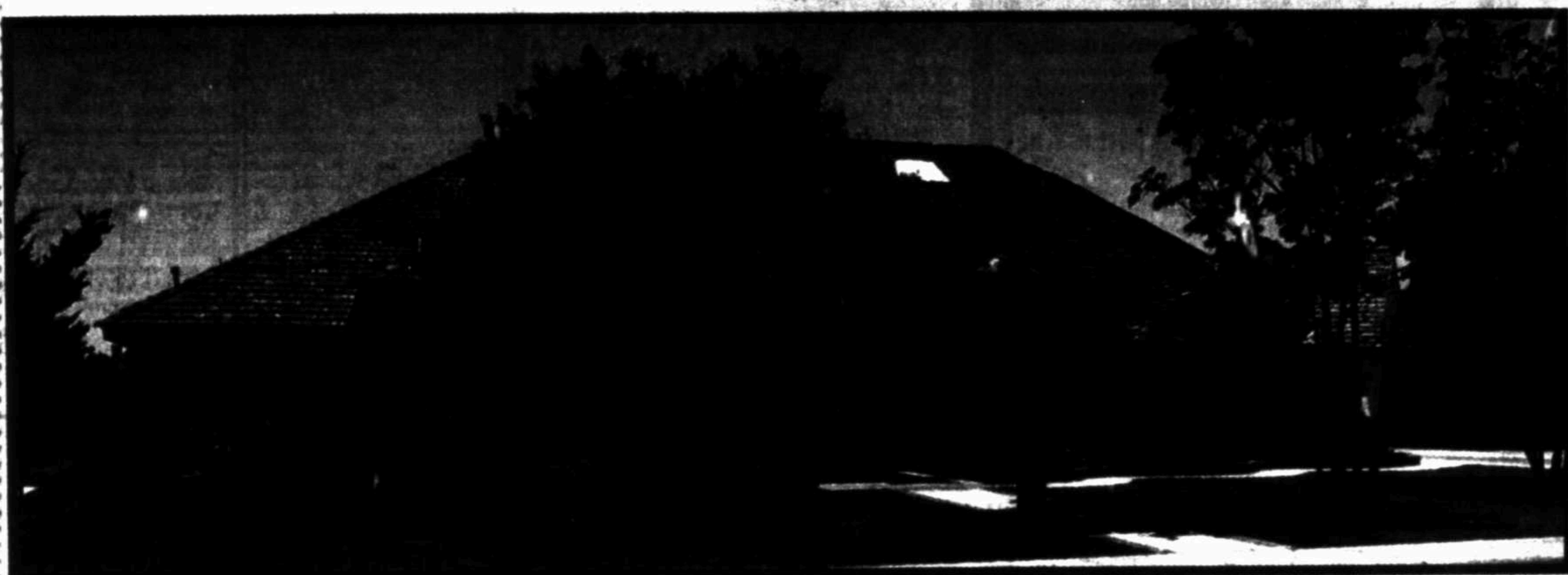
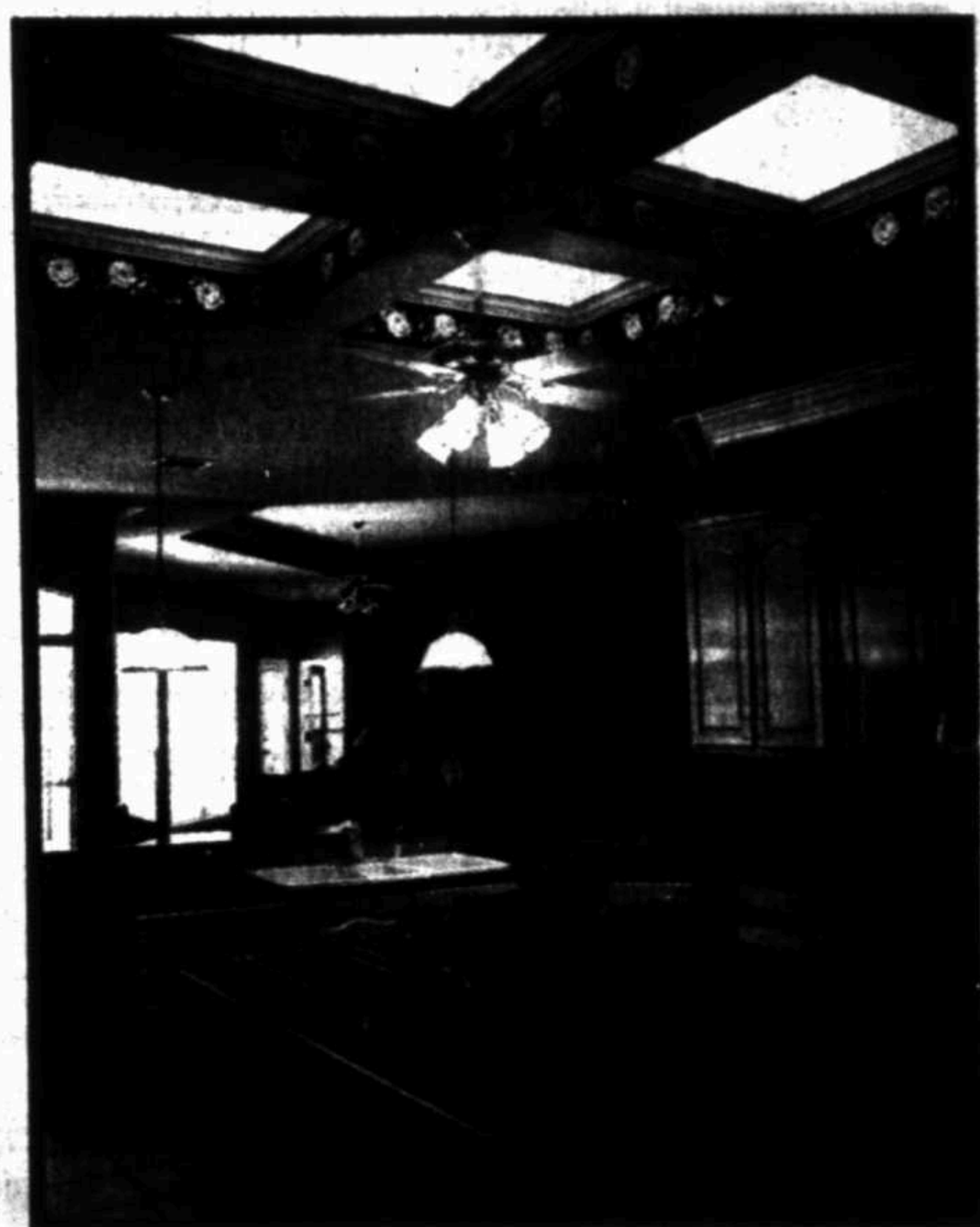
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AND THE REST OF THE HOME...

4927 Rustic Trail

is a huge five bedroom home in the prestigious Green Tree subdivision. This beautiful red brick home with a varied roof line is set in a classy neighborhood and is graced with mature landscaping. A brick lined walk and undulating brick lined beds add continuity from the front yard to the home. An airy, shady covered entry and tulip design etched glass door, are extremely welcoming.

Inside the door is a tiled foyer with a high pan ceiling with crown molding, lit by a lantern style chandelier. Rust red paint covers the walls of the foyer, formal living and formal dining rooms. To the right is the formal dining room with a gorgeous crystal chandelier. This room is elegantly designed with crown molding tracing the ceiling and plantation shutters filter light from the large window.

The formal living features a mock fireplace detailed with a picture frame inset above the mantle. On either side are built-in bookshelves. A stepped pan ceiling spans this beautiful room and is detailed with crown molding. A trio of transomed windows with plantation shutters looks out onto the covered patio and pool.

To the left of the living room is an office with a built-in desk with room for two chairs, cabinets and display cases. This is a perfect place for homework since it is located near the children's rooms. Just off this room is a bedroom painted in mauve with a decorative border and crown molding tracing the ceiling. This room has a nice walk-in closet with sweater/shoe shelving. A Hollywood link links this bedroom with another. The bathroom features two separate rooms with vanities and storage and a shared "water closet" with a tub/shower combo and commode. The vanity rooms have custom wallpaper, brightly lit vanities with makeup lighting and are given an elegant flair with a wainscoting. The other bedroom is sponge painted in a lovely magenta shade. This room has a vaulted ceiling with ceiling fan, a walk-in closet with shelving and two sunny windows with plantation shutters.

Off the right side of the living room is a full bath with plaid wallpaper. Large storage closets fill the space above the mock fireplace set into the other side of the wall. A tub/shower combo with glass door and a spacious vanity with makeup lighting finish off this lovely bath.

Next to this room is a nursery, painted in a great "little boy blue" shade. This room has a vaulted ceiling with a ceiling fan. Two closets are placed in this room, one storage closet with deep shelves and another, walk-in closet with shoe shelving.

Down the hall is the master suite. The master bath is beautiful! A large double vanity with makeup lighting is reflected by a wall of mirrors. A large Jacuzzi tub is nestled in the corner next to a glass block window with shelving for plants and pretty bath accessories. The shower is the most elaborate, gorgeous I have ever seen. Delicately etched glass gives luxurious privacy. A mirrored door hides his walk-in closet,

which is, by the way, huge and even has another closet inside. The hunter green master bedroom has a sitting area with large picture windows and a built-in entertainment center. Her closet is just off the bedroom and has narrow windows above the shelves to bring in natural light.

Adjacent to the dining room is the loveliest kitchen you will ever see. A four pane, huge skylight washes the entire kitchen with the most glorious sunshine. White washed cabinetry, lush floral wallpaper, and marble-look counters finish the elegant feeling of the room. Appliances in this gourmet island kitchen include: a Jenn-Air flat topped range with built-in grill, GE potscrubber dishwasher, GE trash compactor, GE profile double oven, built-in GE microwave and a triple sink with Moen faucet and insinkerator. A display case with cubbies is set above a built-in desk with a glass top. A wine rack is set above the refrigerator space. The large pantry has deep shelves and a spice rack. The lovely breakfast bar is covered in lush floral paper and overhung by two swag lights. A sunny breakfast nook lit by a chandelier is set by bay windows that look out onto the patio and pool.

Behind the kitchen is a coat closet and the huge, HUGE utility room. This room has a massive sink and counter, storage and plenty of space for a freezer. This room is stylishly finished with brown paint, a lovely wallpaper border and a wainscoting. The four car oversized garage has a large workshop area with pegboards, hosebibs and shelves.

One of the entries from the garage to the house is to a half bath (powder room) off of the kitchen. This bath is beautifully papered and has makeup lighting.

A grand family room is set to the other side of the kitchen, with a beautiful pan ceiling and two ceiling fans. A stately fireplace with herringbone brick detailing stands at one end. Large windows face out onto the pool and golf course. Built-in bookshelves frame both sides of the fireplace.

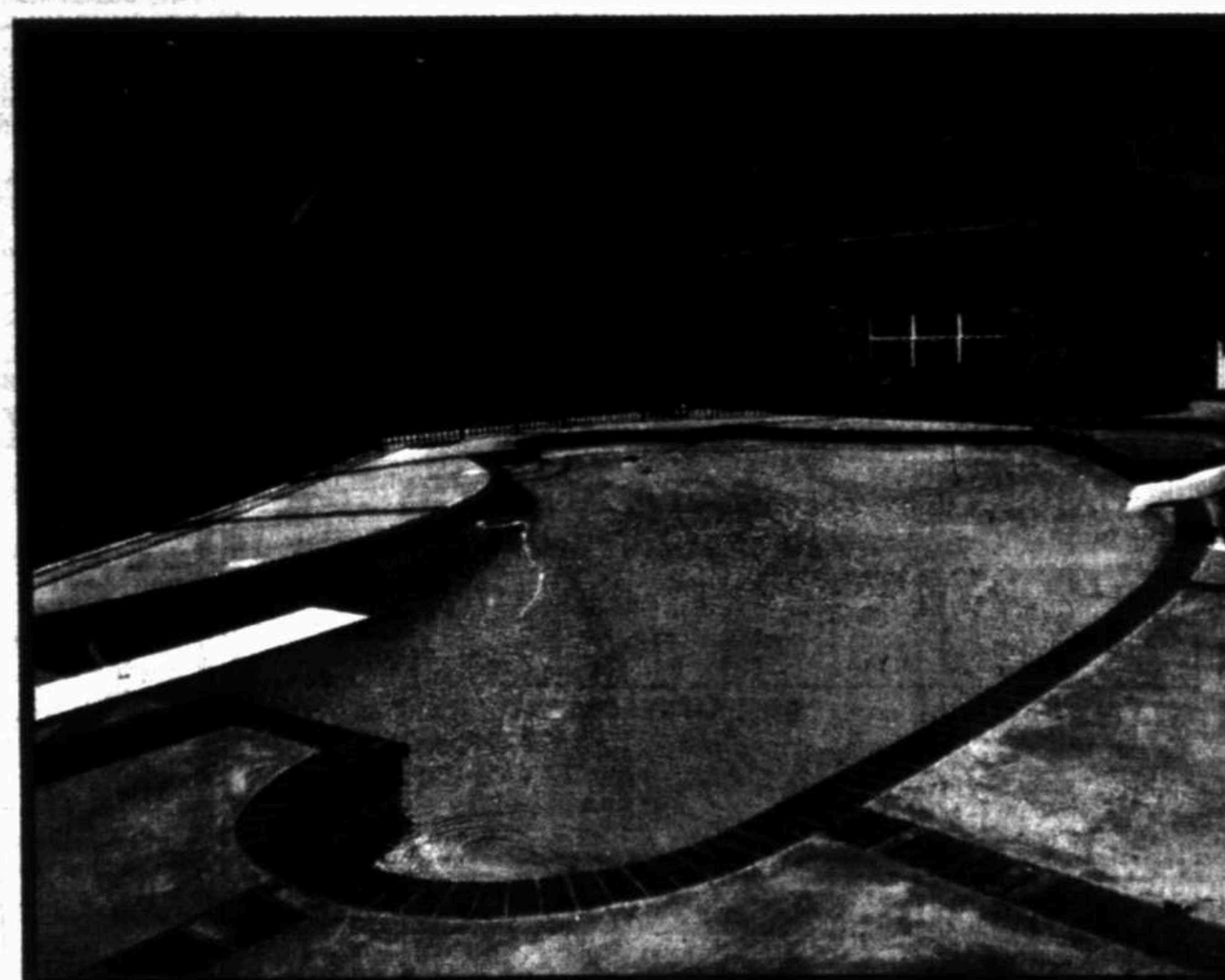
Just off the family room is the recreation room. This room is carpeted with an indestructible dark carpeting that coordinates with the teal paint. A built-in entertainment center stands at one side of the room. Large windows face out onto the golf course. Adjacent to the recreation room is another bedroom. This room is painted in a deep hunter green and has its own full bath and a walk-in closet with shelving.

The covered patio is cooled by two lighted ceiling fans and looks out onto the pool and golf course. This home features a sparkling free form pool with a slide, diving board, hot tub and removable child safety fencing. A cabana is built into the side of the house and has an outdoor shower to wash off chlorinated bodies. A side yard with trees has plenty of space for a swing set.

This home is protected by a security system.

This \$397,500 home is truly beautiful, truly magnificent, especially the kitchen. Please call Karen Foster of Century 21 Kay Sutton Realtors at 570-8200 for a private viewing of this lovely home.

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10 week temp assignment to start May 24. Day or night shift. Moderate experience with Windows 95 and/or NT Workstation, Microsoft Office 97, Outlook 98, Compaq Systems, Desktop configurations. Trouble shooting and communication skills important. Ability to follow cookbook of instructions to alter desktop configurations necessary. Preferred Personnel 684-5900 Never a fee.

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NEW TODAY

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HAIR/ NAIL STATIONS: for lease. Please call 686-0177 for information.

Altura ENERGY LTD

Alliance Director

Altura Energy, Ltd. is currently seeking an Alliance Director to lead in the support and development of the alliance relationships for one of our cross-functional Flood or Plant Management Teams in the Midland/Odessa area. The position will be located in our Odessa office; requires out of town travel. The Alliance Director will be responsible for representing the interests of the FMT/PTM in matters dealing with contractors and suppliers; provide team with the business perspective as it relates to their specific business plans and strategies; initiate contract reviews to identify cost reduction and value creation opportunities. The successful candidate will have the ability to manage multiple projects at once, demonstrated financial analysis experience, communication, negotiation and conflict management skills and be proficient in Microsoft programs, particularly Excel. Business degree and 3 - 5 years industry experience preferred. Excellent benefits include 4 weeks vacation, 9/80 work schedule, pension and 401K, medical, dental, life. Please send resume with references and salary requirements to: Altura Energy Ltd., Room 520C, 580 Westlake Park Blvd., Houston, Texas 77079 OR fax to 281-552-1281. EOE M/F/V/H

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RESIDENT HALL MANAGER: Supervise and manage 96 bed Women's Residence Hall, four Resident Assistants, and college work study positions. Must live in manager apartment in residence hall. On call 24 hours a day. High School education or equivalent required. Strong interpersonal, communication, social, clerical, computer and organizational skills required. Sincere interest in working with, supporting and encouraging young people required. Room and board plus salary of \$17,000. Excellent fringe benefits. Position available August 1, 1999.

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Update student files, filing, answer phone, assist in registration. Data entry, communication and public relation skills required. \$6.00 per hour. Nineteen hours a week. Application deadline is May 14, 1999.

Human Resources, Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield, Midland, TX 79705 EOE

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NEW TODAY

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An Oklahoma based energy company has an immediate opening for an Engineer in our Midland office. This position will interact with operations personnel, contractors, and management in exceeding the departmental and corporate goals.

Qualified candidates for the position should have the following background and skills:

- BS degree in engineering from an accredited college or university
- Minimum four years experience
- Natural gas gathering and processing experience preferred
- Knowledge of applicable safety and environmental regulations

Responsibilities include:

- Developing and designing projects for natural gas gathering, compression, treating and processing prospects
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Please send resume in confidence to:
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Science and Mathematics

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Submit current resume and names, addresses and phone numbers of three references to: Donald M. Allen, Chair, Science and Mathematics, UTPB, Odessa, TX 79762-0001. Phone 915-552-2230
E-mail: Allen.D@utpb.edu
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I-IT-99-304

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The Texas Department of Protective & Regulatory Services
Human Resources Office, Suite 450
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Production records in joint interest. MS Word/Excel

JIB CLERK-DOE/DOE
QuickBooks exp. data entry & QuickBooks/Excel

JIB ACCOUNTANT-DOE/DOE
2-4 yrs. exp. MS Word/Excel, Special Projects

ACCOUNTING-DOE
Part-time Tues. & Thurs. 9-5. MUST have QuickBooks Pro

RECEPTIONIST-DOE/DOE
Must have QuickBooks Pro exp.

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Part-time Tues. & Thurs. 9-5. MUST have QuickBooks Pro

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Altura Energy Ltd. is currently seeking a Financial Analyst position to work closely with one of our cross-functional Flood Management Teams in the Midland/Odessa area. The position will be located in our Midland office; requires out of town travel to Houston. The Financial Analyst will be responsible for financial performance monitoring, variance analysis, and problem solving accounting, support portfolio management and budget/operating plan development. Provide financial perspective on FMT decision making, coordinate FMT transition to SAP accounting structure, project management support, coordination of tax issues, audit assistance and other activities. The successful candidate will have the ability to manage multiple projects at once; demonstrated financial analysis or accounting experience and be proficient in Microsoft programs, particularly Excel. Business degree preferred. Excellent benefits include 4 weeks vacation, 9/80 work schedule, pension and 401K, medical, dental, life. Please send resume with references and salary requirements to: Altura Energy Ltd., Room 520C, 580 Westlake Park Blvd., Houston, Texas 77079 OR fax to 281-552-1281. EOE M/F/V/H

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NEW TODAY

Leander ISD

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The City of Big Lake, Texas is currently accepting applications for a City Maintenance Mechanic. Position requires high school diploma/GED. Experience in gasoline and diesel engines a must. Small engine maintenance and repair experience a definite plus. Drug test required as condition of employment. Valid CDL required within 30 days of employment.

Generous benefit program includes: health, dental, life, and vision insurance paid in full by the city. Free uniforms and cleaning services also provided. Wage for this position starts at \$9.50/Hr.

Applications will be accepted until 5:00 PM on May 3, 1999. Applications received after this date will be rejected. For more information please contact City Hall, P.O. 310, Big Lake, Texas 76332. Phone (915)884-2511, Toll Free (888) 826-0051, or Fax (915) 884-3195.

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Dispatches police, sheriff, and fire units to emergencies using a Computer Aided Dispatch System and receives and extracts information of an emergency nature. Receives and processes complaints and information requests from the public. Requires the ability to operate a computer terminal/printer and telecommunications device for the deaf. Must pass typing test with minimum of 35 WPM. Must pass Perfex test. Requires high school diploma or equivalent plus 1-3 years clerical and/or data entry experience. Wages and Hours: \$1,888.00/mo., Rotating Shifts, Days Off, Closing Date: 05-31-99. Interested persons need to apply at: City of Midland, 300 N. Loraine, Room 120, Midland, Texas. EOE

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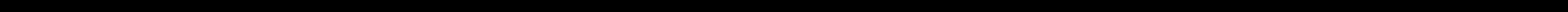
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Dbl.	Double
A/C.	Air conditioning
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Gar.	Garage
Bldg.	Building
Cond.	Condition
N-QA.	Non-Qualifying
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RIDGEFIELD	Great Graham Resale: 5 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Open/Bright-Tile Walkways	\$ 201,000
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	Open/Airy Beautiful New Graham: 4 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Corner Lot-Sprinkler & Hydromulched Yard	\$ 188,000
CHESLEY CT	Two Story w/Beautiful Entry: 4 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Downstairs Master Suite	\$ 179,900
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CRANSTON		NEW LISTING
	Flowing Open New Graham Home: 4 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Shutters/Miniblinds/Sprinkler System	\$ 176,500
CRANSTON		NEW LISTING
	Pretty Light/Bright New Graham: 4 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Lots of Storage-Big Kitchen	\$ 175,000
ASHWOOD CT	Open/Light Floor Plan: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Quiet Cul-de-Sac-In Law Plan	\$ 175,000
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WHITMAN	New Whitehead: 4 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Game Room	\$ 143,500
WHITMAN	By Whitehead: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Can be 5 BR	\$ 143,500
WHITMAN	New Whitehead: 4 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Pick Your Colors & Options	\$ 142,950
STERLING CT		NEW LISTING
	Light/Bright Wonderful New Graham: 4 bd-3 ba-1 liv-Shutters/Miniblinds/Sprinklers	\$ 142,500
WOODHAVEN		UNDER CONTRACT
LOS ALAMITOS	Pretty Open Plan: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Cir.Drv w/Fountain-Gated Bkyd Patio	\$ 141,500
CULPEPER	Heated Pool: 4 or 5 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Seq Bdrm-Great Closet Space-3% Buyer Incentive	\$ 139,900
KANSAS	'Old Midland' Charm: 4 bd-3 ba-3 liv-Large Rooms-Great Yard & Pool	\$ 139,900
MCCLINTIC	Patio Style Home: 4 bd-3.5 ba-1 liv-Much Recent-Bedroom/Office	\$ 139,500
QUAIL POINT	Patio Home: 3 bd-2.5 ba-1 liv-Beautiful Patio-Sparkling Pool-Recent Carpet & Tile	\$ 138,500
WHITMAN	New Whitehead: 4 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Roomy Plan	\$ 137,950
DARTMOUTH	Beautiful: 4 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Corner Countertops-Solar Tube Lighting	\$ 136,000
METZ PL	New Carpet Being Installed: 4 bd-3 ba-3 liv-Office Area off Large Bdrm	\$ 132,900
PINON CT		NEW LISTING
	Two Story in Mission Pines: 3 bd-2.5 ba-3 liv-Roomy-Office off Master-Huge Utility w/Pantry Room	\$ 129,900
CRISTA LN	New by Canton: 4 bd-2.5 ba-1 liv-Many Extras-Ready to Move Into-3% Buyer Incentive	\$ 129,500
FAIRFAX CT	Beautiful & Clean: 4 bd-2.5 ba-1 liv-Lots of Updating-Large Master w/Jacuzzi	\$ 129,500
LENNOX	Beautiful: 3 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Lots of Updating-Double Master Vanity-3% Buyer Incentive	\$ 129,500
WHITMAN	New Whitehead: 4 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Room to Grow	\$ 129,000
HUGHES	Big & Roomy Great Home: 3 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Separate Office w/5 ba.heat & cool	\$ 124,500
ST ANDREWS	REDUCED! 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Even Retained All Woodwork!	\$ 119,900
SPARKS	Very Nice Bill Hickory Twnhm: 3 bd-2.5 ba-1 liv-Huge Mstr w/Private Study	\$ 119,900
GODFREY	Pretty New Home by Hoffman: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Great Amenities	\$ 117,000
GODFREY	Beautiful New Hoffman Home: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Ready to Move Into	\$ 117,000
ARROYO	Light/Bright in Skyline Addition: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Double Fireplace-Pool	\$ 116,500
PRINCETON	Spacious! 4 bd-3 ba-3 liv-Tuck Away Those Teenagers	\$ 114,900
AUBURN	Nice Large Bedrooms: 4 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Recent Interior Paint & Carpet-Great Updates	\$ 114,500
QUAIL POINT	Great Patio Home: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Seq Master-Large Mstr Bath Closets	\$ 113,500
BISHOPS CASTLE	Open Plan: 4 living 3 bd-2 liv-See Thru Fireplace-\$1,500 Buyer Incentive	\$ 113,500
TATTENHAM	Quiet Country Living Close to Town: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Barn & Stalls	\$ 110,000
BOULDER	Redone Charm! 4 bd-3 ba-3 liv-Cute as a Button!	\$ 110,000
BEDFORD	'Old Midland Location': 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Lots of Windows-Large Trees-Guest House	\$ 108,000
SUNBURST		UNDER CONTRACT
CRESTGATE	Roomy: 4 bd-3 ba-1 liv-Mstr Bdrm & Liv Area both Access Patio-Wrkshp	\$ 109,000
WADLEY	Nice Twnhm: 3 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Lovely Enclosed Courtyard-Large Rms	\$ 104,000
BEDFORD	Beautiful Hardwood Floors: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-'Old Midland' Charm Throughout	\$ 102,000
OAKMONT		NEW LISTING
	Very Nice Greg Frazier Preowned: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Super Floor Plan	\$ 94,900
HUNTINGTON	Roomy: 5 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Recently Installed Kitchen Countertops	\$ 92,500
STUTZ	Wonderful Home: 4 bd-2.5 ba-1 liv-Seq Bdrm-Many Recent Updates	\$ 91,500
CRESTWOOD	Townhouse in Great Cul-de-Sac Location: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Home Warranty Offered	\$ 89,900
BOULDER	Looks Can Be Deceiving: 4 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Darling-Recent Ceramic Tile	\$ 89,900
GODFREY	Seq Bedroom w/Bath: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Nice Kitchen w/Tile Floors	\$ 89,900
PECAN	Updated Darling: 4 bd-2 ba-2 liv-2 car gar-Fannin District-Sprinkler	\$ 88,900
FAIRHAVEN	Open Plan: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Large Suite-Style Bedroom	\$ 88,750

NEW LISTINGS

2 Pinon Ct (Odessa) - \$131,000	5 Fairfax Court - \$129,500
Great 2-story with lots of room. 3 bd, 2.5 ba, 3 living. Office off master. Sprinkler/RO in kitchen/Alarm/Gas Logs/Fenced-in above-ground pool. Call Nancy Peipelman, 570-8200/evening 522-2593	Beautiful 4 bd, 2.5 ba, 3 living area home is clean, clean, clean. Sunroom is great 3rd living area. Lots of updating. Jacuzzi in master bath. Call Mary Lynn Parsley, 570-8200/evening 683-7070
7001 Ridgeboro Ct - \$189,500	5712 Cranston Pl - \$178,500
Beautiful 4 bd, 3.5 ba, 2 living area new home by Graham in Green Tree North. Lots of extras. Call Karen Foster, 570-8200/evening 697-4434	Great new Graham with 4 bd, 3.5 ba, 2 living areas. Den with built in bookcases. Kitchen w/island work center. Seq.mstr bdrm. Call Karen Foster, 570-8200/evening 697-4434
5500 Sterling Ct - \$142,500	5713 Cranston Pl - \$176,500
New Graham 4 bd, 3 ba home features 1 large liv. area. Beautiful tile & Berber carpet. Seq. in-law plan. Call Karen Foster, 570-8200/evening 697-4434	Beautiful new Graham on quiet cul-de-sac has 4 bd, 3.5 ba, 2 living areas. Large den/Great kitchen with lots of storage. Seq. in-law plan. Call Karen Foster, 570-8200/evening 697-4434
5510 Sterling Ct - \$153,500	3306 Oakmont Dr - \$95,000
Great den/office in New Graham. 4 bd, 3 ba, 2 living areas. Super kitchen w/great storage. In-law bedroom plan. Call Karen Foster, 570-8200/evening 697-4434	Pretty 3 bd, 2.5 ba, 1 liv. area home on quiet Fairmont Park cul-de-sac. Large kitchen, spacious living area with vaulted ceiling & fireplace. Large master bedroom & bath. Call Lynn Walker, 570-8200/evening 520-2249
Land	
W Co.Rd. 40 (Midland) - \$38,500	
Approx 9 Ac - Fenced - 1 Water Well. Call Betty Hicks, 570-8200/evening 697-8585	

SUBURBAN LISTINGS

E. CO RD 110	Wow! 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Pool-Barn/Stable/Shop-Greenwood Schools	\$ 275,000
E. CO RD 97		UNDER CONTRACT
N. CO RD 1244		NEW LISTING
	Completely Remodeled Interior! 4 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Two Story-Loft w/Hardwood Flooring for Pool Table	\$ 179,900
E. CO RD 98	Stoneridge: 3 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Blt '98-Irrigation/Sprinkler-Pool-Barn/Wkshp	\$ 167,750
S. CO RD 1128	Sunset Estates: 4 bd-2.5 ba-1 liv-His & Her Master Bath-Jacuzzi-Wonderful Yard	\$ 143,500
S. CO RD 1218	Near Air Strip: 3 bd-2.5 ba-1 liv-Spacious & Modern-Apprx 1.4 Ac	\$ 122,000
E. CO RD 110	Country Charm! 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Apprx 2.25 Ac-Barn/Stalls-Arena-Steed Run	\$ 117,000
E. CO RD 110	Bring Horses! 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Apprx 2.25 Ac-Barn/Stalls-Arena-Steed Run	\$ 114,900
E. CO RD 124	Ridge Heights: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Barn/Tackroom-Apprx 1.33 Ac	\$ 110,000
S. FM 1788	Large 5-Bay Wkshp: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Great Metro Access	\$ 110,000
TATTENHAM	Quiet Country Living Close to Town: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Barn & Stalls	\$ 110,000
E. CO RD 62	Completely Redone! 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Barn/Wkshp-Apprx 1 Ac	\$ 75,500
E. CO RD 95	Nice Dbl Wide Mob Home: 4 bd-2 ba-Greenwood Schools-Apprx 5 Ac	\$ 84,200
E. CO RD 145	Near Town: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Apprx 2.29 Ac -Room for Horses & Gardening	\$ 45,500

LOTS & LAND

LONG ST (Odessa)	NEW LISTING	\$ 1,200	W. CR 123	Apprx 66 Ac	\$ 19,500
Corner Res Lot in West Odessa			MILLER RD (Gardendale)	Apprx 5.5 Ac	\$ 25,000
	NEW LISTING	\$ 2,500	E. CR 1090	Greenwood	\$ 34,400
HOGAN CT			W. CO RD. 40	NEW LISTING	\$ 38,500
One Res Lot-Fairway Park		\$ 2,500		Apprx 9 Ac/Fenced/One Water Well	
TREVINO	One Res Lot-SF Det	\$ 3,000	W. CR 2950	Martin Co.	\$ 220,000
E. GOLF COURSE	Two Res Twnhm Lots	\$ 4,500	I-20	22+Acres	\$ 285,000
FLOYD CT	Res. Lot/Fairway Park	\$ 5,000	COWDEN ADDN	10 Lots	\$ 400,000
W. 87th (Odessa)	Res. Golf Course Lot	\$ 8,000	PARKLEA ADDN	12 Lots	\$ 450,000
S. CR 1122	20 Lots/Reata Ranch Est	\$ 10,000	E. LOOP 250 N.	Apprx 640Ac	\$ 1,248,000
STERLING CT	Lot behind Grmwd School	\$ 10,500	E. LOOP 250 N.	-/-65 Ac	\$ 1,300,000
CR 1204	Apprx 2 Ac	\$ 11,990			

COMMERCIAL

JASMINE	Zoned IPI	\$ 10,000	FLORIDA	Multiple Uses	\$ 55,000
JASMINE	Zoned IPI	\$ 25,000	KENTUCKY	Zoned C-3	\$ 108,000
E. HWY 80	Apprx 1.47 Ac	\$ 35,000	FRONT	Zoned LVRR Spur	\$ 450,000
FLORIDA	Package of 5 lots	\$ 50,000			

NEW CONSTRUCTION

TOM CANTON

CRISTA LN	Ready For You! 4 bd-2.5 ba-1 liv-Lots of Extras-in Crestgate-3% Buyer Incentive	\$ 129,900
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ROBERT GRAHAM CONSTRUCTION

RIDGEBORO CT	Beautiful/Open/Airy: 4 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Corner Lot-Plantation: itters-Sprinkler	\$ 189,500
CRANSTON	New Open-Flow Plan: 4 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Shutters & Miniblinds	\$ 178,500
CRANSTON	Pretty/Light/Bright: 4 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Big Kitchen-Lots of	\$ 178,500
STERLING CT	Great Home w/Lots of Storage: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Shutters & Minib. ds-2 Trees	\$ 153,500
STERLING CT	Wonderful/Light/Bright: 4 bd-3 ba-1 liv-15 Shrubs/Hydromulch/Sprinklers	\$ 142,600

HOFFMAN CONSTRUCTION

GODFREY	Beautiful New Home: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Great Amenities	\$ 117,000
GODFREY	Fabulous New Home: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Ready to Move Into	\$ 117,000

JAMES MORRIS

WEST WIND CT	Fabulous: 5 bd-4.5 ba-3 liv-Beautiful Golf Course View-3% Buyer Allowance	\$ 425,000
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WHITEHEAD CONSTRUCTION

WHITMAN	New Whitehead: 4 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Roomy Plan	\$ 145,950
WHITMAN	New Whitehead: 4 bd-2.5 ba-3 liv-Game Room	\$ 143,500
WHITMAN	By Whitehead: 4 bd-2 ba-3 liv-Can be 5 BR	\$ 143,500
WHITMAN	Whitehead New: 3 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Good Plan	\$ 142,950
WHITMAN	New Whitehead: 4 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Room to Grow	\$ 137,950
WHITMAN	New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Huge Privacy Bedroom	\$ 129,000
CASPER	Whitehead New: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Could be 4 BR	\$ 86,000
SPENCE	By Whitehead: 2 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Private Bedroom is Large	\$ 86,000
RIO GRANDE	Whitehead New: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Open Plan	\$ 86,000
CASPER	New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick all Options	\$ 86,000
FLOYD	Whitehead New: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Plan Yours Now	\$ 83,900
SPENCE	By Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Your Amenities	\$ 79,300
TREVINO	Whitehead New: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick all Options	\$ 78,900
SPENCE	By Whitehead: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Can be 3 Bdrm	\$ 76,400
RIO GRANDE	New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Options Avail	\$ 75,500
TREVINO	Whitehead: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Great for Retirees	\$ 74,800
CASPER	By Whitehead: 3 ba-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Colors	\$ 72,800
SPENCE	Whitehead New: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Carefree Plan	\$ 72,800
GRAHAM	New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Make It Yours	\$ 70,200
GRAHAM	By Whitehead: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Convenient Plan	\$ 69,300



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Photo courtesy of the Mitchells

Midlander Briley Mitchell is the theatre season pass winner for Hollywood Theatres Tall City 10's "Forces of Nature" writing contest. Mitchell said his wife, LaVina, first caught his attention by howling at the moon. Speaking of the movies (is it just us?) or does Mitchell bear an uncanny resemblance to Jeff Daniels in this photo?

Something to howl about!

Briley and LaVina Mitchell of Midland are winners of the "Love is a Force of Nature" writing contest, presented by Hollywood Theatres Tall City 10.

Staff Reports

Briley Mitchell and his wife, LaVina, have a marriage made in the heavens literally. They first met in high school (she was a sophomore and he was a junior), when he spotted her sitting in a field, howling at the moon.

They've been together ever since, through four years of courtship and 21 years of marriage.

"She's kind of strange," Mitchell laughed. And does she still howl at the moon? "Every so often," he admitted. "It's kind of a game she plays."

But, he added, "she's more sane than I am!"

Mitchell admits that while his wife's conversations with the moon got his attention, other aspects of her personality kept it. "She paid attention to me," he said. "Some of the other girls didn't — and she still does, definitely."

The couple are the parents of two adult children — now 22 and 20 — and since the kids are grown and living away from home, "we're having more fun now than we ever did!" Mitchell said.

For Mitchell's winning piece on why his love for his wife is a "force of nature" — the words of other entrants, and the Midland couple ready to set the date for the **MARRIED AT THE MOVIES CONTEST** — Page 4E



Star Wars



Win one of these collectibles in the Reporter-Telegram Star Wars trivia contest. Are you ready for the 48-hour "Phantom Menace" marathon?

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BOOMER BLUES

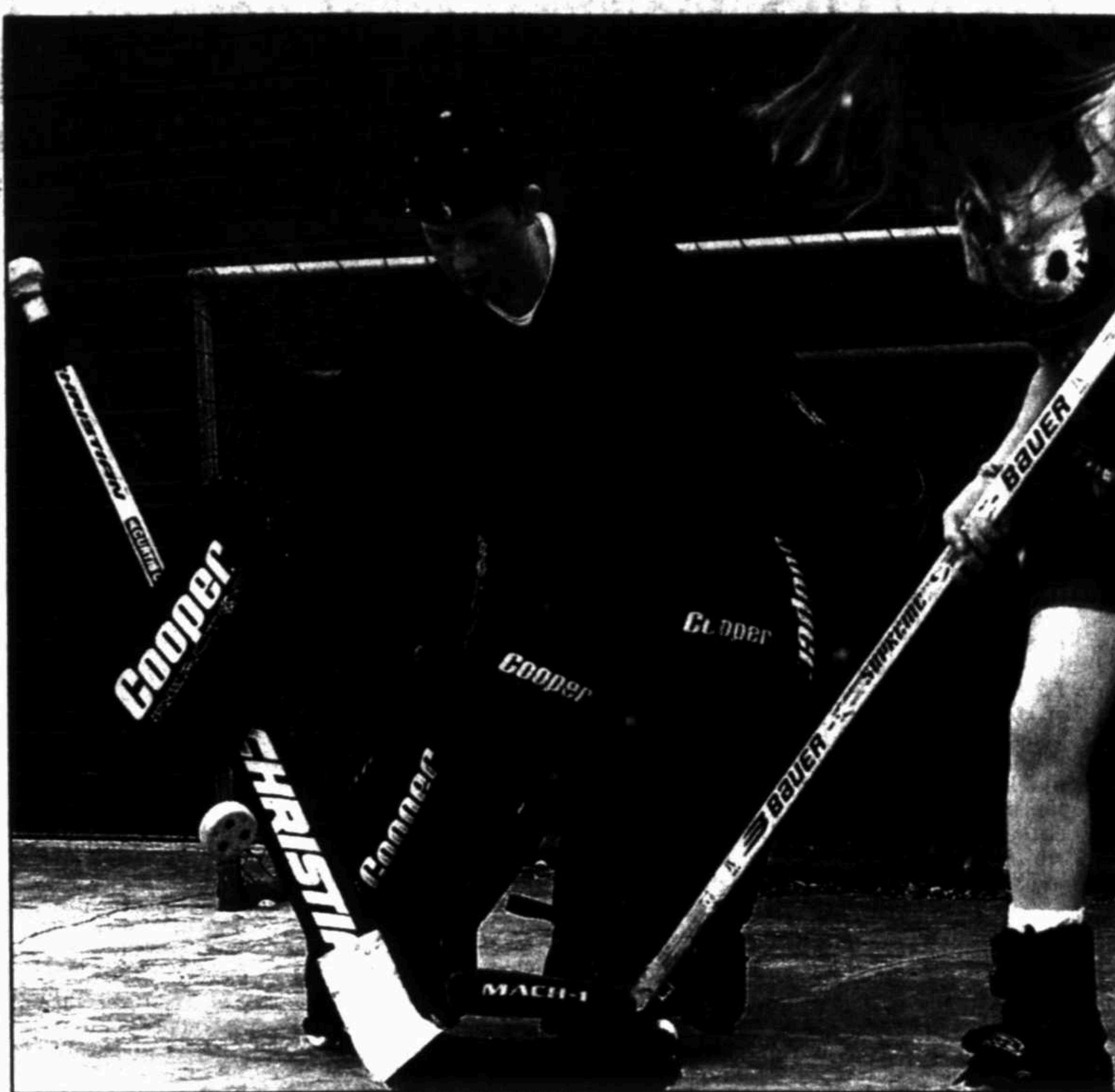
Asthma is finally gaining respect as a disease that can be a killer.

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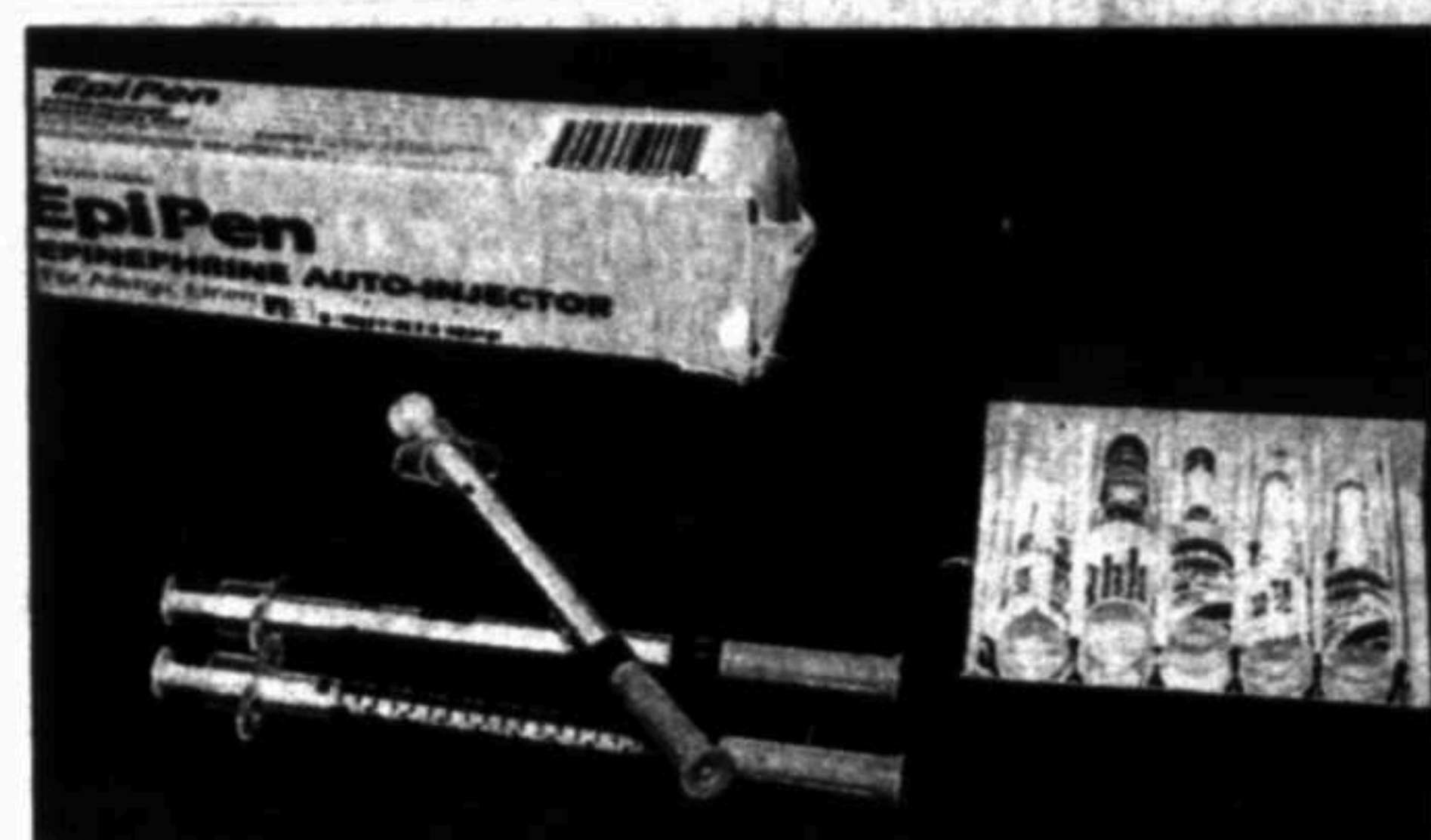


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Lee Thompson, left, practicing his skills as a goalie with his sister, Emily, is able to play ice hockey as long as he takes preventive asthma medications. He keeps an emergency kit of pre-loaded syringes, above, nearby.

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Nobody should have to watch their child die of asthma in their arms or in emergency rooms. Now I am out at workshops and talking to parents. I want them to know that asthma can kill, and it will kill — if we let it.

— Sweetie Thompson, Midland registered respiratory therapist and mother of a teen-ager who had a near-fatal asthma episode

Yearning to Breathe free

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is Part One of the two-part series "Yearning to Breathe Free" focusing on local families dealing with asthma and area doctors banding together to bring awareness and education on asthma to the community. Part Two will appear next Sunday, May 2 in Lifestyle.

Doctors, respiratory therapists push to inform West Texans about increase in asthma deaths

By Myra Lee Salcedo
Lifestyle Editor

Breathing is so natural it's something most people take for granted. But for more than 15 million Americans breathing can be an effort, a hindrance, a struggle, and in some cases, a matter of life or death.

Asthma (the word itself comes from the Greek term meaning "panting") often leaves the sufferer coughing, choking and gasping for air. This chronic condition in the lungs that causes the airways to narrow is the number one reason children miss school, and one of the top reasons for emergency room visits among children, according to various surveys. More than 5 million children are the faces behind the breath-stealing condition — some living breath by breath. In some cases, children lose the struggle and take their last breaths in the arms of their parents or on gurneys in emergency rooms.

Americans are flocking into emergency rooms with asthma 50 percent more often than 15 years ago, according to the U. S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta. An estimated 14.6 million Americans were living with asthma in 1994, according to the National Institutes of Health, an astonishing increase of 74 percent since 1984. Asthma deaths also increased 59 percent nationally from 1984 to 1994, with 5,680 asthma deaths recorded in 1994.

"The emergency room is the last place that asthma ought to be recognized. By then it's usually so severe," said James Panuska, M.D., Ph.D., in the allergy, clin-

ic immunology and asthma office with Stephen Wiesenfeld, M.D., P.A.

"Deaths have increased over the last few years (locally and nationally) despite much better medical treatments and improvements in preventing attacks," Panuska said.

For decades, asthma was considered a malady that many youngsters outgrew. Now, most parents know that's not necessarily true. Children's airways increase in size as they grow older, which improves their breathing, and they may become less susceptible to colds and viruses as they get older. Although they can develop immunities to some allergies, that appears to be rare. Childhood asthma can go into remission, and surface in middle age. It can also be developed any time in life.

Asthma can result from exposure to allergens with people who are hypersensitive to substances, sinus or respiratory infections, exercise or colds. The airways clog with mucus, which leads to wheezing, coughing, difficulty breathing and chest tightness. White blood cells collect, causing the area to redden and swell, leaving less room for air to flow to and from the lungs. Meanwhile, the muscles surrounding the airways contract, and this squeezing action further narrows the airways. Asthma attacks can last anywhere from a few minutes to over several days (recurring every few hours).

A TRIPLE THREAT

Asthma has been called the triple threat to breathing since there are three distinct components involved: inflammation, muscular constriction and increased mucus. Each component, in and of itself, hinders breathing. Combined they can make getting fresh oxygen into the lungs almost impossible.

A baffling worldwide upsurge — in both the prevalence and severity of asthma — has drawn the attention of more physicians, especially since fatal attacks that can often be prevented through medications and immunotherapy (allergy shots against weeds, trees, grass, pollen, animal dander and dust mites). Panuska said immunotherapy is effective for about 85 percent of allergy patients.

In its most severe form, asthmatics can't

Please see DEATHS/2E



Sweetie Thompson, left, a respiratory therapist, found her medical skills challenged to the maximum when her asthmatic son, Lee, quit breathing. Also pictured is Ms. Thompson's daughter, Emily.

Tim Fletcher/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Teen-ager gets Second chance to live

By Myra Lee Salcedo
Lifestyle Editor

Having been born with asthma, it wasn't until her own son became a constant visitor to hospital emergency rooms for severe asthma that Sweetie Thompson decided the only way to ensure her child's survival — and a chance at a quality life — was to hit the medical books herself. "I knew we couldn't continue to live this life in and out of hospitals and I became a respiratory therapist," Ms. Thompson said. But all the classwork never prepared her for the sight of her teenage son, Lee, struggling to breathe, his lips turning blue as he uttered, "Mom, you better start praying for me," before collapsing.

"Lee was 13," Ms. Thompson said. "It was on the first day of our vacation in Shamrock, Texas. We were on our way to Oklahoma when Lee woke me up in the middle of the night. I opened up my eyes to see this blue child standing before me, got his nebulizer started, and he took two breaths on it before he told me to pray for him."

The mother would spend the next 35-40 harrowing minutes performing CPR and mouth-to-mouth resuscitation on her unresponsive son. "He was in anaphylactic shock. (His body had an extremely bad allergic reaction to something life threatening.) Lee didn't start breathing again for 40 minutes. I lost his heart rate twice knowing that going without oxygen for 16 minutes would result in total brain death. I kept breathing into him while he was being airlifted to Amarillo and called out the codes to emergency workers. My son was blue, mottled. When the doctor looked at me and said, 'You know there will probably be some brain damage and organ damage,' he wasn't telling me anything I didn't already know."

After Lee was put on a ventilator and a mass of medical drips, he was unconscious for days. "He wasn't in a coma, but he was out," his mother said. "When he woke up he used sign language to tell me he had gone to see Jesus and had been in the most peaceful place that was just like being in my arms. He said he saw colors that he had never seen before."

"I thanked God that I knew what to do and that God got me through it. God did it. I

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HAVE YOU HEARD?

Spring social season all in a whirl with graduations, fund raisers

By Marilyn McKnight Harrison

A highlight of the spring social season for the last 25 years, the Crystal Ball also serves as the major fund-raiser for High Sky Children's Ranch, a comprehensive treatment program serving abused, neglected and troubled children in the Permian Basin.



McKnight-Harrison

Held at Midland Country Club earlier this month, the black-tie event included dancing to the music of the multi-talented Dallas band, "The Big Time," both live and silent auctions, and the traditional breakfast buffet served at the end of the evening.

A silver anniversary theme was carried out in decorations, which included beautiful evergreen and white blossoms.

The live auction featured fine jewelry and the exquisite crystal of Steuben, Lalique, Baccarat, Hoya, Tiffany & Co., Waterford, Orrefors,

as well as museum pieces from Dale Chihuly and Jean Claude Novaro. Winning bids totaled over \$35,000.

The silent auction, with winning bids totaling over \$32,000, included an array of fun and exciting items, among them a Vail vacation, two quail hunts, furniture by Domain and original art by Mary Rasmussen, Doris Spires, Charles Bell, Charlotte Seay, Don Parks and Bob Bell, and two Tom Ryan prints.

The Rainbow Award was presented to Midlander Jay Reynolds for his outstanding dedication to the ranch.

According to development director Anne (Mrs. George) Hover, almost \$200,000 was raised to carry out the programs provided by High Sky.

Guests attended from Dallas, Houston, Austin, Roswell, N.M., Odessa and Midland. Among the 300 persons seen in the crowd were Janet and Jack Wood of Odessa, the ranch's executive director Jackie Carter and her husband, Bruce, along with Midlanders Lois and John Smitherman, Laurie and Miles Boldrick, and board chairman Alan Meyers with his wife Nancy. Pat (Mrs. Joe) Henderson

chaired the event.

LOYCE AND JERRY COLE returned recently from Bellingham, Wash., where they combined a visit with their daughter and son-in-law, Sally and Chuck Owen, and grandchildren, Samantha and Stanley Weiner, and skiing at Whistler Ski Resort in British Columbia, Canada.

The Midlanders were impressed with the beauty of the area and the abundance of snow on Whistler and Blackcomb Mountains.

GRADUATING SENIOR GIRLS and their moms learned the ins and outs of sorority rush when they attended the Midland Panhellenic Association's annual Rush Forum recently in the Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church.

Attendees were seated at tables displaying balloon centerpieces in the colors of their respective universities. They enjoyed soft drinks and popcorn, while hearing the presentation.

Bea Lea Somerville, scholarship chairman, presented Panhellenic scholarships to three college freshmen, Jennifer Robinson, daughter of Jeanne and Don Robinson, from Texas A&M; Kiersten Donnelly, daughter of Jeannine and Robert

Donnelly, from UT-Austin, and Lynette Young, granddaughter of Charity Lawrence, from Prairie View A&M.

The girls received brightly decorated cups, filled with candy and imprinted with the slogan, "Go Greek," as favors. Fun mother-daughter door prizes were donated by Kathy Garza of Belle Gente and massage therapist Susan Rogers.

Judy Thornton is the association's rush chairman, while Jeni (Mrs. David) Wood serves as this year's president.

AS THE TIME draws near for graduation, the party whirl begins. Last month, a luncheon group discovered that five among them had seniors, so a noon meal at La Bodega Restaurant was arranged to honor Midland High students Ryan Price, Michael Majors, Jordan Braun, Tawney Foy and Shel Gorie.

Hostesses for the occasion were Becky (Mrs. Doug) Ferguson, Fran (Mrs. Grant) Billingsley, Emily (Mrs. Kevin) Blomqvist, Helen (Mrs. Bob) Shelton, Julie (Mrs. Randy) Stevens, Candy (Mrs. Paul) Page and Iris (Mrs. John, Jr.) Foster.

BY PRESETTING the meal and

serving dessert promptly, the Racquet Club was able to feed 28 MHS girls earlier this month during their allotted 30-minute lunch break. This time, the honoree was Leslie Macferran, and the theme was Texas A&M, with white tablecloths and maroon napkins and balloons to carry it out.

In addition to the honoree's mother, Joanie (Mrs. Sam) Macferran, others in the crowd were Lara Griffith, Rachel Gray, Emily Boyd, Caroline Coleman, Meryl McClung, Andrea Forrester and Chancey Davis.

The hostesses were Joann (Mrs. John) Foster and Iris (Mrs. John, Jr.) Foster.

GUESTS AT THE PARTY honoring MHS senior Anna Koch were treated to the Racquet Club's famous hamburgers and make-your-own sundaes while on a school lunch break recently.

A western theme was carried out at the luncheon, but the centerpiece of decorations was an enlarged photo of the honoree at the age of four. The 40 guests included Anna's mother, Barbara (Mrs. David) Koch. Hostesses were her grandmother, Marge Thompson, and her aunts, Clare (Mrs. Glen, Jr.) Ellis and Pat Hunter.

IT'S JUST A WEEK AWAY, and we know you won't want to miss this year's Parade of Homes, sponsored by the Midland Junior Woman's Club.

To be held from one to five o'clock the afternoon of May 2, the 30th annual "Parade" will feature the outstanding homes of Gina and Correy Allen, Suzanne and Mike Conaway, Paula and Dave Duncan, and Wynon and Charles Rogers.

Proceeds from this year's fund-raiser will benefit the Bynum School, Community Children's Clinic and Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Just a reminder: No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets are available from club members, or further information may be obtained by contacting Patti (Mrs. Randy) Hill, event chairman, at 697-3922; Belinda (Mrs. Paul) Sheppard at 699-6752, or Robin (Mrs. Brad) Foster at 697-0901.

Tickets also may be purchased at the following stores: Doman, Expressions, Jamie's Hallmark (Cuthbert Avenue location), Ivy Cottage or Jonnie's in Odessa.

Marilyn McKnight Harrison is social columnist for the Reporter-Telegram.

Yearning to Breathe free

Doctors offer community outreach, asthma education

Staff Reports

Area allergy, pulmonary and ear, nose and throat doctors have formed the West Texas Allergy Society and have been meeting quarterly since August 1997.

The society brings speakers to talk on up-to-the-minute advances and developments in treating lung disease and asthma. Allergist Dr. James Panuska has volunteered to serve as coordinator and fund raiser to establish a chapter of the American Lung Association in Midland which several doctors have said is desperately needed.

"There is a pressing need for an American Lung Association Chapter in the West Texas region," Panuska said. Both Austin (5-1/2 hours by car) and El Paso (4 hours by car) are too far removed from us to provide the support the community needs."

Panuska said a local chapter could serve Midland, Odessa Andrews, Alpine, Fort Davis, Fort Stockton, Iraan, Lamesa, Presidio, Ozona and other outlying areas of West Texas.

Panuska and Registered Respiratory Therapist Sweetie Thompson have also offered inservice seminars to with all Midland Independent School District school nurses. Panuska also provided diagnostic allergy tests to children in the community who are seen at the Children's Clinic, a free medical clinic staffed by physicians, nurses, and pharmacists.

West Texas Allergy Society members include Panuska, Dr. John Bray, Dr. Roberta Case, Dr. John McKenna, Dr. Puthalath Raghuprasad, Dr. Athar Rana, Dr. Gregg Santilli, Dr. Roger Traxel and Dr. Stephen Wiesenfeld.

Battling dust mite allergens a real skirmish

Staff Reports

Beware the evil dust mite, blamed by more than 50 million adults and children who are affected by allergies and asthma. Some researchers attribute the rise of suffering to increasingly "sealed" lifestyles where the majority of us work and live indoors for the bulk of the day, breathing in recycled, trapped allergens.

"As a nation, we spend billions of dollars trying to fight allergies that trigger skin reactions, stuffy noses, coughing, sneezing, shortness of breath, sinusitis, asthma, which also represents a leading cause of missed work and school," says Stanley Goldstein, M.D., president of the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, New York State chapter. "The fastest, safest and most effective treatment is to prevent exposure to the allergens, like dust mites, which we tend to breathe in all night long as we sleep."

Unilever Research Laboratories have introduced All Free Clear laundry detergent, which is designed to remove dust mite residue from clothing, pillowcases and even baby blankets. The detergent removed the allergen in normal and cold

water washes. Allergists recommend that plastic covers be put on box springs and mattresses, popular dust mite abodes that can't be washed.

Here are 10 tips to beat allergies from Goldstein:

1. Remove any furry or feathered animals from the bedroom and keep them out permanently.
2. Use only hypoallergenic (polyester) pillows and washable blankets.
3. Make sure all forced air (heat or air conditioning) that enters the rooms is filtered.
4. Wash linens and bedding with a detergent that has demonstrated allergen-fighting power.
5. Don't use humidifiers continuously. (They increase the growth of dust mites and molds.)
6. Use plastic covers to encase the mattress, box springs and anything you can't wash.
7. Remove unnecessary rugs and carpets that tend to trap dust and allergens.
8. Clean the room thoroughly once a week and give it a quick once-over daily.
9. Consider purchasing special allergen-proof vacuum cleaner bags that won't let dust mite allergens blow out the back

Dust mites



of the vacuum cleaners.

"With a few strategic tactics, families can significantly reduce the problems that allergens cause for people of all ages, from tiny infants to the elderly," Goldstein said.

Springtime a time to take care

Staff Reports

Pollen and mold allergy sufferers need to take special care of themselves in the spring and summer blooming months.

The Asthma Center of Delaware offers the following "Do's and Don'ts" for the allergy season:

- Keep windows closed at night; use air-conditioning which cleans, cools and dries the air. Better yet, install an air cleaning system in the house.
- Minimize outdoor activity in the early morning hours when the pollen counts are highest (between 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.).
- Keep car windows closed when traveling by car.
- Stay indoors when the pollen count is high and on windy days when dust and pollen are whipped about.
- DON'T
 - Mow lawns or expose yourself to freshly cut grass. Mowing stirs up pollen and molds.
 - Rake leaves. Raking also stirs up molds.
 - Grow too many indoor plants; damp dirt causes molds to grow.
 - Don't keep wet towels or cloth-

ing hanging in the bathrooms. They will also grow mold.

- Do not use humidifiers if you are allergic to molds.
- Use dehumidifiers for damp areas of the house, basements or bathrooms.
- Keep bathrooms and kitchens clean and free of molds, and well aired.

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FORCES OF NATURE

Writing Contest Winner

BRILEY MITCHELL
Midland

My wife and I first met when she was a sophomore and I was a junior at Lee High School.

We were there for the start of summer band, and as I walked onto the band field there was this strange girl sitting in the middle of the field howling at the moon, which did cause me to notice her from the start.

Since the moon was full, I was thinking, "Maybe she just has a little problem, so don't worry too much about her." This was just the beginning to a problem I would have, as all I could think of was this strange chick howling at the moon.

It took half the year before I was brave enough to ask her out, so when she finally asked me out, I said yes.

We have been married for 21 years now and I would say nature has had a big impact on our lives.

From the full moon on our first meeting to getting married on Friday the 13th, we have to have the best marriage in town.



Briley and LaVina Mitchell

Other entries ...

BARBARA WHITAKER
Midland

Love is a force of nature that begins at birth and lasts a lifetime.

BRAD LINDSEY
Midland

Without Love there is no purpose for anything to flourish. If God did not Love his creation he would not have kept it going.

VERNA BARROW
Odessa

If two people are meant to be together, they will be... somehow... some way. Growing up in Odessa, I met someone very dear to my heart. We had gone steady in junior high. When in high school I decided to marry someone else. One year later he married someone else. We lost touch with each other. Many times I thought of him. Eight years later I got a divorce and tried to find him in the U.S. Air Force. I was unsuccessful. Seven more years went by. Later, I then moved to Austin. I found someone with the same name as his in the utility district files employed by the U.S. Government. The odds of this being the same person in Odessa were small but I took the chance. I was hesitant to call so I had a friend call him and ask him if he remembered me. He paused and shouted "Yes, of course I do!" Then I talked to him for the first time in 15 years. We were both crying and knew we had belonged together all those years. He had recently got a divorce and had thought of me millions of times like I had him. That night we saw each other and picked up where we had left off 15 years earlier. We finally married the next year and have been married for 14 years now.

Excerpt from "Freak of Nature" essay by **DEBBIE FLOYD** of Midland. Set up by her friends with a blind date for homecoming in her senior year of high school the writer finds she is unnerved by her date's tendency to take his eyes off the road while driving. "As we pull into the stadium parking lot, he asks me to lean over as he acts as if he has something important to tell me. I lean towards him ... and this guy starts to make dove calls in my ear. Turning to look at him, I see out of the corner of my eye, a man stepping from behind the car." Her date hits the man knocking him down but otherwise not harming him. "The man gets back to his feet. We dust him off and my friends are all standing around choking back the laughter."

MICHELLE SEGLEM of Midland gave some dating advice, in part: "If you pay for your own fish, it's going to be a bad date. 'Do you like seafood?' he asked. 'Oh, yes,' I said, smiling. He pulled into Long John Silvers." After she offers to pay dutch, her date left her to foot the entire bill. The date continued at the roller skating rink where Ms. Seglem's shoes were stolen.

BETHANY SPRADLIN of Midland wrote, in part, that Love is like a force of nature and a storm. "You can board up windows and try to keep it out ... but it will tear down walls and beat down doors and will rage on till it wins. So, is love."

STEPHANIE WEBB of Midland shared a note her boyfriend wrote her, in part, "Angels. I used to not believe in angels." Then after seeing her dance in a water sprinkler "I watched in silence as she danced upon the water ... If angels dance among the constellations, and play throughout the galaxies, then she is indeed written there ... and I DO believe."

Getting married at the movies

Raymond Gurrola and his fiancée, Misty Reed, are the winners of the "Married at the Movies" contest, presented by Hollywood Theaters Tall City 10.

Staff Reports

Raymond Gurrola and Misty Reed, who have been engaged for about seven months, had no idea that when they went to the movies with Ms. Reed's mother a few weeks ago, they would come out of the theater with more than a couple of hours of entertainment.

While at the theater, Ms. Reed noticed entry forms for the contest, her fiancé said. "She filled it out, and we thought that was it."

It wasn't. The couple has recently won the "Married at the Movies" contest, presented by Hollywood Theaters Tall City 10, which means their wedding will be at the theater, complete with reception.

Originally the couple planned to be married later in the summer, Gurrola said. "We were going to be married sometime after May, because her father didn't especially like May ... (probably sometime) in the summer."

The wedding has been moved up to April, but they certainly don't mind. "I was pretty surprised (when he learned they won the contest)," Gurrola said. "I didn't exactly know what to say. I was really surprised. I don't really win (many) contests."

Ms. Reed echoed her fiancé's sentiments: "It surprised me. I didn't think we were going to (win) when I put the (entry) in."

Gurrola, who is a plumber with Lonie Johns Plumbing, remembered his fiancée's reaction as being a little stronger than that. He said that when he received word that they had won the wedding, Ms. Reed was out of town so he told her over the telephone. "I had to hold the phone about a foot away from my ear" because she was screaming so loud, he said.

At press time, the date of the ceremony was not set, but details were to be worked out with the theater.

"We've been talking about it and talking about it," Ms. Reed said. "We wanted to (get married) in April anyway. We put it off and put it off (because of hectic circumstances in their lives), and then we won this."

Gurrola admitted that getting married in a movie theater, rather than the more traditional church or garden wedding, is a little on the unusual side. "It will be interesting," he said. "I've never been married before. I've just never heard of it (getting married in a movie theater) — it's different."

And as long as they are in the theater, are they going to go see a movie after the ceremony? "That sounds like a unique idea!" he laughed. "I'll talk to her about it."

But with or without the movie, the day and the ceremony should be memorable. "It's going to be crazy!" Gurrola said. "I actually can't wait!"

Star Watch

PHANTOM MENACE MARATHON
Hollywood Theaters Tall City 10 has announced it will open the box office 7 a.m. May 19 to begin selling tickets to the "Phantom Menace." It will be shown on two screens in a 48-hour weekend marathon May 22 and 23. A Star Wars costume party is planned for midnight May 21 at the theater. Patrons are invited to attend in costume.

Star Wars Trivia Contest

Official newspaper entries or web site entries on www.digitalbasin.com with correct answers will be put into a drawing for prizes. Deadline is 5 p.m. May 14 to get entry to the Reporter-Telegram office at 201 E. Illinois, Midland, Texas, 79701, or through the web site. Contest not available to employees or families of employees of the Midland Reporter-Telegram.

1. In "Phantom Menace," there is a character named Jar Jar, who is the floppy-eared sidekick. Jar Jar is Gungan. George Lucas had help when naming this unique race. Who helped him?

2. Name the bounty hunter who appeared in all three episodes of the second trilogy who eventually caught Han Solo for the reward offered by Jabba the Hut.

3. What planet is Luke raised on by his aunt and uncle?

4. What were the names of Luke's aunt and uncle?

5. What were the creatures the Imperial Stormtroopers rode when they invaded Luke's home planet?

6. What is Princess Leia's last name?

7. What is the name of the leader of the Ewoks?

8. What planet does Luke travel to in the Empire Strikes Back to find Yoda?

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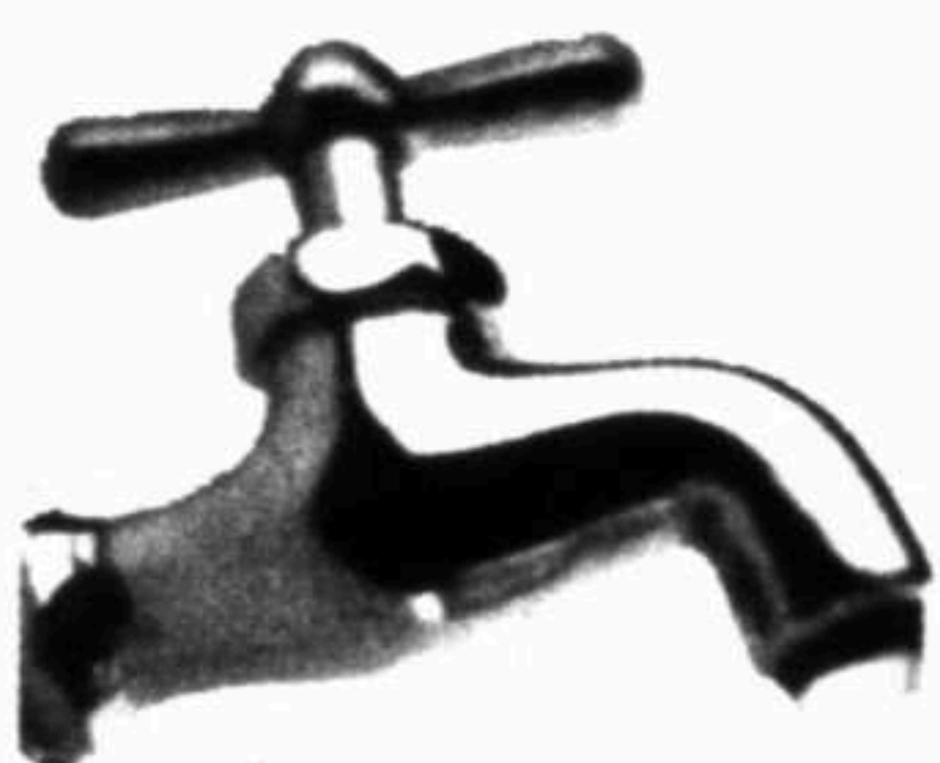
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Headaches should not all be treated alike

EDITORS NOTE: This is one of a series of articles written by members of Midland County Medical Society.

Headache is one of the most common medical problems. Of note is the fact that a headache may be of very little clinical importance or may actually be the first symptom of a life-threatening illness. For this reason headaches should not be taken lightly and deserve a thorough medical evaluation.

The International Headache Society lists two major types of headache: primary and secondary. A primary headache has no underlying illness, but is a problem by itself. Secondary headaches, however, are symptomatic of an underlying illness, some of which can be life-threatening.

The two most common types of primary headaches are migraine and tension headaches.

Migraine headaches come in several different types.

Tension headaches are not really caused by tension, but were called "tension" in the older headache classification. Tension

headaches actually are caused by complicated neurovascular and neurochemical events in the brain.

Some certain headache alarms should be recognized by the patient, who should then seek medical evaluation as soon as possible. These include (1) the sudden onset of a headache which could be caused by hemorrhages in the brain from either a ruptured aneurysm or arterial venous malformation, tumors or strokes; (2) any new onset headache after the age of 50; (3) headaches associated with fever, stiff neck, rash or some systemic infection which could be caused by meningitis, encephalitis or some other underlying disease; and (4) headaches which gradually increase in frequency or severity over time, in terms of either their frequency or severity, which may be caused by a mass lesion in the brain.

Paradoxically, medication overuse can also cause worsening of the headaches.

Any new onset headache in a patient with cancer or HIV infection should also be quickly evaluated by medical personnel to rule out infection or spread to tumor to the brain

from a primary cancer elsewhere.

Any headache which is associated with loss of vision and loss of power or coordination needs immediate evaluation by medical personnel.

These headache alarms can also occur in patients who have a life-long history of mild or minor headaches, and so should always be considered serious.

While migraine, tension headaches and cluster headaches are the principle types of primary headaches, secondary headaches — those associated with underlying diseases — include those associated with head trauma, vascular disorders, substance abuse or withdrawal, infections elsewhere in the body other than meningitis or encephalitis, metabolic disorders such as diabetes mellitus or hypothyroidism, and disorders of the neck, eyes, ears, nose, sinuses, teeth, mouth or other facial structures.

These headaches need to be evaluated and treated in the framework of underlying diseases which may be causing them.

NEXT WEEK: Headache therapy.

BRIDGE WINNERS

The following are bridge winners for April 5-11.

MONDAY

1. and 2. Tie: Marian Sims, Linda Evans, Gloria Crites, Becky Kinsey
3. Leonora Slusher, Marie Morris
4. Deborah Brookins, R.J. Englert

TUESDAY

1. Betty Sheeler, Flo Curry
2. Jimmie Branch, Debbie Kemp
3. Ann Servatius, Dorothy Lloyd

WEDNESDAY

1. Jimmie Branch, Debbie Kemp
2. Ann Servatius, Dorothy Lloyd
3. Helen Wise, Joan La Fond

THURSDAY

1. Gloria Crites, Becky Kinsey
2. Deborah Brookins, Jean Pistole
3. Herb Wales, Wayne Rector
4. Billie Ruppe, Sue Gardiner

FRIDAY

1. Herb Wales, Wayne Rector
2. Belvin Redus, Joe Brittain
3. Jimmie Branch, Jimmy Cox
4. Babe Griffin, Clarence Marley

SATURDAY

1. Helen Owen, Fena Berry
2. Norma James, Debbie Kemp
3. Dixie Gifford, Eleanor Kimberlin
4. Dottie Fox, Corrinne Recer

SUNDAY

1. Betty Dickerson, K.C. Evans
2. Gloria Crites, Becky Kinsey
3. Jimmie Branch, Jimmy Cox

NORTH-SOUTH:

1. Wayne Rector, Fern McGuigan
2. Peggy Leeton, James Simpson
3. Terri Tedford, Bob Stuart

EAST-WEST:

1. Mary Renton, Ken Hill
2. Dale Beck, Belle Harris
3. Joyce Mithcell, Pat Yocham

MEMBERSHIP GAME

1. Gloria Crites, Betty Reeves
2. Sandra Rhodes, Buf Slay
3. Helen Owen, Debbie Kemp

FLIGHT A:

1. Helen Owen, Debbie Kemp
2. Frances Levin, Joyce Mitchell
3. Sandra Rea, Marianne Slay

FLIGHT B:

1. Sandra Rea, Marianne Slay
2. Wyoma Whitlow, Janet Stoltz
3. Billie Rush, Jo Price

FLIGHT C:

1. Betty Dickerson, K.C. Evans
2. Gloria Crites, Becky Kinsey
3. Jimmie Branch, Jimmy Cox

MEMBERSHIP GAME

1. Mary Hammond, Gloria Crites
2. Dixie Gifford, Helen Owen
3. Ann Servatius, Marian Mathews

FLIGHT B:

1. Ann Servatius, Marian Mathews
2. Belle Harris, Charlie Grimes
3. Jimmie Branch, Jimmy Cox

DEAR ABBY

Monster behind wheel gives wife nightmares

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Every time I pick up a newspaper, or see on the evening news a story about "road rage," I can't help but fear that my husband could be the next victim. "Alex" is an otherwise intelligent, caring individual who becomes the terror of the highway whenever he gets behind the wheel. He is



Van Buren

somehow convinced that he's the only person who understands the rules of the road, and it has become his mission in life to educate other drivers.

His aggressive behavior includes slamming on his brakes — even on the interstate — when he thinks the car behind is tailgating. When he feels cars in the fast lane are going too slow, he cuts in on them and gives them the finger. Anyone who doesn't "step on it" at an intersection is in for a long blast on the horn to "wake them

up." I'm afraid when our 15-year-old son gets his license, he'll think he can drive the same way.

I've tried to point out to him that this type of behavior could get us killed, but when he's behind the wheel, he's like a maniac. When Alex gets home and calms down he always apologizes for getting carried away, but it's the same story all over again the next time we're in the car.

Abby, I can't avoid riding with him because we have only one car. What can I do to convince Alex how stupid and dangerous this really is? — A ROAD WARRIOR'S WIFE IN RHODE ISLAND

DEAR WIFE: The next time "Alex" begins apologizing, let him know in no uncertain terms that you are taking over as the designated driver for the family until he takes a defensive driving course and seeks counseling to rechannel his anger.

Since your son is nearing the age when he too will get behind the wheel, the three of you could sign up for defensive driving classes as a family. In addition to driving schools, which are listed in the telephone directory, defensive dri-

ving classes are often available at community colleges and through your local automobile club. Please write again and let me know what impact this has on Alex's driver attitude. I care.

DEAR ABBY: I just celebrated 10 years of sobriety. I hope the enclosed item will motivate anyone who has a drinking problem to RUN, not walk, to AA before it's too late. I can testify that life is better without the bottle. It doesn't matter if people come from Yale or jail — we in AA want them to join us. Their life will get better. I promise. — "MUMPS" MOM

DEAR "MUMPS" MOM: Congratulations on your 10 years of sobriety. May you be able to celebrate every single year.

I hope the item you sent will inspire those with an addiction to alcohol to join you in recovery through AA. Read on:

"I drank for happiness and became unhappy."

"I drank for joy and became miserable."

"I drank for sociability and became argumentative."

"I drank for sophistication and

became obnoxious."

"I drank for friendship and made enemies."

"I drank for sleep and woke up tired."

"I drank for strength and felt weak."

"I drank for relaxation and got the shakes."

"I drank for courage and became afraid."

"I drank for confidence and became doubtful."

"I drank to make conversation and it slurred my speech."

"I drank to feel heavenly and ended up feeling like hell." — ANONYMOUS

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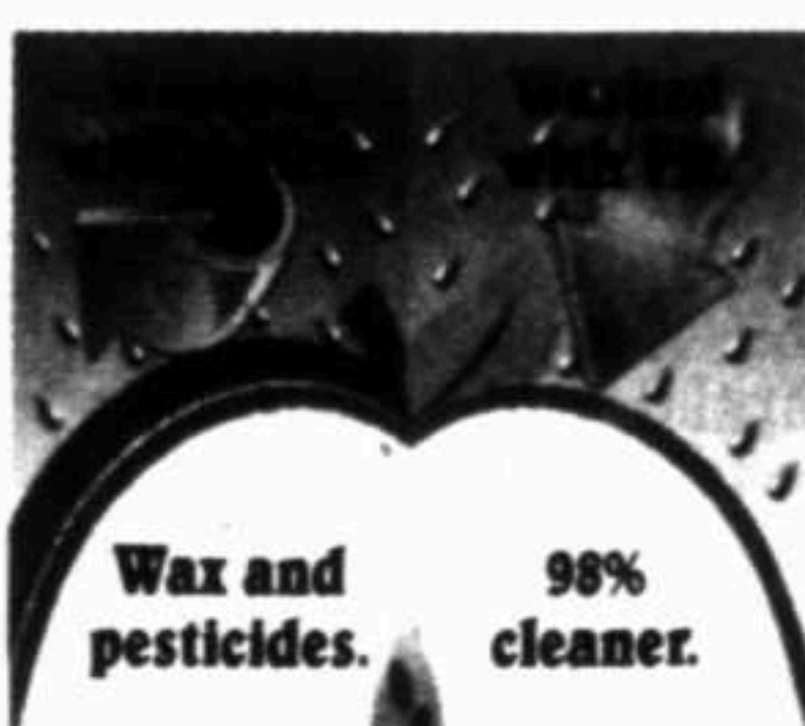
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ENGAGEMENTS

PHARES-CROWE

Jane and Rod Phares of Midland announce the engagement of their daughter, Joan Anne Phares of Austin, to Greg Michael Crowe also of Austin. He is the son of Sarah and John Collins of Midland and the late Harry Crowe. The wedding is planned for 6 p.m. Oct. 16 at Central Christian Church in Austin.

The bride-elect is a 1989 graduate of Lee High School and a magna cum laude graduate of Texas A&M University. She earned a master's degree in physical therapy at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City and is employed with Summit Hospital in Austin. Her fiancé, a 1990 LHS graduate, is a 1994 high honors graduate of the University of Texas at Austin. He plans to graduate from UT-Austin in May with a master's degree in business administration. He plans to be a financial analyst for Dell Computers.



Joan Anne Phares and Greg Michael Crowe

MILLER-KENDRICK

Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn Miller of Stanton announce the engagement of their daughter, Susan Ashley, to Trenton Lee Kendrick of Dallas, son of Alana Kendrick of Dallas and Gerald and Beverly Kendrick of Lufkin. The wedding is planned for June 5 at First Baptist Church in Stanton.

Miss Miller, granddaughter of the late Marvyn and Nettie Miller, is a 1993 graduate of Stanton High School and a 1998 graduate of Howard Payne University, where she earned a bachelor of science degree in biology. She is employed with Midland Certified Reagent Company. Her fiancé, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Ellington of Dallas and Cleo Kendrick of Lufkin, graduated from Bryan Adams High School in Dallas in 1995 and is scheduled to graduate from Howard Payne University in May with a bachelor of music degree in music education.



Susan Ashley Miller and Trenton Lee Kendrick

ESTERLY-WILSON

Leila A. Esterly and Aaron B. "Chip" Wilson Jr. both of Midland, are planning to be married 3 p.m. May 15 in Durango, Colo. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Rusk and Sue Smith of Cedaredge, Colo. Parents of the future bridegroom are Aaron and Sally Wilson of Leslie, Ark.

Miss Esterly is a 1981 graduate of Williamsport (Pa.) Area High School. She attended Coastal Carolina Community College in Jacksonville, N.C., and Midland College. She is an engineering analyst for Coastal Management Corporation in Midland. Her fiancé attended Lee High School and graduated from Montezuma High School in Cortez, Colo., in 1980. He earned a bachelor of science degree in geology from Texas Tech University in 1985, and is an environmental and safety coordinator with Costilla Energy Inc. in Midland.

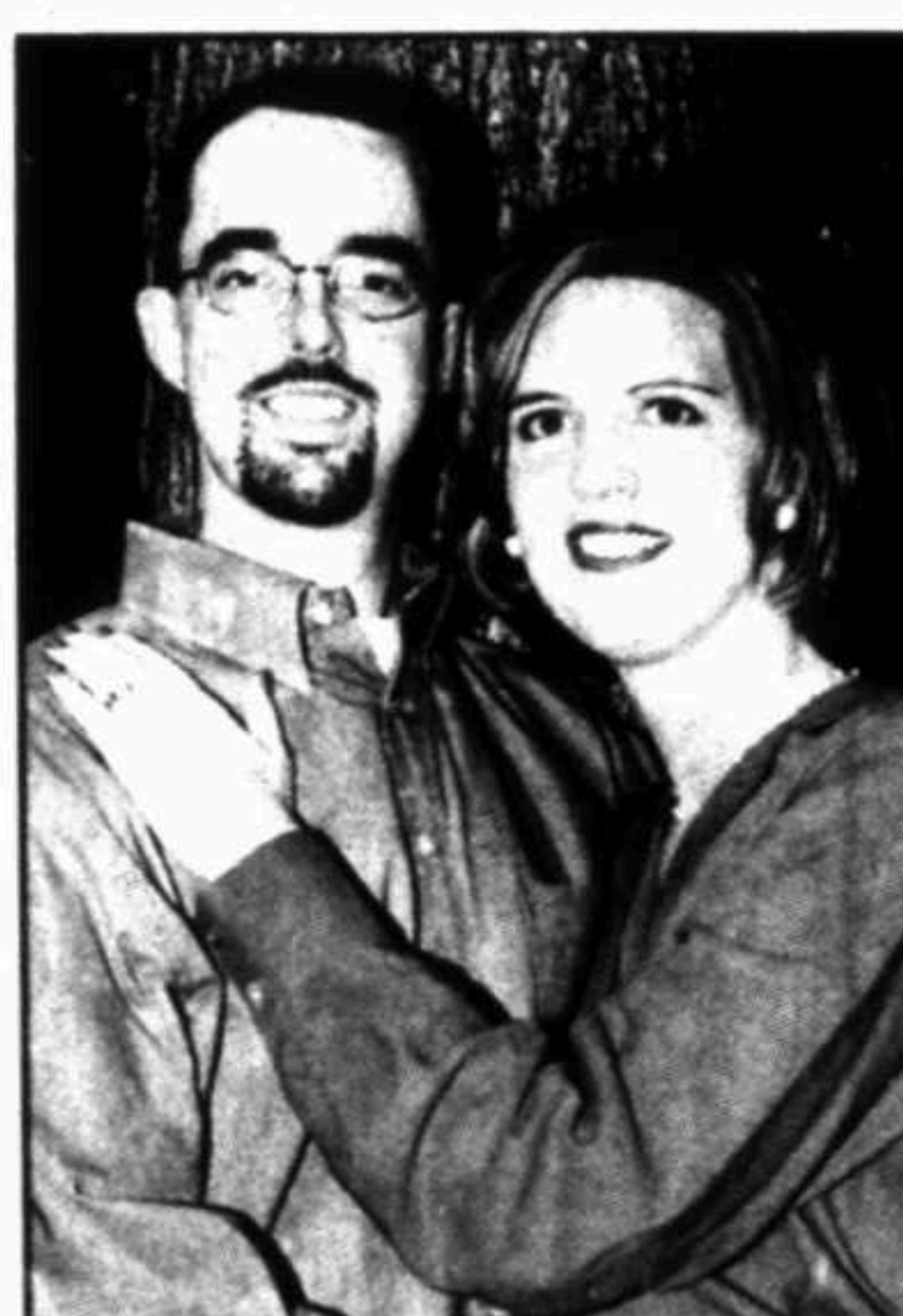


Leila A. Esterly and Aaron B. Wilson Jr.

HAWKINS-CROWE

Former Midlanders Stacy Lee Hawkins and Jeffrey Guy Crowe, both of Dallas, are planning to be married at sunset June 20 at Iberostar-Tucan Resort in Playaacar, Mexico. Parents of the bride-elect are Peggy Hawkins and Tommy Hawkins, both of Midland. The future bridegroom is the son of Sarah Collins of Midland and the late Harry Crowe III.

Miss Hawkins is a 1990 Lee High School graduate. She graduated in 1995 from the University of Texas at Austin and is a certified public accountant with Texas Health Research Institute. Her fiancé, a 1989 LHS graduate, is a 1994 graduate of the University of Texas at the Permian Basin. He is a Texas history teacher with Carrollton-Farmers Branch Independent School District.



Stacy Lee Hawkins and Jeffrey Guy Crowe

JENKINS-URQUIDEZ

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Jenkins of Waskom announce the engagement of their daughter, Ginger Christine, to Joe Urquidez, son of Mary Requeenz Urquidez of Midland and the late Joe R. Urquidez. The wedding is planned for July 10 at St. Rita Catholic Church in Dallas.

Miss Jenkins is a 1994 graduate of Pecos High School and a graduate of Texas Christian University, where she earned a degree in nutrition. She is studying for a master's degree in business administration at the University of Dallas. She is a dietitian in Dallas. Her fiancé, also a 1994 graduate of Pecos High School, earned a degree in biology from Texas Christian University. He is a student at Southwestern Medical School in Dallas.

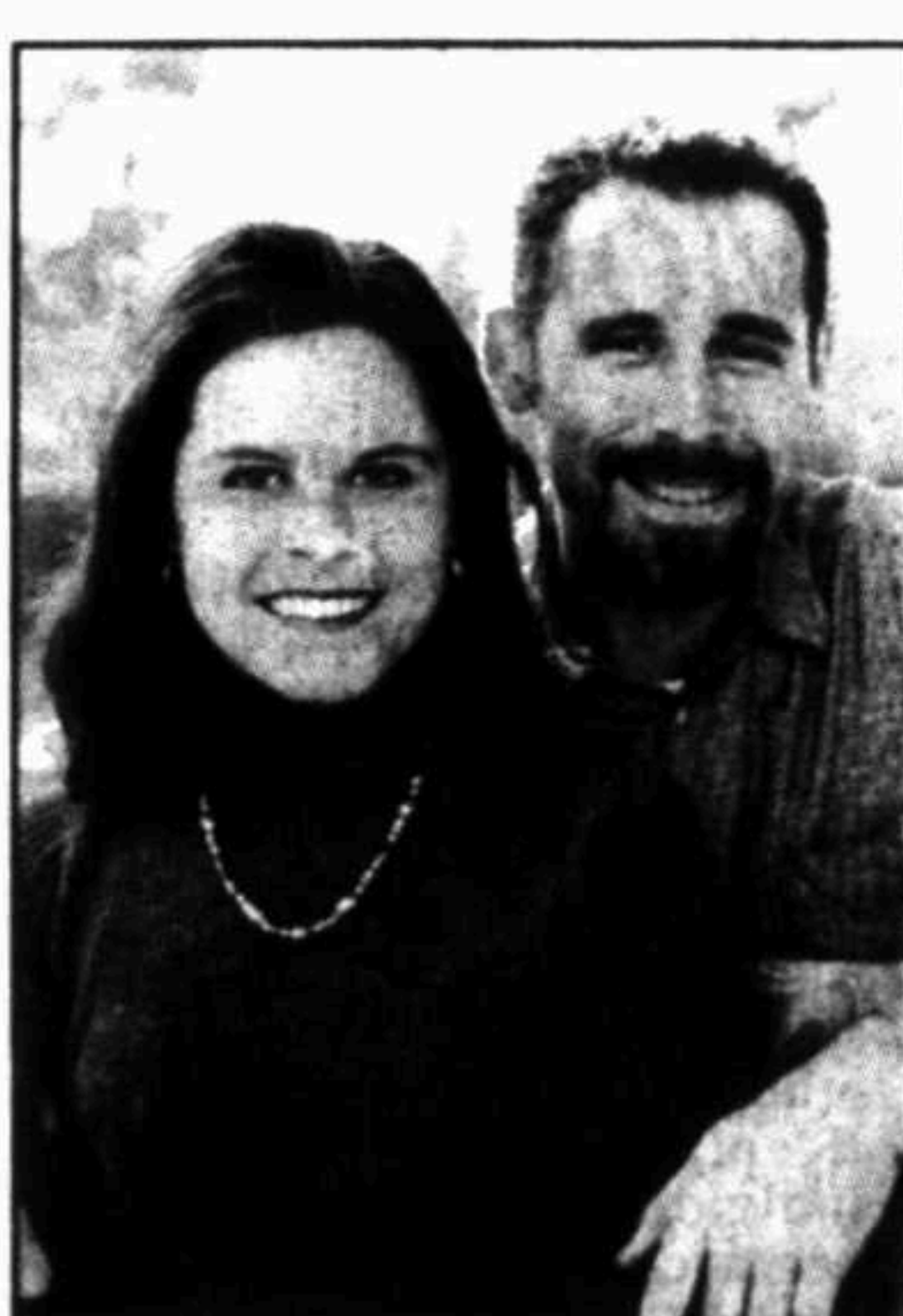


Ginger Christine Jenkins and Joe Urquidez

NEWTON-WRIGHT

Former Midlander Sulayne Elizabeth Newton and John Alexander Wright, both of Dallas, are planning a 4:30 p.m. June 12 wedding at Kessler Park United Methodist Church in Dallas. Parents of the bride-elect are Dr. and Mrs. Barry Newton of Lafayette, Ind., and Carole Newton of Midland. The future bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Wright of Farmers Branch.

Miss Newton is a 1987 graduate of Midland High School and a 1991 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin. She is employed with Dallas Independent School District. Her fiancé, a 1979 graduate of R.L. Turner High School in Carrollton, graduated from Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Okla., in 1983, and is employed with Bank One.



Sulayne Elizabeth Newton and John Alexander Wright

MOHOLT-CHEEK

Mary Cassandra Moholt and Edward Sherril Cheek Jr., both of Midland, are planning a 7 p.m. May 22 wedding at Mellie Van Horn's in Odessa. Parents of the bride-elect are Thomas and Margaret Moholt of Visalia, Calif., and Gilbert and Barbara Whittaker of Las Cruces, N.M. The future bridegroom is the son of Edward and Gloria Cheek of Houston and George and Kathryn Brown of Odessa.

Miss Moholt is a 1993 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, where she received a bachelor of arts degree in English. She earned a juris doctor degree from UT School of Law in 1996, and is employed with Midland County District Attorney. Her fiancé graduated from Odessa High School in 1988 and is a student at the University of Texas at the Permian Basin, where he is scheduled to earn a bachelor of arts degree in finance in 2000. He is employed with Merrill Lynch.



Mary Cassandra Moholt and Edward Sherril Cheek Jr.

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FOLEY-SCHRAEDER

Katherine Theresa Foley of College Station will become the bride of Christopher Edward Schraeder of Lubbock 7:30 p.m. May 22 at Holy Angels Catholic Church in San Angelo. The bride-to-be is the daughter of John and Martha Foley of Sheffield. Parents of the future bridegroom are Dennis and Debbie Schraeder of St. Lawrence.

Miss Foley graduated from Iraan High School in 1995 and is scheduled to graduate from Texas A&M University this month with a degree in nutrition with an emphasis in dietetics. She is employed with Texas A&M, and is a member of Collegiate 4-H of Texas A&M, Alpha Zeta and Texas Student Dietetic Association. Her fiancé is a 1993 graduate of Garden City High School and a 1997 graduate of Texas Tech University, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in agricultural economics and a bachelor of business administration degree in general business. This month he is scheduled to graduate from Texas Tech with a master's degree in agricultural economics. He is employed with



Katherine Theresa Foley and Christopher Edward Schraeder

Texas Tech, and is a member of Collegiate 4-H Texas Tech, Undergraduate Agricultural Economics Association, Graduate Student Agricultural Economics Association, Beta Theta Pi and Society of Teachers and Researchers in Economics.

MORRIS-WORLEY

Paige Elizabeth Morris and David Todd Worley, both of Midland, are planning to be married 8 p.m. July 24 at First United Methodist Church in Midland. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lawrence Morris of Midland, and the granddaughter of Col. and Mrs. Louis Frederick De Nyse of Midland, and Rowena Morris of Mitchell, Ind., and the late Chester Paul Morris. The future bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Anson Worley of Midland, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Case Ogden of Horseshoe Bay, and the late William O. Worley Jr., and Lois Ratcliffe of Midland and the late Clinton Roy Ratcliffe.

Miss Morris is a 1992 graduate of Midland High School and a 1996 graduate of Texas Tech University, where she earned a bachelor of science degree in restaurant, hotel, institutional management. She earned a teaching certificate from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin in 1998, and is a member of Chi Omega sorority and Junior League. She is a third



Paige Elizabeth Morris and David Todd Worley

grade teacher at Sam Houston Elementary School. Her fiancé graduated from Midland High School in 1991 and attended Texas Tech University. He is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and is the owner of All Seasons Dry Cleaners.

TUFFLY-HANEY

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Tuffley of Midland announce the engagement of their daughter, former Midlander Stephanie Joy Tuffly of Dallas, to Larry Dwane Haney, also of Dallas. The future bridegroom is the son of L.L. Flaten and the late Jo Beth Flaten and the late Larry Dwane Haney Sr. The wedding is planned for 1 p.m. May 29 at Highland Park United Methodist Church in Dallas.

Miss Tuffly is a 1994 graduate of Midland High School and a 1998 graduate of Texas A&M University, where she earned a bachelor of business administration degree in international management. She was a member of Chi Omega, Business Administration Society, Order of Omega and Management Society. She is a desk top applications consultant with Pro Staff Professional Services in Dallas. Her fiancé, also a graduate of MHS, is a 1998 graduate of Texas Tech University, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in restaurant, hotel and institutional



Stephanie Joy Tuffly and Larry Dwane Haney

management. He was a member of Club Managers Association of America. He is a manager with Uncle Julio's Restaurant in Dallas.

McCLURE-JUROSKA

Glenda McClure and Billy Juroska, both of Midland, are planning a 6 p.m. May 29 wedding at First Christian Church in Midland. The bride-elect is the daughter of Darlene Reed and Stanley Reed of Midland. Parents of the future bridegroom are Bill and Genny Juroska of Troy.

Miss McClure graduated from Greenwood High School in 1991. She is employed with The InWest Group Inc. Her fiancé, a 1989 graduate of Troy High School, earned a bachelor of science degree in petroleum engineering from Texas A&M University in 1994. He is employed with Burlington Resources.



Glenda McClure and Billy Juroska

SIVAGE-BIRD

Keri Ann Savage of Midland and Brant Michael Bird of Abilene are planning a 5 p.m. May 15 wedding at Western Hills Baptist Church in Fort Worth. The bride-to-be is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Vernon Savage of Jinja, Uganda, Africa. Parents of the future bridegroom are the Rev. and Mrs. Craig Bird of Thomasville, N.C.

Miss Savage attended Rift Valley Academy in Kijabi, Kenya, Africa, and Dallas Baptist University. She is scheduled to graduate from Hardin-Simmons University in 2000. Her fiancé attended Rosslyn Academy in Nairobi, Kenya, Africa. He plans to graduate in May from Hardin-Simmons with a bachelor of behavioral sciences/education degree and teacher certification. He is a



Keri Ann Savage and Brant Michael Bird

member of two-time first team All Conference Soccer Player, and listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

CARNES-WILLIAMS

Charlene Rene Carnes of San Angelo will become the bride of Blair Thomas Williams of Snyder 6 p.m. May 8 at First Baptist Church in San Angelo. Parents of the bride-elect are Reba Carnes of San Angelo and Charles Carnes of Modesto, Calif. Her grandmother is Mrs. Jimmie Gray of San Angelo. The future bridegroom is the son of Tommy and Mary Williams of Snyder.

Miss Carnes is a floral and interior design graduate of Vaughan Art and Interior. Her fiancé, a graduate of Angelo State University, is a district manager with Town and Country Food Stores.



Charlene Rene Carnes and Blair Thomas Williams

Pockets are new fashion statement

By Anne-Marie Schiro
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — Last year cargo pants were all the rage. This year's versions are called utility pants, which include any that have multiple pockets in odd places.

A variation from Laundry by Shelli Segal has straight legs and a detachable belt bag. Four styles by DKNY Jeans are survival pants with drawstring hems, cropped pants with a zippered pocket, biker shorts and short shorts.

Intermix, 'trendy boutique' in Manhattan, branches out

By Anne-Marie Schiro
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — Intermix, the trendy boutique that started in Manhattan's Flatiron district in 1993 (and attracted a customer base of models and young career women in the process), branched out to upper Madison Avenue last winter, and now plans to go national.

Khajak Keledjian, who owns the stores with Haro Kaldjian (they're brothers, but spell their surnames differently), said recently that they were planning to open five more stores in the next two years.

The first three will be in South Miami Beach, Seattle and Dallas. "There will definitely be a store this fall in one of those cities, though I can't say which," Keledjian said.

As might be expected, the Intermix at 1003 Madison Ave. (77th Street) gets a more sophisticated, more demanding customer than the one at 125 Fifth

Ave. (19th Street), Keledjian said.

"We get a lot of mothers and daughters shopping together," he said of the uptown location, "and a lot of customers coming from other states."

"We have a broader range of designers uptown, more higher end."

"There's more attention to accessories, and the shoe area is a store within a store."

Among the designers carried

uptown are John Bartlett, Alberta Ferretti, Rebecca Danenberg, Tracy Feith, Paul & Joe, and Isabel Marant.

There are accessories by Kate Spade and shoes by Jimmy Choo and Tony Valentine.

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WEDDINGS

GARDNER-FREIDENBLOOM

Charlesane Gardner and Brian Freidenbloom, both of Midland, were married 6 p.m. April 3 at the Midland Hilton and Towers. Justice of the Peace David Cobos officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Shirley Gardner of Midland and the late Charles Gardner. Parents of the bridegroom are Marcie Line of Sheridan, Wyo., and Calvin Freidenbloom of Helena, Mont.

Trisha Barton was honor attendant for the bride. Bill Oaks served as honor attendant for the bridegroom, who also was attended by his sons, Kyle Freidenbloom and Brett Freidenbloom.

The bride, a 1989 graduate of Greenwood High School, is employed with Texas Department of Public Safety in Midland. Her husband graduated from Sheridan High School in 1981 and is employed with Dawson Geophysical.



Mr. and Mrs. Brian Freidenbloom

The couple lives in Midland.

PATTON-ELLISON

Tricia Chantelle Patton and Aaron Dow Ellison, both of Midland, were married 2 p.m. March 13 at Wilshire Park Baptist Church in Midland. The Rev. Chris Osborn officiated.

Parents of the bride are Dwayne and Jeanne Patton of Midland. The bridegroom is the son of Mary Sue Ellison of Midland and the late Richard Ellison.

Beth Heard and Ty Weeks were honor attendants for the bride. Her other attendants were Christy Banks, Michelle Patton, Nicole Patton and Sara Kate Heard.

Dale Callen was honor attendant for the bridegroom, who also was attended by his brother, Andy Ellison, and his son, Jake Ellison, as well as Josh Boering, Ben Sanchez and Matthew Patton. Ushers were Tyler Patton, brother of the bride, and Sammy Patton.



Mrs. Aaron Dow Ellison

Following a wedding trip to Del Rio, the couple lives in Midland.

ANNIVERSARIES

Reception honors couple

STANTON — O.R. and Viola Glenn of Stanton will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary today with a reception, hosted by their children, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Franklin.

Glenn and the former Viola Boyce were married April 23, 1949, in Canyon. They have five children — Bonnie Franklin and Margie Chandler of Stanton, Bobbie Graves of Midland, Robbie Boykin of Goldwaite and the late Nancy Thomas — as well as 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The couple lived in Lamesa, Big Spring and Midland before moving to Stanton in 1958.

Glenn worked as a dairyman and retired in 1973. He was on the board of directors of the American Dairy Association and AMPI. He was employed by Franklin and Son Inc. of Stanton until 1983. Mrs. Glenn was a beautician for 35 years.

They are members of First Baptist Church of Stanton, where Glenn has served as a deacon for 41 years.



O.R. and Viola Glenn

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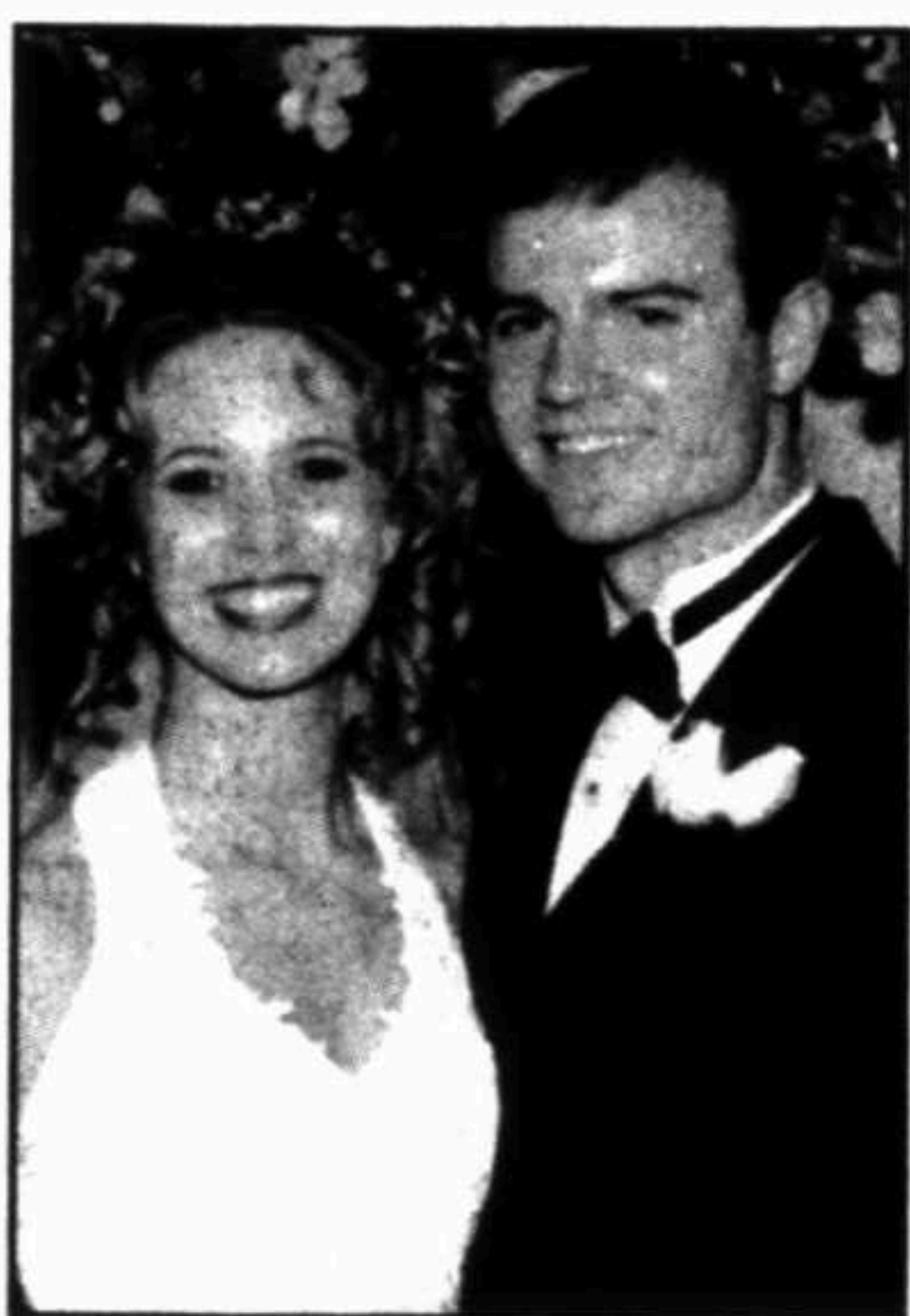
STEPHENVILLE — Ruth Anna York of Midland became the bride of Jason Laramie Schulz, also of Midland, 7 p.m. March 13 at Chapel on the Bosque in Stephenville. Dan Schiel officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Lew and Jackie York of Lufkin. Parents of the bridegroom are Larry and Gwyn Schulz of Midland.

Deborah Christine York and Susan Rebekah York were honor attendants for their sister. Her other attendants were Shari Schiel and Kristin Truby.

Larry Schulz was honor attendant for his son, who also was attended by Ben Edwards, Greg Guanlao and Bradlee Hall. Kelly Stewart was usher.

The couple lives in Midland.



Mr. and Mrs. Jason Laramie Schulz

CHAVEZ-SALCIDO

Virginia E. Chavez of Midland became the bride of Felix Fidel Salcido, also of Midland, 4 p.m. March 19 at their residence.

The bride is the daughter of Oscar and Rosalinda Chavez of Midland. The bridegroom is the son of Candelaria Salcido of Midland.

The couple's honor attendants were Christina Chavez, sister of the bride, and Bob Dodson. They also were attended by Jeanette Salcido and Saul Salcido Jr., children of the bridegroom.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Lamesa High School. Her husband attended Midland High School and graduated from Midland College in 1990. He is employed with Texas Tech University.

After a wedding trip to San Antonio, the couple lives in Midland.



Mr. and Mrs. Felix Fidel Salcido

Winjes celebrate anniversary

Lyle and Ethel Winje of Midland celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a renewal of wedding vows and reception 7 p.m. April 10 at Saddleridge Lodge. Hosts were their children.

Winje and the former Ethel Grindahl were married April 19, 1949, in Miami, Fla. They have seven children — Ann Marie Herbert and Brenda Mitchell of Colorado Springs, Colo.; June Holt of Tallahassee, Fla.; Jon Winje of Loveland, Colo.; Loren Winje and Melva Thomas of Midland; and the late Terry Winje — and 14 grandchildren.

The couple lived in Appleton, Minn., before moving to Midland in 1980. Winje was employed with the City of Midland before retiring. Mrs. Winje is retired from Midland Independent School District.



Lyle and Ethel Winje

Gentlemen who shop...

By choice or necessity, more men are doing shopping for family

By Lyle V. Harris

N.Y. Times News Service

ATLANTA — It's 10:12 p.m. at the Kroger in Tucker, and Lane Teilhaber is on a mission. His wife, Kris, has been working late, and Teilhaber is cruising the aisles like a man possessed, picking up "the essentials": soap, shampoo, mouthwash... Entenmann's chocolate chip cookies.

"If she has to work a 12-hour day, it's only fair if I do the shopping," says Teilhaber, 39, a Atlanta shoe salesman. "There are things I'd much rather be doing, but we split up the grocery shopping."

He's not alone. Teilhaber has joined a generation of American males who, by necessity or by choice, are shrugging off traditional gender roles and undertaking a chore once considered the exclusive domain of women. They are Men Who Shop.

Industry observers say that more men are pushing buggies down grocery store checkout lines, elbowing their way toward discount racks and shopping malls, and buying big-ticket status items that are markers of modern masculinity.

But these shoppers fit no neat stereotypes. They can be fashion-conscious up-and-comers trying to impress with a Hugo Boss suit, empty-nesters wanting to buy a Jet Ski or work-at-home dads who don't mind clipping coupons.

THE BREAD-AND-BUTTER SHOPPER

Among the most studied of male shoppers are those forced into the marketplace by the demographic and lifestyle changes of the past two decades. Higher divorce rates, more men remaining single for longer and more fathers winning joint-custody cases mean that they're learning to shop both for themselves and their children, for everything from disposable diapers to the latest styles in jeans.

Mostly, though, the trend is being driven by the growth of two-income households, such as the Teilhabers' of Decatur, where a more egalitarian attitude toward domestic duties has taken root. In a 1978 survey of shopping patterns by Progressive Grocer, a New York-based trade publication, men accounted for about 10 percent of the primary shoppers in U.S. households. In 1998, a similar survey by the magazine found that the number of male primary shoppers had risen to 17 percent.

Not exactly a tidal wave, but some experts say the number is steadily increasing — and with good reason.

"Among men, grocery shopping is still a minority activity," says Ruby Roy Dholakia, a professor of marketing at the University of Rhode Island, who has studied the trend. "But in homes with two wage earners where the labor is divided, men seem to have taken on two chores: playing with the children and grocery shopping."

Dholakia believes that men generally find shopping "more gratifying" than other domestic grunt work, because the activity may help them bond with their families.

Bruce Kirton, director of strategic planning for Turner Sports, says he generally does the family grocery shopping instead of his wife,

Wonya Lucas, vice president of marketing for TNT. Kirton, 38, says he enjoys it and insists he's better at it anyway.

"I plan it out. She just goes to the store and gets what she thinks we need, so sometimes we wind up with three jars of peanut butter," says Kirton, of Marietta, who has two young daughters.

Not exactly, says Lucas. "I don't know about better, but he is more particular," she says.

THE POWER SHOPPER

Of course, men are shopping for more than just bread-and-butter items at the grocery store. Although shopping typically ranks low as a male recreational activity, retailers recognize that there's a core group of men who are enthusiastic buyers of electronics, stereo equipment, sporting gear, power tools and cars.

"The most powerful consumers in America are older, baby boomer men," says J. Walker Smith, a managing partner of Yankelovich Partners, a marketing research group with offices in Atlanta. "They're between 45 to 55 and are in their peak earning years. They have more disposable income because their kids are grown."

Smith describes these shoppers as thrill-seekers who are buying "big toys" such as personal watercraft and snowmobiles. And savvy retailers are taking note, he says.

"Some stores are incorporating adventure and excitement into the retail setting," Smith says. "Range Rover is a perfect example. When you go to one of their car lots, they make it feel like you're going on a safari."

THE FASHION-CONSCIOUS SHOPPER

The men's magazine POV recently identified another group of male shoppers: the fashion-conscious "emerging affluents." Typically men between ages 21 and 34, 70 percent of these upscale shoppers said they shop for clothes at least once a month, with about 16 percent saying they do it once a week. More than 90 percent shop for themselves, with 5 percent relying on the help of a girlfriend or wife.

This group may be fueling the increase in menswear sales, which totaled \$35 billion between January and September 1998, up from \$32.5 billion during the same period of 1997 — a faster growth than that of any other market segment, including women's and children's apparel.

"There's been a quiet revolution," says Ted Kruckel, a New York-based fashion consultant who has written about male shoppers for GQ magazine. "I'm not talking about the stereotype of the fussy homosexual who can tell the difference between Prada and Hugo Boss. I'm talking about straight guys who don't mind wrestling over a cashmere sweater at a grubby discount outlet."

Kruckel says the willingness of men to shop for their clothes is an outgrowth of the 1980s fitness craze: "Men are taking better care of themselves and don't mind going shopping if it will help them show it off."

Tony Bennett of Norcross is a musician and moving company owner who says he's probably more picky about his wardrobe than most

guys, and he's not ashamed of it. On a recent day off, he was a solitary but determined figure as he went through racks of casual shirts at the Value City discount store on Buford Highway.

"I go clothes shopping about every other month," says Bennett, 37. "I don't spend a lot at one time, but I like to keep up with the style. I hate the crowds, so I come when I know the stores are quiet and empty."

Although studies have shown that most men spend little time browsing for clothes and will pay higher prices rather than bargain-hunt, shoppers such as Bennett are the exception. "I don't mind searching for deals, and I know quality when I see it," he says. "I shop off-season and look for stuff on sale. Only suckers pay full price."

Lance Robertson, a 35-year-old independent filmmaker, is also a value-minded clothes shopper. He checks regularly at favorite outlets such as Apparel Mart, K&G and Men's Wearhouse, and goes into department stores only if they're having a big sale.

A self-avowed Men Who Shops, Robertson says he's just as comfortable picking out bath oil for his girlfriend at Victoria's Secret as buying fresh flowers for his grandmother or complimenting another man on his outfit.

"I know who I am," declares Robertson. "I don't mind giving someone their props if they're wearing a nice tie or something. I'm secure enough in my masculinity, and I don't think being a man has anything to do with whether you shop or not."

Besides, he considers shopping more than just an idle pastime. It's a way of life.

"In a city like Atlanta, a man has to stay ahead of the curve because it's so socially competitive. If you look a certain way, you can parlay into any environment and people think you belong. You don't want people to look at what you're wearing at a social function and say, 'Who invited that guy?'"

THE THREE 'P'S' OF MALE SHOPPERDOM

Male shoppers — whether in the market for milk, riding mowers or Mossimo — fall into three distinct categories, according to Frequency Marketing. The Ohio-based marketing consultant has separated them into the following groups:

Patricians tend to be more affluent, as well as single and childless. They are more likely to shop in specialty stores, for clothing, electronics and sporting goods.

Practicals also tend to be single but have lower incomes than Patricians and are usually less free-spending. They prefer discount stores and are more likely to pay with cash. Although not particularly fashion-conscious, they plan purchases rather than buying on impulse.

Patriarchs are older and less educated. They have lower incomes and are likely to be retired or unemployed. They usually shop out of necessity, but their purchases tend to be top-of-the-line items.

Lyle V. Harris writes for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

LIFESTYLE GUIDELINES

The deadline for all items to be published in the Lifestyle pages is 2 p.m. Friday, the week before said item is to be published.

AROUND TOWN

Items submitted for the Around Town column will be published at least once; more than once if space allows. The Around Town column is published Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. Deadline for all Around Town items is 2 p.m. each Friday for items which will be published the following week, beginning on Monday. The space is free of charge and is offered on a first-come/first-serve basis.

CLUB NEWS/LUNCHEONS/FASHION SHOWS

Deadline for all Club News items, luncheons and fashion shows (which are published in Sunday newspapers) is 2 p.m. Friday, 10 days before the item will appear.

MILESTONE EVENTS

The Reporter-Telegram publishes announcements of such milestone events as engagements, weddings and wedding anniversaries, and quincenias, bar mitzvahs and bat mitzvahs of charge.

Deadline to have an announcement published in the Sunday paper — including wedding engagement and anniversary announcements — is 2 p.m. 10 days prior to the publication date.

■ Engagement announcements: There is no limit as to how early in advance of the wedding an engagement can be announced. However, engagements should be published in the paper no later than two weeks before the wedding date.

■ Wedding announcements: Wedding announcements must be published up to six weeks after the event. Names of no more than 25 attendants for the bride and 25 attendants for the bridegroom will be published. Cities of residence for wedding attendants will no longer be published. Relationships will be published only for brothers and sisters, parents (or grandparents) or children of the wedding couple. For those wishing to list more, advertising space may be purchased.

■ Wedding anniversaries: Anniversary announcements — 25th or higher — are also accepted for publication up to six weeks after the anniversary date or celebration.

■ Pageants: Announcements of pageant winners are published for teen-age and adult winners only. Photographs are published of winners, not runners-up or contestants. These announcements will be published on a space-available basis.

Forms for weddings, engagements and anniversaries are available from Carol Ramirez in the Editorial office. All materials should include the signature and telephone number of the person submitting them.

Photographs may be submitted with wedding, engagement and anniversary announcements, but are not required. A portrait of the bride-elect or engaged couple may be submitted with engagement announcements. Portrait photographs of the bride only or of the wedding couple may be submitted with wedding announcements. A different photo must be submitted for engagement and wedding announcements. Anniversary photos should be current.

Vertical photos are preferred. Both black and white, and color or studio quality portraits are acceptable from wallet size up to 8x10. Polaroid photos are not accepted.

Photos can be picked up from Carol Ramirez in the Editorial Department after publication, or a self-addressed, stamped envelope can be enclosed for the photo to be returned by mail.

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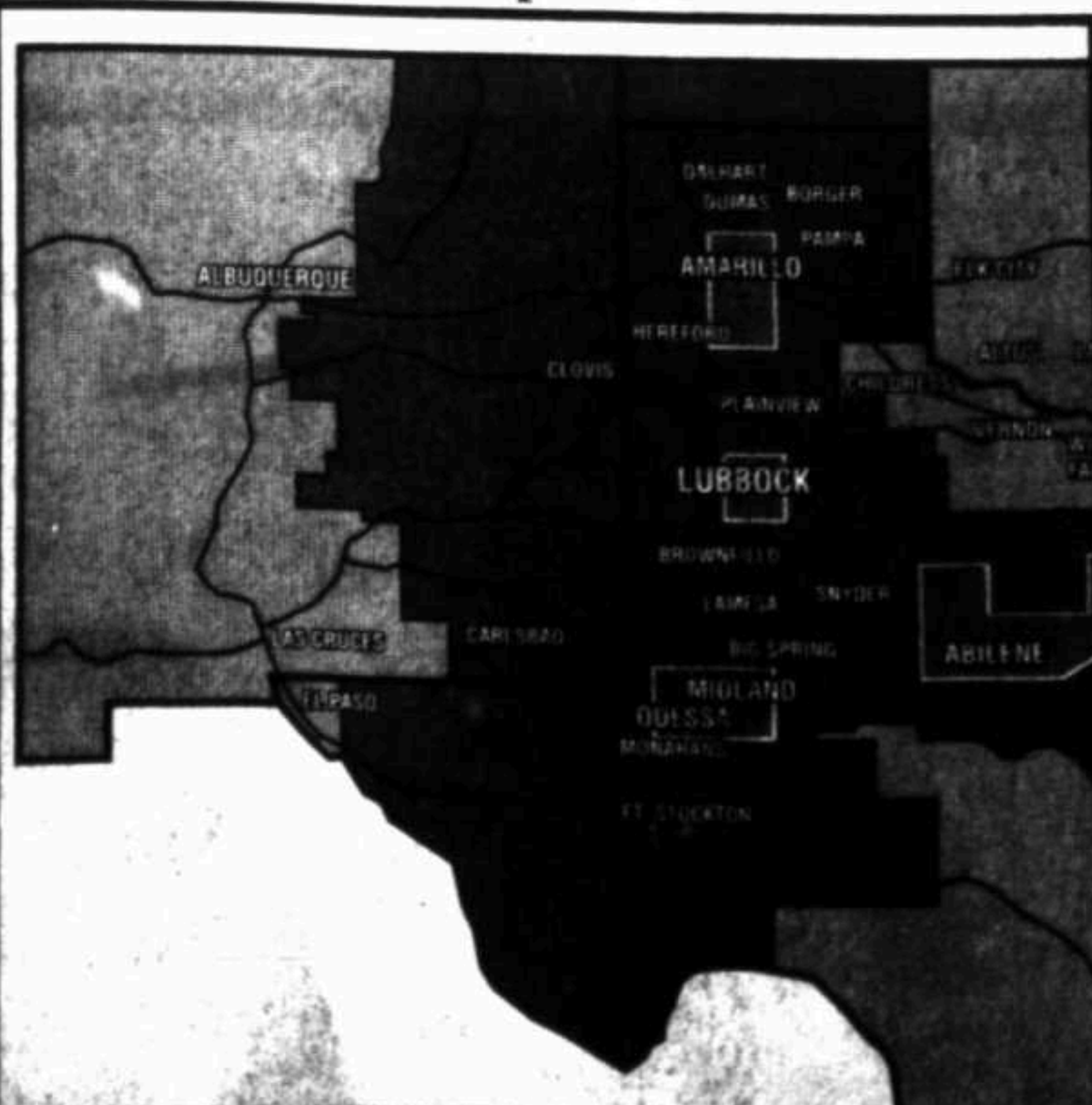
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By Gracie B.
N.Y. Times

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GRACIE BONDS STAPLES

New magazine turns page in communication

By Gracie Bonds Staples
N.Y. Times News Service

FORT WORTH — Carolyn Sanders believes in the value of quiet, still moments, that time she takes each day alone, to get to know who she is and to tell God those things only he can hear.

As a recently divorced mother of two and the editor and publisher of Link Magazine, a new publication aimed at African-American Texans, she says she has much to talk over with him and will not make a move without consulting him first.

It's what she did when she needed to find a new home for herself and her two children two years ago after separating from Cowboys cornerback Deion Sanders. And it's what she did more recently when she wanted to do something with her life, to make it count.

"I asked the Lord to show me something to do that I would enjoy and something I could be successful at," Sanders said in a telephone interview recently from her Houston office.

Shortly after her talk with God, Sanders was getting her hair done and met Rose-Mary Tucker, an entertainment promoter, who spoke of her dream to start a magazine.

"I thought this was a sign for me," Sanders said. "I didn't have a journalism degree, but starting a magazine stayed on my mind."

Today the women — Tucker as vice president and chief operating officer and Sanders as the founder, publisher and editor in chief — head Link Magazine, a slick monthly publication they hope will connect African-American communities across the state. Link is available at more than 500 bookstores, airport, grocery chains and convenience store outlets in Houston, San Antonio and the Metroplex, and has a circulation of 100,000.

Sanders, 33, said that research showed that though there were black magazines in Houston, none of them circulated beyond the city's boundary. That, she thought, left a big void that needed to be filled.

And so with a small business loan, Link Magazine came into being, and now has a staff of 11 full-time employees.

The magazine debuted in January at 56 pages. The more recent issue featured an interview with basketball greats Clyde Drexler and Avery Johnson; Dr. Joye Carter, Houston's first female African-American medical examiner; and the UniverSoul Circus, an African-American company owned and operated by Big Top Circus. Marketing efforts include radio spots in the magazine's target markets and promotional booths at events such as concerts and a sports fund-raiser.

Sanders said she wanted to create a product that all blacks, regardless of age, gender and socioeconomic status, could enjoy.

"We are the avenue for the advertisers who want to reach Texas' \$24 billion annual African-American market," she said.

Advertisers include Noel Furniture store of Houston, a variety of minority small businesses and Texas Southern University. No long-term contracts have been signed yet, though.

Sanders, a San Antonio native who has a bachelor's degree in psychology and was once executive director and co-owner of Players Network, a sports entertainment show, said starting a magazine is in keeping with her desire to provide a service to the black community.

"I'm a very spiritual person who puts God first in my life and cares for others," she said. "That's why in addition to the magazine, I'm going to start the Prime Life Foundation here."

Sanders founded the nonprofit organization in Dallas to help relieve the economic uncertainty that can make it difficult for working-class families to stay together. She closed its doors when she moved from Dallas to Houston two years ago.

For now, her time is divided among the magazine, her children — 8-year-old Deiondra and 5-year-old Deion Jr. — and her church, Abundant Life Cathedral.

"Since coming to Houston, I have a good life," she said. "I'm at home, I have peace of mind, because I don't dwell on the past."

Sanders, who divorced her husband in February 1998, said that she had a very good marriage with the football great in the beginning, but that they grew apart.

"Things happen for a reason and you just have to make the best of the rest of your life," she said.

Gracie Bonds Staples is a writer for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.



Staples

CLUB NEWS

PERMIAN BASIN
GEOLOGICAL AND
GEOPHYSICAL
AUXILIARY

Permian Basin Geological and Geophysical Auxiliary met at the home of Ann Wambaugh for membership coffee, with about 60 attending.

Kellijo Latham was chairman; Hazel Somerville was co-chairman. Hostesses were Geriann Green, Kristi Jumper, Joan Noel, Ann Platt and Pam Suttles.

LAUREATE NU
CHAPTER, BSP

Laureate Nu chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met at the home of Melva Sizemore of Andrews. Joann Gardner presided.

Tomina Clark reported on executive board meeting. Johnnie Moritz reported on the service project.

Ms. Sizemore discussed plans for Founder's Day. Dixie Jordan reported on Midland executive coordinating committee.

New officers and Girl of the Year were elected. Change in the bylaws was discussed. Ms. Sizemore gave a program on "The Importance of Having a Sister."

TWENTIETH CENTURY
STUDY CLUB

Twentieth Century Study Club met in the home of Jackie Hendricks with 17 members attending. JoAnne McClurg presided.

Mrs. Hendricks reviewed "A Thousand Tears Falling," a book by Yung Krall.

Jackie Cary called roll. Ruth Thompson gave a scholarship report. Co-hostesses were Wanda Ramsey and Fran Schutte.

EN AMIE
REVIEW CLUB

En Amie Review Club met for luncheon and program at Green Tree Country Club.

Carol Scott of Big Spring reviewed "Red River Women," by Sherrie McLeRoy.

Guests were Tra Beckman, Sue Ewing, Margie Hill of Big Spring, and Junis Stoddard.

Hostesses were Jerry Sloan, chairman; Judy Pike, Dollie Miller, Barbara Hartwell, Marjorie Hisey and Blanch Shank.

MIDLAND RETIRED
TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Midland Retired Teachers Association met at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Martha Kallus presided.

Committee and special reports were given. Ann Andrews gave the legislative update.

Diana Daugherty asked members to turn in names of prospective members and reported on the committee meeting regarding a local MRTA memorial fund.

Dale Tervoorme reported on funds. State meeting was discussed. Refreshments were

served. Leslie Hinds presented a program on his years with MISD.

PRECEPTOR ETA
UPSILON
CHAPTER, BSP

Preceptor Eta Upsilon chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met at Cattleman's Restaurant. Cecile Wiginton was hostess.

Beverly Acker presided. Ms. Wiginton introduced guest Beverly Briscoe.

Thank-you note from Preceptor

Epsilon Delta chapter was read. Donna Snyder reported that she and Neva Garvin chose dresses to be modeled at Founder's Day.

New officers are: Genell Emerson, president; Peggy Brown, vice president; Ms. Snyder, secretary; Ms. Wiginton, treasurer; and Ms. Emerson, executive committee coordinator with Virginia Earhart as alternate.

Ms. Wiginton gave a program on Corpus Christi.



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Scientists link stress, common cold

N.Y. Times News Service

Scientists have identified what may be the biological link between stress and the common cold: interleukin-6 (IL-6), a chemical pathway used by the immune system.

Dr. Sheldon Cohen of Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, who earlier found a clear link between psychological stress and infection by respiratory viruses, says the new study provides con-

crete evidence of a mind-body connection — the biological pathway through which psychological stress influences upper-respiratory infectious illness.

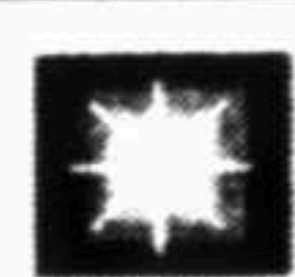
Cohen and his colleagues had previously established stress as a risk factor for respiratory illness but had only been able to speculate on the potential biological pathway that links stress to greater risks of colds and flu.

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Interim, summer registration begins

Telephone and early registration for all students who want to enroll at Midland College for Interim, Summer I and Summer II classes begins April 26.

The three-week Interim session begins May 17, and the last day to register is May 18. Students may register by phone for this session through May 7.

Summer I classes begin June 3. Students may register by phone through May 27 although telephone registration will not be available May 10-14. The last day to register for Summer I is June 9.

Summer II classes begin July 14. The last day to register for this session is July 20. Students may register by phone through May 27 although telephone registration will not be available May 10-14.

Eligible students may register by phone by calling 685-4513.

Those students who have not taken the TASP test or who have not passed the TASP test must register in person with the counseling staff.

For information about the TASP test, registration or financial aid, contact a counselor at 685-4505. For general registration information, call 685-4501.

Money management

A new continuing education class is designed to help people take control of their financial future.

"Successful Money Management" is a comprehensive class that will give participants an overview of the financial planning process including managing money, reducing taxes, saving and investing, allocating investments, creating a plan to achieve financial objectives and reducing insurance costs.

Fees for the class are \$49 for an individual, \$69 for a couple, \$59 for an individual at the door or \$79 for a couple at the door. A workbook for each individual or couple is included in the cost of the class.

The class is set for 6:30-9 p.m., Tuesdays, May 4-25. The instructor is Lois L. Isbell, ChFC, CLU. Call 685-4518 for information.

Landmark meeting

The second Permian Basin Landmark User Group meeting will be 11:30 a.m., Thursday, April 29 at Midland College in the Roadrunner Room of the Scharbauer Student Center. Lunch will be available for \$6 a person.

Speaker for the meeting will be Steven Zoraster of Landmark Graphics, who will speak on Grid-based Surface Modeling for the Petroleum Industry in the 21st Century or "Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Gridding." His talk begins at noon. For more information or to make reservations, call Christy Reed at 685-7672 by April 27.

Vet Tech Pet Dip

The Midland College Veterinary Technology students will hold a pet bath and dip 1-4 p.m., Saturday, May 1 in the compound area of the Technology Center. The public is invited. The cost is \$8 for dogs and cats weighing 25 pounds or less; \$10 dogs weighing 26 to 50 pounds; and, \$14 for dogs weighing more than 50 pounds. For more information, call 685-6496.

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CELEBRATING VOLUNTEERISM

Giving students an agency perspective on the importance of volunteer work by recognizing the "hundreds and hundreds of volunteers who make art activities possible in the Permian Basin" was the focus of a speech by Linda Bond, executive director of the Arts Assembly of Midland, during the sixth annual Abell-Hanger induction ceremony.

Bond spoke to MC students being honored for their academic and community service achievements during a "Celebration of Volunteerism" April 22. One hundred and sixty nine students were eligible to be inducted into the Abell-Hanger society.

Students inducted into the society completed at least 40 hours of volunteer service in addition to passing at least 24 semester-credit hours with a minimum 2.0 grade point average. They each received a specially designed emerald and gold pin and a certificate.

Bond praised the Abell-Hanger Foundation for encouraging volunteerism.

"What a debt we all owe the Abell-Hanger Foundation—not only because it provides scholarships for young people but because they have made community service a priority."

Bond pointed out a 10-year University of Michigan study of 2,700 people. The study showed that doing regular volunteer work, more than any other activity, dramatically increased life expectancy.

"Men who did not volunteer work were two and a half times as likely to die during the study as those who donated time at least once a week," Bond said.

The ceremony also honored students who wrote about their community service experience. During the ceremony, five Midland College students were named winners of the Abell-Hanger essay contest. The students received \$500 scholarships for their winning essays about their community service experience.

Jennifer Lee Dunn, Lindsey Matthews,

Traci Moreland, Molly Robertson and Trey Slann were winners of the spring essay contest. Hyon Choi Sarah Luehring, Krystal Mehaffey, Traci Moreland and Molly Robertson were recognized as winners of the fall essay contest.

Several members of the Abell-Hanger Board of Trustees participated in the ceremony with Executive Director David Smith.

Beginning in 1986, the Abell-Hanger Foundation made higher education possible for many individuals by offering to pay up to \$598,000 for tuition and books at Midland College for the 910 June graduates of Midland's three high schools.

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Second-year Abell-Hanger Society honorees are: Laura M. Adams, Jeana P. Beck, Kerri D. Bell, Mary L. Bertelson, Charles C. Billingsley, Zane G. Bradshaw, Stephanie A. Brown, Gregory L. Bryant, Somer B. Butler, Gina M. Callender, Mindy Champion, Bryan S. Chatwell, Wes C. Childers, Curtis A. Choat, Hyon J. Choi, G. Brent Clary, Charles Cole, Keisha Collins, Melanya C. Craven, Gilbert C. Davila, Cara L. Digennaro, Melissa C. Dobbs, Heidi A. Dobby, Jennifer L. Dunn, Kimberly R. Edwards, Kimberly A. Edwards, Lisa M. Finch, Robin Fowler, Larecha L. Gilbert and Lori A. Granado.

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"What a debt we all owe the Abell-Hanger Foundation—not only because it provides scholarships for young people but because they have made community service a priority"—

Linda Bond

Executive Director, Arts Assembly of Midland

The foundation continued the scholarships, and in 1993, announced that it would require volunteer efforts for those who received the Abell-Hanger scholarship. Since then, 2,599 Midland College students have completed more than 83,000 volunteer hours with more than 80 community agencies.

Students eligible for induction into the Abell-Hanger society are: Sarah B. Adams, Guadalupe Amparan, Rebecca K. Andersen, Tonja L. Andrew, Claudia I. Avila, John P. Bargas, Michael C. Barnett, Ruby C. Barron, Jayme K. Bechtel, Marina V. Belotserkovskaya, Brandon Beversdorf, Johnathan T. Bigley, Kristina L. Black, Andrew L. Blake, Sara L. Blue, Jason R. Bose, Lena R. Brigman, Melinda G. Browder, Randal A. Brown, Brandon G. Brownfield, Sarah E. Buchanan, Judith J. Bujanda, Joseph C. Burns, Jeremiah A. Cain, Misty D. Calhoun, Patricia A. Carrasco, April M. Carruth, Sonia R. Castillo, Jamaal Cockerham, Vanessa D. Cody, Alicia D. Cooper, Jared M. Cooper, Kathryn

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The following courses are being offered by the Midland College Health Sciences Continuing Education Department. Call 685-6440 for course and registration information.

Medication Aide—Communicate Before You Medicate. helping people make the best use of medications, will be offered 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, May 15. Cindy Moon, R.N. is the instructor. This is a seven-hour prescribed continuing education for Certified Medication Aides by the Texas Department of Human Services, Medication Aide Program.

Massage Therapy Certification a Texas Department of Health approved 300-hour course will be 6-9 p.m. Thursdays and every other Saturday and Sunday, June 8-Sept. 25. Paul Hamels, RMT and MTI, is the instructor.

The course prepares students for the State Massage Therapy Registration exam and includes Swedish massage techniques, anatomy and physiology, hydrotherapy, business practices and professional ethics, health and hygiene and a 50-hour internship.

Back Massage Techniques for Couples, teaching relaxation techniques through back massage, will be 7-10 p.m., Wednesday, May 19. Katherine Allen, RMT, is the instructor. The class, limited to eight couples, is designed to help couples relax and remove stress.

Mammography Certification is a 40-hour course satisfying all requirements to take the Mammography Exam of the ARRT and to qualify for initial certification in Mammography with the Texas MRT Board. This course is designed for certified medical imaging technologists who wish to obtain the minimum 40 hours of formal training required for initial certification. The course is offered 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays May 1, 2, 8, 15 & 16. The instructor is Lisa Ganus, RT.



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The 30th annual Parade of Homes, presented by Midland Junior Woman's Club, will be 1-5 p.m. May 2.

The four homes on this year's tour are the homes of Gina and Corky Allen, Suzanne and Mike Conaway, Paula and Dave Duncan, and Wynon and Charles Rogers.

This year's parade will benefit The Bynum School, Community Children's Clinic and Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Tickets are \$10 each and are available from members of MJWC, or at Domain, Jamie's Hallmark (Cuthbert location), Ivy Cottage, Expressions and Jonnie's (Odessa). No one younger than 12 will be admitted. For more information call 689-8752, 697-0901 or 697-3922.

...TEXON REUNION is scheduled for June 12 and 13 at the Reagan County Community Building in Big Lake. The event will open with coffee and sandwiches served at 5 p.m. June 12. Sunday morning coffee is planned for 9 a.m. June 13, with lunch set for noon that day.

For more information call (915) 223-9308 or 1-800-380-5549.

...PERMIAN BASIN Geological and Geophysical Auxiliary will meet for buffet luncheon and program 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. May 13 at Midland Country Club. For reservations call 694-5463 by noon May 11.

...MIDLAND NEED to Read, an adult literacy organization that provides one-to-one tutoring for adults who want to improve their reading and English skills, will have a training session for volunteer tutors 6:30-9 p.m. May 11 and 13 at Midland College. Prospective volunteers are asked to attend both nights. For more information call 685-4572.

...TWENTIETH CENTURY Study Club, TFWC, will have a luncheon meeting 11:30 a.m. May 11 at Midland Woman's Club. For more information call 694-3392.

...VAN, Serving the Visually Impaired, will meet for craft-making session 10 a.m. April 28 at the VAN House, 2908 W. Ohio. Persons attending are asked to bring sack lunches. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

VAN's support group for men who want to learn about living with visual impairment will meet 10 a.m. April 27 at the VAN House.

For information about either of these events, call 694-2648.

...READ TO ME preschool storytime program at Midland County Public Library, 301 W. Missouri Ave., will present stories on chickens 10-10:30 a.m. April 27 and 28. This free program for children aged 3-5 is presented each Tuesday and Wednesday in the library's Children's Department.

...AMERICAN LUNG Association's Better Breathing Club will meet 11:30 a.m. May 4 at Westwood Medical Center. For more information call 522-2273.

...HOSPICE OF MIDLAND will have a grief recovery program for anyone who has experienced loss of any kind, such as divorce, death, moving, loss of a job, etc. Sessions will be 7-9 p.m. May 4, 11, 18 and 25 in the Meditation Room of Hospice House, 911 W. Texas. For more information call 682-2980.

...AMERICAN ASSOCIATION of Retired Persons, Midland chapter #256, will meet May 3 at Midland Senior Center in Kingsway Mall. Center opens at 6 p.m. Pot luck dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Cookie Wetendorf, director of the Permian Basin Area Agency on Aging, will present the program. Visitors are welcome. Table games will follow. The center closes at 9 p.m. For more information call 682-1700 or 694-1447.

...CHI OMEGA fraternity will have its Founders Day luncheon, ELEUSINIA, May 1 at Midland Country Club. Social time will be 11:30 a.m. with lunch to follow at noon. All area alumnae are invited to attend. Tickets are \$12 per person. To RSVP call 683-0888 by April 27.

...COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS, a support group for parents who have lost children of any age, will meet 7:30 p.m. May 3 at Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas. For more information call 682-2975.

Southern writers: Tomorrow is another sequel

By Don O'Briant
N.Y. Times News Service

ATLANTA — Now that efforts to get Pat Conroy to write a sequel to Margaret Mitchell's classic Old South saga are gone with the wind, the search is on for another candidate who can resume the story of Rhett Butler and Scarlett O'Hara. Finding someone of Conroy's stature, though, may be as difficult as locating the real Tara.

One problem any writer will face is overcoming the restrictions that lawyers for the Mitchell estate have specified: no miscegenation, no homosexuality and no dead Scarlett.

That ruled out Conroy's tongue-in-cheek suggestion of opening with Rhett and Ashley Wilkes lying in bed after making love. "Ashley," Conroy has Rhett saying, "did I ever tell you my grandmother was black?"

The Atlanta native and author of "The Prince of Tides" was considered a good choice because of his glowing introduction to the 60th anniversary edition of "Gone With the Wind," in which he describes the novel as his late mother's favorite.

Conroy, who says he backed out of the multimillion-dollar deal over a dispute about legal fees, is the second strike for St. Martin's Press. A manuscript by British writer Emma Tennant, author of two Jane Austen sequels, was rejected for not being Southern enough.

St. Martin's acquired the rights for a second sequel for \$4.5 million after Warner Books published the critically savaged but commercially successful "Scarlett" by Alexandra Ripley in 1991.

Now it's back to square one. To facilitate the publisher's search, we asked some Southern authors how they would approach a sequel — if they had no restrictions.

"My instinct is to say: Why don't we have no more sequels," said Lee Smith, a North Carolina

writer renowned for her strong female characters ("Saving Grace," "Fair and Tender Ladies"). "I think it's time to bury those old stereotypes and get on with things."

But assuming somebody is going to write a sequel, other writers had ideas, from making Scarlett a shoe shopaholic to having Mammy turn Tara into a bed-and-breakfast.

... Anne Rivers Siddons ("Peachtree Road," "Low Country"): "I like the approach that Pat was going to take, telling the story from Rhett Butler's point of view. I would do that, or tell it from the perspective of a black person — maybe Prissy. The problem is that readers don't want Scarlett to change, and you can't write a novel in which the main character doesn't grow and change. It would be a wonderful thing to have her die. That way she would never get old. It's about the only thing we could do that would let us forgive her." Siddons, a former Atlanta writer, lives in Charleston, S.C.

Jill McCorkle ("Final Vinyl Days," "Carolina Moon"): "I would reunite Scarlett and Rhett after an appropriate period of suffering. Rhett would come home and they would move to a down-scaled, smaller house. They would have some more children, but no horses on the property and a lot of dogs. Maybe they would become early civil rights activists and maybe that poor old Suellen, who always got shafted and had her men stolen away, can take Ashley and they could be boring and quiet together. No matter what happens, I can't imagine Scarlett with anyone but Rhett." McCorkle, a North Carolina native, lives in Boston.

E. Lynn Harris ("Abide With Me," "This Too Shall Pass"): "I would open the book with Tara in bankruptcy. Prissy would win \$5

million in the Georgia lottery and buy it. Rhett and Scarlett would have to work for her and live in the guest quarters." Harris, a former Atlantan, divides his time between Chicago and New York.

Terry Kay ("The Kidnapping of Aaron Greene," "To Dance With the White Dog"): "I'd do the same thing Pat (Conroy) was going to do and write from the perspective of Rhett Butler. You could have him going to New England and becoming a powerful political figure. The center of the book would still have to be the relationship between Scarlett and Rhett." Kay, a former Atlantan, lives in Athens.

Roy Blount Jr. ("Be Sweet: A Conditional Love Story"): "I would go back a ways, to the point where Melanie and Mammy sacrifice their lives, fighting back to back with household implements, in a last-ditch defense of Atlanta. Their heart-lifting biracial martyrdom turns the tide and the South wins the war. In the final rout of Grant at Second Gettysburg, Scarlett's husband, Frank Kennedy, trying desperately to get wounded and win her sympathy, becomes the last Confederate fatality.

"Still in her widow's weeds, Scarlett manipulates Ashley into running for president of the Confederate States of America because being first lady might be nice, though she is put out with Mammy for dying — Prissy is going to be useless at getting her into her inauguration gown. At the nominating convention, Ashley proposes that slavery be phased out 'with all deliberate speed.' Rhett rescues him from an angry mob. All the Confederate States secede from each other except for the Georgia Freedom Delegation and New Orleans, and they don't really get along. Scarlett thinks it is all foolishness. She decides it was Rhett she wanted all along, but he and Ashley have decided to

go out West together. In a fit of pique, she breaks up the marriage of Robert E. Lee." Blount, a former Atlantan, lives in New York.

Dori Sanders ("Clover," "Her Own Place"): "Maybe I would have Mammy ironing Scarlett's hair every night and keeping her under control by threatening to tell Rhett and Ashley about her 'dark secret.'" Sanders is a South Carolina peach farmer.

Allan Gurganus ("Plays Well With Others," "Oldest Living Confederate Widow Tells All"): "I congratulate that gentle spirit, Pat Conroy, on escaping a fate worse than Sherman's march to the sea. My own new version of Miss Mitchell's novel springs from the voice of the only decent person in the book (Miss Mellie excepted): Mammy — Hattie McDaniel — with help from a small business loan and an advance from Rhett, refines Tara, which is now a thriving bed-and-breakfast.

"The place's haggard, oft-divorced, much-lifted hostess is none other than a creaky yet indomitable Scarlett herself. The hoop skirt is a retreat. She is an ill-tempered, dreadful employee who hates to give the tours again to 'these washed-out Yankees.' Scarlett survives on their tips and on Brandy Alexanders. The plot involves Mexican-American laborers outflanking Scarlett's own will to work. Prissy is an ob-gyn nurse, admittedly terrible in interviews, bad under pressure, and unemployed since 1866.

"Sadly, Rhett died in an early Viagra experiment. Ashley Wilkes has finally 'come out' and now manages a chic guest house in Key West called Twelve Palms. Mammy's character, the hub of Tara all along, is revealed to have been the single human center of both the book and the plantation (now equipped with handsome banquet facilities).

"What fee do I expect for a new novel subtitled 'Oldest Living Freed Slave Now Owns All? Merely enough to guarantee that neither I nor any member of my family, so help me God, will ever go hungry again.'" Gurganus is a North Carolina writer.

North Carolina author Kaye Gibbons ("On the Occasion of My Last Afternoon," "Ellen Foster") concocts a plot wherein Prissy has Rhett Butler's love child after she runs off with Frederick Douglass. The baby is born deaf, mute and legless and becomes a beggar. "He roams the streets of Atlanta beating a tin drum to raise money to eat brunch at the Ritz-Carlton, and starts a school for witless novelists. Scarlett, a frenzied shopaholic, is his first published student," Gibbons expounds. "She blows her hefty advance on shoes, and to make ends meet, is forced to waitress at a barbecue hut, all the while awaiting the publication of her first novel..."

And, of course, there would be a sequel.

Don O'Briant writes for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Atlanta, Ga.

Book Review Unit meeting set

Staff Reports

Book Review Unit of Midland Woman's Club will meet May 3 at the clubhouse in Hogan Park. Social time will be 11 a.m., with luncheon to be served at noon.

Dorise Watson will review "Out to Pasture," "Over What Hill?" and "Older but Wilder," humorous books by Effie Leland Wilder.

A native Texan and 30-year resident of Midland, Mrs. Watson earned a bachelor of science degree from Texas Tech University, a master of arts degree from Sam Houston University, and a doctorate degree from the University of Northern Colorado.

She has taught in the Midland Independent School District and at the University of Northern Colorado, and is a textbook consultant for Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company.

She is a member of First Presbyterian Church, Midland Woman's Club, Midland Society of University Women, Phi Delta Kappa, Delta Delta Delta and National Science Teachers Association.



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Travelers follow dreams, not deals, for Y2K

By Adria Cimino
Associated Press

Although the birth of a millennium might just be catching the attention of the average person on the street, it's nothing new for most travel planners. The number 2000 took hold of the tourism industry about two years ago and the idea of whisking travelers off to welcome the millennium seemed to spell success.

Representatives at Walt Disney World say all of the resort's hotels are sold out for Millennium Eve. Accommodations in Berlin are about 92 percent sold and Sydney, Australia, hotels are not far behind. New York City expects more than a million people to congregate in Times Square for the descent of the new, crystal ball.

But other planners and places are being snapped back into reality.

Tom Jackson, president of World Travel in Santa Ana, Calif., canceled a package trip to the international dateline and a South Seas cruise after failing to get a firm price from service providers.

"It was a bidder's market," he said. When he finally did get a figure, "the net price was just unbelievable."

The American Society of Travel Agents said 69 percent of its members reported that cruises were the hot thing to do on Millennium Eve, though prices are two to four times higher than usual.

An 11-day Carnival cruise at \$899 per person to celebrate this past New Year's Eve will be \$2,649 for the coming New Year, Conde Nast Traveler magazine reported.

Travelers were willing to put deposits on specific millennium trips last year, even before some prices were announced. Now that the cost is in, some are having second thoughts, Jackson said. Because of the volatility, Jackson's agency isn't pushing millennium trips.

It's the same at Welcome Aboard Travel in Scottsdale, Ariz., where there is more emphasis on trips during the year 2000 than on Millennium Eve packages.

Mary Louise Seifert, Welcome Aboard's president, said a normal round-trip airfare of \$100 per person from Phoenix to Las Vegas will be a nonrefundable \$438 for Dec. 31.

As of mid-March, Seifert had booked about 300 people on millennium trips, about normal for the holidays, she said. She predicts some late openings aboard cruise ships and in vacation packages, and she thinks prices will drop a bit as travelers suffering sticker shock pull out. Some cruise lines already are lowering prices to attract hesitant voyagers, she said.

There still are some travelers willing to dig into their wallets. Seifert, for instance, has booked four people on an around-the-world Concorde flight at \$75,000 per person.

With beautiful weather and proximity to the dateline, the South Pacific Islands seemed to be the perfect millennium destination, but the outlook is not as bright as residents had hoped.

The tiny islands, such as Fiji, Samoa, Tonga and Kiribati, can't provide lodging and transportation for the number of people who would love to make the trip, according to their national tourist offices. Gisborne, New Zealand, is having more luck.

Officials expect about 35,000 people to celebrate and take part in more than 40 special events in the small farming town.

Big-city locations throughout the world are sure to be crowded. Rome is sprucing up some of its monuments. Paris is lighting up the Eiffel Tower, and Greenwich, England, is opening the \$1.2 billion educational and entertainment center called the Millennium Dome.

"The travel industry has hyped this up," but many of the packages don't justify the prices, said Wendy Perrin, consumer news editor at Conde Nast Traveler.

Millennium Eve, however, is special enough that some people don't care. "People want to be able to tell their grandchildren about what they did," she said.

Travelers willing to wait it out can actually profit from deals in late December, Perrin said.

At World Travel, Jackson said he will rely on booking the same types of trips that the family-owned business has counted on for the past 61 years without the millennium hype that he said was just an excuse for any type of business to sell something.

"It's not like watching Mark McGwire hit the 61st home run," Jackson said. "The air is the same the next day."

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Swimming with dolphins to be option

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Like members of an underwater adventure club, vacationers in inland Orlando will soon be able to take a dip with dolphins, swim with tropical fish and stingrays, and count the colors in a coral reef. And while they may not be able to actually swim with the sharks, the predators will be lurking nearby.

SeaWorld Adventure Park Orlando has announced that its long-anticipated second theme park in central Florida, Discovery Cove, is expected to open by summer 2000. A visit will be by reservation only, and at a cost of about \$150 per person, admission will be limited to 1,000 guests per day.

Visitors also will be able to swim with tropical fish and stingrays, whose barbs will have been removed, in separate areas. Sharks and barracudas will also swim in Discovery Cove, but a clear glasslike panel will separate predators from patrons.

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FLORIDA: Disney World hotels are sold out, but other hotels and tickets to the parks are still available. Contact: Walt Disney World ticketing, 407-934-7639.

INTERNATIONAL DATE-LINE: Two Silversea cruise ships sail across the dateline at the big moment. Contact: 1-800-774-9996.

ISRAEL: Worshipers gather at Jerusalem's Church of the Holy Sepulchre and about 100,000 people circle the Dead Sea for the "Jubileum Hug." Contact: 1-800-77-ISRAEL.

LONDON: Pubs are open for 36 hours straight. In Greenwich, the Millennium Dome opens to the public Jan. 1. Contact: British Tourist Authority, 212-986-2266.

NEW YORK: A new ball of Waterford Crystal signals in the new century. Contact: Chamber of Commerce, 212-265-6460.

PARIS: The Eiffel Tower shines with 20,000 lights. Contact: French Government Tourist Office, 212-838-7800.

Some other options ...

ANGKOR: Grand finale of 16-day, Southeast Asia tour ends with entertainment at these Khmer Empire ruins in Cambodia. Contact: 1-800-642-2742. Price is \$5,595 per person, excluding airfare, Dec. 18-Jan. 2. Price based on double occupancy.

MACHU PICCHU: Dinner, Peruvian music and a special millennium show make this evening in the Andes. Contact: 1-800-255-4266. Price is \$4,930 per person including airfare from Miami, Dec. 27-Jan. 4. Price based on double occupancy.

MOROCCO: 1001 Arabian Nights Fantasia Party and a 16-course feast on New Year's Eve are part of this tour of Morocco. Contact: 1-800-644-1595. Price is \$4,495 per person and includes airfare from New York, Dec. 28-Jan. 2. Price based on double occupancy.

MOUNT KILIMANJARO: Hikers scale the mountain for a celebration on the African continent's highest point. Contact: 1-800-235-0289. Price is \$6,990 per person, including airfare from Boston or New York, Dec. 24-Jan. 9. Price based on double occupancy.

Source: Conde Nast Traveler magazine, European Travel Commission and travel brochures.

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MOSC to perform with magic company for 'Magik Vaudeville at the Pops'

By Georgia Temple

Conductor Rob Hunt is uncertain exactly how the magicians of Landis & Company Theatre of Magic will kidnap him from the stage at Lee High School on May 2. He just knows they will.

"The magicians actually make the conductor disappear at some point," Hunt said, his voice quavering ever so slightly. He paused, chuckled nervously and added, "So that's something for some of the players to look forward to."

Landis Smith, co-creator of the company, refused to answer the question during a telephone interview. He did volunteer the following: "At one point Max tries to kidnap the conductor because he wants to conduct the orchestra. And he locks him in the Houdini stocks." End of comment.

What happens then will be revealed only to those curious Midlanders attending the 3 p.m. MasterWorks concert billed as "Magik Vaudeville at the Pops." But it is interesting to note that the idea of bringing the magic troupe to Midland came from some of the symphony musicians.

"Some of our orchestra musicians also performed with the Abilene Philharmonic, and they worked with this company last year," said MOSC general manager Tim Young. "And this was just at the time we were developing our season and our theme, 'The Magic of Music.'"

"The musicians came back and told us how much they had enjoyed working with this magic company and how much they thought our audience

would enjoy hearing and seeing these performers, so we went ahead and invited them to perform."

Now the musicians have a mere three rehearsals to perfect the music, Hunt said. "It's a lot of Russian music, a lot of very hard music, composers like Khachaturian and Shostakovich and Prokofiev. Some of this music will already be associated in the minds of listeners with circuses."

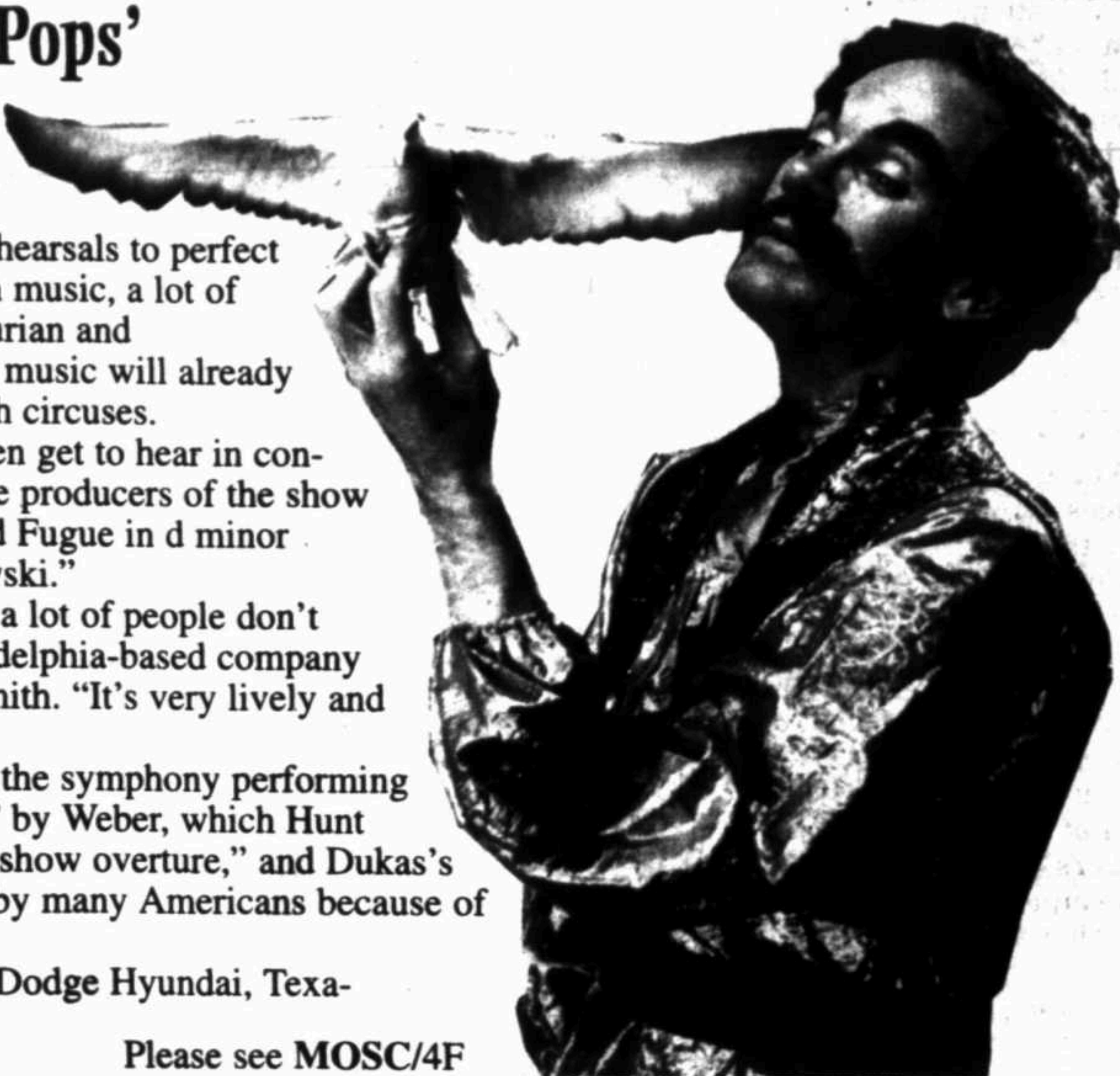
"It is wonderful music that we don't often get to hear in concerts. And I'm particularly pleased that the producers of the show chose to include the J.S. Bach Toccata and Fugue in d minor arranged for orchestra by Leopold Stokowski."

The music is "Russian ballet music that a lot of people don't hear," said Smith, co-founder of the Philadelphia-based company along with his wife, Jennifer Blatchley Smith. "It's very lively and upbeat and fun."

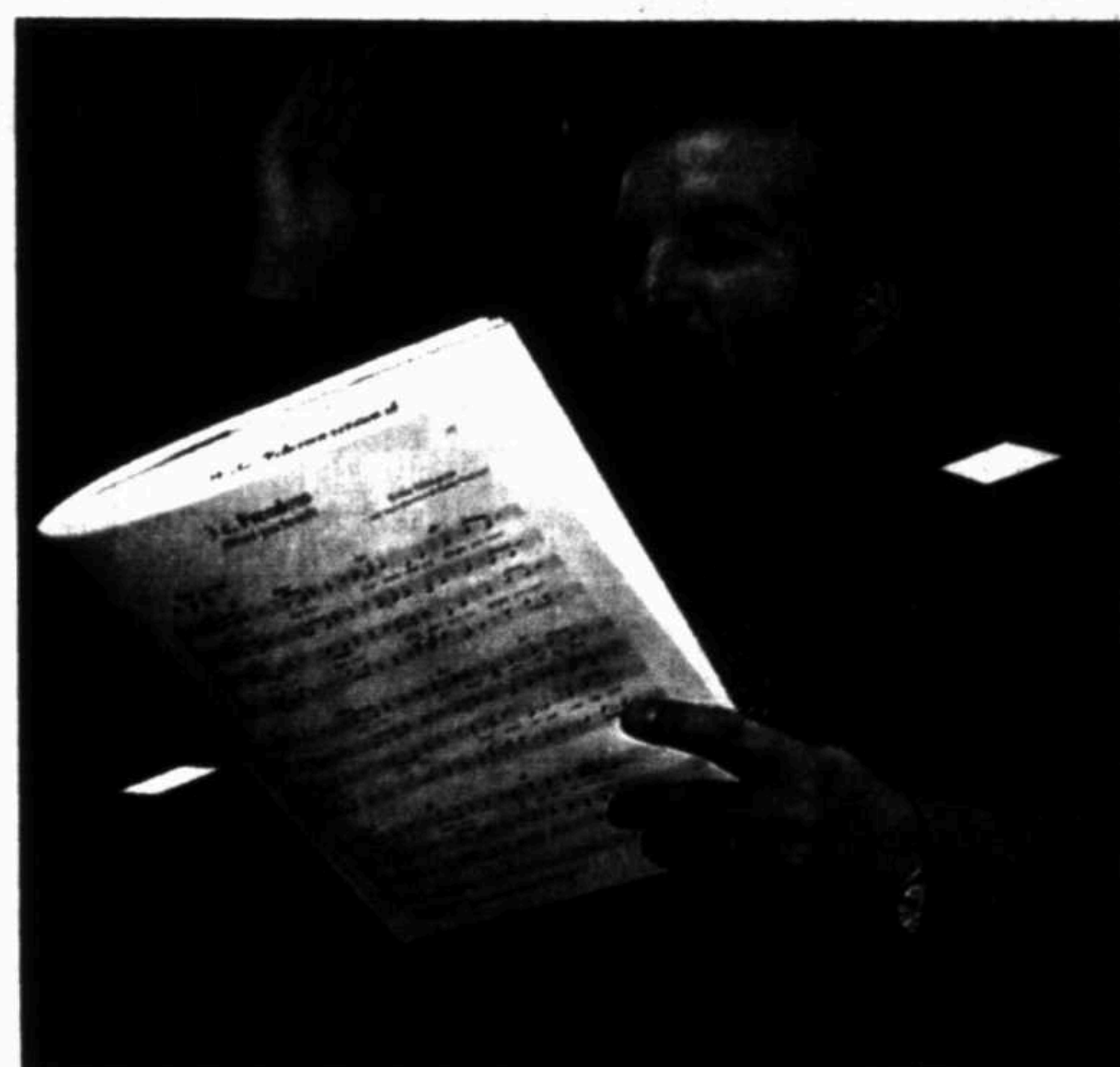
The first half of the concert will feature the symphony performing the overture to the opera "Der Freischutz" by Weber, which Hunt describes as "the precursor of the modern show overture," and Dukas's "The Sorcerer's Apprentice," recognized by many Americans because of Walt Disney's animated film "Fantasia."

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First Presbyterian Church's music ministry, West Texas Jazz Society to present ...



By Georgia Temple

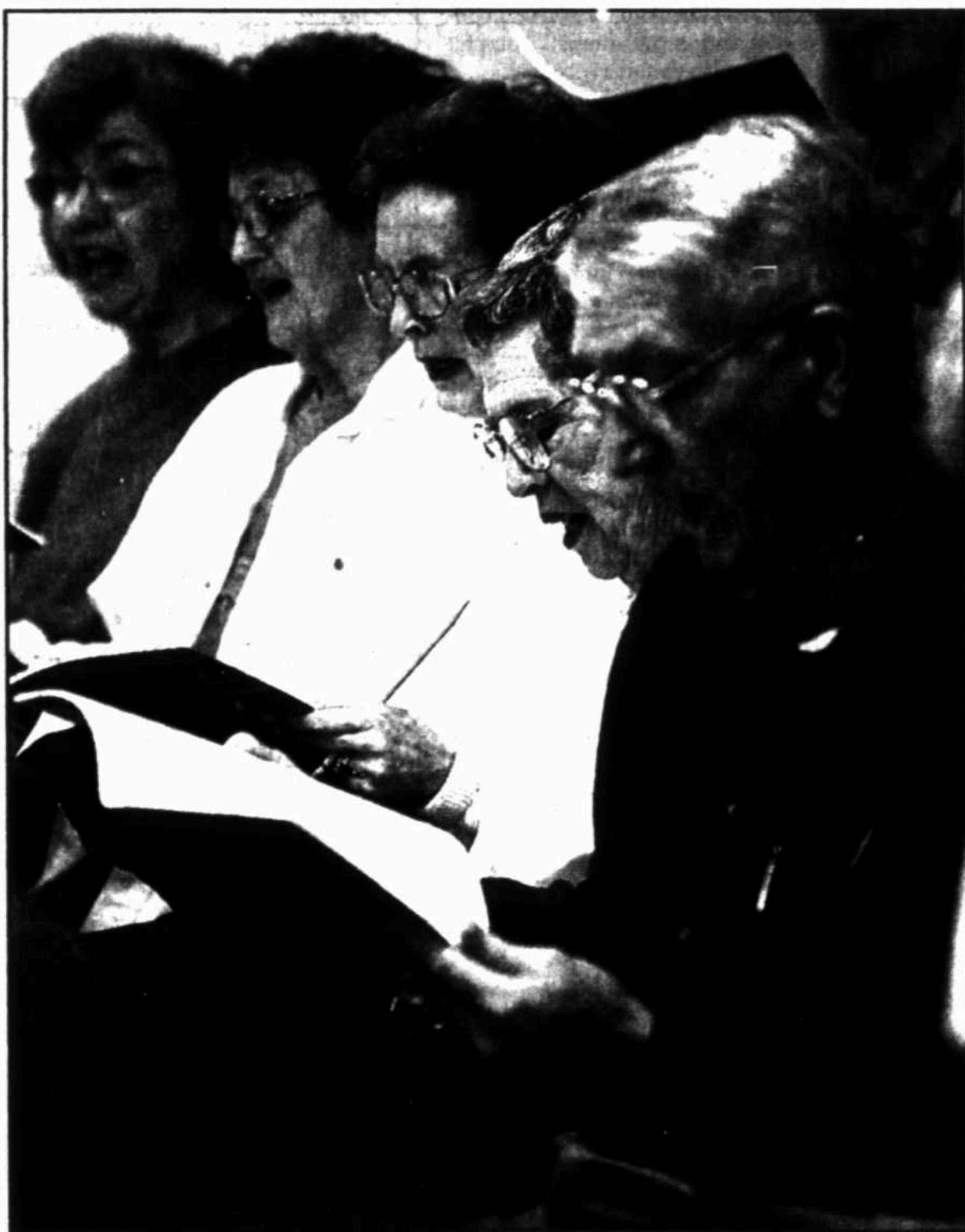
The music Duke Ellington called "the most important thing I've ever done or am ever likely to do" will fill First Presbyterian Church on May 2 when the church's music ministry and the West Texas Jazz Society present the Duke's "Sacred Concerts."

"It's a work written in the jazz idiom scored for jazz band very similar if not identical to the one he had when he did all the pieces that people know him by — 'Sophisticated Lady,' 'Take the A Train,' 'Mood Indigo,'" said Gregory Pysh, minister of music at First Presbyterian. "This is exactly the same kind of instrumentation except that the texts definitely are to be sung in a worship service in church."

The free concert, set for the sanctuary, 800 W. Texas Ave., at 7 p.m., is being held in honor of the 100th anniversary of the Duke's birth. Born on April 29, 1899, Edward Kennedy Ellington and his band became famous while performing at the Cotton Club in Harlem in New York City from 1927 to 1932.

The concert will appeal to Ellington lovers as well as sacred concert music lovers, Pysh said. "Folks who have loved Duke Ellington but don't know

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Sacred Duke Ellington's Concerts

AT TOP RIGHT: Gregory Pysh directs a rehearsal and in photos at left, members of the First Presbyterian Church music ministry practice for their May 2 performance of Duke Ellington's "Sacred Concerts" with West Texas Jazz Society.

Photos by Brian Adamcik

French performance painter to celebrate the arts with Midlanders at Preview Party

By Georgia Temple

Music inspires French performance painter Ibara, who will join Midlanders in celebrating the arts when the 16th annual festival takes over downtown May 14-16.

"He's absolutely fabulous," Robin Sams, co-chairman of Celebration of the Arts with Jeff Darr, said of Ibara. She called him "dynamic, high energy, 100 percent movement. He paints on these huge canvases to music."

Here, he will be painting to the sounds of the Lone Star Brass Quintet performing swing music for the May 14 Preview Party as well as to three local bands during the May 15-16 festival days.

"We wanted to bring in something special, something new, something that would have people walking away saying, 'Wow, that's different,'" Ms. Sams said of Ibara's act, noting that he performs throughout Europe and Asia and is "quickly

becoming one of the most sought after performance painters in America."

This year's COA features works by 70 artists from the Southwest, live entertainment, food booths, an 8:30 a.m. run for the arts May 15 sponsored by Westwood Medical Center, a 7:30 p.m. street concert May 15 featuring Ricochet, Checkpoint and Black Gold, and a free performance of Bugs and Balloons at 4 p.m. May 16. All activities begin at Midland Center and Centennial Plaza.

The preview party marks the opening of the art show and sale.

"You have the opportunity to see the art in a little bit less crowded and light-hearted environment," Ms. Sams said.

In addition to the Lone Star Brass and Ibara, Fusion Andina, a Peruvian pipe band, will perform at the preview. Admission to the preview is \$35 per person with tickets available at the door or by

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✓ The Week Ahead

Arts and Entertainment opportunities in the Permian Basin April 25-May 1

Sunday, April 25

Art exhibit, sale

ANDREWS—The 26th Annual Andrews Art Exhibit and Sale closes today at the James Roberts Center on Big Spring Highway. For information call 523-4126, 523-6034 or 524-7710.

Art exhibitions

The Ector County Independent School District and Senior High School Art Departments present their annual art exhibitions, which are being hosted by the Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin.

The junior high art exhibition has closed. The senior high art exhibition is on display at the museum through May 2. A reception and award ceremony for the senior high exhibitions will be held 2:30-3:30 p.m. today, with the awards ceremony taking place at 3 p.m. Also on display is Earth Spirit, a bronze sculpture by Freda Tschumy, through May 30. For information call the museum at 550-3811.

Entries accepted

Gallery 1114, located at 1114 N. Big Spring St., is hosting its annual Open Show, which is open to anyone in West Texas. Paintings, drawings, photography, sculpture and music entries by area artists were accepted.

The show continues through May 2, gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday or by appointment by calling 685-9944.

Monday, April 26

Live entertainment

ODESSA — Live entertainment starts at 9 p.m. every Monday through Saturday at Chelsea Street Pub, located in Music City Mall in Odessa.

Entertainment for the month of May is: May 3-8 Rocky Richardson; May 10-15 Luscious Funk; May 17-22 The Talk; May 24-26 TBA; May 27-29 Clockwork Orange; and May 31-June 5 Rocky Richardson. There is no cover charge. Please use outside entrance after mall hours.

Works featured

"Dos Lunas," an exhibit of paintings prepared by the Dos Lunas Gallery of Taos, N.M., and featuring the works of Marvin Moon, Gregory Moon, Sam Yeates and Bob Renwick, will be on display through Monday at the Midland Woman's Club on E. Wadley St.

Visitors are asked to call ahead to the Woman's Club, 684-6811, for information concerning specific viewing times.

Paintings shown

A showing of paintings by Midlander Nelda Cooper closes Friday at Midland American Bank.

Ms. Cooper is a member of Midland Arts Association and the Midland Palette Club.

ART: Performance painter to be at COA's Preview Party

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calling the Arts Assembly of Midland, 687-1149.

The evening includes sampling culinary treats from Black-eyed Pea, Gerardo's Grill & Cantina, the Midland Hilton, Jazz, Main Events and Catering, Outback Steakhouse, Ruby Tuesday's and Zucchi's. Desserts on the preview menu come from Back Door Catering, Brenda Land, Duo Delights, H-E-B, It's a Matter of Taste and Susie's South 40. Art Cole, this year's Distin-

Thursday, April 29

Series of events

Midland College will have a series of events Thursday and will highlight the artistic achievements of Midland College students. The events will be in the Allison Fine Arts Building. All events are free and open to the public.

The events are: Annual creative writing contest awards, 6:15 p.m. in the Wagner and Brown Auditorium; opening of the student art show, 6:30 p.m. in McCormick Gallery; mural dedication 7 p.m. in the choir room; Chaparral Singers in concert, 8 p.m. in the Wagner and Brown Auditorium.

For more information call 685-4624.

Performance set

FORT WORTH—Casa Manana has announced the return of Joe Sears Jaston Williams starring in Red, White and Tuna at the Will Rogers Auditorium for a special five performance engagement, April 29-May 2.

Performance times are: Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Sunday at 2 p.m. Ticket prices are \$18, \$26, \$30 and \$34 depending upon seating location, and may be purchased either by visiting the Casa Manana box office or by contacting TicketMaster at (972) 647-5700.

Friday, April 30

Live entertainment

The Press Box Sports Cafe, 3303 N. Midkiff Rd., features live entertainment weekends and some Thursdays. Show time is 8:30 p.m. weekdays and 9:30 p.m. weekends unless noted otherwise.

Oil Pan Jack, April 30 and May 1.

Mummers party

Summer Mummers will have their kick off party 7 p.m. Friday at the historic Yucca Theatre.

Concert presented

Lisa Schaffer-Harris, a native Minnesotan now living here, will be presenting a concert of art songs and arias at Midland College Fine Arts Center Auditorium 8 p.m. Friday. She recently appeared in Midland Opera Theater's "Opera in the Park."

Exhibit set

"Healing Through the Arts" exhibit, sponsored by the Children's Advocacy Center of Midland and the Midland Rape Crisis Center, closes Friday in The Heritage Center lobby, 500 N. Lorraine.

For more information contact Nancy Henderson, 697-2479, or e-mail cronezone@ix.net.

Saturday, May 1

Ballet auditions

LUBBOCK—Ballet Lubbock will have auditions for experienced

dancers for the 1999-2000 season Saturday at the Ballet Lubbock School, 5015 University Avenue in the University Park Center. For information call (806) 785-3090.

USO show

Victory on Stage, a recreation of a USO show, takes the Yucca Theatre stage, 208 N. Colorado Ave., beginning at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Cherry Jones is choreographing the show. MC will be Dan Macklem. War era music will be presented by Frances Heltzel. Dinner will be served by Murray and the Frenchman.

Curtain is at 8 p.m. For reservations call 683-1933.

The event is a benefit for the Southeast Center After-School Program, a retired & Senior Volunteer Program project.

Midlander in the News



Best actor award

Dan Hodge, Midland High School senior, won the District 4-5A One-Act Play Competition Best Actor Award for the third consecutive year.

Portraying the title character in "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street," Hodge received the award out of a group of 29 male actors. The emotional role of Sweeney Todd is different than the calm, fatherly psychiatrist that Hodge portrayed in last year's entry, "David and Lisa."

In the fall, Hodge will be attending the University of Evansville, one of the most prestigious university theater programs in the country. The department accepts only 10 male students annually.

MHS Theatre will present "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street" at 7 p.m. Thursday in the school's auditorium. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2 for students and are available at the door.

District UIL One-Act Play Competition was held at Lee High School April 1, tow other actors in the cast received acting awards: David Curtis, Honorable Mention All Star Cast; and Jerad Dickey, All Star Cast. Midland High was one of only three high schools in District 4-A to receive at least three acting awards.

"Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street" by C.G. Bond is based on an English legend about a London barber who killed many of his customers and then, with the help of a female accomplice, disposed of the bodies by making them into meat pies.

The real Sweeney was tried and hanged for his crimes in 1802. He was fictionalized about 50 years later in a "penny dreadful," an English dime novel popular in the 1800s. Most recently, the C.G. Bond play was adapted into a hit Broadway musical by Stephen Sondheim.

Upcoming in Midland/Odessa

Program presented

ODESSA — Authors Gary Wiles and Delores Brown will present a program on Presidential and Texas history of the early 1800s. Their program is based on their nonfiction historical books, "Ponder The Path," "Behold The Shining Mountains" and "Trails of the White Savages."

The program is set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 15 at The Presidential Museum, 622 N. Lee.

Auditions held

Auditions are set for Midland Community Theatre's 1999 Summer Mummies, "Meteor Crater Madness" or "Can't Tell an Asteroid from a Hole in the Ground."

Auditions will be May 2-4 in the Davis Theatre I. Scripts are available at the MCT business office. For information call 682-2544.

Art show set

The Heritage Reunion Art Show, a Salute to West Texas Artists will be held 6:30 p.m. May 1 at the Scarborough/Lineberry House, 802 South Main.

Diamond M. Chuck Wagon Gang will cater the meal. Entertainment will be provided by Ricky Boen and Texas Mud. Also Don and Glenda Group will perform.

Foxworthy performs

Jeff Foxworthy with special guest Ron White will perform May 7 at 8 p.m. at Chaparral Center.

Tickets are on sale at CD Warehouse/Midland, Endless Horizons/Odessa, Sound Decision/Big Spring, Dan's Music & Video/Pecos, Wakked out World/Andrews.

Tickets are \$22.50 and may be charged by phone by calling (800) 462-7979.

Art exhibit, sale

The 1999 Juried Invitational Art Exhibit and Sale of Representative Art goes on display at the Haley Library, 1805 W. Indiana Ave., May 8. The opening reception is set for 6:30 to 9 p.m. that day.

The exhibit and sale is sponsored by William Hagerman, owner of Creative Edge Studio and Gallery and vice president of the American Plains Artists. Juror will be Scott Christensen of Jackson Hole, Wyo.

White to perform

Bryan White, known for his hit singles, "I'm Not Supposed To Love You Anymore," "Sittin' On Go," and "That's Another Song," will perform May 8 at 9:30 p.m. at the Confederate Air Force Hanger.

His Midland performance is part of the American Cancer Society's Round Up '99, set for 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. This year's event will honor the memory of Steven P. Sledge. Wrangler tickets are \$200 per couple. Advance reservations are required. For more information call 683-6374.

Performance set

Midland/Odessa Hispanic Festival "Superstars of Tejano" will perform at Twin Cities Speedway May 1 and 2.

Tickets are available at Lechuga's Video, Endless Horizons, Bajito Body Shop, CD Warehouse, La Tropicana Records, J&L One Stop, Dans Music, and Casa Madrid. Tickets may be purchased by phone by calling 1-800-462-7979. For commercial booth information call 580-8112 or 567-9999.

Show presented

Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley will have a gala performance of Nunsense Jamboree on May 6 at 8 p.m. and a public performance May 7 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for the gala performance and \$10 for the public performance. For reservations or more information call 682-4111.

Paintings displayed

The Garden Room at Midland Country Club will display oil paintings by Ginger Witte through June. Ms. Witte is a multi-media artist and children's art teacher at Paint and Palette. She has exhibited at Celebration of the Arts, September, Cole Theater, and has been buried into many Midland Arts Association shows held at the Museum of the Southwest and Midland College.

For information call 687-0908.

Performance set

Cadillac Voodoo Choir will perform at The Press Box, located at 3303 N. Midkiff Suite 160, May 6-7. Show time is 8:30 p.m. weekdays and 9:30 p.m. weekends unless noted otherwise. For information call 689-9966.

Jazz Party

The 1999 West Texas Jazz Party will be May 20-22 at the Midland Hilton. Featured will be 19 world-famous jazz musicians during three evening jam sessions.

Reserved seat patron tickets for the three-night event are \$150 per seat for society members and \$175

per seat for non-members. For more information contact (915) 362-1191, 333-1051 or (800) 458-2878. This event is made possible in part through support from Abell-Hanger Foundation and Continental Airlines.

Upcoming Outside Midland/Odessa

Special performance

FORT WORTH—Casa Manana has announced that box office sales for the production of "A Chorus Line" have exceeded expectations and that a special command performance has been added to the schedule on Thursday, 2 p.m. May 6.

The production will be at the Bass Performance Hall May 4-9. Performances are: Tuesday and Wednesday at 8 p.m.; Thursday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Friday at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Sunday at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$62, \$46, \$35 and \$24 depending upon seating location and may be purchased at the Casa Manana box office or by contacting TicketMaster at (972) 647-5700.

Tonight On Field Photo Night!
Midland RockHounds vs. Wichita Wranglers
6:00 p.m.
www.midlandrockhounds.org 683-4521

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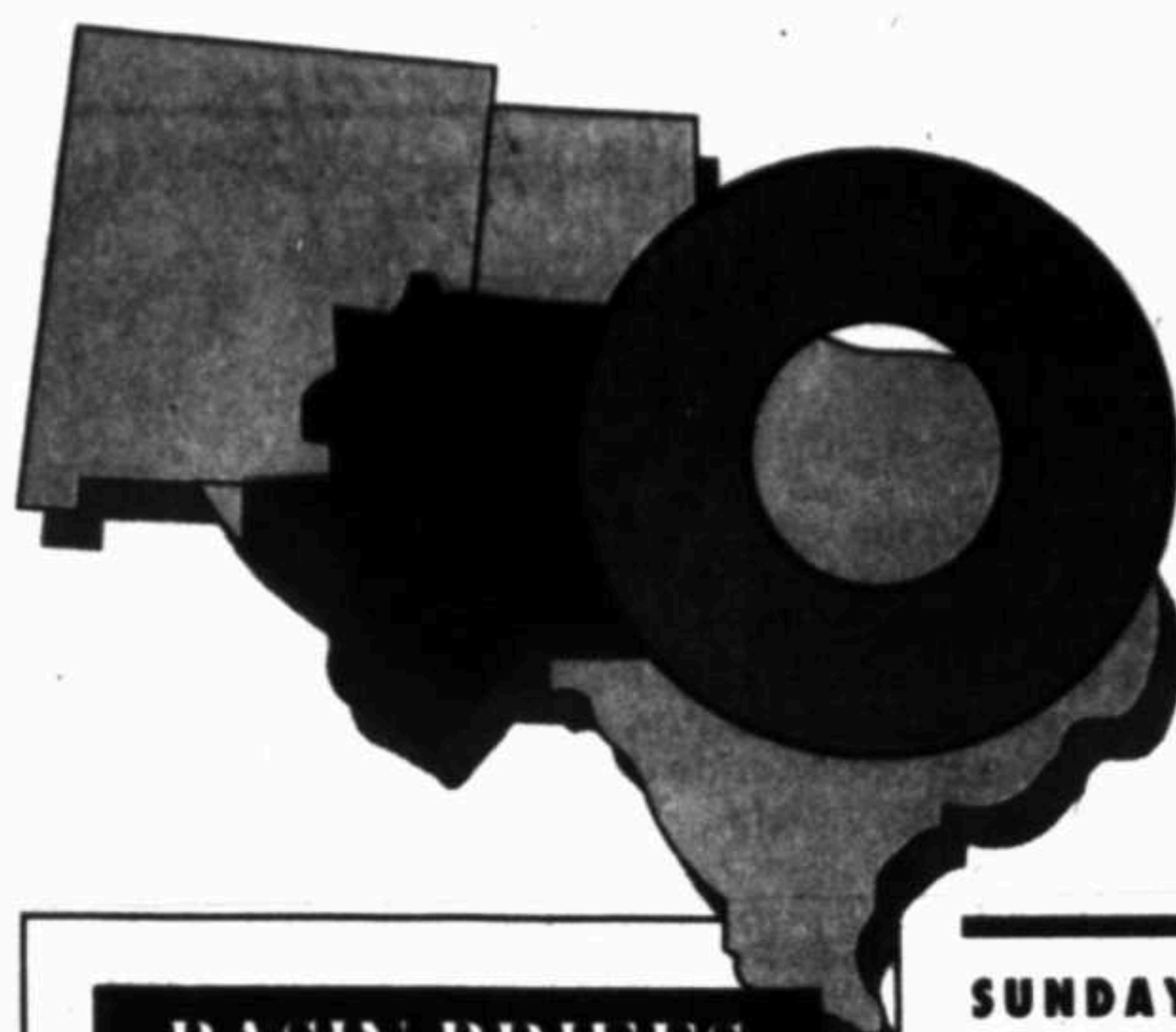
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If you want to have a blast this summer, join us for fun, food, and frivolity on
FRIDAY - APRIL 30TH - 7:00 PM
AT THE HISTORIC YUCCA THEATRE
This is a great opportunity to learn more about becoming a volunteer for the 51st season!
SUMMER MUMMERS AUDITIONS!
May 2-4, 1999
Sunday, May 2nd, 4-6 pm (Olio) 7-9 PM (Melodrama)
Monday, May 3rd, 7-9 PM (Melodrama)
Tuesday, May 4th, 7-9 PM (Olio)
Auditions will be held in the Cole Theatre located at 2000 W. Wadley, NOT at the Yucca Theatre.

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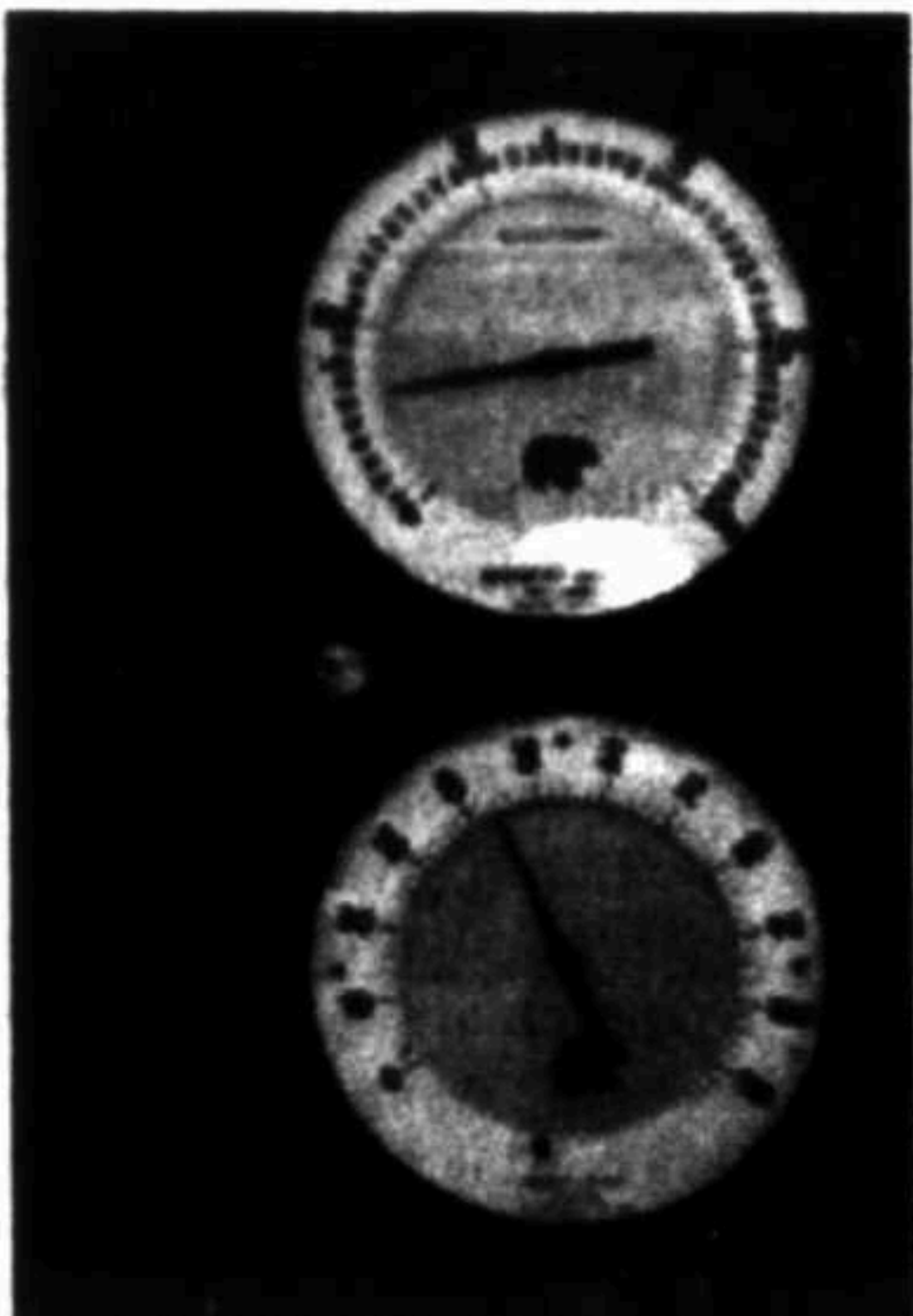


PERMIAN BASIN OIL & GAS REPORT

SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 1999

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BASIN BRIEFS



Idle indicators on an idle rig. Rising oil prices could put rigs back to work in the coming months. Some operators have indicated they will begin to loosen up on drilling by mid-summer. See Oil Prices /5

PBGC to offer classes

The Permian Basin Graduate Center will offer two one-day classes in May.

Sidney S. Moran, a Houston Consultant, will hold the "Value Map" Appraisal of Settled Oil and Gas Properties and Royalties course Monday, May 10 from 8:30am to 4:30pm. Tuesday, May 11 Moran will instruct the "Evaluation of Exploratory Ventures" from 8:30am to 4:30pm. Cost for both days is \$270 and cost for each individual course is \$150.

"Value Map" Appraisal of Settled Oil and Gas Properties and Royalties will offer topics including discounted cash flow and estimations of decline rate. Other topics include the estimation of operating costs and revenues, value map construction and use, and insights gained from value maps. Participants will appraise a number of properties and royalties. The course qualifies for six RLP or six CPL AAPL recertification credits.

"Evaluation of Exploratory Ventures" will involve the estimates of reward if successful, probability of success, cost of failure, reward to risk ratios, and "gambler's ruin." The course will also cover the estimation of the maximum value of exploratory acreage, and the conversion of prospect parameters to discounted cash flow values without the need for a full scale model study. Participants will evaluate several exploration ventures. Prerequisite: "Value Map" Appraisal of Settled Oil and Gas Properties and Royalties class or a knowledge of discounted cash flow, estimation of decline rate, estimation of operating costs and revenues, value map construction and use, and insights gained from value maps. The course qualifies for six RLP or six CPL AAPL recertification credits.

To register or for further information call 683-2832. Visit the Permian Basin Graduate Center web site at www.pbgc.org for a complete listing of courses.

Oneok cancels plans

TULSA (Bloomberg) -- Oneok Inc., the largest natural gas distributor in Oklahoma and Kansas, said it canceled plans to invest \$100 million in Costilla Energy Inc. because Costilla failed to live up to its end of the agreement.

Tulsa-based Oneok planned to buy \$65 million of Costilla's preferred stock and \$35 million of oil and gas properties if Costilla completed its \$335 million acquisition of oil and gas properties in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas owned by Pioneer Natural Resources Co.

Pioneer canceled the sale on April 15 because Costilla failed to satisfy its purchase agreement. Costilla said it has to sell assets to meet mandatory payments it owes its creditors.

Shares of Oneok rose 5/16 to 27 9/16. Shares of Costilla fell 7/16 to 1/2.

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Higher oil prices hold hope for healing

■ Prices head upward but damage to upstream infrastructure slow to heal.

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

West Texas Intermediate, since the first of March, has increased from just over \$12 to almost \$18 this week, bringing loads of hope but few signs of healing to the damaged upstream infrastructure.

The road back to \$20 per barrel oil, the price two years ago, began in March as the result of an agreement by OPEC countries to cut production by over 2 million barrels per day. But analysts say there has not been enough time for healing in the upstream sector to heal. Drilling, employment, and production continued downward, while imports increased.

The American Petroleum Institute in its Monthly Statistical Report says first quarter domestic crude oil production dropped about 7 percent, while the number of working rigs were down 30 percent from last year to 412. The number of rigs drilling for oil continued downward from 117 in February to 112 in March, while rigs drilling for gas were up by a large margin.

Don Laxton, vice president FWA-Peterson, said he was hopeful the price accord among OPEC members would hold. "Let the activity begin, we are ready to get back to work."

Another 3,600 jobs were lost from February through March, says API, bringing the total number of upstream jobs lost since December 1997 to 54,400, or about 16 percent of the total upstream work force. In the first three months of 1999 alone, losses have amounted to 24,000 jobs for a drop of nearly 8 percent.

One other factor that indicates damage to the upstream sector is the March Federal Lease Sale, in the Central Gulf of Mexico. The sale netted only \$172 million or less than one-fourth of the \$810 million in high bids from the sale last year. Also, there were only 272 bids on 207 blocks this March, compared to 1,188 bids on 794



A roughneck for Big Dog Drilling makes a connection on a rotary rig near Midland. Oil prices are going up, but trends are still downward. Analysts say it will be months before confidence is restored and rigs go back to work.

blocks last year.

The lack of drilling and remedial work took a heavy toll on U.S. crude oil production which continued to drop in March. Production from the lower 48 states declined 6.4 percent from 5,130,000 barrels per day a year ago to 4,803,000 this year. Alaskan production

declined 10.5 percent from 1,224,000 last March to 1,095,000 in 1999.

Before the price crash of 1997 there had been signs that the crude oil decline in the U.S. was slowing and flattening, but last month crude oil imports, once again, turned upward from 8.29 million barrels per day in

February to 8.38 in March, the highest level since November of last year.

Just as it took several months for the damage to appear when prices started to crash in 1997, analysts say it will take several months of sustained higher prices to see some healing in the infrastructure.

U.S. natural gas producers expect 30 Tcf gas demand in the year 2013

By Katherine M. Reynolds
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Washington, April 21 (Bloomberg) -- The U.S. natural gas industry can fill the expected demand of 30 trillion cubic feet in 2013 if the federal government opens more land to exploration while lowering tax and royalty costs, industry officials told Congress.

"Market expansion is not a given," Keith E. Bailey, chairman and chief executive of Williams Cos. Inc., the largest U.S. transporter of natural gas, told the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. "Congress should move to make access to the resource base on public lands more available."

While Bailey and gas producers disagreed on how the Clinton administration should set pipeline rates, they said Congress and the administration could make it easier to explore and drill. The industry says bans on offshore drilling have cut off 82 percent of the highest-potential sources.

Mild weather has reduced demand for natural gas, and prices fell to a 3 1/2 year low on February 26. Low prices have discouraged investment in new production.

Active oil and gas rigs in the U.S. and Gulf of Mexico have dropped to fewer than 600 from more than 1,000 a year ago, according to Baker Hughes

Inc., the Houston supplier of drilling equipment and services.

Increased use of natural gas in making electricity will help boost U.S. demand for natural gas from last year's 21 trillion cubic feet by 43 percent to 30 trillion in 2013, Jay Hakes, administrator of the U.S. Energy Department's Energy Informa-

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tion Administration, told the committee.

Rising Canadian imports will help meet the demand, which will reach 32 trillion cubic feet by 2020, Hakes said. Prices at the wellhead will reach \$2.55 per thousand cubic feet in 2013 and \$2.68 in 2020, according to administration projections.

"The real price of natural gas is much higher than it was in 1955, exploration and production costs are lower in real terms, technology is better, and the regulatory environment is much more favorable to gas production," he said.

An executive with a gas exploration company said the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission needs to set rates in a way that will hold down pipeline costs that are now excessive.

Instead, the commission is considering rules that will increase costs, said Richard J. Sharples, president of Anadarko Energy Services Co., a subsidiary of Houston-based Anadarko Petroleum Corp.

Another executive, H.G. Kleemeier, chief operating officer of Kaiser-Francis Oil Company in Tulsa, Oklahoma, said the proposal "would provide pipelines with enhanced abilities to charge rates above a just and reasonable level and discriminate in the quality of service provided."

Bailey, whose Tulsa, Oklahoma, company runs five interstate pipelines, disagreed, saying the carriers need rates of return of at least 13 percent, as the commission recently allowed, in order to attract investors.

Natural gas for May delivery at the Henry Hub in Louisiana rose 3 cents, or 1.4 percent, to \$2.174 per million British thermal units on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

JOHN PAUL PITTS

Action against Venezuela's price policy still on track

Bad feelings between the U.S. oil producers and Venezuela, America's number one crude oil supplier, may not be getting better anytime soon.

Some 22 regional oil and gas associations have now signed on to a plan to bring legal action against the South American oil company, and three other producers, for dumping excessively low-priced crude oil in the U.S.

Moreover, there are some independent now suggest that a boycott, in this country, of retail gasoline outlets owned in part by foreign producers accused of product dumping may be needed to get their attention. "The outrage at being economically torpedoed shows no signs of dissipation," said one Midland operator.

Said Harold Hamm, Chairman of Committee to Save Domestic Oil,

which is leading the battle to deliver a petition to the Department of Commerce charging Venezuela, Mexico, Kuwait and Iraq with dumping crude oil priced under the cost of production in the U.S.

"A boycott of Citgo may be the next thing to come up with. If they knowingly helped destroy U.S. producers, they may be in line for reprisal," Hamm said. Venezuela, which owns a large share of Citgo, had an elaborate plan to destroy high cost U.S. oil producers. "A boycott

is a perfectly legitimate option," said Frank Cahoon, a Midland oil operator. "Citgo, which supplies many 7-Eleven stores is 100 percent owned by Venezuela." Cahoon said you cannot attack the entire world at once, and Venezuela appears to be the first and most-likely target, because of its openly stated pricing policies.

Hamm says Venezuela's plan to wreck U.S. producers was clearly spelled out in a December 3, 1997 copyrighted article in the Oil Daily article by Journalist Jason Feer, who obtained his information from an extensive network of reporters and sources inside Venezuela. Members of Petroleos de Venezuela S.A. (PDVSA) were listed as sources in the article, that has now come back to haunt the national oil company.

Here in paraphrased essence is what Feer, a former journalist in Venezuela, and now publisher of three Latin American energy newsletters reported:

--- Top officials at Venezuelan national oil company (PDVSA) advocate a policy to bring world oil prices down sharply in order to gain market share.

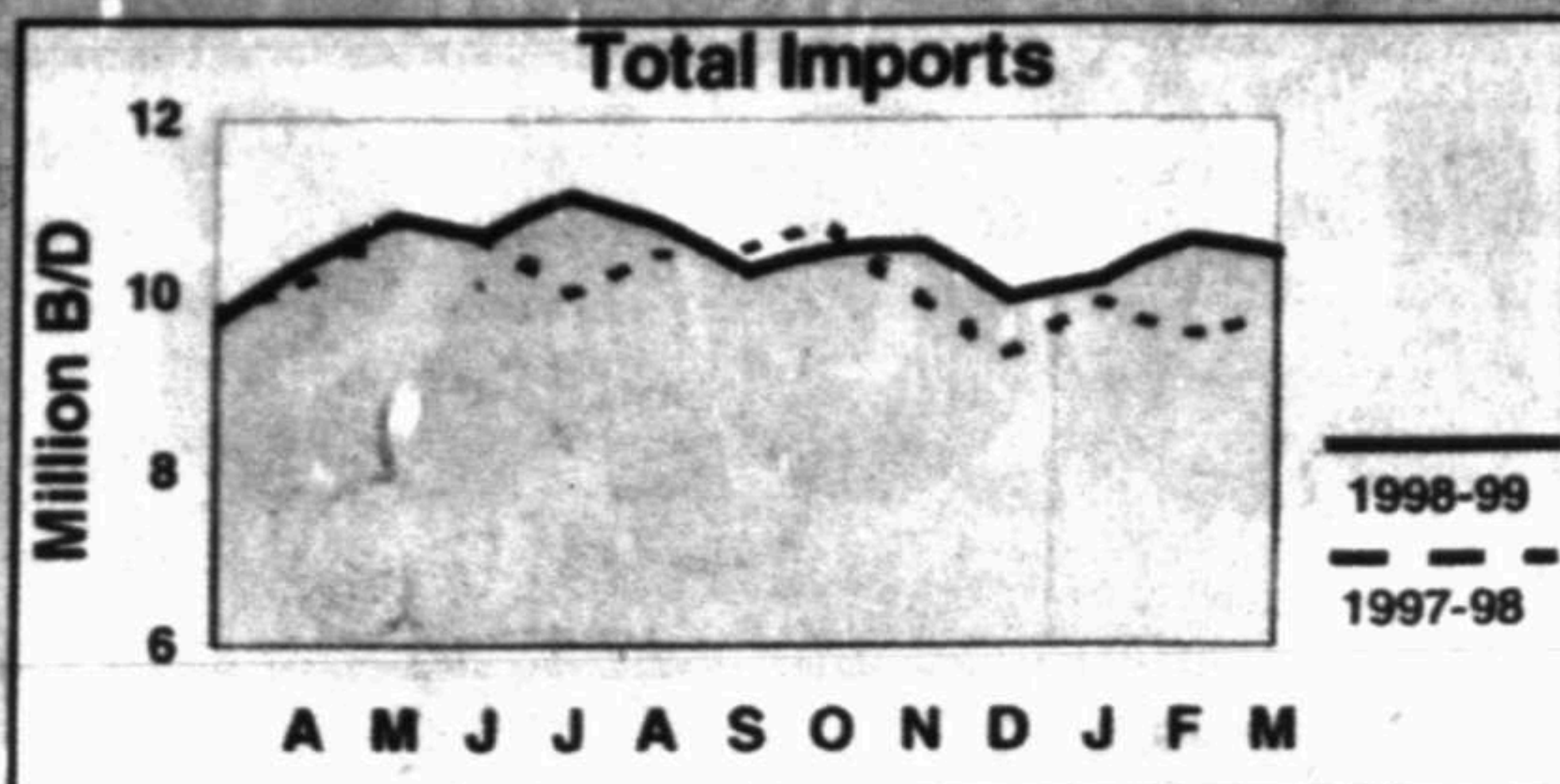
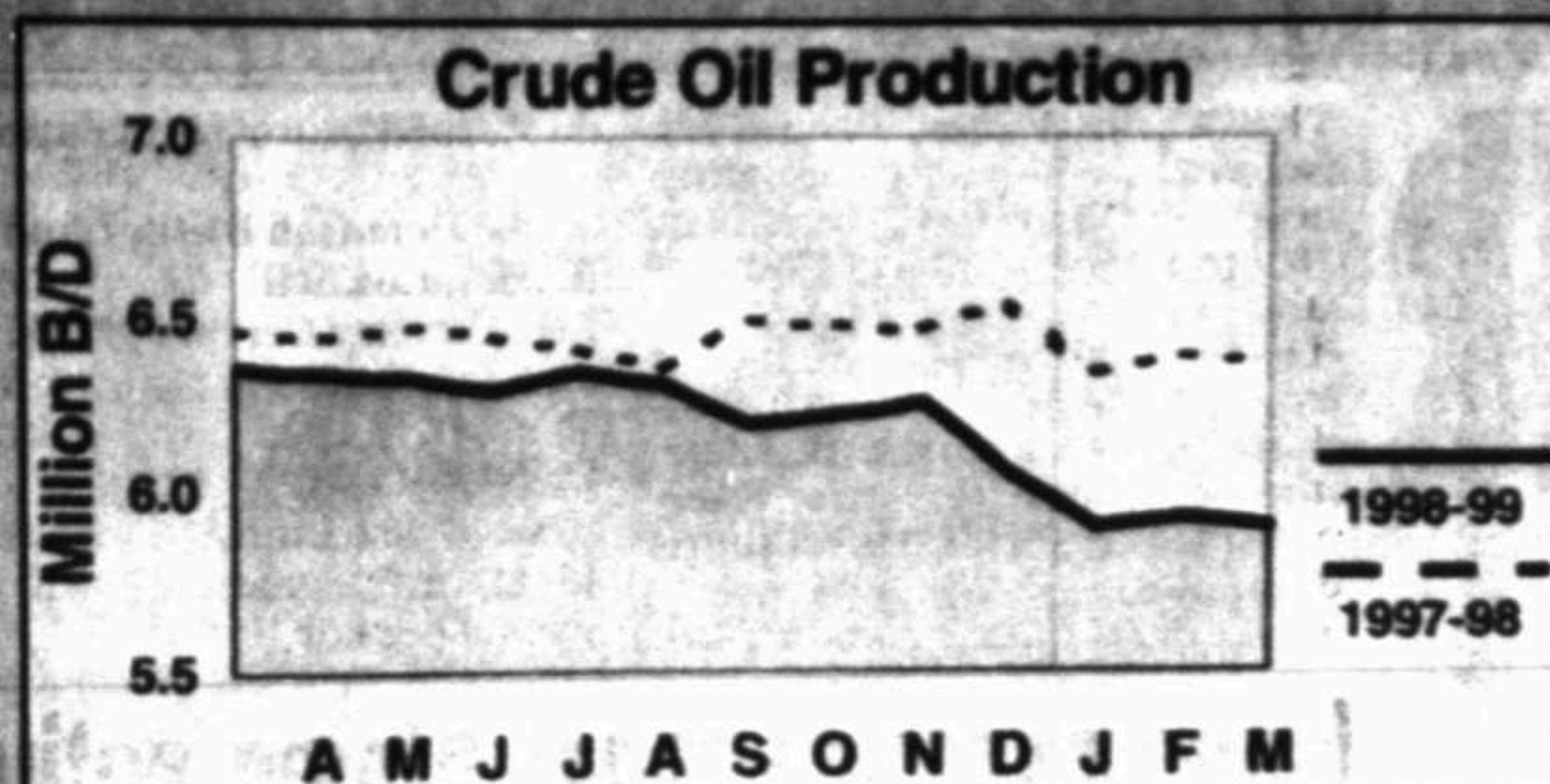
--- PDVSA officials say lower prices would help the company gain market share by shutting in some marginal production and putting some high cost producers, particularly in the U.S., out of business. An increase of 300,000 barrels per day, would offset a \$2 price drop, which PDVSA believes would be more than made up by increased market share.

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Wrong way trends

U.S. production continues downward, as crude oil imports continue to increase. The trends, which were beginning to show signs of turning before the price crash of 1997, are expected to continue in the wrong direction for months to come, until U.S. producers regain confidence in the market and increase activity levels.

Courtesy: American Petroleum Institute

PITTS: Price confidence lacking

(From 1)

The Venezuelan national oil company also noted that lower oil prices would slow the development of deep water and sub-salt reserves in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico and tar sands in Canada, and ensure a slow decline of U.S. production. It would also slow the advance of alternative fuels.

Venezuela planned to bring another 250-300,000 barrels on line in 1998 and maintain or increase that pace through 2006. Plans called for production to increase from 3.4 million b/d now to 6.2 million b/d by 2006 with most of the incremental output going to U.S. markets, and some to other Latin American markets.

Venezuela said the success of U.S. producers at developing more expensive prospects was a threat to PDVSA's ability to place its future production. The South American oil company was concerned efficient U.S. producers might halt the ongoing decline in U.S. production.

By keeping prices down, PDVSA said it would reduce its own income in the short term, but would benefit in the long term by capturing market share vacated

by the high cost producers — namely in the U.S.

The article noted that PDVSA may not have the productive capacity to flood world markets with crude, but it could try to send prices lower by adopting netback pricing and sending additional supplies to the U.S. Gulf Coast. It is also noted that since the economics of lower prices are the same for large OPEC producers, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates would have an incentive to increase production.

In an interview with Feer, he told me that there was no evidence that this plan to crash oil prices, drive U.S. producers out of business and capture market share ever became official government policy. But official or not the results were right on target.

When Saudi Arabia increased production in late 1997, sending oil prices downward, Saudi officials said it was to make Venezuela get in line with its quotas. Shortly afterward, the Saudi-Venezuela glut was compounded, when the bottom fell out of the Asian markets. "Asia torpedoed demand and the Venezuelan plan," said Feer.

"It turned out to be a much bigger factor than Venezuela's over production."

Hamm believes that Venezuela wanted to take prices down by only \$2, but the price drop got away from them. The same thing is reported to have happened in 1976 when Saudi Arabia increased production to drop world crude prices.

Saudi Oil Minister Sheikh Yamani is reported to have told the chairman of a major oil company that the intent was to take oil prices from \$27 down to \$20. "Prices got away from us. They dropped past \$20 so fast we didn't even

He also noted that lower oil prices were not supposed to happen so soon — not until Venezuela had built up an inventory of production. Oil prices, however, began to slide about the time Venezuela's price-crashing plan was broached by the Oil Daily on December 3, 1997.

Feer said no one should be surprised at such a pricing policy. "The oil business is a cut throat business. It is common practice in the oil industry." He said in many ways U.S. producers had become a victim of their own success. They had become too efficient at producing oil.

"We don't know trade laws very well," said Hamm, but they do. The best thing Venezuela has

going for it is close proximity to world's largest energy market. It would be a shame for them to jeopardize that market."

Hamm said the Department of Commerce petition was in the research stage and will be filed at the end of May. The tiff between Hamm IPAA and Chairman George Yates for not responding immediately to Save Domestic Oil's pitch for IPAA to join the suit, seems to have dissipated. "We have met and talked. We don't have any differences and we are going forward. There was nothing personal. We thought they were dragging their feet, but we no longer believe that," said Hamm. IPAA will meet in Charleston S.C. on May 11, where the board of governors will vote on support for the petition.

"PDVSA may have had an elaborate plan to shrink U.S. production. The only thing they didn't plan on was the consequences. They didn't dream they would encounter any resistance from U.S. producers," said Hamm.

John Paul Pitts is oil editor of the Midland Reporter Telegram

BOTTOM LINES

Noble drilling reports first quarter 1999 results

HOUSTON — Noble Drilling Corp. reported net income, excluding the effects of non-recurring items, for the first quarter of 1999 of \$26.3 million, or \$0.20 per diluted share, on operating revenues of \$180.1 million, compared to net income of \$46.2 million, or \$0.35 per diluted share, on operating revenues of \$189.0 million for the first quarter of 1998. Results for the first quarter of 1999 included an extraordinary charge of \$10.8

million, net of taxes of \$5.9 million, related to the Company's purchase and retirement of \$125 million principal amount of its 91/8% Senior Notes due 2006. The Company financed the retirement of the 2006 notes with a portion of the net proceeds from the issuance on March 16, 1999 of \$150 million principal amount of its 6.95% Senior Notes due 2009 and \$250 million principal amount of its 7.50% Senior Notes due 2019.

Pacific Resource declares quarterly dividend

FORT WORTH, Texas—Union Pacific Resources Group Inc. has declared a quarterly dividend of five cents per share on its common stock, payable July 1, 1999, to shareholders of record as of June 9, 1999. Union

Pacific Resources is one of the nation's largest independent oil and gas exploration and production companies. Based in Fort Worth, Texas, UPR has been the No. 1 domestic driller for the past seven years.

El Paso Energy reports quarterly dividends

HOUSTON — The Board of Directors of El Paso Energy Corporation declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.20 per share on the company's outstanding common stock. The dividend will be payable July 1, 1999 to shareholders of record as of the close of business on June 4, 1999.

With over \$10 billion in assets, El Paso Energy Corporation provides energy solutions through five business units: Tennessee Gas Pipeline Compa-

ny, El Paso Natural Gas Company, El Paso Field Services Company, El Paso Energy Marketing Company, and El Paso Energy International Company. The company owns the nation's only integrated coast-to-coast natural gas pipeline system and has operations in interstate natural gas transmission, gas gathering and processing, energy marketing, and international infrastructure development.

GeoResources announces stock purchase

WILLISTON, N.D. — GeoResources, Inc. has announced that its Board of Directors has approved a discretionary program to repurchase up to 50,000 shares of the Company's outstanding common stock. Subject to price and market conditions, these purchases will be made from time to time in open market transactions using the Company's available cash.

"This share repurchase program reflects our confidence in

Geo's business and reinforces management's commitment to further enhance shareholder value," said J. P. Vickers, President. "Management and the Board of Directors do not believe that the market's current valuation of Geo's equity reflects the strengths and prospects of our company and, therefore, the Board decided to be in a position to buy back our stock opportunistically."

OMNI Energy reports results for first quarter

CARENCRO, La., — OMNI Energy Services Corp. announced a net loss for the first quarter of \$1.2 million (\$0.08 per basic share) on revenues of \$9.6 million. These results compare to revenues of \$18.3 million and net income of \$1.8 million (\$0.12 per share), for the first quarter of 1998.

Robert F. Nash, president and chief executive officer, said, "the operating results for the quarter primarily reflect continued depressed demand for OMNI's services occasioned by the recent unprecedented decline in oil and gas prices. I am, however, encouraged by the improving expense levels reflected in the quarter's results

as well as the increased amount of bid activity which the Company has seen in recent weeks. OMNI is well positioned to participate in the market recovery, when it occurs."

Headquartered in Carencro, La., OMNI provides a broad range of integrated services to both geophysical and exploration and production companies engaged in the acquisition of on-shore seismic data. The Company provides its services through three business units: Seismic Drilling, Seismic Survey and Helicopter Support. OMNI specializes in operations in logistically difficult and environmentally sensitive terrain worldwide.

USX Marathon has 1st qtr loss on low oil prices

By David Wells
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Houston, April 22 (Bloomberg) — USX-Marathon Group, the sixth-largest U.S. oil company, said it had a first-quarter loss because of reduced profits on fuel sales and low oil and natural gas prices. Marathon, a separately traded unit of Pittsburgh-based USX Corp., said its loss from operations was \$11 million, or 4 cents a share, down from profit from operations of \$76 million, or 26 cents, in the first quarter of 1998.

The company was expected to lose 6 cents a share, the average estimate of analysts polled by First Call Corp. Estimates ranged from a loss of 12 cents to a break-even quarter. Sales fell 11 percent to \$4.9 billion from \$5.5 billion in the first quarter of 1998.

Marathon's earnings from selling gasoline and other products refined from crude oil fell by almost two-thirds as the company made less on every gallon it sold. "The thing that hurt them most was the weakness in refining and mar-

keting," said Michael Young, an analyst with Deutsche Bank Securities who has a "buy" rating on Marathon's stock. Shares of USX-Marathon fell 1/2 to 27 7/8 in midmorning trading.

Marathon owns 62 percent of Marathon Ashland Petroleum LLC, a refining venture with Ashland Inc., the 10th-largest

'U.S. refining is primarily driven by gasoline margins.'

Michael Young,
Analyst, Deutsche Bank Securities

U.S. oil company. Marathon's share of earnings from that division fell to \$45 million from \$128 million in the first quarter of 1998.

"U.S. refining is primarily driven by gasoline (profit) margins," Young said. "They are weakest in December, Janu-

ary and February."

The average price for regular conventional gasoline in the U.S. fell to less than 88 cents a gallon near the end of February, its lowest inflation-adjusted level since at least the 1920s, according to the American Petroleum Institute.

In the quarter, Marathon had a \$136 million gain related to an inventory adjustment and took a \$6 million charge related to the sale of its Scurlock Permian LLC unit, resulting in net income of \$119 million, or 38 cents a share. Marathon Ashland Petroleum agreed in March to sell Scurlock, which transports crude oil, to Plains All American Pipeline LP, a partnership controlled by Plains Resources Inc. of Houston.

In the first quarter of 1998, Marathon had a \$145 million gain related to Marathon Ashland Petroleum, a \$10 million gain on a natural gas contract settlement and reserve adjustment, and a \$48 million charge related to the impairment of certain international investments, resulting in net income of \$183 million, or 63 cents a share.

Oil price surge could wither on quota cheats

By Reed V. Landberg
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London, April 22 (Bloomberg) — The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries can hardly contain its glee.

Oil prices have surged 66 percent since December, and the group's Secretary General Rilwan Lukman sees oil reaching \$20 a barrel this year. Libya is concerned about what to do when oil rises above \$21, and Kuwait says it might have to turn the taps back on to push prices down to deter excess investment.

Don't bet on it, guys.

Some of the world's top oil forecasters warned at a London oil conference that rising oil supply and stagnant demand due to slower world economic growth coupled with plunging production costs probably will keep prices from rising too much.

"The minor signs of recovery that we detect are not sufficient to dispel the threat of continuing low economic growth," said Marcello Colitti, president of the chemicals unit of Eni SpA, Europe's third-biggest oil company.

The comments, made at a conference organized by the Centre for Global Energy Studies in London, a consulting firm, have implications beyond the oil industry, suggesting higher oil prices are unlikely to re-ignite inflation as in the 1970s, when OPEC last had clout.

Skepticism the oil price surge will last illustrates the difficulty in fighting market forces in the post-Cold War world. It also is a warning for investors who have driven up shares of oil companies from BP Amoco Plc to Unocal Inc. on speculation that the benchmark Brent crude oil price, at \$15.89 today, has more room to run higher.

Not so, say economists and forecasters at the conference. One reason is because the cost of finding a barrel of oil is less than half of what it was in 1981, the year after oil prices peaked near \$40 a barrel.

In the North Sea, the Royal Dutch/Shell Group, which is the world's biggest publicly traded oil company, is producing oil for about \$4 a barrel — less than half the cost a decade ago. Worldwide, oil finding costs have fallen to \$5 a barrel in 1997 from \$12 in 1981, the International Energy Agency estimates.

Using computer technology to identify hard-to-find pockets of oil and squeezing the size of its staff to do more with less, Shell like its

rivals has driven down the cost of finding oil. So today, even after a two-year oil price rout, Shell still is planning to boost its oil output 4 percent a year.

Shell's efforts will add supply to an already glutted market. More haunting for OPEC ministers, the company's costs in a traditionally expensive place to work are closing in on the oil-rich regions of the Middle East, home to two-thirds of the world's proven oil reserves.

"Production costs (for Shell) are not so much lower in the Arabian Gulf," lamented Sheikh Zaki Yamani, former Saudi Arabian oil minister and a critic of OPEC for most of the past decade.

Yamani believes the recent oil price surge could undermine OPEC's resolve to cut output under three separate agreements made over the past 13 months.

World oil supply of 75.3 million barrels a day exceeded demand by 2 percent last year. In spite of OPEC's efforts to rein in production, supply still exceeded demand by 300,000 barrels a day in the first quarter, according to the IEA.

'The minor signs of recovery that we detect are not sufficient to dispel the threat of continuing low growth.'

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President

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Exxon

By Terence F. Bloomberg News

IRVING, TEX. — Exxon Corp., company, said its earnings fell 40 percent in almost all oil prices and remained at his uary and Febru Profit from \$1.14 billion, or from \$1.89 billion year earlier. T expected to earn the average est polled by First C 10 percent to \$26 billion.

Exxon profit prices averaged the New York Exchange, the lo average since futures contract price rally to \$17 wasn't enough to big oil companies ter ended.

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By Norman Johnson



MEETINGS

The Natural Gas Producers Association will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, April 29 at 11:30am at the Midland Country Club.

The topic will be "Financing for Reserve Based Oil and Gas Transactions" given by John B. Lane, Senior Account Director for Energy Capital Group of the Williams Companies.

Call 915-687-1042 by Noon Tuesday, April 27 for reservations.

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The Permian Basin Landmen's Association will hold its 50 Year Anniversary Celebration Meeting and Cocktail Party at 5:30 pm, Thursday, April 29 at the Midland Country Club.

Mr. Jesse Lindsey, PBLA President for the year 1991, will be the guest speaker.

Vanco expands West Africa activity

HOUSTON (BUSINESS WIRE) — Vanco International Ltd., a subsidiary of Vanco Energy Company, has signed Production Sharing Contracts with PETROCI EP S.A. for Blocks CI-109 and CI-112 offshore Cote d'Ivoire.

The two agreements represent the first deepwater blocks awarded this year in Cote d'Ivoire. Blocks CI-109 and CI-112 are located in the westernmost sector of Cote d'Ivoire. Vanco is Operator for both blocks with a majority interest. For Block CI-109, Vanco holds 90% interest and PETROCI 10%. For Block CI-112, Vanco holds 76.5% interest, Xpronet 13.5%, and PETROCI 10%.

Ranging in water depths from 1,000 to 2,500 meters, the blocks combined cover 9,300 square kilometers (2.3 million acres). About 2,000 km of 2-D seismic covering the northern third of the permits has been reviewed. Geological

interests are in the Cretaceous and Tertiary sediments and structures. Terms of the agreement call for 2-D and 3-D seismic surveys and at least 3 wells on each block within 9 years.

Vanco's award follows suit with the Houston-based company's commitment to deepwater frontier exploration offshore Africa. In September '98, Vanco signed an Exclusive Reconnaissance Permit for the Safi Haute Mer block in deep water offshore Morocco; two months later in November '98 the Vanco Gabon Group was formed. Comprised of Total, Unocal, Vanco, Kerr-McGee and Reading & Bates Development Corporation, the group was formed to undertake exploration on the deep water Anton and Astrid Marin permits offshore southern Gabon. A 3-D survey covering both blocks began on March 31, 1999.

Exxon's 1st quarter profit falls 40% on lower oil prices

By Terence Flanagan
Bloomberg News

IRVING, TEXAS (Bloomberg) — Exxon Corp., the largest U.S. oil company, said first-quarter earnings fell 40 percent to the lowest level in almost five years as crude oil prices and profits on gasoline remained at historic lows in January and February.

Profit from operations fell to \$1.14 billion, or 47 cents a share, from \$1.89 billion, or 76 cents, a year earlier. The company was expected to earn 46 cents a share, the average estimate of analysts polled by First Call Corp. Sales fell 10 percent to \$26.9 billion from \$30 billion.

Exxon profit sagged as oil prices averaged \$13.17 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, the lowest first-quarter average since trading of the futures contract began in 1983. A price rally to \$17 a barrel in March wasn't enough to turn the tide for big oil companies before the quarter ended.

"The only good thing about the first quarter is that it's over," said Jack Aydin of McDonald Investments Inc., who has a "long-term buy" rating on Exxon stock.

The quarterly earnings drop was Exxon's fifth in a row, and its profit was the lowest since the second quarter of 1994. Sizable profit declines also are expected from Mobil Corp., which Exxon is acquiring, and Texaco Inc. and

Chevron Corp.

Exxon shares fell 2 7/8, or 3.5 percent, to 77 1/4 in late trading, while Mobil fell 5 1/16, or 4.9 percent, to 97 1/16. Exxon's percentage drop was the biggest in one day since January.

The shares of the two companies have risen more than 26 percent in the last eight weeks in response to higher oil prices. Investors now think the stocks rose farther than the oil price hike warranted, said Eugene Nowak, an analyst at ABN Amro Inc. in New York.

Also, Exxon's earnings were buoyed by a \$17 million income-tax gain that may not be repeated, said Joel Fischer, an analyst at Burnham Securities.

Oil prices have risen as members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries made good on promises to cut output. Nymex oil prices were up 44 cents at \$17.90 a barrel in mid-afternoon trading today after touching \$18.

"I would expect the second quarter to be much better," said Michael Young, an oil analyst at Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. in Boston, who has an "accumulate" rating on Exxon shares.

Exxon took a \$120 million charge to restructure its Japanese operations, resulting in net income of \$1.02 billion, or 42 cents a share in the first quarter. In 1998's first quarter, a \$70 million charge for an accounting change made net income \$1.82 billion, or 73 cents.

Along with lower returns from oil sales, Exxon's profit margins on gasoline and chemicals also fell in January and February as supplies remained ample worldwide. "We saw historic lows in U.S. refining (profit) margins," said Bruce Lanni, an analyst at CIBC Oppenheimer & Co.

Exxon's two biggest refineries are in Texas and Louisiana. Gulf Coast refiners made 79 cents per barrel refined from Jan. 1 through March 12, down from \$2.41 in 1998's first quarter, Lanni said.

Concerns that low oil prices would linger helped prod Mobil to accept an Exxon buy-out bid, analysts say. On Dec. 1, Exxon said it would buy Mobil in a transaction now valued at \$89 billion in stock and assumed debt. The two companies say they can cut costs by \$2.8 billion a year by consolidating operations and shedding at least 9,000 workers.

Exxon has said it hopes to win regulatory approval and close the transaction in the middle of the year. That would mean the first

quarter could be one of the last earnings reports for Exxon without Mobil.

Declining Fortunes Exxon's first-quarter exploration and production profit fell 38 percent to \$561 million from \$910 million in the year-earlier quarter. The company sold oil in the U.S. at an average price of \$9.45 a barrel in the quarter, down 11.6 percent, while the price outside the U.S. fell 21 percent to \$11.43. Natural-gas prices were down 19 percent, Exxon said.

Exxon, the world's second-biggest investor-owned oil company behind Royal Dutch/Shell Group, made \$136 million of its exploration and production profit in the U.S. and \$425 million outside the U.S.

Even with the lower returns, Exxon spent \$2.1 billion on oil exploration and projects such as refinery upgrades and new service stations in the quarter, up 4 percent from a year ago.

Refining and fuel-sales profit fell 59 percent to \$246 million from \$596 million on a worldwide gasoline glut. In February, U.S. retail gaso-

line prices fell to 90.7 cents a gallon for regular unleaded, the U.S. Energy Department said, the lowest level since the agency began keeping statistics on retail prices in 1990.

Outside the U.S., Exxon's profit from refining and fuel-sales fell 45 percent to \$274 million. Irving, Texas-based Exxon lost \$28 million selling fuel in the U.S., compared to a \$128 million profit in the year-earlier period.

U.S. gasoline inventories averaged 225 million barrels in the fourth quarter, up from 216 million a year earlier, according to the American Petroleum Institute. Stockpiles topped 233 million barrels in early March, a five-year high.

Rising oil prices as well as fires and mechanical problems at some U.S. refineries in March cut supplies and rapidly boosted gasoline prices, especially in California. That "kept the quarter from being an unbelievable disaster" for fuel sellers, said John Segner, portfolio manager of Invesco Strategic Energy Fund.

Exxon, the world's second-largest refiner after Shell, owns all or part of 31 refineries in 17 countries with total capacity of 4.4 million barrels of crude oil a day. Exxon sells gasoline at 32,300 branded stations worldwide.

Exxon Chemical Co.'s profit fell 18 percent to \$305 million from \$374

million. Prices for basic chemicals and plastics such as ethylene, polyethylene and polystyrene, used in products ranging from cosmetics to auto parts, fell by as much as a third in 1998 on a global production glut and lower Asian demand.

Worldwide petrochemical demand rose 2 percent in 1998, down from 4 percent to 5 percent growth in preceding years, Exxon said. Much of Exxon Chemical's production comes from plants in the U.S. Gulf Coast region, Asia, and northern Europe.

Exxon earned \$97 million from its other businesses, up 9 percent, on increased coal and copper production.

Besides selling oil, gas, and chemicals, Exxon generates electricity in Hong Kong, mines copper in Chile, and mines coal in Colombia, Australia and the U.S.

After record profits in 1997, Exxon's fortunes have fallen along with the price of oil. Oil prices reached a high of \$22.76 a barrel in September 1997, then slid as producing nations raised output at the same time the Asian economic crisis cut demand.

By December 1998, inflation-adjusted oil prices were at the lowest levels since the Great Depression. Nymex oil closed at \$10.72 a barrel on Dec. 10, the lowest price since 1986.

Denbury Resources Inc. closes \$100 million equity deal

DALLAS (BUSINESS WIRE) — Denbury Resources Inc. (the "Company") announced that the \$100 million equity transaction with affiliates of the Texas Pacific Group ("TPG") was completed today on the previously reported terms.

TPG purchased 15,552,376 of the Company's common shares for U.S. \$100 million or U.S. \$5.39 per share after the approval of the transaction yesterday at a special meeting of shareholders. As a result of this transaction, TPG's ownership of the outstanding common shares of the Company increased from 32% to 60%. Ultimately the Company intends to use the proceeds from the equity sale for acquisitions, although in the interim, the funds are being used to reduce the Company's outstanding bank debt from \$110 million to \$10 million.

At the special shareholder meeting on April 20, 1999, the shareholders also approved the move of the Company's domicile from Canada to the United States as a Delaware corporation. In connection with the move that was completed today, the Company's wholly owned subsidiary, Denbury Management, Inc., was merged into the new Delaware parent company, Denbury Resources Inc. This move of domicile will not have any effect on the operations or assets of the Company.

At the same special meeting, the shareholders also approved the other matters being presented to the shareholders, which authorized an increase in the number of common shares available for issuance under the Company's stock option and stock purchase plans.

Denbury is a natural resource company with its primary operations in the states of Mississippi and Louisiana. The Company has approximately 45.4 million common shares outstanding after the investment by TPG.

Cabot Oil & Gas announces third successful completion

HOUSTON (PRNewswire) — Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation has announced the third successful completion in the Kacee field (originally the Easter prospect) in Colorado County, Texas.

After stimulation, the Cooper 2-3 well is currently producing 14.1 Mmcfd and 96 barrels of oil per day at a flowing tubing pressure of 4425 psi on a 20/64" choke. The well is producing

from the Cruel Sandstone of the Wilcox Formation at a depth of 11,900 feet. On a gross basis, the three Cooper wells are producing close to 40 Mmcfd per day. Cabot Oil & Gas has a 70% working interest and 54% net revenue interest in these three wells.

"We are extremely encouraged with the results to date coming from this field," said Ray R. Seegmiller, President

and CEO. "A fourth well is currently drilling with a potential for two additional offsets. The Kacee field has been instrumental in the continued growth of our Gulf Coast region where production has increased from a low of 15 Mmcfd per day in October to its current level of more than three and one half times that amount."

Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation,

headquartered in Houston, Texas, is a leading domestic independent natural gas producer and marketer with substantial interests in the Appalachian, Anadarko, Rocky Mountains and Gulf Coast regions. For additional information about Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation, visit the Company's homepage at www.cabotog.com.

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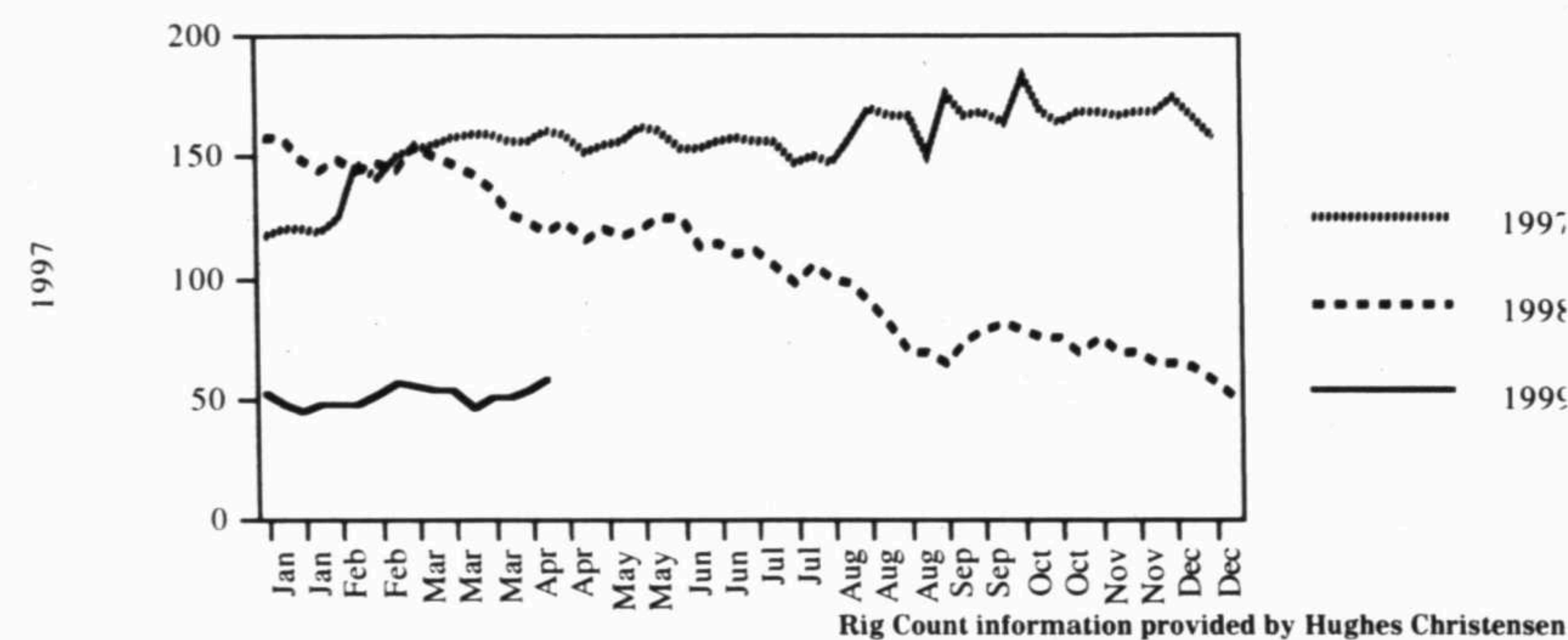
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RIG COUNT PROFILE



Columbia tops Dominion, Bids \$9 bln for Consolidated

By Anthony Massucci
Bloomberg News

HERNDON, VIRGINIA (Bloomberg) — Columbia Energy Group, the fourth-largest U.S. natural-gas distributor, made an unsolicited bid of \$9 billion in stock, cash and assumed debt for Consolidated Natural Gas Co., topping an offer by Dominion Resources Inc.

Columbia Energy said it will pay \$70 a share for Consolidated, including \$24.50 in stock and \$45.50 in cash. That represents a 34 percent premium to Consolidated's closing share price on Friday. The cash and stock portion of the bid is valued at \$7 billion, and Columbia would assume about \$2 billion in debt.

The offer by Dominion, owner of Virginia's largest electric utility, is now valued at \$57.86 a share, down 4.8 percent because of declines in Dominion's share price since the bid was made on Feb. 22. The original offer, which was made with the backing of Consolidated's management, was valued at \$8.07 billion in stock and assumed debt.

Consolidated and Columbia both have gas distribution businesses that serve customers in Virginia, Pennsylvania and Ohio. A merger would

allow the two companies to reduce costs by cutting jobs and expenses in areas where both do business. Herndon, Virginia-based Columbia said it could cut costs by \$250 million in the second year after the transaction is completed and \$300 million a year after that. The company had revenue of \$6.6 billion last year. Consolidated supplies natural gas to 1.9 million customers in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia. Columbia has about 2 million gas customers in Kentucky, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

Dominion has more than 2 million electric customers in Virginia and North Carolina. The Richmond, Virginia-based company made its offer for Consolidated as deregulation of U.S. electricity markets led it to seek out new products and customers.

Buying Consolidated would also let Dominion block a rival trying to enter the Virginia power market. Anyone who bought the gas utility could sell electricity to its Virginia customers after deregulation, in competition with Dominion.

Columbia Energy shares fell 1 to 48 1/4, while Consolidated shares rose 1/16 to 52 7/16 on Friday. Dominion shares rose 1/8 to 38 1/16.

Halliburton's BRS provides logistics services to support U.S. Forces

DALLAS (PRNewswire) — Brown & Root Services (BRS), a business unit of Halliburton Company, is providing logistics support services to U.S. Army soldiers being deployed for operations in Albania.

The work is being performed under a contract previously awarded by the Transatlantic Programs Center to Brown & Root Services, based in Houston, Texas. Under the existing contract, logistics services — such as life support, transportation, and maintenance — are provided for contingency or sustainment operations that support U.S. Army Europe in the Balkans.

"We are proud to support the U.S. troops in Albania," said Dave Lesar, president and chief operating officer, Halliburton Company. "Our support to the deployed U.S. military force has offered a significant cost savings to the government, and we plan to continue

to provide complete and cost effective service for this critical mission."

In support of U.S. Forces, Brown & Root Services will provide temporary housing (tent complexes), food services, parking and road work, waste/trash/vector control, power generation, airhead operations, transportation services and mail delivery. Brown & Root Services was tasked to begin planning for the camp on April 5, 1999.

Brown & Root Services is currently performing similar services in Hungary, Croatia, Bosnia and Macedonia in support of Operation Joint Forge, which supports peacekeeping efforts in Bosnia. Brown & Root Services has provided logistics services to the Army since 1992. It has provided engineering and logistics services to the troops in the Balkans region, since late 1995.

"Our experience in the Balkans

has prepared us for this assignment," said Randy Harl, president, Brown & Root Services. "We are proud of our accomplishments and plan to provide the same high level of service while supporting the troops in Albania."

Brown & Root Services, one of America's top federal contractors, was selected by the United States Army as the "Public Works Contractor of the Year" for its work at Fort Benning, Georgia. Brown & Root Services provides "Lifecycle Management" for global government and private clients. Lifecycle Management consists of the master planning, design, construction, operations, maintenance, investment management and decommissioning of facilities. Brown & Root Services is a business unit of Halliburton Company, headquartered in Dallas, Texas.

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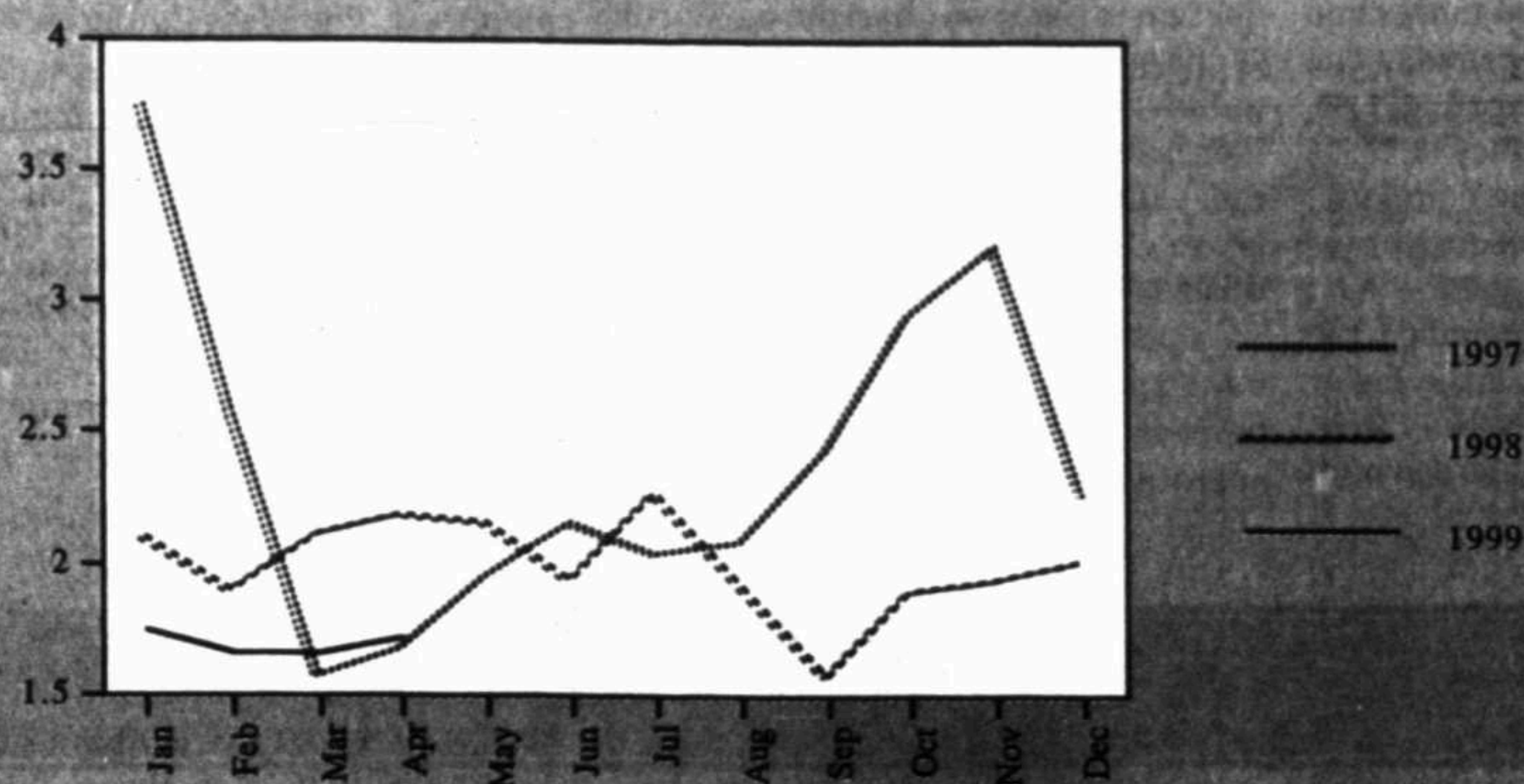
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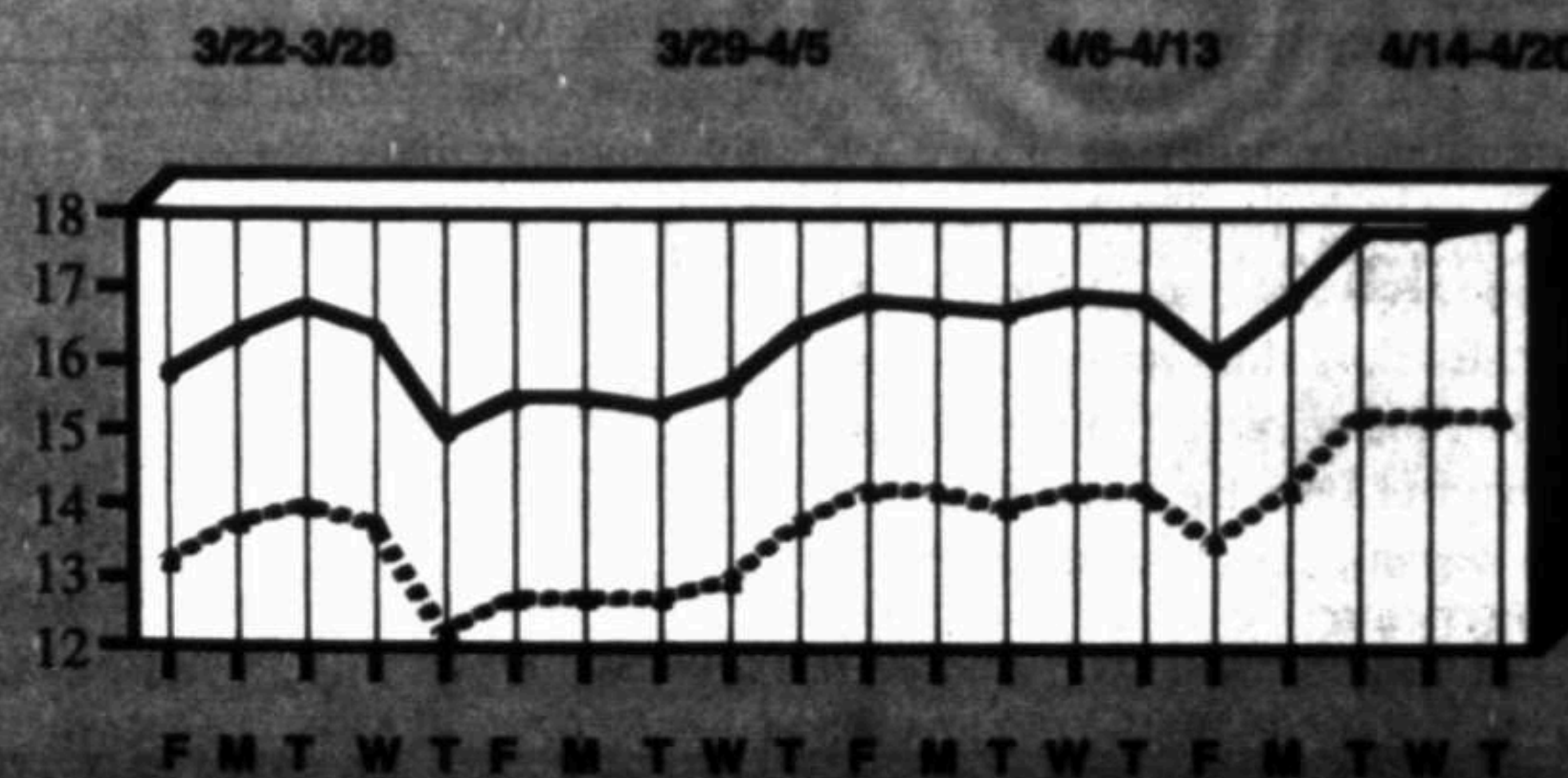
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The Dow is at 10,000—now what?

Now that the Dow Jones Industrial average has crossed the long-anticipated 10,000 threshold, investors want to know what's next. When will the Dow hit 11,000? What are the best types of stocks to own in this market environment? Is it time to sell?

Before addressing these questions, let's take a look at this index. The DJIA is comprised of 30 "blue chip" industrial stocks, such as General Motors and Exxon, listed on the New York Stock Exchange. "Blue chip" refers to stocks with a history of steady growth, sound finances, strong management and the ability to pay dividends in good and bad times. Be mindful that the Dow is not the only index used to measure stock market performance. The Standard & Poor's 500—based on the average performance of 500 widely held common stocks—is an example of another oft-quoted index.

The most important thing to remember about Dow 10,000 or future market milestones is not to get caught up in the celebration frenzy. Reaching the milestone is no guarantee the trend will continue upward. Also, be aware that just because the Dow has hit 10,000, that doesn't mean all stock prices are on the rise.

When will the Dow hit 11,000? History shows us that intervals between 1,000-point milestones in the Dow have been both long and short. For example, it took the Dow 76 years—from 1896 to 1972 to climb the first 1,000 points. Fifteen years later, the Dow topped 2,000. Dow 4,000 was reached on February 23, 1995. Only nine months later the Dow climbed another 1,000 points to reach 5,000. As you can see, predicting when the Dow will hit 11,000 isn't an easy task. Your best strategy is to invest in high-quality stocks

for the long term (at least three to five years) and not worry about when the next Dow milestone will be reached.

What are the best types of stocks to own? A select group of large-company growth stocks are mainly responsible for the recent run-up in the Dow. That leaves the door wide open for other stocks to surge higher or for today's winners to take a nosedive. Instead of focusing on which stocks are likely to climb higher, make sure you have a diversified portfolio of stocks—at least eight stocks representing different industries. Some of them should probably be small-company stocks. In addition, consider adding a few stocks of U. S. companies with multinational operations in case the U. S. economy hits the skids and foreign markets rebound.

Is it time to sell? If you haven't reviewed your portfolio lately, you might want to take a peek. When stock prices keep rising, so does the percentage of stocks that comprise your portfolio. That may mean that stocks now make up a greater portion of your overall portfolio than you had originally intended when you established your investment mix. To make sure your portfolio matches your investment goals and tolerance for risk, you may want to sell some stocks and invest the proceeds in other types of securities. Talk with your financial consultant about which stocks to sell and opportunities for reinvesting.

Keep market milestones in perspective. Take a deep breath, enjoy the moment and then continue on a disciplined approach to investing that is based on your purpose for investing, tolerance for risk and the time period in which you want to reach your goals.

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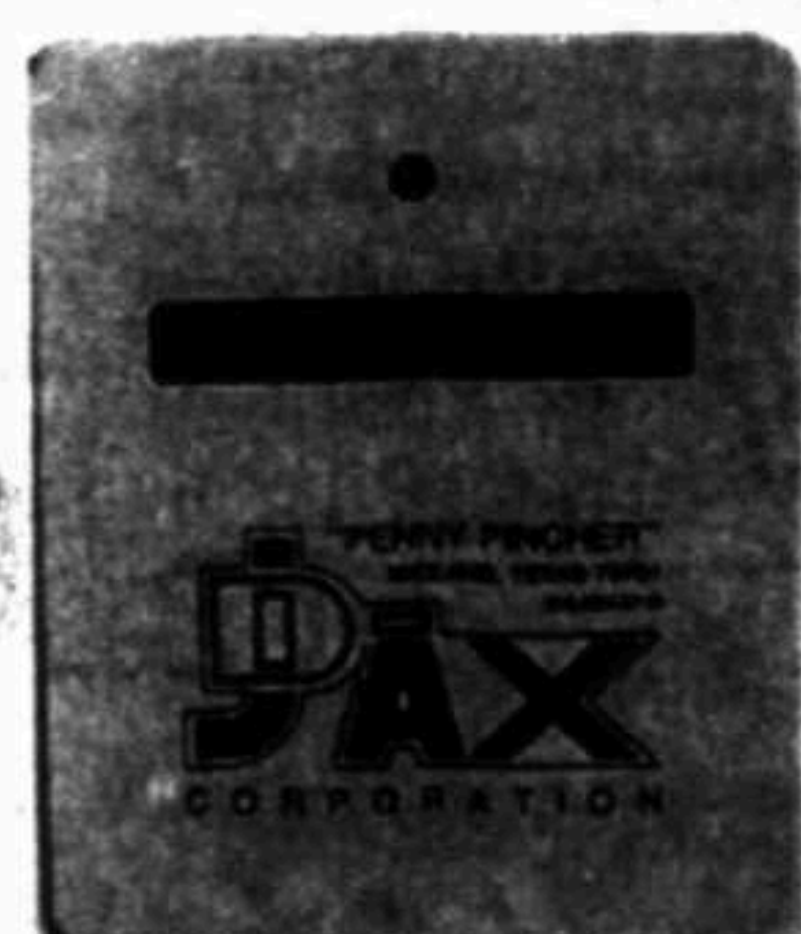
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Houston Exploration announces offshore wells

Drilling Activity Temporarily Shut-In Production from Mustang Island Platform

HOUSTON (BUSINESS WIRE) — The Houston Exploration Company has announced the completion of offshore wells that should provide additional production beginning in the second quarter of 1999. Because of drilling activity during the first quarter, the

Company shut-in certain production from its Mustang Island A-31/A-32 region. Due to this shut-in and other factors, the Company expects first quarter 1999 production levels will average approximately 5 percent higher than the prior quarter's level.

In the Company's three-lease complex in the Mustang Island region on the shelf of the Gulf of Mexico, the Company successfully drilled its first well since acquiring the property in the fourth quarter of 1998. The Mustang

Island A-32 B-8 well, a development well, was drilled to a total depth of 9,900 feet and encountered more than 100 feet of net pay in six sands. The well began production on April 14, 1999, and is expected to produce 8 to 10 mmcf per day, net to the company. The company holds 100 percent working interest in the well.

The Company also announced the successful recompletion of the lower horizon of the High Island 38 No. 1 well. Following a gravel pack failure in mid-

1998, Houston Exploration assumed operations of the well and restored production in the lower horizon on March 27, 1999, with an initial flow rate of 9.6 mmcf per day, which is expected to increase to 12 mmcf per day, net to the company. Houston Exploration holds a 100 percent working interest in this horizon of the well.

As previously announced, the Houston Exploration Company holds a 12 percent working interest in the non-operated West Cameron 76 B-4 well,

which logged 285 net feet of gas in three zones and is currently being completed. The West Cameron 76 B-3 well, in which Houston Exploration also holds a 12 percent working interest, logged 90 net feet of natural gas in two zones. Net to Houston Exploration, that well is producing approximately 2.5 mmcf of gas and 15 barrels of condensate a day. The B-4 well is expected to produce at comparable rates beginning in May.

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Range Production Company
Powell "16" #1
Cobra (Wolfcamp)-D; T&P RR CO./W.H. Brunson, A-935, Blk 35, T3S, Sec 16; 325 FWL 896 FNL of lse, 994 FNL 896 FNL of survey; 12 miles NW of Garden City; obj:8500; permit #483846, API #173-32964

Pecos County

Marathon Oil Company
Yates Field Unit #24D18
Yates-recompletion; TC RR CO./R Holmes, A-7828, Blk 198, Sec 102; 8353 FNL 15053 FWL of lse; 251 FSL 2250 FEL of survey; 3.4 miles W of lse; obj:1999; permit #483788; API #371-32795
Marathon Oil Company
Yates Field Unit #40B43
Yates-recompletion; I&GN RR CO., A-727, Blk 1, Sec 61; 10140 FNL 9756 FNL of lse; 636 FSL 3359 FWL of survey; 4.3 miles SW of lse; obj:1999; permit #483787; API #371-32638

Marathon Oil Company
Yates Field Unit #51E35
Yates-recompletion; GC&SF RR CO., A-4838, Blk 194, Sec 33; 9575 FNL 15653 FEL of lse; 2952 F(Cen) SL 1913 FNL of survey; 2 miles SW of lse; obj:1999; permit #483786; API #371-32857
Marathon Oil Company
Yates Field Unit #36A28
Yates-recompletion; GC&SF RR CO., A-4561, Blk 194, Sec 33; 10526 FNL 18575 FWL of lse; 326 FNL 1916 FEL of survey; 3 miles W of lse; obj:1999; permit #483784; API #371-33581

Sutton County

Dreyfus, Louis Natural Gas Corp
Mayer 47 #5
Sawyer (Canyon)&(Strawn, North)-D; GC&SF RR CO., A-121, Blk D, Sec 47; 1980 FNL 659 FWL of lse; 1980 FNL 660 FEL of survey; 9 miles W of Sonora; obj:8400; permit #483813; API #435-34937
Dreyfus, Louis Natural Gas Corp
Reinhardt 6 #7
Sawyer (Canyon)&(Strawn, North)-D; G C Corbin/B Halbert, A-1467, Blk JK, Sec 6; 2161 FNL 634 FWL of lse; 4611 FNL 634 FWL of survey; 7.5 miles W of Sonora; obj:8450; permit

#483899; API #435-34938

TEXAS RRCD 8

Howard County

Vista Resources, Inc.
Chalk A #18
Howard-Glasscock (Glorieta)-D; W&NW RR CO., A-471, Blk 29, Sec 125; 330 FEL 940 FSL of lse; 2316 FWL 1704 FNL of survey; 1 mile W of Chalk; obj:3300; permit #483856; API #227-35330

COMPLETIONS

TEXAS RRCD 8

Andrews County

Textland/JMC Joint Venture
Logsdon "C" #44
Fullerton (San Andres)-completion; A-37, Sec 1; 1980 FNL 1319 FWL of lse; 20 miles NW of Andrews; obj:4737; permit #463903; API #003-38232

Ector County

Anadarko Petroleum Corp.
TXL South Unit #1220
TXL (Tubb)-completion; Blk 45, T1S, Sec 40; 2686 FNL 3214 FEL of lse; 4.4 miles SE of Nottrees; obj:6530; permit #474523; API #135-37678

Howard County

Exxon Corp.
East Vealmoor Unit #69
Vealmoor-completion; A-1351, Blk 27, Sec 20; 3571 FNL 4984 FEL of East lse; 19 miles NE of Big Spring; obj:7600; permit #442599; API #227-32407

Winkler County

Bass Enterprises Production Co.
Keystone Holt Unit #662
Keystone (Holt)-completion; Blk B-3; Sec 9; 2088 FWL 3300 FSL of lse; 7.5 miles NE of Kermit; obj:10,333; permit #481194; API #495-03938

TEXAS RRCD 8A

Crosby County

AOCO Operating Company
James T.C. J.R. #748
Hoople (Clearfork)-completion; Blk 1, Sec 1044; 1304 FNL 1339 FEL of lse; 9 miles NE of Slayton; obj:4610; permit #480869; API #107-31017
AOCO Operating Company
James T.C. J.R. #747
Hoople (Clearfork)-completion; Blk 1, Sec 1044; 1283 FNL 2577 FEL of lse; 9 miles NE of Slayton; obj:4620; permit #482064; API #107-31031

SOUTHEAST NEW MEXICO

Eddy County

SDX Resources Inc

Artesia Unit #81
Artesia; T17S, R28E, Sec 35; 2310 FSL 1310 FEL; 14.5 miles SE of Artesia; Rot 4200 Yeso; API #015-30602
Mack Energy Corp
Tenneco State #1
East Empire; T17S, R29E, Sec 20; 330 FSL 330 FWL; 7 miles W of Loco Hills; Rot 4200 Yeso; API #015-30603
Mycos Industries Inc
Continental A St #16
Turkey Track; T19S, R29E, Sec 10; 980 FSL 1300 FEL; 11 miles SW of Loco Hills; Rot 2400 Seven Rivers Queen; API #015-30604
Marathon Oil Co
Rocky Hills SWD #2
SWD; T21S, R24E, Sec 20; 1400 FSL 800 FWL; 16 miles W of Carlsbad; Rot 11,000 Devonian; API #015-30600
Devon Energy Corp (Nevada)
ARCO 20 Federal Com #2
Avalon; T21S, R26E, Sec 20; 1320 FSL 2323 FWL; 3 miles N of Carlsbad; Rot 11,300 Morrow; API #015-30599
Arco Permian
Barclay Federal #25
Livingston Ridge; T23S, R31E, Sec 12; 660 FNL 660 FWL; 16 miles S of Halfway; Rot 8450 Delaware; API #015-30597

Pogo Prod Co
Pure Gold B Federal #20
West Sand Dunes; T23S, R31E, Sec 20; 1260 FSL 250 FEL; 16 miles E of Lov- ing; Rot 8200 Delaware; API #015-30605
Enron Oil & Gas Co
Ross Draw Unit #21
Ross Draw; T26S, R30E, Sec 22; 1650 FSL 1980 FEL; 18 miles SW of Magala; Rot 13,000 Wolfcamp; API #015-30606

Lea County

Texaco EXPL & PROD Inc
C H Weir "B" #11
Monument; T20S, R37E, Sec 11; 990 FSL 990 FEL; 3 miles SW of Nadine; Rot 7600 Abo; API #025-34603
Enron Oil & Gas Co
Triste Draw 2 St #1
Johnson Ranch; T25S, R33E, Sec 2; 1650 FSL 1650 FWL; 6 miles SW of Ochoa; Rot 14,000 Wolfcamp; API #025-34604

RE-ENTRIES

SOUTHEAST NEW MEXICO

Eddy County

Gothic Prod Corp
Burch Keely Unit #289
GB-Jackson; T17S, R29E, Sec 25; 1980 FNL 1295 FWL; EL 3597 GR; TD 4828, PBTD 4800; production is through treated perfs 4327-4524; IPP 63 BOPD, 58 MCFD; API #015-29302
Devon Energy Corp (Nevada)
Winston Gas Com #3
Indian Basin; T21S, R24E, Sec 31; 2167 FSL 1998 FWL; EL 3906 GL; TD 10,182, PBTD 8700; production is through perfs 8260-8451; IPP 110 BOPD, 557 MCFD; API #015-30359
Pogo Prod Co
Lost Tank "3" Federal #4
West Lost Tank; T22S, R31E, Sec 3; 1330 FNL 330 FWL; EL 3474 GL; TD 8150, PBTD 8104; production is through perfs 7830-70; IPP 190 BOPD, 207 MCFD; API #015-30418
Pogo Prod Co
Amax "24" Federal #14
Ingle Wells; T23S, R31E, Sec 24; 1485 FNL 1310 FWL; EL 3501 GL; TD 8450, PBTD 8406; production is through perfs 7300-20, 7080-95; IPP 81 BOPD, 52 MCFD; API #015-30370
Mewbourne Oil Co

Baldridge Canyon "12" State #1
Baldridge Canyon; T24S, R24E, Sec 12; 990 FNL 1650 FWL; EL 4014 GR; TD 10815, PBTD 10772; production is through treated perfs 10634-10660; IPP 28 BOPD, 480 MCFD; API #015-30416

Lea County

Toco
LLC Tower #1
Wildcat; T12S, R33E, Sec 23; 373 FSL 2035 FWL; EL 4244 GL; TD 10,160, PBTD 8540; production is through perfs 8400-8519; IPP 28 BOPD, 24000 MCFD; API #025-34526
Chevron USA Inc
Monument "1" State #20
North Monument; T19S, R36E, Sec 1; 651 FSL 1815 FWL; EL 3744 GL; TD 7513, PBTD 7513; production is through treated perfs 7232-7513; IPP 279 BOPD, 393 MCFD; API #025-34310
Chevron USA Inc
Monument "1" State #26
North Monument; T19S, R36E, Sec 1; 2279 FSL 2276 FEL; EL 3734 GL; TD 7510, PBTD 7510; production is through treated perfs 7313-7468; IPP 55 BOPD, 38 MCFD; API #025-34477

WILDCATS

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Andrews County

Exxon Corp.
Means/San Andres/Unit #6360
Wildcat-D; PSL/JS Means, A-1727, Blk A-35, Sec 2; 17729 FNL 5533 FWL of lse; 1347 FSL 203 FWL of survey; 9 miles N of Andrews; obj:5600; permit #483346; API #003-38477
Exxon Corp.
Means/San Andres/Unit #1372A
Wildcat-D; PSL/H D Dennis, A-376, Blk A-35, Sec 1; 10544 FNL 4684 FEL of lse; 1439 FSL 2523 FWL of survey; 9 miles N of Andrews; obj:5600; permit #483345; API #003-38476
Exxon Corp.

Means/San Andres/Unit #6368
Wildcat-D; PSL/JS Means, A-1727, Blk A-35, Sec 2; 11774 FNL 7466 FEL of lse; 1589 FSL 258 FEL of survey; 9 miles N of Andrews; obj:5600; permit #483344; API #003-38475

Eddy County

Marbob Energy Corp
Lee Federal #1
Wildcat; T17S, R31E, Sec 20; 2310 FSL 2510 FWL; 5 miles E of Loco Hills; Rot 6000 Paddock; API #015-30569
Yates Pet Corp
Tierra ASY St Com #1
Wildcat; T24S, R23E, Sec 21; 1650 FNL 800 FEL; 20 miles W of Black River; Rot 10,000 Morrow; API #015-30601



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Exploration Co. announced net income for second quarter

SAN ANTONIO (BUSINESS WIRE)—The Exploration Company has announced that despite weak commodity prices, net income for the second quarter ended Feb. 28, 1999, reached record levels.

Net income for the second quarter of fiscal 1999 was \$361,938 or \$0.02 per share compared to a loss of (\$1,330,418) or (\$0.09) per share for the same period of fiscal 1998. Year to date profits reached \$433,608 or \$0.03 per share for the first half of fiscal 1999 versus losses of (\$1,587,210) or (\$0.11) per share for the same period in fiscal 1998.

James E. Sigmon, president of TXCO, stated, "As we predicted earlier in the year, both the additional production from our new Maverick Basin gas wells and the expansion of our pipeline distribution system subsequent to the prior periods of fiscal 1998 have allowed us to achieve record profitability, despite weak crude oil and natural gas prices over the year."

Sigmon further stated, "We now have an interest in over 71,000 acres in our core gas producing area in Maverick County, South Texas. The success we have enjoyed in our drilling program confirms our optimism for the future."

Cross Timbers announces record production

FORT WORTH — Cross Timbers Oil Company has reported record daily oil and gas production in the first quarter. Loss to common shareholders was \$1.9 million, or 4 cents per share, compared with a first quarter 1998 loss of \$200,000, or 0 cents per share. Cash flow from operations, before changes in current assets and liabilities, was \$22.1 million or 49 cents per share, an increase of 32% from first quarter 1998 cash flow of \$16.8 million or 43 cents per share.

Total revenues for the quarter were \$69.5 million, 39% above first quarter 1998 revenues of \$50 million. Included in first quarter 1999 and 1998 results are net gains on investment in equity securities of \$800,000 and \$600,000, respectively.

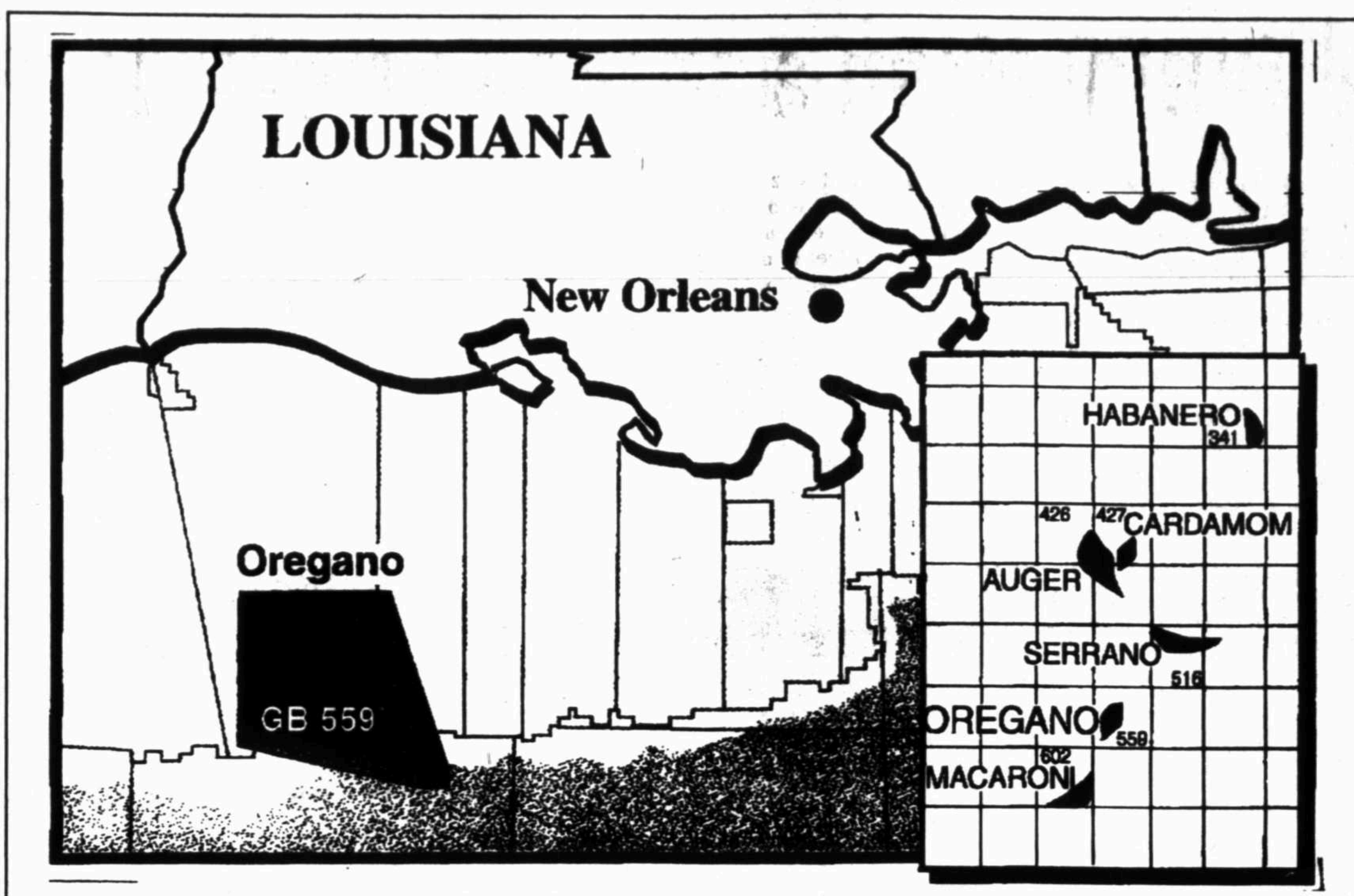
First quarter daily gas production averaged a record 288.5 million cubic feet, a 63% increase compared to first quarter 1998 production of 176.7 million cubic feet. Nine million per day of this total is related to prior period production booked in this quarter. Daily oil production for the quarter increased 30% to 15,528 barrels, also a record. This compares to 11,959 barrels per day for the prior year quarter. During the quarter, natural gas liquids production was 2,432 barrels per day. Increased production is primarily attributable to the Company's 1998 property acquisitions and development activity.

The average gas price for the first quarter decreased 1% to \$1.94 per thousand cubic feet (Mcf) from \$1.96 per Mcf in first quarter 1998. The first quarter average oil price was \$11.28 per barrel, a 19% decrease from last year's first quarter average price of \$13.99. Natural gas liquids prices averaged \$6.74 for the quarter, 20% less than the 1998 quarter average price of \$8.47.

"Our first quarter results exceeded analysts' estimates," stated Bob R. Simpson, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "They reflect production increases driven by acquisitions and our 1998 development program, the most successful in the Company's history. Moreover, our low cost structure allowed us to maintain strong cash margins, which was so important during the recent period of low commodity prices."

"Increased production and low costs also position Cross Timbers to take maximum advantage of the improving environment for both oil and natural gas prices," Simpson added.

Cross Timbers Oil Company is engaged in the acquisition, exploitation and development of quality, long-lived producing oil and gas properties. The Company, whose predecessor companies were established in 1986, completed its initial public offering in May 1993. Its properties are concentrated in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, New Mexico, Wyoming and Alaska.



Shell Exploration & Production Co. has announced its third oil and gas discovery in the deep water Auger Basin of the Gulf of Mexico. The Oregano Prospect, which is located at Garden Banks Block 559 in a water depth of 3,393 feet was drilled to a measured depth of 19,500 feet where it encountered commercial quantities of hydrocarbons. Potential tests were not disclosed. Shell owns 100 percent of the Oregano Project, which is located about eight miles south of its Auger tension leg platform and four miles northeast of the Shell Macaroni subsea development. This is the first well drilled in the Oregano tract. Previous discoveries, however, include: Cardamom, Serrano and Habanero. The leading leaseholder in the deep water Gulf of Mexico, Shell says it will develop Brutus, its fifth tension leg platform. Two subsea projects, Marconi and Angus, are expected to go on production this year.

Chevron 1st qtr profit falls 36% on lower oil prices

By Terence Flanagan
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San Francisco (Bloomberg) — Chevron Corp., the fourth-largest U.S. oil company, said first-quarter earnings fell 36 percent on lower prices for oil, natural gas, and chemicals.

Profit from operations fell to \$281 million, or 43 cents a share, from \$436 million, or 67 cents, a year earlier. Chevron was expected to earn 50 cents a share, the average estimate of analysts polled by First Call Corp. Sales fell 12 percent to \$6.7 billion from \$7.6 billion.

Chevron had its lowest quarterly earnings per share since 1995 as oil prices remained at historic lows in January and February. Yesterday, rival Exxon Corp., the largest U.S. oil company, said it had the worst quarter since 1994. A March price rally came too late for a turnaround before the quarter ended, analyst said.

"The pricing improvement we've seen won't be evident in earnings numbers until the coming quarter," said Brian Eisenbarth, an analyst at Collins & Co.

Crude oil on the New York Mercantile Exchange averaged \$13.17 a barrel in the first quarter, the lowest first-quarter average since the futures contract began trading in 1983.

The benchmark began rising in early March and topped \$18 earlier this week on growing confidence oil-producing nations will cut output. The rising prices boosted both Chevron and Exxon shares to record highs on Monday, though the stocks have since fallen. In the first quarter, Chevron reported special items that resulted in a net gain of \$48 million, or 7 cents a share, bringing net income to \$329 million, or 50 cents. In the year-ago quarter, special items resulted in a net gain of \$71 million, or 10 cents, which brought net income to \$507 million, or 77 cents. Shares of San Francisco-based Chevron fell 2 1/2 to 93 15/16 in midmorning trading. Exxon fell 1 1/6 to 77 3/8.

Exploration Slump
Chevron's profit from exploring for and producing oil and natural gas fell 32 percent to \$163 million from \$239 million a year ago. Chevron earned \$47 million in the U.S. and \$116 million elsewhere.

The company sold U.S. oil at an average price of \$9.97 a barrel, down 20 percent, in the quarter, and natural gas at an average price of \$1.63 per thousand cubic feet, 22 percent lower.

Chevron earned \$169 million from refining crude oil and selling products such as gasoline, jet fuel and heating oil, up 40 percent from \$121 million in the year-earlier quarter. Chevron earned \$82 million in the U.S. and \$87 million outside the U.S.

Chevron said first-quarter profit was boosted by lower expenses because of scheduled maintenance at its refineries. Also, profit margins on fuel sales in California soared late in the quarter as fires and mechanical problems at some refineries reduced supplies.

"West Coast companies came out OK in refining and marketing," said Eugene Nowak, an analyst at ABN Amro Inc.

Chevron is the world's fifth-biggest refiner among publicly traded oil companies with total capacity of 1.47 million barrels a day, according to Oil & Gas Journal.

The company has about 30 percent of its refining capacity in Caltex Corp., a joint venture with Texaco Inc. that operates in more than 60 countries in Asia, Africa and the Middle East.

Caltex has been hit hard by the Asian economic downturn. Oil demand in Thailand in January and February fell 2.2 percent from the year-earlier period, said Jay Bhutani, an emerging-market energy analyst at Donaldson Lufkin & Jenrette in New York.

Signs of an Asian rebound are appearing in some nations. South Korean demand was 9.8 percent higher, compared to a 21 percent decline in November, Bhutani said.

"We're not seeing the huge declines that we had been" in fuel demand, Bhutani said, adding that demand is rising in some Asian nations for the first time since June.

Profit from Chevron Chemical Co., Chevron's chemical unit, fell 21 percent to \$50 million.

Chemical earnings have sagged because of slack Asian demand and global overbuilding of chemical plants. First-quarter prices for basic petrochemicals such as ethylene and polyethylene fell 20 percent to 30 percent from the year-earlier period, said Paul Leming, a chemical analyst at HSBC Securities Inc. in New York.

Chevron has been hit harder than other chemical makers in because much of its production is in basic petrochemicals that are widely produced and less resistant to discounting than chemicals made in smaller quantities for specialized uses.

Santa Fe Energy Trust announces income

HOUSTON (BUSINESS WIRE)—Santa Fe Energy Trust announced the trust income distribution for the operating quarter ended March 31, 1999. Unitholders of record on May 17, 1999 will receive a distribution amounting to \$2,520,000 or \$0.4000 per unit, payable on May 28, 1999. The distribution for the quarter ended March 31, 1999 includes a support payment of \$691,778. The distributions for the quarters ended December

31, 1998 and September 30, 1998 also included support payments of \$778,895 and \$93,895 respectively for a total of \$1,564,568 in support payments received in the form of an additional royalty from Santa Fe Energy Resources Inc.'s retained royalty interest in the Wasson ODC unit. Santa Fe Energy Resources is entitled to recoup support payments in quarters in which the trust distributions would exceed \$0.4500 per unit.

Reliant looks to buy Florida plant

Houston, April 22 (Bloomberg) — Reliant Energy Inc., owner of the second-largest electric utility in Texas, is in talks to buy a power plant in Florida from Orlando's municipal utility.

The Orlando Utilities Commission said it began talks with Reliant after negotiations with Arlington, Virginia-based AES Corp. failed to produce an agreement. Sixteen companies originally expressed interest in the 619-megawatt Indian River plant in Titusville, Florida, and Reliant's offer was among the top five proposals, the commission said.

Reliant, which changed its name from Houston Industries Inc. in February, is among several power companies looking to expand in Florida, which set records for electricity demand last year because of above-normal temperatures and a booming economy. This would be Reliant's first Florida plant.

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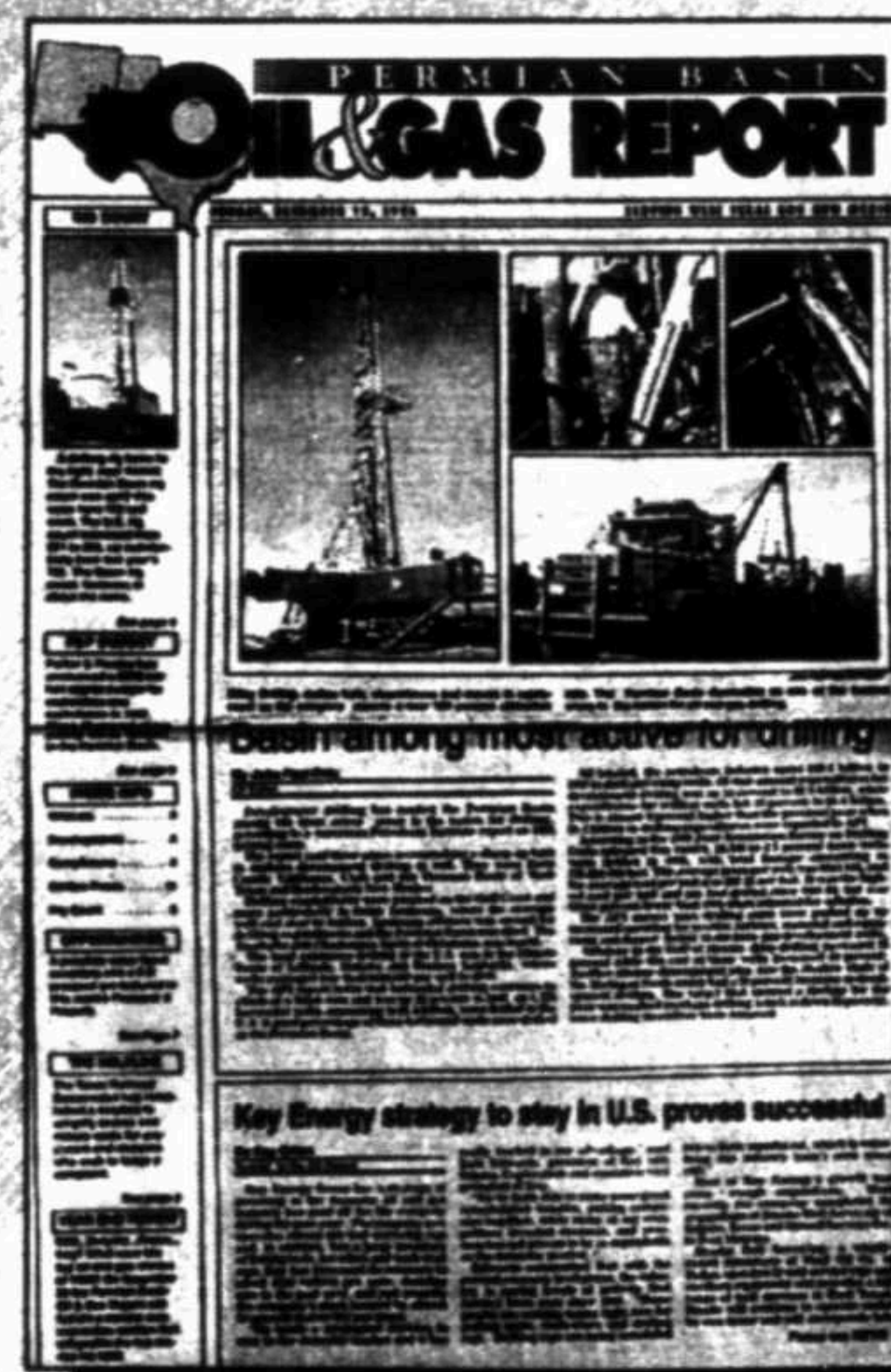
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Oilman charges foreign producers dumping crude

By DAVID IVANOVICH
Houston Chronicle

WASHINGTON — Crude prices had already dropped to desperately low levels. But the talk in Oklahoma was that prices in the oil fields might fall even further, to a staggering \$6 or even \$5 a barrel.

At those prices, reasoned Harold Hamm, an independent oilman from Enid, Okla., even the oil-rich OPEC producers couldn't cover their costs.

Yet even with the depressed prices, foreign crude was flooding into the U.S. market.

Certain the low prices were all part of a foreign scheme to drive American producers out of business, Hamm — inspired by the success of U.S. steel producers — launched an effort to file a federal dumping complaint against four of the world's largest oil producers, Venezuela, Mexico, Kuwait and Iraq.

"They wanted to get this market," contends Hamm, president of Continental Resources. "We're already down to nothing, and they want that too?"

Hamm's grass roots campaign is highly unusual and probably quixotic.

No official interviewed could recall a dumping complaint involving crude. At least one target — Venezuela — has officially denied the charge, while some of the major oil companies are vehemently opposed to the measure.

If successful, the dumping complaint could push up the price of imported oil by something approaching 45 percent, not a particularly popular prospect in much of auto-adoring America.

"I don't know how much of a win it would be for the American public if a substantial amount of the oil imported into this country would cost several dollars more," said one Energy Department source, who asked not to be named.

But in the Oil Patch, Hamm's movement has spread like a brush fire.

Some 22 state and regional trade organizations have voiced support for the dumping complaint, including the Texas Independent Producers & Royalty Owners Association, which signed off on the proposal late Wednesday.

The Washington-based Independent Petroleum Association of America's board of governors is expected to vote on the measure next month.

Supporters include Raymond Plank, head of one of the nation's largest independent producers, Houston-based Apache Corp., and Denise Bode, former head of the Independent Petroleum Association and now a member of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission.

Venezuela is the nation's largest foreign supplier of petroleum products. And together, the four target producers account for more than a third of the oil imported to the United States.

To back up his claims, Hamm points to a Dec. 3, 1997, report from Caracas in the trade publication Oil Daily.

The story said officials at Venezuela's state-owned oil com-

pany — Petroleos de Venezuela — were advocating a strategy to bring down oil prices in a bid to gain some market share. That strategy "would result in some marginal production being shut in and force some high-cost producers, particularly in the United States, out of business," the story said.

Hamm believes Venezuela hoped to push oil prices down a couple of dollars by overproducing but overshoot and helped send prices in a free fall.

In a recent visit to Washington, Venezuelan oil minister Ali Rodriguez called the allegations "absurd and untrue."

Alejandro Perera, deputy chief of the Venezuelan embassy assured Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., in a recent letter: "Be assured that there is no such strategy. ... Far from benefiting Venezuela, low oil prices have only wreaked havoc with Venezuela's overall economy."

Venezuela, Perera wrote, "has more in common with independent and small producers of oil in the United States than differences. Our primary goal is maintaining world prices at sufficient levels to permit appropriate returns for producers in the United States as well as Venezuela."

The producers declined to say why the other nations were targeted for the dumping action.

Independent producers have been vocal about their opposition to the United Nations-supervised oil-for-food program for Iraq, which permits Baghdad to export about \$5.2 billion worth of crude every six months, much of it coming to the United States. They have lobbied — so far unsuccessfully — to persuade the Clinton administration to try to block the program.

If the dumping action were successful, many large oil companies, which purchase crude directly from the four producing nations, could be forced to pay substantially higher prices. The American Petroleum Institute, the Washington-based trade organization for Big Oil, has remained neutral on the issue, but some companies are not hesitating to speak out.

Houston-based Conoco, in a written statement, said it does not support "the efforts of any coalition making allegations that producing countries have dumped oil in the U.S. market," noting "the cost to produce any given barrel of oil may vary widely within a given country and is almost never known with complete certainty."

Chevron Corp., meanwhile, notified the Independent Petroleum Association that it would not support the measure.

The issue also has caused much friction among the members of the Independent Petroleum Association. George Yates of Roswell, N.M., head of the trade group, came under bitter fire from Hamm and other independents for agreeing to travel to Venezuela. (Yates' trip, scheduled for this week, was canceled because of the death of Yates' father).

If all proceeds as planned, Hamm and his allies will file

their dumping complaint with the U.S. Commerce Department and the federal International Trade Commission within the next few weeks.

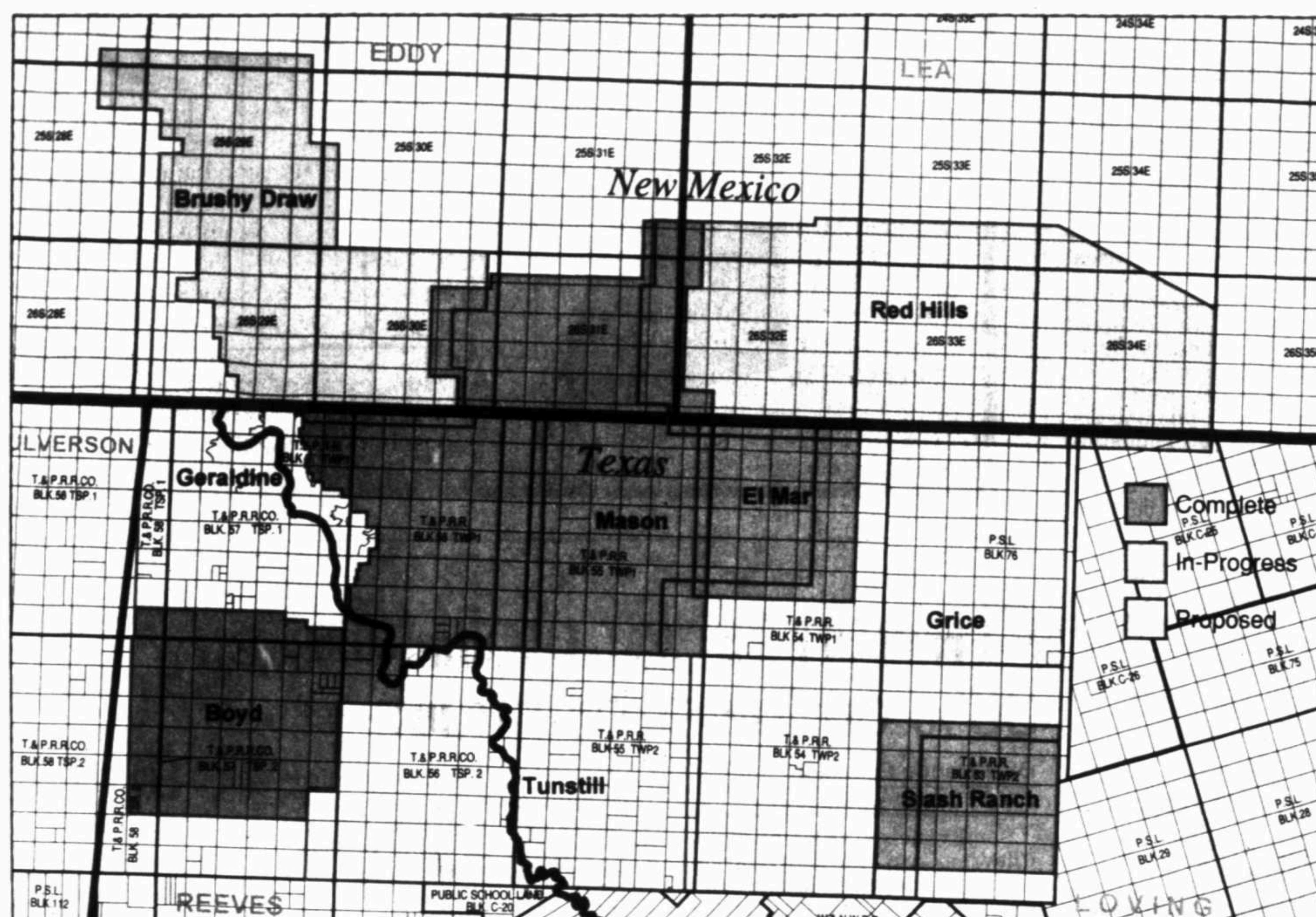
Regulators will then look back at market conditions in the past

year, when oil prices were at their lowest. But the fact that oil prices have risen substantially since that time and are now at far more comfortable levels — crude futures for June delivery closed at \$17.92 on the New York Mercan-

tile Exchange Wednesday — could well affect any kind of ruling, trade experts said.

The Commerce Department will decide whether the alleged dumping actually occurred, while

the International Trade Commission will determine if at least 25 percent of the domestic industry was harmed or faced the threat of damage as a result of the alleged dumping.



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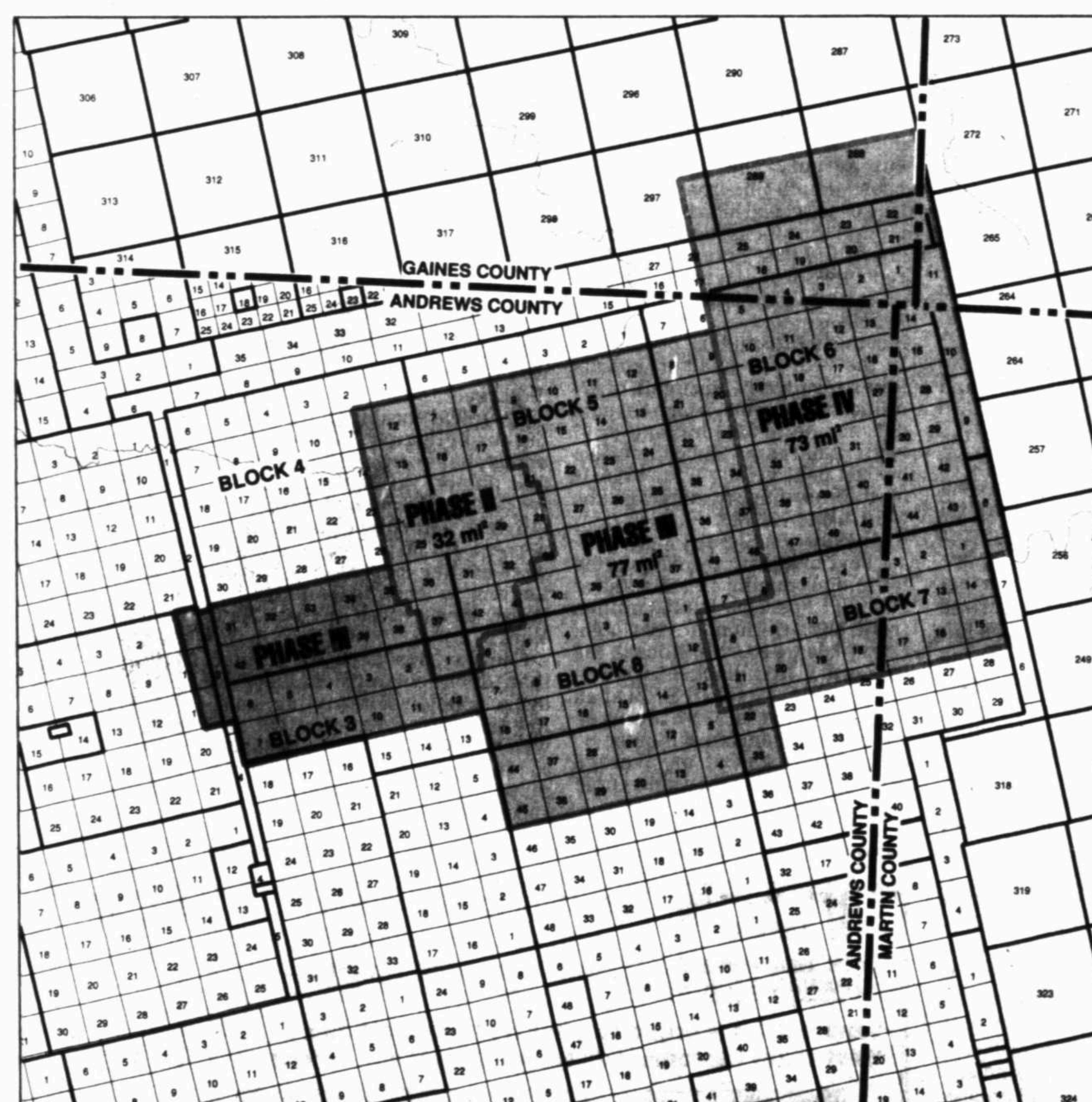
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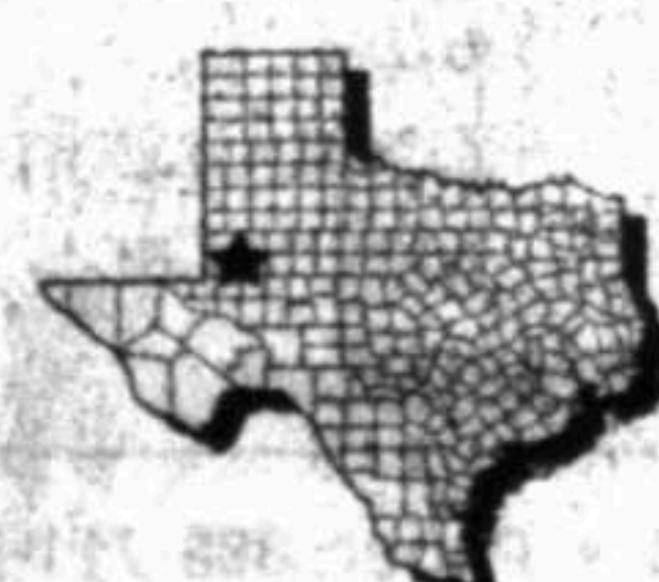
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