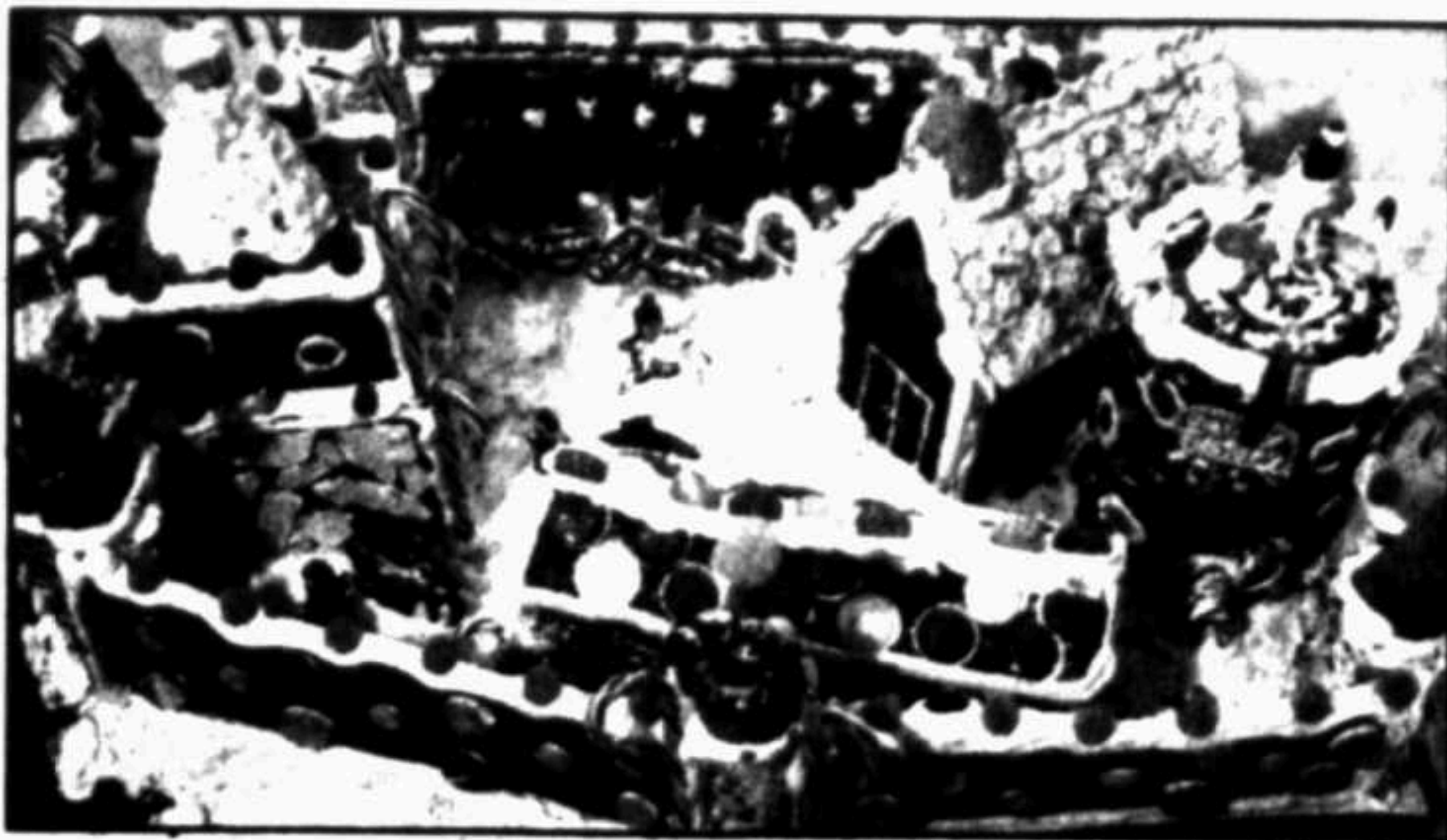




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Midland continued to make big sports news on the local, state and national level during 2001./1C



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Gingerbread

Annual exhibit and sale held by the Museum of the Southwest for gingerbread houses has become a family affair./1E

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Midland and Lee high school bands performed together as they marched in the 54th Presidential Inauguration Parade in January as President George W. Bush and first lady Laura Bush wave as they pass. The bands are the Reporter-Telegram Newsmaker 2001 winners.

Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram



High school bands take Newsmaker 2001 title

By Nancy Adamson
Assistant News Editor

Newsmaker 2001

This year's closest vote didn't have anything to do with Florida, but it did require several recounts. The Midland High and Lee High bands narrowly edged out the Midland Christian football team and MHS baseball player Jayson Nix to become the Reporter-Telegram's Newsmaker 2001.

Readers voted the efforts of the two bands to raise funds to travel to Washington, D.C. to march in President George W. Bush's inaugural parade the most worthy local newsmaking event of the past year.

Last year's newsmaker, Cedric Benson, won by a landslide and even managed a few write-in votes this year thanks to his memorable freshman season with the University of Texas Longhorn football team. A mere handful of ballots separated the top three finishers in this year's vote.

The bands won with 29 percent of the votes. The Midland Christian football team, which won its second straight parochial school state title, got 28.5 percent of the votes and Jayson Nix, who led the

Midland High baseball team to a state title, got 27.5 percent.

It was quite a year for the members of the two bands. From the moment Bush was declared the winner of the election in December 2000, fund-raising efforts were started in the hope the bands would be invited to participate in his inaugural parade.

"We would love to be invited to the parade," said Lee High band director Randy Storie. "The past students that went have always treasured the event and come back to tell me what a great opportunity it was for them."

The Lee band marched in George H.W. Bush's inaugural parade in 1989. Ronald Reagan's parade in 1985. Both bands marched in both of George W. Bush's Texas parades when he was governor.

The invitation arrived via e-mail in late December and there was no doubt the bands would do everything they could to partic-

ipate in inauguration of a fellow Midlander.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime privilege," said Midland High band director Gary Doherty. "To be involved in the new millennium inauguration is incredible."

The cost of the trip was estimated at \$500,000. Donations from the Abell-Hanger Foundation, the Midland City Council and other community groups helped get the group halfway toward its goal, but in the end, it came down to the band members themselves to raise the rest of the money.

Teams of four, consisting of a pair from each school, canvassed the city, going door-to-door to solicit donations as part of their fundraising effort.

Tables were set up to receive donations at Wal-Mart and Midland Park Mall. The goal, which ended up at \$404,000, was met two days before the bands were scheduled to leave. Band booster parent John Fisco said the students were exhausted from the fund-raising efforts and the practice need-

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Sept. 11 attack top '01 story in Midland, nation

By Gary Ott
City Editor

As one looks back on the year 2001, it is not difficult to single out the most significant event of the year.

What makes it unique, however, is the fact that not only is it the No. 1 story in Midland, it is No. 1 story in Texas, in America, and, indeed, in the world. But that's exactly what the terrorists attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C. were.

The No. 1 news story of this year ... and perhaps of any year.

The bloody attacks came to be known simply by a date, Sept. 11. Nothing else needed to be said.

Midlanders reacted just as people all over America reacted ... with horror, then anger, mixed with a sense of sadness and even some helplessness, but quickly followed by a giant surge of patriotism.

American flags could be seen all over town, flying at businesses, homes and on automobiles.

Suddenly it was OK to be a proud American. And it didn't matter what color, race or sex a person was. Everyone was an American.

In Midland, prayer rallies were held. Thousands of dollars were raised for the families of the victims. Heartfelt messages from small children were mailed to New York City and the nation's capital. Local members of the National Guard were called to duty. Midlanders already serving in the military joined the war effort in Afghanistan. Others joined the armed services, wanting to do their part to make America strong.

But most Midlanders took a critical look inward, reevaluating their priorities and choices.

Many changed, becoming more spiritual, more family-oriented, more giving.

In that sense, Sept. 11 made America stronger. And Midland, too.

2. HOMETOWN BOY BECOMES TRUE WORLD LEADER

The transformation of former Midlander George W. Bush was truly astounding to watch.

Indeed, as one reflects on the events surrounding Sept. 11 and the president's commanding handling of the subsequent war on terrorism, it is hard to believe that just days before there were whispers that his presidency was already in trouble.

Public opinion polls showed that if a rematch with Al Gore were held, the race would be just as close as it was in November of 2000.

Late-night comedians were having a field day, poking fun at Bush and claiming he'd rather spend time relaxing on his Texas ranch than handle the duties in the White House.

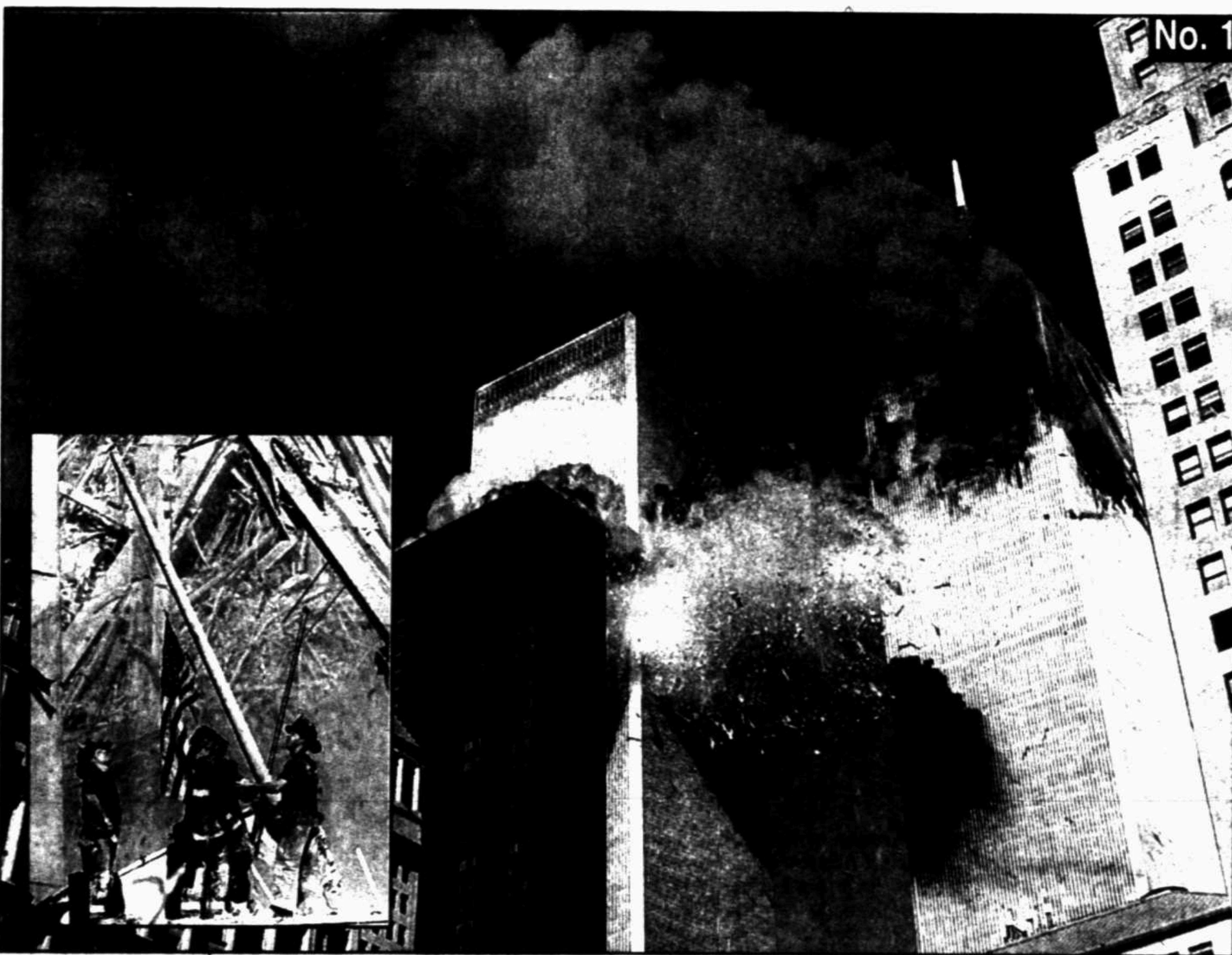
Some even wondered if he liked being president ... or if he were up to the job.

But all of that changed on Sept. 11. On that day, George W. Bush truly became President George W. Bush.

And the jokes ended. Midlanders took a certain pride in the new-found public confidence in the president.

And why not? George W. Bush was a Midlander. And he liked to tell people he was a Midlander, and that Midland was where he formed the values that would dictate the way he lived his life.

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TOP: Smoke billows from one of the towers of the World Trade Center and flames and debris explode from the second tower, Sept. 11 (AP). INSET: Brooklyn firefighters George Johnson, left, of Ladder 157, Dan McWilliams, center, of Ladder 157, and Billy Eisengrein, right, of Rescue 2, raise a flag at the World Trade Center in New York Sept. 11 (Thomas E. Franklin/AP). LEFT: George W. and Laura Bush in Midland shortly before they flew to Washington, D.C. for the inauguration in January. FAR RIGHT: The Taylor family.



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram



Photo courtesy of the Taylor family

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Evidence ties al-Qaida suspects to network, Mohamed Atta

By Dafna Linzer and Paul Haven
Associated Press

An al-Qaida plot to blow up the U.S. Embassy in Rome. Another to set terrorist commandos loose in Strasbourg, home of the European Parliament. A third to spirit a suicide bomber into the American embassy in Paris.

Authorities on both sides of the Atlantic have described the plots as the work of a highly compartmentalized organization whose members often weren't aware of each others' activities.

Even so, a look reveals that many of those suspected of orchestrating terror against Americans had direct and frequent connections — a meeting in Spain, a phone number found in Hamburg, a London cleric who was a religious inspiration to

terrorists in different cells. And connected to it all, Mohamed Atta — the suicide pilot Osama bin Laden described as "in charge of the group" of Sept. 11 suicide hijackers — seems to have been the common thread that wove through the lives of many bin Laden agents.

Atta's travels in the last months of his life brought him in contact with some of those allegedly behind plots against the U.S. embassies in Rome and Paris, as well as a cell official who was plotting to attack the European Parliament and other targets in Strasbourg, France. He also met an Iraqi intelligence official in Prague and is suspected of links to a group of North Africans in Spain that authorities say was planning to attack U.S. interests in Europe.

While the other al-Qaida plots in Europe were thwarted, the one Atta controlled directly — leading a team of suicide hijackers who threw their lives away in order to take thousands more — succeeded.

U.S. authorities, who spoke on condition of anonymity, say they have placed Atta at

the center of their investigation and are working backward, retracing his steps in order to reach other potential terrorists.

What they have found is that in the months leading up to the worst terrorist attack in history, al-Qaida suspects were working throughout Europe, often bumping up against authorities and each other. In some cases, a suspect under surveillance in one country was not considered a danger by authorities in another.

THE ROME PLOT:

When the U.S. Embassy in Rome went on alert and shut down for three days last January, there was a suggestion al-Qaida may have been plotting an attack.

Four months later, Italian police nabbed Essid Ben Khemais, a burly Tunisian known as "the Saber." Italian prosecutor Stefano Dambruoso has said Ben Khemais was sent from Afghanistan to supervise bin Laden's terrorist operations in Europe. He is considered a high-ranking bin Laden associate. Please see ATTA/4A

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YEAR: Bulldogs beat Austin High to win state championship

(From 1A)

And governed the country. It all started in Midland. That's what he said. Like on Jan. 17 of this year, when he returned to the Tall City on his way to becoming this country's 43rd president and told the thousands of people on hand that "This is my home!" The crowd roared. One of Midland's own was going to the White House. The pride continued at his inauguration a few days later. Many local residents went to Washington to witness the festivities first hand. But far more watched it all unfold on national television, from the parade, which included local bands, to the emotional swearing-in that took place on Jan. 20. That was the day George W. Bush, a former Midlander, became the president of the United States. Sept. 11, of the other hand, was the day George W. Bush, a former Midlander, became a world leader. And in both cases, Midlanders were proud of the hometown boy who made good.

Still, the campaign surged forward at a feverish pitch. Each remaining candidate insisted he had the best plan for moving Midland forward. The electorate listened but didn't make up their minds until the final days leading up to May 5 election. Indeed, polls consistently showed as many as 40 percent of potential voters were undecided as late as one week prior to election day. If that was true, then nearly all of those undecided voters ended up casting their ballots for Canon. When the votes were finally tallied on election night, the numbers shocked many observers. They read like this: Canon: 7,743. Brown: 3,800. Dingus: 2,690. Flournoy: 166. Even more impressive was the fact Canon managed to win a clear majority in a four-man race. He got 53.70 percent of the vote, a 27-percent victory over his nearest rival. But, really, the thing that stuck out about the race was the money spent. The final totals were as follows: Brown: \$95,953.50 spent; \$54,438 raised. Canon: \$47,587.74 spent; \$52,900.37 raised. Dingus: \$38,498.20 spent; \$30,035.35 raised. In other words, the three together spent more than \$182,000. And, oh yeah, the job pays \$75 a month.

large numbers to overwhelmingly pass an economic development sales tax. After defeating the measure twice before in the 1990s, this time local residents said "yes" to a quarter-cent increase in the city's sales tax, which will be used to create an economic development corporation that proponents hope will help diversify Midland's oil-dependent economy. Supporters of the tax increase insisted the additional revenue — estimated to be about \$3 million a year — is needed to allow the city to play on the same playing field as markets like Amarillo, Abilene and Odessa when it comes to recruiting new businesses. The election totals were: For: 8,395. Against: 5,844. Supporters quickly praised the electorate. "It's a landmark day for Midland," Canon said on election night. "It creates an opportunity for us to create jobs for young people and people we educate in this community. It's a chance for them to stay here or to come back home" after receiving a college education elsewhere. The city will begin collecting tax revenue in April of 2002.

ly hitting with men on base. "It was a great baseball game," said MHS coach Barry Russell, as he and his players had their championship medals on hung on them by Texas Gov. Rick Perry. But some of the players were already looking ahead to next year. That's what a taste of the gold will do. "We're going to be expecting it now and we're not going to settle for anything less," said sophomore Daniel Stovall. Junior centerfielder James Smith agreed. "We're planning on being here next year, too," he said. And at the rate local schools are winning state championships these days, don't bet against them.

cations and his approach to the job," trustee Linda Foster said at the time of the hiring. "This community is going to love him. Teachers are going to love him. He knows what it takes." At least, that's what the board is hoping. After all, it wasn't all that long ago — in October of 2000 — that Midlanders went to the polls in huge numbers to overwhelmingly defeat a \$72.2 million bond election, many citing "a lack of trust in MISD" as the major reason for opposing the measure. MISD may soon find out if that confidence has been restored. On Dec. 11, Nicks announced plans for a new bond election to be held in September of 2002 ... and he vowed that the results would be different this time around. But only time will tell.

Hello, indeed. It was one day earlier — on April 11 — that the worst-kept secret became a reality. Cingular Wireless announced its plans to open a customer care center in Midland's former Builders Square location at Loop 250 and Highway 191. But the key word was: jobs. And lots of them. Company officials said the center, which opened later in the summer, would initially employ 750 people, with that number expected to grow to 1,000 by October. It was estimated to generate some \$45 million for the Midland economy. City officials, many of whom had worked behind the scenes to secure the deal, were overjoyed with the announcement. "It's a big hit for Midland," said then-Mayor Bobby Burns. "Anytime you can bring 750-1,000 jobs to this city, it is a tremendous boost for Midland. It will make the economy even stronger." In order to help secure the deal, local leaders organized a public/private incentive package, including \$1 million from the city's water and sewer fund. Although criticized by some — calling it "corporate welfare" — the general public seemed to accept the incentives, and many believe the action helped create a positive momentum in the community that eventually led to the passage of the economic sales tax later in the year.



3. MIDLAND GETS A NEW MAYOR

It was a mayoral election like no other in the Tall City's history. There was one big reason why: Money. Never had so many dollars been spent to get a job that paid so little. But that's what happened in the spring of 2001. Current city councilmen Mike Canon and Bill Dingus were joined in the high-profile race by former councilmen Dale Brown and Buddy Sipes and political newcomer Thomas Flournoy. Sipes later dropped out of the race and threw his support, and campaign finances, to Canon, saying both shared a "moderately conservative philosophy," a not-so-subtle jab at Brown, the early frontrunner who was widely viewed as the most hard-core conservative of the



4. ED SALES TAX BECOMES REALITY

In this case, the third time really was the charm. And to its most avid supporters, including newly elected mayor Mike Canon, Midland's future was at stake. This time, a majority of Midland's voters agreed. On Nov. 6, they turned out in



5. ANOTHER STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

This is getting to be old hat. Another local high school wins a state championship in sports, and at the 5A level, which is the largest in Texas. This time it was the Midland High School baseball team that brought home the gold, winning the state championship game against Austin High School, 4-2, on June 9 in Round Rock. The Bulldogs won by doing what they had done all season, complementing a strong pitching performance — this time by Jayson Nix, who earlier was taken in the first round of the Major League baseball draft by the Colorado Rockies — with time-



6. NEW SUPERINTENDENT TAKES CHARGE

The unstated, but clearly understood job description was daunting indeed: Restore the Midland Independent School District's badly tarnished image with the local taxpayer. That's what faced Robert Nicks, who officially accepted the position as MISD's superintendent on April 17 at a salary of \$185,000 per year. On his first day on the job, June 1, he made a comment to the Reporter-Telegram that set the tone for his new administration. "The educational system is not the same today as it was 20 years ago," he said. "And I told the school board during my interview that if they didn't want change for the better, they don't need to hire me." But the school board was looking for change, and that was a big reason Nicks, who came to Midland from Beaumont, was hired. Board members heaped praise on him from the beginning. "I'm thrilled with his quali-



7. CINGULAR COMES TO TOWN

The Page One headline in the April 12 edition of the Reporter-Telegram said it all: "Hello Cingular!"

8. A FAMILY TRAGEDY

It was a tragedy almost too horrible to imagine. But it happened and it left a Greenwood family grieving for its own. The horror began during the early afternoon hours of Tuesday, Aug. 7. Sisters Kristin

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2001: CAF ends year by unveiling new name, logo

(From 2A)

Taylor, 16, and Katie Taylor, 9, were southbound on South County Road 1150 when their compact car was struck by an oncoming tractor-trailer.

According to police at the scene, the older Taylor girl, who was driving, was killed instantly. The younger sister was rescued through the back window of the vehicle and transported immediately to Midland Memorial Hospital. Katie Taylor never regained consciousness. She was pronounced dead at about 1:30 p.m. the following day.

But the sadness doesn't end there.

Tuesday — the day of the accident — marked the parents, Mike and Judy Taylor, 19th wedding anniversary.

Making matters worse, Mrs. Taylor has been diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing treatment.

Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter, a friend of family, explained.

"It was a tragic, tragic day, and on top of it all, his (Mike Taylor) wife was in the unit at the hospital receiving treatment. When he found out his nine-year-old was in the car, he was very, very distraught, as anyone would be."

Mike and Judy Taylor have a third daughter, Kara, who turned three years of age on that tragic Wednesday.

9. ANOTHER OIL MERGER

It was the kind of news story that causes Midlanders to hold their collective breath. And for good reason. The local economy's wellbeing might very well be dramatically impacted by what follows.

But that's way it is when the local economy is oil-based, and two more major companies are about to become one.

In this case, it was the announcement on Oct. 9 that with near-unanimous votes, shareholders officially endorsed the \$38.6 billion acquisition of Texaco by Chevron.

ChevronTexaco immediately became the second largest American energy company and the fifth largest in the world.

But the big news, at least for Midlanders, was the fact it would retain its ties to the Permian Basin.

"The combined company will have a significant presence in the Permian Basin," said Alan Kleier, vice president of the Permian Basin Unit for Chevron-Texaco. "We will be the second largest producer in the Permian Basin. The merger will give us the power to excel."

Still, officials acknowledged it was too early to know how the merger would affect the 202 employees in Texaco's Midland office and the 234 in field operations in the Permian Basin or the 150 Chevron employees in Midland and 128 in the field.

But at least some of those positions were expected to be eliminated.

10. HIGHS AND LOWS FOR THE CAF

It was the best of times and the worst of times for the Confederate Air Force.

Early in the year, the organization had to deal with tragedy ... not once, but twice.

In both cases, death resulted.

It was on Saturday, April 14, that CAF pilot Roy Green, 53, of Midland was killed when the World War II-era monoplane he



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FAR LEFT, TOP: The shattered frame of a WWII-era Fairchild PT-19A trainer rests near a runway at Midland International Airport after a crash in April. The pilot, Roy Don Green of the Confederate Air Force, was killed. His co-pilot passenger, visiting German Air Force Capt. Manfred Aust, walked away. The plane has just taken off when it crashed. **FAR LEFT, BOTTOM:** Texas State troopers examine the wreckage of a CAF BT-13 aircraft that crashed in May near a remote airstrip in Southwest Midland County. The crash of the single engine, two-seater killed both pilot-in-command Dan Secker and Neal Clifton up for a familiarization flight, both from Midland. **LEFT:** Hundreds of people attended the CAF 10 year celebration in October. The event started with the unveiling of the new name, Commemorative Air Force.

was piloting crashed moments after takeoff at Midland International Airport.

The fatality occurred during the CAF's annual Open Cockpit Day at which Green's wife, Susan, and their children, Emily and Ryan, were attending.

Amazingly, Green's co-pilot-passenger, visiting German Air Force Capt. Manfred Aust, suf-

fered only minor injuries and walked away from the aircraft. He was treated and released at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Tragedy would strike again for the CAF. And soon.

One month to the day later — on Monday, May 14 — two Midland-based CAF pilots were killed on a training-familiarization flight when their BT-13

Valiant monoplane crashed at Bates Field near Odessa in far west Midland County.

Killed were 61-year-old Dan Secker, the pilot-in-command, and Neal Clifton, 54, who was gaining experience in the aircraft.

But not everything that happened to the CAF in 2001 was sad ... or tragic.

Indeed, there were many bright moments.

One highlight occurred on Dec. 7, the 60th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, which launched America into World War II.

CAF officials used that historical date to mark the celebration of the organization's 10th year to be headquartered in

Midland.

Officials also unveiled a new name and logo.

Beginning this Tuesday, the first day of the new year, the Confederate Air Force officially becomes the Commemorative Air Force.

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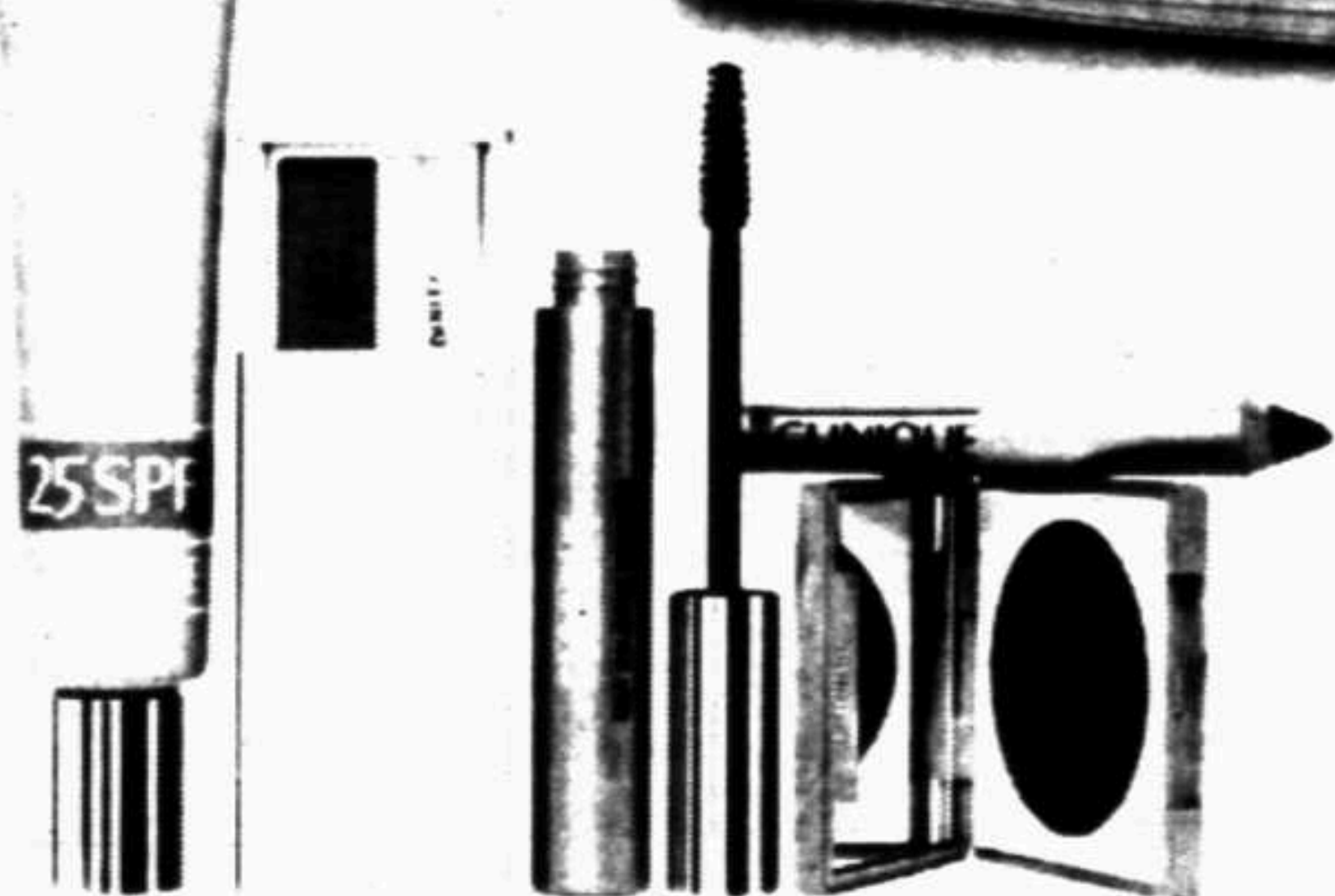


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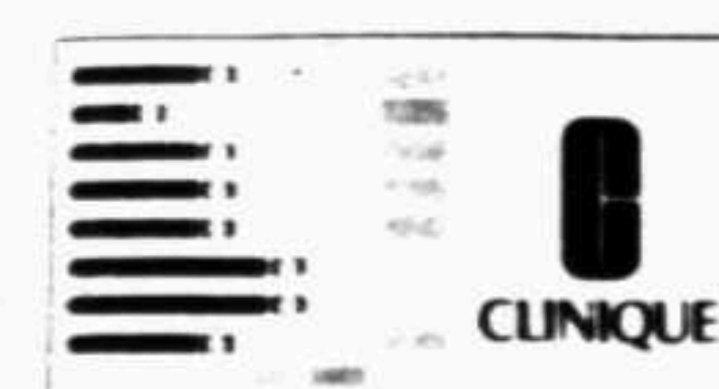


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Under the settlement, 177 companies will contain and monitor contaminants at the 190-acre Operating Industries site. The dump is located in Monterey Park, about 10 miles east of downtown Los Angeles.

The agreement announced Friday brings the total cleanup cost to more than \$600 million, making it one of the most expensive non-governmental Superfund sites in the federal program's history, attorneys said.

An estimated 4,000 companies are believed to have dumped commercial and industrial waste at the landfill from 1948 to 1984. They include southern California's major employers: Exxon-Mobil, Unocal, Chevron, Texaco, Lockheed-Martin, Boeing and General Motors.

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Low 27

Tuesday
Mostly cloudy
High 45
Low 28

Today's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies and highs around 45 with east winds from 5 to 15 mph. For tonight, expect cloudy skies and lows from 25 to 30.

Monday's forecast calls for highs from 45 to 50.

On New Year's Day, expect cloudy skies with a slight chance of snow. Expect lows around 25 with highs from 35 to 40.

The high on Saturday reached 48, while the low dropped to 34. The record high for Dec. 29 is 77 set in 1945. The record low is 9 set in 1983.

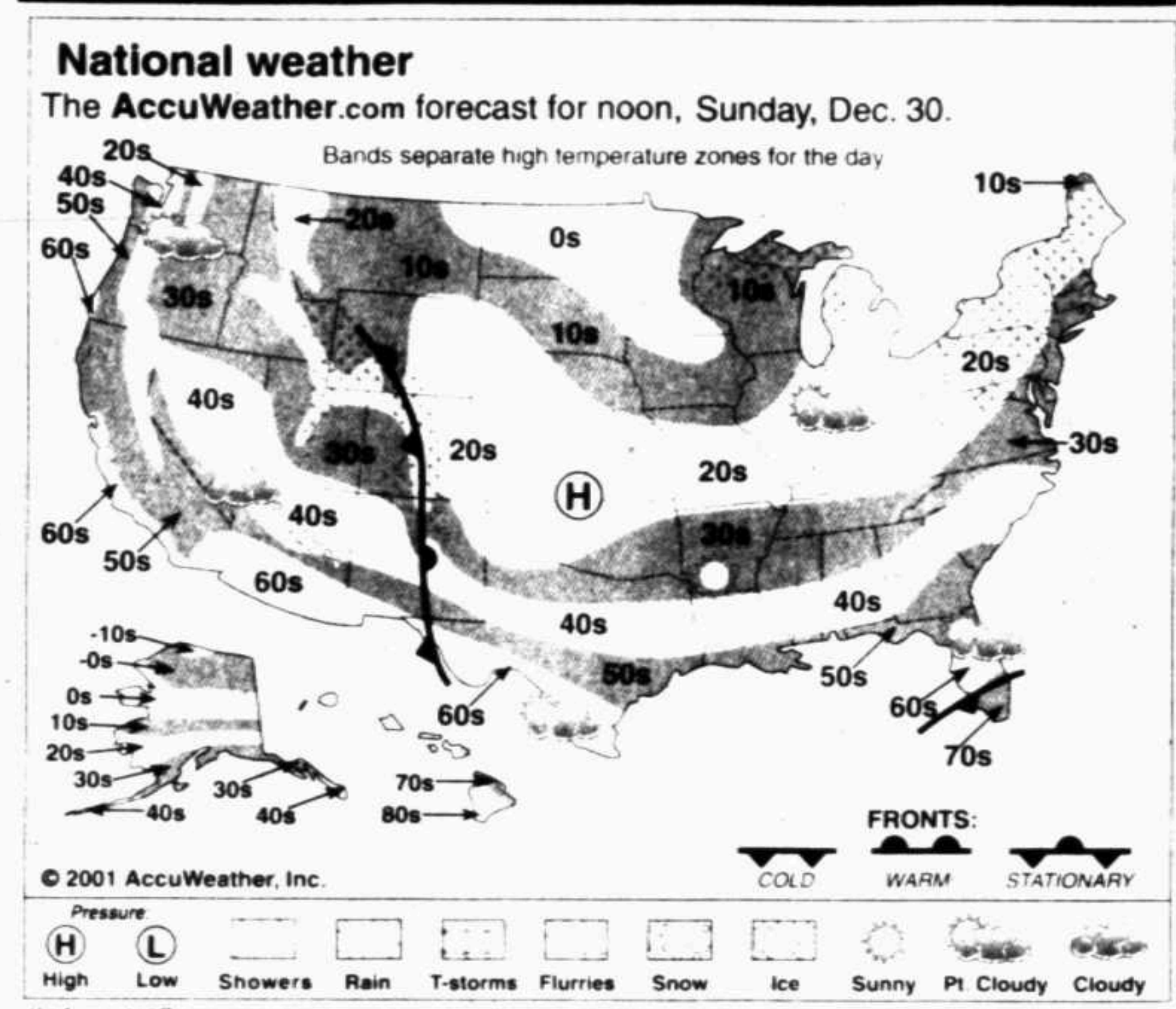
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Total for month 0.10 in.
Total for year 9.85 in.
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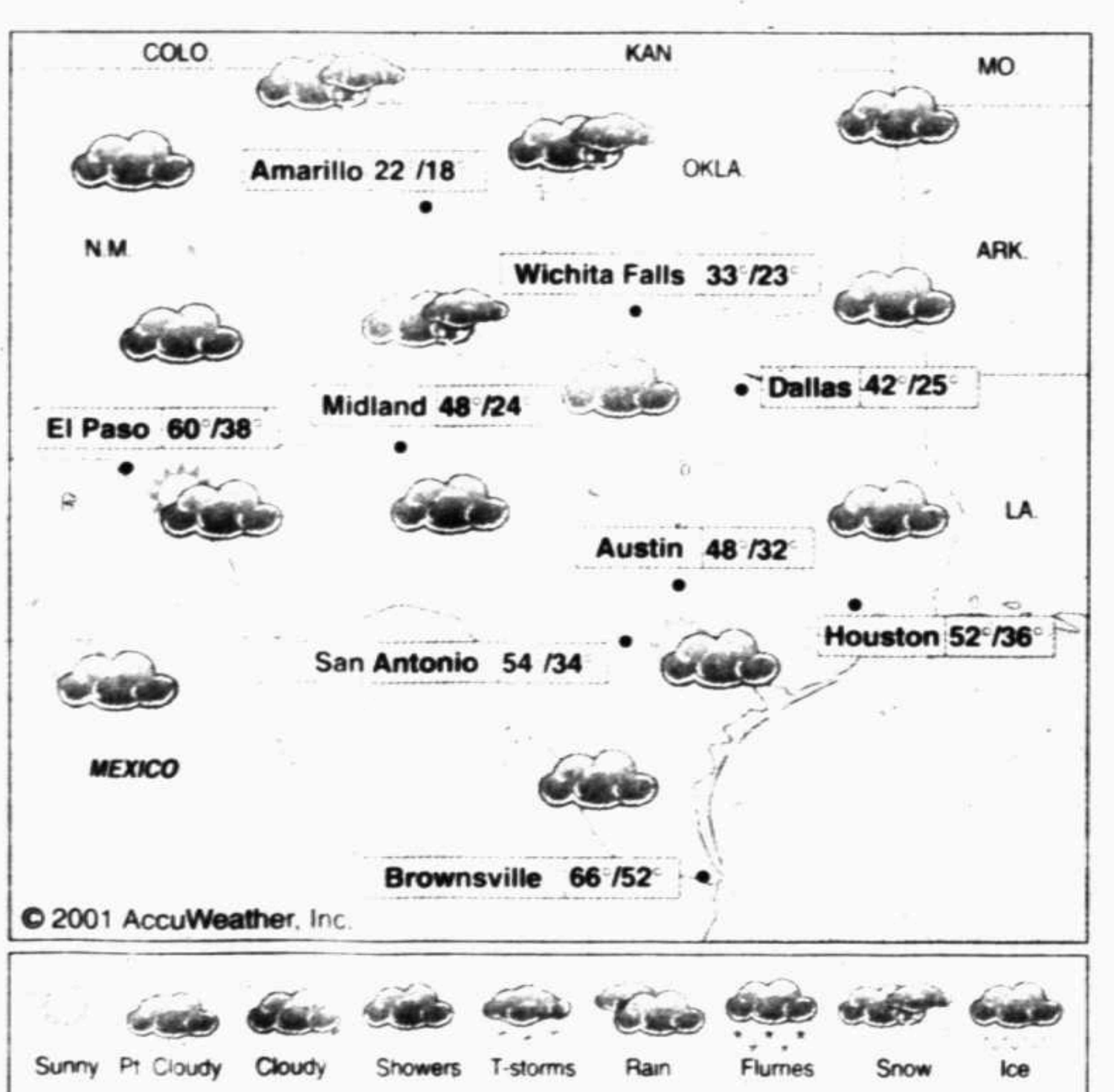
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United States temperatures

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Boston	37	28 cdy
Casper	22	7 cdy
Chicago	12	19 cld
Cincinnati	26	23 01 cld
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Midland	49	30
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Odessa	48	29
Patterson	70	41
Paris	45	34
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San Marcos	55	37
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Victoria	64	39
Waco	49	36
Wichita Falls	45	26
Wink	50	33

ATTA: Jordanian says he is 'just a cleric for Islam'

(From 1A)

who Spanish officials say met with Atta in Spain weeks before his arrest.

Italian investigators have said they've uncovered evidence of cooperation among al-Qaida cells in Germany, France, Spain and Belgium.

Under Ben Khemais' direction, the investigators say, an Italian-German cell plotted to bring down the heavily guarded U.S. Embassy, a 19th-century building on Rome's fashionable Via Veneto. Two members of the cell were arrested shortly after the Sept. 11 attacks, including a Tunisian man picked up outside a Milan mosque referred to by the State Department as al-Qaida's "main station house in Europe."

Some time between the closing of the Rome embassy and Ben Khemais' arrest in April he met with Atta in Spain, Spanish police say. What the men discussed is not known.

THE HAMBURG CELL:

The Dec. 11 U.S. indictment of Zacarias Moussaoui, a French citizen of Moroccan descent arrested in Minnesota three weeks before the Sept. 11 attacks, shed more light on the cell Atta operated in Hamburg, Germany.

U.S. authorities allege that Moussaoui, who authorities say would have been among the hijackers had he not been arrested, followed many of the same patterns as the 19 hijackers, all of whom were named as undicted co-conspirators along with bin Laden.

The indictment also linked Moussaoui to Ramzi Binalshibh, an alleged member of the German cell who once lived with Atta in a Hamburg apartment where they are believed to have planned the Sept. 11 attack.

U.S. investigators believe Binalshibh was meant to have been the 20th hijacker and have suggested that Moussaoui may have been picked as an alternate when Binalshibh was denied entry into the United States.

Atta's ties to Binalshibh and hijacker Marwan al-Shehhi go back years. The three worked together between 1997 and 1998 at a company outside Hamburg called Hay Computing Service GmbH, company officials said.

In October 1999, Atta and Binalshibh both attended the wedding of Said Bahaji, a 26-year-old German-Moroccan who vanished shortly before Sept. 11 and is thought to have been part of the Hamburg cell.

At Bahaji's wedding, a lavish affair at a local mosque, at least three of the hijackers and their cohorts bumped shoulders with members of Hamburg's Muslim community, including a Syrian-born import-exporter named Mamoun Darkazanli.

The Bush administration has accused Darkazanli of operating a front for al-Qaida, and Spain has named him in the indictment of Sept. 11 suspect Imad Yarkas, who comes from Darkazanli's home town of Aleppo, Syria. Atta also spent time in Aleppo during the mid-1990s while researching his dissertation on trade development there.

Despite the ties, German authorities have said they don't have enough evidence to arrest Darkazanli.

In an interview with The Associated Press after Sept. 11, Darkazanli said he met Atta at Bahaji's wedding and acknowledged a failed business deal with a bin Laden cohort but said he was innocent of any wrongdoing.

Man accused of having gun in carry-on luggage

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Authorities said a Florida man who was arrested with a loaded 9mm semiautomatic pistol in his carry-on luggage had already boarded two flights before the gun was found.

Barry L. Brunstein of Tampa, Fla., was charged Friday with attempting to board an aircraft with a concealed weapon.

According to an FBI affidavit filed in U.S. District Court, Brunstein flew from Tampa to Atlanta, switched flights and continued to Memphis.

Brunstein was preparing to board a Delta Airlines flight back to Atlanta on Friday when he was

selected for a random search, said Larry Cox, Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority president. That search turned up the pistol in his carry-on luggage, according to the affidavit by Memphis FBI special agent Daniel Sobolewski.

Brunstein acknowledged the gun was his. A federal official said the gun "got by security in Tampa."

Brunstein declined to comment when reached by The Commercial Appeal newspaper. He was released on \$5,000 bond.

Delta officials said they were unaware of the incident and had no comment.

NEWSMAKER: Weather nearly causes cancellation

(From 1A)

ed to march in the parade, but were looking forward to the trip.

Once in the nation's capital, bad weather threatened the outdoor events, but parade officials gave the OK on the morning of the inauguration. When the two bands marched in front of the presidential grandstand, the president and first lady Laura Bush stood to applaud and wave at the group.

It was a memorable moment for the young Midlanders.

"I was doing something historical," said Lee senior Daundria Rudolph. "I will remember this for the rest of my life."



Yarkas

Atta

Khemais

Binalshibh

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Bensakhria

Moussaoui

Raissi

THE RECRUITERS:

Spanish authorities would like to know why Yarkas' Madrid phone number appeared in an address book found in Atta's Hamburg apartment after the attacks.

Did Atta meet the man suspected of recruiting and fundraising for al-Qaida during one of his Spanish trips? Investigators can't say.

What the Spanish Interior Ministry has said is that Yarkas, who used the alias Abu Dahdah, was the "representative of the organization run by Osama bin Laden in Spain," and spent years hiring holy warriors and raising an undetermined amount of cash to pay for their operations.

On Nov. 18, Yarkas and seven others were charged in a Madrid court with belonging to al-Qaida. Baltasar Garzon, Spain's top anti-terrorism judge, said they "were directly linked to the preparation and carrying out of the attacks perpetrated by suicide pilots on Sept. 11, 2001."

While Yarkas may not have known all the details about the attacks, he knew the World Trade Center and the Pentagon were targets, according to Spain's national police chief, Juan Cotino.

And like Atta, Yarkas seems to have been connected to other suspects named in the Sept. 11 investigation, including Mohamed Bensakhria, who is believed to have been bin Laden's top aide in Europe, as well as Mohamed Boualem Khouni, the leader of the Algerian cell now in Spanish custody.

According to the indictment, Yarkas traveled 20 times to Britain and visited Turkey, Belgium, Denmark, Sweden, Indonesia, Malaysia and Jordan as part of his recruitment drive.

As early as 1997, he began sending fighters first for training in al-Qaida camps and then to the front lines in Bosnia and Afghanistan. The indictment lists a dozen fighters under his tutelage and connections to operatives around the globe — chiefly Omar Mahmoud Othman, a London-based preacher better known as Abu Qutadah.

LONDON CONNECTION:

A Spanish indictment describes Abu Qutadah as "the supreme leader at the European level of the mujahedeen," or Islamic fighters.

Jordanian authorities call Abu Qutadah a senior associate of bin Laden and last year a military court there found him guilty of conspiracy to carry out terrorist attacks on U.S. and

Israeli targets. He is living in London where he has refugee status.

Abu Qutadah, a Jordanian of Palestinian descent, denies all the charges and says his mosque on London's Baker Street is nothing more than a sanctuary for worshippers.

"I am just a cleric for Islam. People talk to me from all over the world," he recently told AP.

Authorities suspect otherwise. U.S. intelligence officials have been saying since October that some of the suspects were recruited at his mosque.

Zacarias Moussaoui's brother has said Moussaoui was radicalized at the Baker street mosque.

Moussaoui also worshipped at a London mosque frequented by Richard C. Reid, the man who allegedly tried to blow up a Dec. 22 trans-Atlantic flight with explosives hidden in his shoes, said Abdul Haqq Baker, the mosque's chairman.

London was also home to Lotfi Raissi, a 27-year-old Algerian pilot who lived near Heathrow airport and was arrested on a U.S. warrant there on Sept. 21.

British prosecutor Arvinda Sambir has said Raissi trained several hijackers who flew the plane that crashed into the Pentagon, including Hani Hanjour, whom Raissi allegedly flew with on June 23 from Las Vegas to Arizona.

U.S. investigators say Atta was also in Las Vegas then with Hanjour, who would later crash American Airlines Flight 77 into the Pentagon, and three other hijackers.

THE PARIS EMBASSY:

Djamel Beghal, a 35-year-old French-Algerian, sat in a Dubai prison for two months before Sept. 11.

But after the attacks, Beghal's story about a suicide plot to blow up the U.S. Embassy in Paris caught the attention of France's top anti-terrorism judge who quickly secured his extradition.

French investigators have said that during interrogations in Dubai, Beghal said he discussed the Paris embassy plot inside bin Laden's home in Afghanistan. He later gave authorities the names of several accomplices, including Nizar Trabelsi, the alleged would-be suicide bomber.

Trabelsi, a Tunisian who once played professional soccer in Germany, was arrested in Belgium on Sept. 13. Cotino, the Spanish police chief, said it was "very possible" Trabelsi and Atta met in Spain where they both were at the same time earlier this year.

Spanish authorities have also tied Trabelsi to Algerians in their custody and to a Frenchman named Jerome Courtailler who once lived with Moussaoui and is now in Dutch custody.

The Dutch prosecutor's office said recently they suspects "tried to falsify documents that could be used to commit an assault, possibly on the U.S. Embassy in Paris."

THE IRAQI AGENT:

Atta also met last spring at a Prague hotel with an Iraqi spy who was allegedly plotting an attack on a U.S. financed radio station.

Czech authorities have said they do not know what the two discussed during the meetings but the Iraqi, Ahmad Khalil Ibrahim Samir Al-Ani, was expelled in April for "activities that are incompatible with his status as a diplomat."

Following the Sept. 11 attacks, the Czech government deployed armored vehicles around the offices of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty's Prague headquarters.

On Oct. 10, the Czechs announced they were in discussions with Washington about moving the headquarters out of the capital altogether because of security concerns.

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Revelers tone down plans for New Year's Eve celebrations

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It wouldn't be New Year's Eve without a little revelry. But a more subdued tone set, in part, by the events of Sept. 11 and a squeamish economy is prompting some Americans to stay home or celebrate at small gatherings with friends this year.

Among them are New Yorkers Michael and Colleen Prichinello, who decided last-minute to make filet mignon and stuffed mushrooms for a dozen friends at their apartment just two blocks from Ground Zero.

"A lot of them have been cautious about coming to our place in fear of what they might see," Michael says. "But I think being there on the last day of 2001 with friends will give it a bit of meaning."

Christine Sobolak of Chicago plans to cook dinner with her boyfriend instead of attending her usual parties.

"Spending \$150-plus on one night feels somehow inappropriate this year," the 23-year-old says.

Karen Blinkhorn of Ocala, Fla., will forgo getting a baby sitter and, instead, has invited other families with children to her

home.

While some restaurants and hotels have had to run last-minute marketing blitzes to fill tables and rooms, more traditional locales — among them, churches — are getting swamped with calls about New Year's Eve events. The Imago Dei Metropolitan Community Church in suburban Philadelphia, for example, is hosting its first-ever New Year's Eve party.

Retailers who specialize in home party supplies are noticing the trend toward homegrown gatherings.

Sal Perisano, CEO of Boston-based iParty Corp., says he's seen a double-digit increase in sales for New Year's party paraphernalia, compared with the same period in 2000. Top sellers include red-white-and-blue party hats and noisemakers, as well as buffet trays and devices used to keep dishes heated.

Some larger celebrations — like Denver's citywide party — have been canceled because of concerns over safety and security costs.

And a lack of money or volunteers and terrorism fears prompted about 20 of 200 communities nationwide — from St. Louis to Staten Island — to



Michael and Colleen Prichinello pose Saturday, in New York, on their apartment building's community terrace, located near the World Trade Center wreckage site.

shelve plans for First Night events, a nonalcoholic, arts-oriented celebration.

Bethany Young, 27, from Washington, D.C., says she's glad she's heading to Texas with her boyfriend to watch his alma mater, Washington State, play Purdue in the Sun Bowl.

"I figure with all that's been going on around here, it can't hurt to get out of town for New Year's, just in case anything

weird happens," she says. "El Paso seems like a pretty safe bet."

While it took a little longer than usual for the New York Marriott Marquis to sell out of rooms for New Year's Eve, the hotel just off Times Square did so late last week — and was on the verge of running out of spots at its \$699-a-couple dinner dance.

"I think people were doing a little wait and see," Marriott spokeswoman Kathleen Duffy says, noting some guests are flying in from Europe. "But it's good to see the endorsement of New York City."

New Yorker Deric Nance and his wife also reserved a Times Square hotel for a bargain \$100 and plan to be sandwiched with the tens of thousands expected to flock to central Manhattan to watch the annual "ball drop."

"It is our first year in New York City, and we are not going to miss out," Nance says. "The 9/11 attack won't keep us from having fun."

Alan Wolfelt, director for the Center for Loss and Life Transition in Fort Collins, Colo., says that sort of response is to be expected.

"Trying to prove things are OK," he says, can be quite normal and healthy.

But he cautions Americans from seeing this New Year's as "closure" on the terrorist attacks and war in Afghanistan.

"There will be a tendency to say, 'Now the year's over. Buck up and carry on,'" says Wolfelt,

author of the book "The Journey Through Grief."

"But we need to recognize the events of Sept. 11 were like yesterday particularly for family members and others close to the victims."

For some, celebrating at home is nothing new.

Each year, Brian Bierley of Bloomfield Township, Mich., toasts the New Year with sparkling grape juice and the same person — his grandmother Clara, now 90.

They play cards, watch a little football, eat good food and make confetti with paper punches, the 30-year-old Bierley says. Then they watch Dick Clark's annual New Year's Eve show, which is expected to be even more popular this year.

Bierley says the tradition has probably "cost me a girlfriend or two."

"But I always told them that can have 364 days a year of my time," he says. "This day is reserved for me and my grandma."

New slang terms added to Merriam-Webster's dictionary

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — Gearheads and hotties now have an official place in the English language, and the wordsmiths at Merriam-Webster don't mind if they shake their booties or give each other noogies.

Those slang terms — for the technology obsessed, physically attractive, buttocks and annoying knuckle rubs on the head — have been added to Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary Tenth Edition.

"These are words, which have been in use for a long time," said Merriam-Webster spokesman Arthur Bicknell. "To get into the dictionary, a new word must first appear in a number of reputable sources. Then we need evidence its been assimilated into our language."

That means new definitions of old terms now linked to the

Sept. 11 terrorist attacks — most notably "ground zero" — didn't make the cut this year.

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Forest Service chief seeks to end 'analysis paralysis'

By Katherine Pfleger
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Forest Service Chief Dale Bosworth wants to simplify Clinton era regulations governing millions of acres of federal forest and grasslands but finds himself caught between environmentalists and the timber industry — two bookends on a long shelf that rarely meet.

Environmentalists believe President Bush's team is chipping away at hard-won forest safeguards. Timber industry representatives welcome relief from what they saw as an overzealous bureaucracy.

Bosworth says layers of regulations governing the 192 million acres of federal forest and grasslands are so confusing the national forests are in a state of "analysis paralysis" — subject to endless planning and evaluating, but little action, he said in an interview after eight months on the job.

He wants to make policies clear and regulations easier to understand. "I don't want them to add so much more process they add to the ... gridlock we are in already," Bosworth said.

But, in Bosworth's changes, environmentalists see an erosion of his predecessor's natural resources agenda and new interest in boosting timber sales and developing pristine areas.

Bosworth and the Bush administration are revising three major policies:

■ The roadless rule, which protected more than 58 million acres of forest from most logging and road construction.

■ A transportation policy outlining the management of more than 383,000 miles of forest roads to reduce maintenance backlogs and protect undeveloped areas.

■ A set of regulations that guided local officials in writing 10- to 15-year forest management plans could limit logging, skiing and other activities to protect ecosystems.

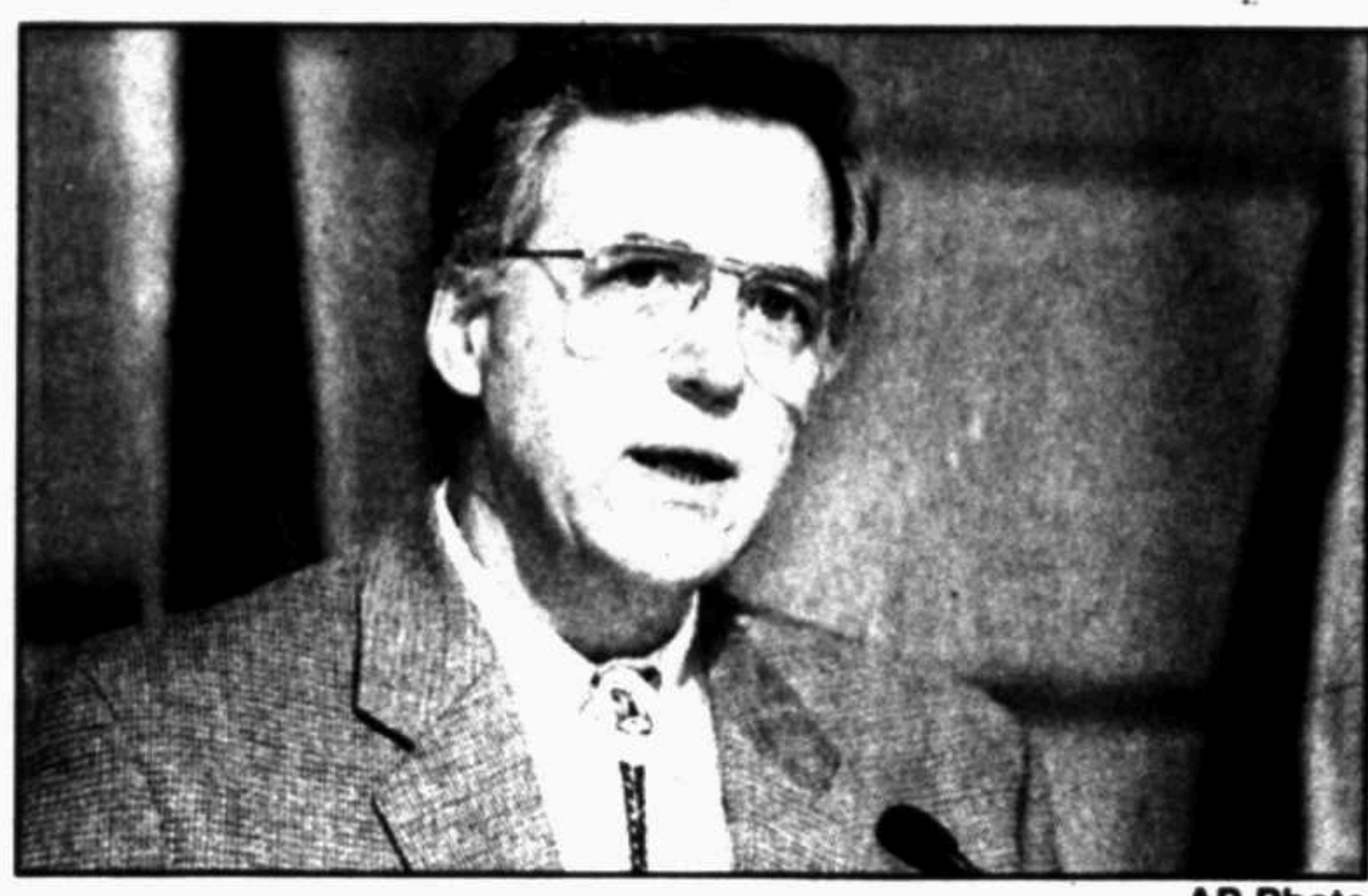
In each case, conservation groups contend the changes being made undermine important protections.

Bosworth says the policies didn't work.

"Those things got all intertwined, and our folks in the field had an awful time trying to understand what it is we really wanted," he said.

The timber industry, on the other hand, is encouraged.

During the presidential campaign, industry executives got the Republican Party's attention with



Forest Service Chief Dale Bosworth finds himself between two interests that care passionately about the 192 million acres of federal forest and grasslands that he oversees.

a \$1.5 million fund-raiser in Portland, Ore. About a dozen timber company executives and industry lobbyists met in December with some of Bush's key natural resources officials to discuss land management policies.

The issues aren't new. Under a 1960 federal law, the Forest Service must manage the land for many uses, including timber production, conservation and recre-

ation. Under former Forest Service Chief Mike Dombeck, the agency received direction from Wash-

ington on the proper mix of uses. Bosworth — and the timber industry — believe such decisions are best made locally.

Chris Wood, a former top aide to Dombeck, sees the agency moving away from an "outward-looking" conservation agenda.

However, "different and controversial issues over public lands don't get any easier through delay or neglect or trying to push them down into the organization," he said. "They just fester."

Consider the ongoing fight over the roadless rule, designed to end a 30-year debate over suitable protections for generally remote, undeveloped areas.

A federal court temporarily blocked the rule from taking effect in May, and the administration began revising it with more local input.

Since then, Bosworth has issued a directive saying he would handle all decisions about roadless

area development until each forest comes up with its own plan. He hasn't received a single request.

However, environmentalists complain about a cutoff date in the directive that allowed lower-level agency officials to sign off on some logging, most notably in Alaska's Tongass National Forest.

Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., believes the challenge is finding solutions, which aren't "bureaucratic water torture" — a lesson he's learned on the Energy and Natural Resources' forests subcommittee, which he now chairs.

Under President Clinton, "not enough was done in those eight years to make balanced progress on either front" — to promote environmental protections or help timber-dependent communities, Wyden said.

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People

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Associated Press

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People of Jaisalmer, India want war with Pakistan

By Beth Duff-Brown
Associated Press

JALSALMER, India — The fiercely independent people of this ancient desert outpost, near the parched Pakistan border where Indian soldiers still patrol by camel, are aching for war.

A medieval sandstone fort turns golden as the sun sinks into the Thar Desert and weary camels come to their knees in a constant reminder of the people of Jaisalmer's heritage as great warriors.

"Bring on another war, we are ready," shouts Jagdish Prasad Vasa, a craggy shopkeeper who has lived through the three wars between India and Pakistan since independence from Britain in 1947. His war cries draw similar chants from the old turbaned men drinking sweet tea at the foot of the sandcastle-like fort.

"The Jaisalmeris are warriors by nature, always on alert and never afraid to fight," says Vasa, spitting out juice from his "gutkha," a concoction of tobacco, betel nut and spices.

"It's time to put Pakistan down, for good."

As Indian tanks, artillery and soldiers stream into this western desert state of Rajasthan and other border regions, including neighboring Gujarat and Punjab states and the Indian-held part of the disputed Kashmir region Jaisalmeris are proud their city has been of strategic military importance for centuries.

From the legendary Rajputs — the traditional Hindu warrior clan who ruled much of western India during the medieval era — to the 1998 nuclear tests in nearby Pokharan, the desert people are enveloped by a warrior tradition passed down by generations.

"The people here have a legendary bravery and pride for their desert lifestyle. And they are not afraid of war," said Nand Kishore Sharma, Jaisalmer's chief historian and author of several books on the desert citadel.

"The Jaisalmeris are people who, like me, have been at the center of three wars," said Sharma. "The attack on our Parliament has made us realize terrorism is now our new enemy. So there must be war — a war between good and evil, not a war between Hindus and Muslims."

The new tensions between India and Pakistan were provoked by a suicide attack on India's Parliament Dec. 13. New Delhi blames Pakistan's spy agency and two Islamic militant groups, which have operated out of Pakistani territory. Nine

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— Atal Bihari Vajpayee
Prime Minister of India

Indians and the five attackers were killed in the Parliament attack, and border forces have exchanged fire almost daily since the assault.

New Delhi said Saturday it wanted to avoid war, but refused to pull back tens of thousands of its troops massing at the border until Islamabad ended its backing for Islamic militants.

"I have said before and I would like to say it again: We do not want war, but a war in the form of cross-border terrorism has already been thrust on India," said Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

India calls Pakistan the "epicenter" of terrorism in the region. Thousands of Islamic guerrillas, from a dozen-odd militant groups in Pakistan, have sneaked across the Kashmir frontier for 12 years to launch attacks on the Indian army.

Pakistan denies it supports the Islamic militants or it was behind the Parliament attack. It accuses India of exploiting the assault to paint Pakistan as a terrorist state.

The overnight train from Jodhpur to Jaisalmer — the only means of transport to the desert town besides a daunting two-lane road dominated by camels and speeding trucks — is packed with soldiers headed to the desert military bases and local tourists heading to the sand dunes for the



Camels and their masters take rest after days work in Sam, 45 kilometers (28 miles) from Jaisalmer, India. Sam is west of Jaisalmer, the famed desert outpost that played a major role in all three wars with Pakistan. Jaisalmeris say they are eager for war with India's longtime nuclear rival.

New Year's holiday.

"Our in-laws and other friends said, 'You're going right to the warfront, are you crazy?'" said Anjali Sharma, a teacher from New Delhi who traveled to the Sam sand dunes just west of Jaisalmer and 28 miles from the Pakistan border.

She and her husband wanted their 4-year-old daughter to take a camel ride and experience the rosy sunset over the sand dunes.

"The troops are moving in, that's true. But I think it's now a wait-and-watch policy," Sharma said. "Meanwhile, we have to live our lives."

Jaisalmer was once a wealthy princely state along the silk road and camel routes to Central Asia. The city, which today has some half-million people, was devastated by the shipping trade and the partition of India and Pakistan.

It wasn't until the federal government recognized its strategic importance during the 1965 and 1971 wars with Pakistan that Jaisalmer was rewarded with roads and electricity.

war," said Lalit Gopa, a travel agent at the Gorbahndh Palace. "They assassinate our people every day. We know the strength of the Indian military. If Pakistan drops four bombs, within 10 minutes we will drop 40 bombs."

That both India and Pakistan are now armed with nuclear weapons doesn't seem to faze many out here.

"Let them drop a nuclear bomb and we'll do the same," shrugged Vasa. "Then we'll finally be done with it."

The desert people of Rajasthan have a long history of bravery in the face of death. The Bhatti Rajputs of Jaisalmer were so determined to ward off the Islam forced on them by the Mughal emperors from the 14th to 17th centuries they would sacrifice their families when faced with defeat. The clans would perform ritual "johar," Hindi for "valor": Men on the battlefield about to be defeated would don ceremonial saffron robes and fight to death, after sending a messenger back to the fortress telling their wives to burn themselves to death.

Jaisalmer, the last of the Indi-

an Rajput states to become a part of the Indian union under the British Raj, was also at the center of India's three wars with Pakistan.

The battle of Laungewala during the 1971 war with Pakistan over Bangladesh has become the stuff of Bollywood ballad. About 71 miles northwest of Jaisalmer, some 60 Pakistani tanks crossed the border into Laungewala. A company of Indian infantry held them at bay until four jet fighters from Jaisalmer swooped in, wiped out half the tanks and sent the remainder into retreat.

Yet the Jaisalmeris, 40 percent of whom are Muslim, have had traditional ties with Pakistanis across the 295-mile border with Pakistan's Sind province. There is much trade between the two states and many marriages between the two peoples.

"Here in Rajasthan, our relations between Hindus and Muslims have been like those of brothers and sisters," said Iqbal Khan, a Muslim stone cutter. "We don't want war with our neighbors. But if Pakistan doesn't control the terrorists, then we are ready to fight again."

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Midland proud of efforts of young people

It's interesting — and inspiring — to note that the Reporter-Telegram's annual "Newsmaker" contest is again this year dominated by youth.

For 2000, Lee High School Rebel football standout Cedric Benson ran away with the top honor. First runner-up was David Dutchover, the bold Lee High School student who unselfishly leapt to help a fellow student when fire suddenly broke out during a high school chemistry experiment.

This year, the trend toward recognizing the efforts of young people continues.

Whether we were lucky enough to be in Washington, D.C. or glued to our television sets right here at home, we were all filled with immense pride when we watched the bands from Lee High School and Midland High School smartly march past the reviewing stand at the inaugural parade for President George W. Bush.

The performance of band members from both schools on the cold, drizzly January day filled us with a special warmth. Each band performed magnificently as always, and we all knew of the hard work that went into that day's appearance by the two bands.

The two high school bands had to raise a tremendous amount of money to pay for their travel and lodging in Washington, D.C. Midlanders, of course, rallied to support the bands in this cause. Notably, the Abell-Hanger Foundation and the Midland City Council came through with financial support to help enable the young people represent our city on one of its proudest days.

First runner-up honors in the 2001 Newsmaker contest go to the Midland Christian Mustangs for capturing a second-consecutive state football title in the private and parochial schools' league. So often, our collective attention is focused on the football teams at Lee and Midland high schools. But the brilliant efforts of the Mustangs served to remind us again this year there's plenty of football excitement and enthusiasm elsewhere in our city. Kudos to the Mustangs on another outstanding season. We can't wait to see what next year brings.

The exuberance continued for Midland High School in 2001 when the baseball team went on to capture the state baseball title. For his efforts, MHS baseball player Jayson Nix was chosen as second runner-up in this year's Newsmaker contest.

Each year, we invite Reporter-Telegram readers to cast their ballots in our Newsmaker contest. As we count the ballots in the newsroom each year, we are heartened to see the enormous amount of pride our city takes in its young people.

Congratulations!

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Dec. 30, the 364th day of 2001. There is one day left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On Dec. 30, 1922, Vladimir I. Lenin proclaimed the establishment of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

On this date:

In 1853, the United States bought some 45,000 square miles of land from Mexico in a deal known as the Gadsden Purchase.

In 1911, Sun Yat-sen was elected the first president of the Republic of China.

In 1936, the United Auto Workers union staged its first "sit-down" strike, at the Fisher Body Plant Number One in Flint, Mich.

In 1940, California's first freeway, the Arroyo Seco Parkway connecting Los Angeles and Pasadena, was officially opened.

In 1944, King George II of Greece proclaimed a regency to rule his country, virtually renouncing the throne.

In 1947, King Michael of Romania agreed to abdicate, but charged he was being forced off the throne by Communists.

In 1948, the Cole Porter musical "Kiss Me, Kate" opened on Broadway.

In 1972, the United States halted its heavy bombing of North Vietnam.

In 1993, Israel and the Vatican agreed to recognize each other.

In 1999, former Beatle George Harrison fought off a knife-wielding intruder who broke into his mansion west of London and stabbed him in the chest. (Michael Abram was later acquitted of attempted murder by reason of insanity.)

Ten years ago: Leaders of the Commonwealth of Independent States agreed to establish unified command over nuclear weapons, while allowing member states to form their own armies. The remains of two American hostages slain in Lebanon, William Buckley and Marine Col. William R. Higgins, arrived in the United States for burial.

JACK ANDERSON AND DOUGLAS COHN

Stealth economic package already in place

WASHINGTON — A stealth stimulus package continued even as Congress left town this year without passing comprehensive stimulus legislation to spur the economy.

Republicans blame Democratic leader Tom Daschle, of South Dakota, for the impasse, while Democrats say the bill would have given too many goodies to big corporations. The truth is that neither side fought that hard for the so-called "stimulus bill." Polls showed that the public wasn't clamoring for it, so it was an easy bill to walk away from.

Each party thinks it can benefit from the politics surrounding the failed bill. White House aides counseled President Bush to avoid the arcane term "stimulus package" in his public comments and, instead, to refer to the bill as "economic security."

Bush and the rest of the GOP message team downplayed the benefits for corporations and stressed the assistance in the bill for the unemployed, omitting the fact that the relief measures were largely forced upon the GOP by the Democrats.

Democrats are gambling that economic woes

will overshadow the war against terrorism next year and refused to budge on the GOP's key demand, which was to speed up the tax cuts Congress passed in the spring.

Economists looking at the mish-mash that might have emerged echoed the sentiments of many on Capitol Hill that no bill was better than a bad bill. But there is another reason why the White House took the defeat in stride: The administration is getting its stimulus package through stealth, piece by piece, beginning with the bailout bill that sheltered the airlines from potential lawsuits in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks.

The legislation propped up the industry and protected the salaries of top executives, but did nothing to help laid-off workers.

This pattern of aiding corporations while ignoring the plight of workers persists. Congressional allies of Boeing tucked into the defense budget a measure approving the leasing of four new Boeing 737 planes for the exclusive use of top congressional and administration officials.

The existing planes are old and often need repairs, they explained, which is no doubt true. But leasing the planes is far more costly than buying them. The maneuver, which was not debated, will funnel an additional \$7 billion to Boeing, a back-door way to subsidize the company, which has been hurting since Sept. 11.

Just before Christmas, the Internal Revenue Service unveiled an amnesty plan for companies that have been illegally sheltering money. If they step

forward and admit to wrongdoing, the IRS will waive the 20-percent penalty it normally imposes. "This is our Christmas present to big companies," said Larry R. Langdon, the IRS commissioner for mid-size and large businesses. "We're going to determine who's naughty and who's nice."

Langdon reasons that companies that 'fess up shouldn't be penalized. They will still have to pay back taxes plus interest. But eliminating the penalty is no small gift.

These bailouts are defensible and even make good economic sense. But they reward big business and do nothing to benefit workers. Democrats will be back next year with legislation to extend unemployment benefits and to make health care more affordable for people who have lost their jobs.

Former President Bush signed an extension of unemployment benefits four times when he was in office. His son is likely to do the same if the economy remains sluggish. But these are crumbs compared to what corporate interests have gotten. Proposals for a payroll tax holiday or a rebate for lower-income people who missed out on Bush's earlier tax cut appear dead.

Meanwhile, stealth stimulus for big corporations rolls merrily along.

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BILL O'REILLY

Liberals' guilt game just a big fraud

It is becoming very hard for independent thinkers to embrace the American left these days. Over the holiday season, we were barraged with articles and TV news spots about the growing legion of homeless Americans — stories that were designed to make us feel guilty.

The usual suspects were photographed at public shelters or on the streets. Most of the articles implied that more government funding is the solution and the root cause of the problem is the bad economy.

Of course, this is not true. By almost any measure, the homeless who are victims of addiction and/or mental illness comprise the vast majority of Americans who don't have shelter. The only way to help these poor souls and their kids is for the government to demand that they seek treatment for their debilitating conditions.

Tax money should be used to fund therapeutic-educational centers, and if a homeless person declines the offer, he or she loses the safety net.

The left is also pounding the drum on public education. The state of Pennsylvania is taking over the school system in Philadelphia because the Philly school boards can't cut it. And the reason they can't cut it is because there is little pressure on teachers and students to perform.

In the past 10 years, the amount of money the government spends on public education has risen 50 percent to nearly \$650 billion a year — an astounding sum. Yet test scores in many states remain stagnant, and in the inner cities, the situation is often a disaster.

But the left — led by the teachers' unions — wants even more money from the government. Instead of reorganizing and insisting on across-the-board discipline and special tutorial classes for kids who are at risk, the school boards, in general, are

fighting desperately to keep the patronage system chugging along. It is a national disgrace.

Even more disgraceful is the amount of money we send overseas in the form of humanitarian aid. Did you know that the AIDS epidemic in Africa is America's fault? If we would only send more money and drugs to those countries — thousands of lives would be saved. How many times have you heard that?

Does anyone in his right mind believe that the \$9 billion in humanitarian aid we'll send overseas next year will get to the sick people? Is there one country in Africa that can be trusted to use the money and drugs responsibly? Can you name one?

And then there's the Arab world. Liberal pundits are screaming for more American money to be sent to Muslim lands so we can educate the folks in the ways of democracy. This kind of thinking plays in the world of Peter Pan, but come on!

Consider this: In 1999, the Clinton administration sent more than \$70 million in assistance to the Afghan people. Boy, that was money well spent. Does anyone believe the Taliban made sure the money got to the poor folks? Did you check out Mullah Omar's compound in Kandahar?

This guilt game played by the left is the biggest fraud perpetuated on the American taxpayer in history. Most Americans are struggling to keep solvent. Taxes gut take-home pay, and big-city living usually requires enormous expenses. Yet the left wants higher taxes but resists disciplined accountability.

I believe many Americans, including this correspondent, would support spending massive tax dollars if the money would fix social problems and make the world a better place. But the brutal truth is that we don't have the solutions to most of the world's dilemmas, and this "spend more money" philosophy is simply designed to make the left feel better about life.

It is a shell game extraordinaire, and we are the nuts.

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CAL THOMAS

America should copy the Israelis on airline safety

The proper way to do airport security is brought to us by El Al Airlines. I have flown Israel's national airline many times and have always been impressed with the way they interrogate every passenger. That's right, interrogate. There's no perfunctory, "Did any stranger ask you to carry anything? Have all of your items been with you since you packed them?"

Western security always seems to be one or more steps behind the terrorists. It goofed badly on Sept. 11. A disaster was averted on Dec. 22 on a Paris-Miami flight when a quick-thinking flight attendant and several male passengers subdued a man identified as Richard Reid (who doesn't look like his name) as he allegedly tried to set fire to his sneakers, which authorities say contained explosives.

Here's the way the Israelis do things:

Before I get to the ticket counter in New York, a young Jewish man or woman intercepts me and examines my ticket and passport in great detail. He (or she) asks me where I'm from and my area code. I had better know it. The questions continue in a steady stream. What do I do for a living? What papers carry my column? How long have I been a writer? What do I write about? What is my mother's maiden name? Do I know why I am being asked these questions?

If any answer is wrong, or if I seem evasive, I could be taken out of line and questioned further. No airline is as secure to fly as El Al. Armed guards escort all planes to the runway. These efforts explain why El Al has had only one hijacking in its history, in 1968, before the current procedures were in place.

El Al also checks every passenger through Interpol to see if they have a police record. If two people are traveling together, they're sometimes questioned separately to see if their stories match. And El Al profiles its passengers without apology. They know what their enemies look like and where most of them come from.

Compare this approach to what the traveling public faces in the United States and much of the West. The security people hired to protect U.S. airline passengers are a joke. Many are not American citizens. They appear bored with their jobs and most lack the kind of law enforcement training that would help them spot trouble before a dangerous passenger gets on a plane. Security isn't just about finding contraband in luggage or on a passenger's person. It's also about detecting what's in someone's mind and being able to read what their eyes say.

Some aviation experts with whom I've spoken say the United States does not have to hire the Israelis for its own security but it had better adopt their procedures if we want safer travel. All the talk about civil liberties and the Constitution is of no use when airline passengers are targeted by a passenger with plastic explosives hidden in his shoes.

Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta says he opposes profiling because as a young boy he spent time in a Japanese internment camp during World War II. But that was then and this is now. Japanese-Americans were no threat to us then. The terrorist threat among us now is real. As irritating as some airline security procedures may be, it's better to arrive at your destination alive and somewhat offended and inconvenienced than not to arrive at all.

The Bush administration should support the Israelization of American airline security, and it should make it a high priority, no matter what the cost.

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HELEN THOMAS

Bush correct to take his time weighing Walker's fate

WASHINGTON — It's good that President Bush is taking his time to decide the fate of John Walker, the 20-year-old Californian who joined the Taliban and fought with them against the now-victorious opposition forces in Afghanistan.

I hope the "quality of mercy" will prevail with the president, who calls himself a "compassionate conservative."

I'd like to cite another line from Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice" concerning forgiveness: "It blesseth him that gives and him that takes." It has a special ring in the Christmas season, doesn't it?

At first, Bush indicated some sympathy for the misguided Walker, calling him "this poor fellow." But the president has taken a tougher line recently, linking Walker with the al-Qaida network of international terrorism.

White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said the president is gathering information and still has not made a decision on whether Walker should face charges in a civilian court or a military court martial. He said a decision is not imminent.

Bush is weighing a range of options, including the charge of treason that could lead to the death penalty. Walker also could face a lesser charge of supporting a terrorist organization, which carries up to 10 years in prison.

Scott L. Silliman, a senior legal officer for the U.S. Air Force before retiring to lead Duke University's center on law, ethics and national security, said Bush's delay in deciding charges against Walker would help ease political pressure on the president to put Walker on trial for treason. Treason is extremely difficult to prove — it requires two witnesses — and has been rarely used in the course of U.S. history.

Bush's proposed military tribunals wouldn't kick in because they don't apply to Americans.

The administration has treated Walker like a prisoner of war thus far. He was kept in

a shipping container at a Marine base before being sent to a Navy ship in the Arabian Sea where he is being questioned. He has been denied a lawyer and any contact with his parents, either personally or by mail. Fleischer said such treatment is all in accord with the Geneva Convention on prisoners of war.

But Fleischer has raised the prospect that Walker would be turned over to federal law enforcement authorities for "custodial interrogation" that would give him access to a lawyer.

Walker's parents say he became captivated with Islam after reading "The Autobiography of Malcolm X," the black American radical who became a Moslem. At the time he was attending a high school for gifted children in upscale Marin County, just north of San Francisco.

Later he traveled overseas with his parents' blessing to study the religion and learn Arabic.

His father, Frank Lindh, told CNN in an interview that his son was "not much more than a boy... and a very sweet one." In an interview with Newsweek, his mother, Marilyn Walker, said her son "must have been brainwashed."

Walker was captured on Dec. 2 with a shrapnel wound in his leg when his group of Taliban fighters decided to surrender to the Northern Alliance after heavy American air bombardment destroyed the Taliban resistance.

Walker was in a makeshift prison in Mazar-e Sharif, Afghanistan, when a CIA officer Johnny Michael Spann, who had interrogated him, was killed during a prison uprising. Walker told CNN he did not take part in the rebellion because he had been put in a basement and did not see what was going on.

A number of prisoners had stashed grenades inside their clothes, even though they agreed to give up their weapons. Walker said he objected to this subterfuge, saying that Islamic teaching made it a "major sin to break a contract" especially in military matters.

Walker's parents have hired James J. Brosnahan, a prominent lawyer to defend their son, although he has not yet been permitted to see his client.

During an interview with CNN, Walker did not help himself with American public

opinion when he replied "definitely" when asked if he were fighting for the right cause.

For a country still suffering from the trauma of ground zero, that response evoked pain and anger. But two young women interviewed in Marin County by CNN found a place for sympathy in their understanding of the young rebel whose cause was religion.

One woman said: "To me, he's just a kid trying to find a home... and ending up joining a religion."

Another woman remarked "He's basically a kid, looking for a sense of belonging. He was seeking freedom of thought and religion."

The question of whether the Walker lives or dies is ultimately in the hands of the president. While weighing his decision, Bush will be reading the public opinion polls carefully. Some Republicans, including House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., have branded Walker's actions as "treason."

Working against Walker is Bush's staunch belief in the death penalty. On his watch during his six years as governor of Texas, 152 men and women were put to death.

Perhaps in mulling over Walker's life, he will try to remember when he was a 20-year-old. True, he did not defiantly challenge the system as so many young protesters did in the Vietnam War era. Politics was not his bag at Yale when others were marching in support of civil rights and against the war.

Nor had he yet found religion as the guiding light of his life. He surely knows he was a different person back then. The president has often sought to dismiss his youthful escapades with the cute tautology: "When I was young and foolish, I was young and foolish."

There undoubtedly are many who want Walker to pay with his life. But there are a lot of others in the country who will want Bush to go easier on Walker — a lighter sentence perhaps — with compassion lighting his way. I hope so.

We're a forgiving people. This young man obviously made a big mistake. The president should show that he understands this by setting a merciful course in the Walker case.

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LETTERS

Westwood could help fill holes in service

With the continuing pursuit of retirees for the Midland-Odessa area under the MOHRE program, one of the sales points for the area has been the excellent medical care for senior citizens.

On the whole, available medical care is excellent, but there is one building block in the health care system not available in Midland-Odessa.

The most basic foundation in the health care system is the acute care hospital (Midland Memorial or Odessa Medical Center). Patients normally are discharged to go home, but some patients are sent to a local skilled nursing unit (SNU) if a lower level of health services (skilled nursing rather than acute care) is needed or to a local acute care rehab facility (if the patient is able to perform a prescribed rehab program for a certain amount of time each day) for additional treatment before going home.

However, if patients at Midland Memorial (or most other acute care hospitals) have been there for any length of time, the patients generally are being pressured to go to a long term acute care hospital for continued acute care treatment. There is no local LTAC. The nearest is in San Angelo or Lubbock. Many Midland Memorial hospital patients have been sent to San Angelo.

With the Westwood acquisition, the local hospital system has an opportunity to add one more building block and make the system more complete and to make life easier for the senior citizens and their families of Midland-Odessa and the surrounding communities.

This acquisition provides an opportunity for the citizens of the Permian Basin to raise their voices and express their opinion as to whether part of Westwood should be converted to an LTAC. Patients' stay at an LTAC hospital normally qualifies under Medicare for usage of the longer available hospital coverage days rather than SNU days, which is important for Medicare patients.

If any citizen is or has parents or grandparents near that age, they should write Harold Rubin at Midland Memorial Hospital, 2200 West Illinois, Midland, Texas, 79701 to express their opinion about an LTAC at the old Westwood hospital.

Newton & Kay Shrader

Speeding 18-wheeler a threat to safety

On Nov. 26 (the night of the blizzard) a young couple stopped on Pen Well hill to try to help us get back up on the interstate. We did not get their names and they were the only ones that stopped.

We were in the ditch because an 18-wheeler was speeding and tried to pass us, but didn't get all the way past and forced us off the road. We would probably have been killed if we had gone any further up the hill.

The 18-wheeler was a new white one.

Ralph & Betty Barr

Find pet's owner after an accident

What kind of world are we living in? Today, on Dec. 23, I found my cat's half-dead body in the street right in front of my house. What kind of world are we living in that people run over innocent animals and don't even have the decency to stop? My family and I have been affected by a major loss. We rushed my cat, Killer, to the emergency veterinary hospital, yet there was no hope.

It was two days before Christmas. His Christmas stocking hangs over the chimney, full of his favorite treats and toys, never to be opened. A part of our family has died today. Most people might think this is funny, but most families, like mine, have animals that are loved just like a real family member and this is truly a tragic loss.

I understand accidents do happen, but is it beyond the decency of the people of our town/community to stop, knock on a few doors and find the owners? Maybe my cat or others would be found sooner and have hope. Most animals, like mine, have on tags with their name and address on it. Is it so hard to take the time to look at the tags, especially since that person took the time to take his life?

Luckily, a few people stopped and tried to help as they came across my cat lying in the road. I thank those decent citizens and my caring neighbors for their concerns and help. Those special people give me hope to know our community is not full of

indecent people.

This is the second cat I've lost at my house. Both died in our arms after being severely injured by a car hitting them. I am not the only citizen that has been affected by a tragedy like this, and I know I won't be the last. Next time an accident happens, think about the owners of that beloved animal. Would it take too long to possibly save a life or let them die with the ones they love? Find the owners.

Sarah M. Pruitt

Allison angels were light in dark times

A year ago, my mother was diagnosed with lung and cervical cancer. As anyone who has gone through this can tell you, our world fell apart. We knew enough by what the doctors were not saying that this was very bad. We were immediately referred to the Allison Cancer Center.

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I would like to publicly thank everyone at Allison, but especially Dr. Corwin, Dr. Carr, Sandra, Margaret, Brenda, the pharmacists, the receptionist, J. R., Nancy, Michelle, and the lab technicians who were so gentle when they had to try to find a vein. I wish I could remember everyone's name, but just know there was not a single person who didn't act as if my mother were the only patient there.

I know there are some people who go out of town for treatments, and they may have been advised to do so, but for my money there is no place better than what we have right here in Midland. My mother is now in remission. We know it only happened with many prayers, and the angels at Allison Cancer Center.

Diane H. Guzy

Unpatriotic people should leave country

The idea of America being "multi-cultural" has diluted loyalty and our national identity. As Americans we have our own culture, our own society, our own language and our own lifestyle. This culture, called "The American Way," has been developed over centuries of struggles, trials and victories by millions of men and women who have sought freedom. Our people fought, bled and died at places such as Bunker Hill, San Juan, Iwo Jima, Normandy, Korea and Vietnam.

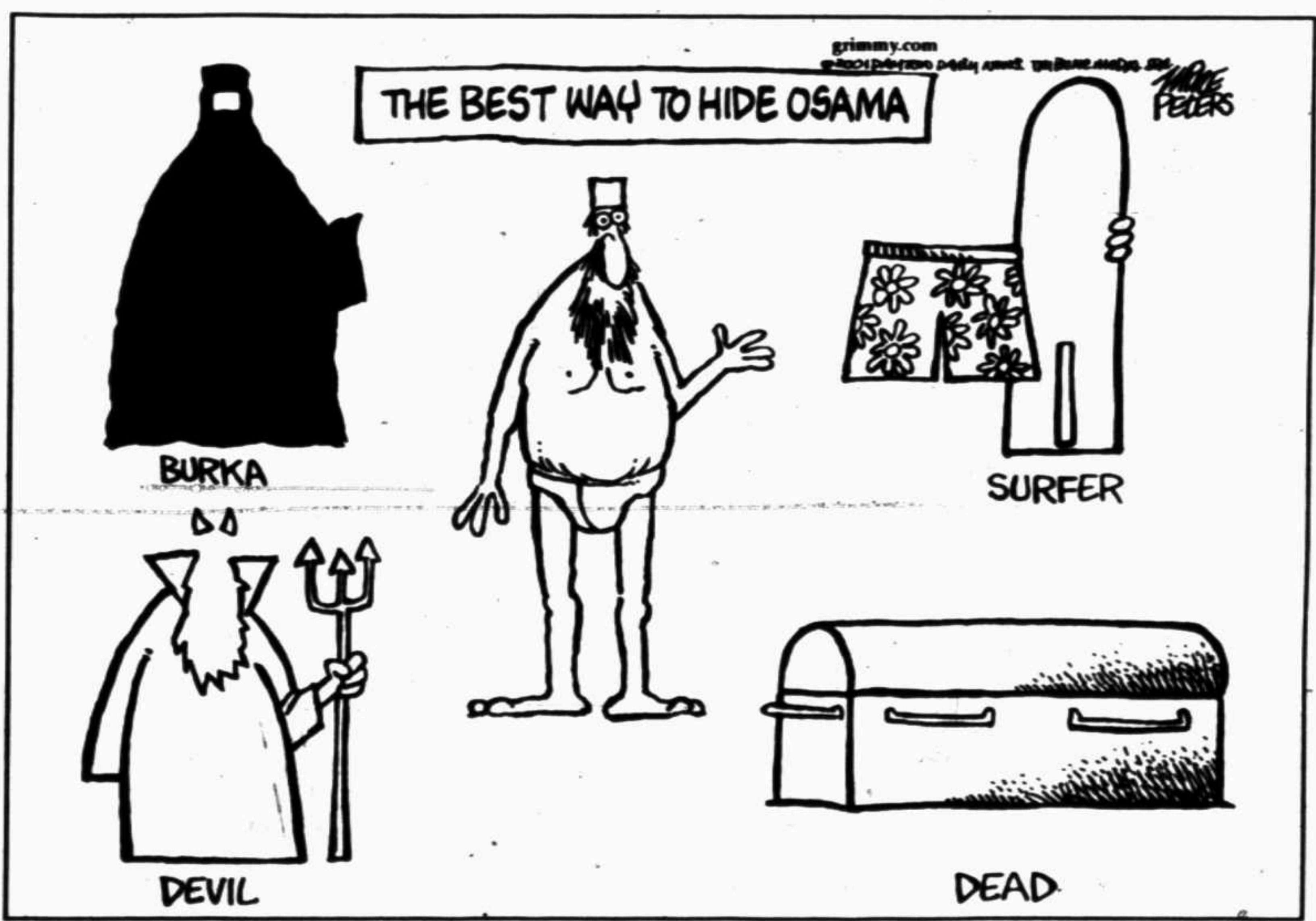
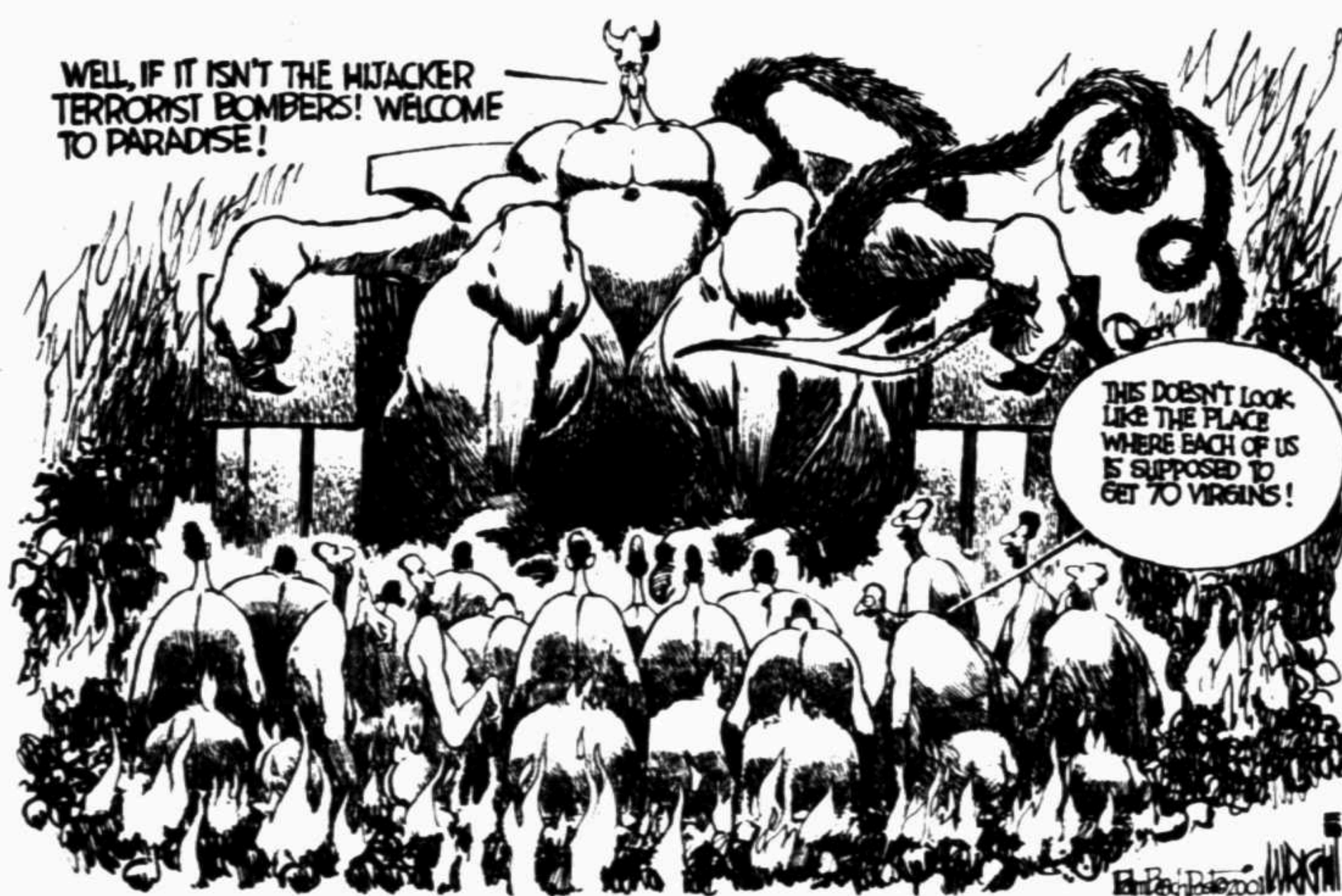
We speak English. If someone wants to become a part of our society, they should learn our language. "In God We Trust" is our national motto. This motto is engraved in stone and on our coins, because Christian men and women on Christian principles founded this nation. God is in our Pledge of Allegiance. We sing "God Bless America." We honor Christ's birth, death and resurrection as holidays, and we turn to God in prayer in times of crisis. God is part of our culture. If that offends some, perhaps they should consider another part of the world as their new home.

We who have defended our freedoms are proud of our heritage. We celebrate Independence Day, Memorial Day, Veteran's Day and Flag Day. We have a right to wave our flag, sing our National Anthem, quote our national motto, and Pledge our Allegiance to this country when and wherever we choose. If the Stars and Stripes offend some, they should consider another part of the world as their new home.

Our First Amendment gives every citizen more rights than anywhere else in the world. But once they are finished with complaining, whining and griping about our flag, our pledge, our national motto, or our way of life, I highly recommend they take advantage of one other American freedom, the right to leave.

The more patriotism is removed from where our children are taught, the less our children will learn about what it is to be an American. Then our nation's spirit will die, as though it were a living thing bleeding to death drop by drop.

Elmer L. Ratliff



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U.S. forces transfers prisoners across Afghanistan

By Ravi Nessman
Associated Press

SHIBERGAN, Afghanistan — American forces transferred a batch of war prisoners Saturday from northern Afghanistan to a detention facility at a Marine base where suspected al-Qaida and Taliban fighters face interrogation — and possible imprisonment in Cuba afterward.

"We're taking them out of here, and taking them down to Kandahar as quickly as we can," said Maj. Joseph Fenty, commander of the forces conducting the operation at an overcrowded jail in Shibergan. "We're primarily looking at detainees we can use for collecting intelligence."

Military officials gave few details about the operation, which began Friday and involved dozens of American troops in bulletproof vests and armed with assault rifles.

At 3:30 p.m. Saturday, a convoy of about six vehicles, including two closed trucks, emerged from the prison and headed toward the nearby airport. It was unclear how many prisoners

were being transported, but they reportedly included injured inmates taken from the prison's hospital ward.

Earlier, 63 suspected Taliban or al-Qaida members arrived at Kandahar airport, bringing the total of detainees at the Marine base's makeshift holding facility there to 124, a Marine spokesman said. The new arrivals came from undisclosed locations across the country and did not include the prisoners leaving northern Afghanistan.

The number of inmates at Kandahar — which has room for at least 250 — has risen steadily this week, and the Pentagon expected dozens more in coming days, a Washington defense official said Friday on condition of anonymity. American officials have said an undisclosed number of prisoners will be sent to the U.S. naval base in Guantanamo, Cuba.

Eight more prisoners, including American John Walker Lindh, were being held on the amphibious assault ship USS Peleliu in the Arabian Sea.

The prisoners could be candidates for a U.S. military tribunal,

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— Maj. Ian Brasure
legal adviser, 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit

which President Bush has authorized to judge and sentence terrorists who are not American citizens.

U.S. officials in Shibergan said they would take Afghans and foreigners to Kandahar if necessary, Fenty said. He said servicemen were searching prisoners, doing medical tests and making initial intelligence screenings.

"We feel we have an adequate-sized force here to protect ourselves as well as the detainees," Fenty said. The Shibergan prison currently holds 3,000 prisoners, 900 of them foreigners.

Inside, International Committee of the Red Cross members delivered equipment for a water well.

"We're going to treat these

detainees humanely. We're going to provide for their safety," said military spokesman Capt. Robert Riggie.

In other developments: In Pakistan police seized arms and ammunition in an abandoned house in Quetta that were believed to have been smuggled from Afghanistan for possible terrorist acts, local police chief Shoaib Suddle said. The cache — 124 machine guns, 248 rifles, 342 mortar bombs and 30,000 rounds of ammunition — was the largest ever in Pakistan. Two suspects were arrested.

The Pentagon confirmed a U.S. military strike in Afghanistan early Saturday on a "building used by the Taliban." The Afghan Islamic Press report-

ed the strike occurred in Shekhan, a village in Paktia province.

Pakistani intelligence officers and FBI agents were interrogating more than 200 suspected members of al-Qaida, Osama bin Laden's terrorist organization.

Bahrain became the second Arab country, following Jordan, to contribute troops to peacekeeping efforts in Afghanistan. Bahrain sent its only frigate, a gift from the U.S. Navy, to an international naval coalition in the Arabian Sea. An American ally, Bahrain is home to the U.S. Navy 5th Fleet.

In Kandahar, military officials have said the detainees are bound, blindfolded and separated from each other by concertina

na wire. Calls to officials from the International Committee of the Red Cross in Islamabad and Kabul were unanswered Saturday.

Maj. Ian Brasure, a legal adviser for the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, said the detainees are treated well.

"When we get prisoners, we don't torture them, we don't perform medical experiments on them," Brasure said. "We keep them warm, we keep them fed, we keep the rain off their heads."

When the Navy is able to get running water to the detention facility, the men will be able to bathe. "Our goal is to give them what we have," said Marine Lt. Col. Mark Faulkner.



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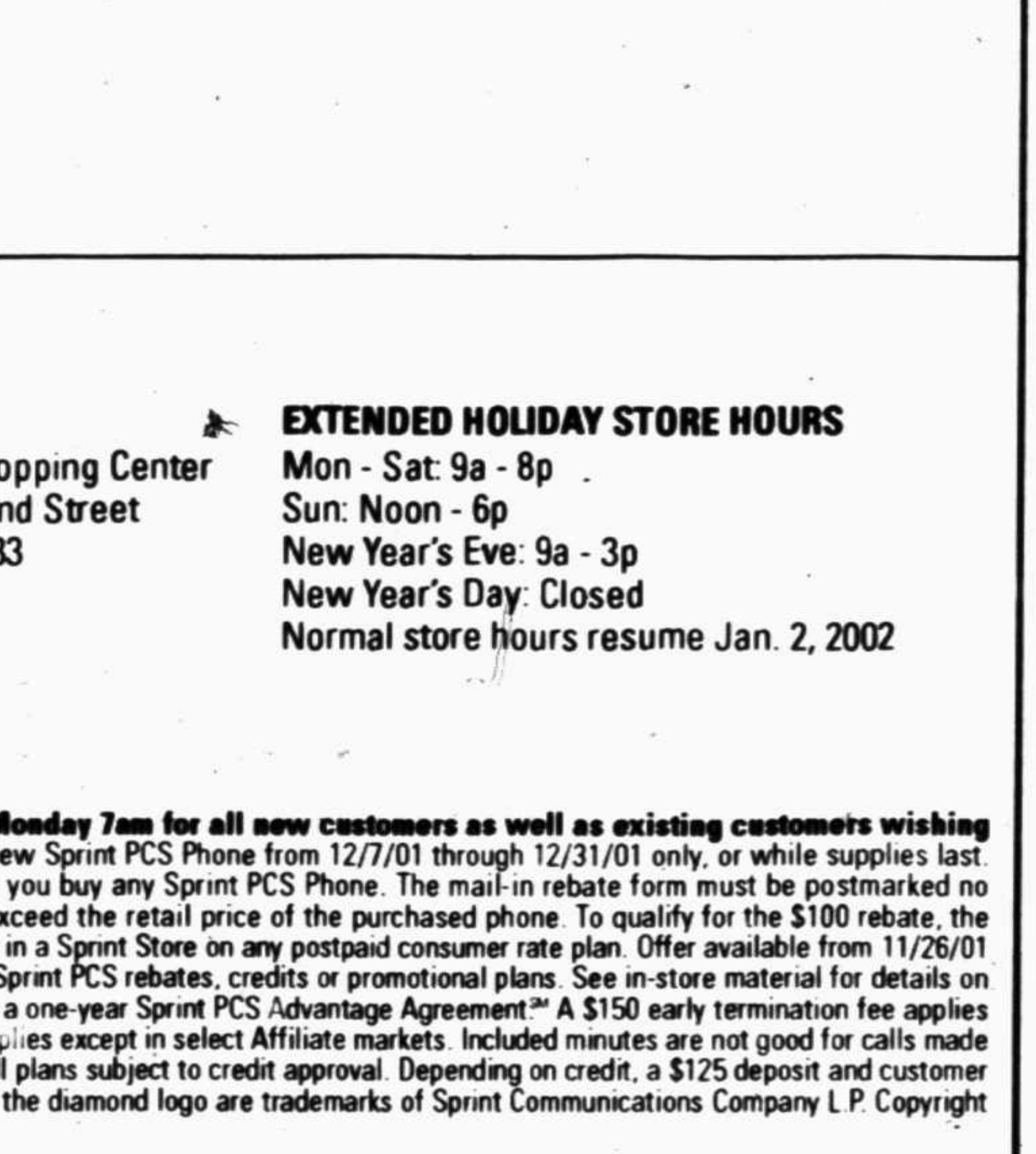
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Palestinian forces arrest Islamic Jihad militants

By Greg Myer
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Two Islamic Jihad militants were arrested Saturday, sources said, a day after an attack near a Jewish settlement. Also Saturday, suspected militants riddled an Israeli bus with bullets, police said.

No one was injured in the assault on the armored bus near the West Bank city of Ramallah, police said. The circumstances of the shooting were not immediately clear.

In Gaza City, the two Islamic Jihad men were detained and their weapons confiscated, Palestinian security sources said without divulging additional details.

Israeli Defense Minister Benjamin Ben-Eliezer said the recent Palestinian crackdown on anti-Israeli groups could help peace talks resume in a way outlined by an international commission headed by former Sen. George Mitchell.

Israel repeatedly has called for a complete cessation of violence before negotiations can restart.

"If the Palestinians continue at the pace they are going now, meaning making the arrests and they start thwarting (attacks), I think that we can start implementing Mitchell," Ben-Eliezer told Channel Two TV Saturday.

He also said the Palestinians are preparing suicide attackers and car bombings as part of "an infrastructure for war," Israeli media reported.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat called for an end to attacks against Israel two weeks ago, and since then, there has been a sharp decline in violence. The Palestinian security forces have arrested some sus-

pected militants, but the Israelis have demanded Arafat take even stronger action.

In response to Arafat's call, the militant group Hamas announced it was suspending suicide attacks in Israel but would continue targeting Israelis in the West Bank and Gaza. Islamic Jihad did not say it would stop attacks, and said in a statement released in Beirut, Lebanon, it remained committed to "holy war and resistance."

In one of the most serious incidents in the past two weeks, a pair of Islamic Jihad militants attempted to carry out an attack Friday near the Jewish settlement of Netzarim in the central Gaza Strip.

The two, carrying anti-tank missiles, a Kalashnikov assault rifle and ammunition fired on Israeli soldiers on patrol in the area, the Israeli army said. Soldiers returned fire, killing one assailant and sending the other fleeing.

The dead man, Mahmoud Burai, was wearing an explosives belt. In a videotape he made before the attack, Burai, 23, said he was preparing for a suicide mission. The tape was aired on the Lebanese TV station Al Manar.

Several hundred mourners attended Burai's funeral Saturday in the Jebaliya refugee camp on the outskirts of Gaza City.

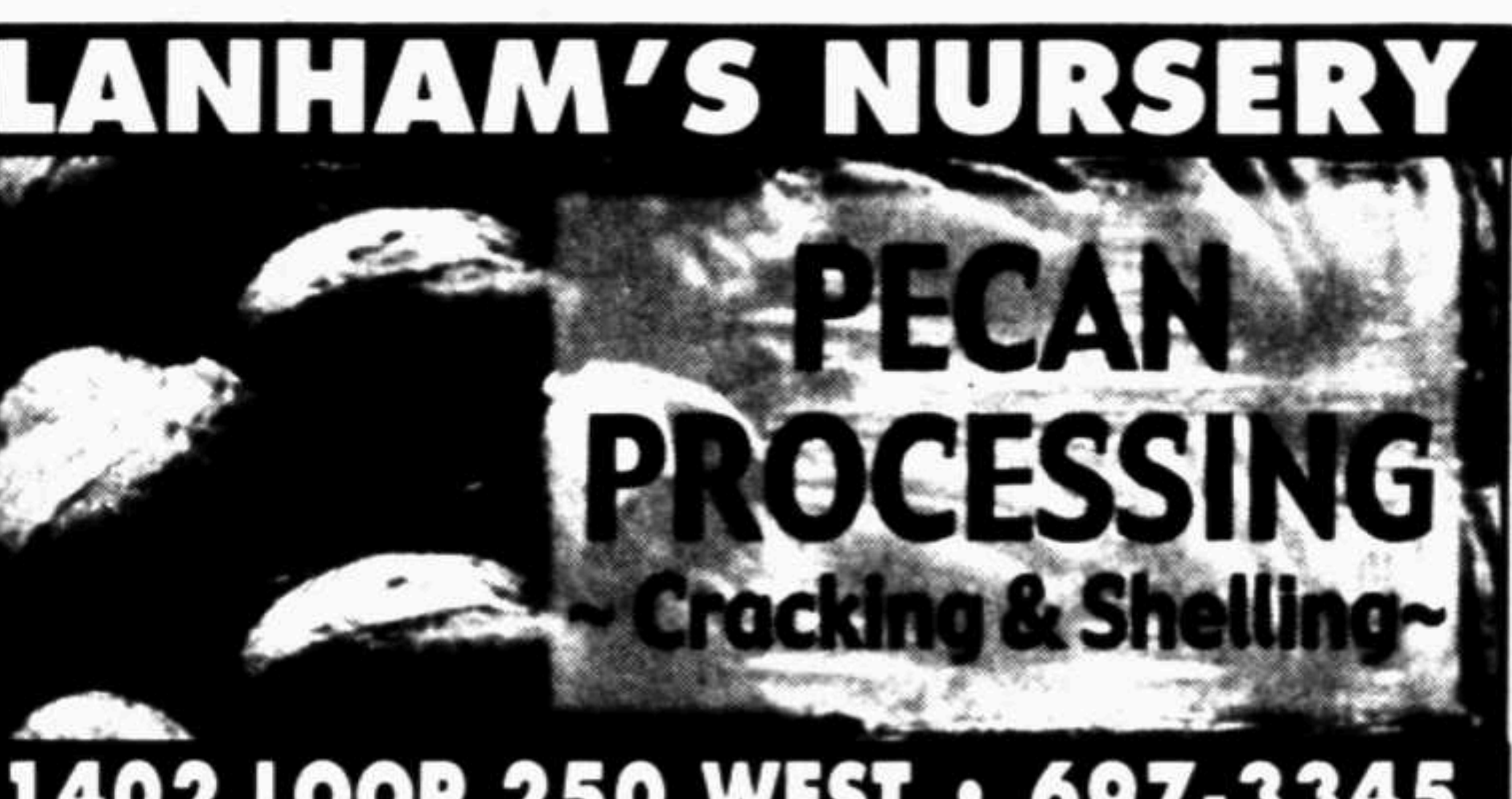
In another development Saturday, dozens of Western protesters and Palestinian students dismantled parts of an Israeli military checkpoint near the West Bank town of Rama'lah.

The demonstrators pushed aside concrete barriers, and at one point, set a small hut on fire. Soldiers responded with tear gas, driving away the demonstrators, who were demanding the lifting of the checkpoint outside Bir Zeit University,

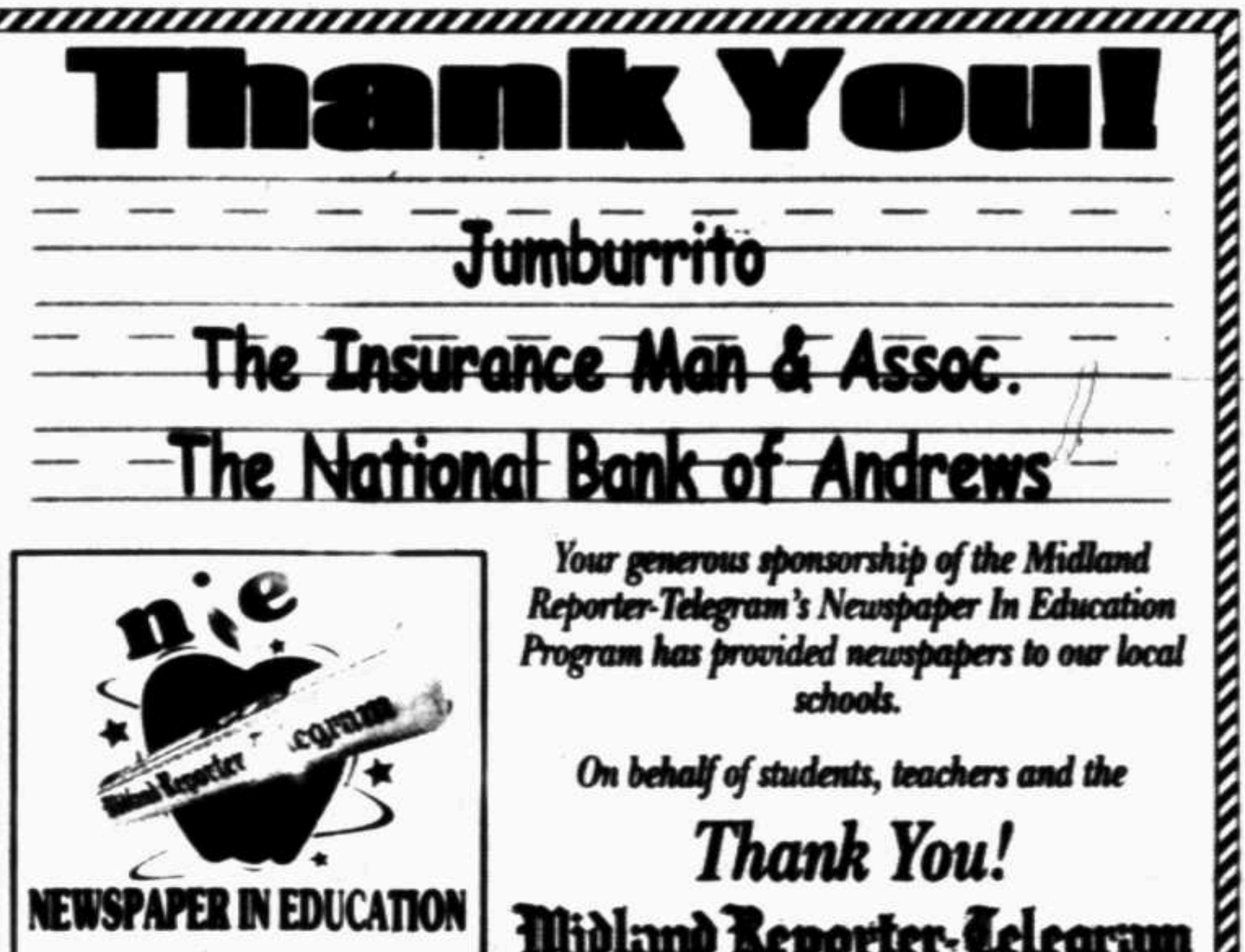
the leading Palestinian university. No injuries or arrests were reported.

With violence declining, Israel said Friday it was lifting a blockade of Bethlehem, just south of

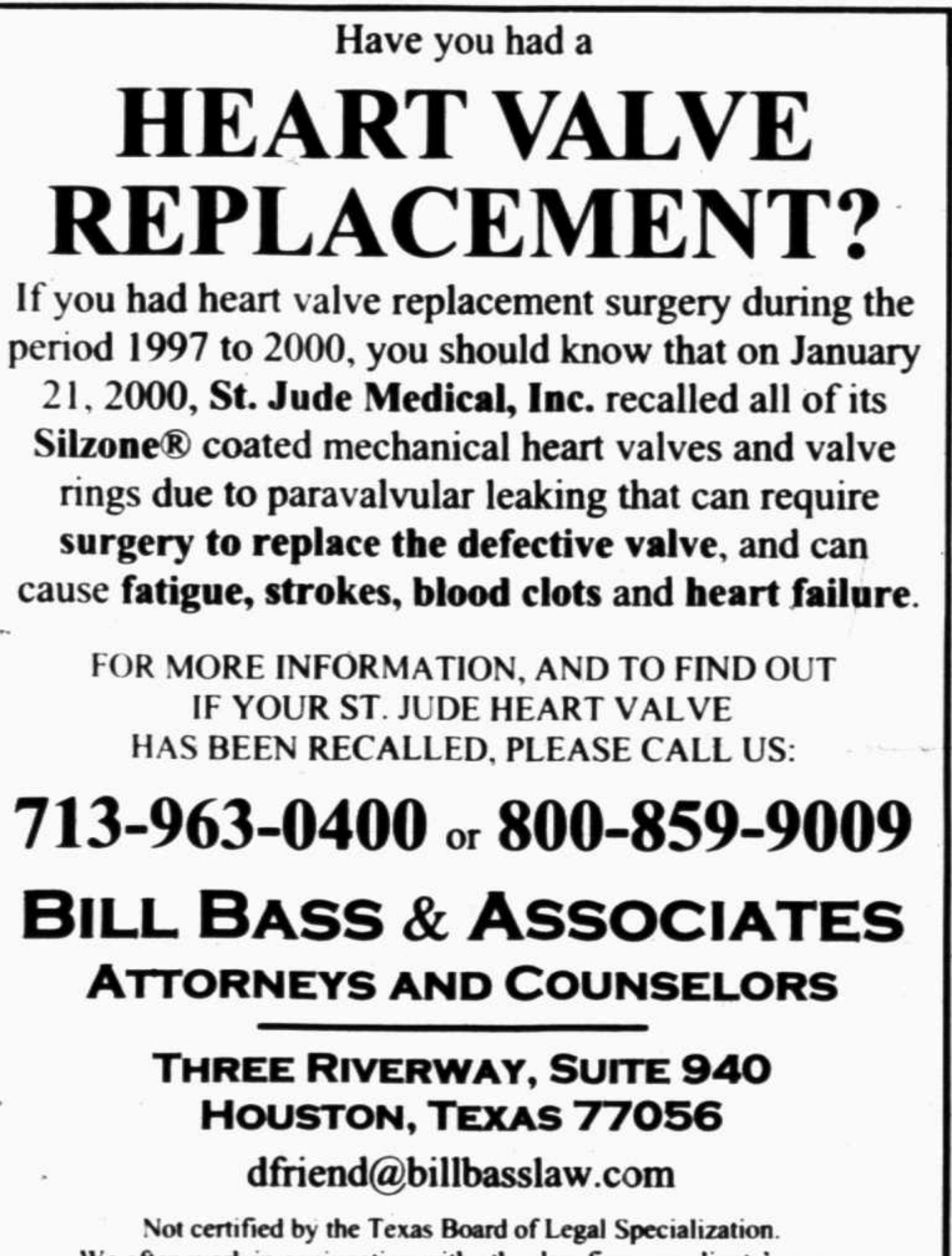
Jerusalem. But soldiers remained Saturday at the checkpoints on the edge of the town, examining the identity documents of Palestinians and everyone else seeking to enter or leave the town.



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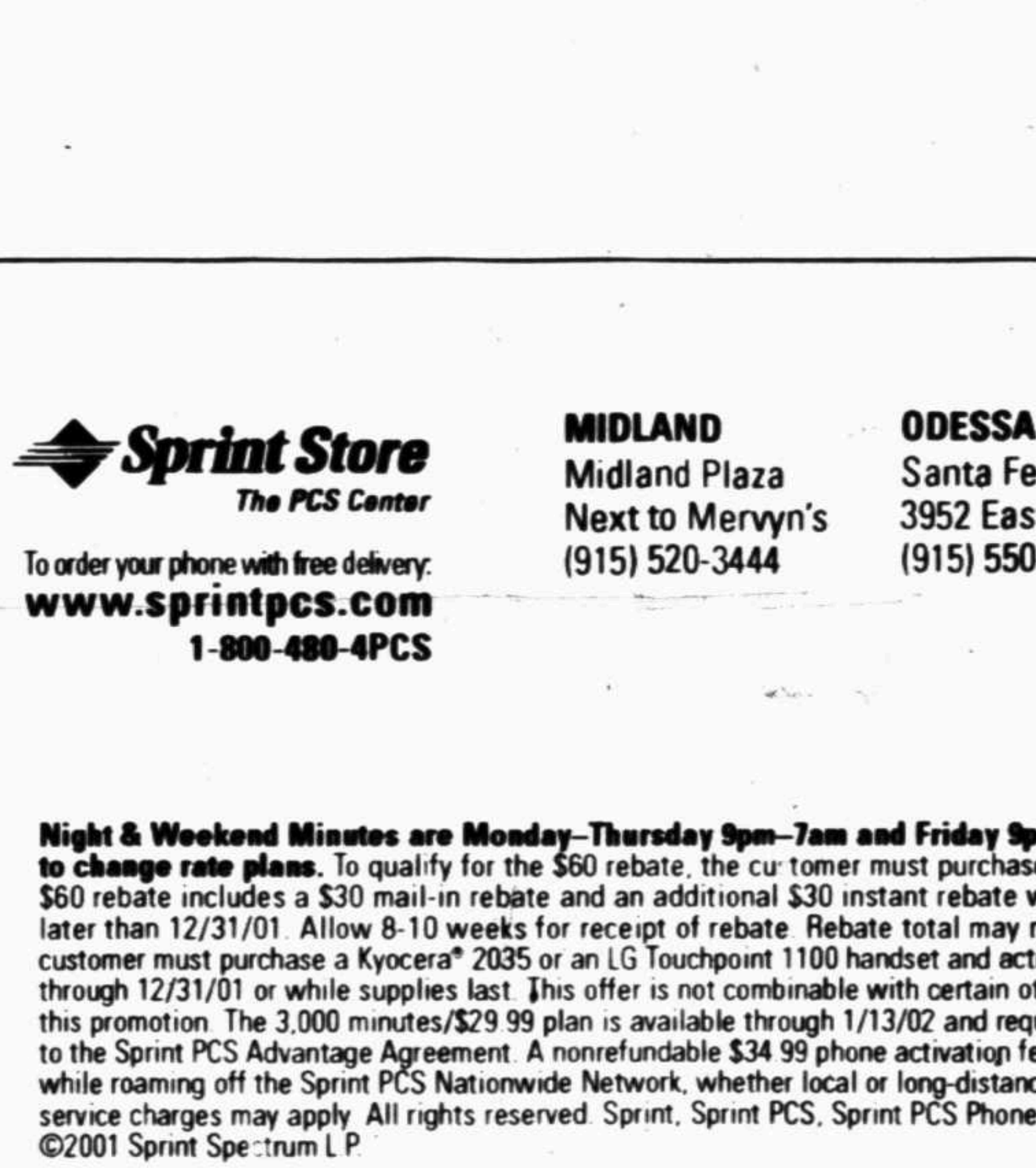
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Associated Press

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Calm returns to Buenos Aires after anti-government riots

By Bill Carmel
Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — City workers swept up rock and debris near a downtown plaza Saturday, hours after riot police battled protesters as rage over government austerity measures boiled over here for the second time in a week.

The streets of Buenos Aires were calm Saturday after a night of peaceful protests by middle-class Argentines degenerated into violence.

Police fired barrages of tear gas and rubber bullets at demonstrators before dawn as a large but peaceful protest against the government's handling of a deep economic crisis degenerated into violence.

Twelve police officers were injured, six of them seriously, including one officer who was beaten bloody by a mob before he could be led away from the pitched street battles outside the Government House. Police declined to reveal how many protesters were injured but said 33 people were arrested during the unrest.

The violence follows 26 deaths and more than 200 injuries in rioting, which drove President Fernando de la Rúa from office on Dec. 21. He was replaced by caretaker President Adolfo Rodríguez Saa, who

now is feeling the wrath of Argentines furious over the handling of the economy and unemployment that tops 18 percent.

Argentines are also angry over a weeks-old government move limiting cash withdrawals from banks to \$1,000 a month in order to prevent a run on the financial system.

"We want to send a message to the politicians we won't tolerate any more corruption," said Juan Carlos Alonso, 73, before the melee broke out. "And these banking restrictions are completely unacceptable!"

Venting their anger, gangs clashed with riot police through the pre-dawn hours as the officers responded with volleys of tear gas and rubber bullets. Fleeing from the Government House with police in pursuit, youths looted stores and trashed banks along Avenida de Mayo, a broad boulevard stretching several blocks to Congress.

Several demonstrators later forced their way into Congress, setting small fires, smashing windows and throwing sofas and chairs out the main entrance. Smoke spilled out of the ornate century-old building before firefighters put out the blazes. The protesters were quickly driven from the building.

The clashes tapered off toward sunrise as police fanned



AP Photo
Mounted police officers move in Buenos Aires' Plaza de Mayo, Thursday to clear straggling protesters from the plaza, where tens of thousands of Argentines gathered overnight to express their disgust with the government and nearly four years of recession that has pushed unemployment to almost 20 percent.

out downtown.

The violence began on the fringes of what was for hours a largely peaceful, but raucous pot-banging protest by middle-class Argentines who said they were fed up with government blundering and its attempts to tame an economic crisis.

The protests marked the second week of social tensions over a four-year-old economic crisis, which led Rodríguez Saa to announce Argentina would

default on at least part of its \$132 billion public debt.

"Give us back our money!" people chanted in the Plaza de Mayo in the capital, Buenos Aires, while others voiced complaints about corruption in government. "Get out! Get out!" they shouted toward the Government House.

Hundreds more gathered peacefully on city streets, banging pots and pans. Maria Luisa Lerer, 64, said she was angry over the banking restrictions and

a failed attempt to overturn them in the courts.

"We want our money. They are robbing the people," she said Lerer. "This is unjust!"

As he entered an emergency meeting of his Cabinet at his official residence in the suburbs of Buenos Aires, Rodríguez Saa said he had no immediate comment on the unrest.

Amid the violence, news reports said his Cabinet chief, Carlos Grosso, had submitted his resignation.

President Bush said Friday he United States is "willing to offer technical assistance through the IMF" to help Argentina develop "a plan that sustains economic growth. He said he had discussed the Argentine situation in recent

calls to the leaders of Mexico, Uruguay, Chile and Brazil.

Hoping to ease the economic crisis, the government meanwhile is preparing to roll out a third currency, called the "argentino," which the caretaker president says will breathe new life into the economy.

Scheduled to debut on Jan. 15, the argentino will circulate alongside the peso and dollar as Argentina looks to print money as a way out of a cash crunch brought on by a prolonged economic crisis.

But many Argentines fear a free-floating currency, backed by little more than promises of state support, will quickly depreciate. For nearly a decade, the peso has been firmly pegged one-to-one with the dollar.

Candidates cry foul in Zambi election

By Dina Kraft
Associated Press

LUSAKA, Zambia — An opposition candidate declared himself Zambia's president Saturday even without final vote tallies, and then he and five other candidates accused the ruling party of rigging the results to stay in power.

Those declarations came two days after Zambians voted in only the third democratic election in this southern African country's 37 years of independence. Results were not expected until Tuesday, Zambian state television reported.

Government officials blamed the five-day delay in results on sluggish counting — not vote stealing — and logistical problems caused by the 80 percent turnout of Zambia's 2.6 million registered voters.

Early returns from about a third of voting districts showed a virtual tie between Levy Mwanawasa of the ruling Movement for Multiparty Democracy and Anderson Mazoka of the United Party for National Development.

Strong showings also were made by Christon Tembo, a former army commander who heads the Forum for Democracy and Development, and Godfrey Miyanda of the Heritage Party.

Mazoka said his campaign determined he was leading the vote count.

"I must be declared the winner because I have won," Mazoka said.

He also accused the government of releasing selective results from areas where Mwanawasa had a strong following.

"The delay is obviously being made to allow for the completion of vote rigging by the MMD," Mazoka said. "I know they are trying to narrow the difference by stuffing ballot boxes."

Mazoka, a businessman, said he would reject any official results, which did not declare him the winner and he suggested Zambians also should resist results keeping the ruling party in power.

"Don't tempt the Zambian people," Mazoka said. "They

have the right to respond however they see fit."

Ruling party spokesman Vernon Mwaanga, who also serves as information minister, said the government would not tolerate any violent disruption of the election process. He also dismissed Mazoka's claims as "nonsense."

"How can he win when in some areas ... they are still counting votes?" Mwaanga said. "What can we do about slow counting?"

Five other opposition candidates appeared with Mazoka later and said they were appealing to the chief justice to postpone the presidential inauguration — originally set for Saturday — until "irregularities" could be reviewed.

The candidates said they had received reports about "anomalies and flaws in the election process."

"We want at least the Zambian people to feel what they voted for is what they have in office," candidate Nevers Mumba said.

Local election monitors said they had not been able to independently confirm those reports.

Zambia has had only two rulers since gaining independence from Britain in 1964, and voters in this election had 11 presidential candidates to choose from. There also were parliamentary candidates from 17 parties.

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New cabinet begins daunting task of rebuilding Afghanistan government from scratch

By Kathy Gannon
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — The women's affairs minister spent her first three days on the job in tears, overwhelmed by a litany of tales about the suffering Afghan women endured during five years of repressive Taliban rule. "They were really traumatized so much we just started crying," Sima Samar said. "We didn't know what else to do."

For some of the ministers in Afghanistan's interim government, the first week in office — which ended Saturday — was spent coming face to face with the enormity of the task of shedding the country's dark, war-torn past.

With hopes for rebuilding high, but expectations realistic after decades of chaos, the ministers also began counting up what few resources they have.

"We are starting with almost nothing," Finance Minister Amin Arsalala said, pointing out the central bank has been looted. "It will take time to generate our own revenue and develop some sort of reserves. Initially we hope to receive some budgetary support from the international community."

Rebuilding the economy and the country will cost billions of dollars, he said. And some divisive issues have emerged, particularly the presence of foreign peacekeepers and the terms of an agreement, which defines their role and numbers.

Defense Minister Mohammed Fahim, whose soldiers still patrol the city, wants only 1,000 peacekeepers, saying another 1,000 can perform humanitarian work and 1,000 can stay at Bagram Air Force base, 36 miles north of Kabul, as a reserve force. He also wants the peacekeepers here for only six months.

But Prime Minister Hamid Karzai says they should stay as long as they are needed — six months minimum — and should number as many as 5,000.

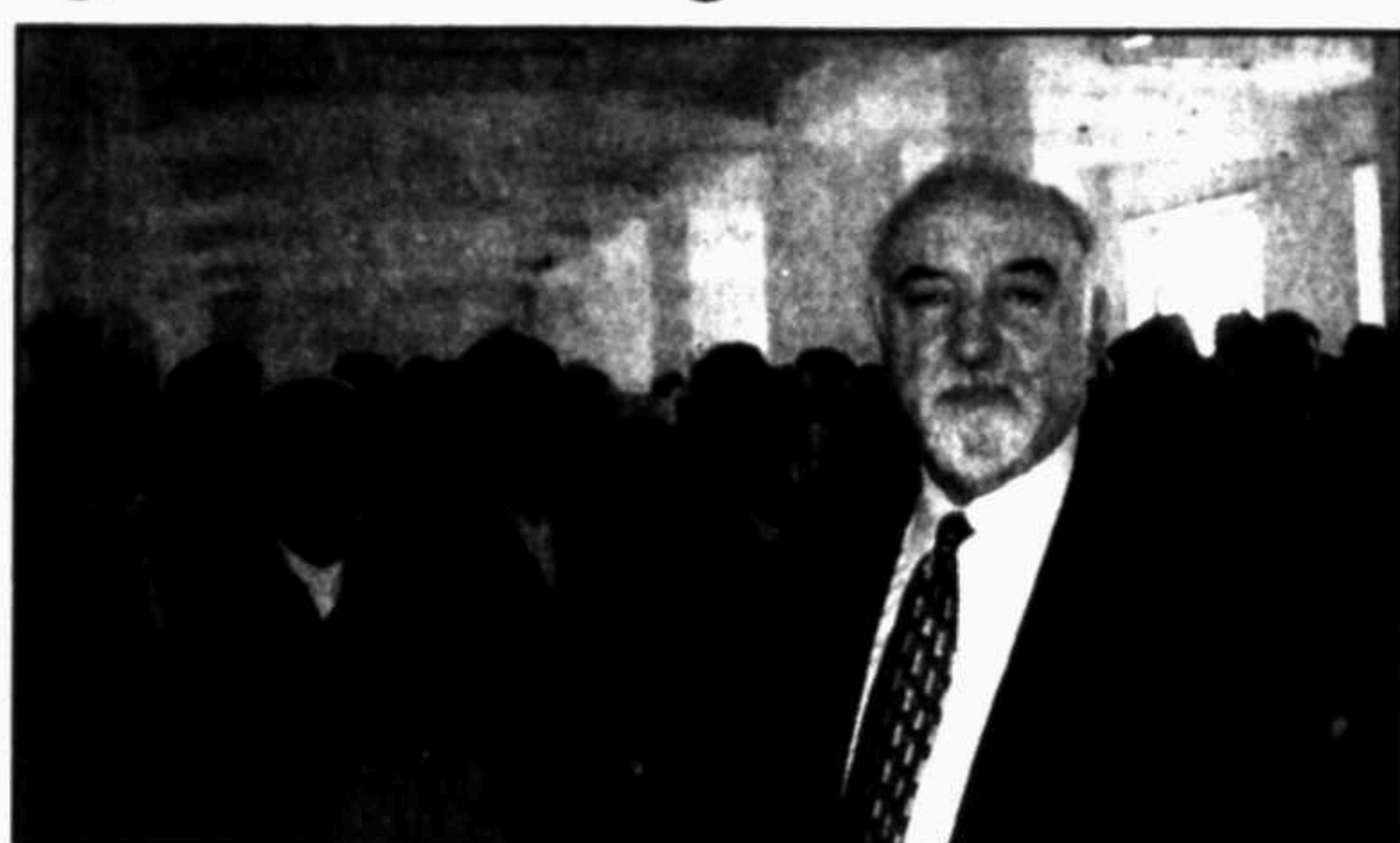
Arsalala insists that ordinary Afghans are united in wanting an international force to ensure peace and stability. Many predict without peacekeepers, their new government will collapse into feuding groups.

Despite the U.N.-brokered agreement, which calls for the withdrawal of Fahim's fighters from Kabul after the arrival of the first peacekeepers a week ago, some remain, piled into the back of pickup trucks with their guns and interfering in the capital's daily life, even traffic accidents.

Arsalala said people don't expect much because they are scarred by the bitter feuding, which marked the 1992-96 rule of Kabul by some of the same people now in power. Today, most people are putting their faith in the international community, he said.

"Most importantly, the world is paying attention to Afghanistan. A lot of expectations are on the shoulders of the international community, and if they don't play the right role, they will have done an injustice to the Afghan people," he said.

The 30-member interim



AP Photo
Afghanistan's new interim Finance Minister Amin Arsalala, right, meets his staff at the Finance Ministry in Kabul, Afghanistan.

administration is to serve for six months before a council of tribal leader decides a two-year

government and sets the way for a permanent constitution. Arsalala said his first days on the job were

spent meeting people — and trying to make his office fit for work.

The Finance Ministry was heavily damaged by factional fighting and neglected by the Taliban. The windows were broken and the roof of one section collapsed from rocket fire. In some rooms, yellowed files in soiled folders are stacked to the ceiling. The few desks and chairs are broken, the hallways littered with dirt swept to the side.

"Frankly, when I came to the ministry I was shocked at the physical condition, the financial condition, the lack of institutional strength," said Arsalala, who was foreign minister in the pre-Taliban government of then-President Burhanuddin Rabbani, whose loyalists and partners

flattened entire neighborhoods during factional fighting.

Samar has an even more daunting task: There never has been a women's affairs ministry, so for the time being she has no building, no staff and no budget. For now, women — all still wearing the all-enveloping burqa mandated by the Taliban — find her at her newly acquired home, sitting on a carpeted floor.

But proudly, she says with a laugh: "I am the only minister who doesn't have a gunman standing outside."

Wearing a thin white scarf, which barely covered her short-cropped brown hair, Samar is a blunt talker. She bemoaned her countrymen's bad luck with leaders.

Rabbani's regime was not

much better than the rigidly Islamic Taliban movement that ousted it in 1996 and is now reviled by most of the world as allies of terrorist suspect Osama bin Laden, she said.

She has been horrified by the stories from scores of women. One woman recalled seeing a Taliban beat a woman with a glass bottle because she lifted her burqa to quiet her crying child.

"First of all I think security is the main issue," Samar said. "I think as soon as the men with the Kalashnikovs (rifles) are out of the city, the women will be sure no harm will come to them and they will take off their burqas. Right now they don't feel safe."

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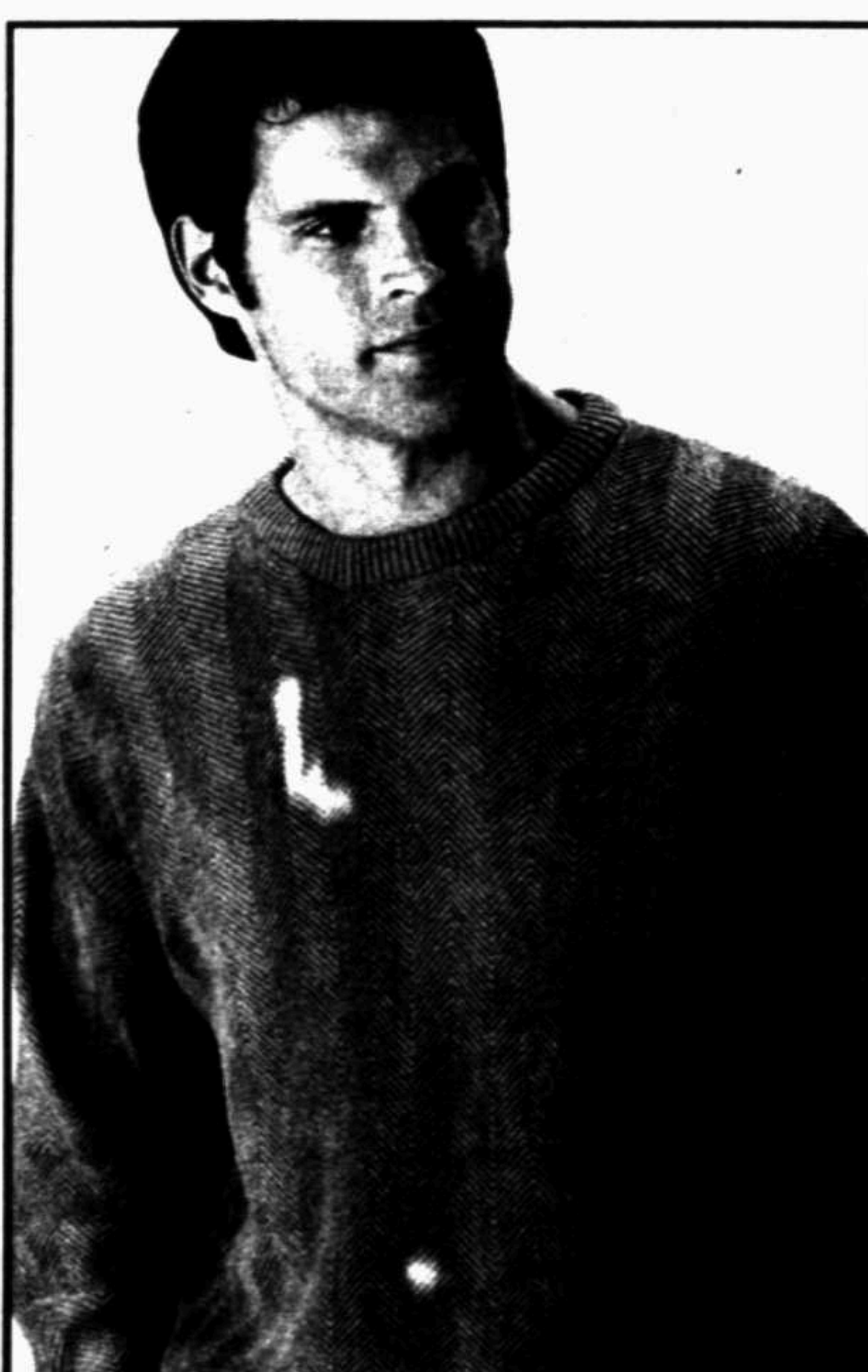
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County commissions deputy constable

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Rochell Buck, who has a flair for law-enforcement work even while she is carrying clerk status in the Midland County Justice Court, has been commissioned the first Midland County deputy constable since 1996.

"I love it," Ms. Buck said of her new role. "It is just something that you love, and you really can't explain it. I love helping people."

The 42-year-old Ms. Buck, who holds the advanced certificate as a peace officer from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE), had been a reserve deputy sheriff for Sheriff Gary Painter since 1992 until she resigned the sheriff's ranks to be a deputy constable.

"She is more than qualified for the job," Precinct 4 Constable Charlie Hall said after the governing Commissioners' Court approved Ms. Buck's deputy-constable sta-

tus. Despite the promotion and increased responsibilities, her salary remains at clerk pay — slightly more than \$20,000. Hall did not request a raise, and the commissioners did not volunteer a pay increase.

Ms. Buck's work includes serving Hall and the other \$28,000-salaried constables: Gene Smith of Precinct 1, Charles "Choc" Harris of Precinct 3, and Angel Hernandez of Precinct 3.

Among other duties, she helps the constables keep track of the fines and fees they collect on outstanding warrants.

In the October-November period, the constables collected more than \$24,000 in fines and fees and cleared 204 old warrants, Hall said. Those warrants represented the \$24,000 in cash and another \$20,000 in fines that were "laid out" in jail by inmates at \$100 per day in lieu of paying cash. Other warrants were cleared out due to death.

In November, fines ranged \$75 to \$441, Hall said.

"We've started working a lot of these old warrants, and that was one reason we brought Rochell on board to help work these old warrants," Hall said. "I served one the other day that was issued in 1990."

The constables' old-warrants project seeks to collect an estimated \$3 million in outstanding fines and fees due Midland County government, including Justice Court, throughout the years.

Offenses named in the warrants include traffic violations and other misdemeanors.

However, Commissioner Mike Bradford has suggested the amount, dating to the county's computerization back in the 1980s and discounting "dead warrants," would be less than \$3 million.

Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace David Cobos estimated Justice Court's four precincts annually collected about \$1.5 million in fines and fees.



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram
Rochell Buck, new deputy constable for Midland County. Ms. Buck is the first deputy constable commissioned by the county since 1996.

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Rodeo bull fighter battles his way back from injury

Editor's Note: This is the fourth in a series of stories leading up to the SandHills Stockshow and Rodeo set for Jan. 3-12 at the Ector County Coliseum.

By Emily Baker
MRT Correspondent

One rainy day in 1992, rodeo bull fighter Jim McLain was on his way to a rodeo in Wisconsin and saw a semi trying to stop in front of him. McLain was going too fast to stop and his pickup collided with the semi. The collision knocked him unconscious, but when he woke up, his engine was in his lap, his tool box was through the windshield, the 30-foot trailer he was towing had shaved the top off the cab of the truck, and his right leg was torn off and hanging out the window behind him.

Rescue workers freed him after two hours of effort, and when he got to the hospital, the prognosis was not good.

"The doctors told me, 'You'll never run again. You'll probably walk, but you'll never run or fight bulls again,'" he said. "When I woke up from surgery, I had one goal. My mindset was 'never' if I'll fight bulls again or if I'll run again, it was 'when.' And I planned to work every day, whatever it took, until I fought bulls again."

One year to the day after the accident, McLain walked into the arena at the rodeo where he was headed before the accident and fought bulls.

He has fought 14,000 bulls since then.

The job

Rodeo bull fighters aren't the guys in the fancy knickerbockers flashing around red blankets. Usually their outfit consists of aptly-named "baggies" made out of a baggy pair of pants cut off at the knees minus the crotch. Some wear loud shirts and funny neck ties. Some apply grease paint to make their faces more colorful.

Bull fighters are the guys who look like clowns hopping around the arena during the bull riding event at a rodeo. But, they are neither clowns nor hopping in senseless motion. Rodeo bull fighters are professionals whose approach may look chaotic but is rather a dance during which each footstep and each motion, twirl and spin has a purpose — protecting the bull rider.

"Everything is on timing," said McLain, who has been a bull fighter for



Courtesy photo
Jim McLain runs to distract a bull while its rider hangs on. After an accident in 1992, McLain was told that he would never be able to fight bulls again. One year to the day after the accident, McLain walked into an arena and fought bulls. He has since fought 14,000 bulls. This year marks McLain's last appearance at the SandHills Rodeo.

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Racial profiling ban among batch of new laws effective Jan. 1

AUSTIN (AP)—At a Brownwood City Council meeting last month, officials did what a new Texas law requires of the state's cities and counties: adopt a policy for their law enforcement agencies banning racial profiling.

The law passed this year requires the state's 1,500-plus law enforcement agencies to install and use video recording equipment in patrol cars, document all stops, create a complaint process, educate the public and file reports with the state.

The law was effective Sept. 1, but law enforcement agencies have until Tuesday to adopt racial profiling policies. Another 28 laws go into effect Jan. 1, including a

graduated driver's license program, a streamlined children's Medicaid program, and a service that allows consumers to block telemarketers.

Banning racial profiling

"is a noble goal and it is worthwhile and I can't imagine that anybody would approve of racial profiling in police work," said Bert Massey II, mayor of the city of 20,000 located about 65 miles south-east of Abilene.

"But the other side of the coin is if the state, as a matter of policy, wants to impose this worthwhile goal, let the state pay for it," he said.

Actually, the Department of Public Safety has been charged with splitting up \$18.5 million in state funds among the nearly 2,000 agencies covered under the law.

Says sponsor Sen. Royce West: "There's not going to be enough money to go around."

West, who has said it would cost \$35 million to install the required recording equipment and computer software, train officers, and collect and maintain data, said banning racial profiling should be a local, state and federal effort. And the agencies benefit from the recording equipment because it provides evidence in cases where suspects accuse law officers of wrongdoing, said West, D-Dallas.

So far, 553 applications seeking funding have been

New laws going into effect Jan. 1:

The Associated Press

SB1074, which bans racial profiling by law enforcement agencies, went into effect Sept. 1 but must be implemented by Tuesday. Other laws effective Jan. 1:

HB506: Clarifies law to guarantee that certain surviving spouses are entitled to the limitation of school tax on their subsequent homesteads if their elderly spouse dies.

HB824: Entitles a nonprofit county fair association that holds agricultural fairs and encourages agricultural pursuits to a tax exemption on the land and buildings it owns and uses to hold such fairs.

HB1127: Sets standards for dates by which institutions of higher education must issue contracts or employment agree-

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MARGARET RENDALL

Harry Potter author 'casts spell' with brilliant writing

I had been looking forward to this Christmas break for quite a while. After another grueling semester, I was ready to come home and relax. I wanted to spend time with my family and have some time for myself. It had been months since I read a book that was not assigned for class.

So I said goodbye to my semester of Plato, Aristotle and Richard Wright ready to move on to bigger and better reading material — Harry Potter. Having owned the book for almost a year I finally picked it up for "a bit of light reading," to quote Hermione Granger.

Seven hours later, I finally put it down, eager to buy the second book in the series, which I promptly read the next night. Three days later I finished the third Harry Potter book and I am currently trying to decide whether to give in and spend \$18.50 on the hardback for the fourth book or wait until the paperback comes out.

In her series, author J.K. Rowling does exactly what any great author should do. She allows the reader to form his or her own vivid pictures of the mystical going-ons in Hogwarts Castle while

captivating the audience with the suspenseful, constantly twisting plot line and masterfully and elaborately creating brilliant, but undeniably human characters with whom children and adults alike can relate.

However, it has come to my attention that not everyone feels the same way about Harry Potter as I do. In fact, not everyone living under the same roof as me feels the same way about Harry Potter as I do, which is actually what prompted me to write this column.

I have heard Harry Potter books referred to as the devil books, and I have even read someone compare their evil to that of the individuals who committed the Sept. 11 attacks. Carol Rookwood, Headmistress of St. Mary's Island Church of England Primary School in the United Kingdom, the first school to ban the Harry Potter books, said they are as dangerous to a child as a child molester.

I am curious as to how many individuals condemning the Harry Potter books have actually read them. Frances Donovan, who practices the Wiccan religion wrote the following on the about.com Web site.

"Real life witches laugh at the accusation that we wish to recruit their children at all, and we laugh even harder at the notion that the Harry Potter books have anything at all to do with the Wiccan religion or any other pagan tradition."

She claims that similarities between Harry Potter books and the religion of witchcraft are virtually non-existent. Although I know very little about witchcraft as a religion and have not made real efforts to educate myself in that area, I cannot imagine that individuals who practice witchcraft really spend their time flying on broomsticks, sneaking around castles wearing invisibility cloaks, or sending messages to family and friends via owls.

While to a certain extent I understand people's concerns with exposing their children to witchcraft and sorcery, I believe the Harry Potter controversy is a severe overreaction. Harry Potter has important lessons to teach and children old enough to enjoy and understand the books will be able to distinguish fantasy from reality. Harry is a wonderful friend and exhibits determination in all of his pursuits from Quidditch to studying for his OWLS, an acronym for end of the year exams. In addition he resists the temptation to join Voldemort more than once, choosing good over evil and power.

Nevertheless, I am certainly sympathetic to parents who choose not to let their children read Harry Potter. Parents are entitled to make decisions concerning the way their children will be raised and the things they will be exposed to. However, individuals opposed to Harry Potter have no right to attempt to prevent others from

enjoying the books. No one is forcing those opposed to Harry Potter to purchase or read the books. Not only does the phenomena of book burning remind the world of Nazi Germany and Fahrenheit 451, it also does little for the cause. In addition, movements to remove the books from public libraries are disturbing as well, although they will not be successful.

Ms. Rowling, the author of the Harry Potter books, perhaps says it best: "If you ban all books with witchcraft and the supernatural, you'll ban three-quarters of children's literature."

Before jumping to judgment I would encourage individuals to read the books for themselves. I think they might be surprised at how inoffensive they really are and might even find themselves enjoying the fantasies.

The Harry Potter books are ultimately about facing problems and overcoming limitations. Harry comes from an abusive adoptive family and he has enemies in every book. Yet Harry learns about loyalty and friendship and grows in many ways as the series progresses. The messages are universal and the means of getting them across challenge and stimulate the imagination.

Margaret Rendall is a student at the University of Texas at Austin and works as a correspondent for the Reporter-Telegram.



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DEATH NOTICES

Marvin Sewell

BIG SPRING — Marvin Sewell, 90, died Friday, Dec. 28 in a local hospital.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 31 in the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Jimmy Fred Irwin officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mr. Sewell was born Jan. 31, 1911 in Houston County and married Salena Irwin Jan. 3, 1931 in Big Spring. She preceded him in death on April 19, 1992.

He was a cattle buyer and owner of Big Spring Locker Co. After selling the locker company in 1963, he continued buying cattle.

In addition to his wife, Sewell was preceded in death by one daughter, Joanna Sewell; his parents G.R. and Annie Sewell; three brothers; and one sister.

He is survived by one son, Bill Sewell of San Antonio; one daughter, Carolyn Brooks of Coahoma; and four grandchildren.

Memorials may be directed to a charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

William Glass

William Allan Glass, 3 months old, died Tuesday, Dec. 25 at his residence.

Services will be at 3 p.m., Monday, Dec. 31 at Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

He was born Sept. 14, 2001 to Cody and Tina Smith Glass.

He is survived by his parents; a sister, Melaine Lagene Glass of Midland; a brother, Nicholas Scott Glass of Midland; his grandmother, Pam Glass; grandfather, A.W. Smith and great-grandparents, Robert and Phyllis Glass.

Cipriano Rodriguez

DALLAS — Cipriano "Kimo" Rodriguez Jr., 37, formerly of Big Spring died Thursday, Dec. 27 at a Dallas hospital following a brief illness.

Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 31 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Myers & Smith Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

He was born Nov. 2, 1964 and was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He worked at several restaurants.

He is survived by his parents, Pano and Virginia Rodriguez of Big Spring; three sisters, Mary Ramirez, Linda Rodriguez and Virginia Rodriguez, all of Big Spring; his grandmother, Lupe Molena of Big Spring; as well as several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Walter Liljestrand

Walter Liljestrand died Dec. 19 in a local nursing home.

He was born May 6, 1915 in Caldwell, Kan. and attended Rice Institute in Houston. He graduated in 1937 with a bachelor's in mechanical engineering. He joined the Navy in April of 1941 and married Frances Lane on Aug. 31, 1941. He served in World War II and retired as a captain.

He retired from Smith International of Houston and was a member of the New Life Presbyterian Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife.

He is survived by his sons,

Ken Liljestrand of Fort Worth, Rodger Liljestrand of Espanola, N.M. and Howard Liljestrand of Austin; a brother, Stanley Liljestrand of Houston; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Local arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Sarah Rhone

BIG SPRING — Sarah Rhone, 57, died Thursday, Dec. 27 in an Odessa hospital. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Jan. 28, 1944 in Lamesa and was a member of the First Assembly of God Church in Big Spring. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Grady Rhone; her parents, Willard Edward Slough and Annie Belle Thompson Slough; seven brothers, William Light, George Light, James Slough, Richard Slough, Chester Slough, Henry Slough and Bobby Slough; and one sister, Hattie Slough.

She is survived by two daughters, Sheila Sullenbarger of Lamesa and Kessa Easley of Colorado City; two sons, Archie Easley Jr. of Lamesa and Mark Easley of Hot Springs, Ark.; five brothers, Robert Light of Longview, Bruce Light of Mineral Wells, Jerry Slough of Lamesa, Dail Slough of Lamesa and Fred Slough of Dallas; four sisters, Mary Royall of League City, Lattie McLendon of Lamesa, Bernice Land of Andrews and Mary Angott of Louisiana; as well as 10 grandchildren.

Richard Scott

Richard Owen Scott, 70, died Saturday, Dec. 29 at his residence.

Services will be at 2 p.m., Monday, Dec. 31 at Pipkin Funeral Home with the Rev. James Sain officiating.

He was born Jan. 11, 1931 in Kress and later moved to Odenville. He served in the Army in 1949 and served in the Korean War. After the war, he moved to Lubbock and married Christine Mayfield on Dec. 19, 1952. They moved to Midland in 1956 and he was employed by the U.S. Postal Service.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lenny Scott and Nova Lee Curd; as well as one grandchild.

He is survived by his wife; three sons, Max, Monty and Marlon Scott and two daughters, Terrie Wiberg and Tisha Scott, all of Midland; two sisters, Rue Nell Hale and Katy Reid, both of Santa Maria, Calif.; as well as nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Betty Kutz

Betty Kutz, 69, died Saturday, Dec. 29 in a local hospital.

Services are pending with Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

Georgia Seay

Georgia Seay, 89, died Friday, Dec. 28 in a local care center.

Services are pending with Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

Dewey Phillips

BIG SPRING — Dewey Phillips, 58, of Dallas died Friday, Dec. 28.

Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Ron Letcher

BIG SPRING — Ron Letcher Sr., 59, died Saturday, Dec. 29 in a Big Spring hospital.

Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

OBITUARIES



Sara L. Harris

Memorial services for Sara Layn Harris have been set for January 2, 2002, 3:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church.

Arrangements are under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

Mrs. Harris died Thursday, December 27, 2001 with emphysema at Midland Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Sara was born in Dallas, Texas on January 14, 1938, to John W. Jennings, Jr. and Archie Stewart Jones Jennings. She attended Woodrow Wilson High School in Dallas and graduated from Grapevine High School in Grapevine, Texas, where she was voted FFA Sweetheart. She received her bachelor of science degree in elementary education in 1960 and a master of science degree in elementary education in 1965 from North Texas State University in Denton, Texas.

At North Texas, Sara was a member of Los Caballeros Riding Club and Delta Gamma Sorority. She modeled for Brogan and Jennings (her father's dress manufacturing company) in partnership with Frank Brogan) in Dallas during "Market Week" four to five times a year and also modeled for different dress shops and hair stylists in Denton, Texas.

Sara taught at the elementary education level for 16 years at MUSD. She was a member of Kappa Kappa Lambda Teacher Sorority, Delta Gamma, First Baptist Daniel Department and Better Breathing Club. She was also a realtor and a Broker Associate of Don Harvey, Inc. for seven years.

Sara met George T. Harris in the fall of 1961 and they were married on April 21, 1962, in Grapevine, Texas.

Sara was preceded in death by her father, John W. Jennings on April 12, 1975; her mother, Archie Stewart Jones Jennings on December 6, 1969; and her sister, Wanda Mae Jennings Thweatt on February 4, 1995.

Sara is survived by her husband George T. Harris, of Midland, Texas; her daughters, Kathy Lane Harrisly of Wimberley, Texas, Suzette Marjorie Harris of Plano, Texas; her brother, John W. Jennings III and his wife Nicole; a niece Pamela Ann Thweatt Carlisle and her husband Craig and their son Wayne and daughter Amy, William Lee "Bill" Thweatt and wife Karen and daughters, Ashley, Stacey and son Cody.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association of Texas, P.O. Box 26460, Austin, Texas 78755; the Kelsey Logan Angel Fund, P.O. Box 5072, Midland, Texas, 79704; or to a charity of your choice.

Anne Pershing Wilson Morris

Anne Pershing Wilson Morris, age 87, of Austin passed away on Friday, December 28, 2001. She has been a resident of Austin since 1984.

Born in Clarksburg, West Virginia on January 12, 1914 to Dr. James E. Wilson and Mary Boggess Wilson, she graduated from Washington Irving High School in Clarksburg and then attended West Virginia University. On December 26, 1936, she married James Lynn Morris who preceded her in death on October 27, 1974.

Prior to living in Austin, she lived in Golden, Colorado as a newlywed while her husband was in graduate school at the Colorado School of Mines. They lived in Fort Worth, Texas from 1940-1960 where she was a member of St. Andrew's Catholic Church and was the first President of the Ft. Worth Geological-Geophysical Auxiliary. The family then lived in Houston, Texas from 1960-1962 and Denver, Colorado from 1962-1964. In Midland, Texas she was a member of the Pyrantha Garden Club and St. Ann's Catholic Church until 1984, when she moved to Austin where she attended both St. Louis and St. Theresa's Catholic Church.

Hobbies that she enjoyed through the years included golf, floral design, knitting, crocheting and quilting.

Anne is survived by her three daughters: Carolyn Morris Dorman and her husband Harvey of Lone Oak, Texas; Anne Morris Miller and her husband Kenneth of Austin, Texas; and Mary Morris Moore and husband Delton of Canyon, Texas; grandchildren: Smith, James and Anne Dorman; Andy Miller and wife, Catherine; David Miller and wife Denise; Katherine Miller Brownell and husband Scott; Eppie, Ethan and wife Jessica; Eran, Eli and Eben Moore; great-grandchildren: Reed and Spencer Miller; four sisters: Mary Evelyn Beaumont of Savannah, Georgia; Marie Antonette Moore of Northampton, Massachusetts; Margaret Gleason of Ventnor, New Jersey; Sarah Greene of Charleston, West Virginia and two brothers: Dr. Robert Wilson of Chapel Hill, North Carolina and Dr. Thomas Wilson of Northampton, Massachusetts.

She is preceded in death by her two brothers: Dr. James E. Wilson, Jr. and Dr. John Dennis Handy Wilson and a sister, Jane Wilson Thomson.

The family wishes to thank the entire Brighton Gardens Community and Staff for their attention to and care of our mother.

Mass will be held Monday, December 31, 2001 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Colonial Chapel at Cook-Walden Funeral Home.

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.

Entombment will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 2, 2002 at Resthaven Mausoleum in Midland, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, a donation may be given to your charity of choice.



Leigh Ann Watkins

Leigh Ann Watkins passed away December 23, 2001 in Shreveport, Louisiana from injuries she received in an automobile accident. Services will be held at Pipkin Chapel Monday, December 31, at 10 a.m. with Pastor Harold Quarles officiating and Reverend Rick Denson assisting. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

Leigh Ann was born December 20, 1982 in Midland, Texas. Loving daughter and sister. We loved so many things about her. Her loving smile, the way she loved life, and her sensitivity to others. We believe she was from the "highest realms of Heaven" not only for the way she loved life but the way she loved and cherished her family. Her mother, who was her best friend and brother who she truly looked up to. Her dad, who was taken with her, her other dad who loved and cherished her to no end and thought of her as his "Little Angel." She will be missed by everyone.

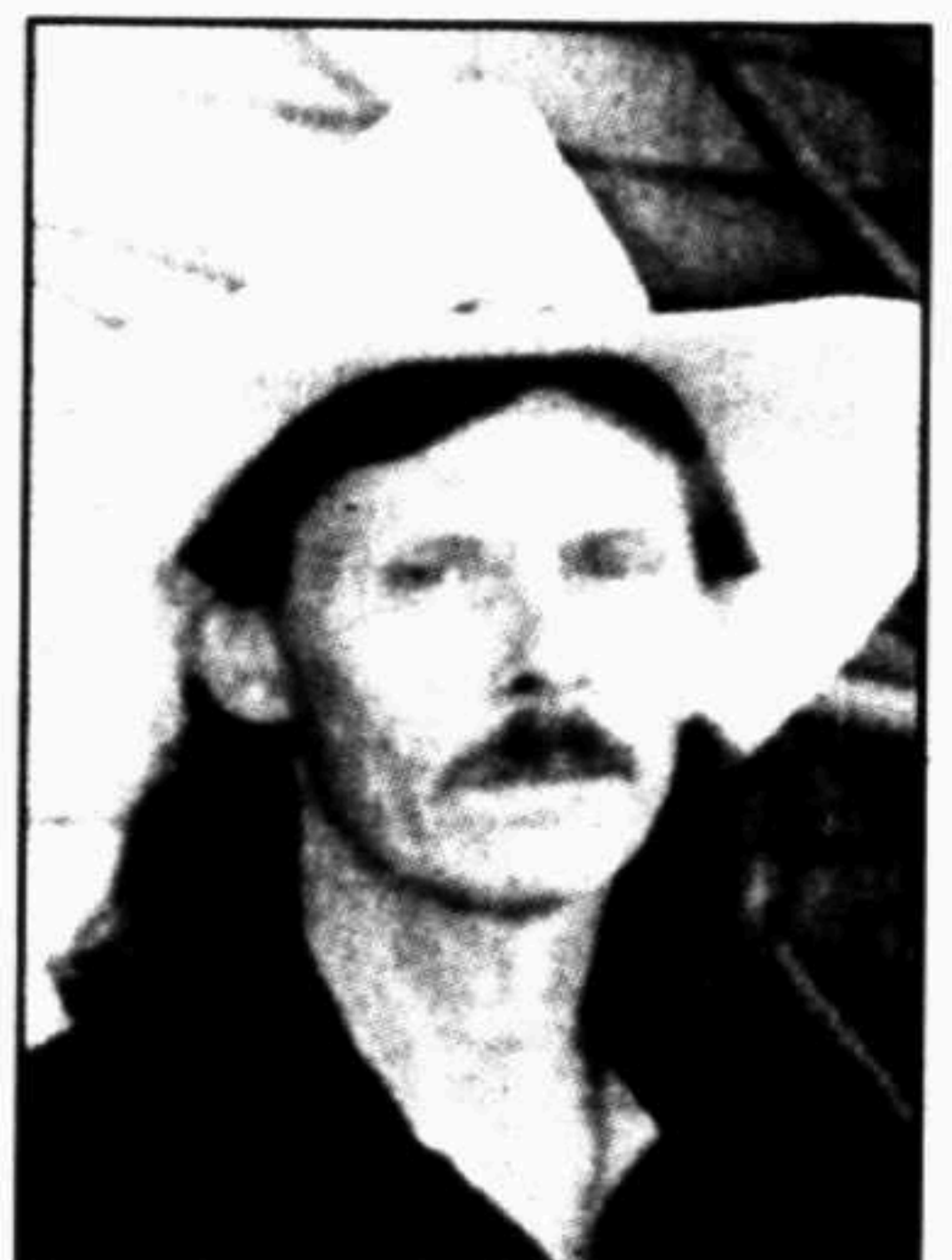
She was preceded in death by Papa and Granny Wise, Papa and MaMaw Watkins, a brother, Larry Dale Watkins; and her dad, Larry Don Watkins.

She is survived by her mother, Brenda Martinez of Midland; dad, Freddy Martinez; brothers, Michael and Adrian; sisters, Stephanie, Lacy and Amanda;

aunts, Debbie Wise and Bonnie Holt; Uncle Travis Watkins; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Pallbearers will be: Lester Evans, Murray Ballard, Steve Bailey, Gary Hanner, Cody Green and Eric Dooley.

The family requests memorials be directed to (MADD) Mothers Against Drunk Drivers.



Larry Don Watkins

Larry Don Watkins passed away December 23, 2001 in Homer, Louisiana from injuries he received in an automobile accident. Services will be at 10:00 a.m., Monday, December 31 at Pipkin Chapel with Pastor Harold Quarles officiating and Reverend Rick Denson assisting. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

Larry Don was born September 6, 1958 in Rankin, Texas to William John and Annie Mae Watkins. They moved to Midland in 1968 where he was a mechanic most of his life.

A loving father, brother, and friend to anyone who needed a helping hand. He will be truly missed by everyone.

He is preceded in death by his daughter, Leigh Ann; a son, Larry Dale; and parents William John and Annie Mae Watkins.

He is survived by his son, Michael Don; a brother, Travis Watkins; a sister, Bonnie Holt; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Pallbearers will be: Lester Evans, Murray Ballard, Steve Bailey, Gary Hanner, Cody Green and Eric Dooley.

The family requests memorials be directed to Allison Cancer Center.

POLICE REPORTS

Compiled from staff reports

Violation of probation:

Oscar Granado, 45, of Midland was arrested by Midland County Sheriff's deputies at 3:35 p.m. Friday at the intersection of East County Road 118 and South County Road 1195 on a charge of violation of probation. No bond.

Theft:

Jessie Green, 27, of Midland was arrested by Midland County Sheriff's deputies at 4 p.m. Friday in the 14000 block of West

Highway 80 on a charge of theft between \$1,500 and \$20,000. No bond.

Possession of a controlled substance:

Cedric Johnson, 40, of Midland was arrested by Midland County Sheriff's deputies at 2:20 p.m. Friday in the 200 block of West Wall Street on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. No bond.

Evading arrest:

Benjamin Jones, 30, of Midland was

arrested by Midland Police officers at 6:50 a.m. Friday in the intersection of Dormard Drive and Barber Drive on a charge of evading arrest and detention. No bond.

Criminal mischief:

Kenneth Leyerly, 20, of Midland was arrested by Midland County Sheriff's deputies at 9:30 p.m. Friday in the 100 block of West Industrial Avenue on a charge of criminal mischief. No bond.

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CHRISTMAS 2001

We thank all of you who made it possible for us to help the families who came to us for assistance for Christmas. A total of 261 families were assisted, which included 134 men, 247 women and 329 children. Assistance for the families included a Christmas dinner and enough food to feed the family for the entire time that school is out, plus toys and clothing for the children. We distributed 31,258 pounds of food, \$26,076 in clothing, \$16,831 in toys and \$4,455 in bicycles.

Assistance came from all of you who donated money or toys, or who adopted children and provided clothing for them. We also received assistance from several organizations and businesses, and we will list them next week.

At times it looked as though we might not have been able to provide for all of the families that came to us for help, but in the end, thanks to all of you, we were successful. May God bless you all, and may you have a safe and happy new year!

Health News
Dry Mouth
by John L. Davis, RPh, IACP

Dry mouth, or xerostomia, should not be ignored as it can affect your oral health, speech, and the taste of your food, and can also result in bad breath and sores or split skin at the corners of your mouth. Saliva helps to prevent tooth decay, makes food easier to swallow, and helps with digestion. Xerostomia is often a side effect of medications used to treat depression, antihistamines, antidiarrheals, antihypertensives, muscle relaxants, and drugs for urinary incontinence and Parkinson's disease. Other causes include cancer chemotherapy, damage to the salivary glands from radiation treatments, injury to the nerves in the head or neck, Sjogren's syndrome, Alzheimer's disease, stroke, and smoking or chewing tobacco. If the cause of the problem can not be changed, it may be helpful to suck on sugar-free hard candy or chew sugar-free gum. Saliva substitutes are also available, but are often inconvenient and not very effective. Your physician can also prescribe a medication that can increase saliva production. Please call us to discuss available options.

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DEPUTY: Buck first deputy constable commissioned by county since 1996

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All told in Justice Court, there were as of mid-December 6,878 Class C misdemeanor criminal warrants, mostly traffic-related, and hot-check warrants in the four JP precincts, according to Justice Court records. The JPs are Joe Matlock of Precinct 1, David Cobos of Precinct 2, Michael Wallace of Precinct 3, and George Zimmerman of Precinct 4.

While "still a clerk," as a deputy constable Ms. Buck will be authorized to serve Justice Court "papers" while the constables are outside of their offices in the William B. Ahders Justice Center.

"If somebody comes in and says, 'I don't want to pay my fines; I want to lay it out in jail,'" then, Hall noted, Ms. Buck can "walk them across to the jail and put them in jail."

Ms. Buck, who said she holds a legal-assistance (paralegal) degree from Midland College, was District Attorney Al Schorre's Victims Assistance coordinator for almost 10 years dating to 1989. She is finishing up on a bachelor's degree in criminology at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

Before Ms. Buck, the last Midland County deputy constable was in 1996 when Ron Rice was the county's \$37,000-salaried constable. He was served by six deputies.

The mid-1990s Commissioners' Court, under the leadership of then-County Judge Jeff Norwood, allowed for four constables in conforming to the Texas Constitution — one for each of the four JP precincts in Midland County. In doing so, the court had downgraded the constable's pay to \$1,200 a year or \$100 per month per constable toward eliminating the constable posts via a constitutional amendment.

The measure didn't happen.

However, by Texas law, the per-constable pay was raised to \$7,200 per year upon the advice of then-County Attorney Mark Dettman and then was hiked to livable wages of \$24,000 and now \$28,000.

In 1996, Rice vacated his post and was hired by the district attorney's office after the constable's duties were assumed by the sheriff and the district attorney. His ex-deputies and former secretaries were hired either by Painter or Schorre.

"Gary Painter is as good a Christian man as they come," said Benny Matlock, Rice's former chief deputy who today is a sheriff's lieutenant.

Since the late 1990s, the constables have been working to build up the offices of the constables, Matlock noted.

Commissioner Randy Prude said the promotion of Ms. Buck to deputy constable is a "win-win situation for Midland County."

"By empowering our constables and now this new deputy constable (Ms. Buck) to collect back debt that people owe to Midland County," Prude said "people (will) understand that you can't snub the law and get away with it."

Ms. Buck "works for all of them (the constables)," Prude said. Constable Angel Hernandez said Ms. Buck "frees up the constables so we can go out and do the field work. She's got the authority to carry them (criminal defendants) to the sally port and book them into jail."

JP Cobos said defendants who do not resolve traffic tickets and other charges and warrants could lose "their ability to renew their (driver's) license."

Collecting on warrants is "pretty labor-intensive," Cobos said. "That's why the commissioners allowed (Hall) to hire Rochell. It made sense. She can also provide court security and, on occasion, there are people that need to be taken into custody."

"Ms. Buck is real enthusiastic," Cobos said. "She works real hard. She's doing an excellent job."

BATCH: 16-, 17-year-olds to be given intermediate licenses

(From 1B)

received, said DPS spokesman Tom Vinger. The law gives priority to small municipalities and agencies with patrol duties, he said.

Also beginning Tuesday, the state will begin issuing intermediate licenses for 16- and 17-year-old drivers. Before, a 16-year-old was granted an unrestricted license with just seven hours' experience behind the wheel.

Under the graduated program, teens will continue with a permit for six months, during which time they are asked to complete at least 50 hours of adult supervised driving, including at least 10 hours at night.

Also, teen-agers will not be allowed to drive between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. unless accompanied by an experienced, licensed driver who is at least 21. No more than one passenger under age 21 will be able to ride with a teen-age driver for six months, except for siblings who have received written parental permission.

Exceptions would include driving to and from work, school-related activities or a medical emergency.

In 1998, the most recent year for which data is available from the U.S. Department of Transportation, 407 Texas teens were killed in auto wrecks. Another 40,000 were injured.

Teen-agers account for about 938,000, or 7 percent, of the state's total 13.4 million licensed drivers. Yet they are responsible for about 20 percent of all Texas auto accidents, according to state statistics.

"This is a trend that we've seen nationwide, and we've seen that the graduated driver's license program has worked. It has had a significant impact in saving lives," said Anne O'Ryan, spokeswoman for AAA Texas.

The organization helped push the bill through the Legislature and is helping DPS educate parents and teen drivers with free brochures.

Tuesday will be "a great day for the children of Texas," said Sen. Judith Zaffirini, a Laredo Democrat who pushed through contentious legislation that makes it easier for poor and disabled children to sign up for Medicaid.

Zaffirini said the law will not only knock down long-standing hurdles, but will save the state \$10 billion over the next 20 years

LAWS: SB393 makes electronic signatures legally enforceable

(From 1B)

ments to full-time faculty members.

HB1196: Allows a thoroughbred Texas mare to be bred out of state without limitation as long as the foal is born in Texas. Also changes funding to Texas Racing Commission to allow association hosting horse races to offer prize bonus to winning horses bred and born in Texas.

HB1428: Specifies a uniform policy regarding purchasing prior service credit in statewide retirement systems; allows system membership unintentionally canceled because of former unclear policies to be re-established.

HB1447: Expands program offering development, job creation and investment tax credits for so-called strategic investment areas, or SIA.

HB1940: Clarifies when to prorate tax exemptions given because a homeowner is over 65; modifies other provisions regarding residential homestead exemptions.

HB1979: Creates County Criminal Courts at Law Nos. 1 and 2 of El Paso County to help reduce the current backlog of cases.

HB2076: Exempts travel trailers that are not used for income from property taxes.

HB2226: Amends "the tax code to require chief appraisers to prepare and certify to the tax assessor a list of those properties that are taxable but that are not included on the appraisal roll or list certified by the assessor."

HB2648: Requires all emer-

gency medical technicians to be trained to use epinephrine auto-injector devices. Epinephrine is used to help treat severe allergic reactions.

HB2832: Requires tax collectors to notify taxpayers of an overpayment of more than \$5.

HB3140: Expands definition of agricultural processing for use in determining tax exemptions given to businesses located in areas with 50,000 or fewer people.

HB3383: Requires community housing development organizations to expend at least 50 percent of the money it saves from property tax exemptions on support services.

HB3627: Creates County Court at Law No. 4 of Montgomery County to help with large caseload.

HB3649: Grants the Gregg County Court at Law concurrent jurisdiction with district courts of Texas in civil and criminal cases, except capital murder.

SB7: Sets deadlines for authorities to take an arrested person before a magistrate or released on bond and for the appointment and compensation of counsel to represent indigent people accused of crime.

SB43: Simplifies enrollment in certain medical assistance programs, including the certification process for medical assistance provided to children.

SB63: Allows corporations to claim a franchise tax credit for 10 percent of the wages paid to a disabled employee for a period of two years, and sets forth conditions of employment.

SB181: Changes the terms of court in the 32nd Judicial District to three four-month terms.

SB248: Allows property tax exemptions for motor vehicles leased for personal use.

SB352: Permits a county to contract with a private or public entity, including a public utility, to collect solid waste fees.

SB372: Allows state employees enrolled in the Employee Retirement System to re-establish service credit that was previously canceled while working at a different state job without returning to the job from which the employee withdrew service credit.

SB393: Permits electronic records and electronic signatures in electronic transactions and electronic commerce to be legally enforceable.

SB507: Establishes the Texas Residential Property Owners Protection Act to provide guidelines for the operation of property owners' associations and to provide homeowners a mechanism by which to redeem property in the event of a foreclosure.

SB577: Modifies current law to incorporate components of the graduated driver licensing system.

SB650: Raises the limit on the allowable number of regular appraisal review board members and clarifies the authority of auxiliary board members.

SB1272: Allows land located in a county with a population of 35,000 or less on which a greenhouse for growing florist items is located to be given an agricultural use designation for property tax appraisal purposes.

RODEO: McLain says bull fighting a big responsibility, not for 'the weak of heart'

(From 1B)

23 years. "If you get there too early, you could mess up the bull and cost the cowboy a few points. If you get there too late, you could cost a cowboy his life."

Getting that timing down only comes from experience. McLain said he fought probably 1,000 bulls before he felt like he had control of what he was doing.

Bull fighters have to train their brains to anticipate wrecks, the actions of a bull and the actions of a cowboy while paying attention to every piece of their surroundings. Then they have to take that information and process it at light speed and translate it into how to move their bodies so they can best protect the bull rider. And sometimes protecting the rider means offering themselves as the target of the bull's horns or hooves. It's just part of the game, and each day brings something new.

"Every time I walk in the arena, I learn something new," McLain said. "If you quit learning, you set yourself up for getting wiped out."

The man

McLain asked to be a bull rider. He was asked to fight some bulls one day, he did, and he liked it.

"I didn't know what I was doing," he said of his first bull-fighting experience. "I think I got pretty lucky. There is a lot of responsibility involved (in fighting bulls). Even though I rode bulls, I didn't pay a lot of attention to the bull fighters. I should have."

Lucky or not, that first experience was, "a huge adrenaline rush. I knew I was supposed to keep the bull off the cowboy. I didn't know how, but I knew that was what I was supposed to do," McLain, of Duncan, Okla., said.

Even after 23 years, the adrenaline rush is still there, and so is the challenge. Riding bulls was a fun challenge for McLain, but he only competed against one bull. As a bull fighter, he was pitted against each bull in the pen. That challenge has kept him sticking with it.

"It takes a lot of time to be a good bull fighter, and it takes forever to be a great bull fighter," he said. "You have to be willing to go out there and sacrifice what it takes. The bull riders put their lives in our hands. Bull fighting is not for the weak of heart. It's not for the hobbyist and not for the guy who says, 'I want to do this to impress the chicks.' It's a lot of responsibility."

The injuries

Bull fighting and injuries are a package deal, but McLain will flat out say he doesn't like talking about them. He has had horns run through him, a crushed face, both knees torn up, rods put in both legs and pins put in his hip, just to name a few. But, he doesn't really think about them.

"I've got the most dangerous opponent in the world," he said. "I look them in the eye every time. It is a mental and physical challenge unlike anything I've ever done and anything I can imagine doing. I guess the reason I don't like to talk about injuries is because if you talk about it, you think about it. If you think about it, you are going to worry about it, and that will affect how you fight bulls."

Just like their bull-riding counterparts, bull fighters feel they are more likely to get hurt if they are worried about it.

McLain will be making his first appearance since last May at the SandHills rodeo beginning Jan. 4 at the Ector County Coliseum. He has been out of competition since

then due to broken legs.

The memories

This year will be McLain's last SandHills performance. He will be protecting riders with Doug Forzani and Ryan Rodriguez, but he is retiring from duty after this season.

Sure, he'll keep in the rodeo business with his bucking and fighting bull program. And, he said he will probably fight some bulls in his practice pen in order to deal with the adrenaline withdrawals.

He enters his final season saying the miles and memories have been good to him.

One particular memory from his early bull-fighting days pulls a snicker out of him.

He was at a practice pen one afternoon when a mother pulled up with a carload of cowboy-hopefuls. She decided they were going to be bull riders, and she decided she would chose the bulls the boys would ride. This was going to be the boys' first bull ride, by the way.

One of the bulls happened to be one of the meanest, rankiest animals in the pen. Though the stock contractor tried to explain that her idea was incorrect, she thought the bull would be easy to ride because he didn't have any horns.

"The bull throws him off in one jump, and the kid lands right in front of the bull," McLain recalled.

"I told him to get up and run. I got a hand on the bull's head. He was coming on hard and fast and was hooking at me. I felt something at my feet, and I looked down to see what it was. This kid is trying to crawl around me toward the bull trying to get his hat. His mom was sitting on the fence yelling at him. 'Don't let him take the hat. I just bought it.'"

"It was a wreck. He didn't get hooked at all. I didn't get hooked much," he said.

Through the miles, the memories imprinted in McLain's mind in the form of life's lessons are what he loves the most about his job. In fact, he doesn't think he would have pulled himself back to par after that car accident in 1992 if it weren't for what he has learned from fighting bulls.

"I would be sitting at the house on the couch being a whining person," he said. "But instead, for me that injury was more of a nuisance than a handicap."

McLain stayed in the hospital

for a month and was in a body cast for two months following the accident. He said that through his healing process, he never had any doubt that he would go back into the arena and succeed.

"If this job had not prepared me, I would probably be walking around on a cane or sitting in a wheel chair and saying, 'I can't, I can't,'" he said.

Being a bull fighter presents a unique spy glass through which McLain views life. He will be 40 next month, his body tells him he

is 60, and his mind tells him he is 25, he said.

"I need to test myself on a daily basis in inner strength," he said. "If I can deal with (bull fighting) and survive it, I can survive anything. Bull fighting doesn't make you super human. Just when you think you've got the world by the butt, the bulls will humble you. Those bulls let the hero juice out of you. It doesn't do anything for you except to have the confidence in you for any situation that arises."



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SKYWATCH

by Gene & Connie Hardy

If you're thinking that the stars look brighter in the winter than the summer, you know that dry, cold air is more transparent than hot and haze, humidity. And the stars of the winter sky are really bigger and brighter. In January, earth faces a region of the sky rich in many gorgeous constellations, seven of which make up the winter circle. This is when Orion has dominion with its familiar three Belt stars, the awesome Orion Nebula in his sword, huge, orangish Betelgeuse in one shoulder, and blue-white Rigel in his opposite leg. Orion is everybody's favorite because he is so easy to locate.

At midnight on New Year's Eve, Jupiter brings in 2002 at its biggest and brightest, as it stands directly opposite the Sun. Starting low on the western horizon you'll find elusive Mercury, then Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn are arrayed along the ecliptic stretching eastward. If you're looking for Venus, that planet is in superior conjunction on Jan. 14, so it is not visible all month.

The best evening to view Mercury is on the 11th. On the 14th Mercury will be seen above a crescent moon, and the following night, the moon will be above Mercury. Then it will begin retrograde motion and head on out of view below the western horizon within a few days.

Mars will be the reddish spot halfway up to the zenith from the south. While Jupiter is visible from early evening in the east, it's best to wait till it climbs higher around midnight. Why? Objects lower in the sky are dimmer with less detail caused by looking through thicker atmosphere than when higher up. Even with good binoculars, Jupiter's bands are distinct, and with its less-than-10 hour rotation, we get to see all sides of its surface over an evening's viewing. The Jovian moons also provide some entertaining variations of location. Saturn is most

Columbia will be launched. Its STS-109 mission is to service the Hubble Space Telescope (its fourth maintenance visit). Five spacewalks are planned to install the Advanced Camera for Surveys (ACS), a new pair of more efficient solar panels, and a new power control unit. The crew of seven will also repair HST's insulation, install a new cooler for Hubble's near-infrared camera, and reboot the space observatory into a higher orbit.

First question of the year: "How did we gather information about stars?" Answer: When we stand under a sky full of stars, we see and begin to understand them through the benefit of centuries of detective work that unravels the Cosmic mysteries. The sky seems to be telling us to pay attention and find our place in the Universe. It wasn't too long ago we earthlings thought we were the center of it all, that when we saw the sun, moon, and stars "parade" across the sky, we were witnessing the universe revolve around us. The work of bold and observant scientists has shown us how mistaken that notion was. The Apollo 8 astronauts saw the truth of this 250 years later as they circled the moon.

Two hard facts about the sky are: 1) changes in it happen slowly, and 2) we cannot cause it to change. We cannot speed up the rotation of earth, or the motion of the planets through the constellations; we cannot cause an eclipse or change the seasons.

Space is enormous, distant, and filled with mysterious things. How do we find our way around in all that space? Basically, by utilizing the constellations and by the two-coordinate methods. We will cover the coordinate methods next month.

Humans developed the skill to find patterns in nature. Our brains invent patterns to impose order in place of disorder. On earth we divide our land masses into countries; this helps greatly to locate various regions of the globe. Certain areas of the sky are known as constellations, figures of objects or "critters" established as far back as the cavemen, origins of which are lost in the mist of antiquity. Today there are eighty-eight officially named constellations. Knowing the location of each enables us to star-hop within each constellation to locate other fascinating deep sky objects. Few constellations resemble their namesake, so go ahead and personalize some of your own pictures in the sky.

Our ancient ancestors were a superstitious folk and they paid great heed to timely events in the sky corresponding to events on earth. They saw the seasons as cyclic battles between the lion and the bull. In midwinter they saw Leo the Lion high in the morning sky as Taurus the Bull lay dying in the western sky. These astrologers (not to be confused with Astronomers) charted the stars trying to figure out what was in the future, with great importance placed on omens. Today few superstitious folk remain; most of us see the constellations for what they are — maps in the sky.

For more information all about the Life of the Stars (in the sky,) you may want to join us for a Friday evening Planetarium SkyShow at 8 p.m. beginning Jan. 4. Discover surprising facts about stars and our most valuable star, the sun. What is it? How was it formed? What does the future hold for it and for us? Once a month it will be on the 18th if the weather cooperates. Telescopes will be provided by members of the West Texas Astronomers.

The West Texas Astronomers would also like to invite the public to their monthly meeting on Jan. 14. Tom Rodman of Odessa will be the speaker for the program beginning at 7:30. He will elaborate on events past and present surrounding the Odessa Meteor Crater located south-west of Odessa. The formation of that crater was a fascinating occurrence. For many years the area had been declining in maintenance and appearance. Now a refurbished setting and a new visitor center is almost complete. The program is free and this is an occasion to learn more about the many exciting things happening at the crater site. Could it have been a rock from Mars — part of a comet? Join us here at the Planetarium and find out. Start the New Year looking up to the stars.

ADVENTURES IN TEACHING

Mother Nature delights in teaching lessons in humility when provoked

Editors's note: This is the second part of a two-part column.
By R. Eric Setzler

After the manhole cover was removed, the whole mass of horrors started spilling up and out of the hole. Chase Kass panicked and dropped it back over the hole. It fit crookedly and wobbled when stepped on. We gave him grief about it being dangerous, but Kass didn't care. We got back to work seriously clearing weeds around a battery of oil storage tanks. It doesn't take cool mornings long to become broilers in West Texas. Today was no exception. Around lunchtime, we took a break and unpacked the massive lunches from our ice chests. We worked hard, ate well, and rested for a while. When it was time to go back to work, Chase Kass was eager to have another try at those elusive collar lizards. It was a delay tactic to prevent us going back to work. The hot weather made it difficult to find any animals out, including lizards. However, we finally found a big male collar lizard, indeed a veteran of many chases. He was older, slower and wiser. For the purposes of this narrative, I will call him Tyrannosaurus Tex. It seems appropriate to name him after a dinosaur, which is short for "terrible lizard" any way. The

exciting action sequence went something like this:

- 1) Chase Kass chased Tyrannosaurus Tex the collar lizard.
- 2) T. Tex was caught.
- 3) Kass was bit on the hand right on the flap of skin between his index finger and his thumb.
- 4) He yelled with pain and tried to pull or shake the vampire lizard off.
- 5) Kass wouldn't let go (and later commented that it was the best meal he'd had in weeks).
- 6) Chase panics and starts to run headed for the manhole cover over the Bottomless Pit of Death. Instead of looking like Indiana Jones, he looked like Cowardly Chase.
- 7) Collar lizard enjoys the run because of the nice breeze and good view from being waved from above the panicked man's head.
- 8) Kass steps on the heavy, cast iron, manhole cover, which twisted, rotated and turned where the edge pointed straight up. This allows enough of a gap on each side where he falls feet first into the creepy crawly hole up to his armpits. This wedges him in so tightly that he cannot get out.
- 9) The lizard is still enjoying a great view because the trapped man's right arm is still held high above his head. The left arm is pinned to his side by the tipped up manhole cover.
- 10) Chase Kass starts to laugh.

Vidal Taft and I laugh at him because we are thinking what a stupid thing to do. We try to get him out of the hole, but no go. He is in too tight. We try pulling at him from different angles without success.

10) Chase's laughter changes to shouts of concern as he tries to identify a tickling he had been feeling underneath his clothes.

11) Kass shouts become manly yells and then womanly, high-pitched screams when he realizes that the "tickling sensation" is in reality something very, very bad.

It is the black horde of insects being led by a Genghis Khan-like centipede moving into their "new digs" — his clothes. I cannot say I blame the critters. They had paid their dues after being incarcerated in a dark dungeon with little to do except lunge once a year at a pipeline employee whenever the valves were checked. There was not much room or food on the sides of the hole. Real estate was at a premium. And you know how kids are today; they don't want to live at home forever. Now all the bugs' problems are solved. Chase Kass' body represented an escape route, a new home and a free meal. I can hear them now expressing their feelings of joy through song and laughter. Let us try to recapture this special moment:

Genghis Khan the Centipede singing a catchy little song tune with the same tune as "Over the River, Through the Woods" ...
Follow me boys,

Up the leg,
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we'll go.

Or Alexander the Great Scorpion crooning to the tune of "You Take the High Road" ...
You take the left leg,
and I'll take the right leg,
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Or Napoleon Bonapartebug singing ...
Oh, when the stink bugs,
Come marching in,
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Oh Bug, I want to be in that
number,
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marching in.

Or maybe a bunch of bugs just chanting "Yeo-ee-oh, Yeo-oh"

like the enslaved Winkies in the book, The Wizard of Oz. I mean they probably do not have the extensive vocabulary or intelligence that they show in those Disney movies. However, as a science teacher, I feel like I have to keep my mind open to new ways of looking at things.

I tied a rope around Chase Kass while Vidal Taft attached it to the bumper of the company pick up. When I popped the clutch, it popped C.K. out like a cork out of a champagne bottle. Taft and I stripped his clothes off and discovered that he was covered with black insects from his armpits on down. We scraped most of the bugs off his pale body using thorny branches torn off a mesquite tree. We pulled off what remained, including stingers. Chase was covered with a multitude of reddish

blotches, stings, bite marks, tracks and purplish blue bruises. He staggered over and laid down in some shade where he rested the rest of the afternoon. Kass survived and recovered fully after about a week. I guess the appropriate thing to do under the circumstances would have been to immediately take him to the doctor. However, we had a job to do and had to work hard to make up for lost time and a 33 percent reduction in our work force. There was another reason we did not get him humane medical care in a timely fashion.

Chase Kass deserved everything he got. He was one mean, sick person who had tangled with an even meaner, tougher old lady — Mother Nature.

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'America's Mayor' bows out after eight tumultuous years

By Jerry Schwartz
Associated Press

NEW YORK — There was a time before Rudolph Giuliani was a saint.

There was a time before he was feted everywhere he went, embraced as "America's mayor" and Time magazine's Person of the Year, perceived as a man who was born to lead. There was a time before the glint in his eye was softened by sadness, before he seemed shadowed at every appearance by thousands of victims.

It is hard to remember that time, though it was not so long ago.

And now, he's about to become America's ex-mayor. At 12:01 a.m. on Jan. 1, Giuliani's mayoralty will end, leaving historians to puzzle over an eight-year term that would seem to be the work of a demented screenwriter.

In the past eight years, New Yorkers have been treated to astounding decreases in the crime rate and frightful allegations of police misconduct. The mayor has seen to it that they can walk safely in Times Square, but tried to prevent them from speaking out on the steps of City Hall.

They have watched with mouths agape as a mayor announced the implosion of his marriage at a news conference (his wife learned of their separation the same time as the public). A mayor who preached moral rectitude squired his new girlfriend around town.

There was a bout with cancer, various feuds with various officials, a campaign against jaywalking, the occasional appearance in drag (he made a less-than-fetching blonde in a skit before an annual dinner of City Hall reporters).

And then, in the catastrophe of the World Trade Center, it all became a dim memory.

If it wasn't for Sept. 11, says Andrew Kirtzman, author of "Rudolph Giuliani: Emperor of the City" and a political reporter for a local all-news cable television station, Giuliani would be remembered "as an excellent mayor with extraordinary flaws, someone who revived New York City but also tarnished his own reputation with his personal behavior."

He came to office as a Republican, an admirer of Ronald Reagan, an acclaimed federal prosecutor who had lost a race for mayor against David Dinkins in 1989. In his rematch with New York's first black mayor, Giuliani promised to improve the city's quality of life. Among other things, he would roust the menacing panhandlers who stopped motorists, dragged squeegees over their windshields and demanded payment.

He won by fewer than 45,000 votes, taking just 5 percent of the black vote.

The squeegee men were soon gone. So were a lot of the guys who sold joints in the parks. And most of Times Square's X-rated businesses, pressed to close or to move to more marginal areas.

In mid-December, Giuliani offered a valedictory before a group of business and civic leaders at a Wall Street hotel. As he spoke, an 11-year-old Time magazine cover was projected on giant screens behind him: "The Rotting Big Apple," read the headline.

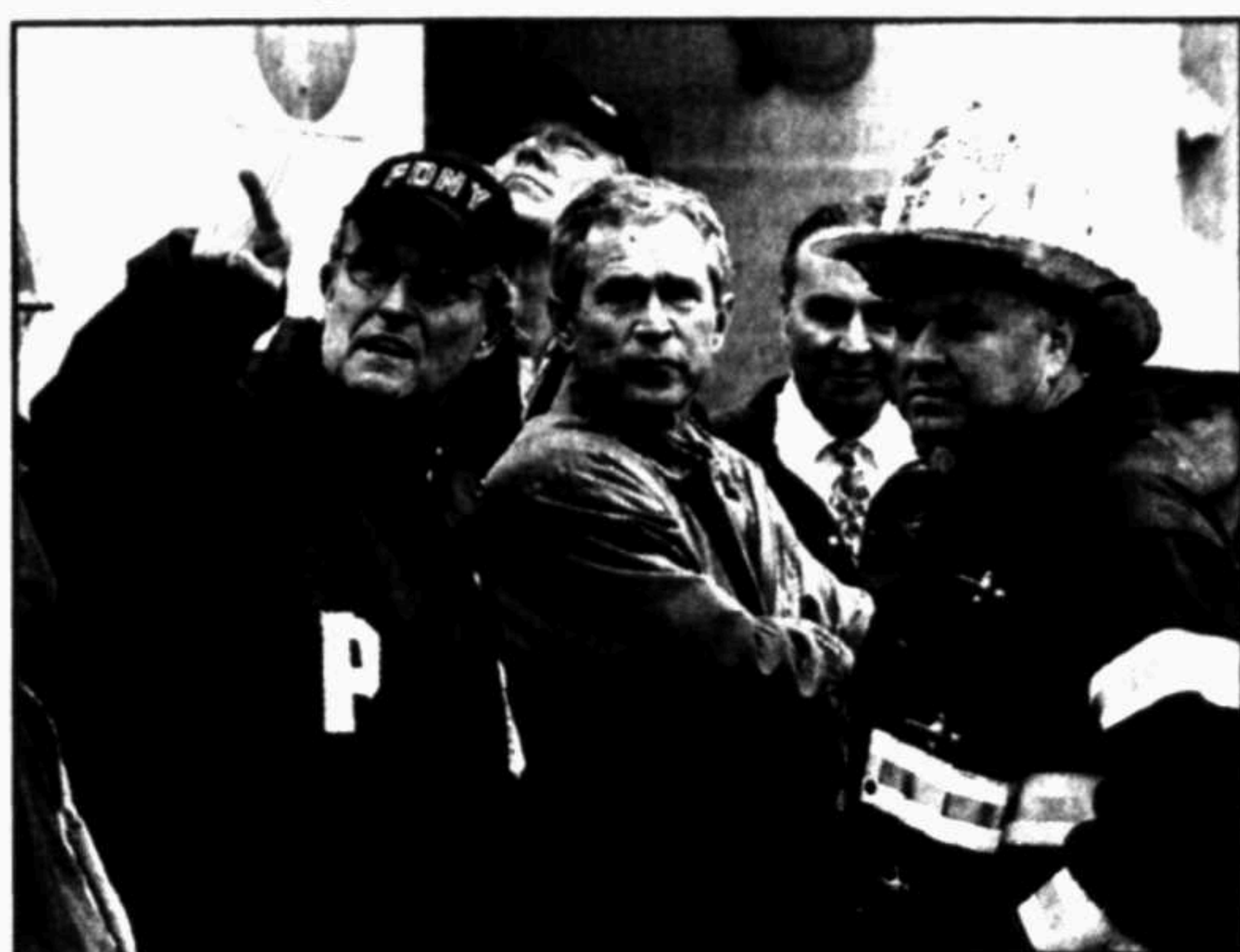
This was New York Before Giuliani, he suggested, and New York After Giuliani was a far better place. He did it, he says, by prudent management, by reducing welfare rolls in favor of workfare, and by cutting taxes, allowing the city's economy to bloom (it helped, of course, that the nation was in a period of unprecedented prosperity).

But he also went after street artists, vendors and reckless cabbies. Rarely accused of having a civil tongue himself ("stupid" was a favorite word to describe questions from reporters), he launched a campaign for civility in New York. He ordered police to issue tickets for jaywalking, setting off an uproar in a city where crossing at midblock is often deemed a basic right.

New York's police waged a full-court press against crime, prosecuting even the most minor offenses. Police commanders were held accountable for any uptick in statistics.

The results: Murders fell 65 percent from 1993 to 2000, from 1,927 to 671, and another 5 percent this year, even as the homicide rate was rising in other major cities. All major crimes declined 57 percent, from 430,460 to 184,111.

Critics point out that crime had begun to drop even before Giuliani took office, and that it also fell nationally, as the crack epidemic ended and the economy improved. But New York's statistics were ahead of the curve.



Mayor Rudolph Giuliani points toward collapsed buildings during a tour of New York's World Trade Center Sept. 14, with, from left, New York Gov. George Pataki, President Bush, Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., and New York City Fire Commissioner Thomas Van Essen, second from right. After eight years as mayor, Giuliani leaves office Dec. 31.

AP File Photo

In the minority communities, the aggressive police were often perceived as aggressively violent police. And a series of highly publicized incidents fanned the flames:

Abner Louima, a Haitian immigrant who was arrested — wrongly — in a disturbance at a Brooklyn club and then sodomized with a broom handle by officers in a stationhouse. Amadou Diallo, an unarmed immigrant from Guinea, gunned down by police officers in the Bronx. Patrick Dorismond, also unarmed, killed by plainclothes police officers after they tried to buy drugs from him (he was angered by the suggestion that he might have marijuana, and the dispute escalated).

Giuliani has never tried to hide his admiration for the police. Brooklyn-born (but Long Island-raised) in an Italian Catholic family, Giuliani had four uncles who were police officers. And though the number of killings by police dropped over the decade — from 41 in 1990 to 11 last year — he was perceived by many as blind to their excesses, a perception that was bolstered when he ordered the release of Dorismond's criminal record, including his sealed juvenile file.

It wasn't a very impressive dossier — a couple of guilty pleas to disorderly conduct — and the mayor was besmirching the reputation of a dead man. His support in the polls dropped to 32 percent. That was in 2000, just 21 months ago.

He always has professed no interest in polls.

"I got elected to be a leader, not a panderer," he said.

And often, he appeared to care little about what anybody else thought. He felt he was honest and evenhanded in his blunt dealings with minorities; they thought he was insensitive.

Fred Siegel, a history professor at Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art whose writings influenced Giuliani's thinking on quality-of-life issues, insists that blacks have thrived better than anyone under Giuliani's leadership. Their neighborhoods have become safer and more prosperous.

But the mayor, he says, just will not play the liberal to get black support. "He wasn't a politician. That's what's good about him and that's what's bad about him," Siegel says.

Giuliani leaves office with one regret — that he failed to reform the city schools. It was not for lack of trying; he ran two schools chancellors out of town, and declared that the Board of Education should be "blown up." But the state refused to give him the control he craved.

His battles with civil libertarians were many. His was an "increasingly authoritarian and oppressive city government in which free speech rights were trampled upon," says Norman Siegel, the former head of the New York Civil Liberties Union.

Siegel says when he left the organization last year, the NYCLU had fought 27 First Amendment cases against Giuliani and won 23 of them, with one case pending.

Giuliani tried to close the X-rated shops; he sought to remove bus ads that suggested that New York magazine was "Possibly the Only Good Thing in New York Rudy Hasn't Taken Credit For"; he banned press conferences on City Hall's steps.

And in one of his most legendary battles, he tried to cut funding to the Brooklyn Museum because of its "Sensations" show, which featured, among other things, a cow cut into 12 sections and a portrait of the Virgin Mary, surrounded by elephant dung.

His bombast merely promoted the museum; there were long lines to see the show.

If there is a common string to this governance by frenzy, it is the mayor's iron determination, says Giuliani's biographer, Kirtzman. "He's driven by, first, ambition, and secondly, this kind of almost religious belief in his own righteousness — the sense of mission that he has to crusade for what he thinks is right."

But in 2000, Giuliani knew

that the crusade was coming to an end, at least in New York City. Hemmed in by term limits, he decided to run for Senate. He would be matched against Hillary Clinton in a mind-bogglingly mediagenic race.

But then he was diagnosed with cancer. And then he announced that his marriage to television personality Donna Hanover was over — that he had

"a very good friend," Judith Nathan.

Finally, he dropped out of the race.

Giuliani seemed to mellow. He labored through treatments for his cancer. His was an untidy divorce; Hanover remained in the mayoral residence, Gracie Mansion, and secured a ruling that Nathan could not visit the mansion. Ultimately, Giuliani

moved into an East Side apartment with an openly gay supporter and friend, Howard Koeppel, and his companion. The mayor was in eclipse.

Then, everything changed, and Rudy Giuliani became a national hero.

He narrowly escaped the collapse of the World Trade Center. In the days and weeks that followed, he was everywhere — empathetic, authoritative, in command.

"If you didn't know how to behave, all you had to do at any moment was watch the mayor," David Letterman said on his show. "Rudolph Giuliani is the personification of courage."

The mayor's one misstep — the suggestion that his term should be extended because of the emergency — was quickly forgotten in all the accolades. His endorsement helped elect another Republican as his successor, billionaire Michael Bloomberg. Time saluted him "for having more faith in us than we had in ourselves, for being brave when required and rude where appropriate and tender without being trite, for not sleeping and not

quitting and not shrinking from the pain all around him."

Queen Elizabeth named him an honorary knight. His was declared the top biography of the year by Biography magazine. New York magazine honored him for lifetime achievement: "Rudy in full is surely one of the most original political figures of the age," wrote Michael Wolff. He is just 57 years old. What will he do next?

Giuliani says he will start a consulting firm with colleagues. But there are those who say there are bigger things in store.

No mayor of New York has ever gone on to higher, federal office; they've always been too urban or too depleted by their efforts or just too New York to succeed on the larger stage.

Would Rudy Giuliani, the opera-loving Yankee fan with a comb-over, a nasty divorce and a prickly nature, like to be president of the United States?

"Unquestionably," says Kirtzman. "No doubt. He believes in his own righteousness. He thinks he led New York City and will lead America in the path of righteousness."

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America's first bioterrorism attack raises more questions than answers

By Joseph B. Verriglia
Associated Press

2001 is the year America faced its first bioterrorism attack.

Frightening as it was, it was not a full-scale catastrophe with a large death toll. But it killed five people and forced the nation to confront a microscopic and unfamiliar foe: anthrax.

Instead of being spread through the air with sophisticated equipment as bioterrorism doomsdayers might predict, the lethal white powder was delivered in the mail — postmarked Sept. 18 from Trenton, N.J. The letters were addressed to prominent politicians and journalists.

None of the sinister letters written in crude block lettering harmed the intended targets. The victims were postal workers, administrative assistants, congressional staffers and innocent bystanders. Thirteen people who were infected, including a baby, recovered.

The FBI and other agencies have assigned as many as 1 of every 4 investigators to the case. Theories abound about whether the terrorist is domestic or foreign, but there are few clues and, officially, no suspects.

Nor is the crisis over. Traces of the bacteria were discovered as recently as Dec. 6 in a mail bin at the U.S. Federal Reserve in Washington.

Anthrax may not be the weapon of mass destruction as originally feared. But it certainly has proved to be a weapon of mass disruption.

It briefly shut down Congress, sowed panic and has forced security steps costing billions. The crisis has exposed critical gaps in the nation's disease surveillance and emergency management systems that still are being debated.

A vulnerable America finds itself considering a host of previously unimaginable threats.

We're preparing enough smallpox vaccine to inoculate every American against a disease that has been naturally eradicated, but could become the most fearsome biological weapon of all.

Crop dusters were grounded temporarily to prevent terrorists from spraying biological or chemical agents over cities, and poisoning crops. Armed guards were posted at many drinking water reservoirs.

We're irradiating federal mail to kill lingering anthrax spores and prevent more cross-contamination. Many Americans wear gloves when they check the mailbox. Some are avoiding Christmas cards, just to be safe.

Is it sufficient? Necessary? Nobody's sure.

Since early October, each day's headlines have defied what security and public health advisers presumed to know about bioterrorism. Much of what they had practiced in war games and computer simulations turned out to be wrong.

In one week in October, Washington officials went from describing the anthrax in the letters as "garden variety" to "professionally done."

"Experts really have been groping in the dark," said Jonathan B. Tucker, a biowarfare expert at the Monterey Institute of International Studies in Washington, D.C. "Conventional wisdom has been repeatedly challenged."

Assumption: Spreading weapons-grade germs requires sophisticated engineering that only state governments can provide, and the U.S. biological weapons program is secure.

Fact: Investigators have not found a credible link to any foreign government.

The anthrax in the letters was derived from the Ames strain, a common, very virulent form used

in American biological weapons research and in vaccine testing. The anthrax spores themselves were very pure and they were refined to be more effective.

Former Soviet biological weapons designer Ken Alibek told Congress the anthrax letters could have been generated by a Ph.D. microbiologist.

Now the FBI is looking for a "standoffish loner" and a "controlling male" with a scientific background, not unlike Theodore Kaczynski, who was a math whiz before he became the Unabomber. FBI behavior analyst Jim Fitzgerald describes the letters' author as a "biobomber."

Assumption: A victim must inhale at least 8,000 anthrax spores to be infected.

Fact: Not necessarily. In many anthrax cases, the actual circumstances of exposure are unclear, but at least two of the victims had no known direct connection to the dangerous germ-laden letters.

Everyday citizens, 94-year-old Ottilie Lundgren of Oxford, Conn., and 61-year-old Kathy T. Nguyen of New York City, died of inhaled anthrax. Yet, investigators have found no anthrax at their homes or Nguyen's workplace, a storeroom in a Manhattan hospital. Cross-contaminated mail is suspected, but none has been found.

Assumption: Anthrax spores don't scatter without help from an explosion or a sprayer.

Fact: Finely milled spores — treated with an electrostatic charge

and chemicals — migrate through the woven fibers of envelopes. The stray spores contaminated sorting machinery at post offices as well as other mail.

In the Hart Senate Office Building, lethal powder in the letter to Majority Leader Tom Daschle spread next-door to the office of Sen. Russell Feingold, D-Wis. Their offices were sealed and fumigated with a chlorine gas as part of a broader cleanup that lasted weeks.

When technicians at the Army biodefense lab in Fort Detrick, Md., tried to examine a sample from the Daschle letter under a microscope, it floated off the glass slide and was lost.

To prevent further leakage, tests, on the anthrax letter sent to Sen.

Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., were conducted in a protected glove box under negative air pressure.

Assumption: Inhaled anthrax is a death sentence unless treatment begins before symptoms appear.

Fact: Until Florida tabloid photo editor Bob Stevens fell ill, American doctors hadn't seen a case of inhaled anthrax in 25 years. They discovered that aggressive treatment with a combination of powerful new antibiotics, as well as blood filtering and other techniques, can save some patients.

Time is precious. Washington postal workers Joseph Curseen and Thomas Morris Jr. initially were sent home from hospital emergency rooms. Both died within hours.

Stevens, 63, died three days after

going to the hospital.

But his co-worker Ernie Blanco reported similar symptoms and was immediately treated with antibiotics to prevent pneumonia. Blanco, 73, is a decade older than Stevens, but he recovered.

In addition to funding smallpox vaccines, lawmakers are discussing up to \$1 billion for states and health care facilities to improve preparedness and train workers; \$450 million for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to upgrade their labs; \$1 billion for the Health and Human Services secretary to expand national stockpiles of medicine and vaccine; \$100 million to protect imported food; and \$100 million to develop emergency response plans for drinking-water systems.



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Commercialization may limit Net users

By Anick Jesdanun
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Shannon Burnett's unofficial Web site for "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" fans used to offer video clips and insights into plot and characters.

No longer. Corporate lawyers took care of that with a complaint of copyright violation. Burnett removed the material, though she believed she had legal grounds for using them.

"You look at the fact that this is 20th Century Fox," Burnett said. "I'm a 25-year-old married mother of two. I don't have what it takes to go up against something like that."

The episode last summer drove one more stake through the Internet's noncommercial heart.

Big corporations have a significant and growing presence on the Internet. In March, just 14 companies controlled 60 percent of users' online time, down from 110 companies two years earlier, Jupiter Media Metrix found.

As the Internet becomes more commercialized, companies are able to use the courts, trademarks and copyrights, proprietary technology and deep corporate pockets to control what Internet users do and say, threatening the openness that made the Net unique.

Policy decisions and technological developments in the next year and beyond could give big business even greater power in the online world.

"Clearly when the community did not toss spammers off the face of the earth, it was a lost cause at that point," said computer scientist Ed Krol, referring to senders of commercial mass-mailers.

Krol, who wrote one of the first guides to the Internet, knew it intimately in the early days when it was a place for researchers at universities and governments to talk about their professions, hobbies and other interests with little interference from lawyers or corporate executives.

After the National Science Foundation lifted commercial restrictions in 1991, companies like Amazon.com opened up storefronts on the Net. America Online flooded mailboxes with promotional disks and brought millions of newcomers online.

Today, the Internet as most people know it is a world of pop-up ads and online registration forms, a world where your credit card serves as your passport.

Not that commercialization is necessarily bad. "What you have now is this incredibly exciting place, where people can learn, teach, shop, improve their health and stay abreast of activities," said Harris Miller, president of the Information Technology Association of America.

Even though a few companies now dominate, creating tensions with noncommercial interests, Microsoft Corp. general counsel Brad Smith said more diverse content is out there and being viewed regularly, made possible by corporate-driven technologies.

The Internet's pioneers never intended to restrict commerce. The architecture was designed to be topic-neutral, meaning data packets are handled the same way whether they are commercial or noncommercial.

That neutrality permitted noncommercial innovations like the Web, as well as commercial developments like instant messaging and e-commerce.



"Buffy the Vampire Slayer" fan Shannon Burnett is shown on her Web site, which she used to remove materials from the television show, after Hollywood lawyers complained of copyright violations. By virtual or physical ownership and copyrights, entrenched businesses are increasingly controlling what people do and say online — threatening the openness that made the Internet unique.

The problem comes when policies, laws and technologies are overlaid on that framework and allowed to chip away at the Net's neutrality, said Lawrence Lessig, a Stanford University law professor.

"There is a role for commercialism," Lessig said. "The concern is how the commercial interests might want to change the features of the Internet to better protect themselves."

Soon after Hollywood studios discovered the Internet, their lawyers went after unofficial fan sites.

Some online materials, such as downloads of complete episodes, clearly cross the line. But disputes are often over gray areas — snippets or summaries — that courts rarely get to resolve because fans back down first.

Internet lawyer Jorge Contreras acknowledges that Web sites can be boring when stripped of images, sounds and video. But like it or not, he said, the law as written favors the studios.

The entertainment industry won a few key lawsuits this year.

Music distributors forced Napster's music-sharing service offline. Movie studios also won an injunction against a site that linked to software for undoing copy protections in DVDs.

Trademark holders won the rights to several ".com" domain names, including a site meant to criticize entertainment giant Vivendi Universal. They

also got favorable registration procedures for new domain suffixes such as ".info" and ".name," though the latter was supposed to be for individuals only.

Meanwhile, the busiest sites are increasingly run by a handful of companies, giving them greater ability to control what users read, view and say. By running the message boards and chat rooms, such sites can delete unpopular viewpoints or reveal identities of anonymous critics.

As well, technologies for digital-rights management promise to restrict what users can do with information they buy. The newly launched industry-backed MusicNet service won't let customers transfer songs to portable players, and tunes expire after 30 days.

As cable modems grow in popularity, Internet content and access are increasingly controlled by the same company — the cable provider. Add to that emerging technologies for giving preferential treatment to certain types of data, such as video.

Jeff Chester, executive director for the Center for Digital Democracy, fears the combination could one day let cable companies restrict access to competitors and give preference to their sites and applications they favor.

Likewise, wireless service providers can spotlight preferred partners. Emerging services like Microsoft's .Net could

give companies even greater control over names, credit card, personal schedules and other information, as they would be centralized under a proprietary system.

The closed systems are "not consistent with the spirit in which the Internet was born," said Vint Cerf, who led the team that developed the Net's nonproprietary framework, called TCP/IP. "On the other hand, I'm pragmatic. The Internet has to pay for itself. Otherwise it wouldn't work anymore."

Harvard University law professor Jonathan Zittrain says the Internet's newcomers may welcome the centralization, just as vacationers may prefer the closed environment of Disneyland over the open but unstructured Woodstock.

Plenty of noncommercial content still exists — though it can be hard to find.

While Verizon's wireless Internet service has prominent links to MSNBC, ABC News and The New York Times — it doesn't offer the alternative AlterNet. And many search engines, including powerhouse Yahoo, give better billing to sites that pay them.

"This is the last remaining communications medium that allows the small person to participate," said Barbara Simons, past president of the Association for Computing Machinery. "To lose that would be a great tragedy."

Traditional values

Digital cameras that use interchangeable lenses designed for 35-millimeter film cameras have been around for a while. But because the area of the light-sensing devices is smaller than the area of the photographic image, the newcomers aren't a perfect substitute. Among other things, the size difference alters the angle of view of the lenses so that a lens that offers a wide angle view when attached to a film camera gives a normal perspective on a digital.



Kyocera has announced what it says is the first 35-millimeter-style digital camera with a light-sensing area that matches the 24-by-36-millimeter dimensions of a film frame. "Doing this in a portable package has just been more challenging than everyone anticipated," said Nicholas Cheremsk, the technical support supervisor at Kyocera's Contax division.

The Contax N Digital, scheduled for release in February, adopts the same basic external form, most of the features and all the lenses found on Kyocera's autofocus Contax N series film cameras. With a resolution of 6.29 megapixels and a price tag that is expected to be about \$6,450, the N Digital is aimed at professional users rather than snapshotters. The hefty price tag won't include a lens.

Copying vinyl to CD is EZ

Since the advent of recordable compact discs for the home market, humankind has been struggling with the eternal ques-

tion: How can I get my Grateful Dead concert tapes from 1979 transferred to CD?

Sony has simplified the process with its EZ Audio Transfer and Restoration Kit. Users just need to supply the computer, CD recorder and tapes to transfer, and the EZ Audio kit does just about everything else to copy music from vinyl records, cassette tapes and other audio sources onto compact disc. The kit includes a 10-foot cable for connecting the stereo system to the computer, software to import the audio files and editing software that uses wizard programs to help the novice audiophile clean up the snags, crackles, pops and hiss that can come along with the music.

The EZ Audio Kit sells for about \$50 and runs on Windows 95 and later, although it will not work with some combinations of Windows and USB-based CD recorders. Users may also notice extra free space around the house once those old Kinks albums are sent to long-term storage.

At your command

In-car navigation systems that use a computerized voice to give directions are nothing new and neither are high-end audio systems and back-seat video systems. Harman International has developed a control system that puts both systems and many of the car's other functions, like air conditioning, under the driver's command.

The system, Media Oriented Systems Transport, or MOST, replaces much of the wiring normally used to connect the radio,



CD player, GPS receiver, cell phone and navigation systems with a fiber-optic cable. The practical application, already available in Europe, allows a driver to talk to the system to get driving directions, check real-time traffic conditions, send and receive e-mail, change radio stations, play CD-ROMs and control the back-seat DVD players.

The first implementation of a MOST system in the United States will be in the 2002 BMW 7 Series. Lexus, Audi, Porsche and other car makers have adopted the MOST standard for future vehicles.

Virtual credit card

Disposable technology like throwaway cell phones and cameras may clog up the landfills, but a single-use credit card number can protect an online shopper from identity theft. Since last year, Orbiscom, a company specializing in safe online payment systems, has been working with the Discover and MBNA credit card companies to provide free one-time-use credit card numbers for customers making online purchases.

A single-use credit card number is linked to the customer's existing credit card number but is entered in place of the real one during an online shopping transaction. The customer can set up the temporary number with a specific value and expiration date.

If a hacker breaks into an online retailer's database of customer credit card numbers, the single-use card number will be worthless.

Compiled from staff and N.Y. Times wire reports.

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Q&A

Videoconferencing becoming useful communications tool

By J.D. Biersdorfer
N.Y. Times News Service

Q. What would I need to hold a videoconference with a friend on a home computer?

A. The videoconference, in which two or more parties in different places use cameras and a network to transmit live audio and video data, is becoming a useful communications tool as the technology gets better and better.

The Kodak Digital Learning Center offers a tutorial on setting up a simple videoconference between computers at www.kodak.com/US/en/digital/dlc/book1/chapter6/index.shtml.

Professional videoconferences usually involve highly sophisticated equipment and sometimes a special environment. But you can set up a simple videoconference system with the right software, an Internet connection and an inexpensive (less than \$100) digital video camera attached to each PC. Some cameras, like the Intel Home PC Camera, also include all the software and instructions you need to set up

videoconferencing. Because the signals travel over the Internet, a broadband connection like DSL or cable can make the video transmission much smoother.

Many shareware videoconferencing programs are available at www.downloads.com (search there for "videoconference"), and a long list of videoconferencing products is available at www3.ncsu.edu/dox/video/products.html.

Several instant-message programs can now handle video, and Microsoft's new Windows XP operating system incorporates the function into its built-in Windows Messenger program. Logitech's QuickCam Express Webcam works well with Yahoo's Instant Messenger.

Q. Is there a way I can erase the record of the documents I have recently opened from the Start menu of my Windows 98?

A. The Documents menu on the Start menu can come in handy for quickly calling up files on which you have recently been working, but anyone else who uses the computer can also see how you have been spending your time. If you would prefer more pri-

vacy, you can clear the list of files displayed there at any time.

To clear the list, go to the Start menu, then to Settings, and select the Taskbar & Start Menu. In the Taskbar Properties box, click on the Start Menu Programs tab. In the box marked Documents Menu, click on the Clear button in the lower portion and then on OK to erase your Documents trail.

Q. My desktop screen is a mess. What can I safely clean off? Can I put desktop icons in the gray bar at the bottom of the screen to save space?

A. Computer desktops can be like garages in the way they accumulate clutter, but you can probably clear off quite a bit of screen space.

The standard Windows system icons, like My Computer and the Recycle Bin, should stay, but if the programs you commonly use also have entries in the Start menu (and taking the extra step to start them from the Start menu does not bother you), you can comfortably delete the shortcut icons that many programs leave on the desktop. (To delete a shortcut, right-click on it and select Delete from the pop-up menu.)

In Windows 98 and higher, you can also drag and drop the desktop shortcut icons for a few programs that you use regularly onto the Quick Launch Toolbar portion of the gray Taskbar and then delete the desktop icons. (If you do not have the Quick Launch option activated on your computer, you can do so by right-clicking on the Taskbar and selecting it from the pop-up menu.)

Many computer systems arrive from the manufacturer with promotional icons on the desktop, particularly those of Internet service providers. If you already have an ISP and its software is installed and working on the computer, you can get rid of the Online Services folder and the setup programs for MSN, America Online and the Internet Connection Wizard.

Circuits invites questions about computer-based technology, by e-mail to QandA@nytimes.com or mail to Questions, Circuits, The New York Times, 229 West 43rd Street, New York, N.Y. 10036-3959. This column will answer questions of general interest, but letters cannot be answered individually.

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Sept. 11 book aids attack victims

NEW YORK (AP) — Sales of a book about the World Trade Center terrorist attack will benefit victims of the tragedy.

The book, "September 11, 2001: A Record of Tragedy, Heroism, and Hope," is a chronicle in text and 88 photos, most in color, of the attack and the days that followed.

Proceeds from sales of the book will be donated to the September 11th Fund, which was created by the United Way and the New York Community Trust to respond to the immediate and long-term needs of the victims and their families and communities.

The book's photos were compiled by the editors of New York Magazine and include the work of several photographers and agencies.

Photos include a two-page spread showing rescue workers picking their way among the rubble that only hours ago was two 110-story buildings; President George W. Bush standing atop a charred fire truck at Ground Zero expressing his thanks to the rescue workers through a bull horn; a rescue worker pausing briefly to wash his face at a fire hydrant; and one of many sidewalk displays of flyers with the names and photos of the missing.

The dust jacket shows the twin towers burning in the background with the Empire State Building — once again the city's tallest structure — in the foreground.

The text includes quotes by elected officials, clergy, rescue workers, media members, eyewitnesses and survivors.

The 128-page hardcover is published by Abrams at \$19.95.

'Holy War, Inc.' —

How bin Laden became global celebrity

"Inside the Secret World of Osama bin Laden"
By Peter L. Bergen
The Free Press, \$26.
283 pages.

By Michiko Kakutani
Associated Press

CNN's terrorism analyst, Peter L. Bergen, observes in his new book on Osama bin Laden that the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon were "the deadliest salvo" yet in a holy war against the United States that began "almost a decade earlier with the little-noticed bombing of a Yemen hotel that housed American soldiers."

"An Australian tourist was the sole casualty of that assault," he writes, "but with every passing year the attacks became more sophisticated and more deadly."

Bergen was part of the CNN team, along with the veteran war correspondent Peter Arnett and the cameraman Peter Jovenal, that interviewed bin Laden in 1997, and he tries to cover a lot of ground in this book.

In addition to a portrait of the world's most wanted man, he sketches in the history of al-Qaida as a terrorist organization, profiles its leaders and more prominent members and examines its evolution into a global network that has attracted followers around the world, including in the United States (in New York, Massachusetts, Texas, Florida, Virginia and California).

Though much of this book will be familiar to readers who have followed the many reports about al-Qaida in newspapers and on television in the last two months and though it sheds little new light on the youth and formative experiences of bin Laden, Bergen does a succinct job of pulling together a wealth of information into a coherent if sometimes subjective narrative.

It is a narrative that impresses upon the reader the crucial role that the Afghan-Soviet conflict played in radicalizing many Islamic militants, enabling men like bin Laden to meet important figures from other terrorist organizations, leaving them with the confidence that they could defeat a superpower and replacing the notion of Arab nationalism with that of a larger Islamist movement.

It is also a narrative that underscores mistakes made by the Central Intelligence Agency and the U.S. government in initially assessing the threat posed by al-Qaida and their miscalculations in dealing with the Afghan-Soviet conflict. Most notably, Bergen contends these mistakes include deciding to provide the Mujahideen with American Stinger missiles and in allowing the Pakistanis to "dis-



A poster of Osama bin Laden is displayed at Guadalajara's International Book Fair, Mexico, to promote a book by Roland Jacquard. The fair is the biggest of its kind in Latin America. AP Photo

proportionately fund the most Islamist factions" in the war and funnel "hundreds of millions of dollars to anti-Western Afghan factions."

Some of Bergen's findings — along with his grating penchant for describing bin Laden in flippant terms like a "Pied Piper of jihad" — are bound to provoke controversy.

He contests the suggestion made by some writers that bin Laden went through a period of womanizing and drinking in his youth, arguing that such reports probably confused the young Osama with one of his 20 or so half-brothers.

Bergen questions the suspicion voiced by some observers that Iraq was involved in the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center and plays down the significance of Mohamed Atta's meeting with an Iraqi intelligence agent a year before the Sept. 11 attacks. And he belittles the National Security Agency's expenditure of "billions of dollars every year" to intercept phone calls, arguing that bin Laden has long been aware of such intercepts and since 1997 has stopped using satellite phones, preferring to deliver his orders via radio or in person.

As for attempts by the U.S. government to go after bin Laden's money, Bergen writes that they have been "largely feeble good measures, with little impact on his finances," since the terrorist leader does not use conventional banks.

The new measures to freeze his assets announced by President Bush, he writes,

"are no more likely to succeed than those taken by President Clinton three years earlier, following the embassy bombing attacks in Africa."

Like Mary Anne Weaver, who wrote an article about bin Laden in The New Yorker in January 2000, Bergen argues that the Clinton administration's reaction to those embassy bombings — including missile attacks on suspected bin Laden training camps in Afghanistan and on an alleged chemical weapons plant in Sudan, as well as indictments of bin Laden — helped mythologize him, turning him "from a marginal figure in the Muslim world into a global celebrity."

Bin Laden, Bergen writes, differs from the Arab terrorist leaders of the '70s and '80s not only in his worldwide fame — which his followers have assiduously promulgated by using the Internet to spread his message and recruit followers — but also in espousing a "philosophy that went beyond opposition to Israel and calls for a Palestinian state," a "somewhat coherent ideology of anti-Americanism and opposition to Middle Eastern governments he deems 'un-Islamic.'"

Judging from bin Laden's silence about Hollywood movies and the Western use of drugs and alcohol, Bergen argues, he "cares little about such cultural issues"; what he condemns the United States for is simple: its policies in the Middle East, namely, "the continued U.S. military presence in Arabia; U.S. support for Israel; its continued bombing of Iraq; and its support for regimes such

as Egypt and Saudi Arabia that bin Laden regards as apostates from Islam."

"Bin Laden is at war with the United States," Bergen goes on, "but his is a political war, justified by his own understanding of Islam, directed at the symbols and institutions of American political power. The hijackers who came to America did not attack the headquarters of a major brewery or AOL Time Warner or Coca-Cola, nor did they attack Las Vegas or Manhattan's West Village or even the Supreme Court. They attacked the Pentagon and the World Trade Center, pre-eminent symbols of the U.S. military and economic might. And that fits the patterns of previous al-Qaida attacks on U.S. embassies, military installations and warships."

Would capturing or killing bin Laden help bring down al-Qaida? Though Bergen says the loss of this terrorist's charismatic leadership and business skills would be a blow, he sounds dubious about the organization's demise: "There are others who would replace him. Standing in the wings are the eminence grise of the group, Ayman al-Zawahiri, as well as his colleague Abu Hafs, al-Qaida's Egyptian military commander."

The latter is now father-in-law of bin Laden's son, Mohammed, who himself might one day lead al-Qaida.

And behind them are the many thousands of members and affiliates of al-Qaida, not only in Afghanistan but in 60 countries around the world: a Hydra-headed monster.

Publisher's Weekly Bestsellers

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. "Skipping Christmas" by John Grisham (Doubleday)
2. "Violets Are Blue" by James Patterson (Little, Brown)
3. "He Sees You While You're Sleeping" by Mary Higgins Clark and Carol Higgins Clark (S&S and Scribner)
4. "The Best-Loved Poems of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis" ed. Caroline Kennedy (Hyperion)
5. "The Corrections" by Jonathan Franzen (Farrar, Straus & Giroux)
6. "Last Man Standing" by David Baldacci (Warner)
7. "Jackdaws" by Ken Follett (Dutton)
8. "The Mitford Snowmen" by Jan Karon (Viking Penguin)
9. "The Sigma Protocol" by Robert Ludlum (St. Martin's)
10. "Desecration" by Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins (Tyndale)
11. "The Fiery Cross" by Diana Gabaldon (Delacorte)
12. "Black House" by Stephen King and Peter Straub (Random House)
13. "The Kiss" by Danielle Steele (Delacorte)
14. "Journey Through Heart Songs" by Mattie J. T. Stepanek (VSP Books)
15. "A Bend in the Road" by Nicholas Sparks (Warner)

NONFICTION/GENERAL

1. "The No Spin Zone" by Bill O'Reilly (Broadway Books)
2. "John Adams" by David McCullough (Simon & Schuster)
3. "The Final Days" by Barbara Olson (Regnery)
4. "Theodore Rex" by Edmund Morris (Random House)
5. "The Prayer of Jabez" by Bruce H. Wilkinson (Multnomah)
6. "Jack: Straight from the Gut" by Jack Welch with John A. Byrne (Warner)
7. "The Universe in a Nutshell" by Stephen Hawking (Bantam)
8. "One Nation: America Remembers September 11, 2001" by Life Magazine Editors (Little, Brown)
9. "Christmas in Plains: Memories" by Jimmy Carter (Simon & Schuster)
10. "New York September 11" by Magnum Photographers (PowerHouse)
11. "Who Moved My Cheese?" by Spencer Johnson (Putnam)
12. "How I Play Golf" by Tiger Woods (Warner)
13. "Guinness World Records 2002" (Guinness Publishing)

14. "The Heart of the Soul" by Gary Zukav and Linda Francis (Simon & Schuster)
15. "Kiss and Make-Up" by Gene Simmons (Crown)

MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS

1. "The Fellowship of the Ring" by J.R.R. Tolkien (Del Rey)
2. "The Hobbit" by J.R.R. Tolkien (Del Rey)
3. "Heaven and Earth" by Nora Roberts (Jove)
4. "Dreamcatcher" by Stephen King (Pocket)
5. "From the Corner of His Eye" by Dean Koontz (Bantam)
6. "The Two Towers: The Lord of the Rings Part 2" by J.R.R. Tolkien (Del Rey)
7. "Code to Zero" by Ken Follett (Signet)
8. "The First Counsel" by Brad Meltzer (Warner Vision)
9. "Black Hawk Down" by Mark Bowden (Signet)
10. "The Return of the King: The Lord of the Rings Part 3" by J.R.R. Tolkien (Del Rey)
11. "Tom Clancy's Power Plays: Cold War" Created by Tom Clancy and Martin Greenberg; written by Jerome Preiser (Berkley)
12. "A Widow for One Year" by John Irving (Ballantine)
13. "Roses Are Red" by James Patterson (Warner)
14. "Deck the Halls" by Mary Higgins Clark and Carol Higgins Clark (Pocket)
15. "Falling Stars" by V.C. Andrews (Pocket)

TRADE PAPERBACKS

1. "The Lord of the Rings" by J.R.R. Tolkien (Houghton Mifflin)
2. "World Almanac and Book of Facts 2002" Edited by Ken Park (World Almanac Education)
3. "The Four Agreements" by Don Miguel Ruiz (Amber-Allen)
4. "Band of Brothers" by Stephen E. Ambrose (Touchstone)
5. "The Fellowship of the Ring" by J.R.R. Tolkien (Houghton Mifflin)
6. "The Red Tent" by Anita Diamant (Picador)
7. "A Fine Balance" Rohinton Mistry (Vintage)
8. "Girl with a Pearl Earring" by Tracy Chavaler (Dutton/Plume)
9. "Prodigal Summer" by Barbara Kingsolver (HarperTrade)
10. "The Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook: Dating and Sex" by Joshua Piven, et al. (Chronicle)
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The Empire State Building

New York's first icon rises again

"EMPIRE: A Tale of Obsession, Betrayal and the Battle for an American Icon"
By Mitchell Paccelle
John Wiley & Sons, \$27.95, 333 pages

By Raphael Lewis
N.Y. Times News Service

That the hijackers zoomed past the Empire State Building on Sept. 11 to destroy the World Trade Center said much about the symbolic importance of the twin towers — and the irrelevance of the bypassed Art Deco skyscraper to its north.

Once a metaphor for America's limitless ambition, engineering prowess, and hubris, the Empire State Building was a testament to a bygone era, its gloomy innards a warren of tiny offices filled with obscure companies, leaky windows, and brazen rodents.

Long before the attackers razed its boxy towers, the World Trade Center, soaring eight floors higher than its uptown rival when completed in 1973, had become New York's definitive icon of money and might. Blue-chip investment firms and high-power law offices occupied the acre-size floors of the twin towers, paying premium rents for the honor. Even King Kong migrated down from 34th Street and Fifth Avenue to grab a piece of the World Trade Center's austere glory, in a 1976 remake of the classic film.

But before the Empire State Building had its pre-eminence restored on Sept. 11, the 102-story limestone monolith possessed a magnetic lure for tourists and real estate moguls bent on hitching their wagons to the tower's faded star.

Mitchell Paccelle's well-researched, engaging book, "Empire: A Tale of Obsession, Betrayal, and the Battle for an American Icon," dwells almost entirely on the moguls and their battle to control the landmark, a fight that spanned the final decade of the 20th century. The contest featured members of New York's real estate elite, notably Donald Trump and Leona Helmsley, and Paccelle, a veteran reporter for The Wall Street Journal, interviewed many of them at length and on numerous occasions.

But "Empire" focuses on a little-known Japanese billionaire, Hideki Yokoi, who quietly bought the Empire State Building as part of a series of shadowy deals, only to realize that Ms. Helmsley's husband held an unbreakable lease that made the building a dubious investment.

As if that weren't bad enough, Yokoi later accused his own daughter of trying to steal the building from him. Paccelle does an outstanding job

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of sorting out the mess of trusts, holding companies, partnerships, and paperwork that would leave many a veteran real estate reporter mystified.

He also manages to write a cogent narrative that resembles scenes from "Jerry Springer."

Paccelle's reportage uncovers many previously unknown aspects of the battle among Yokoi, his daughter, Trump, Helmsley, and others — nuggets so newsworthy that the New York Post ran a story in May based on some of the revelations. Buttressing the main narrative in "Empire" is a fascinating supporting cast that includes a 91-year-old jeweler who has kept his office in the building for 69 years, most of them with a pistol in his belt, and a disgruntled secretary who teams with Trump to clean up her beloved office tower.

"Empire" holds far more interest now that the Empire State Building is once again the master of Manhattan, as if Babe Ruth's home-run record had somehow been resurrected, eclipsing the later heroics of Roger Maris, Mark McGwire, and Barry Bonds. Reading the book through the prism of the Sept. 11 attacks makes the exercise all the more fulfilling, because the Empire State Building had an eerie, parallel timeline of terror. In a chapter on the building's early years, which offers little in the way of new insights (there is an established body of literature devoted to the Empire State Building's creation that Paccelle wisely acknowledges), Paccelle recounts the infamous July 1945 episode in which a B-25 bomber smashed into the structure, exploding in a fireball. Like the two jetliners that took down the twin towers, the B-25 took off from the Boston area, Hanscom Field in Bedford. The accident killed three crewmen and 11 workers.

In 1997, a deranged Palestinian man who said he was enraged at "Zionist aggression" shot seven tourists in the 86th-floor observatory, killing one.

The incident ushered in a new era of tight security, four years after similar precautions came to the World Trade Center, where a bomb placed by Islamic extremists had caused chaos.

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Boom gone bust, recession shakes workers, reshapes outlooks

By Adam Geller
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Anthony Samawova slumped out of the state unemployment office, stared down at the pavement and reminisced about the good old days when the economy was sweet.

"I wish I'd graduated last year," groaned Samawova, who has netted more than 100 rejection letters from potential employers, but not a single job offer since earning a degree from Syracuse University in May.

"Last year, I found a summer job and it was easy. I just went in and I got the job," said Samawova, who is 22 and trained as a studio technician. "I went back and they said now they don't have any openings."

Samawova joins scores of Americans — including the newest entrants to the job market as well as the most experienced veterans — confronting a harsh new reality. As the curtain comes down on 2001, they've been written out of the script for an economic drama that suddenly has more actors than parts.

The country has seen much worse before, and to listen to economists, this recession may not last long or cut that deep. But following a record decade-long expansion and punctuated by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, this downturn is a shock, not least for people in their 20s who have never experienced anything else but good times.

Even for those who have weathered previous economic storms, the contrast is stark because the 1990s brand of prosperity was so euphoric, the downturn's scope has been so wide and the collapse has accelerated so quickly.

"Making \$15 an hour, I was able to pay for my daughter's wedding, send my son to college, we could buy a new car every six or seven years. We led a very comfortable existence," said Mark Kulick of West Scranton, Pa.

He lost his job as a maintenance

mechanic when the television factory where he worked the past 25 years was shuttered this summer. Now, at 44, he has enrolled at a community college for retraining as an electrical engineer.

"I was looking forward to retirement, looking forward to all sorts of things. Now we got thrown kind of a monkey wrench," said Kulick.

The manufacturing sector that employed Kulick took the hardest hit this year, but nobody was really spared.

"One of the defining characteristics of the current downturn is that it is so broad-based, nearly every part of the country is suffering and almost every industry is experiencing problems," said Mark Zandi of Economy.com, a West Chester, Pa. forecasting firm.

The slowdown was under way before 2001 began. But through last year, much of the damage was limited to investors, punished by a rapidly declining stock market, and to workers at dot-com ventures that folded.

Federal Reserve policymakers sought to minimize the damage, aiming to guide the economy to a "soft landing." The terrorist attacks eliminated any chance of that happening, at least for hundreds of thousands of workers.

"That's one of the real problems with the soft landing is that it's very hard to get it right and even if you get it right, because the economy has slowed so much, you're very vulnerable to some sort of unforeseen shock," said Mark Vitner, senior economist with Wachovia Securities in Charlotte, N.C.

The result is evident in government jobless figures. It was just last October that the nation's unemployment rate hit a 30-year low of 3.9 percent. It rose gradually during the first part of the year, as many companies, particularly those in manufacturing and telecommunications, shed workers.

After Sept. 11, bad got much worse, particularly for workers in

the airlines and tourism business. The cutbacks were felt immediately in places like Orlando, Fla. and Las Vegas, that depend on visitors.

Marla Lara was cut from her job at a Sheraton Hotel in greater Orlando in October, and she waited four hours for a chance at an interview at the Gaylord Palms Resort in Kissimmee. The problem is that thousands of others also turned up to prospect for work, creating a two-mile traffic jam.

One of those was Karen Chung, who was laid off from her job as a front desk clerk at a timeshare development in Orlando over the summer.

"No one is hiring," she said.

The new cuts sent unemployment up to 5.7 percent in November. The job loss total for that and the previous month hit 800,000, the worst performance in more than two decades. Economists say the rate will continue to surge through the first part of next year and could hit 6.5 percent by next summer.

In historic terms, the rate is still low. The recession of the early 1990s took unemployment to 7.8 percent in the summer of 1992.

But after several years during which there always seemed to be more than enough jobs, the slump has badly shaken some workers.

Michael Stanchina, for one. In early November, his employer, Hoskins Manufacturing Co., sent its 24 hourly and six salaried employees home, explaining that the Mio, Mich. company had cash flow problems. Managers assured all the workers they'd be brought back by Nov. 19, as soon as those problems were solved.

On Nov. 13, though, the company "just locked the doors," said Stanchina, who worked for 27 years in the shipping and receiving department.

Stanchina is posting his resume on the Internet and says he'd be willing to drive up to 50 miles for another job. In northern Michigan, he knows there are plenty of others just as willing.

"The worst part of it is (until) about three months ago Cooper Tires had five plants around here, but they closed and everyone got laid off," he said.

There's a similar sense of despair in Houston among the immigrant day laborers who come to the Casa Juan Diego seeking temporary housing and work. These days, there's not much work to offer, said Mark Zwick, who runs the organization.

A flood in Houston in June created plenty of home repair jobs for the workers. But those jobs dried up as the city returned to normal, and the jarring effect of the downturn has eliminated much of what was left, he said. Just months ago, Zwick was dispatching workers on 40 to 50 jobs a day. Now, it's down to a handful.

"We were riding high and then all of a sudden on Sept. 11, everything changed," he said. "We thought we were going to have a new world order and a new economy. But the great new world was limited to very few people."

Even for workers with jobs, the downturn has whittled away at their ability to make ends meet.

The average worker logged 34 hours per week in October, down from a peak of 34.7 hours in 1998, as employers cut back on overtime and shut down factories.

That seems like a small change. But the last time the figure was so low was in January 1996, when

a massive East Coast blizzard the federal government shut down kept thousands of workers home altogether.

Employers are taking notice of the new reality. After several years of struggling to fill jobs — with warnings from demographers that there is likely to be a shortage of younger workers for years to come — many are surprised by a bumper crop of applications for the few openings that are being posted.

"A year ago it was very, very competitive. This year, we have a hundred applications for the same job. We're overwhelmed," said Mary Black, a personnel executive at CKE Restaurants Inc., a Santa Barbara, Calif., firm that operates the Carl's Jr. and Hardee's fast food chains.

There is limited good news for some workers. In sectors like mortgage banking, government, and pharmaceuticals, employers are bolstering payrolls.

In the past few months, Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp. has added 2,600 new workers at its offices in East Hanover and Summit, N.J. and in Suffern, N.Y. The new hires include Laurie Wooding, who oversees an employee newsletter, magazine and Web site, and envisions over the raise she received to move into a thriving industry.

"I know I made the right decision," she said.

But Wooding's sense of satis-

faction is tempered by knowing that two close friends recently lost their jobs and can't find work.

One of them, a company vice president, has halted remodeling work on his home and looking for other ways to make his savings last.

"He used to drive an (Audi) TT and now he drives a 16-year-old Volvo," Wooding said.

Others whose fortunes have waned try to find an upside to the decline.

Their number include Chris Baty of Oakland, Calif., who still marvels at the money he made during the dot-com frenzy, first as an employee at a commercial Web site and then as a free-lancer writing the copy businesses used to create their own Internet destinations. At the high point, that work earned Baty \$85 an hour.

That work has all but disappeared since February. But Baty, who is 28, said while his income has dropped, he's happier because he's focusing on what he wants to do, rather than chasing dollars. Now he makes most of his money writing music reviews and a column for a weekly newspaper.

Still, he's wistful about what used to be.

"That was a truly glorious time," he said. "And I think all of us were young and naive enough to think that things had changed, that the rules had changed and this could go on forever."

Central Asia's pipeline politics in play on war sidelines

By Tom Raum
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A game of oil politics is being played on the sidelines of the U.S.-led war against international terrorism. The result could be new, more stable energy sources for the West and perhaps even warmer relations with an old foe, Iran.

In the international realignments after the Sept. 11 attacks, the Bush administration has been exploring the possibility of new energy investments in former Soviet republics of Central Asia.

Both Secretary of State Colin Powell and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld have visited the region in recent days.

Not only have these countries become important allies in the anti-terrorism campaign. Those surrounding the Caspian Sea have more than 6 percent of the world's proven oil reserves and almost 40 percent of its gas reserves. Those countries clearly are warming up to the notion of U.S. investments.

One proposed route for bringing Caspian Sea oil to world markets would run through Iran, to a port on the Arabian Sea.

The United States formally opposes such a route, favoring one through Turkey to the Mediterranean Sea. But there's no doubt that relations with Iran, icy since the seizure of U.S. Embassy hostages in 1979, have warmed slightly in the months since the terror attacks.

Future U.S. investment in the region was on the agenda of Kazakhstan's president, Nursultan Nazarbayev, in meetings this weekend in Washington and Texas.

Nazarbayev told Powell this month in Astana, the Kazak capital, that his country is interested in multiple pipelines, including one through Iran. He noted such a route was favored by "several companies, including American ones," and teased Powell for the U.S. position.

"I see nothing in the post-Sept. 11 period that would suggest we should rethink that," Powell said. Later, he said except for the pipeline question, "I am open to explore opportunities" for improved relations with Tehran.

Russia favors a pipeline that takes Caspian Sea oil to a Russian port on the Black Sea.

The United States, preferring to skirt Russia entirely, has thrown its support behind a pipeline that will route oil from Baku, Azerbaijan, through NATO member Turkey to the Mediterranean port of Ceyhan. A natural gas pipeline through Turkey also is being contemplated.

The U.S. government has listed Iran as a terrorist-supporting state since the U.S. Embassy hostage crisis in 1979 and accuses it of secretly developing nuclear weapons.

But since Sept. 11, Iran shared intelligence information with the United States about Afghanistan, participated in talks about the post-

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— Willard Workman, vice president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Taliban government and sent in humanitarian aid. It also offered to conduct search-and-rescue missions, if necessary, for any American pilots lost near the Iranian-Afghan border.

The rise of a relatively moderate leader, President Mohammad Khatami, has generated new interest in closer U.S.-Iran ties.

Furthermore, some American hard-liners on Iraq suggest that cultivating closer ties with Iran might be important if, in fact, Iraq becomes the next phase of President Bush's anti-terror campaign.

John Lichtblau, chairman of the New York-based Petroleum Industry Research Foundation, said he sees no immediate sign that the Bush administration is about to drop its opposition to a pipeline through Iran. Still, he said, "This is a dynamic situation, and it could change."

The Caspian Sea region is important for oil-supply diversification because "it's politically different from the Middle East," Lichtblau said. He said the pipeline through Turkey appears to be the leading contender.

Willard Workman, a vice president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, argues that the Turkey route "is uneconomical, from a business point of view." For one thing, he said, the Iran route would be shorter.

"I think our whole approach to that region, especially Iran, needs to be reconsidered," Workman said. "We can't go on for another 50 years ignoring a country the size of Iran. ... Half the population of Iran wasn't born or doesn't remember the hostage-taking in 1979."

U.S. oil and business leaders who met with Powell when he was in Kazakhstan told him they were prepared to invest up to \$200 billion in the country over the next five to 10 years because of its energy-producing potential.

"Some think it could be the largest oil discovery in the world in the past 25 or 30 years," said Bob Ebel, an expert on energy security at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. "But we need to do more drilling."

If the region's energy potential plays out, there will be need for more pipeline routes later in the decade, regardless of whether a route through Iran proves feasible. "You never want to put all your oil in one pipeline," Ebel said.

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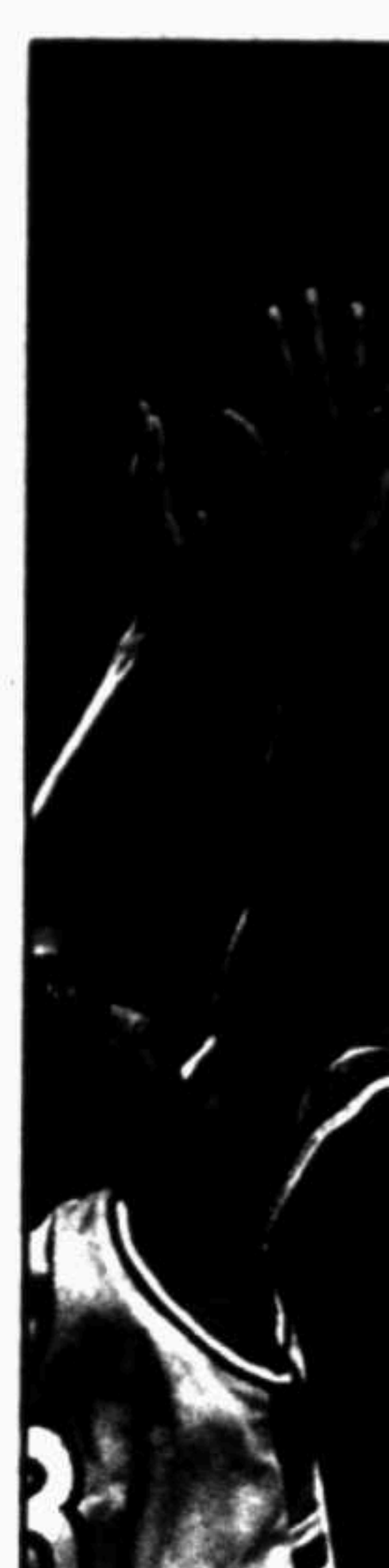
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By Terry Williams
Sports Editor

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By Jim Vertuno
AP Sports Writer

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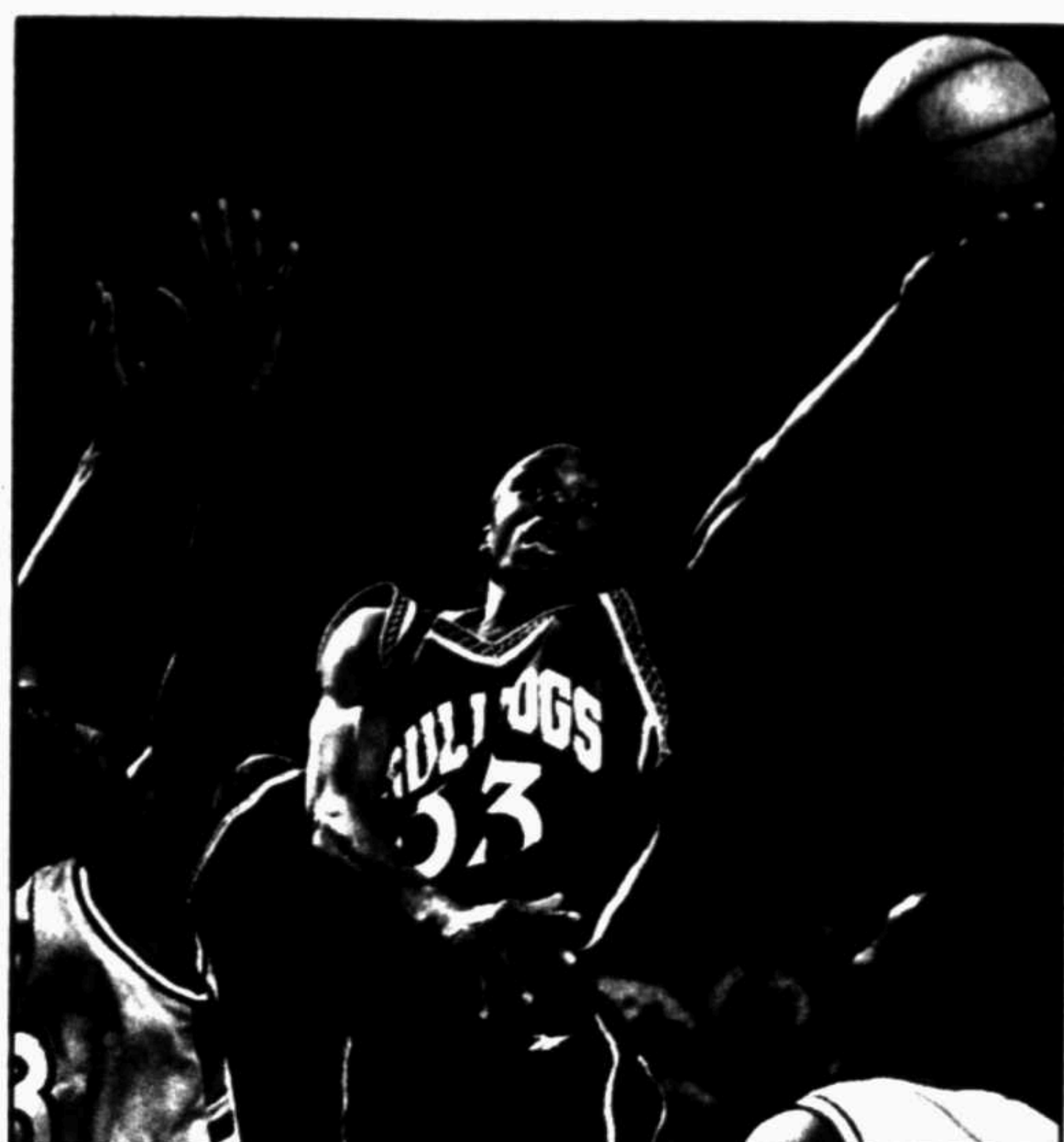
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Visitors take Byron Johnston titles away from Midland High boys, girls

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

A bad start and a bad finish kept both Midland High basketball teams from taking home championships from their own Byron Johnston Holiday Classic Saturday evening at Chaparral Center.

Midland High's Lucquente White stretches to put a layup around South Garland's Willie Johnson (left) during the championship game of the Byron Johnston Holiday Classic Saturday night at Chaparral Center. South Garland won, 72-65.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

The MHS boys, who seemed all but assured of walking off the Chap Center floor with the championship trophy, lost their touch in the second half against South Garland, squandering a 16-point halftime lead to fall 72-65. It was the second straight year the South Garland boys left town with a championship.

Plainview's girls, meanwhile, have to enjoy coming to Midland after every Christmas. The Lady Bulldogs, the defending Class 4A state champions, beat Midland High for their third straight Johnston title, routing the Lady Dawgs 70-35. Midland High never

recovered from an abysmal offensive first half, in which it scored a grand total of eight points.

The Midland Lee boys, ironically, enjoyed the best day of the Tall City teams in a game which looked hopeless. The Rebels survived what looked like certain defeat in the final seconds against Wasilla (Alaska) to force overtime, where they seized all the momentum and won 82-75 to claim third place.

It could have been a clean sweep for the Midland boys teams had Midland High (14-5) been able to come close to matching the intensity it had in the first half against South Garland, especially in the second quarter. The Bulldogs carried a 46-30 lead into the locker room, but inexplicably, things quickly went sour in the third quarter.

"What we did at halftime in the locker room isn't what we should have done as coaches," said MHS coach Jack Stephenson. "The second quarter was as good a quarter of basketball as we've played since I've been at Midland High and the third quarter was about the poorest."

Stephenson, in his 23rd season at MHS, is prone to exaggerate, but in the second quarter, the Bulldogs looked almost unbeatable. They

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Bulldogs bring another banner home MHS' championship in baseball leads top stories of 2001

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

Midland continued to make big sports news on the local, state and national level during 2001, but that shouldn't be a surprising jolt to the readers of the Reporter-Telegram.

Midland has long been a front runner on the sports scene and has a rich tradition that stretches far beyond its city limits.

Once again it was hard picking the Top 10 Sports Stories of the Year. It always is. In fact, we're certain that you will agree and disagree with the picks we have come up with this year. But the one thing you can't deny is that there were plenty of events, personalities, drama and scene-changing happenings to make 2001 unique and special in its own right.

Here's the Top 10 as we see it for 2001.

1. MHS captures state in baseball

Under coach Barry Russell, the Midland High Bulldogs captured the Class 5A state baseball championship with a 4-2 win over Austin High in June.

The Bulldogs also won the District 4-5A championship on the way to the title. It was the second state baseball title in the school's history.

Since 1998, Midland has won five UIL state championships as the Bulldogs kept the streak alive.

Also, Jayson Nix, who pitched the final game that determined the title, signed a pro contract with the Colorado Rockies. His brother, Laynce, signed with the Texas Rangers the year before.

2. Benson keeps rolling in college

Cedric Benson, the most prolific rusher in District 4-5A football history with 8,423 yards at Midland Lee, made the the college game look not much different from the high school game.

As a freshman at the University of Texas, Benson earned a starting spot four games deep into the season and became the first freshman back in UT history to rush for more than 1,000 yards.

Benson was also named National High School Player of the Year by two different organizations back in January, good credentials for what was coming ahead.



Midland High's Jayson Nix, facing, embraces teammate Matt Bose at the bottom of a joyous pile of Bulldogs after they won the Class 5A state

baseball championship in June in August. Nix pitched a complete game against Austin High in the title game and was named the MVP.

Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

3. Mustangs win second state title

Midland Christian, under coach Greg McClen-don, put the lid on back-to-back Class 4A TAPPS state football championships with a 20-14 win over Denton Liberty in the finals.

Like the title the Mustangs won in 2000, Mid-

land Christian did it the hard way. Midland Christian did not win the district championship either year, but ended up winning the state championship.

In 2000, Fort Worth Christian beat Midland Christian for the district championship and then lost to the Mustangs in the state game. The scenario was the same in 2001 when Denton Liberty won the district crown only to fall to the Mustangs in the championship game.

4. Campbell wins PBO title, tour card

The future of professional golf may have rolled through the Permian Basin in August when the Club at Mission Dorado hosted the annual Buy.com Tour's Permian Basin Open.

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Last-minute kick sinks Texas Tech in Alamo Bowl

By Jim Vertuno
AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO — Nate Kaeding was looking for someone to hug. He might have found someone if he had run toward his own sideline after kicking the winning field goal with 44 seconds left in Iowa's 19-16 victory over Texas Tech in the Alamo Bowl on Saturday.

As Kaeding watched the 47-yard kick sail inside the right upright, holder David Bradley grabbed him by the shoulder pads and threw him down in celebration, a takedown worthy of Iowa's national powerhouse wrestling team.

Kaeding got up and ran all by himself toward the end zone where the Iowa fans were cheering wildly.

"A lot of people always ask me why I'm so emotional when I kick a field goal," said Kaeding, who also made kicks of 36, 31 and 47 yards. The winner tied his season long.

"I only play five or six times a game and I practice for 50 to 60 hours. Sure I'm going to be a little bit emotional. I've got a heart-beat. I've got to go out there and celebrate what I do."

Aaron Greiving ran for 115 yards and a touchdown to earn MVP honors for Iowa (7-5), which won its first bowl game since 1997.

"I can finally say it: I think we've turned the corner," Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz said.

The Hawkeyes had lost four games by six points or less.

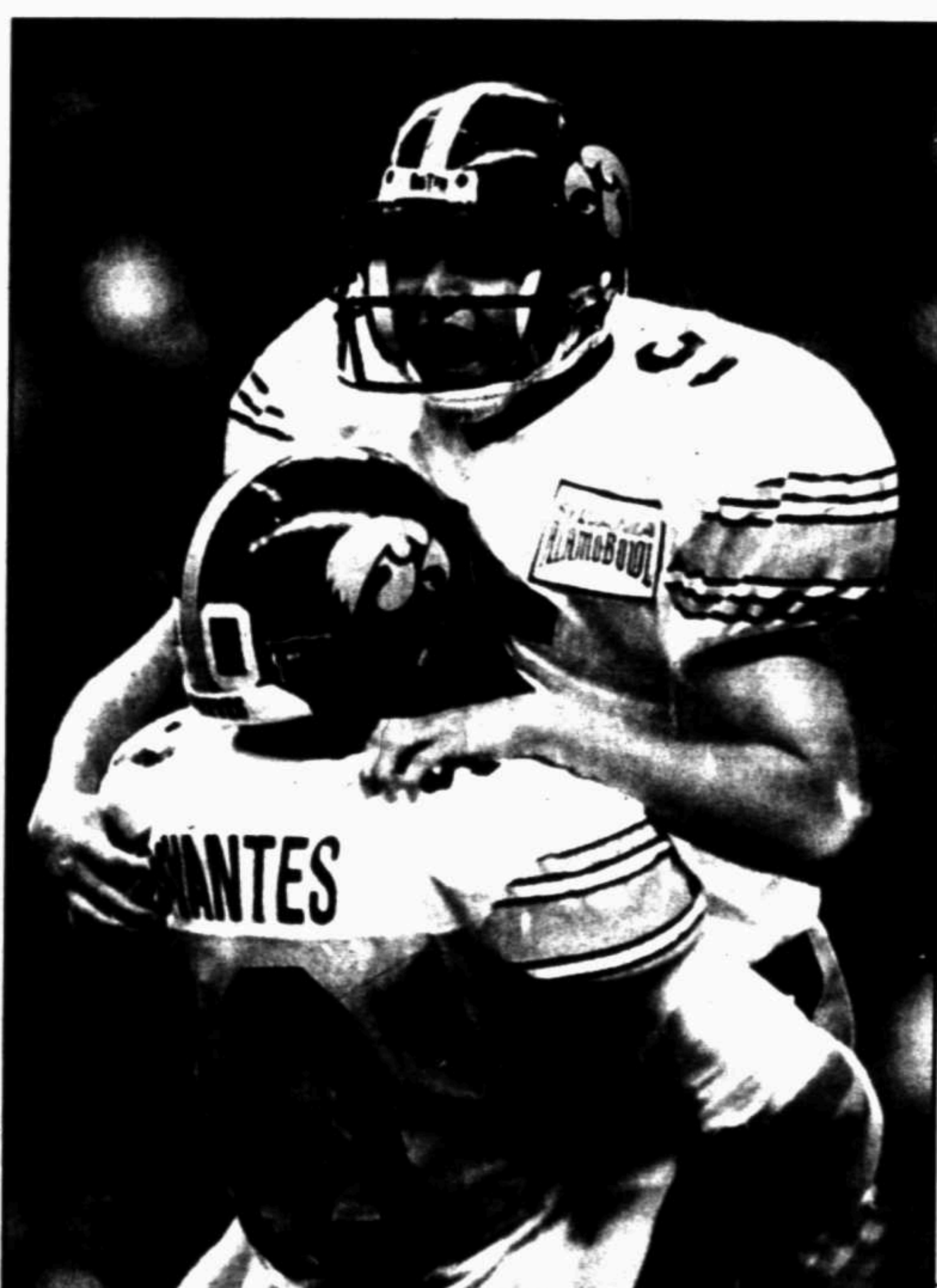
"There is a world of difference between six and seven wins. It was great to win a close game on national television," Ferentz said.

Tech (7-5) just missed only its fourth eight-win season since 1976. Kliff Kingsbury led the Red Raiders with 309 yards on 29-of-49 passing and a touchdown but also threw three interceptions. One of them set up an Iowa field goal in the third quarter.

Ferentz said during the week he didn't know if he had enough time to plan for Tech's controlled-passing offense that averaged 35.1 points a game.

Iowa's game plan turned out to be perfect.

With Greiving leading the way, the Hawkeyes played defense by keeping Tech's offense off the field and held the ball for 35 min-



Iowa kicker Nate Kaeding jumps into the arms of teammate Edgar Cervantes after kicking a 47-yard field goal with 44 seconds left to lift the Hawkeyes to a 19-16 victory over Texas Tech in the Alamo Bowl Saturday in San Antonio.

utes. Tech had the ball for less than 10 minutes in the first half. "I thought we squandered the first half," Texas Tech coach Mike Leach said. "At times we had the mentality of waiting for good things to happen. You got to go out and make things happen."

The Hawkeyes' opening drive chewed up 9:15 of the first quarter before Kaeding's first field goal made it 3-0.

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Owens returns to scene of his midfield antics

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — San Francisco receiver Terrell Owens still hasn't apologized for punctuating two touchdowns at Texas Stadium last season by running to midfield, standing on the Dallas Cowboys' logo, spreading his arms and looking up to the hole in the roof.

And although he didn't speak to reporters this week, supposedly for fear of making things worse, Owens made his stance on the subject clear. On Wednesday he walked through the team's locker room wearing a T-shirt with pictures of his act on the front and back.

If Owens is fondly recalling his bizarre acts in a 41-24 victory last season, then he's the only one.

With the 49ers returning to Texas Stadium on Sunday for the first time since Owens' gestures, those willing to talk about what happened tend to shake their heads and call it "an unfortunate situation."

Others, like San Francisco coach Steve Mariucci, prefer to talk about "turning the page" and "moving on."

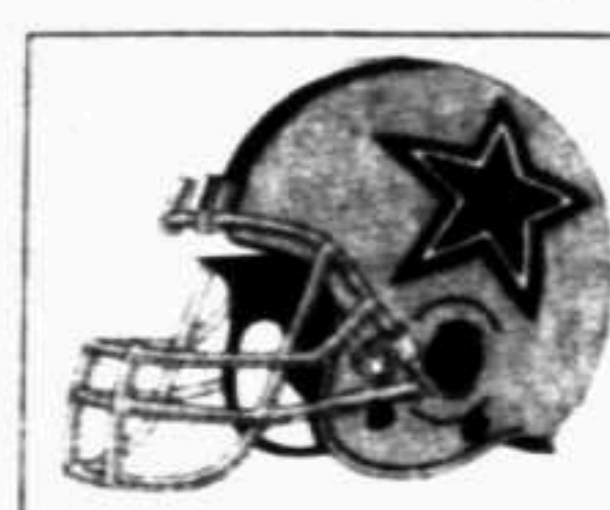
"It cost us both way too much money," said Dallas safety George Teague, who defended his team's honor by tackling Owens from behind, incurring an ejection and a five-digit fine from the league. Owens was fined a week's salary by the 49ers and was benched for one game.

"As far as this year goes, they're playing very, very well. I have to give Mr. Owens all of the props that he's supposed to get. He's one of the best in the league right now."

San Francisco quarterback Jeff Garcia said he hasn't talked to Owens about avoiding another outburst. He doesn't think it's necessary.

"I think T.O. has gotten much better with that sort of thing over the

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Syracuse's Mark Holtzman (53) pressures Kansas State quarterback Eli Roberson during the Insight.com Bowl Saturday at Bank One Ballpark in Phoenix. Syracuse won, 26-3.

Syracuse dominates K-State

Associated Press

PHOENIX — There were too many mistakes and too much Mungro for Kansas State in the Insight.com Bowl.

James Mungro wrapped up his outstanding collegiate career with 112 yards and three touchdowns, including a disputed 65-yarder as 18th-ranked Syracuse shut down the Wildcats 26-3 Saturday.

With his seventh 100-yard rushing game of the season, Mungro passed Larry Csonka for second place on Syracuse's career rushing list with 2,981 yards. Only Joe Morris (1978-81) had more.

The Wildcats, fifth in NCAA Division I this season in rushing at 257 yards per game, ran for a season-low 33 yards in 34 attempts.

"Today was a great day for the defense — a great, great, great effort," Syracuse coach Paul

Insight.com Bowl

Pasqualoni said.

The Orangemen, the Big East runner-up to No. 1 Miami, thought they deserved to play in a New Year's Day bowl, but were passed over by the Gator Bowl in favor of Virginia Tech.

To add to the insult, Syracuse was a 5 1/2-point underdog against a Kansas State team that had to win four out of its last five to even qualify for a bowl.

"That was an incentive for us," Mungro said. "I don't think we were like, 'Why are they favored?' But it was like 'OK, they're favored, we know we're a better team. Let's go out there and prove to America we're a better team than them.'"

The Orangemen (10-3) were in command of this one early, then celebrated with a big splash at the finish. Offensive linemen Giovanni Deloatch and Sean O'Con-

nor leaped — uniforms and all — into the Bank One Ballpark swimming pool.

R.J. Anderson completed just five of 14 passes, but one of them was a 52-yarder to Johnnie Morant for a touchdown with 3:22 to play.

The Orangemen reached double-digit victories for the sixth time in school history but first since 1992.

They turned two Kansas State turnovers into touchdowns in a 52-second span in the second quarter.

Kansas State (6-6) failed to have a winning season for the first time since 1992. The Wildcats had won 11 in each of the previous four seasons.

"We didn't prepare as well as we should have, didn't play as well as we should have, and I didn't coach as well as I should have. From the outset, that has a lot to do with it," Kansas State coach Bill Snyder said.

Bowl-record with 322 yards rushing.

Toledo held Cincinnati to just 13 yards on the ground, also a record in the fifth-year bowl.

Motor City Bowl

Taylor's 24-yard touchdown capped an 80-yard drive, which he keyed with three carries for 52 yards. The third-team All-America selection had a bowl-record 31 carries.

Immediately after the game, Taylor celebrated with his family and friends, who drove less than an hour from his hometown of River Rouge, Mich., to see him play.

"The offensive line did a great job," Taylor said. "All I had to do was break tackles."

Cincinnati linebacker Antwan Peck was surprised at how well Taylor did exactly that.

"He was more of a power runner than I thought he was," Peck said. "He ran the ball really hard and his second-efforts were outstanding. I knew he was a good running back, but I didn't expect him to do what he did to us."

ALAMO: Kingsbury throws 3 picks

(From 1C)

Greving, who came on in the first quarter in place of injured starter Ladell Betts, made it 10-0 on a 1-yard TD run in the second.

Betts rushed for over 1,000 yards during the season but had been bothered by a hamstring injury. Greving, whose previous high this season was 77 yards, had 52 by halftime.

"I knew I was going to get a chance to prove what I could do," Greving said. "I've never had a game where I've carried the load like that since back in high school."

Clock mismanagement by Iowa set up Tech's only points of the first half.

After Kyle McCann was sacked on the Tech 21, Iowa called a timeout with 36 seconds left to set up a field goal instead of letting the clock run down. Kaeding missed the 38-yarder, giving Tech the ball on the 20 with 30 seconds left.

Georgia Tech hires Gailey only after his resumé checks out

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Chan Gailey brought an impeccable resume to Georgia Tech. Yes, he actually was a three-year letterman. No, he doesn't claim to have a master's degree.

Gailey was hired Saturday as football coach of the Yellow Jackets, who are looking to get past embarrassing revelations that predecessor George O'Leary lied about his background.

Taking no chances, Georgia Tech did a thorough check of Gailey's resume, which includes a physical education degree from Florida in 1974. He lettered for the Gators from 1971-73.

"They asked about my degree," said Gailey, who will remain with the Miami Dolphins as offensive coordinator until the end of the season. "Everybody is asking that question these days."

Buccaneers beat Ravens at their own game: defense

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — The Baltimore Ravens' formula for success also works for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

The Bucs beat the defending Super Bowl champions at their own game Saturday night, playing stifling defense and mustering just enough offense to edge the Ravens 22-10.

The victory moved Tampa Bay (9-6) to the brink of its fourth playoff berth in five years. The Bucs, who have won five of six after a 4-5 start, will clinch the final NFC wild-card spot if Atlanta wins or ties at Miami on Sunday.

For the Ravens (9-6), it was a disappointing return to the site of

their dominating Super Bowl victory last January.

Elvis Grbac threw two interceptions and was sacked five times, while Tampa Bay set up one of Doug Brien's three first-half field goals with a blocked punt.

Baltimore (9-6) could have grabbed one of the AFC wild-card berths with a victory, but will still clinch this weekend if Seattle loses or ties at San Diego.

Brad Johnson's 1-yard sneak for Tampa Bay's first touchdown put the Bucs up 16-7 late in the second quarter. It proved to be the difference on the scoreboard until Mike Alstott put the game out of reach in the final two minutes.

Johnson only completed 13 of 29 passes for 90 yards; howev-

er, Tampa Bay didn't allow a sack or commit a turnover for the second straight week.

Grbac threw a 14-yard touchdown pass to Travis Taylor to give Baltimore a 7-3 lead in the second quarter. Matt Stover's 24-yard field goal trimmed a nine-point halftime deficit to 16-10 with 13:26 remaining in the game.

Baltimore has come from behind in the fourth quarter to win four games this season, however Grbac's hopes of leading another comeback ended when the Ravens were stopped on downs at their own 32 with just under two minutes to go.

Two plays later, Alstott scored on a 32-yard run to finish with 80 yards on 14 carries.

DALLAS: Cowboys' defense ranks third in entire league

(From 1C)

past year," Garcia said. "He has appreciated his teammates and how we've backed him in many ways."

Owens was on his own in September 2000 when he scored a touchdown early in a 41-24 victory and made his first dash from the end zone to the 50-yard line. Garcia didn't see it, but was filled in after Dallas' Emmitt Smith ran to the logo with his helmet off and slammed the ball after scoring just before halftime.

When Owens scored again with 4:05 left, Garcia went to congratulate his receiver and "he nearly ran me over on a dead sprint back to midfield." Teague's hit cut short the celebration and landed them both on a video the league uses to show players what NOT to do.

"I totally agreed with what Emmitt Smith did because he was basically staking claim to his home," Garcia said. "When T.O. did it again, I think there was some embarrassment, because I don't promote that sort of stuff. It's a team game. We're trying to make plays as a team."

Owens has been a playmaker this season and is a prime reason the 49ers (11-3) are headed back to the playoffs despite being strapped by the salary cap. His

14 touchdowns are tops in the NFL and he's among the league leaders in receptions (86) and yards (1,203).

The Cowboys (4-10) haven't fared as well while taking their financial lumps under the cap. Dallas' saving grace is a defense ranked third in the NFL and No. 2 against the pass. Last week, the Cowboys held Arizona's David Boston, the NFL's leader in yards receiving, to 26 yards on three catches.

Safety Darren Woodson is hoping for the same success against Owens.

"I'm concerned about his big-play ability, but not because of what happened in the past," Woodson said. "Yeah, there's going to be some grudge, there's going to be some trash talking and all that, but when it comes down to it, it's all about winning and losing."

Not long ago, the winner of a Dallas-San Francisco game would be headed to the Super Bowl. The emphasis on Owens' behavior for this game shows how much things have changed.

"I know the game last year kind of stirred up a little mess, but over the years it's been a tradition-rich game," said Cowboys rookie quarterback Quincy Carter. "I'm just proud and excited to be in a game like this."

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Boys

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
South Garland 72, Midland High 65
Midland High (14-5): Jarvis Brown 3-0-9, Josh Brown 0-0-0, Anthony Jackson 7-1-2, Lucquette White 8-2-21, Blake Huggins 7-2-2, 16, Roger King 0-1-2, Marcus Wright 0-0-0, John Alcala 0-0-0, Cody Ockham 0-0-0. **Totals: 25-6-10-65**
S. Garland: Ken Tutt 8-2-19, Nate Armstrong 6-2-15, Willie Johnson 5-2-13, Dominique Parker 5-0-10, Antwuan Harris 2-0-5, Regis Brown 1-0-3, Josh Hendrick 1-0-3, Paul Parker 0-0-0, Tramain Davis 2-0-1-4. **Totals: 30-6-12-72**
Midland High: 19 27 7 12 —65
S. Garland: 16 14 21 21 —72
3-point Goals: MHS 9 (Jarvis Brown 3, Jackson 1, White 3, Huggins 2), SG 6 (Tutt 1, Armstrong 1, Johnson 1, Harris 1, Brown 1, Hendrick 1). **Rebounds:** MHS 32 (Jackson 13, Huggins 10), SG 32 (Tutt 7, Parker 7). **Turnovers:** MHS 13, SG 10. **Total Fouls:** MHS 14, SG 14. **Fouled Out:** None. **Technical Fouls:** None.

THIRD-PLACE GAME
Midland Lee 82, Wasilla (Alaska) 78, OT
Lee (14-5): Cornell Hunt 2-6-11, Jacoby Hartley 8-0-16, Art Garcia 3-4-11, Drew Coffman 9-8-15-27, Jermaine Packer 1-0-2, Jason Watlington 2-0-4, Edward Mayberry 0-0-0, Elijah Smith 1-5-8-7, Rhett Butler 1-0-1-2, Parker Foy 0-2-2-2, Cody Sampson 0-0-0. **Totals: 27-25-43-82**
Wasilla: Cody Scherman 1-0-2, Scott Faeo 3-5-11, Travis Webb 3-3-5-9, Adam Fitt-Chapell 7-9-23, Ray Schaler 6-10-11-22, Jake Collins 3-0-9, Mason Hebel 0-0-0, Luke Schaler 1-0-2-2, Clayton McCaul 0-0-0, Aaron Roth 0-0-0. **Totals: 24-25-34-78**
Lee: 12 15 20 20 15 —82
Wasilla: 15 15 20 13 11 —78
3-point Goals: Lee 3 (Hunt 1, Garcia 1, Coffman 1), W 5 (Fitt-Chapell 2, Collins 3). **Rebounds:** Lee 34 (Hartley 9), W 24 (R. Schaler 9). **Turnovers:** Lee 13, W 18. **Total Fouls:** Lee 25, W 30. **Fouled Out:** Hunt, Packer, Watlington, Scherman, Faeo, Webb, R. Schaler. **Technical Fouls:** None.

CONSOLATION CHAMPIONSHIP
Galveston Ball 59, McKinney 57
McKinney: Adam Miller 2-4-8-8, Chris Moore 9-4-4-28, Jaycen Prock 1-1-1-3, Jarel Bush 4-2-8-10, Brian Ballard 1-0-2-2, Justin Randolph 0-0-0, Josh Dennis 1-2-3-4, Jermaine Turner 0-0-0, J.C. Brock 0-0-0, Danny Baehner 0-0-0, Joe Laster 1-0-2, Ryan Ziemer 0-0-0. **Totals: 19-13-24-57**
Ball: Quentin Gonzales 1-2-17, Cezar Bennett 3-0-3-7, Courtney Caplan 5-3-4-13, Jason Wilcox 1-0-3-3, Taylor Petteway 4-4-13, Roshawn Pope 1-0-2-2, Robert Smith 1-0-2-2, Corey McDaniel 0-0-0, Gordon Ward 0-0-0, Brandon Smith 0-0-2, Darrell Kitchen 0-0-0. **Totals: 23-10-21-59**
McKinney: 21 10 6 20 —57
Ball: 19 18 8 14 —59
3-point Goals: M 6 (Miller 2, Moore 3, Bennett 1), W 1 (Wilcox 1, Petteway 1). **Total Fouls:** M 17, W 16. **Fouled Out:** Smith. **Technical Fouls:** None.

SEVENTH-PLACE GAME
Amarillo High 81, El Paso Jefferson 35
Jefferson: Eddie Viescas 4-0-11, Sam Saenz 0-1-2-1, Peter Elias 1-2-2-4, Cameron Townsend 1-0-3-3, George Valencia 1-2-3-5, Nativaldo Gonzalez 1-1-3-3, Manuel Maldonado

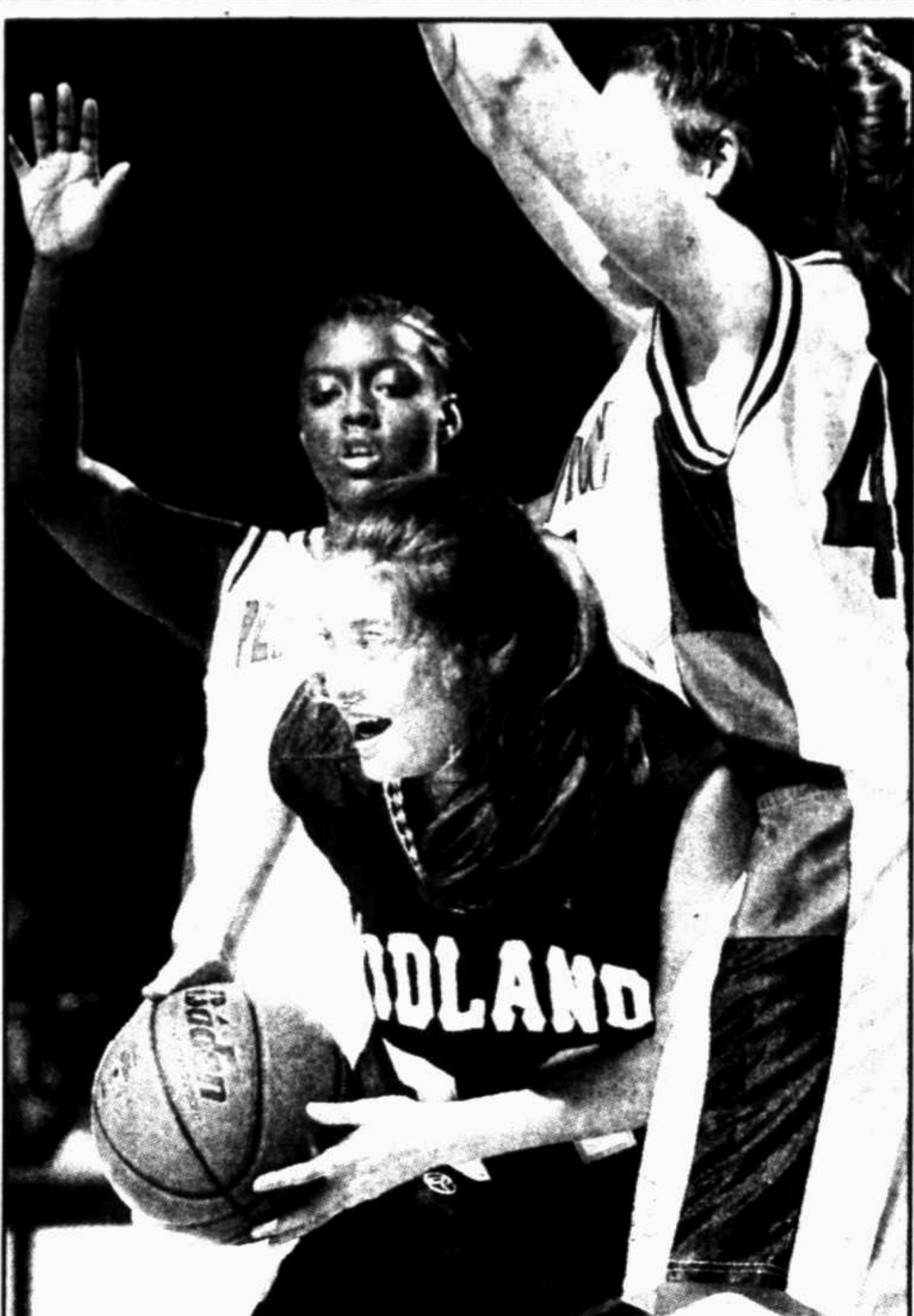
1-0-2, Bobby Vasquez 1-2-4-4, Jason Van Haseken 1-0-2-2. **Totals: 11-9-20-35**
Amarillo: Dustin Tommerup 1-0-2, Harris Bechtel 3-0-7, Michael Blankenship 0-0-0-0, Joe Mixon 5-0-11, Coby Clark 1-0-2, Andrew Patterson 8-0-18, Rodney Betts 0-0-0, Tyler Cooper 6-0-12, Jordan Butts 4-3-7-11, Charles Bond 1-2-3, Coward 3-2-5-8, J.C. Mercedin 3-1-2-7. **Totals: 37-11-81**
Jefferson: 8 2 13 12 —35
Amarillo: 18 19 27 17 —81
3-point Goals: EPJ 4 (Viescas 3, Townsend 1), AHS 4 (Bechtel 1, Mixon 1, Patterson 2). **Total Fouls:** EPJ 17, AHS 17. **Fouled Out:** None. **Technical Fouls:** None.

Girls

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
Plainview 70, Midland High 35
Midland High (11-7): LaQuori Harris 4-0-19, Lindsey Moore 1-0-2, Georgia Foster 0-0-0, Lauren Lucas 4-1-2, Amy Schantz 3-0-7, Jessica Harkins 0-1-3, Ray Alexander 1-1-3, Tracy Mayfield 1-1-2, Claire Thagard 0-0-0, Jennifer Kreuz 0-0-0. **Totals: 14-4-12-35**
Plainview (16-1): Sarah Hawk 3-0-6, Elyse Newland 1-2-2-4, Toinay Thompson 5-0-10, Alesha Robertson 5-2-12, Chelsi Welch 1-1-2, Amber Lees 2-9-11, Addie Lees 0-1-2, Dana Reinhardt 0-0-0, Chelsa Hartman 2-0-0, Marquita Williams 1-0-3. **Totals: 27-13-70**
Midland High: 3 5 14 13 —35
Plainview: 20 15 12 23 —70
3-point Goals: MHS 3 (Harris 1, Schantz 1, Mayfield 1), P 3 (Hartman 2, Williams 1). **Rebounds:** MHS 17, P 31 (Thompson 7, Robertson 7). **Turnovers:** MHS 21, P 16. **Total Fouls:** MHS 13, P 15. **Fouled Out:** None. **Technical Fouls:** None.

THIRD-PLACE GAME
Canyon 69, El Paso Hawks 24
Hawks: Abbie Letz 7-5-8-20, Crystal Salcido 0-0-0, Carolyn Ivery 0-0-0, Chelsa Duncan 0-0-0, Lisa Arnie 1-0-2, Aida Ramos 0-0-0, Andy DeLaRosa 0-0-0, Melissa Nanez 0-2-2, Briana Garcia 0-0-0, Mindy Villareal 0-0-0. **Totals: 8-10-20-24**
Canyon: Brooke Baughman 4-4-22, Brittany Johnson 1-1-3, Kalee Carey 8-1-2-17, Sierra Wilcox 0-0-0, Kristy Keeling 1-0-3, Chelsi Friemel 3-2-2-9, Haley Hobson 1-4-4-6, Kristin King 0-1-2-1, Nique Allen 3-2-3-8. **Totals: 25-15-69**
Hawks: 4 10 9 1 —24
Canyon: 14 11 16 18 —69
3-point Goals: EPJ 1 (Leiz), C 4 (Baughman 2, Keeling 1, Friemel 1). **Total Fouls:** EPJ 14, C 12. **Fouled Out:** None. **Technical Fouls:** None.

CONSOLATION CHAMPIONSHIP
Andrews 49, Wichita Falls 40
Andrews: Mandy Roberts 2-1-6, Amber Menefee 0-0-0, Judy DelHerrero 3-2-5, Britney Courtney 4-1-11, Katie Farris 3-7-14, Halli Richards 2-0-5, Nitra Woods 2-1-2-5. **Totals: 16-12-49**
Wichita Falls: Shanika Williams 0-0-0, Lyndee Ralston 1-3-3, Jackie Dorsey 0-0-0, Lauren Lewis 0-0-1, Vanity Washington 3-0-6, Alesha Smith 0-2-2, Kandra Chatham 1-2-4, Crystal Thomas 3-0-8, Brooke Schrock 1-0-2, Kandra McCoy 6-1-13. **Totals: 15-8-40**
Andrews: 14 12 8 15 —49
Wichita Falls: 10 11 5 14 —40
3-point Goals: A 5 (Roberts 1, Courtney 2, Farris 1, Richards 1), WF 2 (Thomas 2). **Total Fouls:** A 15, WF 16. **Fouled Out:** None. **Technical Fouls:** None.



Midland High's Lindsey Moore gets double-teamed by Plainview's Toinay Thompson, back, and Chelsi Welch during the girls' championship game, which Plainview won, 70-35.

Fouls: A 15, WF 16. **Fouled Out:** None. **Technical Fouls:** None.

SEVENTH-PLACE GAME
Houston Westbury Christian 74, Amarillo Tascosa 64
Tascosa: Melissa McWilliams 0-0-0, Deanna Larkin 3-1-2, Haley Lloyd 5-8-17, Aaren McWilliams 2-1-2, Melissa Jackson 0-0-0, Catherine Bankhead 4-1-10, Courtney Sanders 1-0-2, Hilary Battle 1-0-2, Lindsay Haworth 1-0-2, Steve Ledoux 2-1-3-6, Katie Titus 3-5-6. **Totals: 20-15-23-64**
Westbury Christian: Danielle Farrel 7-9-11, Emily Martin 0-3-4, LeRae Brown 2-0-5, Emily Edge 0-0-0, Emily Neumann 11-15-16, Candice St Julian 1-2-3-4, Courtney Mackey 0-1-2-1, Amara Waturacha 1-0-2, Melanie Jackson 0-0-0. **Totals: 22-30-38-74**
Tascosa: 11 7 18 28 —64
Houston Westbury Christian: 21 12 28 13 —74
3-point Goals: AT 5 (Larkin 1, Lloyd 1, A. McWilliams 1, Bankhead 1, Ledoux 1), HW 3 (Brown 1, Neumann 2). **Total Fouls:** AT 30, HW 18. **Fouled Out:** Ledoux, Titus. **Technical Fouls:** None.

No. 13 Lady Raiders use three-pointers to beat No. 3 Vandy

Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech's outside shooting extended its winning streak.

Amber Tarr scored 23 points, and Natalie Ritchie added 21 as 13th-ranked Texas Tech beat No. 3 Vanderbilt 81-71 Saturday for its sixth straight victory.

"Ritchie and Tarr had both their feet under them, set, looking at the basket," Commodore coach Jim Foster said.

Tarr went 4-of-8 on 3-pointers, while Ritchie was 5-of-12.

"They knew they couldn't sag off on anybody on the outside," Tarr said.

Tech (8-2) looked good heading toward Wednesday's Big 12 opener against Kansas.

"Now we have to go back it up," Lady Raiders coach Marsha Sharp said. "We gained a lot of confidence. This is a big statement for our team."

Tech staged off a second-half comeback by the Commodores, seemingly coming up with a 3-pointer whenever Vanderbilt (11-2) got close. Tech put the game out of reach with a 14-6 run in the middle of the second half.

"We made a lot of big shots, got in our comfort zone and were able to win," Sharp said.

Zuzi Klimesova and Chantelle Anderson each scored 26 points to lead Vanderbilt, which had won eight games in a row.

The Lady Raiders denied Vanderbilt the outside shot, allowing it only one 3-pointer.

"This game was much more about defense, or lack thereof, than our offense," Foster said.

Up against a taller team, Tech used its quickness to move the ball around the perimeter and score from the outside. Texas Tech scored only 14 points inside

Texas Women's College Basketball

No. 8 Baylor 78, Air Force 47

WACO — Danielle Crockrom scored 21 points, and Sheila Lambert added 15 points and a season-high eight assists to lead No. 8 Baylor to a 78-47 victory over Air Force on Saturday night.

Crockrom was 10-of-13 from the field en route to her fifth 20-point performance of the season. Leading 44-21 at halftime, Baylor (12-0) opened the second half with a 12-0 run to make it 56-21.

Texas A&M 75, Houston 69

COLLEGE STATION

Texas A&M's Sabripa Mitchell scored four straight points to break a tie late in the fourth quarter as the Aggies ended a two-game skid with a 75-69 victory over Houston on Saturday.

A&M had built a 10-point second-half lead before Chandi Jones brought Houston back, tying the score at 69 with two minutes left.

Then the Lady Cougars turned the ball over twice, and Mitchell hit a layup and two free throws to give A&M a four-point lead with 35 seconds left.

No. 22 Texas 87, Ohio 66

AUSTIN

Heather Schreiber's career-high 25 points led No. 22 Texas to a 87-66 victory over Ohio on Saturday.

Texas (8-2) led 42-25 at halftime, but forward Lori Moorman's 21 second-half points helped Ohio (5-6) get back in the game.

Allman's two goals lead Jacks to win

Staff Report

ODESSA — Trevor Allman scored two goals and had an assist to lead the Odessa Jackalopes to a 3-2 win over the Oklahoma City Blazers Saturday night at the Jack Shack.

The Jacks improve to 20-7 for the season and 14-3-1 at home as they downed one of the better teams in the Central Hockey League. The Jacks also won their sixth straight game and 10th out of their last 11.

The Jacks also frustrated the best power play team in the league with four penalty kills in the second period alone. In that period, the Blazers had seven minutes in the power play only to come up empty.

Odessa opened the scoring when Kenny Corupe scored on a rebound 5 minutes into the first period.

OKC would answer just 3:42 later when Ryan Campbell lit the lamp. That wasn't a good sign at the time since the Jacks were 0-3-1 when tied after the first quarter.

In the second, Allman got his

first goal of the game when he squeezed a shot past Blazers goalie Aren Miller 55 seconds into the period.

The Jacks made it 3-1 when Allman scored on a power play 3:16 into the third period.

But that two-goal advantage didn't last long as Marty Standish answered the Odessa goal just 43 seconds later.

Odessa would hold on thanks to some great goalie work from Joe Harris, who saved 43 out of 45 shots.

The Jacks return to action on New Year's eve when they head to San Angelo for a 7:05 p.m. game. It will also begin a long road trip for the Jacks, who don't return home until Jan. 25 when they face Lubbock.

Odessa 3, Oklahoma City 2
Oklahoma City: 1 0 1 —2
Odessa: 1 1 1 —3
First Period — 1 Od. Kenny Corupe (Matt Cressman, Trevor Allman), 5:00; 2 OKC, Ryan Campbell (Hardy Sauter), 8:42
Second Period — 3 Od. Allman (Doug Johnson), 0:55
Third Period — 4 Od. Allman pp. (Marcy Rodrigue, Cressman), 3:16; 5 OKC, Marty Standish (Joe Burton, Sauter), 3:59
Shots: Oklahoma City 11-21-45; Odessa 19-4-34. **Power Play Opportunity:** Oklahoma City 0-4; Odessa 1-0-8. **Penalties-Minutes:** Oklahoma City 15-49; Odessa 11-41. **Goals:** Oklahoma City (Aren Miller, L. 31 saves), Odessa (Joe Harris, W. 43 saves). A - 3,538.

Mavs give Nelson his 1,000th victory

Associated Press

DALLAS — Don Nelson became the third coach in NBA history to win 1,000 games, getting a season-high 35 points from Dirk Nowitzki in the Dallas Mavericks' 113-97 win over the Atlanta Hawks on Saturday night.

Nelson's record improved to 1,000-790, joining Lenny Wilkens (1,242) and Pat Riley (1,054) as the only coaches to reach 1,000 victories in league history.

Players and coaches from both teams lined up to congratulate Nelson with hugs and handshakes after the game.

Steve Nash added 29 points as Dallas won its ninth straight game — its longest winning streak since an 11-gamer during the 1987-88 season.

Mavericks guard Michael Finley's streak of 490 consecutive games, the longest among active NBA players, came to an end because of a sore left hamstring. Shareef Abdur-Rahim scored 21 points, Jason Terry added 18 and Dion Glover and DerMarr Johnson had 16 apiece to lead the Hawks.

Atlanta rallied from a 20-point third-quarter deficit, finishing the quarter with a 10-3 run to reduce Dallas' lead to 88-80

Texas NBA Teams

entering the fourth.

But the Mavericks opened the fourth quarter with a 17-5 spurt capped by Nash's 3-pointer to build the lead back to 105-85.

Bucks 102, Spurs 99, OT

MILWAUKEE

Tim Thomas scored 24 points, including two key baskets in overtime, to lead the Milwaukee Bucks to their sixth straight win over the San Antonio Spurs, 102-99 on Saturday night.

Sam Cassell added 15 points for Milwaukee, including two free throws with five seconds left to make it 102-99.

Tim Duncan scored a game-high 38 points for San Antonio, but missed a potential game-tying 3-pointer at the buzzer.

The Spurs have not beaten the Bucks since March 16, 1998. Milwaukee coach George Karl, who played for the Spurs, has a 31-14 career record against San Antonio.

Duncan scored four points in overtime, including a layup with 1:27 left for a 99-96 Spurs' lead. Thomas scored with 1:12 left to make it 99-98 and gave the Bucks the lead with a short jumper with 28.8 seconds left.

JOHNSTON: Rebels claim 3rd place

(From 1C)

hit 11-of-16 shots from the floor as all the starters got integrated in the action. With Blake Huggins scoring inside and Jarvis Brown hitting from outside, South Garland looked clueless as to how to stem Midland High's offensive tide.

But South Garland didn't give up in the second half, scoring the first six points of the third quarter to slowly build momentum. Midland High hit only two shots from the floor in the third quarter on a pair of 3-pointers by Lucquette White (who had a game-high 21 points) as the Bulldogs scored only seven points in the period. By the end of the third quarter, the Colonels had cut Midland High's lead to 53-51.

"We just quit executing," said Stephenson, contrasting Midland High's first and second halves. "You do so many good things and then you do one bad thing and it all starts to unravel on you."

When South Garland's Ken Tutt hit a 3-pointer on the first possession of the fourth quarter, the Colonels led for the first time in the game, 54-53. They never trailed again.

The game still looked up for grabs throughout most of the period, but the Bulldogs couldn't find the range in the final two minutes, as the final score represented South Garland's biggest lead of the game.

"We had the opportunity to play for the championship in our own tournament and things just didn't work out," said Stephenson. "I feel bad for our seniors. We'll get back up tomorrow and

go back to work."

Huggins had 18 for the Bulldogs, including nine in the big second quarter, where MHS hung up 21 points. Anthony Jackson added 16 and pulled down a game-high 13 rebounds, while Huggins had 10 boards.

Tutt led four South Garland players in double figures with 19 points, while Nate Armstrong had 15, Willie Johnson added 13 and Dominique Parker contributed 10.

"I saw when (the Colonels) got behind 21-4 (against Galveston Ball in the first round) and they came back to win the game so I knew they had the athletes," said Stephenson. "I didn't think it would happen to us because we were playing so well."

Whereas the MHS boys let their chance get away from them, the MHS girls never got into the game against powerful Plainview. The Lady Bulldogs scored the first eight points of the game as Midland High never threatened.

The Lady Dawgs (11-7) fell behind 33-8 at halftime, as they were unable to get into any half-court offensive flow and made only 3-of-17 from the field.

"I have to give Plainview credit because they were extremely aggressive," said MHS coach Terry Gray. "That worked against our lack of experience. I think we learned some things from the game and the tournament."

With Plainview holding a huge lead going into the second half, it became a case of Midland High playing mostly for pride. The Lady Dawgs appeared more settled down in the second half, although they were unable to pull any closer than 24 points in the

fourth quarter.

In the end, Plainview (16-1) looked like a team which had been to a state championship and one which could very well return again this season, and a team against whom the young Lady Dawgs could learn some lessons.

"I think the game got better as it went along," said Gray. "We played with more confidence in the second half. We need to take some confidence from this week into district play next week."

It wasn't a good sign that two returnees from last year's team — and this season's two leading scorers — junior Lauren Lucas and senior LaQuori Harris both failed to score in the first half. Several sophomores and freshmen who hadn't gotten much playing time in the first two days of the tournament saw action in the rough second quarter, which served two purposes.

"It was a message to our regular kids that they needed to step up and be more aggressive," said Gray. "It's just a valuable experience that they can learn from."

Harris and Lucas both finished with nine points to lead MHS. Chelsi Welch led Plainview with 17 points, while Alesha Robertson had 12 and Amber Lees added 11. After losing to Midland High in overtime the night before, Lee's boys were certainly primed for a letdown against Wasilla in the third-place game. The Rebels led briefly in the first quarter, and fell behind by as many as 13 in the first half, apparently suffering an emotional hangover from their loss to MHS.

"We just didn't have any legs today," said Lee coach Mark

Coffman. "You could tell that with our shooting. I was so proud of our heart. We just kept hanging in there."

Wasilla never could put the Rebels away, and the failure to land a knockout punch hurt the Alaska team. Lee (14-5) trailed 67-64 with a little over seven seconds remaining when Wasilla's Luke Schafer came to the free-throw line needing only to sink one attempt to effectively put the game away.

But Schafer missed both tries, and Art Garcia rebounded the miss for Lee, whipped the ball to Rhett Butler, who in turn found Cornell Hunt near the left baseline. Hunt's 3-pointer found nothing but net just before the buzzer to force overtime.

"I told the kids before overtime 'There's something special about you guys,'" said Coffman. "We might not really deserve to win it, but we did."

Wasilla's Scott Faeo made a free throw to give the Warriors a 68-67 lead to start overtime, but it would be the last time Lee would trail. The Rebels scored eight straight points, including a pair of offensive rebounds by Jacoby Hartley, to go up 75-68, and from there they sealed it at the free throw line.

"We played with more energy than what we really had," said Coffman. "I think we responded really well."

Drew Coffman had a game-high 27 points to lead four Lee players in double figures, including Hartley with 16 and Hunt and Garcia with 11 apiece. Adam Fitt-Chapell led Wasilla with 23 points, while Ray Schafer had 22 and Faeo added 11.

LOCAL SPORTS

Greenwood finishes 3rd

LAMESA — The Greenwood Rangers placed third in the Lamesa Tournament after beating the host school, 64-57, on Saturday. Greenwood (12-4) came back from a 36-33 halftime deficit by taking a 47-45 lead in the third quarter with a 14-9 run.

Nathan Pinkerton led the Rangers with 15 points, while Ky Smith and Shane McNeely had 14 apiece.

Ranger Kris Hatley was named to the all-tournament team.

Greenwood returns to action at 2 p.m. Monday with a game at Midland Christian.

Greenwood 64, Lamesa 57
Lamesa: Hunter 11, Kunkel 4, Sandin 5, Weston 15, Salinas 2, Sambrano 4, Martinez 2, Nowlin 2, Meeks 6, Matlock. **Totals: 57**
Greenwood (12-4): Kris Hatley 7, Brian Zachry 6, John Hopper 6, Nathan Pinkerton 15, Ky Smith 14, Jared Swafford 2, Shane McNeely 14. **Totals: 64**
Lamesa: 9 27 9 12 —57
Greenwood: 16 18 14 17 —64
3-point goals: L 3 (Hunter, Sandin, Sambrano).

Mid. Christian tourney

Zac Schwarz poured in 43 points to lead Midland Christian to a 79-65 win over Midland High's junior varsity in the championship of the Midland Christian Invitational on Saturday.

Schwarz, who was named as the tournament MVP, scored 108 points in three games this weekend.

Joining Schwarz on the all-tournament team from Midland Christian was Chance O'Donnell, who had 18 in the title game.

Also making the all-tournament team was Audrey Lee from the MHS JV, Shemond Miller from the Lee JV, Midland Classical Academy's David Dunn and David Bonilla of Odessa Permian's JV.

Championship
Midland Christian 79, Midland High JV 65

For MCS: Zac Schwarz 43, Chance O'Donnell 18. For MHS JV: Audrey Lee 17, Kenny Berry 14, Ryan Owens 13.

Semifinals
Midland Christian 71, Lee JV 56. For MCS: Schwarz 28, O'Donnell 15. Lee JV: Miller 20, Cunningham 10.

Midland High JV 63, Midland Classical Academy 45. For MHS: Audrey Lee 21, David Brewster 10, Kenny Berry 10, Davin Davis 15. For MCA: Matt Tower 10, David Dunn 10.

Third Place Game

Friends, ex-teammates recall former Cowboy star Martin

Associated Press

PLANO — Harvey Martin, the ferocious defensive end who was part of the Dallas Cowboys' famed Domsday Defense, saved one sack for the end.

"Harvey Martin made the final sack of his life when he sacked death," longtime friend John Reeves said Saturday during funeral services for Martin.

"He sacked death in the end zone and got a safety. And the Lord said the game is over, you won. Come and join me and get the Super Bowl ring of life. No more pain, no more suffering."

About 1,000 family, friends and former teammates gathered for the funeral of Martin, the former Super Bowl MVP who died Monday of pancreatic cancer. He was 51.

During the two-hour service, they celebrated the memory of

the man whose nickname was "Too Mean" for his antics on the field — not off of it.

"Harvey was a guy with a big heart, passion and caring. He was one of those guys who would cry, get emotional and had a lot of feeling," said former Cowboys safety Cliff Harris.

"He was always full of joy, always full of happiness," said Mel Renfro, another former Cowboys teammate. "He identified with the nickname Beautiful Harvey Martin. He was always upbeat, always encouraging."

Martin, a four-time Pro Bowl selection, had 113 sacks during his 11-year career, including a single-season team record 20 in 1977 when he was named defensive player of the year by The Associated Press. That season was capped by a 27-10 win over Denver in the Super Bowl, the game in which Martin and team-

mate Randy White were named co-MVP.

Martin is the first Super Bowl MVP to die.

White, Harris and Renfro joined Roger Staubach, Drew Pearson, Tony Dorsett, Lee Roy Jordan, D.D. Lewis and Calvin Hill among about 75 former Cowboys and college teammates at the service. Alicia Landry, the widow of former Cowboys coach Tom Landry, also attended.

When Pearson spoke at Landry's funeral in February 2000, he said the former coach was joining God's Football League. "Coach Landry needed a pass-rushing defensive end," Pearson said.

"It's a sad day. At the same time, it's a happy day," Pearson said. "Harvey's no longer in pain. He's in a better place and he was prepared for that place."

2001: Lady Chaps make big news in three sports

(From 1C)

Chad Campbell, a product of Andrews High School and Midland College, put his own stamp on the PBO with a record-shattering 24-under par.

Campbell also won three Buy.com tournaments in 2001 and was the tour's leading money-winner.

Campbell's season became complete when all the trophies and money earned him his PGA Tour card. He is now officially with Tiger Woods and company now.

5. MC women gain national finals

The Midland College Lady Chaparrals were within one game of capturing the National Junior College Athletic Association basketball championship in March.

The Lady Chaps fell to Cloud County, 71-56, in the national finals.

It was the second consecutive year that the MC women had gained national tournament status. They also won the Western Junior Athletic Conference title and the Region V championship along the way.

6. Lee's state title run comes to end

The Midland Lee football team was seeking its fourth consecutive state Class 5A football championship in 2001, but that run ended with a 45-35 loss to Keller Fossil Ridge in the Big School quarterfinals at Odessa's Ratliff Stadium.

Lee's playoff winning streak was also halted by the loss. Lee had won 18 consecutive state playoff games before the loss to Fossil Ridge.

Lee finished third in the District 4-5A football race, but went further in the playoffs than both Abilene High and Abilene Cooper, teams that tied for the 4-5A crown.

7. Greenwood plays longest softball game

The Greenwood Rangerettes came so very close to winning a Class 3A state softball championship, losing to Sanger, 2-0, in the state finals in Austin.

But Greenwood's effort will not be soon forgotten. The state game went 17 innings and took four hours and 40 minutes to play. It was the longest state championship game ever played in both innings and time.

Greenwood pitcher Erin Smith, only a junior, had pitched 35 consecutive scoreless innings going into the 17th against Sanger.

8. MC softball goes to nationals

It was a year of firsts for the Midland College softball team.

The Lady Chaps, playing in their third year, won their first WJACAC championship. Then they went on to make their first Region V appearance and won that.

The Region V title gave the MC women a trip to Florida and the school's first national tournament berth. MC ended up placing seventh overall in the nation.

9. Two stadiums hold finales

Two Midland stadiums gave up occupants as the city looks forward to the new Scharbauer Sports Complex opening for the 2002 seasons.

Christensen Stadium, home of Double-A baseball since 1972, held its last game with the Midland RockHounds in August. Then in November, Memorial Stadium held its last Class 5A contests on two fronts. First, the Midland High-Lee football series played its last game at Memorial and then Lee hosted Lubbock Coronado the next week for the final playoff game in the stadium.

Christensen Stadium will now be the home of the Midland College baseball team and Memorial Stadium will still be the MISD track facility.

10. MC wins golf, drops program

The Midland College women's golf team won its third consecutive National Junior College Golf Championship, then the school dropped the program.

The MC women's golf program was very successful in its short three-year run, but the program was dropped because it was difficult finding competition during the season. It is the second time

that MC had dropped women's golf.

MC then announced that women's volleyball would replace golf. Volleyball will start next fall.

That's a look at our Top 10, but there were so many stories that deserved recognition. Just take a look (by month) at other stories that were considered.

January

The Midland High girls and boys swim teams swept the District 4-5A titles for the second time in three years and the girls went on to win the Region I championship.

February

Midland High failed to make the state playoffs in basketball for the first time in eight years while Midland Lee ended a five-year playoff absence, going two rounds deep. MHS, however, defeated Lee in three of four meetings.

The Midland High Lady Dawgs went a perfect 12-0 in 4-5A play and went to the state quarterfinals before losing to Lubbock Coronado, 87-65.

The Midland Christian girls won their first playoff game in 10 years by beating Tyler Grace, 64-43.

Midland College began its first season of baseball.

March

The Midland High girls soccer team advanced to the regional semifinals before losing to Colleyville Heritage and that was the best season in school history, finishing at 25-5. The Midland High boys soccer team fell in the area round playoffs.

April

The Midland Trinity girls won its first TAPPS 3A state tennis title and the boys were the state runnerup.

The Lee boys golf team placed second in the District 4-5A race to San Angelo Central, but Lee beat Central at the Region I tournament, placing second to earn a state berth in Austin. Lee finished seventh overall at the state meet.

Lee's Marshall Viney placed third in the Region I tennis tournament.

The Midland Trinity boys won the TAPPS 3A state golf championship for the first time ever and did it in style with a 43-shot cushion over Arlington Grace Prep.

The Odessa Jackalopes made a playoff run in the final season of the Western Professional Hockey League. They also played the longest game in franchise history in the playoffs, losing to the Lubbock Cotton Kings in the 17th minute of the third overtime, a game that went close to 1 a.m. The Jacks and Kings had to play the next night in Lubbock and the Cotton Kings won that game to eliminate the Jacks from the playoff run.

Midland played host to the National Indoor Diving Championship at the Mabey Aquatics Center.

Midland's Randy Velarde started the season with the Texas Rangers, moving from Oakland. He ended up with the New York Yankees, getting the first World Series berth of his career in October. Former Midlander Mike Stanton was also on the Yankees.

May

Green Tree Country Club played host to the Men's National Junior College Athletic Association golf championship, and Scottsdale Community College took the title. Odessa College was third, and Midland College placed sixth.

The Midland Lee softball team went to the region semifinals before losing to South Grand Prairie, 1-0, in 10 innings. It was Lee's seventh consecutive state playoff berth. Lee pitcher Brandi Row also hurled three consecutive no-hitters during the season.

Midland Christian's Angie Berryhill won the TAPPS 4A 300 hurdles and the boys 400 relay team won state with Cad Davis, Tony Joseph, Thomas Minihan and David Guerrero.

Local bowler Scott Pope rolled his 50th and 51st 300 games on the same day in two different leagues at two different centers.

June

Odessa's Denise Flores made a meteoric rise in women's golf. She started by winning the Women's West Texas title in Odessa in June and came back to win the Women's State Amateur title at Midland Country Club in August.

July

Midland and Odessa played host to the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation Games of Texas for two weeks, bringing in thousands of athletes from across the state.

Lisa Beck won her third consecutive Women's City Golf title, beating Trina Albright in the finals.

August

Mac McGee came from five strokes down in the final round to win the Men's City Golf championship.

September

Robert Kendrick beat Dmitry Tursunov in the finals of the Pro Showdown tennis tournament at the Racquet Club.

Midland Christian's volleyball team went to the state semifinals before falling.

Note: The top stories of November and December all made the Top 10 list.

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THE PLANNING and ZONING Commission of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 3:30 P.M. on Monday, January 14, 2002, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Lorraine, on a request by Trinity Drive Home Association for a Residential Replat on the following described property: Lot 18, Block 6, Trinity Estates, Section 9, City and County of Midland, Texas.

Generally located on the southeast corner of the intersection of Godfrey Street and Trinity Drive.

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting David Hunter, Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland at (915) 685-7250. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

CITY OF MIDLAND
Kayla McCord
CITY SECRETARY

ATTENTION COX COMMUNICATIONS SUBSCRIBERS. Beginning on February 1, 2002, the following service charges will be in effect for Midland residential customers: Limited Basic will change from \$11.48 to \$12.05 and Expanded Basic will change from \$24.46 to \$25.68. Converter boxes for Analog and Digital services will change from \$3.00 to \$3.70. Inquiries concerning these changes or any other cable-related issue can be made at the Cox Communications office at 2530 S. Midfield, Midland, TX or by calling 1-866-269-4386.

AVISO DE REGISTRATION DE VIOLADOR SEXUAL

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BIDS

Midland County Hospital District is accepting bids for CODE UPDOTE OF ELEVATORS at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Specifications may be secured at the Engineering Office of Midland Memorial Hospital and on or after Monday, December 24, 2001.

ALL BIDS MUST BE SEALED AND LABELED "BID #495-121901 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. (NOON) TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2002, AT WHICH TIME BIDS WILL BE CLOSED.

Bid opening will be at 2:00 P.M. in the Department of Materials Management, Midland Memorial Hospital, 2200 West Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701, on Tuesday, January 15, 2002.

ALL BIDS MUST BE PRICE PREPARED UNTIL MAY 15, 2002.

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 Midland Memorial Hospital. Midland County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities.

Director of Materials Management
Midland County Hospital
Midland Memorial Hospital
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CAUSE NO. FM 38-886

IN THE INTEREST OF REHANNON KING KEVIN K. KING JAMIE JENNIFER STAR BABCOCK AMY AMANDA STAR BABCOCK JOSHUA BABCOCK

CHILDREN

STATE OF TEXAS CITATION BY PUBLICATION

TO ERNEST WAMPLER 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 20 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you.

The Original Petition of the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, Petitioner, was filed in the 318th District Court of Midland County, Texas, on the 20th day of December, 2001, against PAM KING, LELAND KING, ERNEST WAMPLER, UNKNOWN FATHER, SHARON BABCOCK, AND PHILLIP BABCOCK, numbered FM 38-886 and entitled "In the Interest of REHANNON KING, KEVIN K. KING, JAMIE JENNIFER STAR BABCOCK, AMY AMANDA BABCOCK AND JOSHUA BABCOCK, Minor Children." The suit requests for Protection of a Child, Conservatorship and for Termination of the Parent-Child Relationship. The date of birth of the child, the subject of the suit are JOSHUA BABCOCK, January 7, 2000.

The Court has authority in this suit to render an Order in the child's interest that will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the children's adoption.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of the Court at Midland County, Texas, this 21st day of December, 2001.

Vivian Wood, Clerk of the District Court of Midland, County Texas

By Gabriela Williams, Deputy

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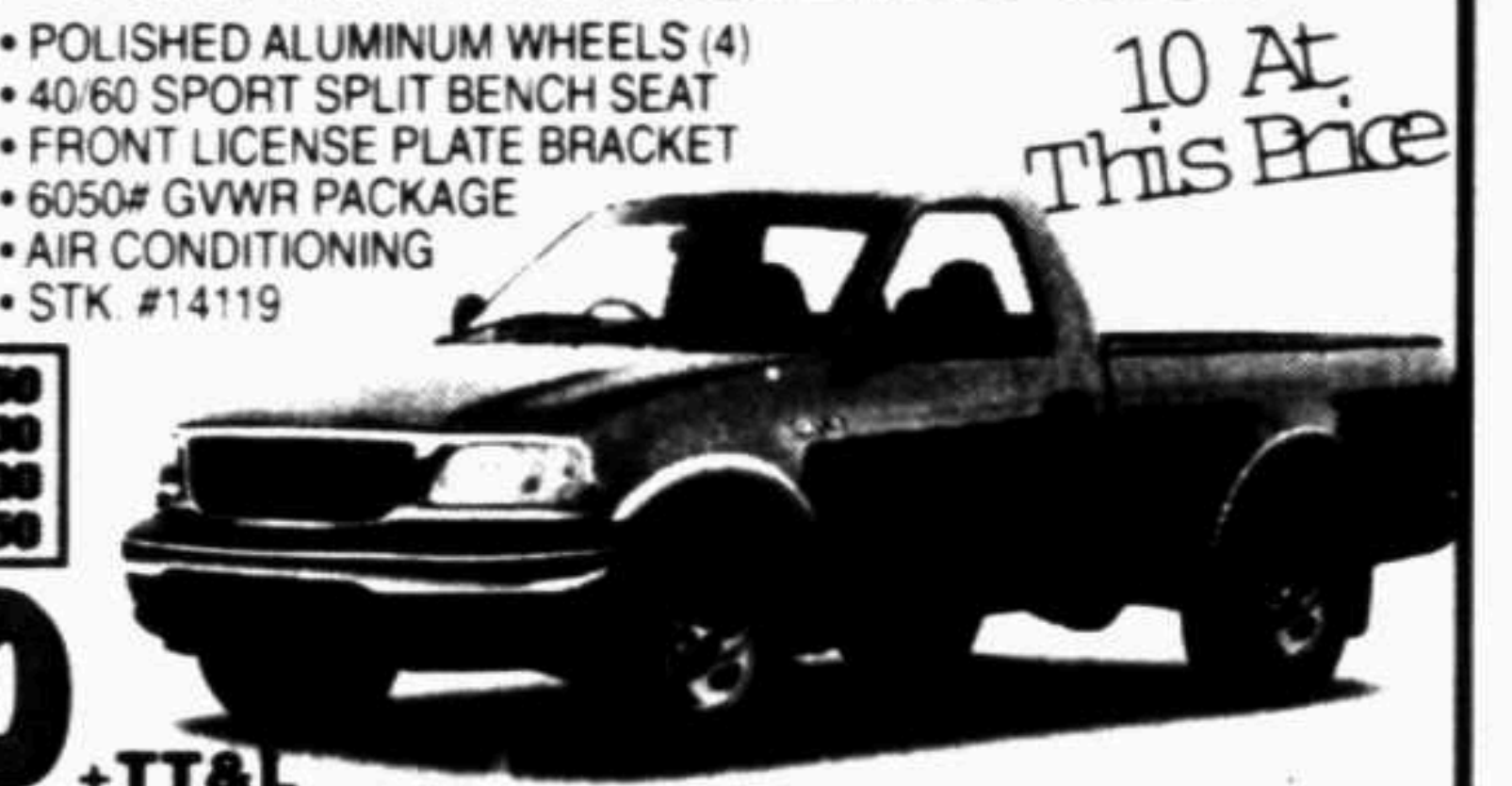
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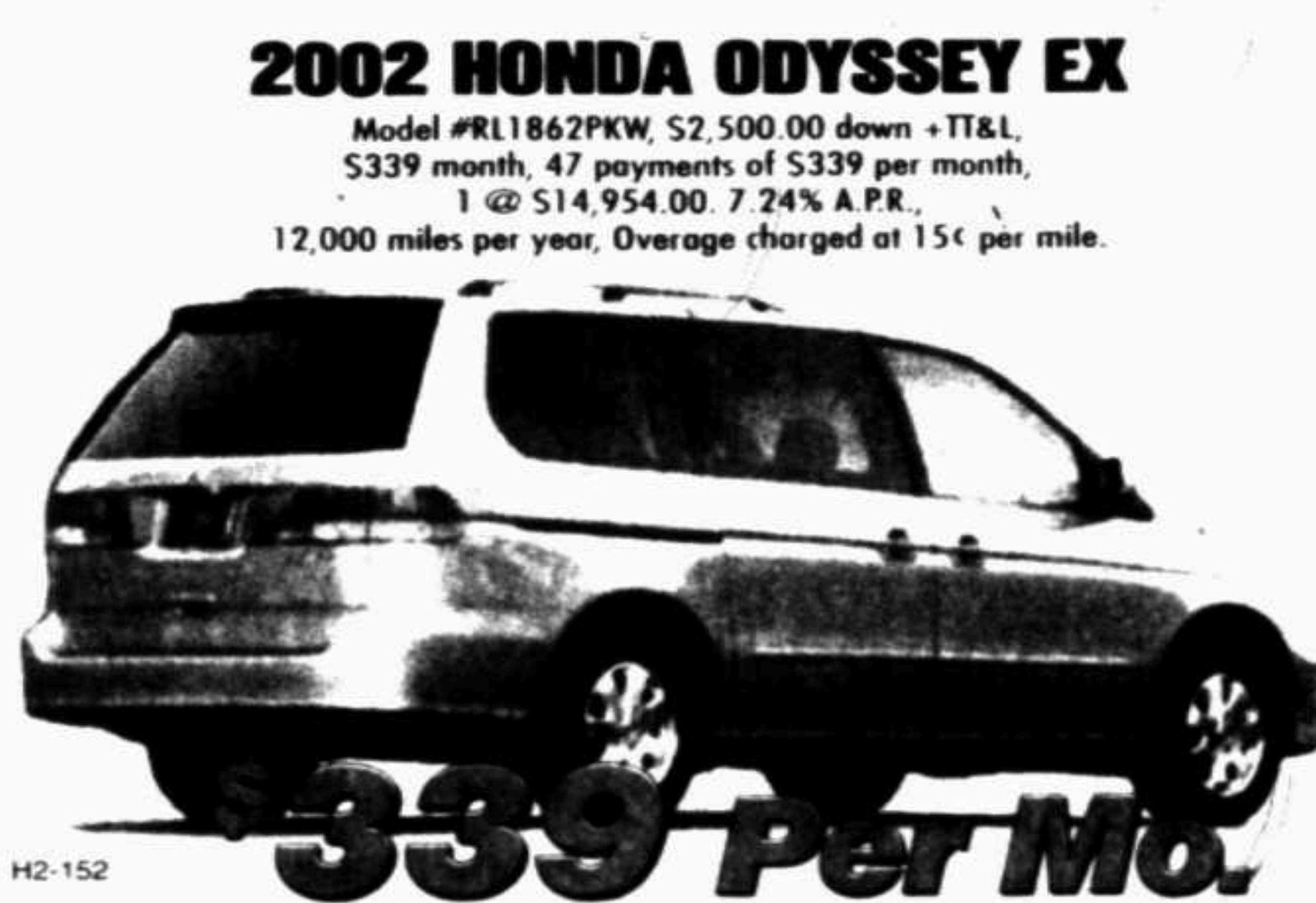
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The kitchen is L-shaped, open and large, with a large adjoining breakfast area looking out over the large back yard, where the grassy landscape drops down, and there are huge sculptural sandstone boulders emphasizing the gentle hillside.

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costs are built into the loan, and the loan amount is based on the "after-improved" value, not the current value, of the home. That means the funds necessary to do your remodeling work are included in the loan and must be used for repairs. Among other repairs, home improvement loans may be used to finance a new roof, a remodeled kitchen, or even the replacement of drafty old windows and doors. The 203(k) loan may also be used by current homeowners to remodel their residences.

Eligible borrowers may obtain a loan with as little as three percent down. If they use a 203(k) loan, FHA will also waive the usual mortgage insurance premium that is required at closing, reducing the borrower's cash outlay.

For example, Melanie and Joe Shannon want to purchase a \$120,000 fixer-upper in their favorite neighborhood. The appraiser determines that with new plumbing, a new roof, carpeting, and fresh paint inside and out, the home would be valued at about \$145,000. Through their loan source the Shannons obtain a home improvement loan for \$140,650 (the "after-improved" value of the home less their three percent downpayment). After the sale closes, they will have about \$20,000 set aside to make the necessary repairs.

Whether you are eager to purchase that old Victorian you've always wanted with its outdated kitchen, or you currently live in a two-bedroom "dollhouse" that you're ready to expand, you probably have a long list of home improvements you would like to make. When you make the decision to move forward, take some time to investigate home improvement loans as a smart way to help you transform your "dream" home into truly the home of your dreams.

This article submitted by Tim Welch of Countrywide Home Loans.

BE READY!

Your home is for sale. You're excited and ready to sell, but what will you do when your agent brings you an "offer" from serious buyers?



Noles

Many sellers flinch at the word "offer" believing it means accepting a lower price. An offer is merely an instrument, signed by the buyers, stating the price and terms at which they are willing to purchase. The price could be the asking price, or one that is lower or higher than the asking price. Until accepted, it remains an offer, and is binding on no one. The buyer may withdraw the offer at any time prior to acceptance.

Once an offer is received, sellers have three options: 1) accept it as written, 2)

reject it outright, or 3) make a counter-offer. It is generally good business to either accept the offer or make a counter-offer, since rejecting an offer can put a quick end to an otherwise potential sale.

An offer that appears to reflect a low price sometimes provides the sellers with greater "net" proceeds from the sale. This can be determined by asking the agent to prepare a "net sheet" providing an estimate of the sellers' proceeds expected at closing.

When selling your home, don't shy away from "offers". Ask your agent for a complete explanation of both the positive and negative effects, then make an informed, unemotional decision.

This article submitted by Anita Noles, Broker/Owner of RE/MAX of Midland.

ON SECOND MORTGAGES

QUESTION: I don't have enough cash for the down payment on an investment property. What do you think about a second mortgage?



Printz

ANSWER: If all the OTHER investment numbers fall into place, a second mortgage might be JUST your answer. The seller or some other lender may agree to loan you the balance of the down payment

in this manner. The second mortgage usually carries a higher interest rate and a shorter payment time -- usually from three to five years. But, in today's financial climate, the second mortgage (or some sort of seller-assisted financing) is always an ingredient to consider in order to finalize a sale.

This article submitted by Victoria Printz, of RE/MAX of Midland.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

TIPS FOR A QUICK HOME SALE

When selling a home, there are a number of steps you can take to accomplish that goal more quickly.

Your Realtor, a real estate professional who belongs to the National Association of Realtors, will have a lot of helpful hints to make your home easier to sell, but here are some general things to keep in mind:

- First impressions are lasting. The front door should be fresh and clean, and the yard should be neat and cleared of any toys and debris.

- Make certain that your home is clean and appealing. If the walls look dingy, paint or repaper them.

- Fix any dripping faucets. Not only do they discolored sinks, but they suggest that plumbing repairs may be needed, whether they are or not.

- Fix any loose knobs, sticking doors, windows, and drawers.

- Bathrooms are a selling point: make certain that everything is shining. Clean and repair bathtub and basin caulking. Clothing and personal items should be put away.

- Make certain the kitchen and all appliances are spotless.

- Cluttered rooms look smaller than they are; remove excess furniture.

- Closets and storage areas can look larger by disposing of items you don't need and storing the rest neatly. Cleaning them out now will also help you when you move!

- If paint on the exterior trim is peeling, it's time to get out the paintbrush. Once you get everything in shape, here are some additional points for showing your home:

- Before the prospective buyer arrives, create a cheerful atmosphere by opening drapes and curtains. Make certain the temperature is comfortable throughout your home.

- Avoid having too many people present. Potential buyers may feel like intruders and hurry through.

- Unless pets are quiet, peaceful and well-behaved, get them out of the way.
- Soft background music may be acceptable, but turn off blaring stereos, radios, and televisions. They can only impede discussions.

- Silence is golden. Too much talking on your part can only distract from the buyer's inspection of the home.

- Never apologize for the appearance of your home. After all, it's been lived in. Let your Realtor react to comments.

- It's a good idea to stay in the background - better yet, get out of the house. Your Realtor is trained to sell your house, is familiar with the buyer's needs, and can point out the significant features of your home.

Is all this effort worthwhile? Simply consider that you are competing for the buyer's attention with other families who also are selling their homes at the same time. "Time and effort invested to make certain that your home is shown in its best light will not only give you a competitive edge, but will also help you get the best price for your home."

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DECORATING YOUR CASTLE

If you ever heard someone say "My house is so small that I just can't do anything in the way of decorating", or even that "I have such big, barny rooms that I have no idea how to arrange them", you know that people aren't always satisfied with what they have. However, if you read some of the magazines that feature homes you will see some of the very smallest and some of the very largest homes decorated so beautifully that you'd be willing to move into either. The secret seems to be in making the house you have reflect you. Whether you do your own decorating or have a professional's help, your home should not have the look of a show room but should represent your taste and reflect your own personal life-style.

Use the colors you love and the things you like for the basis of your decorating scheme. Look at the rooms in magazines, in the paper, on television and pick out the

arrangements you like and fit those elements into your own scheme. If the beds are at an angle in the corner because the dresser will only fit on one wall, maybe that is the answer for you too. If you have to combine living and eating space, the chances are they are doing the same thing on television sets so take a look at the way they do that and make it yours. You don't have to go out and buy the very latest and very expensive furnishings, especially since the trend is to have things that are old and used looking anyway. Just remember, whether you do your decorating yourself or have a decorator do it, you have to live with it. So large or small make the most of your home-make it your castle and make it one you are happy with.

This story was submitted by Norma Pine, Broker-Associate, ABR, CRS, RE/MAX of Midland.

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LONELY TOO LONG

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DO YOU LIKE?

Shy at first, WF 42, 5'6", brown hair, hazel eyes, enjoys quiet walks, moves, dining, and quiet times. ISO WCM 40-55, humorous, kind-hearted, who likes kids. Ad 1744

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Red hair, blue eyes, WF 45, reserved at first, enjoys camping, fishing, long walks, dancing, moves, and outdoor sports. HM 38-48, not a game player. Ad 1689

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Fun at home is liked by this BF 29, 5'4", 170lbs. light brown eyes, likes going to the gym, playing pool, and watching sports. ISO WM 20-29, who likes children. Ad 1687

FOR WONDERFUL TIMES

Professional, outgoing SWF 50, 5'4", 128lbs. brown hair, enjoys traveling, good wine, meeting people. ISO Christian SWF 48-55, for LTR. Ad 1678

ISO LTR

Classy, attractive SWF 49, enjoys ballroom dancing, quiet times, and outdoor sports. Seeking WM 50-55, preferably 5'10" +, with no baggage. Ad 1667

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Outgoing, friendly SWF 22, 5'6", 125lbs. blue-eyed blonde, enjoys dancing, dining out, ISO SM 19-34, who likes kids. Ad 1658

THE RIGHT GUY?

Attractive, outgoing SWF 40, 5'5", 120lbs. brown hair, enjoys living life. ISO SM 33-50. Ad 1651

TREAT ME LIKE A LADY

Friendly, warm, caring SWF 49, 5'7", 122lbs. blonde hair, hazel eyes, enjoys the lake, outdoors, ISO tall, handsome, college-educated SWF 45-55. Ad 1650

LET'S GET ACQUAINTED

Shy SWF 21, 5'6", 130lbs. long brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys swimming and moves, seeks a single HM 23-25. Ad 1648

GOOD TIMES

Outgoing, friendly SWF 19, 5'5", 160lbs. brown hair, enjoys sports, moves, reading, ISO sports, dancing, partying, for friendship. Ad 1645

BE MY LIFE PARTNER

Outgoing, humorous SWF 27, 5'11", enjoys moves, swimming, dancing, ISO caring SWF 24-40, who likes children, for friendship. Ad 1634

CALL ME!

Outgoing, outgoing, casual SWF 20, 5'2", 120lbs. blonde hair, enjoys life, ISO SM 18-27, who knows what he wants out of life. Ad 1641

FAITHFUL

Humorous, laid-back SWF 22, 5'6", 125lbs. blonde hair, blue eyes, who enjoys writing, travel, and clubbing, seeks an honest SWF 21-35, for a possible LTR. Ad 1642

BEAUTIFUL BLOND

Romantic SWF 22, likes clubbing, moves, walks, and quiet times. Looking for a good-looking, outgoing, fun-loving, adventurous SWF 22-32, to share good times with. Ad 1640

PARTNER AND FRIEND

WF 21, 5'2", 150lbs. blonde hair, enjoys moves, long walks. ISO friendly WCM 18-25, family-oriented, friendship, shopping, good times with. Ad 1639

DOWN-TO-EARTH GIRL

Easygoing SWF 39, 5'11", dark hair, loves reading, moves, and family activities. She would like to get acquainted with a kind, friendly, humorous SWF 38-45, who loves doing things at home. Ad 1643

A ROMANTIC

Single white female, 48, 5'11", medium build, blonde hair, likes moves, and dancing, self-employed, enjoys life to the fullest, sports, camping, football. Seeks a single white male, 44-52, humorous, self-confident, with similar interests. Ad 1609

LIKES THE HOME LIFE

SWF 44, 5'5", 115lbs. green eyes, reddish brown hair, loves reading, moves, traveling, shopping, cooking, dining, and animals. Looking for honest, respectful SWF 35-55, for LTR. Ad 1433

BEST FRIEND

Outgoing SWF 48, 5'8", 155lbs. enjoys traveling and fishing. Looking for a good independent, goal-oriented DSWCF 47-53, who's supportive and wants to share life with. Ad 1420

KIND-HEARTED

Blond SWF 20, 5'4", medium build, employed, in college, likes moves and riding horses. ISO SWF 21-26, with a good personality and great sense of humor. Ad 1412

SHARE MY LIFE

SWF 57, medium build, blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys music, movies, sports, television, and quiet times. Seeking a LTR. Ad 1557

CANT GO WRONG

Outgoing, fun-loving SWF 43, 5'7", average build, with long dark hair, hazel eyes, loves children, animals, yard sales, seeks a sincere SWF 35-55, with similar interests, for friends first. Ad 1545

SPENDING TIME

Spontaneous SWF 22, 5'6", 123lbs. blonde hair, blue eyes, outgoing, and what ever is fun. Looking for a fun-loving SWF 20-30, who's not serious and who enjoys sports. Ad 1376

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DWF 21, 5'7", black hair, hazel eyes, kind, open-minded, enjoys cooking, dining, long walks, and fishing. ISO SWF 40-50, who's mature and full of life. Ad 1530

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SWF 45, 5'7", blue eyes, red hair, easygoing, enjoys dancing, camping, and fishing. ISO SWF 45-55, outgoing and easy to get along with. Ad 1520

LOOKING FOR YOU

SWF 27, 5'7", 150lbs. blonde hair, enjoys life, full-figured, personable, enjoys moves and outdoor sports. Seeking SM 25-40, sincere, faithful, and honest, for a LTR. Ad 1512

SHARE DREAMS WITH ME

Outgoing, understanding SWF 22, 5'7", 120lbs. blonde hair, enjoys children, reading, responsible, educated SWF 40-55, I enjoy family, arts and crafts, and music. Ad 1505

ISO LIFE PARTNER

Fun-loving, intelligent, compassionate, warm SWF 55, 5'10", blonde hair, enjoys painting, interior design, gardening, reading, humane work. ISO intelligent, ambitious SWF 50-55, for a long-term relationship. Ad 1504

ENJOY SIMPLE THINGS

Easygoing SWF 38, 5'7", 135lbs. brown hair, likes moves, hanging out, going to the lake, ISO easygoing, honest, outgoing, ISO SM 30-45, for friendship. Ad 1503

SHOW YOUR EMOTIONS

Down-to-earth, outgoing SWF 20, 5'2", long brown hair, hazel eyes, loves dancing, singing, swimming, moves, quiet times, the outdoors, sports. Seeking caring, loving, outgoing SWF 20-25, who likes kids and is interested in a possible LTR. Ad 1492

HARDWORKING LADY

SWF 52, 5'10", blonde hair, hazel eyes, full-figured, desires kind-hearted, outgoing SWF 52-62, ND for casual dating. Ad 1451

POSITIVE OUTLOOK

Happy SWF 39, 5'6", blonde hair, enjoys sports, softball, music, nature, animals, working out, seeking honest, outgoing SWF 38-44, with grown or no children, for a casual relationship. Ad 1499

COMMITTED CHRISTIAN?

Outgoing, genuine SWF 47, 5'7", 120lbs. blonde hair, enjoys plays, live concerts, dancing, singing, and good times. Looking for a kind, honest, intelligent, college-educated SWF 40-55, financially secure, who loves the Lord. Ad 1475

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GREGARIOUS

SWCF 44, 5'5", 130lbs. long black hair, blue eyes, outgoing, likes walking, church, playing around, reading, travel, hiking, gardening, and fishing. Seeking a SWF 35-45, who's solid, stable, convictions, multi-talented, intelligent, fun-loving. Ad 1409

CHRISTIAN LADY

HF 38, 5'9", 140lbs. brown hair, green eyes, outgoing, family-oriented, church-going, enjoys bowling, movies, dancing, seeking honest man, 35-40. Please be a Christian, sincere and honest. Ad 1401

NO GAME PLAYERS

Outgoing, sociable, fun-loving SHF 41, 5'7", average build, dark brown hair, seeks N.S. social drinker, sincere SWF 38-50, for friendship and more. Ad 1390

NEED TO KNOW

SBF 27, 5'7", fun-loving, outgoing, loves reading, jazz music, moves, fine dining and what ever is fun. Looking for a fun-loving SWF 20-40, who's not serious and who enjoys sports. Ad 1376

LET'S HAVE FUN

SWF 18, 5'6", 125lbs. with green eyes, outgoing, enjoys moves, dating, shopping and hanging out. Looking for a fun-loving SWF 25-40, who's nice. Ad 1367

GIVE ME A RING

SBF 27, 5'2", 195lbs. spontaneous and outgoing, enjoys long walks, shopping, dining out and movies. Looking for a fun-loving SWF 25-40, for friendship. Ad 1378

LET'S HAVE FUN

SBF 18, 5'10", 150lbs. with light brown hair, enjoys moves, clubbing and hanging out, looking for a tall, SWF 18-21, who likes to have fun. Ad 1365

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Sweet SWF 22, petite, slender, good listener, loves riding horses, laughing, clubbing and dancing. Looking for a clean, outgoing, outgoing, ISO SM 18-21, who likes to have fun and share quiet times together. Ad 1345

FOR YOUR COOKIE

Is this sweet, fun-loving SWF 18, 5'1", who likes clubbing, dancing, and working on cars. Seeking WF 18-25, fun, outgoing, and likes to party. Ad 1280

MAKING IT REAL

Easygoing WM 21, 5'10", 150lbs. brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys football, clubs, dancing, and working on cars. Seeking WF 18-25, fun, outgoing, and likes to party. Ad 1774

BE MY FRIEND

Fun, humorous SWF 25, 5'11", black hair, brown eyes, enjoys horseback riding, moves, and quiet times. Seeking a kind, SM 24-44, for friendship. Ad 1290

WHAT DO YOU LIKE?

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2009 Sands	\$72,000
1800 W. Ohio	\$75,000
2515 Castleford	\$124,900
7011 Courtney Ct.	\$229,900

2 BEDROOMS

1800 W. Ohio-2BR/2 Lg. or 3BR/1 Lg.	\$75,000
#18 Oaklawn Park-2BR, 3BA, 2LA or 3BR, 3BA, 1LA	\$129,900
1106 W. Missouri-Updated 2BR, guest house	\$79,000
1713 Princeton-2 lg., big backyard, lots of updating	\$62,900
3215 Sycamore-2 bedroom, 2 bath, Spotless	\$49,900
602 Waverly-Well maintained, hardwood floors, appliances	\$28,000

3 BEDROOMS

1703 North I-Distinctive & elegant, pool, 2LA, bonus room	\$375,000
2005 Shell-The Entertainers', completely remodeled	\$293,000
1703 W. Ohio-Gracious & charming with grand pool, updated kitchen and bath	\$225,000
3313 Dentcrest-Lovely will pay Buyer's closing costs, 3BR, 2 1/2 BA	\$87,500
6 Chatham-Spacious 3BR, 3 1/2 BA, quiet cul-de-sac	\$164,500
4513 Robin-La-Open floor plan, 2 lg. areas, great backyard	\$164,500
1207 Harvard-Great master w/bath & her bath, beautiful yard, lovely!	\$159,675
2515 Castleford-Perfect 4 yr. old 3BR, 2BA, formal dining!	\$124,900
2300 Hermitage-Custom one owner, gorgeous landscaping	\$119,000
3504 Dentcrest-Gorgeous 3BR, 2BA, workshop	\$96,900
2311 Shadown-3BR, 2BA, 2 car garage, fireplace	\$89,900
3103 Elma-Magnificent 3BR, 2BA, high ceilings w/skylights	\$88,000
1604 Kansas-2 living, in-law plan, super storage, 3 bath	UIC \$87,500
3313 Dentcrest-Seller will pay Buyer's closing costs, 3BR, 2 1/2 BA	\$87,500
1004 Golf Course-A beautiful updated home, great kitchen, great space	\$84,900
1000 Culver-Big bedrooms, gameroom, open living	\$82,500
3116 Tealwood-3BR, 3 1/2 BA, multi-level, low maintenance	\$79,900
1006 Tarleton-Great condition	\$79,900
3533 Imperial-3.2 L.A.'s	\$79,900
1008 Missouri-Beautiful home: 3BR, 3 liv. areas, storage, workshop	\$79,900
2311 Shadown-3BR, 2BA, Hardwood floors	\$77,000
4002 Gulf-High ceiling, sequestered master, Great Price	\$76,500
4733 Dengar-High ceilings, quiet street	UIC \$74,900
2009 Sands-Pretty, updated, lots of tile!	\$72,000

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812 Lawson-Walking distance to Bowie	\$67,000
4303 Country Club-Totally updated, gorgeous yard	\$64,900
1100 McDonald-Large rooms, corner lot, new garage door	\$60,000
1401 Boeing-New carpet, paint & tile	\$59,900
304 Alpine-3BR, 2 bath, beautiful yard, super plan	\$59,900
209 Skywood-4BR, 3 1/2 bath, 3 garage, 2 liv. & 2 din	\$59,900
4108 Radcliff-Gourmet kitchen, large 1/2 BA, 1 CG	\$56,500
5804 Devlin-Like new 4BR, 3BA, gameroom, Grassland	\$55,900
6907 Sunrise-Crt. Golf Course View, 2 lg., 3 baths, seq master	\$55,900
3111 Seaboard-MaMar, 4 1/2 5/2 living	\$49,900
3402 Alicia-Beautiful 4BR, 3BA, 3 car garage, quiet cul-de-sac	\$48,500
3109 Seaboard-MaMar, 4bd, 3 bath, spacious rooms	\$45,000
3105 Sentinel-Granite & brick kitchen, arched stove	\$45,000
1310 Brighton-Hardwood floors, corian countertops, two FPS, 3BA	\$39,900
5020 Bluebird-Branch-Viking Oaks-Breakfast porch	\$39,900
3408 Woodhaven-New Listing, Trinity, 1 living, immaculate	\$31,500
1402 Castleford-Gorgeous 4BR, 3BA w/gourmet kitchen & much more!	\$31,500
5007 Canterbury-Beautiful 4BR in Polo Park, sequestered master, 3 car garage	\$31,500
4906 Rustic Trail-One owner, open living	\$31,500
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908 Citation-Perfect patio home with pool. Totally updated!	\$299,000
904 Citation-4 1/2 2/2, Tile, Pool, High ceilings!	\$275,000
7 Oaklawn-Gorgeous townhome w/skating rink, grand mstr suite	\$275,000
4100 Edgebrook-Exquisite patio home, grand amenities	\$235,000
2506 Quail Point-3 bedrooms, 3 full baths, garden home	\$145,000
4003 Clayton Ct-Late Condo, 3BR, 2BA, 1 1/2 Car Garage, Mar Jackson Patis Home	\$144,900
5488 Cypress Ct-TH Type Living, 3/2/2	\$142,900
1021 Ward-WHOA! Fabulous 3/2 5/2 TH	\$139,900
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3302 Haynes-Duplex, 3/2 each side, Nice condition!	\$139,900
#18 Oaklawn Park-Great 2BR, 3BA, 2LA or 3BR, 3BA, 1LA	\$129,900
4005-1 Springmeadow-Hardwood floors, decorating allowance, skylites	\$124,000
2901 W. Golf Course-Exceptional 3BR, 2 1/2 BA with study/hobby, 2 patios	\$115,900
2506 W. Wadley-Wonderful townhouse: updated 2BR, 2BA	\$114,900
2202 W. Golf Course-Sparkling clean & charming TH	\$110,000
2005 Sunburst-3BR/2BA, tile, blinds, landscaping	\$102,700
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3006 Tealwood-Spacious townhouse, 3BR, 2BA, 2 car garage, spotless	\$82,900
4506 Norwood-Lots of new, great plan	\$77,500
3214 Elma-Townhouse w/downstairs master & 2.5 baths	\$73,400
3207 Whittle Way-Roomy townhouse, 2 1/2 bath, recent tile & carpet, 2 gar	\$67,900
2100 W. Wadley #13-Beautiful 2 story/condo, master downstairs	\$65,000
600 Liddon #73-Sutton Place Townhomes, lots of new	\$40,000

4 BEDROOMS

303 Skywood-Apt. + 4 BR, 3 baths, 2 living, 3 gar + inground pool	\$379,500
24 Lakes-Custom 1-owner in Saddle Club Lakes	\$300,000
4008 Radcliff-Perfect home in Trinity West!	\$248,900
#19 Saddle Club Drive-Location, Location, etc. Great House!	\$248,500
1327 Terra Ct-Exquisite floorplan over 4100 sq ft, 4 1/2 2LA, study	\$229,000
209 Skywood-4BR, 3 1/2 bath, 3 garage, 2 liv. & 2 din	\$219,500
4108 Radcliff-Gourmet kitchen, large 1/2 BA, 1 CG	\$205,000
5804 Devlin-Like new 4BR, 3BA, gameroom, Grassland	\$194,900
6907 Sunrise-Crt. Golf Course View, 2 lg., 3 baths, seq master	\$194,900
3111 Seaboard-MaMar, 4 1/2 5/2 living	REDUCED \$169,900
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4900 Rustic Trail-Custom quality, great plan, buyer's incentive!	\$134,900
2512 Dengar-3 bath, huge rooms! New roof!	REDUCED \$129,900
1011 Little John-New Listing, 1 1/2 yrs. new, Open plan, wonderful	\$129,900
#3 Cambridge Ct-Gorgeous 4BR, 2 masters, 2LA's, 3 dining	\$129,900
2305 Shell-Old Midland! beauty, across from park	\$127,900
1714 Holloway-Old Midland! lots of space, new paint	UIC \$124,900
2816 Metz-4 1/2 living, tile floors, great	\$122,900
201 Club-lots of updating, wonderful kitchen	\$122,500
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2510 Shell-Wonderful 4BR, 2BA, 2 liv. areas, lots of refurbishing	\$109,900
4713 Cindy Place-Plantation shutters, ceramic tile, fresh paint, recent carpet	UIC \$89,500
3612 Baumann-Large 4BR, 3 bath, handicap accessible	REDUCED \$82,500
2802 Sandhill Circle-Reduced \$10,000 to sell now! Workshop	\$79,900
2309 Country Club-Spacious, open plan, great yard & porch	\$74,000
911 W. Michigan-Gleaming hardwoods, great yard, Super	\$69,500
1003 Denton-Immaculate 4BR, great play yard, wood floors	\$64,500
2406 Kansas-Humongous, Great location, Mother-in-law plan	REDUCED \$52,000
110 S. Bentwood-Lots of storage & room	\$49,900
935 Edwards-4 bedroom brick home for only	\$49,900
3103 Illinois-Daring, faux painting, 2 baths	\$46,900

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5719 Hillcrest-5bd/4 1/2ba/4 car garage! Living	\$318,000
3906 Baybrook-Beautifully maintained, Morris custom	\$315,000
5801 Cranston-5 or 4BD, 3LA, Stunning & Immaculate!	\$252,000
2515 Castleford-Perfect 4 yr old 3BR, 2BA, formal dining!	\$124,900
1001 N. Garfield-A Midland landmark, 3BR, 3BA, 2LA plus pool & greenhouse	\$165,000

SUBURBAN & LAND

5000 N. Midland-40x60 shop, 6000 sq. ft.	\$395,000
Co. Rd. 120-Country Estate, Pool, 4 Houses, 18AC, Reduced	\$265,000
2408 Bluebird-6+ Acres	\$250,000
N. Garfield-40 Acres, Great potential	\$172,800
3408 W. Co. Rd. 185-Hardwood floors, 2.5 bath, Airplane Hanger	\$154,900
2823 Rankin Hwy-6.46 acres	\$135,000
201 E. Co. Rd. 120-Pool, hot tub, big bedrooms	\$120,000
3801 S. Co. Rd. 1185-Fabulous 4BR, 2BA, workshop, barn, 3w.	UIC \$99,900
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Gingerbread creations

Contest becomes family affair

When the Adair family of Midland get together in the kitchen, the result is likely to be gingerbread houses.

This year Anna and Robert and their four children created four gingerbread houses that they donated to the Museum of the Southwest's exhibit and sale.

Anna's creation, a compound of structures built around what she thinks it must look like at the North Pole, consists of Santa's house, which is actually a castle, the toy workshop, the reindeer stable and a medieval wall surrounding them. The entry is via drawbridge, of course. Inside, you can see the furnishings, the elves working, the reindeer and Santa.

Robert made a fishing lodge. His, too, is a complex affair, with the little fishing house, a blue candy-lake where a lone fisher holds a gumdrop fish suspended from a spaghetti strand line, and off to the side, another fisher heads toward an outhouse. He holds a roll of toilet paper in one hand and he waits as a skunk emerges from the outhouse.

The houses made by the children are more traditional and smaller, covered with snow-crusted candies and cookies. The walls are made of dough pressed into molds, and cooked and stuck together with royal icing. Both of these are joint efforts, made by a partnership of two children. Alyssa, 8, and Jonathon, 7, collaborated on one; Autumn, 5, and Jacob, 3, made the other.

Autumn's and Jacob's house was the most problematic of the four entries, Anna said, because Jacob, 2, kept eating the candies.

"Even when we got to the museum, he was still eating them," she said. "As we placed his and Autumn's house on the table, he found a candy that had fallen off, and he said, 'Look, this one fell off, so I might as well eat it,' and he popped it into his mouth."

This is the first year the entire Adair family has gotten together to work on a project large enough to cover more than eight collective feet of exhibit space, but they are accustomed to working together.

The children are home-schooled. Four desks are lined up in the living room and maps and charts line two walls. The long dining table that has been covered with gingerbread house ingredients for the past month is often used to assemble papers and do school projects.

Although the family often does projects together, this has been the first year to make gingerbread houses.

Last year, Anna was the sole gingerbread maker. Her entry in the general category won second prize.

This year, she decided it was time the family got involved.

"The kids are all old enough this year, and we're used to doing things together, so I thought this would be fun," she said. "I entered all our names, including Bobby's, and then I told them."

Bobby, a welder, said the idea of a fishing lodge came naturally to him.

"I don't know anything about castles, or anything like that, but I love to fish, and I thought it would be more fun to make something that I knew about," he said. "When Anna told me she had entered me in the competition, I thought she would at least help me make the dough, but she just gave me the recipe and I was on my own."

Anna did offer a little more help to the children, however.

"Our mom mixed up the dough for us," said Alyssa, "and we pressed it into molds for the walls, and she helped us put it in the oven, and take it out."

They assembled the houses with royal icing, an egg white-based ingredient that dries

cement-hard, and added candies and cookies of all sorts. The rules stipulate that everything in the exhibit must be edible except for the cardboard base. Sucker sticks are also allowed.

Anna said that although she learned even before the birth of Jacob, her youngest, always to have alternate strategies in any project that the family undertakes, things arose as the countdown toward the finish that were completely out of her control.

"Remember the rainy weather we had?" she said. "In West Texas, we're not used to that humidity. Last year when I made my gingerbread house, I baked the dough and it stayed good and hard, the way I baked it."

"This year, the cookies started softening about the third day, and this caused a lot of problems, especially with the wall around my village."

There were also humidity problems with the candies. What should have been glassy and rock hard was sticky and rock hard. Anna had used a Sugar Daddy as one of the trees in her village yard. Soon after taking it down to the museum, she went down one day to find that the candy had softened and drooped, then finally slid to the ground, leaving only the pitiful stick standing in the icing.

There was also human error. "I had been so busy that I hadn't read the rules carefully," she said. "And I thought we had until Friday to turn the gingerbread houses in. So I was in the final stages of mine, and the kids had theirs done, but Bobby had only got the basic houses started and the lake poured, when they called me on Thursday morning to ask me if I was going to enter."

They said the deadline was that afternoon.

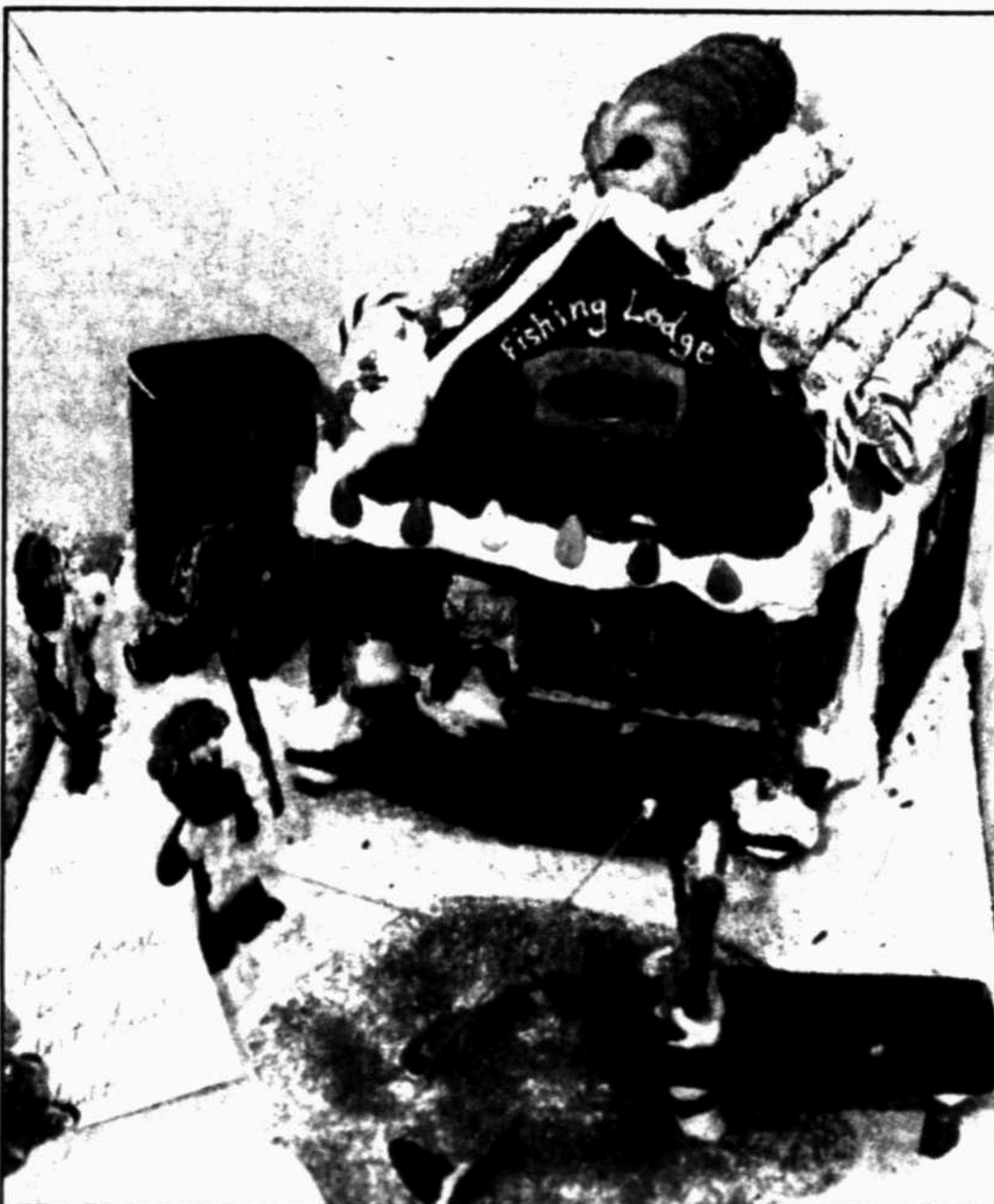
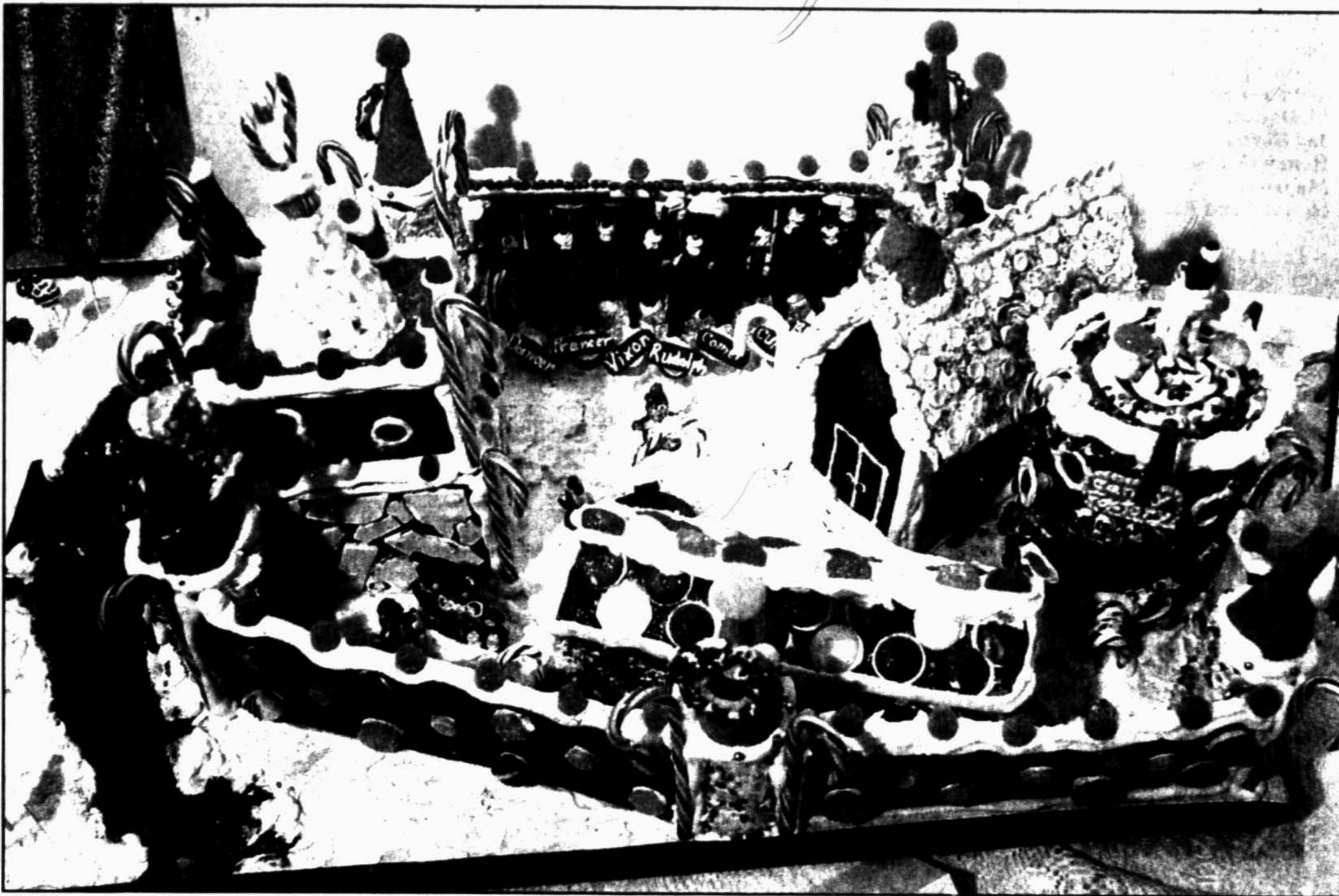
"I called Bobby at work and told him, and then I called my mother-in-law to help me take them down to the museum."

They had to take the back seat out of their station wagon in order to fit Anna's huge display in, and the children rode in the back to steady the quickly softening structures.

For Bobby, meanwhile, the pressure was off — sort of.

"I had to work for a living," he said. "When Anna called, I said no way could I take off. I didn't even have the lake finished. I told her I'd go ahead and finish it if the museum would let me bring it in late, but it couldn't be there in time for the judging."

Bobby said he was disappointed not to be in the judging, but he had fun all the same.



Meanwhile, Anna will receive \$300 for winning Best of Show.

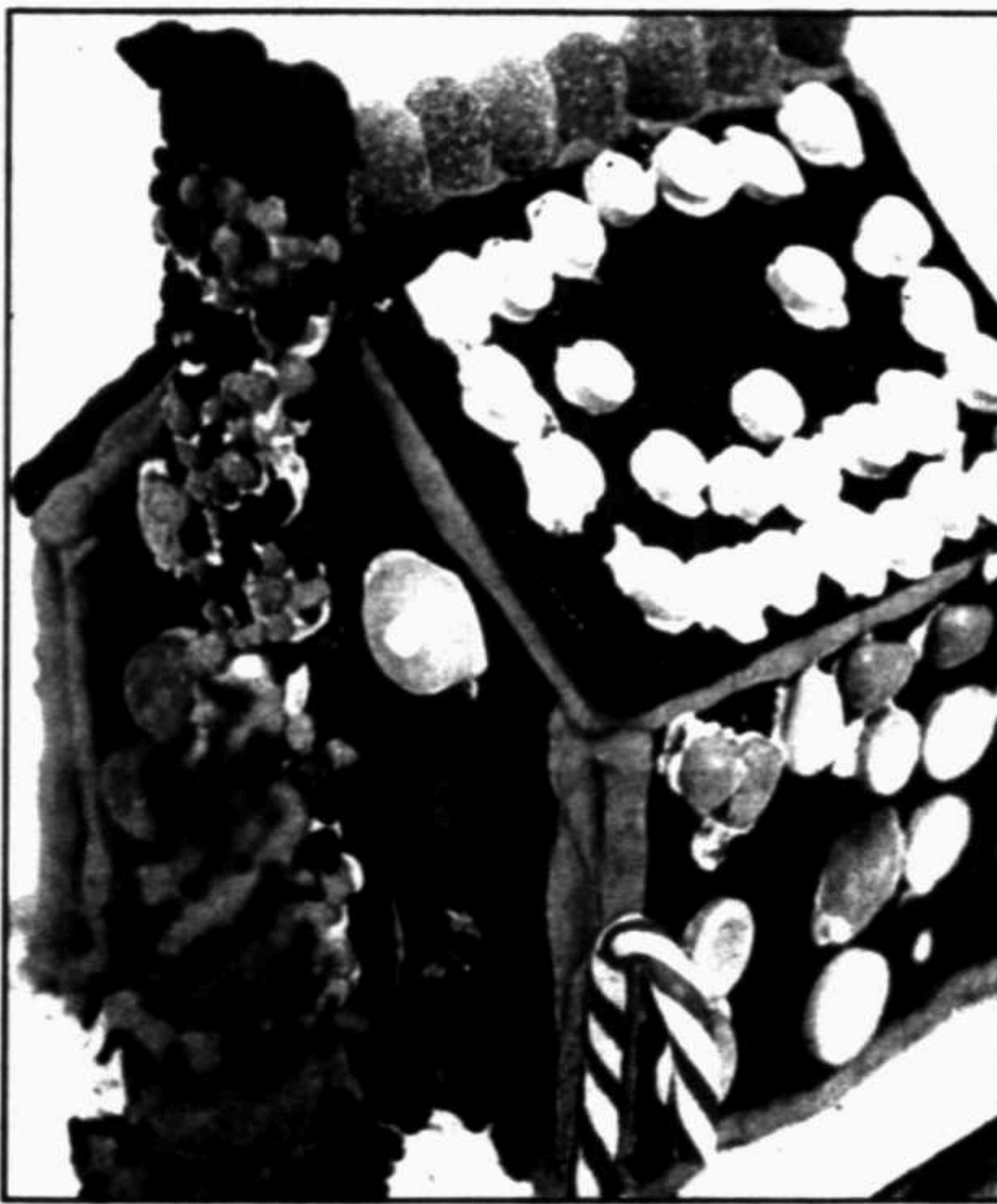
"With four kids, that money will really come in handy," she said.

The children's houses didn't win, but they're still proud to be exhibitors.

They continued to do their gingerbread work after the competition, making a gingerbread chapel for their minister.

They plan to enter again next year. The kids will be older, and Anna, a little wiser, will pay closer attention to the deadlines.

And maybe, just maybe, Jacob won't eat the candies.



The Adair family — Anna and Robert and their children, Alyssa, Jonathon, Autumn and Jacob, entered the Museum of the Southwest's annual gingerbread house contest. Anna's creation, above, "Santa's Village," won Best of Show. Robert's entry was "Fishing Lodge," left. The children worked in pairs: Alyssa and Jonathon made "Lifesaver House," below right; and Autumn and Jacob made "Candy Land," below left.

After the family finished their museum entries, they made a chapel for their pastor. BOTTOM LEFT: Jacob and Autumn sort candy. BOTTOM CENTER: Anna helps Alyssa shape the dough. BOTTOM RIGHT: Robert and Jonathon work together.

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HAVE YOU HEARD?

By Marilyn McKnight Harrison

Friends and supporters of The Haley Memorial Library and History Center were invited to stop by the library on a recent December evening for "Christmas Cheer."

Guests enjoyed gourmet appetizers, Christmas carols sung by Paula Shipp, Glenda Rhea and Janette Davis from Bellview Baptist Church and greeting old friends and sharing family news and holiday plans.

In addition, they had the opportunity to view Midland artist William Hagerman's most recent paintings.

Among the partygoers were Eleanor and Steve Harper, Bobbie Jean and Gene McDaniell, Carolyn Roden, Susan and Jay Horton, Ted Johnson, Melinda and Henry Musselman, Joann and Ed Magruder, Mary Griffith, Snooky Howard and Eleanor Kimberlin.



Harrison

The Midland Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club continued its tradition of holding "A Gathering of Angels" of all ages to celebrate Christmas this year.

Held in the home of Anne Johnson, the beautiful tea honored collegiate members of the sorority and their mothers, as well as daughters, mothers, and grandmothers of the alums.

The co-hostesses, Georgia Edwards, Becky Ferguson and Suzanne Martin, served lovely teatime refreshments, including cookies in the shapes of the Pi Phi emblems, angels and arrows.

Active members present were Elizabeth Webb with mother, Sharon; Anne Rucker with mother, Melanie Hurta; Katie Wallace with mother, Kathy; Jessica McCaslin with mother, Jeri, and Julie Jacobs with mother, Carole.

Among alums seen at the festive event with their daughters were Mary Frances Simpson and Helen Gray; Allison Boudreaux and Isabella; Jennifer Ready and Lauren; Karla Davis and Kali; Jan Goree and Carter, and Kim Carleton and McKenzie and Madison.

Other alumnae present included Nancy Hull, Nancy Doss, Roni Duke, Becca Heidelberg, Sarilyn Black, Joan Baskin, Mary Hunter and Betty Gilmore.

Members of the Midland Alumnae Chapter of Delta Delta Delta held their Christmas tea recently in the home of Emily Blomkvist. Co-hostesses were Ann Folger and Carolyn Beall.

The annual event is for alumnae and their daughters and collegians and their mothers.

Every room of Emily's home was festively decorated for Christmas, and even the beautiful red amaryllis plant bloomed just in time for the party.

The collegiate members present were Julie McClure, Megan Hawkes, Randa Foy, Krista Kerr with her mother, Marianne Goodyear; Kacey Gragg and mother, Michelle Mauzy; Kristin Stoltz and mother, Patty; Katherine Watkins and mother, Karen; Alexis Strickling and mother, Roxane; Brenna Belew and mother, Janice; Courtney Dickerson and mother, Karen, and Kristen Knight and mother, Tri Delta alum Mabelle Knight.

Among others present were Mrs. Blomkvist's daughter, Whitney, and her niece, Ashley O'Connor; Mrs. Folger's daughters, Abigail and Amelia; Mrs. Beall's daughter, Kelly; Mignon Pearson with Tri Delta daughter Rachael Erikson, and granddaughter Janelle Erikson; Nancy Butler and daughter Anne, visiting here from Brisbane, Australia.

Other alumnae and daughters present were Nancy Meyers and Courtney, Sue Siebens and Elizabeth Courtney, Molly Williams and Hope, Ann Spencer with Brittany and Brooke, and Debbie Byrd with Helen and Mary Elizabeth. Also attending were alums Barrett Ramsey, Pat Dougherty, Mae Spencer, Marian Matthews, Don Marie McIntire, Sharla Hotchkiss, and Mary Emma Bennett.

The Midland Delta Gamma Association held a Christmas open house in the home of Melinda Connell for mothers, daughters and friends.

Collegians attending were Courtney Robnett with her mother, Amy; Dawn Dickson with mother, Janis, and Anne Billingsley with mother, Fran.

Other mothers and daughters attending were Sue Solari and Deb Solari, Ann Creamer and Alyson and Shannon, Susan Gau and Jordan, Louise Lang and Jennie House, and Jean Kouns and Marilyn Hightower.

Members attending were Elinore Chase, Toni Midkiff, Sara Watson, Kathy Robbins, Vicki Chase, Hilary Lovell, Dell Ruwwe, Cathy Burgess, Ruth Ann Griffin and Diana Daugherty. A special guest was Brigitta Hoehn, a friend of the hostess.

The Year of the Weddings — Part II: Now that we've had two weddings in the last six months, we truly feel like experts as parents of the groom. Our elder son, Mack, was married to Dulcinea Cuellar on Dec. 15. Faithful readers will recall that son, Tim, exchanged vows with former Midland teacher Heather Griffith last summer.

The new Mr. and Mrs. Harrison were married in the bride's hometown of Corpus Christi. The beautiful 6 p.m. candlelight ceremony in Kelsey Memorial United Methodist Church was followed by a reception at the Corpus Christi Bay Club at the Naval Air Station.

After a honeymoon to Las Vegas, the couple are at home in McAllen, where both are employed by The McAllen Monitor. Mack as opinion page editor and Dulci as a reporter.

The couple were honored at a round of parties in Midland on a bright fall weekend.

The festivities began with a couples' shower at the home of Trish and Phillip Speight. Also hosting were Phillip's parents, Phyllis and Carl Speight.

The following day, Dulci was the honoree at a coffee at Ranchland Hills Country Club. The hostesses were Rosemary Cox, Cecelia Davis, Nell Ellis, Ruth Ann Griffin, Patsy Hinchey, Martha Kallus, Jean Knight, Margaret Rhea and Mary Jo Sawyer.

That evening, Mack's aunt, Shirley Ireland, and family friend Mary Lou Cassidy reprised the pre-nuptial cast party they had given last spring for Tim and Heather. The event, held at Mary Lou's home, introduced Dulci to theater friends of the Harry and myself, who have long been active on the local community theater scene. The cleverly worded invitation (a repeat of the original with only the names and dates changed) ended with these words: "Yes, we know this sounds familiar. We are pleased to announce there are no more Harrison children to marry off."

And Dulci also was honored by friends and relatives with a bridal shower in Corpus Christi.

We hosted the rehearsal dinner at Sonja's Restaurant in downtown Corpus. The bride's parents, Noemi and Manuel Cuellar, were hosts for the reception, which included a lovely cocktail buffet and two musical groups, mariachis and a dance band.

Former Midlanders at the wedding included Mack's aunt and uncle, Dorothy and Bob Martyn of Quanah; his cousins, Paula Ireland Collins and Holly Hill of Dallas; Pat and John Kolb of Tyler, Tracy Hardy Schlake of Fort Worth, Lisa Link of Austin, Gil Ward and John Sommers of Lubbock, Michael Baimbridge and Lee Borders of Houston, and Heather and Tim Harrison from College Station.

Midlanders present included Mack's cousins, Kathy Ireland Hill and daughter, Jessica; Trish (Humes) and Phillip Speight, Shirley Ireland, Mary Lou Cassidy, and Liz Montagna.

Other friends and relatives came from coast to coast to witness the exchange of vows and join in the attendant festivities.



Colorforms

Children's 'sick-in-bed' toy turns 50

By Sheila Hotchkiss
Associated Press

RIVER EDGE, N.J. — It began when some cash-strapped art students started looking for a low-cost alternative to paint.

The search led Harry and Patricia Kiselevitz to colorful, paper-thin vinyl that stuck to shiny surfaces. But the vinyl failed as an artistic medium, and the Kiselevitzes left it in their bathroom with a pair of scissors to entertain houseguests.

"Our friends would go in and do the most marvelous Matisse things on the wall. And they'd never come out," Patricia Kiselevitz said. "Harry said, 'I think we've got something.'"

Fifty years later, Colorforms have a new owner and is doing some experimenting with new materials. But the basic concept has not changed since the toy's formative years in that orange-and-green bathroom: Children take shapes cut from vinyl and stick them wherever they can.

That's all it takes to generate tens of millions of dollars in sales each year. By 1990, Colorforms had sold a billion boxed sets.

"I think it speaks to the elegance and simplicity of the idea behind Colorforms," said Moss Kardener, who became the business's general manager after San Francisco-based University Games acquired it in the late 1990's.

A straightforward approach has been part of Colorforms since its earliest days, when its founders picked the simplest of names for the assortment of geometric shapes they cut from rolls of vinyl crammed into their New York City apartment.

"I said, 'Let's call it what it is: color forms,'" Ms. Kiselevitz said.

Their creation caught on quickly. Toy store FAO Schwartz sought exclusive rights to sell Colorforms, an idea the Kiselevitzes nixed. Orders flooded in, and Kiselevitz hired a cadre of salesmen to sort through them.

The adolescent business outgrew the apartment near New York University, and the couple moved to a house in River Edge, N.J. Later, they started a factory in North Jersey, moving it several times before settling on nearby Ramsey.

Colorforms were among the first toys featured on television commercials, and they pioneered the realm of licensed characters with a 1957 Popeye Cartoon Kit.

"It was the ultimate rainy day or sick-in-bed toy," said Sarah Orleans, a co-founder of the Garden State Discovery Museum in Cherry Hill, N.J., which is featuring an exhibit on Colorforms.

As time passed, the Kiselevitzes got divorced and Colorforms evolved. Popeye



gave way to Charlie's Angels and G.I. Joe, and eventually, to Blue's Clues and Harry Potter. "It's a history of popular culture," said Paul

Deion of Hope, R.I., who owns the largest-known Colorforms collection.

The company also owned other toys, including Shrinky Dinks and the three-dimensional game "Don't Tip the Waiter."

Over time, the Kiselevitzes left day-to-day management to others, but they owned Colorforms until the late 1990s.

Nagging debts and a need for fresh perspective led the Kiselevitzes to sell Colorforms to Toy Biz in 1997. University Games acquired the business less than a year later for an undisclosed sum.

"The company was at the point where it needed an enormous financial infusion," Ms. Kiselevitz said. "It was never a happy decision, but we felt it would give it new life."

Kiselevitz moved to Santa Barbara, Calif., but his co-founder still lives in the house they bought together.

The living room is a jumble of shapes and colors: A cardboard cutout of a young Marilyn Monroe, wrapped in feather boas, stands behind a 23-section sofa. A mobile designed by Alexander Calder sways nearby, and a statue of Felix the Cat looks on from the corner.

"I like things that smack of Americana," Ms. Kiselevitz said.

There's hardly a trace of her own contribution to American pop culture. Other than an anniversary edition of the original Colorforms booklet, the company name is nowhere to be seen.

Still, Ms. Kiselevitz is quick to tell her successors when she thinks they're mistaken. She was not fond of the lime-green and reddish-orange colors used in the anniversary booklet, saying kids prefer bright primary colors, vivid green, black and white.

In the last couple years, University Games has tested new Colorforms products, including puzzles and Colorfelts, which use a fuzzy material instead of vinyl.

But the mainstay remains the traditional boxed sets, which are available in more than two-dozen countries and sell for between \$4.99 and \$6.99 in the United States.

Deion, who works as a Colorforms consultant, compared it to "a good old family recipe."

"If it's something that's well-received and popular and everybody likes it, you don't change it," he said.

BRIDGE WINNERS

Dec. 10-Dec. 16

N-S STRAT "A"

1. Helen South - Charlie Grimes

2. Leonora Slusher - Jimmie Penn

3. Babe Griffin - Frances Levin

STRAT "B"

1. Charlie Grimes - Helen South

2. Frances Levin - Babe Griffin

3. Belle Harris - Tommie Strack

E-W STRAT "A"

1. Helen Wise - B.J. Filley

2. Bob Baker - Ron Neumann

3. Mary Renton - Ken Hill

STRAT B

1. B.J. Filley-Helen Wise

2. Ron Neumann-Bob Baker

3. Ken Hill-Mary Renton

TUESDAY: CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

FLIGHT "A"

1. Sandra Rea - Jane Myers

2. Gloria Crites - Flo Curry

3. Jo Price - Betty Hernandez

FLIGHT "B"

1. Betty Fernandez - Jo Price

2. Nancy Liberty - Debbie Kemp

3. Jan Hover - Tommy Strack

WEDNESDAY: OPEN PAIRS

1/2. Bob Baker - Ron Neumann

1/2. Sally Whiteley - Belle Harris

3. Frances Levin - Joe Salzman

FRIDAY: OPEN PAIRS

N-S STRAT "A"

1. Flo Curry-Jerry Williamson

2. Jan Hover-Tommie Strack

3. Janet Stoltz-Sadie Hudson

STRAT "B"

1. Tommie Strack - Jan Hover

2. Sadie Hudson - Janet

Stoltz

3. Sue Conner - Billie Ruppe

E-W STRAT "A"

1. Jane Myers - Aggie Anguish

2. Sandra Rea - Rosaline Grover

3. Mary Hammond - Vagie Lindsey

STRAT "B"

1. Rosaline Grover - Sandra Rea

2. Frances Mills - Nancy Liberty

3. E.J. Henderson - Kathryn Gesell

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

■ **SAN ANGELO** — San Angelo Writer's Club meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 3355 West Beauregard.

■ **ODESSA** — West Texas Singles Association invites all singles to take country western dance lessons and line dancing from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday nights at YMCA, 3001 E. University in Odessa. For planned activities call 550-6960.

■ **The New Nashville Nights**, 4300 Andrews Highway in Odessa, will present country and western music in an alcohol- and smoke-free environment at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays for Senior Night, Fridays Youth Night and Saturdays, ages 17 and up are welcome. For information call 915-366-3240 or 915-559-3574.

■ **45 Plus Dance Club** will host a country western dance with live music every Tuesday at the Knights of Columbus Building, 4601 Farm to Market 1788, non-smoking and non-alcoholic environment, from 7:30 p.m. to 10 a.m. Admission is \$4 for members and \$5 for guests. Guests do not need to be accompanied by a member and singles are welcome. For information call 699-5202 or 694-8442.

■ **AARP Chapter 256** will meet at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Memorial Christian Church Library, 1001 Andrews Highway. For information call 694-2439.

■ **AARP Chapter 4816** will meet at noon the third Thursday of each month at the Southeast Senior Center, 1803 E. Indiana. Interested persons are invited. Call 682-3655 for information.

■ **AARP Chapter 5271** will meet at noon on the last Monday of each month at Casa de Amigos, 1107 E. Garden Lane. For information call 682-9701.

■ **VAN-Visually Impaired Men's Support Group** meets from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. each Tuesday. The **Women's Support Group** meets 10 a.m. to noon each Wednesday. Please bring a sack lunch. Both groups meet at VAN House, 2908 W. Ohio. Call 694-2648 for information.

■ **The Children's Department at Midland County Public Library** holds Storytime 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. each Tuesday and Wednesday in the Kaleidoscope Room.

■ **Seniors Over 50 Dance Club** meets 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesdays at 501 Airpark Road. Admission is \$4. Potluck dinner will precede dance at 6:45 p.m. first week only; participants should bring favorite dish. For more information call 694-3236, 687-1633 or 697-0679.

■ **Grief support groups:** — **Remembering Our Children**, for parents, meets the first Monday of each month (or the second Monday if the first is a holiday). The group meets at 7:30 p.m. at Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas Ave. For more information call 682-2855.

— **The Compassionate Friends**, for parents, grandparents and siblings, meets the first Monday of the month (or the second Monday if the first is a holiday). The group meets 7:30 p.m. at 2700 Wyndwood. For more information call 694-4157, 684-8356 or 520-6461.

— **Remembering Our Mothers** is a support group for grieving daughters. The meetings are at 7:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas. For more information call 682-2855.

■ **ODESSA** — Actor's Gym, an ongoing acting class taught by resident artist/educator Kathryn Graybill, meets from 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays at the Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Rd. on the Odessa College campus. Contact the Globe office at 580-3177 for details. A fee is charged.

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Weddington has a new cause: her own life

By Natalie Gott
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Sarah Weddington spent years fighting for women's rights. Today she is focused on a new cause: her own life.

The 56-year-old attorney who at age 26 argued the U.S. Supreme Court case that legalized abortion is battling breast cancer, the most common form of cancer among women.

In typical Weddington fashion, she is facing the challenge head-on. She makes breast cancer a familiar topic in her speeches. She named her tumor Darth Vader and has peered through a microscope to study the cancer cells that plague her.

"If you're going to go through something bad, you might as well make it as good as you can," Ms. Weddington said.

Her doctor has given her a positive prognosis, but battling the disease is tough. Diagnosed in April, Ms. Weddington underwent chemotherapy once a week from June through November. She started radiation treatment this month.

On a recent weekly doctor's visit, Ms. Weddington was upbeat as she recalled arguing Roe vs. Wade before the Supreme Court, her days in the Carter administration and her life.

Raised in Abilene, Weddington earned an English and secondary education degree from McMurry University. She told the dean she wanted to go to law school.

"Well, you can't," he told her. "And I said, 'I have good grades,' and he said, 'No woman from here has ever gone to law school. It would be too tough,'" she recalled.

After graduating from the University of Texas School of Law

in August 1967, she couldn't find a job with a firm.

"It was just too early for women," she said.

Instead, she took a job assisting one of her law professors with his work for the American Bar Association. In the fall of 1969, some University of Texas graduate students with whom Ms. Weddington had been meeting to discuss women's issues approached her, asking if they would be prosecuted for giving people information about getting safe abortions.

She didn't know the answer, but the woman who had an abortion at age 21 in Mexico began to do some research.

"I knew what it was to go to back alleys and how scary that was, and I wanted other people not to go there," Ms. Weddington said.

One of the graduate students said she wanted to file a lawsuit challenging Texas' anti-abortion law. Ms. Weddington, at first hesitant, asked former classmate Linda Coffee to help with the case.

Their search for a pregnant woman, who wanted an abortion led them to Norma McCorvey, who adopted the pseudonym Jane Roe. Ms. McCorvey said that while other women at the time were "head over heels with Gloria Steinem," she idolized Ms. Weddington.

"She was everything that I always wanted to be," Ms. McCorvey said recently. "I wanted to be smart like her."

Ms. McCorvey, who in 1995 shocked the abortion rights community by joining the anti-abortion group Operation Rescue, said she is not bitter about her role in the case and is praying for Ms. Weddington, who said she no

"If I had to have a disease, I would rather have one that is a woman's disease because my whole life has been the natural flow of a river working on women's issues."

— Sarah Weddington

longer speaks to Ms. McCorvey.

Ms. Weddington, Ms. Coffee and others assembled the case, but it was Ms. Weddington who argued before the Supreme Court in 1971 and again in 1972.

"Now, the women who came to me did not say, 'Would you mind doing a U.S. Supreme Court case?' And if they had, I probably would have said, 'I can't do that,'" Ms. Weddington said.

She offers only faint memories of arguing the case because at the time she was so focused on remembering everything she wanted to say to appeal to each of the judges. Her legal arguments included the idea that women should be allowed to decide whether to continue or terminate pregnancies because of the tremendous effect on them.

"When I left, I actually had to say to people, 'What did I say?' 'What did they ask?'" she said.

Months later, as Ms. Weddington was serving her first term as a Texas state representative in January 1973, her office received a call with the news that she had won.

Then came a telegram — collect — from the Supreme Court.

"If you had said to me then that I would still be talking about it 29 years later, I would never have believed you," she said.

The win propelled her further into the national spotlight, but she continued to serve as a legislator, sponsoring a bill that made it unlawful to deny credit or loans on the basis of sex and later teaming with state Rep. Kay Bailey Hutchinson — now a U.S. senator — to pass rape reform laws.

Ms. Weddington later became general counsel for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and in 1978 was became an assistant to President Jimmy Carter, advising him on women's issues in what she describes as the most exciting job of her career.

She returned to Austin from Washington in the early 1980s to help care for her younger sister, Sue, who had breast cancer. Sue died in September 1984.

"Because she had breast cancer, I thought I would have something else," Ms. Weddington said. "I just never considered I would have breast cancer."

Ms. Weddington continued practicing law until nearly four years ago, after the 25th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. She wanted to spend more time writing and giving speeches. She also teaches gender discrimination and leadership classes at the University of Texas.

Former Gov. Ann Richards first met Ms. Weddington during the Austin attorney's campaign that made her the first female from Travis County elected to the Texas Legislature.

"I was so taken with her and so impressed with her composure, with her maturity," Ms. Richards said. "She was certain of herself. You knew that you were dealing with someone who was very smart, who had a lot of self-confidence and who was willing to take risks."

At the doctor's office, Ms.

Weddington bemoaned the loss of her hair, but laughed as another patient talked about looking like a burglar with a bandanna covering her bald head. That patient and her two visitors whispered and nudged each other when they realized they were chatting with Ms. Weddington. One later peppered her with questions about the famous case and Texas politics.

Ms. Weddington answered graciously, even as a tired look crossed her face when the chemotherapy began to take effect.

"Everybody thinks their life is a progression," Ms. Weddington said. "So when you've done a Supreme Court case when you're in your 20s, what do you do for your 30s, 40s and 50s?"

"Brag about it," suggested one worker in the clinic.

Ms. Weddington said she's proud to be known as the attorney who won the case legalizing abortion, but she is always looking for another way to leave her mark. To that end, she is participating in a study that compares chemotherapy treatments to see which works best. She has written columns about her fight against cancer for the Austin American-Statesman newspaper. And, she has collected several notebooks of e-mails, cards and other symbols of encouragement from friends and strangers.

She notes the feeling of sisterhood that bonds women who have suffered from breast cancer.

"If I had to have a disease, I would rather have one that is a woman's disease because my whole life has been the natural flow of a river working on women's issues," she said.

DEAR ABBY

Friendship should be only gift allowed at birthday celebration

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I am knee-deep in a quandary. I have a 30-something-year-old friend who throws herself a girls-only birthday party every year.

This soiree always takes place at a nice restaurant selected by the hostess, where guests are expected to pay for their own drinks and meals. The cost usually runs from \$60 to \$80 per person. In addition, each guest is expected to bring the "birthday girl" a gift.

In years past, I have come up with excuses in order to get out of attending. This year I learned through the grapevine that I'm not the only one who is reluctant to go.

With the economy being what it is, I cannot justify the expenditure of attending this party. How would you suggest I go about being removed from the guest list

this year (and in the future)? — COUNT ME OUT IN SAN JOSE

DEAR COUNT ME OUT: Tell the "birthday girl" you have other plans this year. Then talk to the other guests on the list for this annual tribute and suggest that all of you get together mid-year to celebrate your collective birthdays, with the understanding that your treasured friendship should be the only gift allowed.

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Lenny," and I met through mutual friends back in 1988 and have been together ever since. We have a good life and two wonderful children.

My problem is that Lenny is a very jealous man. The other night, we were at a hockey game,



Pauline and Jeanne Phillips

and one of the guys I work with came over to say hello. I introduced him to Lenny and they shook hands. I could see my husband getting noticeably upset. Now he insists I'm cheating with this co-worker.

Several times within the last year, Lenny has accused me of being unfaithful. What can I do, Abby? I love my husband with all my heart and intend to spend the rest of my life with him. But I'm sick and tired of being wrongly accused when I'm innocent. — SAD AND MAD, RICHARDSON, TEXAS

DEAR SAD AND MAD: Your husband appears to be deeply insecure with low self-esteem. His accusations are an attempt to control.

Counseling could offer the breakthrough you need, but unless Lenny is willing to admit HE'S the one with the problem, don't count on it.

DEAR ABBY: A 12-year-old boy wrote that he told his cousin he was going to commit suicide. The cousin broke his confidence and told an adult, who acted upon the information. All turned out well for the boy, who later thanked his cousin for saving his life.

As a police officer, I want to remind everyone — especially kids — that there are certain situations when you MUST break confidences and tell a friend or relative. Too many times we learn too late that someone knew another person was going to commit suicide or harm another, and the person who knew didn't tell anyone so the tragedy could

be prevented. Many times they spend the rest of their lives experiencing unbearable guilt for not telling.

We must ask ourselves: Will someone or something be seriously harmed if I DON'T report this information? Is this a secret I can keep because it will cause no harm to anyone? — OFFICER JAMES, FOLSOM, CALIF.

DEAR OFFICER JAMES: I agree. It's far more important to make a mature decision and save a life than to keep a dangerous secret.

Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips, aka Abigail Van Buren, and daughter Jeanne Phillips. Their column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate, 4520 Main St., Kansas City, Mo. 64111.

CLUB NEWS

■ **En Amie Book Review Club** met for lunch and a program at Green Tree Country Club Dec. 14. The Sonshiners Ladies' Ensemble presented a Christmas program featuring both secular and religious songs. Guests were Clara Cleghorn, Debbie Wallace, Cathy Martin, Betty Willhoit, Marg Watkins, June Watkins, Jane Johnson, Alma Boone and Lois Rogge. Hostesses were Joyce Leach, Betty Cotton, Leilani Matthews and Ahlene Lane. President Dollie Ballenger presided.

■ **The Midland Palette Club** met Dec. 11 at the Arts Building. President Plyna Nesbitt presided. There were 19 members present. Donne Burrows, secretary, read the minutes of last month's meeting. Treasurer Aimee Sanchez read the financial report. The meeting was a covered dish luncheon and all members brought one of their paintings for display. Hostesses for the luncheon were Marzelle Williams and Ms. Nesbitt.

■ The 2002 officers of the Per-

mian Basin Stamp Club were installed at the December meeting. Mike Cherrington was installed as president, Charlie Taylor of Odessa will be vice president, and Midlanders Frances Walker and Gloria So will serve as secretary and treasurer, respectively.

■ **The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution's** annual Christmas Tea was Dec. 11 at the home of Mrs. Charles Bird, #3 Warwick Place. Hostesses for the meeting were Mrs. Charles Bird, Chairman; Mrs. Paula Beshears, Mrs. W. Clayton Harrington, Mrs. J. Harvey Herd, Mrs. Edward H. Judson, Mrs. H. Jack Naumann, Mrs. William Thams and Mrs. E.M. Watkins.

■ **Chapter DD of the PEO Sisterhood** met in the home of Barbara Cox with Brookie Green as co-hostess. Grace Osadchuk gave a program on "Christmas Traditions and Celebrations." Guest speaker Imogene Damron presented "A Visit from Joseph."

■ President Bonnie Minton

welcomed new **Lion Tamers** member Helen Coldeway and guest Gerri Parks at the group's Christmas meeting. Evelyn Gould offered a prayer for peace. Kathy

Zeitler reported that she, Nan Oestmann and Alice Cole had secured clothing and toys for two live angels, a program sponsored by the Salvation Army. After a

short business meeting, attendees were treated to a program of Christmas music and poetry presented by Tawny Clardy, and then exchanged Christmas ornaments.

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Andra Christine Fleming and Zachary Neil Cryer

FLEMING-CRYER

Larry and Martha Fleming of Andrews proudly announce the engagement of their daughter Andra Christine Fleming to Zachary Neil Cryer, son of Rusty and Alice Cryer of Hico. A Feb. 2 wedding is planned in Hico.

Andra is a 1993 graduate of Andrews High School. She obtained her bachelor's degree in history from the University of Texas at El Paso in 1998, while on a golf scholarship. She is currently employed with the Midland Reporter-Telegram.

Zachary is a 1993 graduate of Hico High School. He obtained his bachelor's degree in psychology at Sul Ross State University in 1997 and earned his master's degree in criminal justice in 1998. He is employed with the U.S. government as a Border Patrol agent stationed in Willcox, Ariz.

Grandparents of the bride-to-be are Dee and Betty Fleming of Goldthwaite and the late Beulah Fleming, formerly of Goldthwaite. She also is the granddaughter of the late Bill and Florene Huckabee, formerly of Pecos.

Grandparents of the groom-to-be are James and Dorothy Cryer of Hico and Allen and Julia Gill of Granbury and the late Lois Gill formerly of Hico.



Catherine Lyn Gentry and Darren Dane Dortch

GENTRY-DORTCH

Catherine Lyn Gentry and Darren Dane Dortch, both of Midland, are planning to be married at 7 p.m., January 26, 2002, at First United Methodist Church in Midland.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Thomas and Kimberle Gentry of Midland. She is the granddaughter of the late Lester and Vivian Gentry and Wallace and Jane Beck of Ruidoso, N.M.

The future groom is the son of Larry and Jody Dortch of Midland. He is the grandson of Ellen Dortch of Rockport, Ky. and the late Walter Dortch and the late Wayne and Leona Mitchell.

Darren graduated from Lee High School in 1989 and from Texas A&M University in 1994 with a BBA in Finance. He is the general manager of Premier Chrysler Dodge Jeep in Odessa.

Catherine graduated from Midland High School in 1993 and will graduate from the University of Texas at the Permian Basin in May 2002 with a BBA in Accounting.

ANNIVERSARIES

Allens celebrate 50th anniversary

Earl and Joan Allen of Midland, Texas, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a coming-and-go party Sunday, June 24, 2001 at Dos Compadres.

Hosts for the celebration were: daughter, Merry McGee, son-in-law Doug McGee, and grandsons Allen, Daniel and Trey McGee.

Earl and the former Mary Joan Morrison were married June 23, 1951, in Enid, Oklahoma.

The couple lived in Enid, Oklahoma; Snyder, Texas; and Midland, Texas following their marriage.

Earl worked for George E. Failing Company and then owned E&J Trucking Company. He is now retired.

Joan worked for Shell Oil Company and is an Avon representative.

Earl is a World War II veteran, a 50-Year Scottish Rite Mason and a volunteer for over 17 years for Community and Senior Services and Meals on Wheels.

Joan is a former member of ladies bowling leagues. They also enjoy spending time with their family.

They have one daughter, Mary McGee of Sweetwater, Texas and three grandsons.

Those in attendance were from Midland, Snyder, Lubbock, and Sweetwater, Texas.



Earl and Joan Allen

Pemberton mark 50th anniversary

Richard and Mary Pemberton celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary on Dec. 24.

Pemberton and the former Mary Benton were married Dec. 24, 1929, in Muskogee, Okla.

They have two children — Dan Pemberton of Midland and Donald Pemberton of Bend, Ore. — five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Before moving to Midland, the couple lived in Muskogee, Drumright, Okla., Olney, Ill., and Jennings, La.

Pemberton worked on crude oil pipelines for Pure and Union oil companies.

The Pembertons are members of First United Methodist Church.



Richard and Mary Pemberton



Tuesdays and Sundays in the Midland Reporter-Telegram Gary Ott

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PERMIAN BASIN BRIDAL ASSOCIATION

6th Annual Bridal Fair

Sunday, January 6
1 pm - 6pm
Midland Center
105 N. Main • Midland
Tickets: \$4 at the door

Must be present to register for & win door prizes

Proceeds to benefit Safe Place & Special Olympics Kids

LOBATO-HAEDGE

Dana Maria Lobato of Midland and Heath Monte Haedge of Lubbock are to be married at 4 p.m. Feb. 2 at First United Methodist Church in Midland.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Abel and Nita Lobato of Midland. She is the granddaughter of Cecil and Juanita Adams, Celia Lucero and Teresa Lobato, all of Farmington, N.M.

Parents of the groom-to-be are Stanley Haedge of Stephenville and the late Lynell Haedge. He is the grandson of Garvin Wood of Stephenville and the late Olive Wood and Gertrude Haedge of Killeen and the late John Haedge.



Dana Marie Lobato and Heath Monte Haedge

LIFESTYLE GUIDELINES

Deadline to have an announcement published in the Reporter-Telegram Sunday edition is Friday 10 days before the requested publication date. The Reporter-Telegram now offers paid engagement, wedding and anniversary announcements in addition to the free ones.

MILESTONE EVENTS

Engagement announcements: There is no limit as to how early in advance of the wedding an engagement can be announced. However, free engagements must be published no later than two weeks before the wedding date.

Wedding announcements: Free wedding announcements can be published up to six weeks after the event.

Anniversary announcements: Free anniversary announcements — 25th or higher — can be published up to six weeks after the anniversary date or celebration.

Quinceanera announcements: Free quinceaneras can be published up to six weeks after the celebration.

Forms are available at the Lifestyle office. Photographs may be submitted but are not required and can be picked up at the Lifestyle office after publication, or they will be mailed if a self-addressed, stamped envelope is provided.

Around Town: The Around Town column is published Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. Items are published on a first-come-first-serve basis and may appear more than once.

Club news, luncheons, or fashion shows: These items will be published on Sundays only.

Pageants: Announcements of pageant winners are published for teen-age and adult winners only. Photographs are published of winners, not runners-up or contestants.

EDUCATION

Making the Grade
Making the Grade section honors high school and college students' academic achievements.

Items that are not accepted:
■ Announcements of students applying or being accepted to colleges.
■ Students' places of employment or hobbies.

■ United States Achievement Academy winners.
Use of photographs:
■ Photographs will NOT be used with scholarship announcements or college graduations.

■ Photographs will NOT be published with "Top Dawg" and "Top Rebs."
■ Photographs WILL be published for students of the week presented by Midland Lions Clubs and Rotary Club.

Junior high school honor roll

For junior high school students, the six-week honor roll is the ONLY academic honor that is published.

Education in Brief
Included in Education in Brief will be:

■ Announcements of all upcoming school and education-related events.
■ Announcements of teacher academic honors.

UIL winners:

■ Lists will be published of UIL winners in all categories for students winning first through third places in all divisions — district, regional, state.

■ Photos will be taken of students who win first place at state or who place in state categories that make them eligible for national competitions.

Cheerleader honors:

■ Cheerleader awards from summer camps and competitions are announced with education news.

■ Squad photos will be published for first place in state competition.

■ Squad photos will be published of cheerleaders who are to perform at prestigious events such as the Rose Bowl or Orange Bowl.

Old Negatives for Sale

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Parent Information Center



The Parent Information Center (PIC) is available to provide information and assistance to all parents!

Lorena C. Gonzales,
Parent Information Specialist

How can the Parent Information Specialist assist parents?

- By disseminating information
- By answering questions about existing District programs such as the Majority to Minority Transfer program
- By working with schools to foster a positive school environment for parents
- By referring and directing parents to appropriate resources
- By assisting with direct school and parent communications (teacher/parent conferences, ARDS, etc.)
- By making presentations to parent groups as requested

Need assistance, call 689-1014

The Parent Information Center is located at 615 W. Missouri, room #220-H, on the second floor of the MSD Administration Building

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The 2001 Minuet Club debutantes are: top row: Amanda Black, Ashlee Winkler, Christie Taylor, Erin McMaster, Katherine Wilkinson, Elizabeth Webb, Mary Kerr, Randa Foy, and Haley Hightower; front row: Catherine Poage, Kathryn Wallace, Rebecca Innerarity, Ashley O'Connor, Emily Leeton, Stephanie Kidwell, Rebecca Beal and Sarah Howard.

Minuet Club's annual presentation ball

The Minuet Club's 46th annual presentation was Dec. 21 at Midland Country Club. Seventeen debutantes were presented to the membership of the club, which was founded in 1928 as a means of furthering closer associations with local residents.

Rebecca Geneva Beal

Karen Roberts Beal and Spencer Evans Beal are the parents of Rebecca Geneva Beal. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Carlton Beal (Keelen) and the late Carlton Evans Beal and Beth Roberts and the late Fred Theo Roberts.



Beal

Miss Beal is a sophomore at Savannah College of Art and Design, where she is studying computer art and motion graphics. She enjoys travel, off-road racing and the arts in her spare time.

Miss Beal was escorted by Christopher Allen McClure, a student at Midland College, and the son of Myra and Darrell Ray Johnson.

Amanda Lee Ann Black

Michael Eugene and Cynthia Davis Black are the parents of Amanda Lee Ann Black. She is the granddaughter of Richard Eugene and Glenda Ann Gotcher Black and Thomas Clark and Billie Hogeland Davis.



Black

Miss Black is a sophomore at Texas Tech University on an Honors Endowed Scholarship. Her major is in finance and she is currently on the Dean's Honor List and a member of Phi Sigma Theta Honor Society. She is active in Urban Young Life and Children International.

Miss Black was escorted by Jeffrey Daniel Brock, a student at Texas Tech University. He is the son of Danny Mack and Claire Cartwright Brock.

Randa Courtney Foy

Mr. and Mrs. Steven R. Foy are the parents of Randa Courtney Foy. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jim R. Foy and Mrs. John A. Matthews and the late John A. Matthews.



Foy

Miss Foy attends the University of Texas at Austin. She is active in Delta Delta Sorority and Disch-Falk Diamonds.

Miss Foy was escorted by Joey Michael Kindred, a student at the University of Texas. He is the son of Michael Kindred of Lewisville.



Hightower

Haley Dana Hightower

Jack Dana Hightower and Robin Martin Hightower are the parents of Haley Dana Hightower. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Byron Martin and Mrs. Bedford

Raley and the late William Howard Hightower.

Miss Hightower is a junior at Texas Tech University, majoring in finance. She is a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Miss Hightower was escorted by Mason Mims Manulik, a student of the University of Virginia. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Manulik.

Sarah Link Howard

Mr. and Mrs. Steven R. Foy are the parents of Sarah Link Howard. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. John A. Matthews and the late John A. Matthews and Mr. and Mrs. Jim R. Foy.



Howard

Miss Howard is a sophomore at the University of Texas at Austin majoring in theater and dance. She is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority.

Miss Howard was escorted by Evan Christopher McLaughlin, a student at Texas A&M. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie G. McLaughlin.

Rebecca Anne Innerarity

Paige Kemper Innerarity and Lloyd Edward Innerarity Jr. are the parents of Rebecca Anne Innerarity. She is the granddaughter of Martha Wynne Sale Kemper and the late James Vardeman Kemper and Patricia Warren Innerarity and Lloyd E. Innerarity.



Innerarity

Miss Innerarity is a sophomore at Trinity University and is studying political science and pre-law. She is a cheerleader and is active in Student Court Justice, Trinity University Volunteer Action Committee, College Republicans, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Trinity University Women's Lacrosse and the Trinity University Spanish Intensive Study Program.

Miss Innerarity was escorted by Caleb Glenn Brown, student at Trinity University. Brown is the son of Pamela Jean Conely Brown and Carl Wayland Brown.

Mary Kristine Kerr

Dr. and Mrs. Russell Howard Goodyear and Joseph Neal Kerr III are the parents of Mary Kristine Kerr. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Sherrod Bachman and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Neal Kerr Jr.



Kerr

Miss Kerr is a sophomore at the University of Texas at Austin and is majoring in elementary education. She is a member of the Delta Delta Sorority and volunteers for Austin Children's Hospital.

Miss Kerr was escorted by Charles Wesley Perry III, a student at Texas Tech University. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. William Wesley Perry.

Stephanie Lynn Kidwell

Mr. and Mrs. K. Michael Conaway

and the late Randy M. Kidwell are the

parents of Stephanie Lynn Kidwell. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Eva Kidwell and the late Mal Kidwell and Mrs. Vada L. Legendre and the late Harry Legendre.

Miss Kidwell is a sophomore at Schreiner University in Kerrville, where she is studying nursing. She is a volunteer at Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center hippotherapy program.

Miss Kidwell was escorted by Matthew William Faudree Jr., a student at Widener University in West Chester, Pa. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew William Faudree.



Kidwell

Emily Elaine Leeton

Barbara Smith Leeton and James Robert Leeton Jr. are the parents of Emily Elaine Leeton. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Robert Leeton and the late Mr. and Mrs. Bowman Lewis Smith.



Leeton

Miss Leeton attends the University of San Diego as a sophomore. She is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta, Ambassador's Club, Mentor Club and is currently on the Dean's First Honor List.

Miss Leeton was escorted by Blair Madison Late, a student at the University of California at Los Angeles. He is the son of the Melissa Late and Mr. and Mrs. John Stephen Late.

Erin Blanton McMaster

Erin Blanton McMaster is the daughter of Johnna Leigh Wagner. She is the granddaughter of Johnna Blanton Curle and Lissa and Cy Wagner.



McMaster

Miss McMaster attended Pepperdine University and will be enrolled at the University of Texas in the spring of 2002 as a sophomore, majoring in film and advertising. She graduated with honors from St. Stephen's Preparatory School in Austin. She is a member of the rowing club, she tutors high school students in physics and has an internship for Post Production Co. She is taking flying lessons.

Miss McMaster was escorted by Adam Bryan Stacy of Pepperdine University. He is the son of Bryan and Celeste Stacy.

Ashley Killeen O'Connor

John F. O'Connor III and Jennifer Blonkvist O'Connor are the parents of Ashley Killeen O'Connor. She is the granddaughter of Dr. Brent G. Blonkvist and Pat Blonkvist and Charles J. O'Connor and Shelley O'Connor and Mrs. Gerry O'Connor Powell.



O'Connor

Miss O'Connor is a sophomore at Texas A&M University studying education and speech pathology. She is a member of Tri Delta Sorority, Fish Aides (student government), executive committee of student government, Fish Aides Big Sister and Teacher Student Education Association. She coaches homeschool students, tutors in schools and reads to children in Bryan.

She is also active in soccer, basketball and flag football intramurals, Cosga Conference on student government and is a Kappa Sigma little sister.

Miss O'Connor was escorted by Greg Matthew Moore, a student at Texas A&M University. He is the son of Kevin Moore and Teri Moore.

Catherine Juliet Poage

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Donald Poage are the parents of Catherine Juliet Poage. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Davidson of Fort Worth and Mr. and Mrs. James H. Hill.



Poage

Miss Poage is a sophomore at the University of Texas at Austin where she is majoring in corporate communications. She is on the UT College of Communications Dean's List, is a Camp Longhorn Counselor, a member of Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority and a recipient of a Midland Panhellenic Scholarship.

Miss Poage was escorted by James Zachary Cauthen, a student at Midland College. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Cauthen.

Christie Hardin van Vraanken Taylor

Christie Hardin van Vraanken Taylor is the daughter of Nicholas Cowenhoven Taylor and Catherine Hepburn Blaffer Taylor.



Taylor

She is the granddaughter of John Hepburn Blaffer and Camilla Hardin Davis Blaffer Trammell and James Spear Taylor and Helen Strauss Taylor.

Miss Taylor attended Hillander School, Trinity School and St. Paul's School. She is a sophomore at the University of Texas and is majoring in biology.

Miss Taylor was an intern at Brigham Women and Children's Hospital, in Boston, where she worked on research studying birth defects caused by anti-seizure drugs.

Miss Taylor was escorted by Frederick Isquith of Adaka, N.Y. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Isquith of New York City.

Kathryn Elizabeth Wallace

Mr. and Mrs. William M. Wallace are the parents of Kathryn Elizabeth Wallace. She is the granddaughter of Kathryn Gesell and the late W. S. Gesell of Midland and Mary Fay Wallace and the late Joe Thomas Wallace of



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Miss Wallace is a sophomore at the University of Texas at Austin, where she is majoring in radio, television and film. She is a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority and president of her pledge class as a freshman. She served as an intern on the set of a CBS-TV movie.

Miss Wallace's escort was Brett Stacy Nix of Midland, a student at Texas Tech University. He is the son of Frank Nix and Rebekah West.

Elizabeth Ann Webb

Sharon and John Webb are the parents of Elizabeth Ann Webb. She is the granddaughter of Mr. Raymond Earl Bray and the late Georgia Bray and Mr. and Mrs. James D. Webb.



Webb

Miss Webb attends Texas A&M University as a sophomore and is majoring in management and speech pathology. She is a member of Pi Beta Phi, Project Sunshine, Breakaway and National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

Miss Webb's escort was Larry Christopher Oldham, who attends Texas Christian University. He is the son of Sandy and Larry Oldham.

Katherine Josephine Wilkinson

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Benjamin Wilkinson Jr. are the parents of Katherine Josephine Wilkinson. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Durkin.



Wilkinson

Miss Wilkinson is a sophomore at Southern Methodist University where she is majoring in religious studies and corporate communications.

She is a member of Pi Beta Phi and is on the sorority's Standards Board and Nominating Committee. She is chairman of the "Alternative Spring Break" program in which students do community service projects during spring break. She is a member of Campus Crusades.

Miss Wilkinson was escorted by Jonathan Baldwin Durham of Harvard University. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Dover Durham Jr.

Ashlee Taylor Winkler

Mr. and Mrs. Clemens Robert Winkler III are the parents of Ashlee Taylor Winkler. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Clemens Robert Winkler Jr. and the late Clemens Robert Winkler Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Graydon Elliott Graham and the late Mrs. Graydon Elliott Graham.



Winkler

Miss Winkler is a sophomore at Texas Tech University majoring in developmental psychology. She is a volunteer with the Children's Hospital and with the Boys and Girls Club and is active in intramural soccer.

Miss Winkler's escort was Joshua Phillip Brown, a student at Texas Tech University. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Keith Brown.

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Salons offer free wig styling for cancer patients

By Samantha Critchell
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wearing a wig doesn't have to be a dirty little secret.

Wigs can be stylish, shiny and worn with confidence, which means for cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy, they have one less little thing weighing on their minds.

If a wig looks right, the wearer won't see it as "a thing on my head," said Joelle, senior stylist at Avon Salon & Spa in New York, it'll just be "the hair on my head."

"Even I was surprised how much it can look like someone's own hair," she said.

The Avon Salon recently began offering free wig styling, a program that grew out of the company's own involvement with breast cancer charities and Joelle's work with clients before, during and after cancer treatments.

Joelle urges people to meet with their regular hair stylist even before their chemotherapy treatments begin so they can discuss together the hair loss, getting a wig and the growing-back phase, and to make sure the hairdresser feels comfortable handling all the stages. The last thing a cancer patient needs to worry about is having a stylist who doesn't approach the situation with a sympathetic, kind and professional touch.

Kit Rogers is bringing his Wigs Without Worry program to beauty schools in an effort to teach just that.

"Hairdressers have to cross so many bridges with these clients.

There is hair, there is no hair, there is the wig, there is growing our hair. They (the stylists) need to know this," said Rogers, who founded the Minneapolis-based non-profit organization 10 years ago. Rogers' mother died of cancer.

Rogers said ideal wigs are an equal blend of natural and synthetic hair. The synthetic hair helps the wig keep its shape; the natural hair makes it look, well, natural.

No wig was to be worn in "out-of-the-box" condition since they can be cut to the wearer's own preferred look.

However, he suggests people looking for wigs with long-haired styles stick with all human hair because the synthetic hair will pill because it's constantly rubbing against the body.

"I always tell women to get two wigs," said Joelle. "One is the 'everyday' wig and then another with lightweight acrylic short hair so they can get used to seeing themselves with the short hair they'll have at the first stage of post-chemotherapy."

A wig is shampooed and conditioned just like any other head of hair, Joelle explains, just less often. Once a week is usually enough but for very special occasions, she said the wearer should do what she'd normally do: go to the salon and get a wash and blow out.

Once someone has had their last chemo treatment, it will take two to three months for a nice short haircut to grow in.

At first, the hair might be wavier and coarser than someone is used to. If and when the hair reverts to its normal characteris-



Joelle, a senior stylist at Avon Salon and Spa in New York, brushes out a wig with hair made of synthetic materials in New York earlier this month. This wig will be given to a cancer patient who lost her hair as a side effect of chemotherapy. Joelle volunteers services to cancer patients.

tics often depends on a patient's medication.

As for the color, Joelle said it likely will go back to its natural shade. She explains people who dye their hair might have to wait a while because of the peroxide,

ammonia and chemicals involved, but some doctors will allow patients to get highlights because the color doesn't actually touch the scalp.

"The hardest part is losing your hair and cutting it off. The

first step is the hardest," Joelle said. "Wearing the wig is a test of endurance ... you know it's not forever. And when you start getting hair, it means hope and progress. It's a sign of feeling better."

On the Net:
■ Wigs Without Worry:
www.wigswithoutworry.com
■ Avon Salon & Spa:
www.avoncompany.com/about/

Hair loss gives women opportunity to try new look

By Samantha Critchell
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Throughout all the tests and even the diagnosis of Hodgkin's lymphoma, Lilly Baron kept her cool in front of her doctor.

The only time Ms. Baron recalls "losing it" was when the doctor began to discuss the chemotherapy treatment and told Ms. Baron she'd lose her hair.

"Then it became very real," said Ms. Baron, a 55-year-old New Yorker in Stage 2 of the disease.

Getting a wig, and making sure it was a good, stylish and attractive wig was a given. But with four of her 12 scheduled chemotherapy sessions behind her, Ms. Baron said keeping up her routine of putting on make-up, her wig or a great hat, and dressing up in her normal professional attire instead of slouching around in sweats has made a difference in her attitude.

"If people say 'You look great,' it makes me feel a lot better."

Ms. Baron's doctor, Dr. Etta Frankel, who specializes in hematology and oncology, said while recent research finds that a patient's positive outlook has no impact on her survival, it does improve her quality of life.

"I think it's good to make yourself feel clean, healthy and do what you can to make yourself attractive."

While there is no "medical" reason to wear a wig — although a bare scalp should be protected from the sun and 25 percent of cardiac output goes through the head so patients may lose body heat — Ms. Frankel said most people do. She said she makes an effort to counsel patients how to find one and what to look for because she agrees it's important.

Ms. Baron, who is using a pseudonym for this story because

not all of her family and friends know about her cancer, first went to her own hairdresser to help her sort through wig catalogs and to pick a color. Then she met in a New York hotel with Kit Rogers, who founded the Minneapolis-based program Wigs Without Worry.

A mutual friend put Ms. Baron and Rogers in touch with each other.

Wigs Without Worry is an education program targeted to beauty schools about wigs for cancer patients. The program also oversees the distribution of wigs at wholesale prices to stylists who cater to chemo patients. High-quality wholesale wigs cost about \$125, according to Rogers, while they cost \$400-\$600 retail.

Rogers came armed to his session with Ms. Baron with four wigs, his razor and a photo of Ms. Baron with a full head of hair.

"Cancer patients do not want a makeover. They want a make-the-same," said Rogers, also a stylist and makeup artist at his own salon. He has worked on famous faces such as Roseanne and Joan Rivers.

A few women see their hair loss as an opportunity to try something new since they know they'll be wearing a wig for a finite period of time so they take the plunge and go blond, said Rogers. But, he added, people mostly look for wigs that are the closest possible match to the way they normally wear their hair.

For Baron that means a wig of short, closely cropped reddish hair. When she first saw her four choices, including a buzzcut and a shag, she tried to keep her sense of humor.

"Do any of these come with brains?"

"It's kind of like picking a dog."

Once she made her choice, in a move of solidarity — and in the name of more humor — her hus-

band and friend each tried on the wig.

"Sometimes people laugh through this, sometimes people cry. Very often it's both," said Rogers.

The next step was shaving Ms. Baron's head — a task her husband performed. It's not unusual for a relative or friend to actually participate in the head-shaving process, notes Rogers, and some non-patients actually shave their heads as moral support.

Ms. Baron's hair was already thinner than normal from her first chemo session but the rest had to be cut so the wig would fit properly.

Ms. Baron did see the positive in it: "I don't like seeing all my hair in the sink."

Hair loss is actually a good sign, though, noted Rogers. "You know the treatment is working because you're losing your hair."

Rogers then went to work cutting the short-hair wig to match Ms. Baron's own style, a little longer on top and very short sides and back. Baron asked about her hair growing back.

It takes about a month for a half inch of hair to grow. Once there is enough to cover the scalp "you'd be surprised how little hair you're willing to walk around with," Rogers said.

Ms. Baron said she might be even more likely to give up the wig with just a little natural hair because she's used to short hair.

About a month after the wig-selecting, hair-shaving day, Ms. Baron reported she's only wearing her wig to business appointments, to eat in restaurants and to places where she feels a little more self-conscious.

That might change now that it's colder outside, Ms. Baron said, but she did buy herself a red sheared mink hat.

She said she gets a lot of compliments on the chic style and the pictures she has seen of herself in

the wig might be the best she's seen in years. "My hair looks so shiny."

She's no longer surprised when she looks in the mirror and sees herself in the wig. She's also not surprised how she looks without any hair. It seems no one else is either.

"People don't seem to stare me with or without the wig. I don't

think people look at me like I'm sick."

Even on days when she goes wig-less, Ms. Baron takes care with her clothing and makeup. It's part of who she is — and chemo treatment isn't going to change that.

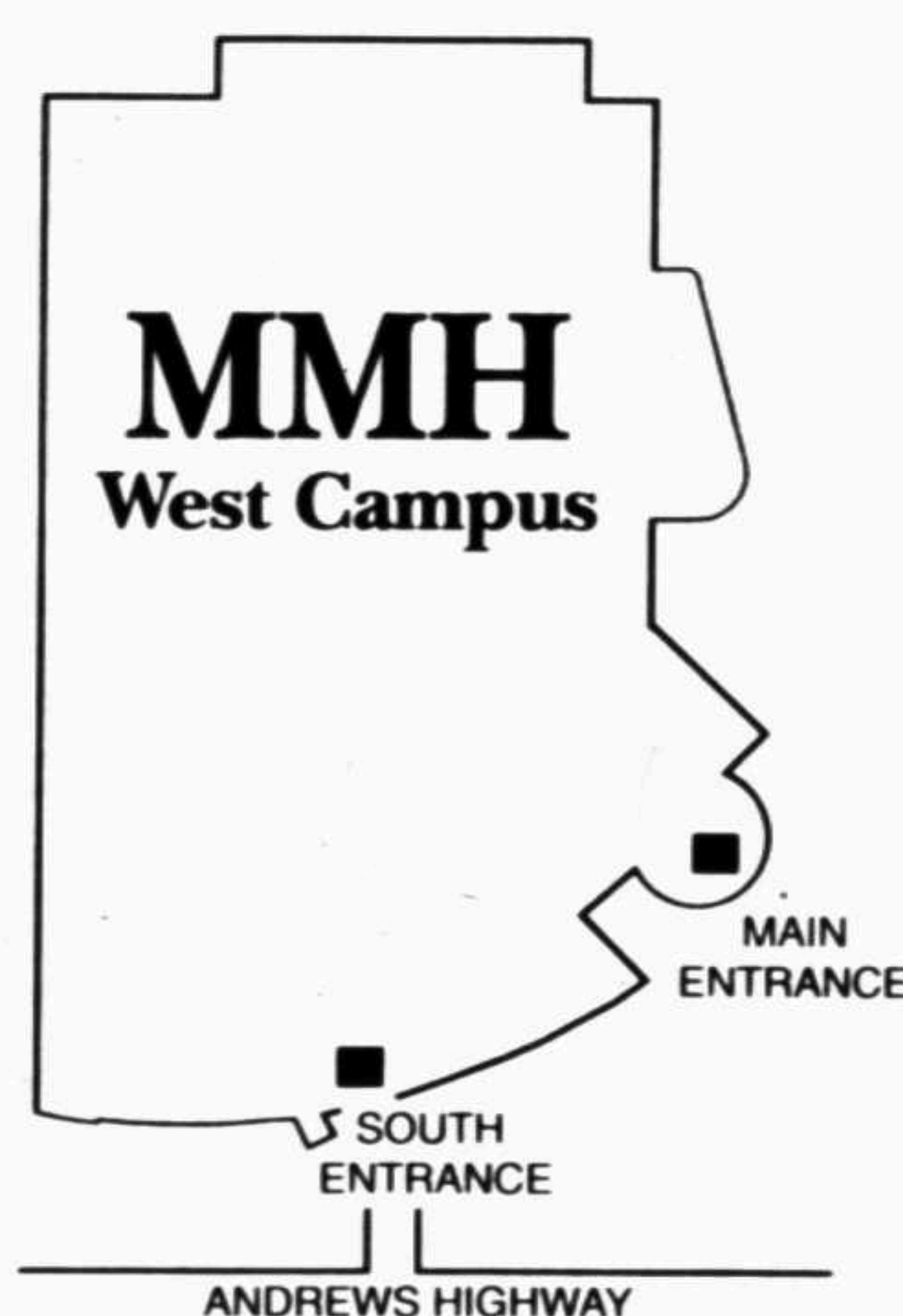
But, she mused, "I am curious what it'll be like to have hair again. How quickly you forget."

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— Kit Rogers,
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BOUQUET: Florist should be booked year in advance

(From 4E)

lands. To make your wedding as beautiful and personal as you want it, planning for flowers takes time. Experts recommend a year.

"Do your homework," Ms. McBride-Mellinger said. "Find out what is available for you. I recommend that if you're in a town with a wholesale flower market or farmer's market, walk around and see what kinds of flowers are available. It's good to do this as soon as you're engaged, and visit in the season that your wedding will be held."

Tap the knowledge of experts. Ask salespeople in the markets about which flowers are hearty and which are fragile. Generally, those with thicker leaves (such as orchids) last longer, whereas lilacs and wildflowers droop quickly. Roses, if properly conditioned by a florist (not your street or supermarket variety) will last for the day. A properly conditioned bouquet should last four to five hours, but not

longer.

Ms. McBride-Mellinger recommends booking your florist up to a year in advance, and begin discussing the actual look at least three months before the wedding. Discuss your likes and hates. Choose a few signature varieties and use them in abundance. She also suggests ordering a sample bouquet or arrangements for pre-wedding parties as test runs.

On the day of your wedding, flowers should arrive well-misted and wrapped in cellophane.

Never put them in sunlight or near a heat source, and keep them away from the cold and drafts. Bouquets with fresh stems should be kept in cold water until the last moment.

If you've planned well, your flowers will be exactly what you want, and you'll be free to focus on what your day is all about.

"I can tell you this, that when I was standing at the altar, I wasn't thinking about my dress or how the flowers looked," said Ms. Weinstein. "I was just focused on the vows."

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ODESSA — Several Midlanders were among those who recently graduated from The University of Texas at the Permian Basin.

Some of these graduates earned Latin honors, based upon grade point averages.

Students graduating Summa Cum Laude (3.9-4.0 GPA) were: **Janice Bullock**, Bachelor's of Art in Humanities; and **Jennifer K. Smith**, Bachelor's of Art in History.

Students graduating Magna Cum Laude (3.80-3.89 GPA) were: **Karen Dirks**, Bachelor's of Science in Chemistry; **Shannon Dykema**, a Bachelor's of Business Administration in Finance; **Kathleen Martin**, a Bachelor's of Arts in Humanities; and **Amanda Wisenbaker**, a Bachelor's of Art in English.

Natalie Madden, senior at Midland High School, was chosen as Junior Lion of the Midland Downtown Lion's Club. Miss Madden, 18, is the daughter of Gary and Shauna Madden.

She is team captain of the varsity tennis team, cabinet member of the Student Council, is a member of National Honors Society, choir, and D-Fy-It.

Miss Madden is also a Midland Symphony Belle, involved in Midland Community Theater and the Fine Arts Program at First Presbyterian Church, is a member of First Baptist Church, campaigner of Young Life Bible study and is involved with Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Her awards include Heisman Award for Midland High School, U.S. National Leadership award, Math and Science Booster Club award, International Foreign Language award, Fighting Bulldog award for tennis. She is a four-year academic letterman.

Her future plans are to attend either A&M, TCU, or Baylor and to major in either law or business.

Reese Seigler, senior at Lee High School, was named Junior Lion of Midland's Downtown Lion's Club. Seigler, 17, is the son of Ricky Seigler and Kimberly and Bobby Norman.

His is a member of the National Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society and was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students: 2000-2001.

He has received a Math and Science Booster Club Award, award for Outstanding Artistic Achievement in the 39th Annual Student Art Festival and a National English Merit award. He is a two-year academic letterman, a National Merit Semi-Finalist and was a member of the American High School Math Exam team.

He plans to attend Texas A&M or the University of Texas.

Morgan Pinter, senior at Lee High School, was selected as Junior Lion of Midland's Downtown Lion's Club. Miss Pinter is the daughter of Mike and Kathy Pinter.

She is a National Merit Semi-Finalist and was named to Who's Who Among American High School students. She is a member of the National Honor Society, National Honor Roll and Spanish Honor Society. She is a four-year academic letterman, four-year athletic letter winner, varsity soccer defensive MVP, is

on the varsity soccer second team all district, soccer athletic council and is soccer captain.

She is also involved with Senior Girls, church youth group, Church Peer Ministry, and Midland Crusaders Christian Track Club.

She plans to attend Baylor and study biology.

Terry Taing, senior at Midland High School was selected as the Junior Lion of Midland's Downtown Lion's Club. Taing, 18, is the son of Hang Kheang Taing and Chou Ngim Taing.

He is a member of UNIDAD. Taing plans to attend Midland College to take business and accounting classes.

EDMOND, Okla. — Midlander **John Paul Richardson** was among 1,075 graduates who recently graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond.

Richardson earned a bachelor of arts degree in psychology.

William Tran, senior at Midland High School was selected as a Junior Lion for Midland's Downtown Lion's Club. Tran, 17, is the son of Siu Khim Tran and Tuon Vuy Tran.

Tran is Midland Science Club treasurer, is a member of the National Honor Society and competes in UIL science, math and computer science.

He is involved with Keep Midland Beautiful and Midland County Public Library.

His honors include two academic excellence awards, third place in American Mathematics Competition for outstanding achievement in the American Junior High School Mathematics Examination, has been named to Who's Who Among American High School students and had a poem published in A Celebration of Young Poets.

Tran is planning to attend the College of Engineering at the University of Texas.

Blake Braun, senior at Midland High School was selected as a Junior Lion for Midland's Downtown Lion's Club. Braun, 17, is the son of Michael and Rhonda Braun.

He is a three-year varsity golf letterman, was voted Outstanding Freshman, Outstanding Sophomore, and Outstanding Junior and is a member of National Honor Society.

Braun is involved with First Presbyterian Church, Young Life, Young Life Campaigners, and is a Wyld Life Leader for Junior High Students.

He is a three-year academic letterman, was selected as 2001-2002 Midland High's "Heisman" award, was selected as Honors Science Student of the Year, was mentioned in Who's Who Among American High School Students and is a Texas Scholar.

He plans to attend either University of Oklahoma or Texas Tech. and major in civil engineering.

Kevin Bogle, senior at Lee High School was selected as a Junior Lion of Midland's Downtown Lion's Club. Bogle, 17, is the son of Kenneth and Cynthia Bogle.

Bogle is the captain of the varsity soccer team and is a

member of the National Honor Society and First United Methodist Church.

He has been named to Who's Who Among High School.

He plans to attend Oklahoma State University and study medicine, law or computer science.

Sharon Josefy, senior at Midland High School, was selected as a Junior Lion of the Midland Downtown Lion's Club. Miss Josefy, 17, is the daughter of Richard and Kathy Josefy.

Miss Josefy is involved with PALS and the concert choir.

She is also part of the Barefoot Praise Band, Crestview Baptist Church youth group, and is children's Upward basketball coach.

Her honors include University of Rochester Humanities and Social Sciences award, honorable mention in National Toshiba Exploration contest and National Merit Semifinalist.

She plans to go to Texas A&M and major in international business management.

Ryan Huddleston, senior at Lee High School was selected as a Junior Lion of Midland's Downtown Lion's Club. Huddleston, 17, is the son of Donna Huddleston and the late Richard

Huddleston.

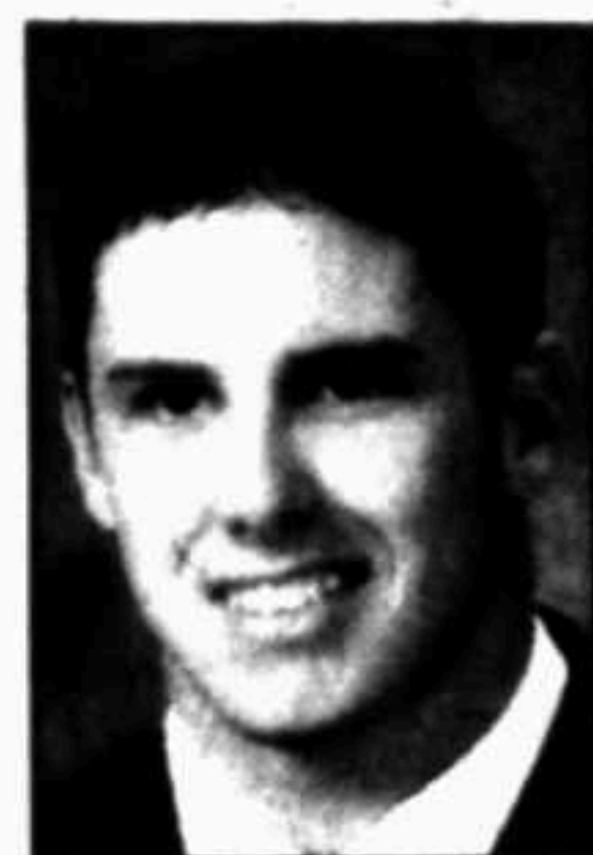
He is a member of Student Council, National Honor Society, varsity basketball team, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and is vice president of Students in Philanthropy.

His awards include Texas Scholar, and Who's Who Among American High School Students. He plans to study business.

Grant Ellison, senior at Lee High School was chosen as a Junior Lion for Midland's Downtown Lion's Club. Ellison, 17, is the son of Greg and Michelle Brown and James Ellison.

He is involved in debate club and varsity debate team. He is the treasurer of the Youth Advisory Council and treasurer of Young Green Party. He is a member of National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society. He has been named to Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Ellison plans to attend the University of Texas and medical



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Phillip Newton, senior at Midland High School, was selected as a Junior Lion for the Midland's

Downtown Lion's Club. Newton, 17, is the son of Newt and Banay Newton.

He is a member of the varsity basketball team, Texas 5A State Championship Team, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, D-Fy-It, PALS, National Honor Society and First United Methodist Church.

He volunteers with Habitat for Humanity and Northern Little League.

Newton is a National Merit Commended Scholar, Texas Scholar and three-year academic letterman. He has won the MISD Latin Award, MISD Math/Science Exemplary Achievement Award, UTPB Regional Science Fair Award, National Leadership Merit Award and National Foreign Language Merit Award. He has been named to Who's Who Among American High School Students.

He plans to major in biomedical Engineering at Texas A&M, Washington University or Vanderbilt University.

Emily Dunham, senior at Lee High School, was selected as a



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Junior Lion of the Midland's Downtown Lion's Club. Miss Dunham, 17, is the daughter of Richard and Margaret Dunham.

Miss Dunham is involved with the symphony orchestra and StrictLee Strings. She is a member of National Honor Society, French Honor Society and First Baptist Church. She participates in the youth choir, worship orchestra, and Serendipity.

She is a four-year all region orchestra member, three-year academic letterman, three-year orchestra letterman and two-year Strict Lee Strings Letterman. She was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students.

She plans to attend Rice University and major in engineering.

Ross Abel, senior at Lee High School, was selected as the Student of the Week by Midland's West Rotary Club. Abel, 18, is the son of Joe and Cindy Abel.

Abel is involved with the German Club is the senior representatives for Thesians and is a member of D-Fy-It, Interact, National Honor Society, German Honor Society and the Free Thinkers Club.

He is also a part of the Spirit Wind Youth Choir and Explorer's

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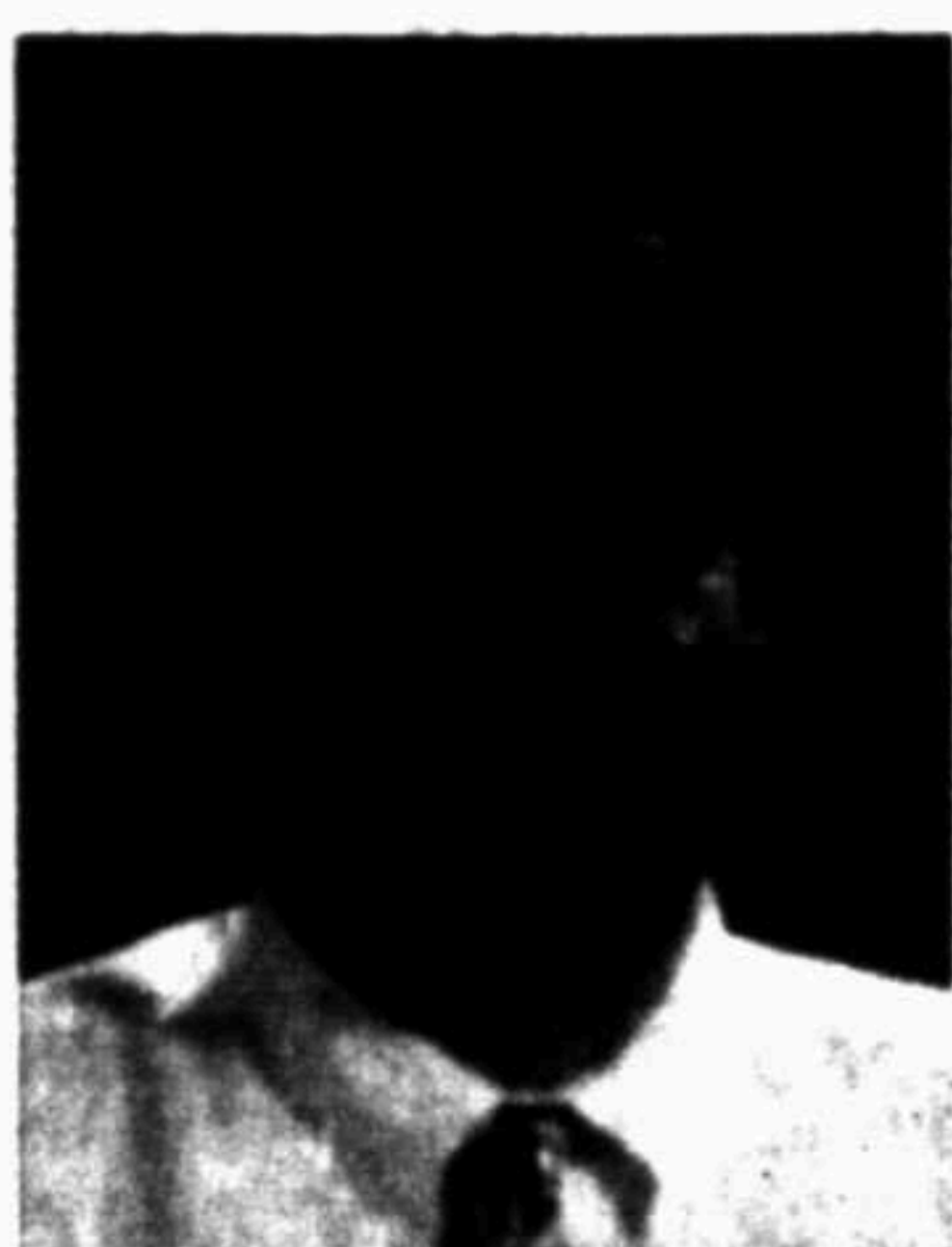
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October 29, 2001 - Midland, Texas - Assistant State Attorney General Maya Guerava and Dr. Larry Leibrock, of the University of Texas at Austin were key speakers at a seminar hosted by the Federal Bureau of Investigations in the Information Technology Center at Midland College.

The purpose of the seminar was to heighten awareness of Internet and network security to local Internet Service Providers and Networking professionals. Leibrock emphasized the importance of secure Email communication.

Dr. Larry Leibrock
Chief Technology Officer
Associate Dean for Technology
CBA/GSB Computer Services
Mgmt Science & Information Systems
University of Texas at Austin

"Proposed awareness for those using the Internet" - THINK! Where do our enemies get information - information that can put you, and has put you, our allies, at a disadvantage: information that has lost battles and can lose more, unless you personally and vigilantly perform your duty in safeguarding military information which can be compromised in your use of the Internet.

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Larry Leibrock & Aaron Philipp
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October 24, 2001

Beware of Wireless Internet Communications!

According to the experts, the technology has not been fully tested and at present is easily intercepted by hackers/terrorists. Even the latest greatest frequency hopping technology is easily predicted and thus only poses an inconvenience for the potential hackers/terrorists.

"Risks associated with computer security, personal privacy and system and survivability in pervasive Internet wireless communications are largely unexplored. I would recommend that we collectively commence further research and detailed systems penetration testing before we institute any widespread deployment of wireless internet-based technologies which replaces our fixed wired communications infrastructures. I believe that our critical information infrastructures are central to our way of life, our safety and trustworthy operations of our health care systems. Accordingly, we should be cautious relative to any production-level deployment of untested-unvalidated wireless communications technologies." - Dr. Larry Leibrock.



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BRIEFLY A checklist for success

Looking at the following checklist is a good way to tell if you're prepared for college this spring. The checklist also is a handy reminder about the services Midland College offers students. To get answers about any item on the list, call 685-4501 beginning Jan. 2.

- ___ I attended a new student orientation.
- ___ I have completed and submitted an application for financial aid, grants and/or scholarships.
- ___ I have met with a faculty advisor or counselor to discuss appropriate courses.
- ___ I have visited the Career Center for information on careers that interest me and for assistance in selecting a career field.
- ___ I have planned a course schedule considering school, work and family activities.
- ___ I have received information about the TASP test.
- ___ If needed, I have taken placement tests for Math and English.
- ___ I have made arrangements to pay tuition and fees according to payment deadlines.
- ___ I have received a transfer guide list of courses for my major from a counselor.
- ___ I have decided on living arrangements.
- ___ I have visited with the Job Placement Coordinator.
- ___ I have made arrangement to get textbooks.
- ___ I have information about student organizations that interest me.
- ___ I know the last day to change a class and the last day to drop a class with a "W."
- ___ I have an official copy of my high school transcript and my previous college transcripts for the registrar's office.
- ___ I am aware that a 100 percent refund is applicable only when the course is dropped before the first day of the semester.

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MC offers solutions for students who need helping paying for college

Need help paying for college? The people in the Midland College financial aid office may be able to help with federal, state or local grants, as well as scholarships from various organizations and departments.

There are several types of financial aid: scholarships, grants, exemptions or waivers, loans, federal work-study and institutional assistance.

Latisha Williams, Associate Director of Financial Aid, said "the majority of

"About 40 percent of students at MC receive some sort of financial aid. Usually it is a combination of the different types." —

—Associate Director
of Financial Aid
Latisha Williams

GRANTS & Loans Financial AID

financial aid resources don't come from scholarships.

"Scholarships are usually small because they are very competitive and are usually \$300 to \$500 or sometimes larger depending on who is giving them," she said.

Scholarships are considered gift aid because they are given to the student and typically do not have to be paid back. However, most have certain stipulations such as grade point average, need or full-time enrollment.

There are several scholarships offered by different departments, clubs and organizations available from MC.

Grants also are considered gift aid and the funds may come from federal, state or local sources. Grants are usually larger because they are need-based and there is more funding available.

"The largest one that most students know about is the Pell Grant," Williams said. "This year the maximum Pell Grant award is \$3,750."

Students who qualify for the Pell Grant can get from \$400 to \$3,750 per year.

To determine if a student qualifies for federal and state grants, they must submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Of the students who apply for financial aid at Midland College, approximately 2500 of them receive some form of aid.

"Smaller grants at the state level usually have a maximum amount of \$4,000 depending on the college and are awarded based on financial need to students on a first-come, first-serve basis," Williams said.

The state of Texas also offers tuition and fee waivers and exemp-

tions to students who meet certain criteria.

Some students in Texas do not have to pay tuition and fees because they have a disability. Students who can receive a waiver are those who are legally deaf or blind. Orphans also qualify for waivers.

"If a student's family was on AFDC or TANF for at least six months during their senior year in high school, they get one year of free tuition and fees," Williams said.

These are just a few examples of the types of waivers and exemptions offered. Students can get a complete listing and description by contacting the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Loans also are available to parents and students who qualify. Loans are usually a last resort for students to pay for college, according to Williams.

Midland College offers two types of Federal Student Loans: the subsidized

Stafford Loan for students and the Parent Plus Loan.

Repayment on the Stafford and Plus loans is deferred until six months after the student's graduation or the student's failure to enroll at least half time in college.

Students also may qualify for the Federal Work-Study Program with eligibility for the program being determined by results from the FAFSA.

If approved for work-study, the student will usually work on campus for a department at the college. A student also may work off campus for a private nonprofit organization or public agency doing work that is in the public's interest.

The student will get paid at least minimum wage every two weeks or once a month, depending on the school.

Sometimes, companies or institutions will pay for a student's college if they agree to work for the company

for a certain period of time.

If the student fails to meet the conditions or decides to change his or her major, then he or she will have to repay the money. This type of financial aid is usually called a conditional grant or scholarship.

"About 40 percent of students at MC receive some sort of financial aid. Usually it is a combination of the different types," Williams said.

She warned against using private companies that charge to find financial aid for students.

"There are private companies that may charge hundreds of dollars to find scholarships and grants for students."

"They provide many of the same services that any college financial aid office will provide for free and usually target first-generation college students," she said.

The agencies may provide "false guarantees through deceptive wording," according to Williams.

Students may start applying for Federal Aid using the FAFSA form beginning Jan. 1, after they and their parents have filed a tax return.

The latest recommended time to apply for financial aid is about three months before classes begin. However, in some cases, aid may be processed later in the semester.

Some resources on the Internet for financial aid or scholarship information are:

- www.midland.cc.tx.us;
- www.fastweb.com;
- <http://fafsa.ed.gov>;
- <http://thecb.stat.tx.us>.

Spring registration begins Wednesday

Spring registration continues at Midland College after the Christmas break. Registration begins again Jan. 2. Classes begin Jan. 14.

A special registration day with extended office hours will be 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 9. For information, call 685-4501.

Continuing Education

Spring continuing ed courses provide job skills

If you need job skills or courses just for fun but not college credit, Midland College Continuing Education is offering courses this spring.

A series of **Landscape Irrigation** courses will be offered on the following dates:

8-5 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Feb. 1 and 2;

And, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Feb. 15 and 16;

A review session will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, Feb. 22.

Electrical Apprentice 1 will be 6-8 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 2-Feb. 28. This course includes instruction about fundamental wiring methods for the beginning electrical tradesman.

Instruction includes: national electric code and local code requirements; material use and identification; hands-on wiring methods using residential and commercial products;

and electrical circuit layout for new construction and basic troubleshooting of electrical problems.

A follow-up course, **Electrical Apprentice II**, will be offered 6-8 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 5-April 18.

This course is designed to teach basic wiring and installation methods for electrical distribution systems, motors and electrical panels, motors and equipment for commercial and residential applications.

For information about Landscape Irrigation or Electrical Apprentice classes call 685-4518.

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By Deborah B

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IDEAS BY THE POND



Koi and lily pads.

By Sarah Jimenez
The Fresno Bee

Close your eyes and imagine sitting near a small stream as water spills over rocks, creating waterfalls that empty into a pond.

Water lilies and other plants are on the water's surface. Small birds perch on nearby rocks to sip from the stream. Fish swim playfully, creating ripples, their shadowy shapes occasionally glinting as the sun penetrates the water. Trees and shrubs add greenery to the tranquil setting.

In this environment, you could just fall asleep to the mesmerizing sound of water.

And you never need to leave home, either. With a little help from a pond kit, you can install your own backyard water feature. Or you can have one designed and installed by professionals.

"The best benefit is when you've had a hectic day, if you just go and sit by the pond and listen to the water, it is so relaxing," says Mike Fitzgerald, a landscaper in Clovis, Calif.

Landscapers can install ponds, in a week or less usually, with kits that include all the essential parts needed to create a natural water feature. Of course, water, fish and plants are extra.

A filter, pump, rubber liner, plumbing tubes, lights and more come in the kits, or you can purchase components separately from home-improvement stores. Landscaper Lennie Slaughter of Fresno, Calif., however, says homeowners save 10 percent to 20 percent on the total cost of a pond using a kit. Slaughter says the kits have owner's guides, which can be useful for folks without much experience installing or maintaining self-contained pond systems.

Getting started

If you're thinking your yard could use a nice pond, Fitzgerald says the first thing to consider is where it will go and what shape it should be.

He tells customers to lay a garden hose in the desired place and shape of the pond.

Fitzgerald adds that you'll need to remember your pond will need an electrical source for the pump and lights, so the pond should be placed with that fact in mind.

Slaughter says 90 percent of the time customers want to put ponds in a corner of the yard away from the house. He encourages people to bring ponds closer to their living areas so they're visible from inside the house and can be heard, too.

He also recommends not putting ponds under trees because they will have to be cleaned more often.

Fitzgerald suggests you consider building a bigger pond than you think you want to avoid later disappointment. Customers often want 6-by-4-foot or 6-by-8-foot ponds. But 11-by-16-foot ponds are a better idea, Slaughter says, and have become the "standard" size.

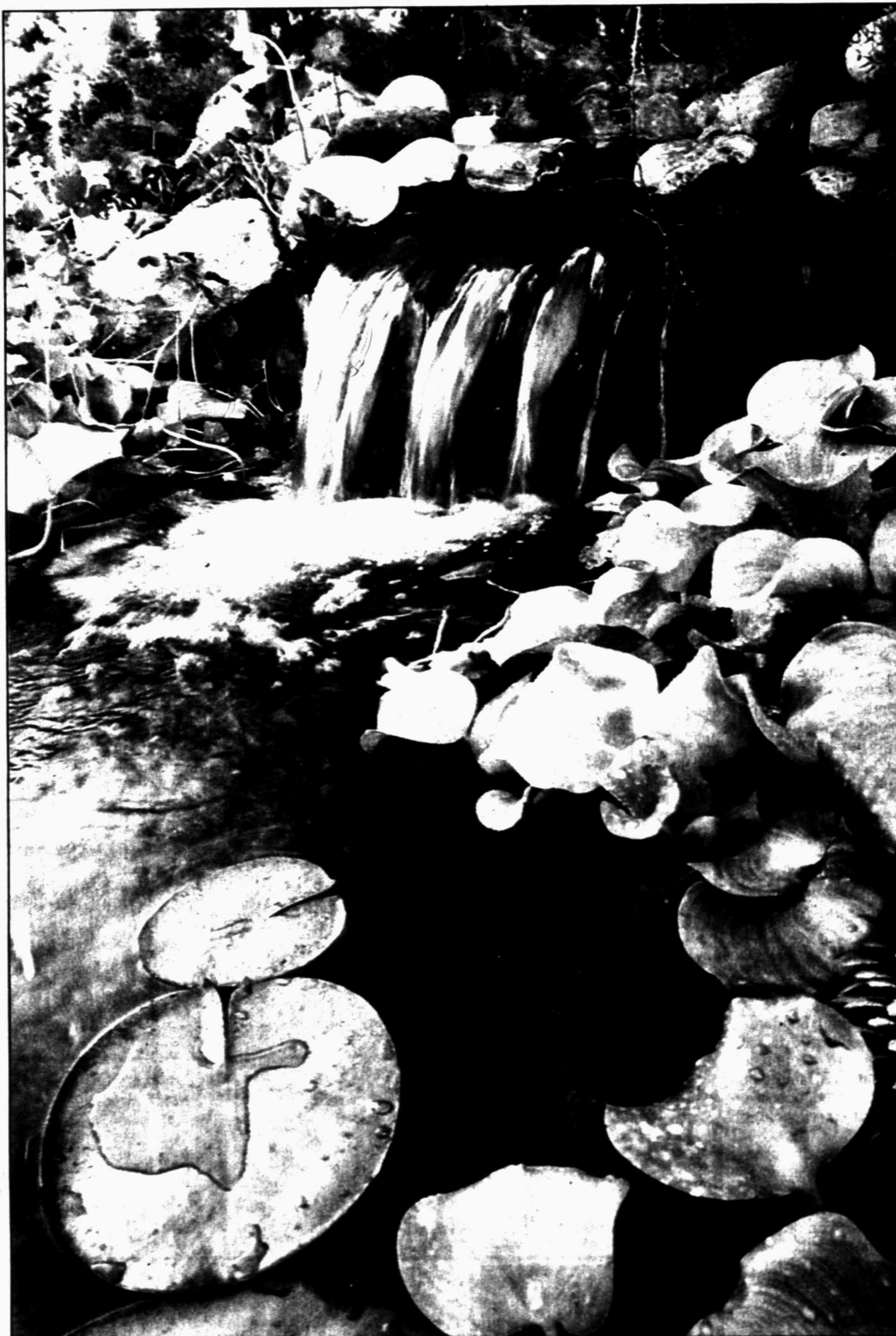
The easy part

Finding a kit to fit your back yard is simple.

Your landscaper or a pond-kit distributor calls a kit company and provides the dimensions you want. The company then ships the kit with the appropriate-sized parts.

Fitzgerald and Slaughter use a system by Aquascape Designs, a national manufacturer of pond kits, that makes pond maintenance and installation fairly easy. The pump, which must run 24 hours a day, sits inside a mechanical filter, also referred to as the skimmer, and recirculates the water. Water and debris are pulled into the skimmer and collected in a bag.

The water then travels in a tube, below the pond, from the skimmer to a biological filter located at the other end of the area. That filter is hidden in a waterfall and pushes water back into the pond. The biological filter has a molded shelf that looks like a rock and creates a ledge for a waterfall.



A waterfall in the pond adds an audible ambiance to any backyard.

Photographs by JOHN WALKER/Fresno Bee



A backyard pond can be built in about a week.

Rocks or landscaping screen cover the hardware, so the pond has a completely natural look.

Kits also usually come with lights that can be placed in the water and hooked up to a transformer, Fitzgerald says. Lights are hooked to wire and situated between rocks so people see the light, not the fixtures.

Basin basics

Ponds used to have concrete basins, but now more and more landscapers are installing liner ponds made of plastic.

Pond liners blend into an environment and can easily be covered with rocks, says Slaughter. They also won't harm fish or other aquatic creatures and, if protected from ultraviolet rays, pond liners are guaranteed not to leak for 30 years, Fitzgerald says.

Concrete ponds aren't always water-tight and often crack, Fitzgerald says, requiring that the ponds be drained and the cracks filled.

Once the basin of the pond is built, homeowners can choose from two types of ponds: koi and water gardens. Koi ponds' main emphasis is the koi fish, so these ponds have only a few plants and clearer water. Water gardens have plants and all types of fish. These ponds can appear to be murky, but offer a more natural look, say the experts.

Flora designed to go in the ponds can be found at nurseries with sections dedicated to water plants. Plants and flowers of any type can be put around the pond.

Maintaining ponds

Since most ponds are self-contained, there is little maintenance required once they're installed. The skimmer bag must be cleaned weekly or monthly, depending on how full it gets, Fitzgerald says.

Skimmers and filters should be taken apart and pressure washed once a year, says Slaughter, who recommends that you also drain the pond and pressure wash it once a

year.

Rick and Lynn Christl of Clovis, Calif., who had a pond put in a year and a half ago, say it is easier to care for than a lawn. "You don't have to sit and work in your yard every weekend. It doesn't own you, you own it," Rick Christl says.

Jim and Lynne Agar of Fresno, Calif., have had their pond just a few weeks and say they only have to add a few chemicals to control algae and feed the fish.

Both couples were pleasantly surprised with the installation time and cost but what they enjoy the most is the natural sounds and sights of their backyard ponds.

"It's real soothing to go to sleep to at night," Rick Christl says. "It's definitely a retreat," Lynn Christl says.

"It's truly a stress reliever," Lynne Agar says. "I can come out here and forget about everything."

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Indoor flowers

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During the winter when outside plants are dormant, the most pronounced color is brown, but inside — even in the dead of winter — you can create and enjoy every color in the rainbow, and in the process make your home come alive.

Bromeliads are some of the easiest bloomers. Very often the most colorful portion of this plant isn't actually a flower but a type of leaf known as a bract however, many do produce gorgeous flowers.

There are more than 2,000 species of bromeliads. They may be terrestrial (growing in the soil) or epiphytic, growing on other plants), and this means they either need some sort of potting medium or they don't. All bromeliads can be grown in a rich, organic medium that's fairly loose and drains well. A good mix for bromeliads is a 50-50 blend of leaf mold and builder's sand. Bright light from a southern exposure is best for most bromeliads, but if the colors begin to fade or you notice any leaf burn, simply reduce the amount of light.

Water requirements for bromeliads vary enormously. Some prefer to be dry, much like cacti; others must be kept constantly moist. If the leaves form a cup, water should be kept in the cup at all times. The potting medium can be watered as well. Epiphytic bromeliads such as tillandsia require only daily misting.

Kalanchoes are succulents that produce small, colorful clusters of flowers and feature leaves that may be scalloped or smooth. They're fairly easy to grow indoors provided they receive bright, indirect light coupled with warm, sunny conditions and are potted in a sandy soil that's allowed to dry between waterings.



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New buyers need home inspector

As a first-time homebuyer, hire a certified home inspector to check the house for any structural damage. In your contract with the seller, you can state that any necessary repairs must be made before closing on the house. On closing, walk through the house and check that such repairs have been completed.

New use for blankets

Save space when storing blankets by tucking them into pillowshams, and using them as throw pillows.

Hot water makes faster baked potatoes

When preparing baked potatoes, lessen the cooking time and save energy by letting the potatoes sit in hot water for 15 minutes before baking.

Wet towels help remove cake

To prevent a baked cake from sticking to the pan, remove the cake from the oven and immediately place the pan upside down under a wet towel. This allows it to steam away from the sides and bottom of the pan.



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FAITH RINGGOLD

Museum shows work by 'one of the most important African American women artists of the 20th century'

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As a child, she was the girl who drew Santa Claus on the blackboard every year at Christmas. This winter, she brought holiday cheer to children of Midland with an exhibit of her work at the ... Art Museum in Odessa and a ... appearance.

"Faith Ringgold is one of the most important African American artists of the 20th century," said ... curator of art education at the ... Art Museum. "The response has been tremendous. We had a reception and book signing when she was here, and the response was wonderful."

"Unfortunately, the day was supposed to go into the school, but she agreed to do a video. She was going to speak for two hours in the ... ended up speaking for ... has a lot of historical ... about her life that we ... before she came."

Mrs. Ringgold, who is ... her painted story ... painting, quilted ... her popular children's book ... as "Tar Beach," "Dinner at Amos' House," "The Invisible Princess," and "The Dream of Martin Luther King."

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Mrs. Ringgold ... awards, ... including ... Fellowship for ... for the Arts ... ates, ... City College ...

women could ... (liberal arts), ... cation but ... though galleries ... 1960s did not show African ... artists. Ms. Hembree ... to persevere, and on ... at the Harlem Museum ... work that dealt with ... about racism and ... cans.

Born Oct. 8, 1930, Mrs. Ringgold's birth name was Faith Williams. She is the youngest of three children. She has asthma as a child, and art was ... time. By the time she was in high school, she

had decided to become an artist.

She married ... friend jazz pianist ... They had two girls, Michele Faith and Barbara Faith. The couple separated in 1954, and she moved in with her mother, who was by then a successful fashion designer.

The following year, she completed her bachelor of science degree and began teaching art in the public school system while raising her two daughters and modeling in her mother's fashion shows. At the same time, she was working toward a master's degree at City College, which she received in 1959. She married Burdette Ringgold in 1962.

Mrs. Ringgold's first book, "Tar Beach," was a Caldecott Honor Book and winner of the Coretta Scott King Award for illustration. She has written and illustrated five children's books.

"Basically, she deals with her ... from her childhood and creates a fantasy about a little girl who can fly," Ms. Hembree said of "Tar Beach." "The flying is kind of a metaphor for achieving anything or being anything you can possibly be or do anything you can possibly desire."

Having her work here is the result of the combined efforts of the Arts Academy at Ector Junior High, the University of Texas of the Permian Basin and the museum. Her visit was an opportunity to meet the ... art.

"I thought it was incredible that she's made her dreams come true," said Ms. Hembree. "She has made an important statement with her work and helped us reexamine African American history through her art work."

... was a very personable ... very interested in current events and ... issues. She was extremely concerned ... the oppression and loss of freedoms for ... due to the ...

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Portrait of an American Youth 1964 oil on canvas



Study for a Family Portrait 1997 oil stickon paper



Author/artist Faith Ringgold signs copies of her book No. 27 in Odessa

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Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

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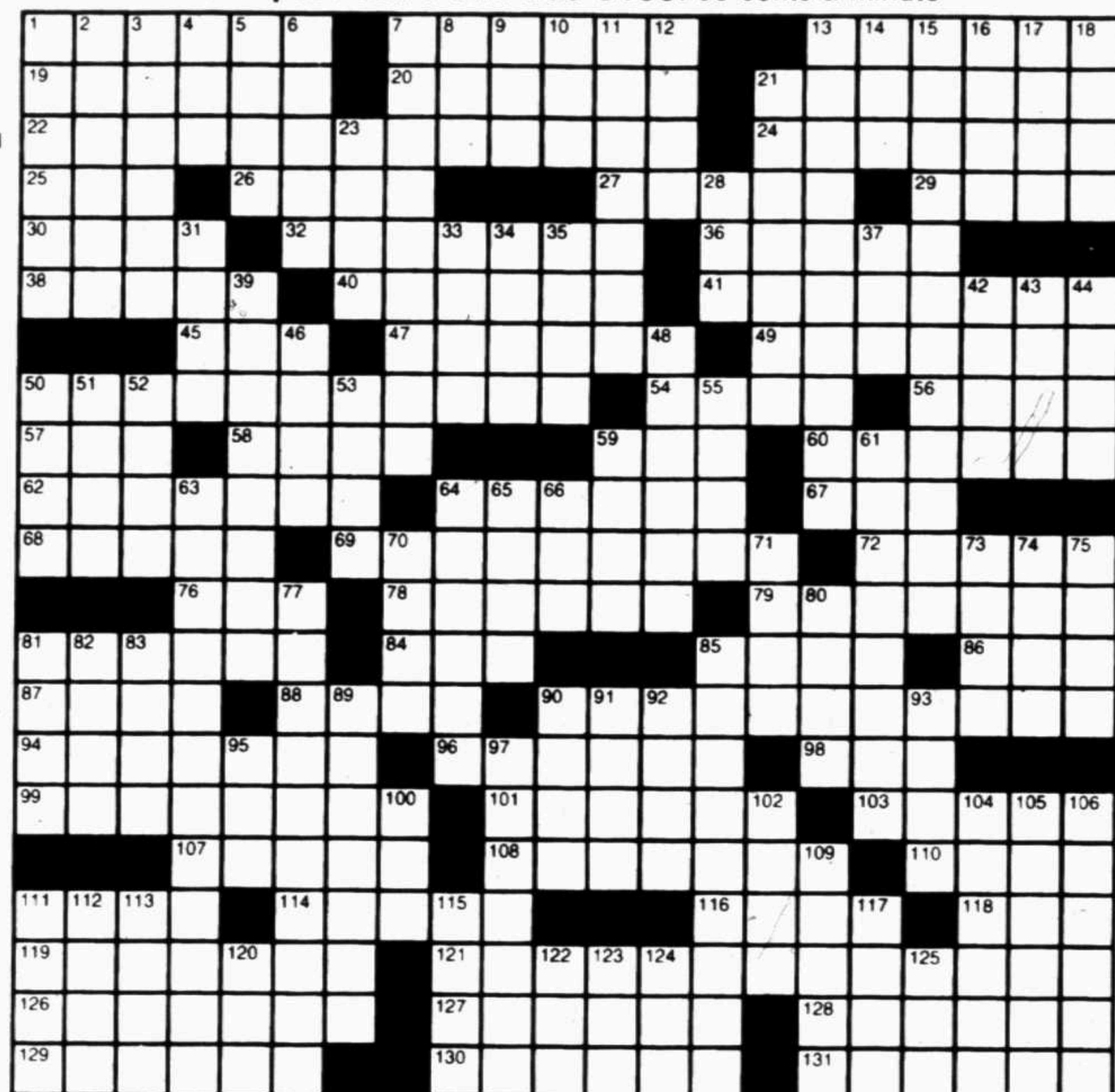
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Dec. 30, 2001.

Your birthday year starts off with a bang. You discover that you need to relax rather than become uptight. Don't fight changes, rather, greet them positively. The more you flow, the easier your year will be. Don't resist growth. You often speak your mind boldly and bluntly, causing yourself a problem. Tame your style! If single, the opportunity to change your status could knock on your door any day this year. Many options surround you. If attached, your relationship will develop into a new realm. CANCER challenges you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** New possibilities break open if you are receptive. Be open to someone or, perhaps, to where changes might be necessary, especially those revolving around your home life. Your anger comes out with someone at a distance. Don't trigger over news. Tonight: Nestle in at home.

This Week: Give up worrying about a last-minute change of plans on Monday — you'll christen the New Year well anyway. News this week shakes you up. Relax. Use your skills.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Morning conversations prove fruitful. You're working on the same wavelength as someone else. Don't walk away from changes or an opportunity, even if it means a little shake-up. Understand a friend better through talks and sharing. Tonight: Out and about.

This Week: All eyes turn to you for direction, be it for play or work. You won't feel like really working until late on Wednesday. Do everything 100 percent. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Your finances need a hard look. You realize this after a morning extravagance and someone's confrontation. Think in terms of positive changes. A partner or associate could be overly demanding. Do a better job of listening. Don't strut your stuff. Play it low-key. Tonight: Expenses add up.

This Week: You raise Can start on New Year's Eve. You won't retreat on any matter this week. You'll only come up with better ideas.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** You're going to change directions. Think in terms of making your life

better. In one week, one month and six months, you will see developments occur that encourage you to let go of what no longer works. Don't let news aggravate you. Flow with it. Tonight: Detach from the immediate.

This Week: Your theme song right now will be indulgent and indulgent some. Sanity returns on Wednesday, and you catch up on news and maybe work.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Your instincts serve you well. You know what you want, and you're bound and determined to get just that. If you move too quickly, you'll hit a wall of obstacles. Stalk like a lion. Observe your prey (objective) and decide what would be best to do. Tonight: Remember, time is your ally.

This Week: The moon enters your sign tonight. You cheerlead the New Year in and won't stop until you must. Late Wednesday or Thursday you return to normal. Maybe.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Your friends surround you, as does Lady Opportunity this morning. Charge into what you want then, because the going gets difficult in the p.m. A lunar eclipse will impact your circle of friends over the next year. Flex with different needs. Tonight: Follow a loved one's idea.

This Week: You might have a lot on your mind tonight. Still, somehow you do manage to relax. Wednesday night you sparkle. Now the world is your oyster! LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** Pressure builds. You could also find a situation as if you have so many opportunities. Understand exactly what you want and clear out the excess. Slow down, because you could be slightly accident-prone as concentration flies out the window. Listen to someone's advice. Tonight: A force to be reckoned with.

This Week: Handle last-minute details on Monday. You might even work. New Year's Eve is just up your alley. You're on a winning streak. Slow down on Thursday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Gather a fuller perspective through becoming an even better listener. Grab an opportunity to travel or just take off for a few days. Don't let spending get out of control again. How's that for a resolution? Express your playfulness more often. Tonight: Start partying in the New

Year

This week: Remain light and easy with those around you for the next few days. Exciting developments mark the end of the week.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** Deal with someone on a one-on-one level. Your sense of humor helps people relax, especially on the home front. Direct your anger correctly. Don't get into a situation where you sweat the cat because the dog ran away. Expect long-term implications if you do. Tonight: Quality time with a loved one. This week: Follow the music this New Year's. Get into the intensity of a relationship. Responsibilities call on Wednesday night.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** You sense changes in the wind involving a partnership. Today's eclipse and full moon will transform your relationship, not necessarily in a bad way. If single, your status could change faster than you anticipated. Express yourself and talk about your needs. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

This Week: Someone makes an offer that is too good to be true. Find out for yourself, and you might be whistling away through Friday. Wow!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** Work through a problem and deal with others directly. You might need to take a walk to do some thinking and evaluating. Opportunities stem from your willingness to deal with different situations. A friend could cost you some money. Tonight: High energy marks your actions.

This Week: You might not have plans, but before you know it, others have you out and about. Intimacy and closeness mark this period, personally and professionally.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Your high energy delights a loved one. You could romp away, however, a problem with a parent or authority figure distracts you. Realize more of what is going on with this person. Your efforts draw the result you wish. See what a difference you make. Tonight: Where the action is.

This Week: You're full of fun as the week begins. Don't worry so much. In fact, make that your New Year's resolution. Start practicing it immediately!

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"The deal that gave rise to this accusation is shown here. Despite Mr. East's barrage bid, my client and partner climbed to six hearts, a slam that depended only on losing no spade trick — not promising odds. Since that card was in Mr. West's hand, dooming the finesse to failure, and since Mr. South had to lose a trick to the ace of clubs, as well, down one was a normal result.

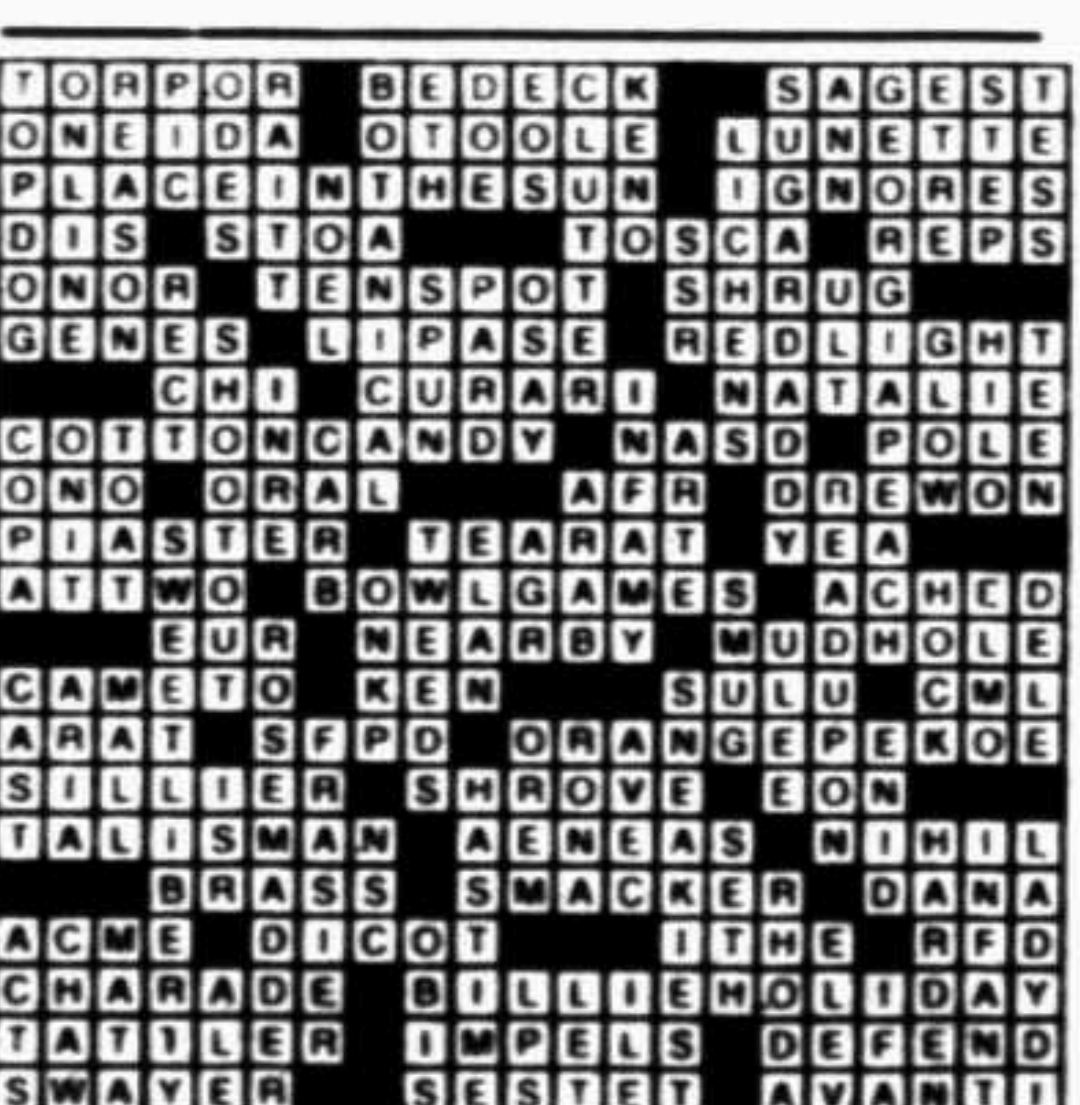
"My client won the opening lead in dummy with the ace and immediately ruffed a diamond with the ace of hearts. The king of trumps revealed the 3-0 distribution and, after drawing trumps, ending on the table, the remaining diamond was ruffed. Next came the jack of clubs, overtaken with the queen and taken by East's ace. East exited with a club and, after discarding two spades on dummy's clubs, Mr. South, with hardly a moment's hesitation, led a spade to the ace, felling the king and making the slam.

"My client maintains that any reasonable dummy player would have

done the same. East had shown up with seven diamonds missing the ace and the ace of clubs. With the king of spades as well, East would never have preempted facing a partner who had not yet had a chance to bid."

"West is guilty as charged. He must post a suitable apology on the club's bulletin board and promise to buy the first bridge book that Mr. South publishes."

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE



12/30/01



THE ARTS CALENDAR OF EVENTS
A project of
Arts Assembly of Midland
P.O. Box 3494, Midland, Texas 79702
(915) 687-1149
FAX 687-1600

NOTE: Please check with museums, galleries, and arts organizations for holiday schedules.

SUNDAY, DEC. 30

American Airpower Heritage Museum: EXHIBITION: Internationally recognized collection of authentic World War II artifacts and memorabilia, 9600 Wright Dr., Midland International Airport, Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. 12-5 p.m. Call 563-1000. Admission charged. Group and student discounts available with prior reservation.

Arts Assembly of Midland: EXHIBIT: The fourth annual Art in the Park, featuring sculptures at Windlands Park, 1000 W. Dengar, 687-1149. Free.

Blakemore Planetarium: SKY SHOW: A variety of Christmas favorites; 2:30 and 3:30 p.m., Museum of the Southwest complex, 1705 W. Missouri, 683-2882. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Reduced admission charged.

Downtown Midland, Inc.: EXHIBIT: "Toy Truck" by Jim Robertson, "Milestone 1995" by Tim Glover, and "Roughly Endless" by Randy Jewart, sculptures on display in Centennial Plaza, Lorraine and Wall Street. Free.

The Ellen Noël Art Museum of the Permian Basin: CLASSES: Adventures in Art, classes for ages 6-12, held one Sunday each month, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Tuition required. Next class on Jan. 13 features paper art. Call 550-9696. EXHIBIT: Faith Ringgold: A Mini-Retrospective, featuring her story quilts, soft sculptures, drawings and works on paper, through Jan. 13. Museum gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m. 4909 E. University, Odessa, 550-3811. Free admission.

Gallery 1114: EXHIBIT: "From Taos and Texas," features the works of three artists, Robert Barterton, Thomas Holzer, and Kitt Blair Beck, through Jan. 6. Modern and contemporary art are featured. Regular gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Thurs.-Sun. or by appointment, 1114 N. Big Spring, 685-9944. Free.

Thomas Kinkade Signature Galleries: EXHIBIT: 2101 W. Wadley, Suite 12, 682-9911. Hours are 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 12-5 p.m. Sunday. No admission charged.

Midland College: McCormick Art Gallery, Allison Fine Arts Building, 3600 N. Garfield, 685-4554. Gallery hours are Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri. 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. 1-5 p.m. Free.

Midland County Historical Museum: EXHIBITS: Permanent exhibits: Indian artifacts; early Midland photos and relics; replica of Midland Man discovery; early obituary files available for research, 301 W. Missouri. Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Call 682-2931 or 688-8947. Free.

Midland County Historical Society: HISTORIC HOME: Z. Taylor Brown-Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland, 213 N. Weatherford. Guided tours give fine capsule of Midland County history. Open by appointment; available for rental for weddings and other special occasions. Call 682-2931. Free tours.

Midland Gallery: EXHIBIT: An eclectic collection of art from around the world, Colonnade Shopping Center, 4610 N. Garfield, Suite A-2. Hours are Mon.-Sat. 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. or by appointment, 694-8761.

Museum of the Southwest: HOLIDAY EVENT: Fourth annual "Christmas at the Mansion" fundraising event features holiday activities and exhibits, including decorated trees and train exhibit, continuing through Jan. 2. Free admission, charge for some activities. EXHIBIT: David FeBland: Painting, part of the Contemporary Artist Series, through Dec. 31. Here and Now Gallery. EXHIBIT: In the Third Dimension, sculpture selections. EXHIBIT: John James and John Woodhouse Audubon, Hogan Gallery, 1705 W. Missouri, Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5 p.m., 683-2882. Free. Closed January 1.

Odessa College LRC: 201 W. University. Call 915 335-6646 for Options Gallery schedule. Free.

The Permian Basin Petroleum Museum: EXHIBIT: "Hands Can!" a temporary exhibit, through Jan. 6. Museum hours are Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5 p.m., 1500 I-20 West, 683-4403. Admission charged. Closed January 1.

The Presidential Museum: EXHIBIT:

"A Reflection of Colonial Mexico: Traditional Ceramics of Guanajuato," through Jan. 5. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tues.-Sat., 622 N. Lee, Odessa, 915 332-7123. Admission charged adults.

Scarborough-Lineberry House: HISTORIC HOME: 802 S. Main St., 685-7368. Open by appointment; available for rental for weddings and other special occasions.

University of Texas of the Permian Basin: EXHIBIT: 2001 Freshman/Sophomore Exhibition, through Jan. 3. Gallery hours are Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 1-5 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m., 4901 E. University, Odessa. Call 552-2806. Free.

White-Pool House Museum: Museum hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 112 E. Murphy St., Odessa, 915 333-4072. Free.

MONDAY, DEC. 31

The Haley Library and History Center: EXHIBITS: Permanent collections including paintings, bronzes, firearms and artifacts that exhibit pioneer settlement of the Great Southwest, spur collections, saddles from ranching pioneer families, and archival collections including photographs of turn of the century ranch life. The library houses 30,000 volumes on settlement of the region and the cattle industry. 1805 W. Indiana. Open Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 682-5785. Free.

Midland Arts Association: EXHIBIT: Paintings by member artist Virginia Hanley on display, Monday-Friday, banking hours, Bank United lobby, 401 W. Texas.

Midland Community Theatre: PARTY: "Stay Up & Sing!" is the theme for a Karaoke party, also featuring board games, prizes, gift certificates, lavish snack buffet catered by The Benevolent Order of HamHocks, champagne, soft drinks, and a cash bar, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado. Call Cynthia Coffin at 682-1904 to reserve. Admission charged.

Midland Independent School District: HOLIDAY: Public schools are closed through January 6. Classes resume on January 7, 2002.

Midland Palette Club: EXHIBIT: Works of Palette Club artist Reba Loyd, Monday-Friday, banking hours, Bank One lobby, 2301 W. Wall.

TUESDAY, JAN. 1 NEW YEARS DAY

First Presbyterian Church: CLASSES: Fine Arts School fall semester, through January 11, is on holiday through Jan. 4, 800 W. Texas, 684-7821. Tuition required.

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: Closed today. Regular museum hours are Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5 p.m., 1705 W. Missouri, 683-2882. Free.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 2

Parker House Ranching Museum: Permanent collection of Tom Lea and his work, also featuring area local history exhibits. Currently on display, Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys memorabilia. Museum hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wed.-Sat., 1118 Maple, Odessa, 1-915-335-9918. Free.

FRIDAY, JAN. 4

Blakemore Planetarium: SKY SHOW: "Beyond the Millennium: STARS," 8 p.m., Museum of the Southwest complex, 1705 W. Missouri, 683-2882. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Regular admission charged.

SATURDAY, JAN. 5

Brand New Oprea: PERFORMANCE: All Gospel Oprea, featuring Big Spring Gospel, Latter Rain, and Shade Tree Gospel, 7 p.m., Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespear Rd., Odessa, 915 332-1586 or 580-3177. Admission charged.

Midland Porcelain Art Club: DEMONSTRATION: Edythe Talley, "Leather Look," Midland Woman's Club, 9:30 a.m., 694-3044. Free.

Museum of the Southwest: EXHIBIT OPENING: Shaffer Collection of Classical Drawings, from the Albany Museum of Art, through Feb. 23, Turner/Thomas Galleries, 1705 W. Missouri, 683-2882. Free.

The Arts Assembly of Midland maintains a calendar of all arts-related activities. To avoid conflicts with other organizations, please call 687-1149, P.O. Box 3494, Midland, TX 79702; e-mail: karen@artsassembly.net; http://www.artsassembly.net.

Sunday Art exhibit

Gallery 1114 works of three artists, Robert Barterton, Thomas Holzer, and Kitt Blair Beck, through Jan. 6. Modern and contemporary art are featured. Regular gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Thurs.-Sun. or by appointment, 1114 N. Big Spring, 685-9944. Free.

Art exhibit

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Modern art

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✓ The Week Ahead

Arts and Entertainment opportunities in the Permian Basin Dec. 30-Jan. 5

Sunday, Dec. 30

Art exhibit

Gallery 1114 is hosting the works of three artists, Robert Batterton, Thomas Holzer, and Kitt Blair Beck, "From Taos and Texas" through Jan. 6. Regular gallery hours are 105 p.m. Thurs.-Sun. or by appointment, 1114 N. Big Spring, 685-9944. Free.

Art exhibit

ODESSA — The works of Faith Ringgold — acclaimed artist, author, and story-teller — are on display at the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University, in a mini-retrospective through Jan. 13. The exhibit features her story quilts, soft sculptures, drawings and works on paper.

Ms. Ringgold is best known for her painted story quilts — art that combines painting, quilted fabric and storytelling — and her popular children's books such as "Tar Beach," "Dinner at Aunt Connie's House," "The Invisible Princess" and "My Dream of Martin Luther King." Copies of books by Ms. Ringgold are for sale at the museum.

Call the museum at (915) 550-9696 for more details. Admission is free. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Art exhibit

DALLAS — The Dallas Museum of Art is displaying "Great Masters of Mexican Folk Art" through Jan. 6. This exhibition presents more than 500 objects created by 175 folk artists that represent the culture and style of Mexico. Several mediums from pottery to wood to brightly-colored fibers are represented.

Museum hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$4 for senior citizens and children younger than 12. There is no admission charge for students with current school identification. For more information call 214-922-1200.

Modern art

FORT WORTH — "Trenton Doyle Hancock: The Life and Death of #1 and Who" will remain open until Jan. 20 at the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth. The museum is located at 1309 Montgomery St. For more information call 817-738-9215.

Photo exhibit

HOUSTON — The 2000 BG Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition submissions are on display at the Museum of Natural Science until Jan. 13. The 2000 competition received more than 19,000 entries from more than 60 countries. Britain's Manoj Shah captured the winning photograph of a young orangutan cradled in her mother's arms. Winning photographer of the year was 17-year-old Kobe Van Looveren from Belgium who won for his image of a butterfly in a corn meadow.

Admission to the exhibition is included in the regular museum admission which is free for members, \$5 for adults, \$3 for children ages 3 to 11 and \$3 for seniors ages 62 and older. Museum hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. For more information call 713-639-4629.

Monday, Dec. 31

Museum exhibit

The traveling exhibit "Hands

Can!" is on display at The Permian Basin Petroleum Museum until Jan. 6. The exhibit illustrates how hands are the primary means by which people explore, play and communicate. Museum hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For group tours or more information call 683-4403.

Karaoke

"Stay Up and Sing" will take place from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Monday at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado. Live karaoke, cards and board games will be available. The event will be catered by The Benevolent Order of HamHocks and will feature a cash bar. Champagne will be served at midnight. Admission costs \$10 and covers the buffet, champagne and party favors. Door prizes will be awarded all night. For reservations and more information call Tracy Alexander at 682-2400, ext. 103.

Nativity scenes

DALLAS — A collection of 500 nativity scenes from around the world is on display in the historic DeGolyer Home through Monday. Tours are being held daily 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors 65 and older and \$3 for children ages 3-12. Children ages 2 and younger and admitted for free. On-site parking is \$3. For more information call 214-328-5335.

Western art

OKLAHOMA CITY — A retrospective of Tom Ryan's works, "The Brotherhood of Man: Tom Ryan and the Cowboys of the 6666 Ranch," is on exhibit at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum through Monday. The show will feature the largest grouping of Ryan's paintings ever assembled. A collection of black and white photos as well as 70 paintings will be displayed. Ryan lives in Midland.

Tuesday, Jan. 1

Art classes

First Presbyterian Church will have fine arts school fall semester through Jan. 11, 800 W. Texas, 684-7821. Tuition required.

Art exhibit

ODESSA — The Mexican Consulate of Midland and the Presidential Museum are presenting a two-part exhibition "A Reflection of Colonial Mexico: Traditional Ceramics of Guanajuato." The exhibit is on display in the Presidential Museum through Saturday. The museum is located at the corner of Seventh and Lee Streets in downtown Odessa. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Students and preschoolers are admitted for free. For more information call 1-915-332-7123.

Friday, Jan. 4

Scripts

Midland Community Theatre is accepting submissions of possible scripts for Summer Mummies. Deadline to submit is Friday. The script should be no longer than 30 minutes total running time. It should not contain scene changes except during act breaks. There should be three acts which must become progressively shorter. Partial or draft scripts may not be eligible for consideration. At least a rough outline of the movieola should be included. The author should be prepared to work with the

director and/or producer in modifying the script as necessary. For more information call Tracy Alexander at 682-2544.

Art exhibit

TAOS, N.M. — The Millicent Rogers Museum presents "Sobremuerte: Altars in Celebration of All Souls' Day" through Jan. 6.

For the exhibit, 13 artists were asked to create personal altars in celebration of death. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, closed Mondays and November through March and Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students, \$4 for New Mexico residents with ID, \$12 for families and \$1 for children. For more information call 505-758-2462.

Saturday, Jan. 5

Radio broadcast

The ChevronTexaco-Metropolitan Opera International Radio Network presents Richard Strauss' "Die Frau ohne Schatten" opera in three acts with two intermissions over the ChevronTexaco-Metropolitan Opera Radio Broadcasts. The broadcast may be heard at 11:30 a.m. Saturday over KOCV-FM 91.03.

Gospel music

ODESSA — Odessa's Brand New Opre presents All Gospel Opre featuring Big Spring Gospel, Latter Rain and Shade Tree Gospel at 7 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door. Charge tickets by phone at 332-1586 or 580-3177 or purchase at the Globe Office, 2308 Shakespeare Rd.

Art exhibit

ALBANY — The Old Jail Art Center is hosting "The French Connection: Murray Bewley and James Blake" through Feb. 10. The exhibit features the work of two Fort Worth artists separated by two generations and linked by the inspiration of long-term residence in France. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free.

Upcoming In Midland-Odessa

Concert

The Midland Opera Theater will sponsor Rob Hunt, former Midland-Odessa Symphony conductor in concert at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 18 at the Midland Country Club. Dinner will be served. The event is a fund raiser for the 2002 season of the Midland Opera Theater. Cost is \$125 per person, and a table for eight is \$1,000. Reservations can be made by calling 520-7515. Or send checks to 2826 Haynes Dr., Midland, Texas 79705.

Improv

"Improv at the Yucca" will take place Jan. 11-12 and 18-19 at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado. Curtain time is 8 p.m. This is an Act IX fund raiser benefiting Midland Community Theatre. Tickets are \$10. The show is not recommended for children. For more information call 682-4111.

Benefit

A benefit for the Boys and Girls Club will take place Jan. 12. The Harlem Entertainers will compete in basketball against the

Midland College Chaps at 7:30 p.m. An exhibition game will be at 5:30 p.m. Both events will take place at Midland Christian School Gymnasium, 1901 Northrup Dr. Admission is \$5. There will be give aways including a bike and a 25-inch color television. Entertainment will include a breakdancing group. For tickets or more information contact the Boys and Girls Club at 683-0050.

Art exhibit

ODESSA — The Ellen Noel Art Museum will exhibit more than 30 paintings, 12 paper picados (intricate paper cutouts) and two metal cutouts by renowned Mexican-American artist Carmen Lomas Garza. The exhibit opens on Jan. 8 and runs through April 18.

In a special collaboration with the UTPB, a co-exhibit of the multi-media work "Ofrenda para Antonio Lomas, 2001," by Ms. Garza will be installed at the Nancy Fyfe Cardozer Gallery, UTPB and displayed concurrently with the museum's exhibit.

Ms. Garza will visit the Ellen Noel Art Museum for a community day event open to the public at the Ellen Noel Art Museum from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 12. There will be a gallery talk, a book signing, Mariachis, art activities, refreshments and dance performances.

The Ellen Noel Art Museum is located at 4909 E. University Blvd. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. There is no admission charge. For more information call 550-9696.

Art classes

ODESSA — The Ellen Noel Art Museum presents Adventures in Art, a program of art appreciation, art history and creative studio art classes for students ages 6 through 12. Held from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. one Sunday each month, these classes provide an experience of looking at, talking about and creating unique artwork.

Each class will tour the gallery and then have a hands-on studio art class in the museum's classroom. All instructors are qualified art teachers from across the Permian Basin. Parents are welcome to attend.

Upcoming classes include paper art Jan. 13, painting Feb. 3, book making March 24, collage April 7 and abstract arts May 5. For more information, call the museum at 550-9696. The museum is located at 4909 E. University Blvd. and is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays.

Acting class

ODESSA — Actor's Tool Kit, an acting class for young adults grades seven through 12, will be held from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Jan. 15 through Feb. 19. Kathryn Graybill will be the instructor. Cost is \$50, and some scholarships are available. For reservations call 580-3177 or 332-1586. Classes will be held at the Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Rd.

Meeting

The West Texas Writers will not meet in January. The next meeting will be Feb. 2 with Western writer Wayne Barton presenting a mini-workshop on turning characters into real people. The meeting will be held in the upstairs meeting room of the Midland County Public Library. For more information call Lula Wilde, president, at 682-2240.

Upcoming outside Midland-Odessa

Jazz conference

LONG BEACH, Calif. — The 29th Annual International Conference of IAJE (International Association for Jazz Education) will be held Jan. 9-12. More than 7,000 people from 35 countries will participate this year. Education, teacher training and outreach are on the conference agenda. For more information call 785-776-6190.

Auditions and Contests

Art show

The Midland Arts Association is accepting entries for the 2002 Spring Junied Art Exhibition through Jan. 25. Entries in oil/acrylic, watercolor, mixed media, photography, pastel and three-dimensional will be judged by 35mm slides. Works must be appropriately framed and wired for hanging. Weight limit is 50 pounds, and size limit is 50 inches-by-50 inches. Only original

work that was completed in the last two years without supervision is accepted. Computer art is not eligible. Submit up to three slides. For more information or to obtain an entry form, call Nancy Henderson at 697-2479 or Herb Cooper at 683-2295.

Poem competition

The Bards of Burbank is accepting entries for its Religious Competition 2002. Entries must be 21 lines or less. The competition deadline is Tuesday. Poems may be sent to Free Poetry Contest, PMB250, 2219 W. Olive Ave., Burbank, Calif. 91506, or entered online at www.freecontest.com.

Art show

ODESSA — The Odessa Art Association is accepting entries for its 44th Annual Permian Basin Art Exhibition which will be on display at the Ellen Noel Art Museum Feb. 15 through March 17. Deadline for entering is Feb. 9.

Categories are oil/acrylics, photography, watercolor, pastels, graphics/mixed media and sculpture/pottery/3-dimensional work. Awards include \$200 for best in show, \$100 for first place, \$50 for second place and \$30 for third place. Entry fee is \$6 per entry for OAA members and \$8 per entry for nonmembers.

Entries must have been completed in the last two years without supervision, and they must be original work. Artists must be at least 18 years old. Entries can be not be larger than 40 inches by 40 inches including frame, and entries must be wired for hanging. Entries cannot have been previously exhibited in OAA shows or at the Ellen Noel Art Museum. Juror will be Tim Norman, an oil painter with 19 years of professional experience. For more information or to request an order form, call show chairman Sireesha Amaram at 367-0833.

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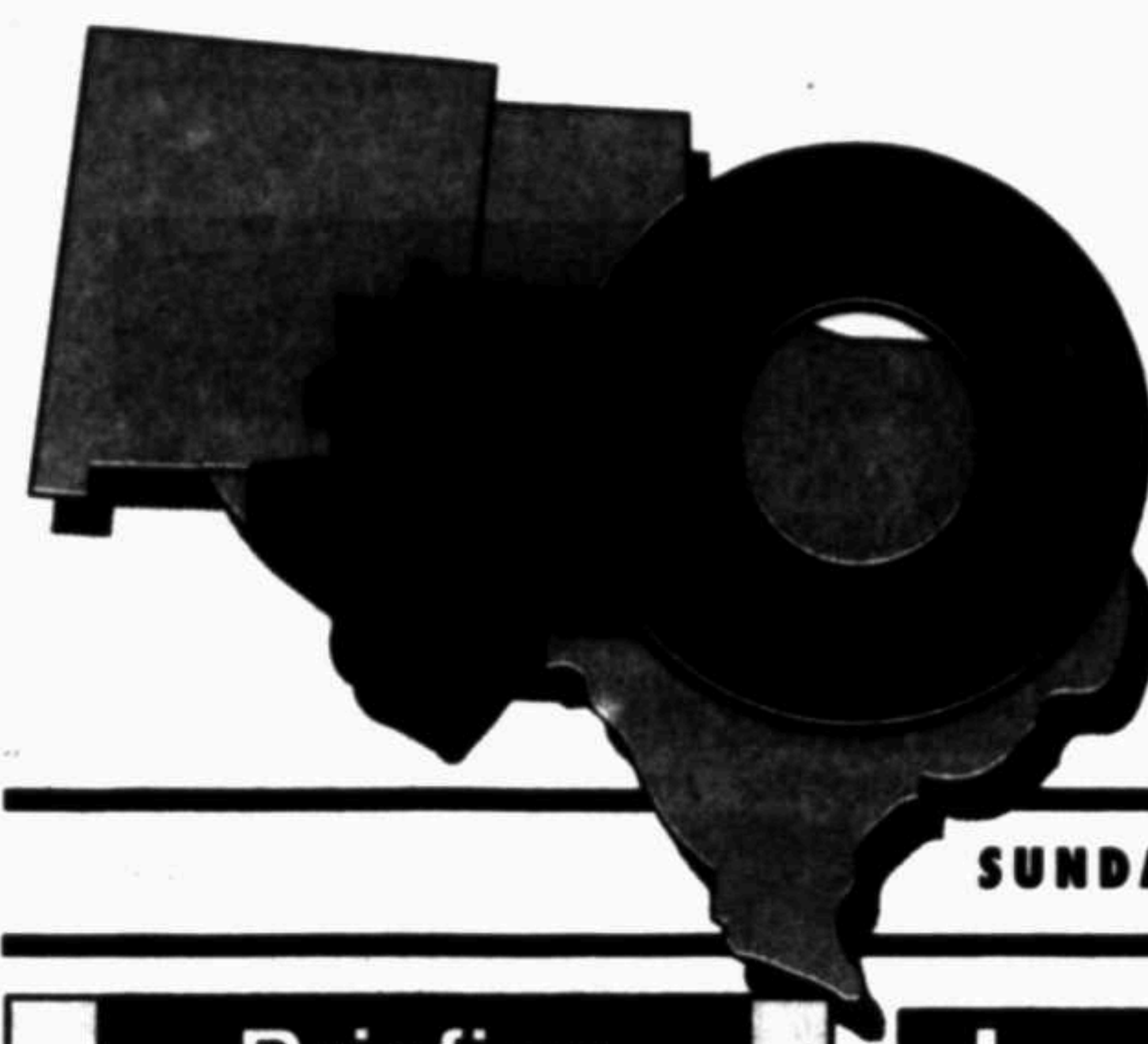
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Briefing

Refiner spending expected to rise

HOUSTON — Industrial Information Resources Inc. of Houston, through its web site industrialinfo.com, has recently released its 2002 Industrial Outlook.

Industrialinfo.com advises that the U.S. Petroleum Refining Industry is expected to see an increase of 5% in annual capital and maintenance spending for 2002. This increase in spending is partially a result of environmental compliance issues requiring refineries to produce cleaner fuels and reduce Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAP's).

The spring and summer of 2001 brought unusually high gasoline and crude oil prices, delaying many planned maintenance turnarounds. However, in the late summer and early fall of 2001, the high prices retracted which led to the acceleration of many of the late fall planned turnarounds. 2001 capital spending focused on the implementation of new technologies and process changes to increase product yields. With a less than optimistic outlook for margins in 2002, spending could likely be isolated to environmental and maintenance programs for the coming year.

Report warns of major writedowns

NORWALK, Conn. — John S. Herold, Inc. expressed concern over the possibility of massive year-end oil industry financial writedowns in the research report, "Fellow Energy Investors: Brace Yourselves for Some Nasty Year-End Numbers."

Barring a rebound in natural gas and crude oil wellhead values by December 31st, Herold anticipates significant writedowns, asset impairments and ceiling test charges by energy companies for the year 2001.

Herold Chairman and CEO Arthur L. Smith stated, "Herold has already tracked more than \$2.0 billion in announced asset writedowns and impairments. Wellhead oil and gas prices are off sharply from one year ago and industry economics have suffered as adverse trends in reserve additions, operating costs and valuations have conspired together."

With record high natural gas prices and spectacular cash flows in the March quarter of this year, energy executives launched very aggressive capital spending programs. By year-end, chief financial officers were struggling to rein in spending as evidenced by the sharp 32% plunge in the Baker Hughes count of active rigs since U.S. activity peaked in August.

What will be the magnitude of the 2001 financial writedowns? Herold believes that it is possible that energy industry writedowns for the December quarter — like 1998 — will overwhelm operating profits.

Smith noted, "We tracked \$8.4 billion in writedowns in 1998 and would not be surprised to see another \$10 billion for 2001."

The Herold report also discussed the implications of the lower crude and natural gas price environment and forecast disappointing reserve additions for 2001. Proved reserves of oil and natural gas added in 1999 and 2000 which were booked due to improved upstream wellhead values are candidates in 2001 for negative revisions. Looking to the 1998 experience, net positive revisions to existing reserves (a.k.a. "reserve growth") for 2001 may be quite weak.

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Looking Toward 2002

Training grant starts 2002 off strong

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

A \$1.6 million federal grant for oilfield worker training programs will start 2002 on a high note for the oil industry.

Independent oil producer John Bell of Kermit, who has been working for a year with area oil industry associations and companies, Midland College, Odessa College and Howard County Junior College on the grant, said training will prepare the industry for an expected upturn.

"We would hope — at least, if other predictions are right — and that has a lot to do with the national economy — an economic rebound will begin in mid-2002 and by fall we may start seeing relief from current low oil and gas prices," he said.

U.S. Representative Larry Combest and Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison made a direct request for the \$1.6 million grant that was contained in a FY 2002 Labor, Health and Human Services and Education conference report passed earlier this month by the House.

The efforts began when oil prices collapsed to 12-year lows of \$10 a barrel in 1998 and early 1999, forcing the industry to lay off 65,000 workers. Though prices rebounded to over \$30 a barrel in 2000, only 8,000 workers returned to the industry. The three junior colleges and Texas A&M University are developing a training and safety program for new and inexperienced oilfield workers.

At present, Bell pointed out, prices have fallen from their recent highs, prompting producers to cut back exploration and development activity and drilling companies to stack rigs. But now, he said, with the industry in a lull, is the perfect time to develop and begin implementing the training programs.

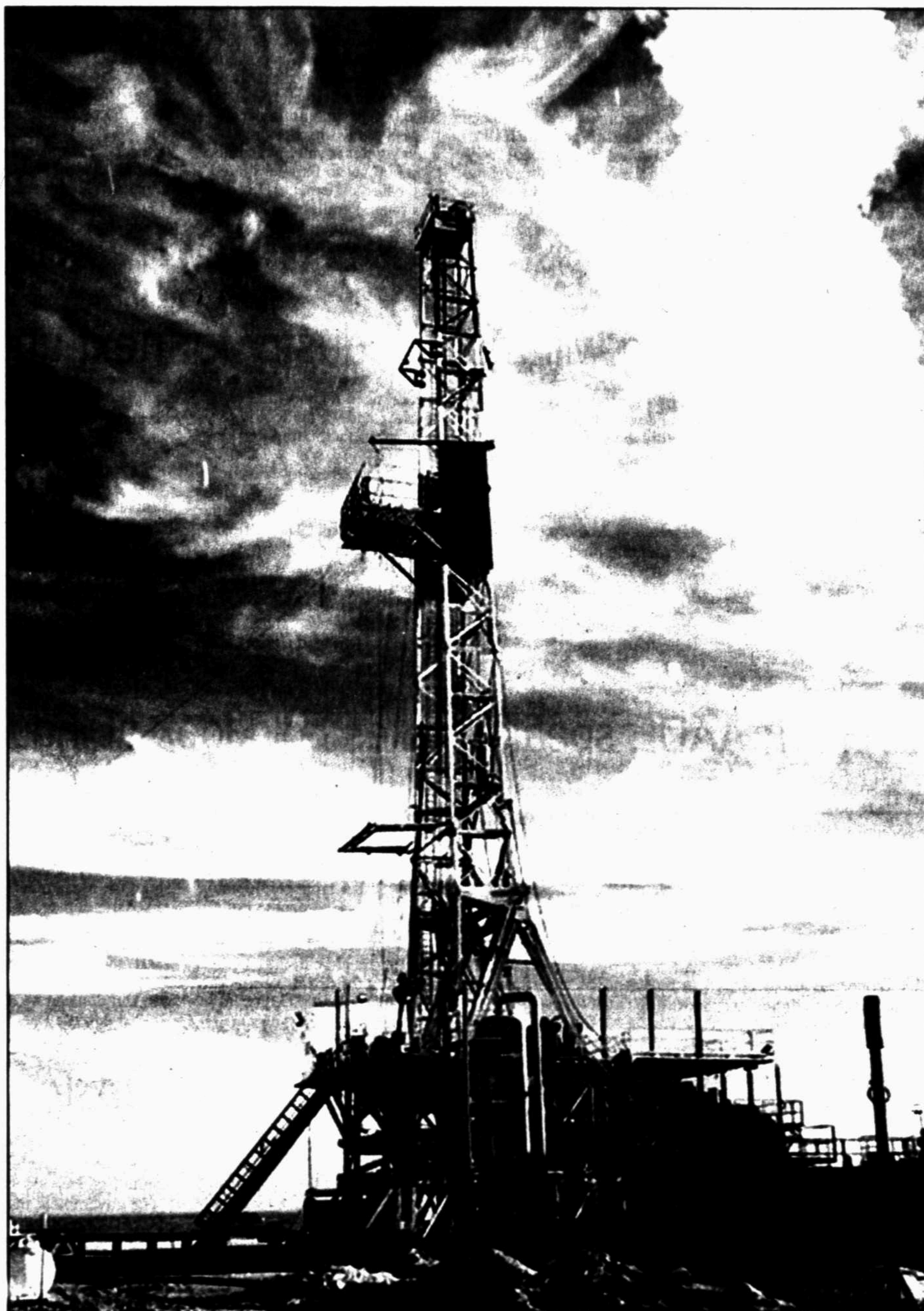
"The nation can't afford \$10 natural gas and \$30 oil," he said. "But at the same time, we can't afford prices where they are now. Producers out here are getting \$12 to \$15 a barrel for sour crude, which is what's mainly produced out here. But I'm more hopeful now than I was three years ago. That optimism is why you're still seeing some activity."

When prices fell, consumption increased, tightening supplies, Bell

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John Bell



Drilling engineers host renowned author

From Staff Reports

A bold look at the current state of and future of the energy industry will be presented January 8 as the Permian Basin Chapter, American Association of Drilling Engineers, hosts author and speaker Dr. Michael Economides.

Economides will discuss the current state of the industry, stressing public perception and current policies.

The meeting, open to the public, will be held at Green Tree Country Club beginning with social hour at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Copies of Economides' book, "The Color of Oil" will be available for purchase.



Economides

RSVPs should be made to Scott Williams at Hughes Christensen, 915-495-7204 by Friday, January 4th.

The American Association of Drilling Engineers (AADE) was founded in New Orleans in 1978. Formation of the AADE was based on the belief that no existing organization was consistently providing technical exchange specifically for Drilling Engineers.

The early success and acceptance of this effort led to the expansion of AADE as chapters were formed in Lafayette, Houston, Dallas-Fort Worth, and Bakersfield, California.

The AADE is an all-volunteer organization consisting of an affiliation of independent chapters licensed by the National Board.

The Permian Basin Chapter of AADE was licensed in 1998, and Paul Ericsson served as the first President. Subsequent presidents were Wendy

Storbeck, Storbeck Consulting, 1999-2000 and Bill Dannels, Bass Enterprises, 2000-2001.

Current 2001-2002 officers are: President, Janie Leary, Halliburton Energy Services; Vice-President, Bobby Smith, XTO Energy; Secretary, Trampas Poldrack, Cudd Pressure Control; Treasurer, Gary Pfannenstiel, Smith Services; and National Board Representative, Steve McCoy, Patterson-UTI Drilling.

The AADE has experienced continued growth in membership and reputation by focusing on its mission, vision, and value statement. The Permian Basin Chapter of the AADE offers a leading forum for both the dissemination and interchange of practical drilling technology to those employed or interested in the drilling industry. It also promotes professionalism and respect within the drilling industry.

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Dan Robertson

Former Midlander provides East Texas update

As a Holiday treat, we interrupt the continuing saga on public policy development and our industry trade associations with this Special Report from our old friend Bruce Blake, formerly a Midlander, now living and working in deep East Texas out of Liberty.

Sounds like our new East Texas correspondent has a bee in his bonnet. Bruce reports that recently in Houston at the Texas Independent Producers and Royalty Owners "TIPRO Tuesday" meeting, David Pursell of Simmons & Company addressed the



Dan Robertson

group on the future of the oil and gas industry.

Mr. Pursell's opening remarks focused on natural gas. He reported that natural gas is clean burning but is neither plentiful nor cheap. According to Mr. Pursell, "We are out of \$2.00 gas!" His forecast is for significant increases in the price of natural gas and future shortages being absorbed by coal, nuclear energy, hydrogen and solar energy.

As Mr. Blake listened to the speaker, he was reminded of an event some 27 years ago. Bruce was fortunate to receive a personal tour of a hydrogen cooled nuclear power plant under construction in Colorado. It was a beautiful facility considered to be state-of-the-art. As designed, if a leak in the cooling system developed, the inert

hydrogen gas would be absorbed into the atmosphere and the nuclear waste would fall to the ground within the containment building.

The design and theory were extraordinary. During the tour, the contractor described how they had set a 1/8th inch thick conduit in 5 feet of solid cement. This conduit thickness was as provided for in technical drawings approved by all parties. As soon as the cement dried, regulatory authorities had issued a design specification change order. It was obvious, in 1974 this plant and the entire U.S. nuclear power industry would fall to the whims of bureaucrats within the nuclear power commission.

Back at TIPRO Tuesday, Mr. Pursell's talk sounded very bullish to Bruce. He was pleased until he began

to consider the reality of the situation. United States energy policy has changed little since he toured that nuclear plant. Now Bruce is more concerned than ever that our country will be faced with increasingly severe and frequent energy shocks.

Then Mr. Blake remembered an article he recently read in the July 2001 American Association of Petroleum Geologists Explorer. "Bush Brothers Face Off: Florida's 'Back Yard' on Front Burner." It seems that Florida, the nation's third largest consumer of energy, produces only 2 percent of the petroleum it consumes. Moreover, according to the Explorer, South Florida's population is expected to double to 8 million by the year

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Patterson-UTL acquires rigs from Cleere

SNYDER, Texas — Patterson-UTL Energy Inc., the second-largest operator of land-based oil and natural gas drilling rigs in North America announced the acquisition of 17 land-based drilling rigs from Cleere Drilling Company. The acquisition also included 28 rig-moving trucks as well as other equipment and inventory. The rigs are located throughout much of Texas and increase the company's total to 319 land-based drilling rigs that

operate in oil and natural gas producing regions of Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Utah, Mississippi, Alabama and western Canada.

The assets were acquired for \$13.5 million in cash, 450,000 shares of Patterson-UTL Energy common stock, and 325,000 warrants convertible into common shares at a price of \$26.75.

Mark S. Siegel, Patterson-UTL's chairman, stated, "We are very pleased to complete our first post-merger acquisition at

Patterson-UTL Energy. With this acquisition the combined entities have acquired a total of 44 drilling rigs in 2001, a total that is consistent with both Patterson's and UTL's acquisition strategies over the past few years.

Siegel added, "With our strong cash position and \$100 million line of credit, we have positioned Patterson-UTL to be able to respond quickly and selectively to unique situations that may arise in the market-

place. We believe that the Cleere assets represent such an opportunity, and are a good fit with our current operations and market coverage."

Cloyce A. Talbott, Patterson-UTL's Chief Executive Officer, commented, "We are particularly pleased that Kirk Cleere will be joining the Patterson-UTL team. We expect his expertise and many years of experience to enhance our organization and strengthen our competitive position in the marketplace."

Namedropping

HOUSTON — T-3 Energy Services Inc. announced that JOEL V. STAFF has been elected to the company's board of directors and will serve as chairman of the board.

Staff has over 30 years of experience in the energy service industry. He currently serves as chairman of the board of National Oilwell, a leading NYSE manufacturer of drilling equipment and a leader in the distribution of oilfield supplies. He previously held various senior executive positions with Baker Hughes Inc., another NYSE listed oilfield service company. He is also a director of Trico Marine Services Inc.

Did You Know?

A Profile of the Independent Producers Association of America

■ America's more than 5,000 independent oil and natural gas producers and service companies operate in 33 states and the coastal waters offshore.

■ Independents derive their income primarily from the sale of oil and natural gas that they discover and produce in their operations. This is commonly called the "upstream segment" of the industry.

■ Independent producers drill 85 percent of the wells in the U.S. and produce 65 percent of the nation's natural gas and 40 percent of the domestic crude oil.

■ Independent producers range in size from large publicly traded companies to small "Mom & Pop" family businesses that drill only a few wells each year.

■ Most independents have fewer than 20 employees. Yet, collectively, they are the key to future U.S. energy exploration and production.

■ For many smaller and mid-sized independents, their biggest problems are lack of capital for exploration and production, and a shortage of rigs and skilled workers.

■ We have recovered only about 60 percent of the jobs lost in the 1998-1999 oil price crisis.

■ New studies indicate that we will need to increase domestic drilling rigs for natural gas from the current level of 1,000 to a level somewhere between 1,500 and 2,000 in order to meet demand growth.

Parallel Petroleum completes Yegua well

MIDLAND — Parallel Petroleum Corp. announced the completion of a Yegua well in the Yegua/Frio/Wilcox gas trend, onshore the Gulf Coast of Texas.

The Signal Hill No. 1, Jackson County, Texas, was drilled to a total depth of 19,000 feet, as a Wilcox test.

As previously reported, the Wilcox was interpreted as being non-commercial, and no

completion was attempted.

The well was plugged back to approximately 10,300 feet to a Yegua zone. The zone was perforated and tested at a rate of 2,400 mcf of gas and 100 barrels of oil per day on a 9/64-inch choke with 5,775 psi flowing tubing pressure. The sand is approximately 15 feet thick with up to 25 ohms of resistivity and up to 33% porosity.

The Signal Hill No. 1 is

expected go on-line in January, and if prices remain at current levels, it is estimated that it will generate approximately \$200,000 per month in net cash flow to the 8/8ths working interest after royalty payments (\$50,000 net to Parallel's interest), based on expected production rates. Parallel owns a 27.0% working interest in the well. Beta Oil & Gas Inc. has a 12.5% working interest in the

well and Republic Resources Inc. has a 3.125% working interest.

The remaining interest is owned by private industry partners. Allegro Investments Inc., Victoria, Texas, is the operator.

Parallel Petroleum Corp. is an independent energy company engaged in the exploration for and the acquisition, development and production of oil and gas using 3-D seismic.

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said, and when prices rose, operators were able to increase activity and increase supplies. When the economy improves and demand rises, having training programs in place will help the industry be in a better position to meet that demand.

"It's to workers advantage to realize they can benefit from these programs and get involved," he said, adding, "This also gives the colleges

time to get their feet on the ground with these programs."

While he said he doesn't yet know what Midland College has planned, he is told Odessa College will use its share of the grant to place its associate degree in petroleum engineering program on its Internet site.

Barry Horseman, Director of Workforce Training at Midland College, said, "We are excited about this funding because it will greatly assist us as we train oilfield workers. There is

a great need for this kind of training and we are looking forward to facilitating that training."

Combest, who hopes to be in the Permian Basin this coming week to present the grant to the colleges, stated, "The oilfield worker training program is absolutely essential for the domestic oil and gas industry, which is facing a severe shortage of experienced and skilled workers. Midland College and Odessa College are well-

equipped to train and prepare workers, and I am pleased that they have taken the lead in addressing this problem."

Bell said managers with companies that include Key Energy, Patterson UTL Drilling, Poll Well Service and Tom Brown, have met with the colleges to discuss what training programs they need and how to help implement those programs.

AUTHOR: AADE speaker takes bold look at industry

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and community, and the environment in which it co-exists.

The local chapter meets regularly on the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at Greentree Country Club. Programs are presented by knowledgeable industry leaders in an informal dinner environment. Membership is \$15 per year. In June, the chapter will host

their third annual technology transfer, the "AADE Tech 2002". This is an afternoon presentation of new, proven technology that has never before been presented in the Permian Basin to public forums, such as AADE, Society of Professional Engineers, American Petroleum Institute, or International Association of Drilling Contractors.

The "AADE Tech 2002" for-

mat is unique in the fact that the technology case history presented must be proven and applicable to the Permian Basin, and must be co-presented by both a producer/operator and a service company. Following each presentation, there is a question and answer period. Papers are currently being accepted for review for the "AADE Tech 2002". For more information concerning the

"AADE Tech 2002", contact Bobby Smith at XTO Energy, 915-620-6718.

In August of each year, the chapter hosts a sporting clay shoot for its members. Monies raised are donated to local charities, which are voted upon by the general membership. In 2001, the "AADE Sporting Clay Shoot" hosted 144 shooters, and donated \$4500 to High Sky Children's Ranch.

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2010. Its electricity demand is expected to double from 1.5 BCF/day in 2000 to 3.0 BCF/day in 2008. Twenty-four new electrical generating plants are expected to be added to the Florida power grid between 1995 to 2004, with 21 of these designed to be gas fired. One comment from a Florida native quoted in the Explorer: "I'm tired of Florida being a politically-created energy welfare state."

Mr. Pursell told the TIPRO Tuesday group that future shortages of natural gas would be substantially absorbed by increased coal consumption.

Bruce points out that, "our nation's greatest reserve of coal is in the Rocky Mountain region. Oil and gas operators all over the region are complaining that Bureau of Land Management continues to be inflexible on surface use issues. According to some, the Clinton Team remains firmly in control of the BLM, MMS and EPA." Mr. Blake then raises the following questions: "Is this caused by a Congress unwilling to approve new appointments or a Republican President unwilling to battle environmentalists on the basic issues of access and surface occupancy? If we can't drill wells, how are we to permit

and construct strip mines?" While Mr. Pursell sounded bullish about existing oil and gas reserves, Mr. Blake doesn't plan to spend that "\$20.00 MCF" run check yet. Bruce reminds us that, "As California Governor Gray Davis proved in our most recent energy crisis, there will always be a Governor or President or Senator ready and willing to call force majeure. Only God could see the storm on such an obscure horizon."

Like many operators, Mr. Blake is concerned that prosperity in our industry will lead to a call for renewed windfall profits tax, new price controls, releases from the Strategic

Petroleum Reserve, hearings and subpoenas of rich Texas capitalists. He worries that, "The government that created the crisis won't let the producer sell his product at free market prices."

Isn't it funny how some things never seem to change? Bruce W. Blake, CPL/ESA, is an independent management consultant with offices in Liberty and Midland. He may be reached at bruceblake@txu-com.net.

Dan Robertson is serving in an interim capacity as editor of the Permian Basin Oil & Gas Report.

Devon updates 2002 oil and gas hedging positions

OKLAHOMA CITY — Devon Energy Corp. has entered into additional hedging transactions covering its first quarter 2002 natural gas production. In addition, the company summarized the aggregate effects of all of its 2002 oil and gas hedges in place. Devon's 2002 hedges include oil and gas price swaps, costless collars and fixed-price agreements.

Gas production
For the first quarter of 2002, Devon recently entered into fixed-price physical delivery contracts for natural gas pro-

duction in the United States and Canada. In the U.S., the company entered into fixed-price physical delivery contracts covering an additional 116,400 million British thermal units (mmbtu) of natural gas per day at an average price of \$2.65 per mmbtu. In Canada, the company entered into fixed-price physical delivery contracts covering an additional 118,400 mmbtu of natural gas per day at an average price of \$2.46 per mmbtu.

In aggregate, including the recent contracts, Devon has

downside price protection in place for about one-half of its expected first quarter 2002 gas production at an average price of \$2.94 per mmbtu. For the full year 2002, Devon has downside price protection in place for approximately 39 percent of its expected gas production at an average price of \$3.02 per mmbtu.

Oil production
In aggregate, Devon has downside price protection in place for approximately 53,200 barrels of oil per day in 2002 at an average price of \$22.34 per

barrel. This represents approximately 55 percent of Devon's expected 2002 oil production.

The recent transactions described above update hedges disclosed in Devon's SEC Form 8-K dated Dec. 11, 2001. The expected levels of 2002 oil and gas production referenced above are based upon annual production estimates included in Devon's Form 8-K dated Dec. 11, 2001. These production estimates exclude production attributable to oil and gas properties Devon has designated for disposition in 2002.

Oneok revises earnings guidelines downward for 2001

TULSA, Okla. — ONEOK, Inc. has revised its earnings guidance for 2001. Net income excluding the effect of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission (OCC) charge is estimated to be in the range of \$1.20 per diluted share of common stock. This compares with \$1.10 per diluted share for 2000 excluding the sale of a processing plant.

This revision in guidance is prompted primarily by lower commodity prices and margins coming from the company's natural gas gathering and processing segment and the impact of warmer-than-normal weather

on energy prices and the distribution segment. Net income is estimated to be in the range of \$1.02 per diluted share of common stock including the impact of the OCC charge.

ONEOK previously announced a charge of 18 cents per diluted common share reflecting the OCC's denial of the right to collect outstanding gas costs incurred last winter from Oklahoma distribution customers. The company has appealed the OCC decision to the Oklahoma Supreme Court.

The appeal process is expected to take approximately two years. In the meantime, the

OCC decision has been stayed and the company will collect the outstanding gas costs, which will be subject to refund with interest if the court rules that the OCC decision was correct.

ONEOK previously announced the company's estimated exposure of less than \$40 million to Enron based on commodity transactions primarily for storage management and natural gas hedging involving ONEOK's energy marketing and trading and production segments. ONEOK has not received payment from Enron on \$14 million of November

and December 2001 commodity transactions that were to settle in late November and early December 2001.

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Williams takes action to strengthen balance sheet

TULSA, Okla. — Williams announced the company plans to take several steps to strengthen its balance sheet to further solidify its investment-grade credit rating.

"We believe both our business platform and strategy are as solid today as they were six months ago, and we have historically met every performance measure required by debt rating agencies to remain an investment grade company," said Steve Malcolm, president and chief operating officer.

Among the components of the plan:

— A \$1 billion reduction in 2002 capital spending. The 25-percent reduction likely will be split between regulated and unregulated infrastructure projects.

— Issuance of \$1 billion in mandatory convertible preferred securities early in 2002.

— Expected proceeds of from \$250 million to \$750 million from the sale of certain non-core assets during 2002. The company also will likely recognize a fourth quarter 2001 impairment loss in the range of \$120 million to \$170 million related to its soda ash facility in Colorado.

The loss relates to operational start-up issues since initial production in November 2000. Steps are being taken to address the issues.

— Initiate action to eliminate the ratings triggers in the limited number of Williams financings that have them.

Malcolm said that while deal flow remains robust and has increased since the terrorist attacks and the Enron bankruptcy, current uncertainty surrounding the energy merchant business environment is delaying the pace of closing transactions that were expected during the fourth quarter of this year. While not a certainty, he said he believes Williams will achieve the previously announced 2001 recurring earnings per share of \$2.40.

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HOUSTON — Energy Co. announced capital pro-

With a target production goal of 100,000 bbls per day, the company is targeting a basic share, cash flow of \$3.38 per share and EBITDA of \$1.10 per share.

The company's initial investment in its core exploration (E&P) business is approximately \$6 million. The company's utilization of its core exploration (E&P) business is approximately \$6 million.

"Our exploration operating were excellent that to continue drilling programed Harold M. and Chief Executive Southwestern. expect to show growth of approximately 200%. We are confident that these results achieved through Higher production with high prices, have all good progress debt. Although reduce available we anticipate drilling program opportunity to again tion and reserve.

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Southwest Energy announces 2002 outlook

HOUSTON — Southwestern Energy Co. announced its outlook and capital program for 2002.

With a targeted oil and gas production goal of 43 - 44 Bcf equivalent and assuming a \$2.75 per Mcf NYMEX gas price and \$20.00 per barrel WTI price, the company is targeting 2002 net income of \$16 million, or \$.65 per basic share, cash flow of \$85 million (\$3.38 per basic share) and EBITDA of \$105 million.

The company is planning a capital investment of \$70 million in its core exploration and production (E&P) business. The company's approved capital investment program totals \$77 million, with \$6 million dedicated to the company's utility segment and \$1 million for corporate purposes.

"Our exploration and production operating results for 2001 were excellent and we look forward to that to continue with a meaningful drilling program in 2002," stated Harold M. Korell, President and Chief Executive Officer of Southwestern. "For 2001, we expect to show production growth of approximately 11% and reserve replacement close to 200%. We are especially pleased that these results have been achieved through the drillbit. Higher production volumes, coupled with higher commodity prices, have allowed us to make good progress on reducing our debt. Although lower prices will reduce available capital for 2002, we anticipate a very healthy drilling program with the opportunity to again grow our production and reserves."

Outlook for 2002

Southwestern's targeted 2002 exploration and production capital program of \$70 million compares to approximately \$86 mil-

lion expected to be invested in E&P in 2001 (net of capital reimbursement from the company's Overton Field partnership). The company anticipates that approximately 60% of the \$70 million dedicated for E&P in 2002 will be invested in lower-risk drilling in the Arkoma Basin (\$22.5 million) and in its Overton Field in East Texas (\$18.4 million).

The remainder will be invested in exploration and development drilling in the Permian Basin (\$8.5 million) and South Louisiana (\$20.6 million). Approximately \$50 million of the \$70 million capital budget, or 71%, will be dedicated to the drillbit with \$12 million committed to exploration drilling and \$38 million for development drilling. The remainder is for the acquisition of seismic data (\$5 million), leasehold (\$5 million) and capitalized expenses and interest (\$10 million). No proved property acquisitions are budgeted for 2002.

Southwestern plans to drill approximately 90 wells in 2002, which is comparable to the number of wells drilled in 2001. Approximately two-thirds of those wells are low-risk development prospects located in the Arkoma Basin (51 wells and 40 workover projects) and in the Overton Field in East Texas (12 wells).

The company plans to participate in eight exploration and nine development wells in the Permian Basin and South Texas. Southwestern also expects to drill four exploration wells and one development well in South Louisiana in 2002, in pursuit of targets with above-average reserve and production potential.

The company's differential for the average price received for its gas production is expected to be approximately \$.05 - \$.10 per Mcf below the NYMEX Henry Hub index price, excluding the impact of hedges. Additionally, the company's differential for the average price received for its oil production is expected to be approximately \$1.00 per barrel below the West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude oil price, excluding the impact of hedges.

Southwestern currently has 19 Bcf of its gas production hedged in 2002 at a weighted average price of \$3.23 per Mcf.

The company projects its gross margin from its utility segment (revenues less gas purchases) to approximately \$50 million, but the segment's operating income is expected to decrease to approximately \$10 to \$11 million assuming normal weather. To date, the efficiency gains that have been implemented by the company over the past two years have been able to offset inflationary pressures in operating the utility. However, the utility's operating income is expected to decrease by an estimated \$1 million in 2002, predominantly related to higher general and administrative costs.

With regard to other income and expenses, the company's gas marketing segment is expected to generate approximately \$2 million in operating income in 2002. The company expects the loss from its investment in the NOARK Pipeline to approximate \$1.0 to \$1.5 million. The company also expects a minority interest deduction in its income statement of approximately \$2.5 million related to its Overton Field partnership. The company's net interest expense for the year

is expected to be approximately \$22.0 to \$23.0 million. All income taxes in 2002 are assumed to be deferred.

The company's forecast for 2002 assumes a \$2.75 per Mcf NYMEX gas price and \$20.00 per barrel WTI price, and includes current hedges in place.

South Louisiana Drilling Update

The company announced that the Miami Corporation 27-1 well in the Crowne Prospect located in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, encountered 75 feet of pay in the targeted Planulina objective. The well is currently being completed and initial test results should be available in early January. The company plans to spud a development well in the prospect to fully develop the Planulina sand interval early in the second quarter of 2002. Southwestern is the operator of these wells with a 40% working interest.

Other working interest partners in the prospect include Helmerich & Payne, Inc. (30% W.I.) and Century Royalty 2000, Ltd. (30% W.I.).

In late-November, the Company completed the Mire #1 well on the Horeb prospect in Acadia Parish. This well is currently producing 13.9 MMcf of gas per day and 183 barrels of condensate per day (15.0 MMcf equivalent per day). Southwestern operates the Mire #1 well with a 21.5% working interest.

Southwestern Energy Company is engaged in oil and gas exploration and production in the Arkoma Basin, East Texas, the Permian Basin and the onshore Gulf Coast.

Industry Briefing

SCANA seeks pipeline certification

COLUMBIA, S.C. — SCANA Corp. subsidiary, SCG Pipeline, Inc., has submitted its application seeking Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) certification of 18-miles of a new natural gas pipeline in Georgia and South Carolina, and the ownership of capacity in existing parallel pipelines connected to a liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility.

The primary purpose of the project is to provide access to markets in South Carolina and southeastern Georgia. SCG Pipeline will transport natural gas from interconnections with Southern Natural Gas and Southern LNG's Elba Island LNG import terminal near Savannah, Georgia. The end point of the SCG line is at the site of a proposed 875 MW natural gas-fired generation station in Jasper County, South Carolina. The proposed in-service date for the pipeline is November 2003.

Panaco plugs Galveston County well

HOUSTON — PANACO, Inc. announced that the exploratory Umbrella Point well, State Tract 73 No. 6, in Galveston County, Texas, reached sidetracked total depth of 15,600' (15,089' true vertical depth) on December 20, 2001. The well encountered no productive pay zones and is currently being plugged and abandoned.

Robert G. Wonish, President and COO, commented "This well was drilled with the understanding that it was a very high risk project with a capacity for superior returns. As such, the results are disappointing but not unanticipated. The company's forward-looking projections did not include production or reserve increases for this well."

Welllogix increases task group participation

HOUSTON — Welllogix Inc., has increased its participation in the Petroleum Industry Data Exchange's Complex Products and Services Task Group initiative to include pilot testing with other participants.

The initiative is a joint effort of industry members, led by the Petroleum Industry Data Exchange, to identify data elements and standardize XML tags to support work flow and information exchange in the specification and procurement of complex services, initially for upstream drilling activities and eventually for all sectors of the petroleum industry. The complex Products and Services initiative is intended to facilitate industry-wide integration of business processes through seamless electronic communications and to support multiple processes from negotiation through contract fulfillment.

Safety engineers fund new scholarship

DES PLAINES, Ill. — The American Society of Safety Engineers Foundation has announced a new scholarship established by the Gulf Coast Past Presidents Foundation, which includes past presidents of the ASSE Greater Gulf chapter. The scholarship is an effort to support and encourage more students to enter the growing field of occupational safety, health and the environment and will be open to students pursuing a degree in one of those fields. ASSE President Eddie Greer of Houston opened the scholarship by presenting a check for \$12,873.22 to the foundation for the fund. The first award is expected in 2002.

Anadarko tabs O&GJ to market assets

HOUSTON — The Oil & Gas Journal Property Exchange announced that Anadarko Petroleum Corp. has retained its services to evaluate and market certain assets in South Louisiana. The assets include interests in the Bastian Bay, Coquille Bay and Delta Duck Club fields in Plaquemine Parish; the Bayou Long Field in Iberia and St. Martin parishes; the West Lake Verret Field also in St. Martin Parish; the Four League Bay and Lake Hatch fields in Terrebonne Parish; the Kings Bayou Field in Cameron Parish; and the Maurice Field in Vermilion and Lafayette parishes.

Anadarko operates 29 of the 37 currently producing wells. Anadarko's net production in November 2001 was approximately 211 barrels of oil per day and 6 million cubic feet of gas per day. In addition to Proved Producing reserves, all other reserve categories have value. Anadarko said these are non-core, non-strategic assets that will be sold as part of an ongoing program to upgrade its growth portfolio and improve overall shareholder returns.

Anadarko is offering to sell these assets effective Jan. 1, 2002, through a negotiated sale. The data room will open Jan. 7, 2002.

Kaneb Pipe Line acquires terminal

DALLAS — Kaneb Pipe Line Partners, L.P. announced that its ST Services subsidiary has completed the acquisition of a terminal in Portland, Oregon from ExxonMobil.

The terminal, which has approximately 800,000 barrels of tankage, is located on the Willamette River and is accessible by barges, tankers, trucks, rail and pipeline.

Edward D. Doherty, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Kaneb Pipe Line Company LLC, the Partnership's General Partner and a subsidiary of Kaneb Services LLC, "We are pleased with the acquisition of this terminal which is adjacent to our existing Portland terminal. The combination of the two terminals will allow us to benefit from cost savings while significantly expanding our tankage in the area almost 250%. It also enhances our ability to serve our existing customers in the Portland area while adding some new customers to our base."

John R. Barnes, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Kaneb Services LLC, said, "As General Partner, we are pleased to continue our commitment to growth with the acquisition of this terminal."

EOTT Energy receives increase in credit line

HOUSTON — EOTT Energy Partners, L.P. has received an agreement for an increase to \$300 million on its line of credit from its primary lender, Standard Chartered Bank, for the issuance of letters of credit to suppliers.

"In addition to demonstrating our lender's confidence in EOTT's business operations, their commitment to increase our interim credit facility to \$300 million should reassure our trade partners of EOTT's financial strength, vitality and independence. Our strategy is to secure EOTT's position as a leading independent gatherer and marketer of crude oil, and this credit facility enhances our ability to continue our operations on a 'business-as-usual' basis," said EOTT President and Chief Operating Officer Dana Gibbs.

Clearinghouse sets record at December 11 hybrid auction

HOUSTON — The Oil & Gas Asset Clearinghouse sold over \$40 million in properties at its December 11 Hybrid auction in Houston. The Clearinghouse offered a total of 369 Lots at this Selective Offering, including many higher-valued, more notable properties.

Over 450 registered bidders competed on 369 Lots. Internet bidders accounted for more than 21% of the total registered bidders and 14% of the gross sales. The highest-valued property purchased by an Internet bidder was \$2.1 million.

Some of the more notable properties sold are:

Vintage Petroleum — Bethany Longstreet Field in DeSoto, LA for \$1,800,000; Pachuta Creek field in Clarke, MS for \$3,500,000; Hammon East Field in Custer, OK for \$2,100,000; several Lots in Rosewood Field in Upshur, TX for a total of \$5,075,000; Greka — San Simon Field in Lea, NM for \$1,050,000; Primal Energy — Fullerton Field in Andrews, TX for \$3,000,000; White Kitchen Field in LaSalle, TX for \$370,000; Westport Resources — Dolphin Field in Divide, ND for \$190,000; Vess Oil — Grimes Field in Pratt KS for \$200,000; Sabre Operating — Yukon Field in Canadian, OK for \$285,000; Tri-Union Development — Heinzeville Field in Goliad, TX for \$390,000

Permian Basin Oil Report

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The Museum of the Southwest is seeking a curator to manage all aspects of the Museum's art collections, and special exhibitions program. The incumbent also will be responsible for art education including planning, organizing, and coordinating lectures, tours and docent training. The Museum of the Southwest complex (AAM) accredited) consists of an Art Museum, Children's Museum, and Planetarium. Collections emphasize Southwest art. Exhibits are diverse.

Candidate should at least have a Master's degree (MA or MFA). Strong communication, computer and people skills are a must. Prior experience desirable. Competitive salary with excellent benefits. Send cover letter, resume, names of three references, and examples of relevant work to: Director, Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Avenue, Midland, TX 79701 EOE/ADA

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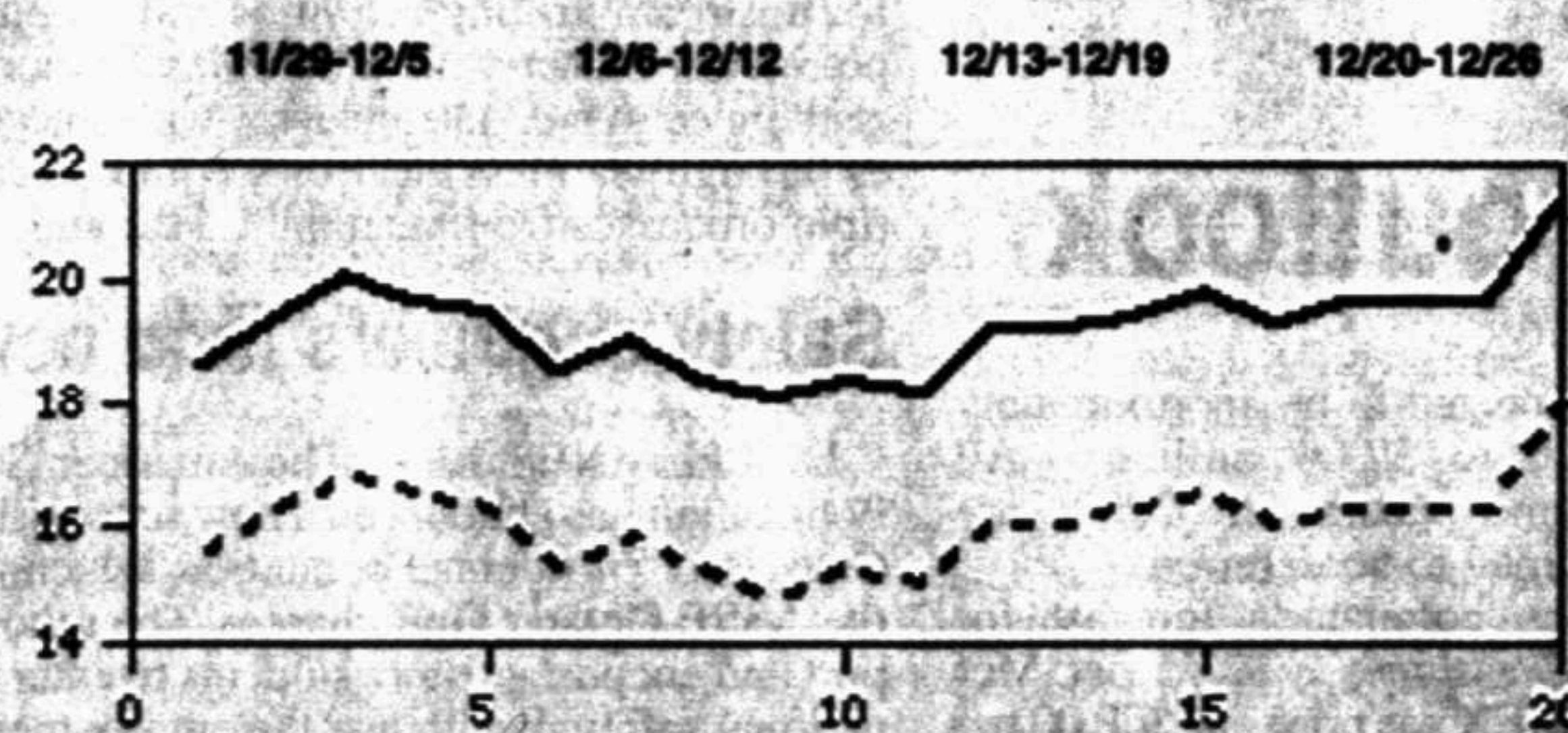
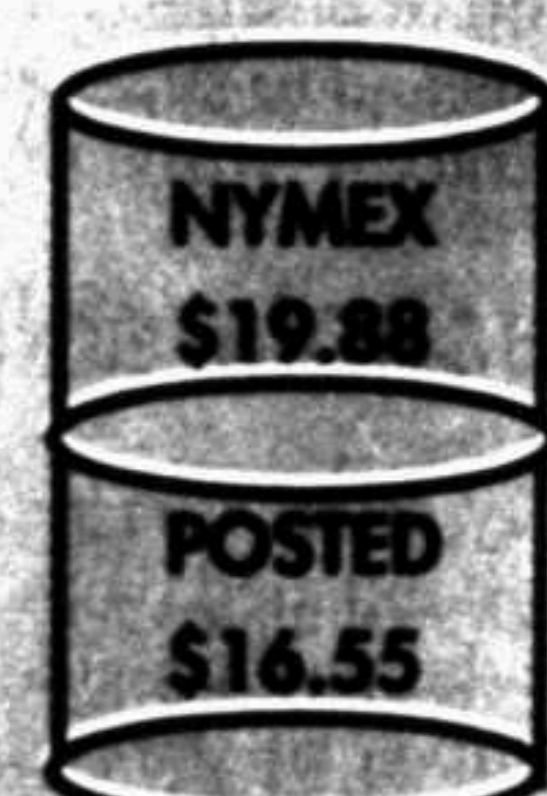
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- **Gulf Coast (Louisiana) \$2.28**
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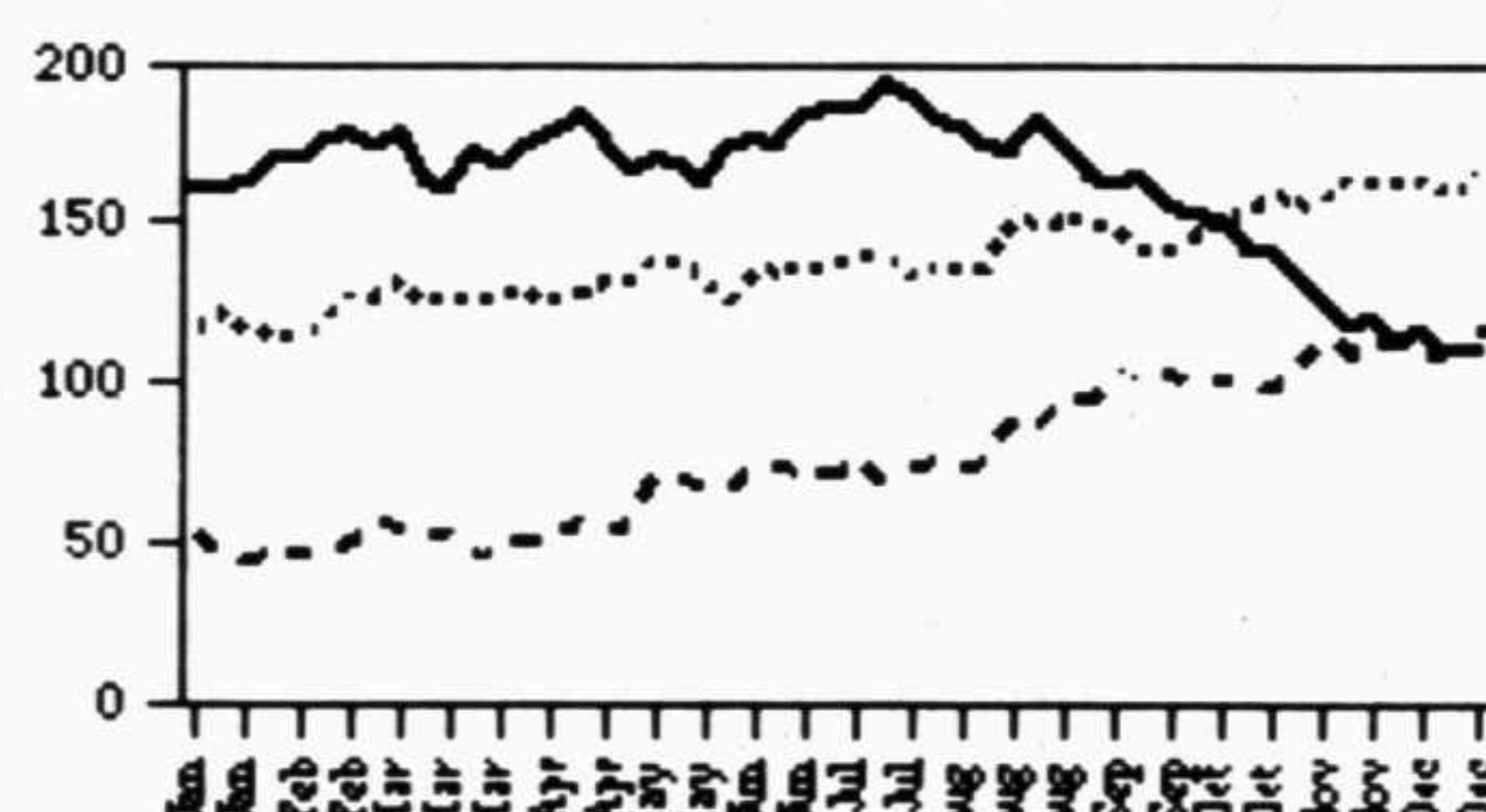
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	<u>This Wk.</u>	<u>Last Wk.</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
USA Land	751	769	916
USA Offshore	131	138	171
Canada	292	274	456
U.S. Directional	225	240	256
U.S. Horizontal	70	72	55
U.S. Gas	741	757	851
U.S. Oil	140	150	235

This information updated December 21, 2001

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<u>DIST. #7C</u>		Hudspeth	0	Hale	1
Coke	1	Jeff Davis	0	Hockley	2
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Irion	0	Midland	12	Lamb	0
Kimble	0	Mitchell	0	Lubbock	0
McCullough	0	Pecos	9	Lynn	0
Menard	0	Presidio	0	Motley	0
Reagan	5	Reeves	3	Scurry	1
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Texas RRC

Daubert Oper
Prugel-Henke
Wildcat-D; Hoc
Blk N/A, Sec 107;
of lse; 2398 FNL 1
14 miles NW of
permit #515620;

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Endeavor En
Weatherby "12
Wildcat-D; D &
A-119, Blk N/A,
2500 FEL of lse;
of survey; 10 mil
obj: 8700; permit
35184

Schleider

TXP, Inc.
University "23"
Wildcat-D; UL;
Sec 23; 660 FSI
1980 FSI 1980

Comp

New Mexico

Texaco Expl.
Skelly Unit #90
Fren; T17S, R
FSL 2310 FWL;
5400; PBTD 538
Comp 1-26-01; pr
treated perms: 4
38,000 gals acid,
IP: 2-23-01 Pump
BW, 20 MCF, GO
#30-015-31385

Yates Pet. Co.
Thistle AKT #2
Eagle Creek; T
660 FNL 660 FW
8830; PBTD 85
Comp 4-7-00; pre
treated perfs: 797
gals acid, Frac v
foam + 38,996# 2
Flow 24 hrs 0 BC
18/64" Ch, TP 320

Devo

Texas RRC

RME Pet. Co.
Davidson "17"
Davidson Ranch
Ozona, NE. (Cany
SF RR Co.; A-312
2558 FSL 1798 F
1798 FWL of surv
of Ozona; obj: 850
API #105-38604

Riata Energy,
Vaughan, R. L.
Vaughn-D; G.C
Baze; A-5023, Bill
FWL 5765 FSL of
FWL of survey;
Ozona; obj: 2000
API #105-38784

Sutton
Dreyfus, Louis

Richardson 138
Fawcett (Wolfe
(Canyon)&(Straw
WT RR Co./ E. C.
Blk B, Sec 138; 17
of Ise; 1767 FEL 2
7 miles W of Sono
mit #515743; API

Dreyfus, Louis
Meckel "A" #31
Fawcett (Wolf)

J. L. Davis; A-932
2890 FWL 4460 FS
320 FNL of survey

Miller

HOUSTON —
ration Co. annou
discovery in the
Field.

Kelly Miller, CEO, states: "We are pleased with the results on our second well in the Grove Field. Elmer's BOE 16-1 #2 confirmed the presence of carbonates in the reservoir and an additional development. This is a win in the well and the acreage remaining to be developed now necessitates a development plan that will be formulated shortly with our partners."

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The BOE 16-1 total depth of 166 feet on December 3, 2000, encountered a sand zone at approximately 150 feet of net depth. The sand zone was identified as Basal Hosston, Hays, and Paluxy/Washita sands. The well was shut in at approximately 22 feet below the Price #1 well.

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Menard County

Daubert Oper. L.L.C.
Prugot-Henke #1
Wildcat-D; Hooper & Wade; A-894, Blk N/A, Sec 107; 2398 FNL 3644 FEL of lse; 2398 FNL 1931 FNL of survey; 14 miles NW of Menard; obj: 3700; permit #515620; API #327-30920

Reagan County

Endeavor Energy Res. L.P.
Weatherby #1219 #2
Wildcat-D; D & SE RR Co. #1219; A-119, Blk N/A, Sec N/A; 660 FSL 2500 FEL of lse; 660 FSL 2500 FEL of survey; 10 miles NW of Big Lake; obj: 8700; permit #515596; API #383-35184

Schleicher County

TXP, Inc.
University #23 #6
Wildcat-D; UL; A-000000, Blk 53, Sec 23; 660 FSL 1980 FEL of lse; 1980 FSL 1980 FEL of survey; 15

miles NE of Eldorado; obj: 6500; permit #515555; API #413-32140

Adams Res. Expl. Corp.
Pring #1
Wildcat-D; T.C. RR Co.; A-562, Blk TT, Sec 67; 1650 FNL 2310 FSL of lse; 1650 FNL 2310 FSL of survey; 9.50 miles N of El Dorado; obj: 7500; permit #515450; API #413-32139

Upton County

Pure Res., L.P.
Cox 27 #2
Wildcat-D-Horizontal Well; HE & WT RR Co. #27; A-254, Blk N/A, Sec N/A; 500 FEL 650 FSL of lse; 500 FEL 2100 FNL of survey; 2 miles NE of Rankin; obj: 11500; permit #515594; API #461-34236

EOG Res., Inc.
Cowden #20 Unit #2H
Wildcat-D-Horizontal Well; GC & SF RR Co./H. Eamest; A-641, Blk Y, Sec 20; 660 FNL 467 FNL of lse; 660 FNL 2084 FEL of survey; 12 miles NW of Rankin; obj: 11900; permit #515533; API #461-34235

Texas RRCD 8

Midland County

CMS Oil & Gas Co.
Braun "A" #1602
Wildcat-D; T & P RR Co./F. M. Woullard; A-1112, Blk 39, T4S, Sec 16; 660 FSL 774 FNL of lse; 660 FSL 774 FNL of survey; 20 miles S of Midland; obj: 10500; permit #515635; API #329-34686

CMS Oil & Gas Co.
Braun "A" #1601
Wildcat-D; T & P RR Co./F. M. Woodland; A-112, Blk 39, T4S, Sec 16; 1980 FSL 1651 FNL of lse; 1980 FSL 1651 FNL of survey; 20 miles S of Midland; obj: 10500; permit #515542; API #329-34685

Pecos County

Prime Oper. Co.
Cheatham #1
Wildcat-Re-Enter; TC RR Co.; A-4347, Blk 178, Sec 5; 660 FNL 660 FNL of lse; 2080 FSL 1980 FEL of survey; 9 miles NW of Sheffield; obj:

8500; permit #515539; API #371-33545

Riata Energy, Inc.
West Ranch #509
Wildcat-D; GC & SF RR Co./J. L. Parker; A-6000, Blk 600, Sec 5; 4312 FNL 12460 FSL of lse; 1900 FSL 2900 FEL of survey; 26 miles S of Ft. Stockton; obj: 9000; permit #514471; API #371-37122

Reeves County

Mobil Producing TX. & N.M. Inc.
Ligon, S E 20 #1H
Wildcat-D-Horizontal Well; H & GN RR Co./S. Ligon; A-4791, Blk 7, Sec 20; 2544 FSL 464 FEL of lse; 2544 FSL 464 FEL of survey; 8 miles NW of Canyonosa; obj: 15500; permit #512861; API #389-32231

Texas RRCD 8A

Borden County

Manzano Oil Corp.
Debo #1
Wildcat-D; T & P RR Co.; A-159, Blk 31, T6N, Sec 9; 212 FNL 1537 FSL of lse; 212 FNL 1103 FNL of survey;

12 miles NW of Gail; obj: 7300; permit #515512; API #033-31805

Dickens County

Marshall & Winston, Inc.
McGalliard #1
Wildcat-D; H & GN RR Co./F. M. Kelsey; A-659, Blk 1, Sec 168; 2450 FEL 850 FSL of lse; 2450 FEL 1780 FNL of survey; 6 miles SE of Spur; obj: 5000; permit #515637; API #125-30772

Gunn Oil Co.

Stalter #1
Wildcat-D; H & GN RR Co./J. F. Shellworth/J. Davis; A-375, Blk 1, Sec 300; 467 FNL 467 FEL of lse; 2186 FSL 942 FNL of survey; 2.75 miles N of Spur; obj: 5300; permit #515592; API #125-30771

Gaines County

EOG Res., Inc.
Ford #2501
Wildcat-D; PS/LJ. A. Guthrie; A-483, Blk A-10, Sec 25; 700 FEL 1370 FNL of lse; 700 FEL 1370 FNL of survey; 20 miles W of Seminole; obj:

9200; permit #515532; API #165-35803

Kent County

OXY USA WTP LP
Cogdell Deep A #1
Wildcat-D; H & TC RR Co./W. O. McFall; A-1170, Blk 97, Sec 772; 1162 FEL 1613 FSL of lse; 1453 FNL 1613 FSL of survey; 13 miles SW of Clairemont; obj: 8000; permit #515646; API #263-31694

Terry County

Trail Mountain, Inc.
Jones #3
Wildcat-Field Transfer; S.K. & K.; A-276, Blk D-11, Sec 9; 950 FSL 650 FNL of lse; 950 FSL 650 FNL of survey; 6 miles S of Sundown; obj: 8900; permit #515603; API #445-31815

Trail Mountain, Inc.
Texland #2
Wildcat-D; S.K. & K.; A-280, Blk D-11, Sec 19; 660 FNL 2150 FNL of lse; 660 FNL 2150 FNL of survey; 7 miles S of Sundown; obj: 8500; permit #503445; API #445-31937

Completions

New Mexico

Eddy County

Texaco Expl. & Prod. Inc.
Skelly Unit #907
Fren; T17S, R31E, Sec 21; 2310 FSL 2310 FNL; EL 3796 GL; TD 5400; PBTD 5380; Spud 12-18-00; Comp 1-26-01; production is through treated perfs: 4899-6210.5; Treat: 38,000 gals acid, 54000 gals 40# gel; IP: 2-23-01 Pump 24 hrs 14 BO, 771 BW, 20 MCF, GOR 1429, Gty 38; API #30-015-31385

Yates Pet. Corp.
Thistle AKT #2
Eagle Creek; T18S, R25E, Sec 10; 660 FNL 660 FNL; EL 3523 GR; TD 8830; PBTD 8510; Spud 1-21-00; Comp 4-7-00; production is through treated perfs: 7970-7978; Treat: 3750 gals acid, Frac w/15,183 gals 70q foam + 38,996# 20/40 sd; IP: 5-4-00 Flow 24 hrs 0 BO, 0 BW, 219 MCF, 18/64" Ch, TP 320, CP Pkr; API #30-

015-30911

Arco Permian

Jaguar 26 Fed #1
Strychnine Draw; T20S, R21E, Sec 26; 735 FNL 660 FEL; EL 4403 GR; TD 8395; PBTD 7910; Spud 2-11-01; Comp 7-16-01; production is through treated perfs: Strawn 7358-7363, Atoka 7668-7673; Treat: Acdz w/2100 gals Hcl, Frac w/52000# 20/40 sd; IP: 7-26-01 Flow 24 hrs 0 BO, 5 BW, 83 MCF, 32/64" Ch, TP 300, CP 460; API #30-015-31566

Lea County

Concho Res. Inc.
North Anderson Ranch 33 St Com #7
Anderson Ranch; T15S, R32E, Sec 33; 1980 FNL 660 FEL; EL 4310 GR; TD 12410; PBTD 12404; Spud 3-4-01; Comp 5-22-01; production is through perfs: 12244-12262; IP: 6-15-01 Flow 24 hrs 50 BO, 0 BW, 800 MCF, 60/64" Ch, TP 80, GOR 16000,

Gty 52.7; API #30-025-35397

Ocean Energy Inc.
Panther Martin #2
North Shoe Bar; T16S, R35E, Sec 3; 3750 FNL 1980 FNL; EL 4009 GR; TD 12670; PBTD 12545; Spud 2-4-01; Comp 3-29-01; production is through treated perfs: 12512-12188; Treat: Frac w/14,500# binary foam; IP: 5-26-01 Flow 24 hrs 25 BO, 10 BW, 1700 MCF; API #30-025-35378

EOG Res. Inc.
Lusk 22 Fed #1
East Lusk; T19S, R32E, Sec 22; 715 FNL 1330 FNL; EL 3610 GL; TD 13050; PBTD 13005; Spud 6-22-01; Comp 8-30-01; production is through treated perfs: 12902-12910; Treat: Frac w/50-70% CO3 + 2040 Interprop, 100 gals Clay safe acid, 32413 gals 63% col, 2914 gals 52% CO2 foam 2970 gals 49% CO2 foam; IP: 8-7-01 Flow 24 hrs 12 BO, 0 BW, 204 MCF, TP 509, GOR 16962, Gty 53; API #30-025-35590

Texas RRCD 7C

Crockett County

Encore Oper., L.P.
Montgomery 1 Unit #6
Ozona (Canyon Sand gas)-Completion; 1-A-3923-TC RR Survey; 1838 FNL 660 FEL of survey; 16 miles SW of Ozona, for a calculated, absolute open flow of 46,000 ft of gas daily, w/gas-liquid ratio of 28,750-1; Gravity of condensate is 64.5 degrees; production is through treated perfs: 6732-6742; TD 7014, where 4 1/2 in casing was set at 6992, & PBTD 6891; GE 2427

Irion County

Ricks Expl. Inc.
Pearl Williams 1197 B Unit #1
Dove Creek, South (6500)-Completion; T.T.-RR Co. #1197 Survey; 2775 FSL 1320 FNL of survey; 12 miles SE of Merton; for a calculated, absolute open flow of 474,800 ft of gas daily, w/gas-liquid ratio at 232,000-1;

production is through treated perfs: 6446-6556; TD 6700, where 4 1/2 in casing was set at 6700, & PBTD 6658; GE 2465

Nadel and Gussman Permian L.L.C.

A.A. Sugg 21 Unit #4
Andrew A (Canyon oil)-Completion; H & TC RR Co.; Blk 6, Sec 21; 800 FNL 1031 FNL of survey; 15 miles NW of Merton; to pump 43 barrels of 38 gravity oil/day, plus 31,000 ft of gas & 24 barrels of water, w/gas-oil ratio at 721-1; production is through treated perfs: 6691-6844; TD 7000, where 4 1/2 in casing was set, & PBTD 6923; GE 2502

Texas RRCD 8

Martin County

RK Pet. Corp.
Peeler Williams, "A" #3
RK (Devonian)-Completion; T & P RR Co.; Blk 37, T2N, Sec 1; 300 FSL 1080 FNL of lse; 4 miles NE of

Tarzan; Comp 10-26-01; Test 11-15-01 24 hrs tested, 2 1/2" X 1 3/4" X 22" Insert Pump, Calculated 24 hr rate 150 BO, lstrm MCF, 0 BW, 46.5 Oil Gravity, 45 Casing Pressure; Top of Pay 11686; TD 11726; PBTD 11722; Perfs: 11,686-11,699; Treat: Acdz w/1500 gals 20% NEFE HCL, Acid Frac'd w/5000 gals 20% X-Linked Acid; permit #509167; API #42-317-34344

Texas RRCD 8A

Garza County

Bright & Co.
Cotter #1
Wildcat-Completion; E.L. & RR Co.; Blk 1, Sec 1303; 467 FNL 1111 FEL of lse; 1 mile NW of Close City; Comp 12-2-01; Test 12-12-01 24 hrs tested, Pmpg 2" X 1 1/2" X 24", 130 BO, N/A MCF, 8 BW, 37 Oil Gravity, 30 Casing Pressure; Top of Pay 8784; TD 9133; PBTD 9050; Perfs: 8784-8788 (4); Treat: 750 gals 15% HCL; permit #514722; API #42-169-33657

Development Wells

Texas RRCD 7C

Crockett County

RME Pet. Co.
Davidson #17 #15
Davidson Ranch (Penn. 7890) & Ozona, NE. (Canyon Sand)-D; GC & SF RR Co.; A-3124, Blk KL, Sec 17; 2558 FSL 1798 FNL of lse; 212 FSL 1798 FNL of survey; 7.20 miles SSE of Ozona; obj: 8500; permit #506959; API #105-38604

Riata Energy, Inc.
Vaughan, R. L. #8430
Vaughan-D; G.C. & S.F. RR Co./G. Baze; A-5023, Blk OP, Sec 84; 450 FNL 5765 FSL of lse; 400 FSL 450 FNL of survey; 12 miles NW of Ozona; obj: 2000; permit #515374; API #105-38784

Sutton County

Dreyfus, Louis Nat. Gas Corp.
Richardson 138 #14
Fawcett (Wolfcamp) & Sawyer (Canyon)&(Strawn, North)-D; HE & WT RR Co./E. C. Kelsey; A-1299, Blk B, Sec 138; 1767 FEL 2596 FSL of lse; 1767 FEL 2596 FSL of survey; 7 miles W of Sonora; obj: 8350; permit #515743; API #435-35695

Dreyfus, Louis Nat. Gas Corp.
Meckel "A" #31
Fawcett (Wolfcamp) & Sonora (Canyon Upper)-D; GC & SF RR Co./J. L. Davis; A-932, Blk N/A, Sec 4; 2890 FNL 4460 FSL of lse; 2390 FEL 820 FNL of survey; 7 miles NNW of

Sonora; obj: 6600; permit #515712; API #435-35694

Dreyfus, Louis Nat. Gas Corp.
Shurley #110 #14
Fawcett (Wolfcamp) & Sawyer (Canyon)-D; HE & WT RR Co./M. B. Atkinson; A-951, Blk B, Sec 110; 2075 FNL 2175 FNL of lse; 2075 FNL 2175 FNL of survey; 4 miles SW of Sonora; obj: 7200; permit #515395; API #435-35688

Dreyfus, Louis Nat. Gas Corp.
Kirby #1 #4
Fawcett (Wolfcamp) & Sawyer (Canyon)&(Strawn, North)-D; GC & SF RR Co. #1; A-142, Blk N/A, Sec N/A; 660 FNL 2100 FEL of lse; 660 FNL 2100 FEL of survey; 8 miles NW of Sonora; obj: 7900; permit #515394; API #435-35687

Dreyfus, Louis Nat. Gas Corp.
Fields 21 #13
Fawcett (Wolfcamp) & Sawyer (Canyon)-D; HE & WT RR Co.; A-355, Blk B, Sec 21; 1915 FNL 2145 FNL of lse; 1915 FNL 2145 FNL of survey; 4 miles SE of Sonora; obj: 6200; permit #515341; API #435-35685

Upton County

Arco Permian
McElroy Ranch Co. -F- #3
Wilshire (Consolidated)-D; CCSD & RGNG RR Co.; A-76, Blk D, Sec 131; 500 FSL 500 FEL of lse; 500 FSL 500 FEL of survey; 21 miles NW of Rankin; obj: 11700; permit #515710; API #461-34237

Arco Permian
McElroy Ranch Co. -F- #2
Wilshire (Consolidated)-D; CCSD & RGNG RR Co.; A-76, Blk D, Sec 131; 543 FNL 556 FNL of lse; 2100 FSL 2100 FEL of survey; 21 miles NW of Rankin; obj: 11700; permit #506829; API #461-34159

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Andrews County

Rust Oil Corp.
Texaco University #10 #5
Fullerton (San Andres)-D; UL; A-000000, Blk 13, Sec 10; 467 FNL 940 FNL of lse; 467 FNL 940 FNL of survey; 4 miles NE of Frankel City; obj: 4750; permit #515377; API #003-38919

Howard County

Westport Oil & Gas Co. Inc.
Kloh #42W
Howard Glasscock-D; T & P RR Co.; A-503, Blk 33, T2S, Sec 13; 664 FSL 1320 FNL of lse; 1320 FNL 1980 FNL of survey; 11 miles SE of Big Spring; obj: 2700; permit #507046; API #227-35684

Westport Oil & Gas Co. Inc.
Kloh #46W
Howard Glasscock-D; T & P RR Co.; A-503, Blk 33, T2S, Sec 13; 668 FSL 1320 FEL of lse; 1320 FEL 1980 FNL of survey; 11 miles SE of Big Spring; obj: 2700; permit #507042; API #227-35689

Sterling County

RME Pet. Co.
Glass, D. L. #7
Conger, SW (Penn)&(Wolfcamp)-Recompletion; T & P RR Co./J. W. Kinsey; A-1253, Blk 32, T5S, Sec 46; 660 FNL 1980 FEL of lse; 660 FNL 1980 FEL of survey; 18 miles SW of Sterling City; obj: 8500; permit #515386; API #431-31124

RME Pet. Co.
Terry, I.W. #7
Conger, SW (Penn)&(Wolfcamp)-Recompletion; D. L. Carver #4; A-26, Blk N/A, Sec N/A; 1000 FSL 4500 FEL of lse; 1000 FSL 330 FNL of survey; 18 miles SW of Sterling City; obj: 8450; permit #515347; API #431-30879

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Terry County

Gruy Pet. Mgmt. Co.
Hufnall #1
Suntura (Lower Clear Fork)-D; C & M RR Co./Mrs. E. Peck; A-1619, Blk D-14, Sec 14; 700 FSL 500 FEL of lse; 700 FSL 500 FEL of survey; 19 miles NW of Brownfield; obj: 9000; permit #515730; API #445-31977

Great Western Drig. Co.
Jacobson #38
Kingdom (Abo Reef)-D; J. H. Gibson/P. J. Ross; A-718, Blk D-11, Sec 6; 1300 FSL 660 FNL of lse; 1300 FSL 660 FNL of survey; 18 miles NW of Brownfield; obj: 8100; permit #515722; API #445-31978

Devon Energy Prod. Co., L.P.
North Welch Unit #2607H
Welch-D-Horizontal Well; PS/LT. A. McNutt; A-1196, Blk C-38, Sec 10; 452 FNL 6600 FNL of lse; 452 FNL 2035 FEL of survey; 4 miles NW of Welch; obj: 5000; permit #506379; API #445-31949

Yoakum County

Occidental Permian LTD.
Owby San Andres Unit #93
Owby-D-Directional Well; J. H. Gibson/E. Owby; A-1695, Blk D, Sec 502; 317 FNL 1890 FNL of lse; 317 FNL 1890 FNL of survey; 7.50 miles SE of Plains; obj: 5800; permit #515706; API #501-34664

Occidental Permian LTD.
Owby San Andres Unit #92
Owby-D; J. H. Gibson; A-376, Blk D, Sec 487; 5441 FNL 2904 FEL of lse; 176 FNL 302 FEL of survey; 7.50 miles SE of Plains; obj: 5800; permit #515705; API #501-34665

New Mexico

Chaves County

Yates Pet. Corp.
George OJ Fed Com #9
T6S, R25E, Sec 35; 660 FNL 1980 FNL of Cottonwood Ranch; 17 miles NW of Elkins; Rot 5220 Penn; API #30-005-63435

Yates Pet. Corp.
Ruby Jo ATY #2
T8S, R26E, Sec 13; 1980 FSL 1980

FNL of North Four Ranch; 11 miles SW of Elkins; Rot 6640 Pre-Permian; API #30-005-63436

Eddy County

OXY USA WTP LP OXY
Sweet & Sour St #4
T17S, R27E, Sec 24; 1980 FSL 1980 FEL of Logan Draw; 9.5 miles SE of Artesia; Rot 7200 Wolfcamp; API #30-015-32099

Marbobb Energy Corp.
Burch Keely Unit #884
T17S, R29E, Sec 24; 1980 FNL 323 FEL of GB-Jackson; 2/5 miles W of Loco Hills; Rot 4800 SR/Qu/GB/Sa; API #30-015-32098

Yates Pet. Corp.
Creek AL Fed #15
T18S, R30E, Sec 24; 1980 FNL 990 FEL of North Shugart; 6.5 miles SE of Loco Hills; Rot 8400 Bone Spring; API #30-015-32095

Lea County

Ray Westall Oper. Inc. TP
State #2
T18S, R34E, Sec 16; 1650 FNL 330 FEL of EK; 6 miles SW of Buckeye; Rot 10,200 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-35783

Conco Inc.
Lusk #23 Fed #1
T19S, R32E, Sec 23; 1651 FNL 679 FNL of East Lusk; 6.5 miles N of Halfway; Rot 13,700 Morrow; API #30-025-35785

Miller makes second Pine Grove find

HOUSTON — Miller Exploration Co. announces second discovery in the Pine Grove Field.

Kelly Miller, President and CEO, states: "We were very pleased with the drilling results on our second well in Pine Grove Field. Electric logs on the BOE 16-1 #1 well confirmed the presence of hydrocarbons in the reservoir column and an additional area for development. The multiple pay in the well and the potential area remaining to be developed now necessitates a total field development plan which will be formulated shortly with our partners."

Pine Grove Field, BOE 16-1 #1

The BOE 16-1 #1 reached a total depth of 16,200 feet on December 3, 2001. The well bore encountered approximately 150 feet of net pay in the Basal Hosston, Hosston, and Paluxy/Washita-Fredericksburg Sands. The well is located approximately 2500 feet from the Price #1 well, which was

the initial discovery of the Pine Grove Field.

The Price #1 well, which was completed in September 2001, continues to produce at a rate of approximately 800 barrels per day and 1.6 Mmcf per day on a 14/64 choke from the Basal Hosston Sand.

The BOE 16-1 #1 encountered correlative pay zones in the Basal Hosston that are presently producing in the Price #1, as well as other zones in the Hosston and the Paluxy. The BOE 16-1

Drillers say ups, downs part of business

By Hanaba Munn
Wichita Falls Times Record
News

WICHITA FALLS, Texas — Making a living in the oil patch is like riding a bobbing pump jack full of ups and downs.

Not everybody hangs on for the ride.

The current downslide in oil and gas prices is darkening the outlook for everyone in the business, from roughnecks on up the ladder. For paycheck-to-paycheck employees, hanging on though hard times is especially hard.

Employers feel the hurt when they can't keep hands.

When prices began an upswing in 1998, drilling companies scrambled to put crews together.

"We had some good drillers and toolpushers," said Carlton Deen, owner of Deen Drilling of Archer City. "But roughnecks and derrick men we had to more or less train. ... I hope we can stay busy enough to keep them."

The Barnett Shale play in Montague, Denton, Wise and Tarrant counties has kept rigs up and hands busy the last couple of years, but a falling demand for natural gas has slowed the frenzy.

"There's still a lot of activity over there, but it's not as frantic as it was," said Graham-based Duke Reynolds, who runs two rigs. "We've had both our rigs running in the Barnett Shale Basin. We moved a rig out to West Texas."

Finding enough hands to keep his rigs running is a challenge for Reynolds.

"The only things that helped us, some rigs went down in West Texas, and we hired the people," he said.

If rigs keep going down, the labor pool should start to swell as more out-of-work hands look for steady work.

"If the companies don't let them go, they'll go anyway because they can't make any money," said Ronnie Levell, a safety director and personnel

manager for Reliable Well Service of Wichita Falls.

Like Deen Drilling, Reliable trains hands on the job.

"We find quite a few people," Levell said. "We don't find anybody that's experienced."

Levell has been in the business long enough to see the cycle more than once. In the 1970s, when prices shot past \$40 a barrel, the oilfield drew former employees back to their old jobs, he said. But when prices fell, so did employment.

"We go through that cycle all the time," Levell said.

Every time the cycle recurs, fewer people climb back on for another ride. "Old people don't come back," he said.

The downturn in gas exploration in the Barnett Shale seems to be affecting the North Texas industry more than any other factor in the industry now. Long-term, the outlook for natural gas demand is positive, primarily because gas is the fuel of choice for electricity generation.

"The utility companies want

gas plants," Deen said.

But building more gas plants to process the raw product takes time.

"It's seven to eight years down the road," he said.

Meanwhile, as drilling for gas slows down, seven to eight years is too long for a rig hands to wait for a turnaround.

As for oil, the price seems harder to predict.

"If you want to know what's going to happen in the oilfield, you can call Saudi Arabia and find out," Deen said.

Russia and Mexico are also holding powerful hands. The interplay between all the foreign oil powers keeps the risk high for American oil producers especially independent producers with only domestic production.

"When a guy spends \$150,000 to \$200,000 on drilling a well, he would like a little stability, and he has none," Deen said.

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Maverick Tube cuts profit expectations, to close one facility

ST. LOUIS — Maverick Tube Corp. announced that it anticipates lower earnings from continuing operations during the quarter ending December 2001, with expectations now being in the \$0.09 to \$0.13 per share range, down from earlier expectations of \$0.20 to \$0.25 per share. The reduction in forecasted earnings is due to the slower than expected start-up of the winter drilling season in Canada, and sharply declining drilling in the U.S. This, in turn, resulted in lower demand and pricing for Maverick's products.

Gregg M. Eisenberg, Maverick's Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer commented, "The rapid decline in drilling activity in the U.S. and the unprecedented lack of a winter pick-up in Canadian drilling were not anticipated. We believe the root cause of both is the lack of remaining budget dollars for our end-user customers. As a result, sales of our products have been slower than expected, pricing has softened and earnings are not as strong as we had anticipated."

The company also announced its plans to close its Longview, WA facility during the first quarter 2002 and move most of that facility's production equipment to one of its existing buildings in Hickman, Arkansas. The company expects, based upon management's current estimates, to take a one-time exit charge for the write-down of property and equipment and accrual of other cash obligations of \$7.9 million (\$5.0 million after-tax) during the quarter ending December 31, 2001 upon closing the Longview facility. The estimated charge would reduce earnings by an estimated \$0.15 per fully diluted share. The amount of the final exit charge to be recorded in the fourth quarter may be adjusted as a result of completed asset valuations and other activities surrounding the plant closing. Total cash requirements for the plant closure and the equipment move are anticipated to be \$7.9 million, which include approximately \$5.5 million in capital expenditures for the re-installation of the equipment. The company anticipates that the absorption of increased manufacturing activities at its Hickman, Arkansas facility as a result of the Longview facility closure can be accomplished with significantly less working capital employed and lower overhead costs. Working capital requirements should be reduced by approximately \$8.0 million, and operating margins could be increased by \$3.0-\$5.0 million annually, based on recent operating levels. In addition, the company will be better able to access the U.S. line pipe market, which could provide additional revenues and margins.

Eisenberg pointed out, "The Longview facility closure has been under evaluation for quite some time, and the closing of that facility's principal steel supplier significantly contributed to our decision." Eisenberg noted, "While we anticipate spending approximately \$7.9 million of cash to close the Longview facility and move certain equipment to Arkansas, that should be more than offset by working capital reductions and the proceeds from the eventual sale of the building. The annual operating cost improvements are primarily in the area of lower freight costs, both inbound and outbound. When the mill is in place in Arkansas, we can become a premier supplier of line pipe at that site without sacrificing any capacity in our other product areas."

Maverick Tube is a St. Louis, Missouri, based manufacturer of tubular products used in the energy industry in drilling, production and surface transportation applications as well as industrial tubing products (HSS, standard pipe and piling products) used in various industrial applications.

Kaiser-Francis loses lawsuit to royalty owners

By Ashley Parrish
Tulsa World

GUYMON — A jury returned a \$73 million judgment against a prominent Oklahoma oil company Friday.

About 1,700 royalty owners in Beaver and Texas counties emerged victorious from a lawsuit that accused Tulsa-based Kaiser-Francis Oil Co. of unfair payment practices during the course of an 18-year period.

The Texas County jury awarded plaintiffs \$54.96 million in actual damages and \$18.8 million in punitive damages, according to

court documents.

"This judgment relates to activities dating back to the 1980's of a company (Waterford Cos.) Kaiser-Francis acquired in a bankruptcy proceeding in 1991," said a lawyer representing Kaiser-Francis. He said the company unsuccessfully tried to introduce that evidence at trial.

"The judgment will be appealed to the Oklahoma Supreme Court and the Bankruptcy Court, which has retained jurisdiction in the matter," the spokesman said.

Three other companies — Union Pacific Oil and Gas Co., Questar Resources and Chase

Manhattan Bank — settled out of court for a total of \$26 million after they were named as defendants in the original lawsuit, said Robert Barnes, the plaintiffs' attorney.

During the four-week trial, jurors heard evidence showing that the companies secretly charged a marketing fee and a gathering fee to royalty owners. Testimony indicated that neither fee was itemized on royalty statements, Barnes said.

Jurors concluded the companies also misled royalty owners about how much gas was being taken from the wells and the price at which the gas was being sold,

Barnes said.

Friday's judgment could have lasting repercussions for the oil industry, the attorney said.

"It will cause massive changes in the way royalty payments are made and will very, very likely be instrumental in preventing what has become an industry practice to underreport royalties and provide misleading information to royalty owners," he said.

George Kaiser is president and chief executive officer of Kaiser-Francis and serves as BOK Financial Corp. chairman.

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Lone Star unable to finance tube-maker purchase

DALLAS (Bloomberg) — Lone Star Technologies Inc., a maker of pipe used in oil and gas drilling, said it hasn't been able to arrange financing for a \$430 million purchase of Cargill Inc.'s steel tube-making unit.

Investors are reluctant to buy the bonds and new stock Lone Star planned to issue to finance the purchase because of falling demand for the company's seamless pipes among drillers, analysts said. Interest rates on some types of high-yield debt have soared 40 percent since the deal was announced four months ago, driving up financing costs.

Cargill notified Lone Star on Saturday that it planned to file a lawsuit seeking unspecified damages for an alleged breach of the agreement, according to a Lone Star release distributed by PRNewswire. Officials at the two companies could not be reached immediately for comment.

"The bottom line is it was going to cost Lone Star too much money to complete the transaction," said Thomas Escott, a SunTrust Robinson Humphrey Capital Markets analyst with a "buy" recommendation on Lone Star

shares.

Lone Star informed Wayzata, Minnesota-based Cargill that it would not complete the acquisition by Saturday, as the companies had planned, because it was unable to arrange common stock and debt financing, the Lone Star release said.

Lone Star shares are down 39 percent from a year ago, compared with a 13 percent decline in the Standard & Poor's 500 index.

In August, Dallas-based Lone Star agreed to purchase Cargill steel-tube plants in Youngstown, Ohio, and Houston for \$430 mil-

lion in cash and stock. The company planned to issue \$130 million in new stock and assume undisclosed liabilities.

At the time, Lone Star expected to pay 8 percent to 9 percent on the high-yield bonds it intended to issue to finance the acquisition, analysts said.

"Now that paper would cost 11 to 12 percent," said Escott, whose company owns no Lone Star shares, though it helped distribute Lone Star bonds earlier this year. "Demand for high-yield debt instruments has really dried up since the events of Sept. 11."

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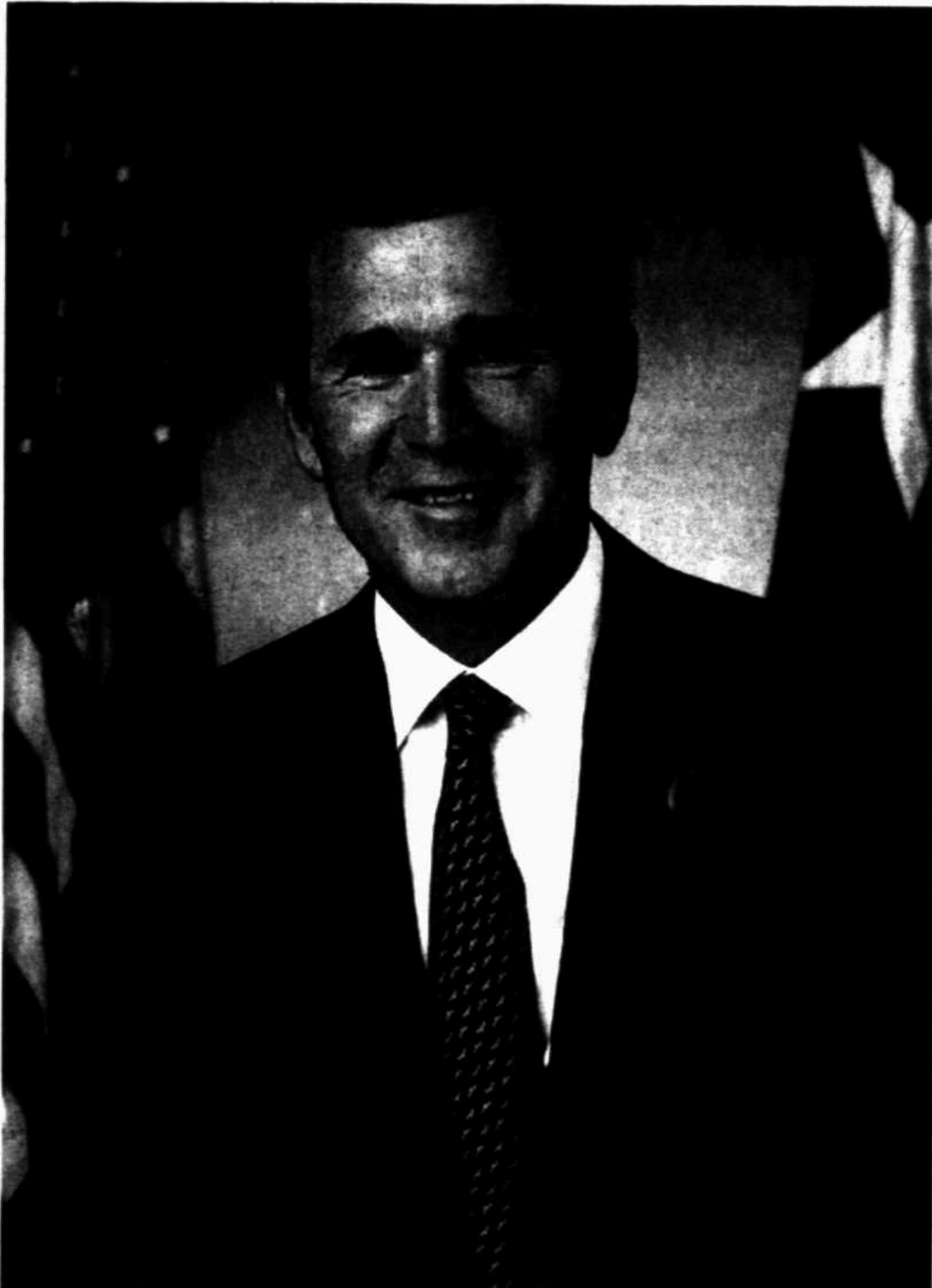
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Politics of oil create unusual alliances in Central Asia

By Neela Banerjee
with Sabrina Tavernise
N.Y. Times News Service

There is no oil in Afghanistan, but there are oil politics, and Washington is subtly tending to them, using the promise of energy investments in Central Asia to nurture a budding set of political alliances in the region with Russia, Kazakhstan and, to some extent, Uzbekistan.

Since Sept. 11, the United States has lauded the region as a stable oil supplier, in a tacit comparison to the Persian Gulf states that have been viewed lately as less cooperative. The State Department is exploring the potential for post-Taliban energy projects in the region, which has more than 6 percent of the world's proven oil reserves and almost 40 percent of its gas.

The government cannot compel investment, but it can clear the path of diplomatic and bureaucratic obstacles. Western oil companies say warming relations with regional powers could yield small openings. Better ties between Russia and the United States, for example, have accelerated a thaw that began more than a year ago over pipeline routes from the Caspian Sea to the West.

"The sharp edges are off that discussion, and things are seen as less of a threat," said Martijn Minderhoud, a senior regional vice president for Royal Dutch/Shell.

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But any pay off remains distant. The entrenched problems that hobbled oil investment in Russia and Central Asia before September still loom. Oil companies and regional experts wonder whether significant new oil and gas reservoirs will be opened to foreign investment, whether onerous laws and tax codes will be reworked, and whether persistent corruption can be damped.

"This is a period of reassessments among oil companies, and a time of cautious optimism," said Scott Horton, a partner at the law firm Patterson, Belknap Webb & Tyler in Manhattan. "But all have been badly burned in the former Soviet Union before."

Skeptics, especially in the Islamic world, contend that oil interests lie at the heart of the West's war in Afghanistan. "The Pipeline Of Greed," read the headline of a recent article in the Pakistani newspaper Dawn about the American-led attacks on the Taliban and al-Qaida. "The war on terrorism may well be a war for resources."

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The Bush administration says that its war goals have been clear — and do not involve oil. "There is no such hidden agenda," said an administration official. "Operation Enduring Freedom is meant to get rid of terrorism in Afghanistan, Central Asia and the surrounding areas."

Still, the administration lately has discreetly overlooked the pitfalls of doing business in the former Soviet Union. During a visit a week ago to Kazakhstan, Secretary of State Colin Powell said he was "particularly impressed" with the money that American oil companies were investing there. He estimated that \$200 billion could flow into Kazakhstan over the next 5 to 10 years.

Two weeks earlier, on a visit to Russia, Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham championed the need for increased foreign investment in its oil industry. On the same trip, David O'Reilly, the chairman of ChevronTexaco, said his company was reviewing possible projects in the Russian Far East.

Pipelines are the clearest realm of progress. For years the United States and Russia clashed over routes to transport oil and gas from the Caspian Sea region to lucrative Western markets — and the political and economic power that control of those networks conferred.

Russia wanted pipelines built on its territory, and some were. The United States backed a pipeline from Baku, Azerbaijan, to the Turkish Mediterranean port of Ceyhan (pronounced Jeh-han), bypassing Russia entirely. The pipeline consortium is led by BP and represented by Baker & Botts, the law firm of James A. Baker III, a Bush family confidant and former secretary of state.

Over the last year, Russia's opposition to that route has subsided, and in October, the oil ministry invited BP to make a presentation about it to domestic oil companies. Industry analysts said that meeting would have been unthinkable if ties between the United States and Russia had not improved. Russia's largest oil company, Lukoil, confirmed that it is seriously looking into investing in the project.

The arc of countries in Central Asia where Western oil companies work grazes Afghanistan.

But Afghanistan's value itself, if any, might be as a pipeline route.

Four years ago, the Unocal Corp. — with the State Department's backing — negotiated with the Taliban to build a pipeline through Afghanistan linking Turkmenistan, which is rich in natural gas but landlocked, to Pakistan. Although Pakistan has called for reviving the pipeline, industry experts say oil companies are so far not interested.

But the plan could be dusted off.

"Once we bomb the hell out of Afghanistan, we will have to cough up some projects there, and this pipeline is one of them," said Matthew J. Sagers of Cambridge Energy Research Associates, a research and consulting group. "Can oil companies be persuaded by the United States? It has happened before. Look at Baku-Ceyhan."

■ Analysis

That project exemplifies how Washington fosters oil investment. The White House began advocating the Baku-Ceyhan route about five years ago, but oil companies in the Caspian argued that it made little economic sense. Oil was at a trickle. But there was plenty of natural gas, and companies needed a pipeline for it.

They agreed to develop the Baku-Ceyhan route if they could get the American government's help to build a parallel gas pipeline, a person close to the Baku-Ceyhan consortium said. The presence of an Iranian company, OIEC, as a 10 percent shareholder in the gas pipeline consortium might have prompted the United States to block the project. But it held back, and both pipelines are now proceeding.

This fall, the anti-terrorism campaign raised oil companies' hopes that relations between Iran and the United States might improve. The industry's favored export route for Caspian oil is through Iran. But while the Bush administration confirms that Iran is sharing intelligence about Afghanistan with the United States, the President is maintaining Washington's longstanding policy against doing business with Tehran.

Western oil companies, showing a bit more faith than before in Central Asia and Russia, are gingerly looking for investment opportunities, industry consultants said. But the barriers are significant.

Through the '90s, the United States fostered good relations with Kazakhstan to circumvent Moscow. But the relationship cooled when the Justice Department last year began investigating accusations of high-level corruption in oil projects there.

That investigation continues, but Kazakhstan — which holds about 88 percent of Central Asia's oil wealth — has offered the United States use of its airspace and military bases for the war. Its president, Nursultan Nazarbayev, is due in Washington on Dec. 21 to meet with President Bush, and then will travel to Texas to mingle with oil executives.

Russia would seem the most attractive candidate for investment, given its warming relations with the United States — missile defense aside — and its relatively extensive economic reforms.

But Russia is hard to figure. Its recent decision to acquiesce to OPEC's demand to cut exports has been interpreted in differing ways. Moscow might have come under American pressure to go along with the Middle East to protect oil prices, and so ensure political stability among the U.S. Arab allies. Or the cut, which contradicted American public rhetoric, might have defied Washington.

Either way, Western oil companies understand, Russia's underlying motivation is the same: The Russians pursue their own interests, which occasionally coincide with American priorities.

Those interests still preclude serious involvement by Western oil companies in developing most Russian fields, except for tricky offshore projects. Russia has tarried in developing tax laws and a production sharing agreement for foreign oil concerns. Russian politicians fear surrendering oil to foreigners. After years of courting their wealthier and more-experienced Western counterparts, Russian oil companies, made richer by high oil prices, mostly want to go it alone.

"In the last year, the attitude of Russian oil companies to Western ones has changed," said Yevgeny Khartukov, general director of the International Center for Petroleum Business Studies, a non-profit research and consulting group in Moscow. "Now they don't need them."

Pipeline from Qatar to UAE planned

DOHA, Qatar (AP) — Qatar's oil company, Qatar Petroleum, signed an agreement for the construction and development of a \$3.5 billion gas pipeline from its offshore reserves to the United Arab Emirates.

The agreement was signed with Dolphin Energy Ltd., the Abu Dhabi-based joint venture between the Emirates-based Offsets Group and TotalFinaElf.

The Dolphin Gas Project plans to pipe 2 billion cubic feet of natural gas daily from Qatar's offshore North Field to the Emirates, QP said in a statement.

The 25-year agreement calls for the production of sufficient quantities of natural gas from the offshore Khuff gas reserves in Qatar's North Field, its transportation to a gas gathering and processing plant at Qatar's giant Ras Laffan gas complex and then the supply of dry methane-rich lean sweet gas through a 440-kilometer (275-mile) sub-sea pipeline to Tawilah in Abu Dhabi and Jebel Ali in Dubai, the statement said.

The agreement lays the foundation for more economic cooperation between Qatar and the

Emirates, QP said, adding that the political leadership in both countries have backed the Dolphin project.

A delivery of the first gas to the Emirates was expected in 2005, QP said.

Also, QP and Dolphin Energy Ltd. signed another agreement for the construction of the pipeline that will transport gas from Qatar to the Emirates.

The Offsets Group owns 75.5 percent in Dolphin Energy Ltd. and TotalFinaElf holds the remainder.

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At D-Jax Corporation they are never content with the status-quo. They are constantly improving the products they have and developing new products. As they look ahead, D-Jax has several products in the design process that they look forward to bringing to the market in the coming year.

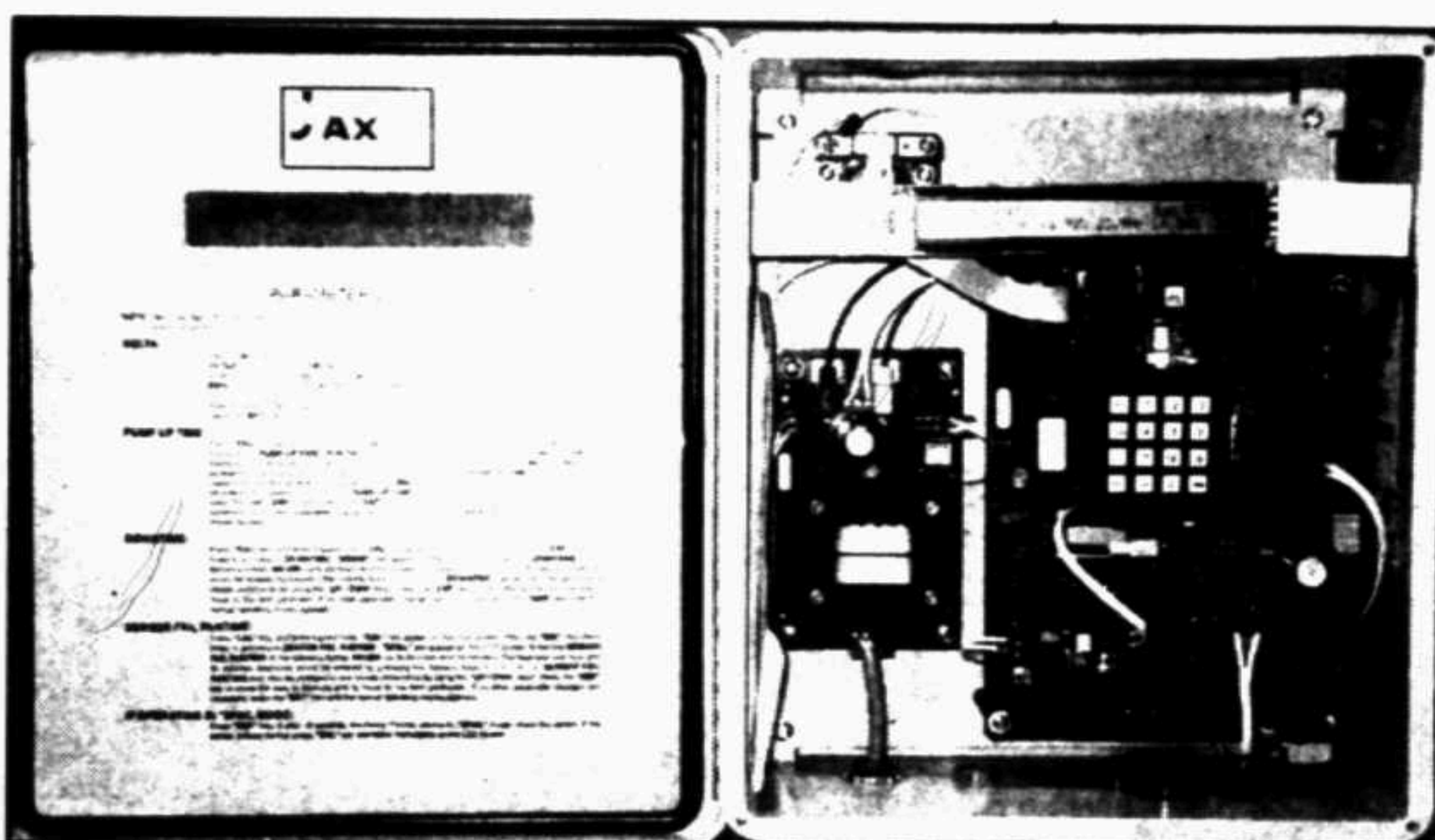
For producer/operators, there are always areas for improvement in the area of production efficiency. The D-Jax line of products can enhance production efficiency greatly by reducing many of the overhead costs associated with production.

D-Jax's Fiber Optic Penny Pincher (the most recent in an already long line of innovative products) reduces expenses by cutting back on the instances of fluid pound in a beam-pumped well. This reduction of fluid pound (which results from a pump operating in a partially-filled cylinder) greatly reduces rod parts, tubing leaks, premature surface pump failures and pumping unit component failures.

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would cause great problems for other units. Using fiber optics in the controller sensor and relay circuits improves the Penny Pincher's already excellent electrical surge protection. In fact, there have been over 1,500 installations of the Fiber Optic Penny Pincher to date, and D-Jax has yet to see one surge-related failure.

The Penny Pincher is so easy to operate and maintain, there are very few personnel-related problems either. D-Jax provides, at no cost to the customer, all the training necessary to get pumpers, foremen and engineers comfortable with using the Penny Pincher to its fullest advantage. In addition, lifetime telephone technical support is provided through the D-Jax 800 number. The Penny Pincher's LCD screen provides all operational data that is critical to optimum operation of beam-pumped wells.

D-Jax's customer files contain many examples of how cus-

tomers have enjoyed the Penny Pincher's benefits. They will be glad to provide you with a list of customers whom you can contact, and hear from a third party just how well the Penny Pincher has worked for them.

When is the right time to buy Penny Pinchers? What better time could there be to start cutting overhead than now, at the beginning of a year that will be as filled with price uncertainty as 2002? Call D-Jax as soon as you return to the office from the holiday and let them start helping you save money right away.

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Germany approves BP, Shell gas deals

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — German antitrust authorities approved plans by two foreign oil companies, BP PLC and Royal Dutch Shell Group, to make major acquisitions in the country's gasoline market, but said they must sell off some gas station holdings.

The Cartel Office, which in August asked the European Union to grant it authority to scrutinize the plans, approved two deals — Deutsche Shell GmbH's acquisition of DEA from German utility giant RWE, and BP's purchase of Veba Oel AG and its Aral gas stations from E.ON.

It said, however, that the combined Shell-DEA and BP-Veba Oel groups must sell off some gas stations to midsize buyers. Shell-DEA will have to sell some 850 stations amounting to some 5.3 percent of total sales, and BP some 650 amounting to 4 percent of sales.

Without such selloffs, the Cartel Office said, Germany would be left with three companies — Shell-DEA, BP-Veba and Esso — controlling 60 percent of the retail gasoline market. That would be too few to ensure competition, it said.

The deals cleared a second reg-

ulatory hurdle when the European Commission also approved them. The German antitrust agency had asked for the chance to scrutinize them as well, arguing that its knowledge of local market conditions left it better placed.

Under the Shell-RWE merger plan, DEA will be jointly controlled by Shell and RWE until July 1, 2004 at the latest, after which Shell will acquire sole control of DEA.

BP's acquisition of Veba also depends on approval of BP's swap of its 25.5 percent stake in the Ruhrgas natural gas supplier to E.ON in return for Aral.

they are made the moment a barrel is extracted.

Foreign oil executives warn the new rates, which are the highest in the world, will make many new projects unaffordable. The government insists the steeper royalty rates will be offset by lower income taxes.

"Royalties are increasing but income taxes are lowering... We are not increasing fiscal pressure but we are (increasing) fiscal efficiency," said

Rodriguez, who was President Hugo Chavez's oil minister until he became secretary general of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries in January.

Rodriguez acknowledged that the oil law should have been debated more broadly, but dismissed claims that investors will be deterred by a requirement that state-owned oil company Petroleos de Venezuela SA hold a majority stake in future exploration and exploitation projects.

Venezuela defends new oil legislation

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — OPEC's secretary general, a former Venezuelan oil minister, defended a new oil law against claims that it will discourage investment by increasing the state's role in the industry.

The new law will ensure fiscal security for the government by increasing royalty rates. Ali Rodriguez said in an interview published in local daily El Nacional. Royalty rates, unlike income taxes, are not susceptible to volatile oil prices, because

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