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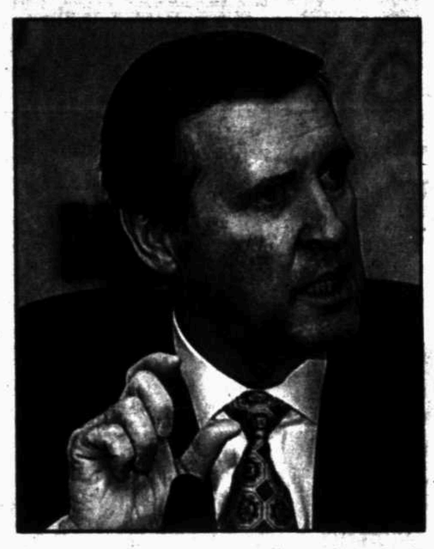
From a rooftop in Japan, the hosts in Nagano will try and walk a fine line between old and new — even Olympic and X Games./1C

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Cohen: Saddam would survive strike



Defense Secretary William Cohen speaks at the Pentagon during a round table interview with reporters Saturday in Washington.

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By Susanne M. Schafer
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary William Cohen says a military strike against Iraq would be "substantial in size and ... impact" but would be unable either to remove Saddam Hussein from power or eliminate his arsenal of deadly weapons.

"I think we should not raise expectations unreasonably high. What we would hope to accomplish ... is to curtail, as best we can, Saddam Hussein's capacity to regenerate his weapons of mass-destruction capability," Cohen told reporters invited to the Pentagon for a rare Saturday news conference.

In London, where Secretary of State Madeleine Albright was visiting the Clinton administration's most stalwart ally for any attack on Iraq, she agreed that any attack on Saddam's suspected arms sites will be significant.

Albright and the British foreign secretary, Robin Cook, expressed solid resolve in the standoff.

Cohen, speaking in separate sessions with broadcast and print reporters, emphasized that diplomacy has not run its course in efforts to persuade Iraq to allow U.N. weapons inspectors into suspect weapons sites.

But his comments on the limits of what a military strike could accomplish dovetailed with assessments

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top intelligence officials gave Congress on Wednesday. They said "enormous gaps" exist in what U.S. officials know about Iraq's chemical and biological weapons.

Cohen said he is reviewing options for bolstering the 24,400-strong American force in the Persian Gulf region but stressed no decisions have been made.

And he pointed out that the region contains enough American firepower that if President Clinton orders a military strike, it would be extensive.

"I think it's clear that a military operation would not necessarily be a one-time operation or action," the secretary said.

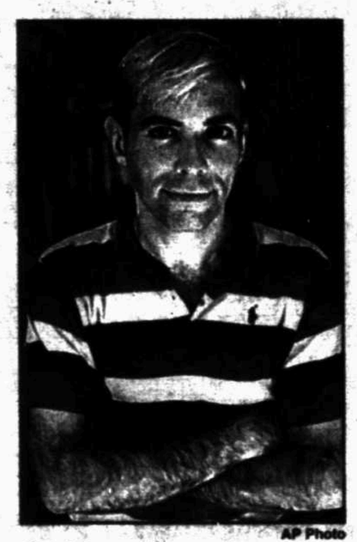
But he said: "Should military action be necessary,

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A.M. BRIEFING

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Partly cloudy with high in lower 60s. Weather on 4A





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Sailor dismissal

Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer Timothy R. McVeigh poses in his home in Mililani, Hawaii. McVeigh said he was "very pleased" with the decision by a judge that the Navy wrongly enforced its own "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gays in the military.

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Death penalty

The death penalty is no longer used in half the world's countries, including most of the industrialized nations, but executions are on the rise in two major nations — the United States and China. And the death penalty is still used extensively in two former Soviet states, Russia and Ukraine.

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No winner

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Saturday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 50 were: 9-10-14-16-26-40.

Wednesday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $45 million.

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FAMILY VALUES



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From left to right, Texas Gov. George W. Bush, former President George Bush and Jeb Bush, a candidate for governor of Florida, were in Midland Wednesday for a Jeb Bush fund-raiser. All agree the harsher campaigns of today are roughest on children.

'Meaner political system' concerns Bush

Former president still glad he spent lifetime in public service

By Gary Ott
City Editor

Despite what he labeled "a much meaner political system" that in some cases "is discouraging good people from getting involved in government," former President George Bush said last week he is glad he spent a lifetime in public service and is proud that two sons are now following in his footsteps.

"The national media can be overly intrusive," Bush said in an exclusive interview with the Reporter-Telegram on Wednesday. "They can be pretty darn obnoxious, in fact." There is a "guilty until proven innocent" mentality in Washington that is driving potential leaders away from politics because "they don't want everything about their lives scrutinized."

And that "mean-spiritedness" — within the national news media as well as with some of the key players in politics — has gotten worse through the years. "There is a lack of civility that exists today that didn't before," he said. "And it concerns me."

Still, he added, people, especially those blessed "with certain privileges," have an obligation to give back to society. And that, he said, is at the core of the motivation that has driven members of his family to seek public service.

The former president was in Midland to attend a fund-raiser for his son, Jeb Bush, who is running for governor of Florida. Also attending was Texas

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Lewinsky to return home to California

By Pete Yost
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With no deal for Monica Lewinsky's cooperation in sight, her lawyer said Saturday they would head back to California in the coming week. Prosecutor Kenneth Starr said he was "moving forward trying to gather the facts."

Ms. Lewinsky's attorney, William Ginsburg, said he was "not trying to send any messages" to Starr with their impending departure. "We're all tired" from a frenzied week in Washington, he said, pledging to remain active in the case.

Ginsburg said Lewinsky wanted to spend time with her father in California and that there was "no strategy" to leaving. He said their departure would occur sometime between Monday and Friday.

■ What if Clinton is telling the truth?/12A

"It's just a young lady who wants to see her father," he said. "Every 24-year-old girl needs to have a break."

Starr has obtained tape-recorded conversations in which Ms. Lewinsky claimed she had an affair with Clinton and that he urged her to cover it up. But in an affidavit filed in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case, Ms. Lewinsky denied have an affair with Clinton.

Ginsburg said he hasn't heard the tapes, and thus could not comment on their accuracy. But he said virtually anyone has "peccadilloes and overstatements and understatements" in their history.

With the key witness in his investigation planning to leave town, Starr went to his office for another weekend of work and said he was "moving forward trying to gather the facts." Beyond that, he declined to give details.

Ginsburg said that absent a deal between Ms. Lewinsky and prosecutors, Starr could rely on "use immunity," a process in which Starr would get a court order forcing Ms. Lewinsky to answer questions before a grand jury or face jail. That testimony could not be used against

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Rare disease makes life difficult for Midland family

By Jimmy Patterson
Staff writer

It was a fall day in 1996 when Madison Hunt was walking around her house in north Midland, being chatty like most 2-year-old children. She was popping out the usual words. Hi. Bye. Drink. Daddy. Mommy.

And then she stopped.

And for the next 10 months, she didn't speak at all. Not one word.

As you'd expect, life was quite difficult for Mindy and Kelly Hunt, Madison's parents, but it was not entirely unexpected. Madison has tuberous sclerosis, a rare disease that causes benign tumors on many different organs. Madi currently has lesions on her brain that doctors have told her parents could one day develop into benign tumors; her skin is also marked with small white spots, another indicator of TS.

Seizures and varying degrees of mental handicaps are two predominant pointers, and the tumors that form are most commonly found in the brain, eyes, heart, kidney, skin and lungs, according to the National Tuberous Sclerosis Association. Other symptoms include autism and behavioral problems such as aggression, uncontrollable rage and hyperactivity.

"About a week after her first birthday," Ms. Hunt said, "she started having seizures. At first, it looked like she was straining, like she was pooping in her pants."

An EEG was ordered by the Hunts' pediatrician. The results showed normal brain waves, so the Hunts next took Madi to Lubbock. A battery of tests would reveal her TS.

Like a lot of diseases that prey on children, life is a constant mystery for the Hunts. It is impossible to predict the future — to say just how Madison will be affected long-term by the disease.

"Doctors have found people that have

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Three-year-old Madison Hunt retrieves a toy from a couch while her parents and two sisters relax behind her. Madison has tuberous sclerosis, a rare disease that causes benign tumors on many different organs.

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Spanish prime minister attends funeral for slain councilman, wife

Associated Press

SEVILLE, Spain — Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar joined thousands of mourners Saturday at the funerals of a ruling party politician and his wife, victims of the latest attack blamed on Basque separatists.

People of the southern city of Seville stood for more than two hours in cold rain to watch twin hearses carry the remains of councilman Alberto Jimenez Becerril and his wife, Ascension Garcia Ortiz, from City Hall to an ancient Roman Catholic cathedral for a funeral Mass.

The two were shot dead Thursday as they returned home after dinner with friends.

No group has claimed responsibility, but police suspect the Basque militant group ETA, which increasingly has been targeting officials of the ruling party. Two empty 9 mm cartridges — the group's preferred ammunition — were found near the bodies.

As the funeral procession crept towards the cathedral, shouts of "Viva Espana!" rose from the crowds lining the street. There was also applause, a traditional Spanish farewell for the deceased.

Later, inside the cathedral, Seville Archbishop Carlos Amigo Vallejo called for political unity and peace.

"What society can be built under the empire of terror, assassination and violence?" the archbishop asked.

The services were also attended by Princess Elena, the eldest daughter of King Juan Carlos, and other top government officials.

Thursday's attack has heightened fears that the ETA is intent on eliminating Popular Party leaders all ac oss Spain. In the past six months, ETA has killed three leading party members in the Basque region, located on the opposite side of Spain from Seville.

The pro-independence Basque daily newspaper Egin published an ETA statement Saturday taking responsibility for one of the killings — a Jan. 9 bombing that claimed Popular Party councilor Jose Ignacio Iruretagoyena.

The ETA, whose name stands for Basque Homeland and Freedom, frequently waits several weeks before taking responsibility for its attacks. It has killed nearly 800 people since taking up arms in 1968.

Seville Mayor Soledad Becerril declared two days of mourning in the city. He also asked residents to attend a march later Saturday. Similar rallies were planned in communities across Spain.

"Terror has left our city in mourning," the mayor said in a statement. "Seville has always been a tolerant city ... we must not allow hate and terror to set in amongst us."

Aznar, once the target of an ETA car bomb, embarked on a campaign to stamp out the ETA after his conservative government took over from the Socialists in 1996. The crackdown has resulted in dozens of arrests of suspected ETA members both in Spain and abroad.

Arabs consider toning down anti-Israel pledge

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Setting the stage for talks with U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Palestinians reviewed a pledge Saturday to renounce decades-old calls for Israel's destruction.

Meanwhile, fighting erupted for a second day between Israeli soldiers and Palestinian protesters in the West Bank town of Bethlehem. Seven Palestinians were hit by rubber bullets and another dozen suffered tear-gas inhalation.

Also Saturday, a teen-age Jewish seminary student was stabbed in the back in Jerusalem's Old City, but suffered only a minor wound, police said. A Palestinian woman was arrested.

The 18-member PLO executive committee convened Saturday, on the eve of scheduled talks between Albright and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. Albright met with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Saturday evening.

Albright is following up on President Clinton's recent talks with Netanyahu and Arafat in Washington.

In their Jan. 22 meeting, Arafat assured Clinton the Palestinians would take steps to delete clauses in their charter that call for Israel's destruction.

The PLO committee in Saturday's closed-door meeting reviewed a letter Arafat had sent to Clinton reaffirming the decision to delete the clauses, but there was no formal vote on the issue.

No details about the discussion were disclosed and it was not clear what other steps were forthcoming.

The Palestinian leadership also discussed the peace process in the wake of the Washington talks. The Palestinians now have jurisdiction over about one-quarter of the West Bank, including most Arab urban centers, and want Israel to move quickly ahead with promised pullbacks from large chunks of territory.

But Israel says it will not go ahead with any new withdrawals unless the Palestinians fulfill several conditions, mainly having to do with security. Netanyahu's government says Arafat has not done enough to crack down on Islamic militants.

The Clinton administration has proposed that Israeli pullbacks from the West Bank be broken up into stages, with withdrawals being made in exchange for specific Palestinian actions.

Netanyahu has said he is considering that proposal, which Arafat has rejected.

In Saturday's clash in Bethlehem, near the Jewish shrine of Rachel's Tomb, about four dozen Palestinians hurled rocks, bottles and firebombs at Israeli troops. The fighting came one day after a violent protest following the funeral of a Palestinian teen-ager who died in Israeli custody.

Convoys carry cash as Belgian guards strike

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Police in helicopters and convoys of armored cars guarded cash runs from supermarkets to banks on Saturday, pressed into service by a 3-week-old strike by bank truck guards.

The strike, called after robbers shot and killed two guards Jan. 12, has left Belgium's banks cash-poor and automatic teller machines empty. Supermarkets have the opposite problem — they're stuck with piles of cash that they are unable to get safely to banks.

Fearing robbery attempts on the supermarket cash stockpiles, Interior Minister Johan Vande Lanotte has ordered police to collect the money. Saturday's was the second major bank run in eight days.

The latest round of talks Friday with employers to increase protection and improve working conditions failed to make headway, leaving no prospect of the strike ending until at least the middle of next week.

The guards reject a proposal to equip armored cars with safes that destroy their contents if opened incorrectly, in part because employers would then cut staffing of the bank trucks from three to two.

Vande Lanotte said on Belgian radio Saturday that it was up to employers and unionists - not the government - to work out an accord.

Last week's deadly robbery on the Liege-Brussels highway was the latest in a string of violent raids on bank trucks. Over the Christmas holiday, another security guard was shot dead when he collected money from a suburban shopping mall in the capital.

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U.S. readies troops in Persian Gulf as Iraq trains civilian forces

By Walel Faleh
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — With Iraq ready to give guns and grenades to civilians in case of attack, a U.S. commander in the Persian Gulf declared Saturday that U.S. warplanes are capable of weeks of "devastating" strikes on Iraq.

While both sides prepared for the possibility of war, a team of 23 U.N. experts arrived Saturday for new talks to try to end the latest U.N.-Iraq crisis over weapons inspections — peacefully.

U.N. inspectors suspect that Iraq is hiding key components of weapons programs and demand unrestricted access to sites that Baghdad has declared off-limits, including President Saddam Hussein's.

Increasingly, the United States is threatening to use military force if Iraq persists in limiting the inspectors, who are searching for banned long-range missiles and biological and chemical weapons.

Rear Adm. Michael Mullen said Saturday that if ordered to do so, U.S. Navy warplanes could launch continuous attacks against Iraq for weeks in a "very precise and very devastating manner."

Mullen spoke from the deck of the USS George Washington, a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier stationed about 100 miles off the southern coast of Iraq. The United States and Britain have been building their forces in the Gulf in the face of challenges from Iraq.

For its part, Iraq planned to start training men Sunday in the use of guns and grenades for a civilian defense force. Iraq says 1 million people have volunteered for the force; Iraqis say authorities went door-to-door registering men of fighting age.

Bill Richardson, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, was spreading the word Saturday that a military strike is increasingly likely.

"We are not saber-rattling," Richardson said at an economic gathering in Davos, Switzerland. "But diplomacy is very, very much running out. We are not announcing any plans of any kind except to say that military force is very much on the table."

But U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, one of the first officials to meet Richardson in Davos, emphasized that discussions are still going on.

"I think we should let the process take its course," he added. "Let's see what happens."

In addition to the 23 experts in Baghdad for so-called technical evaluation talks on the weapons confrontation, another team of arms inspectors led by an American also arrived Saturday to continue searching for biological weapons.

The Iraqi News Agency said U.N. inspectors checked 14 sites Saturday, but gave no details.

The news agency also said that diplomats were allowed Friday to tour one of Saddam's palaces. The foreign officers visited another presidential palace on Saturday, Egypt's Middle East News Agency said.

Iraqi officials and state-run media repeatedly have attacked Butler since he gave an interview to the The New York Times in which he said that Iraq has enough biological weapons to "blow away Tel Aviv, or wherever." Butler later said he had no information that Iraq was specifically targeting Tel Aviv.

Iraqi Oil Minister Gen. Amer Mohammed Rashid said Butler's interview was "meant to justify the participation of the Zionist enemy (Israel) in the American plot to carry out an aggression against the Iraqi people."

The government daily Al-Jumhuriya said, "The Security Council should restrain this loose man, the talker, because an international employee must be balanced, speak very little and behave well. He should not be a reason to trigger a war."

Seeking a peaceful solution, Russian President Boris Yeltsin will send special envoy Viktor Posuvalyuk to Baghdad on Sunday to meet Iraqi leaders. The visit will be Posuvalyuk's second to Iraq in less than a week.

Russia — one of Iraq's strongest supporters on the Security Council — helped broker an end to a November standoff over the U.N. weapons inspections, promising Iraq it would work toward lifting the sanctions.

The technical evaluation talks, which start Sunday, are aimed at solving the dispute between Iraq and the United Nations on the accounting of Iraq's warheads and long-range missiles and the VX chemical warfare agent. Another round in mid-February will consider biological weapons.

Amnesty prompts doctors to boycott death by injection

LONDON (AP) — Amnesty International urged doctors Friday to refrain from taking part in executions and said helping to put a prisoner to death by lethal injection is a violation of medical ethics.

"Amnesty International opposes the death penalty without reservation, but is further concerned by any medical involvement in carrying out executions," the human rights group said.

The London-based organization targeted lethal injections, saying the method — originally heralded as a relatively painless way to execute an inmate — actually inflicts suffering.

"There have been a number of cases in which it has failed to bring about the quick, painless death of the condemned extolled by its proponents," said Dr. James Walsh, author of the organization's report on executions.

In America, lethal injection is the sole or an alternative method of execution in 38 states, the organization said. In more than half of them, physicians are required by law to be present at an execution.

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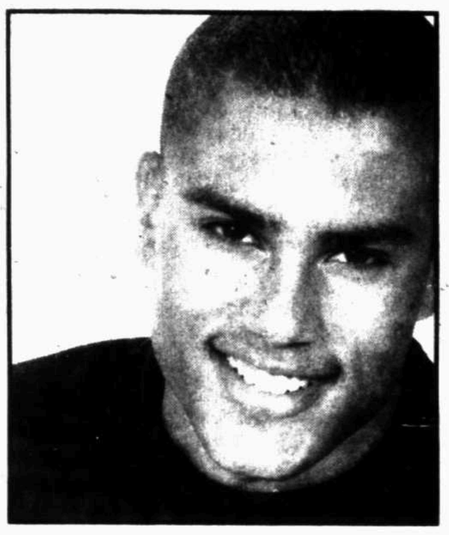
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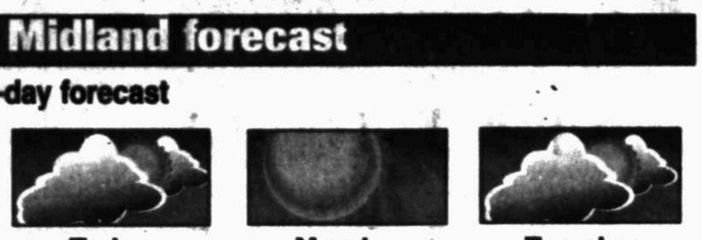
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Midland forecast

3-day forecast



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Partly cloudy	Sunny	Partly cloudy
High 62	High 65	High 65
Low 35	Low 33	Low 38

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high between 60 and 65. Winds will be from the north at 5-15 mph, according to the National Weather Service.

Tonight's forecast calls for fair skies with a low near 30.

Monday's forecast calls for sunny skies and a high near 65.

After an overnight low of 39, Saturday's high was 66, compared to the record high for that date of 80 set in 1963. Record low for this date was 8, set in 1985.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Friday	.00 in.
Rainfall Saturday	0.24 in.
Total for month	0.24 in.
Total for year	0.24 in.

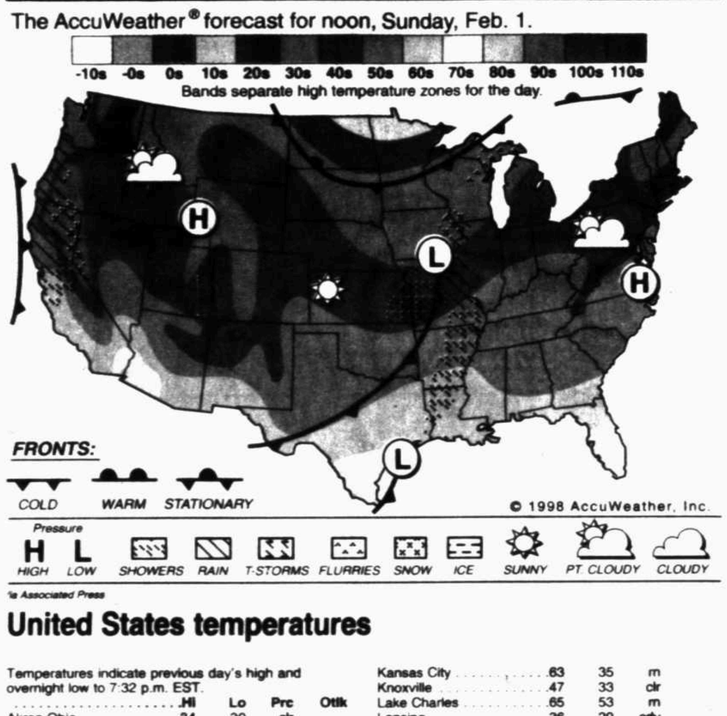
Yesterday's temperatures

High	66
low	39
Normal high	58
Normal low	30

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National forecast

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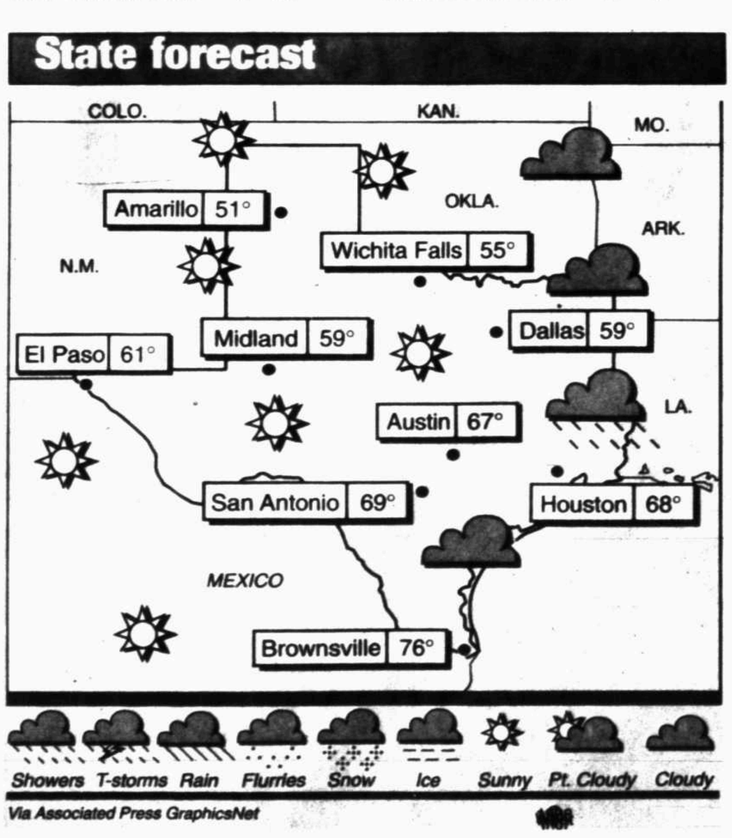
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United States temperatures

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

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Akron,Ohio	34	30	clr	
Albany,N.Y.	38	28	clr	
Atlanta	53	31	cdy	
Atlantic City	44	32	clr	
Austin	61	55	.97	cdy
Baltimore	45	32	clr	
Baton Rouge	63	40	cdy	
Billings	47	35	.02	cdy
Birmingham	58	26	cdy	
Bismarck	41	17	cdy	
Boise	51	33	cdy	
Boston	39	33	clr	
Bridgeport	42	34	cdy	
Chicago	41	28	rn	
Cincinnati	40	31	clr	
Cleveland	35	31	clr	
Colorado Springs	42	30	.01	cdy
Columbia,S.C.	52	30	clr	
Columbus,Ga.	59	32	clr	
Columbus,Ohio	38	32	clr	
Denver	35	30	.01	cdy
Des Moines	56	28	sn	
Detroit	38	32	cdy	
Duluth	31	23	cdy	
Evansville	47	22	clr	
Fairbanks	22	-3	cdy	
Fargo	28	21	cdy	
Flagstaff	48	17	cdy	
Flint	37	29	cdy	
Fort Smith	60	36	cdy	
Fort Wayne	40	30	cdy	
Fresno	60	42	rn	
Goodland	50	27	cdy	
Grand Junction	44	32	.06	clr
Grand Rapids	36	30	cdy	
Great Falls	46	26	cdy	
Green Bay	34	17	sn	
Huntsville	54	30	cdy	
Indianapolis	43	29	cdy	
Jackson,Miss.	63	31	cdy	
Jacksonville	61	37	cdy	
Juneau	48	40	cdy	
Kansas City	63	35	rn	
Knoxville	47	33	clr	
Lake Charles	65	53	rn	
Lansing	36	29	cdy	
Las Vegas	59	41	cdy	
Memphis	59	36	cdy	
Miami Beach	73	59	cdy	
Milwaukee	38	25	sn	
Mpls-St Paul	40	24	cdy	
Mobile	63	36	cdy	
Montgomery	59	29	cdy	
Nashville	51	28	cdy	
New Orleans	62	46	cdy	
New York City	43	37	cdy	
Newark	45	36	cdy	
Norfolk,Va.	44	37	clr	
North Platte	50	23	clr	
Oklahoma City	52	43	.53	cdy
Omaha	50	32	.02	sn
Orlando	66	47	cdy	
Philadelphia	44	36	clr	
Phoenix	67	48	cdy	
Pittsburgh	34	30	clr	
Sacramento	57	42	rn	
St Louis	54	26	cdy	
St Thomas	90	rn	cdy	
Salem,Ore.	57	32	cdy	
Salt Lake City	47	30	clr	
San Jose	63	54	rn	
San Juan,P.R.	87	73	cdy	
Santa Fe	48	24	cdy	
St Ste Marie	34	20	sn	
Savannah	57	36	cdy	
Seattle	59	41	cdy	
Shreveport	63	40	rn	
Sioux City	47	30	cdy	
Sioux Falls	32	31	cdy	
South Bend	41	30	cdy	
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Tupelo	57	29	cdy	
Washington,D.C.	46	34	clr	
W.Palm Beach	72	54	cdy	
Wichita	48	38	.34	cdy
Wilkes-Barre	34	31	clr	

State forecast



Via Associated Press GraphicsNet

Texas temperatures

Highest temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 18 hours and precipitation for 24 hours ending at 7 p.m. CDT:

	Hi	Lo	Pcp.
Abilene	65	49	0.70
Amarillo	55	39	0.0
Arlington	60	53	0.05
Austin Bergstrom	62	47	1.06
Austin Mueller	61	55	0.97
Beaumont	66	54	
Brownsville	77	63	
Burnet	58	55	1.75
Childress	63	47	0.99
College Station	65	55	0.04
Conroe	66	53	
Corpus Christi	73	59	
Corsicana	63	53	
Cotulla	75	59	0.02
Dalhart	57	34	
Dallas	60	53	0.12
Del Rio	77	59	
Denton	59	52	0.24
DFW Airport	59	53	0.08
El Paso	60	39	
Fort Stockton	67	43	
Fort Worth	59	54	0.21
Galveston	66	59	
Harlingen	78	59	
Hondo	67	57	0.07
Houston Hobby	69	56	
Houston Intrctnl	67	51	
Huntsville	66	56	0.01
Junction	69	51	0.63
Kingsville	74	63	1.12
Laredo	79	63	
Lubbock	64	38	
Lufkin	67	51	
Marfa	57	34	
McAllen	82	65	
Palacios	70	56	0.52
Paris	54	45	
Rockport	72	62	1.26
San Angelo	68	46	0.61
San Antonio	62	57	2.05
Victoria	66	52	0.79
Waco	61	55	0.07
Wichita Falls	62	49	1.12
Wink	65	33	0.02

BUSH: Governor to decide Tucker's fate Monday

(From 1A)

Gov. George W. Bush.

The three, who have all lived in Midland at one time or another, were interviewed together.

The two sons, as they embark on political careers of their own, acknowledge that they too worry about the "ugliness" of politics today, especially when it impacts children.

And while they would not discuss the current allegations being lodged against President Clinton, Jeb Bush noted that when he first heard the reports, "my immediate reaction, as a part of a public family, was, 'Poor Chelsea.' Put aside whether he did something bad. We'll all figure that out later. But it doesn't matter for her. The allegation is enough to break her heart."

On a more personal note, George W. Bush, recalling his father's failed re-election bid in 1992, said, "I used to get furious at members of the press, members of our own team ... the leakers," who he said were willfully spreading incorrect and hurtful information about the elder Bush.

"Let's face it," he said, "it's hard to see someone you love taking slings and arrows. It's a heck of a lot easier to be the governor of Texas. It's much harder to be the son when it comes to criticism."

But he may be addressing that issue again ... and sooner rather than later.

Most political pundits, on both the national and state levels, put his name at or near the top of any list of potential Republican presidential candidates in 2000.

And while he hasn't made a decision on whether or not to run, he doesn't rule out the possibility.

"First, I've got to get re-elected (as governor), which I fully intend to do," he said. "Then I'll make up my mind.

But the impact that decision will have on his children will be foremost on his mind.

"Jeb and I have seen first-hand what it is like to be the child of a president ... how painful it is to see a person you love being purloined by the press, purloined by his so-called allies, or especially by his enemies. I've got to make up my mind if that is the kind of thing — the kind of life — I want my children to lead."

Bush, running unopposed in the March 10 GOP primary, will face Garry Mauro, who is unopposed in the Democratic Primary, in the November general election.

If he chooses to seek the Republican nomination for president in 2000, he would need to make a decision sometime in 1999 on whether or not to run.

And if he does choose to make the race, what would his father feel?

Pride, for one thing.

"What father wouldn't be proud of a son willing to try" to seek the highest office in the country?

But does he miss the job himself?

"Not at all," he said. "I miss certain things about it. I miss dealing with the military. I miss the people in the White House who treated us like family. But I don't miss the debate, the controversy."

As a former president, he is a member of a very select group ... just one of five men alive today who have served in the Oval Office. And there is a bond among them, he said.

"Sure, there's a certain civility, a camaraderie, but it's not like, 'Hey, let's get together and form a Presidents Club.'"

They do communicate with one another at times, often during times of an international crisis such as the ongoing conflict with Iraq.

"When I was president, what we tried to do on Iraq was to keep, through the National Security Council, the former presidents very closely advised," Bush said. "We asked for their help at times. I don't visit regularly with President Clinton, but we have discussed it."

The men maintain a relationship on a personal basis, too. "I'm very close with Gerry Ford," Bush said. "And I have pleasant personal relationships with Carter and Clinton."

As for the man he served under as vice president, Ronald Reagan, declining health, in the form of Alzheimer's disease, makes communication between the two virtually impossible. "Of course, I was very close to him," Bush said.

One high-profile decision — a "controversy" in the eyes of many — currently facing Gov. Bush involves the effort by some to commute the death sentence of convicted murderer Karla Faye Tucker. The execution is scheduled for Tuesday and the process is now under way to determine if it will be set aside.

Bush said no decision has been made yet.

"I'll make up my mind starting Monday," he said.

He was to receive a recommendation from the Board of Pardons and Paroles this weekend. "If the recommendation is to go forward with her execution, I can either delay for 30 days or accept it," he said. "If the recommendation is to commute the sentence I can either accept or not accept."

One reason the case has created so much attention, of course, is that Ms. Tucker is a woman. And another is that since being in prison she has converted to Christianity and has become a popular figure who has won many other prisoners to Christianity.

But those factors won't figure into his decision, Bush said.

"We had 37 death row cases in Texas last year," he said. "Several of them were born-again Christians, all of them male and we didn't have one 'Larry King Live Show'. Yet this woman, sweet-sounding woman, has gotten enormous publicity. And it is a compelling case, but she'll be treated just like everybody else."

When asked if there was one underlying issue that is being ignored by most Americans that has the potential to haunt the country in the future, all three men gave different answers, but the answers had a common theme — the breakdown of the family and the resulting ramifications.

"Thirty percent of the babies who will be born in Texas this year will be born out of wedlock," Gov. Bush said. "That will haunt the country for years to come. It is through our families that we find a vehicle to pass down basic values."

His brother, Jeb, also expressed concern about children, but more specifically about the learning process. "We must transform our educational system so that all children can learn, not just a fraction of them. If not, we're going to create economic apartheid based on whether children have gained the power of knowledge."

The former president combined those two concerns into one overriding theme. "If the family is totally falling apart, a kid doesn't have a good shot at education. The kid doesn't have something to help in understanding that getting pregnant at 14 can destroy your future."

DISEASE: Madison's diet requires ingestion of 124 grams of fat a day

(From 1A)

had normal lives, then two generations down the road, they'll have a TS child in the family," said Kelly Hunt, Madi's father. "It may be 60 years before a person is diagnosed and the severity of the disease is from none to very severe."

Today, Madi, who will turn 4 in April, is going through a good stretch, experiencing what Ms. Hunt thinks is one seizure a day. Seizures are often hard to detect, and, according to Madi's mom, "range from a quick dilation of her eyes to knocking her on her back."

There is apparently no pain associated with the seizure itself, and adults with TS have described an aura before the onset of a seizure.

"What Madi has is called complex partial seizures," Ms. Hunt said. "When they first started, both of her arms would go out and she would get a straining look on her face and her eyes would dilate. Right now, she's going through a really good period, and has maybe one a day and it happens in her sleep a lot. She'll wake up in her sleep and come get in bed with me."

Ms. Hunt credits the reduction in occurrence and severity of Madi's seizures to her ketogenic, or high-fat, diet. The ingestion of 124 grams of fat a day changes Madi's brain waves.

"If a patient is on that diet," Ms. Hunt said, "it makes the body burn fat. All of us burn carbohydrates, but people on this diet burn exclusively fat and that puts your body in ketosis, which changes your brain waves. If you remain on it for a long period of time, it alters your brain waves."

Madi has been on the ketogenic diet since April of last year and over the next couple of months, she will be slowly weaned from it. A dramatic change in diet would likely trigger the onset of additional seizures.

On the diet, Madi's typical day at the kitchen table has her eating 6 grams of oatmeal topped with 13 grams of butter, and half an egg cooked in oil for breakfast. For lunch, Vienna sausages fried in oil, guacamole dip with a generous supply of mayonnaise, and five Fritos. At dinner, Madi often gets a spaghetti-squash dish with alfredo sauce, and more butter and mayonnaise.

Instead of milk, Madi must drink a heavy cream. Sweets are prohibited.

Only three families in Midland and two in Odessa have registered with the NTSA. A small number of families have also registered in Lubbock (two), El Paso (five), Abilene (three), Snyder (one) and Westbrook (one), proving just how rare the disorder is.

There is no known cure for TS, which occurs once in every 5,800 live births and one in 10,000 in the general population. Nationally, the NTSA estimates that between 25,000 to 45,000 have the disorder, and more than 2 million worldwide, according to the organization's Web site (www.ntsa.org). The Web site also offers interactive areas allowing families an online support group atmosphere.

As a co-coordinator of the NTSA's Texas support group, Ms. Hunt hopes to establish a group for families in West Texas. The Hunts can be reached at 570-9613.

It's the not knowing that is perhaps the hardest part of the disease for Madi's family to deal with.

"An untold future is pretty tough," Hunt said. "A lot of times, it's one hour at a time."

Communicating with Madi has also been tough. Although she began talking again last summer, Madi still tends to withdraw and become silent, and does not play with Megan, her 6-year-old big sister, or the family's newborn third daughter, Mackelle.

"As a parent, the comparison between the challenges of Megan to Madison are ten-fold," Hunt said. "Spiritually it has made us stronger. You've got to have more patience and try to maintain a normal life as best you can."

And although Madi's disease was the result of a genetic mutation, completely random and something no one had any control over, Ms. Hunt finds positives in their situation.

"Our first emotion was 'Why us?'" Ms. Hunt said. "But it's made our faith a lot stronger. I feel like we're special for God to pick us out to have a special child."

STRIKE: Forces amassed capable of sustained bombing attack

(From 1A)

it would not be meager. It would be substantial in size and I think impact."

Pentagon officials familiar with the forces already amassed in the gulf point out that its 325 warplanes, two aircraft carrier battle groups and reinforcements prepositioned in the region would allow for a sustained bombing attack of several days' duration.

The British support for any attack contrasts sharply with the hesitancy and outright opposition of other major U.S. allies and nations.

It gave a lift to Albright as she wound up her Iraqi mission to Europe and headed for meetings on the crisis with Arab leaders in the Middle East.

At a joint news conference with Albright, Cook said the situation is "very grave," and the United States and Britain are "absolutely one in our resolve." Albright said Britain stands "shoulder to shoulder in our assessment" of the crisis.

Both Albright and Cook excoriated Iraqi president Saddam as not just in defiance of U.N. weapons inspections but also as a tyrant who used chemical weapons in the past and tested biological weapons in his current development programs.

What confronts the world, Cook said, is "a straightforward matter of preventing a brutal dictator from producing weapons of mass destruction." Every week, he said, Iraqi factories turn out materiel for missile warheads.

CRISIS: Rep. Bob Barr, R-Ga., renewed call for impeachment

(From 1A)

her, but she still could be prosecuted on the basis of other evidence.

"We have been telling the prosecutor consistently that if he wants full, complete, comfortable, relaxed cooperation, the only way he's going to get it is with full immunity" with no threat of prosecution, Ginsburg said Friday on ABC's "20/20."

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton avoided any mention of the alleged affair during her appearance at a children's "parliament" in Lucerne, Switzerland. She did acknowledge that the public glare was not always easy.

"It's difficult to live in the spotlight of public life and I miss many things about my private life," she told the children.

After a rough week for Dad, Chelsea Clinton flew home from California. Arm in arm, she and Clinton escaped to the seclusion of Camp David, where the president went out for a round of golf, with his dog, Buddy, in tow.

The college freshman made the cross-country flight just for the weekend. But a spokeswoman dismissed any suggestion that the daughter's homecoming had anything to do with this week's sensational headlines, saying the visit had been planned for some weeks.

With Clinton's approval ratings soaring despite the most serious controversy of his presidency, Republicans in increasing numbers are speaking out about the alleged presidential affair and cover-up.

"I say to you, Mr. President, just four words: Tell us the truth. Tell us the truth about relationships," said Republican National Committee Chairman Jim Nicholson. Nicholson did not mention Ms. Lewinsky by name, but referred instead to other figures whose names have come up in the campaign fund-raising and FBI files controversies.



'I know of no improper relationship between the president and Monica Lewinsky, or anyone else for that matter.'
— Evelyn Lieberman, former deputy White House chief of staff, who testified before the grand jury Friday

Other Republicans were more direct.

Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., said that if he were enmeshed in the sort of allegations surrounding Clinton, "Dot Helms would ... throw the rolling pin at me," he said of his wife.

The longer Clinton "stays in office, if this turns out to be true, the more doubt people will have in the strength of the office," Helms said on CNN's "Evans & Novak."

Rep. Bob Barr, R-Ga., renewed his call for Clinton's impeachment, telling the Conservatives Political Action Conference "we are well within our rights to expect decent moral behavior from our president."

Nicholson urged Republicans to refrain from reaching conclusions without having the facts.

The Democratic National Committee, meanwhile, set up a command post to deal with the Lewinsky matter. DNC Chairman Steve Grossman said the operation was not intended to manage "damage control" but rather to meet the requests of Clinton supporters.

In Chicago, Jesse Jackson leveled criticism at Starr and the media. Starr, he said, is "like a roving vacuum cleaner ... sucking up particles. He seems to have no limits." The media, Jackson said, "rushed to judgment and made an industry of speculation."

Clinton is refusing to release any information about his contact with Ms. Lewinsky beyond flat denials that he had sexual relations with her and sought to cover it up.

Ginsburg played down the significance of items Ms. Lewinsky received from the president, telling ABC "they're ashtrays, they're a sleeve of golf balls, they're things that just don't add up even if you think there are a lot of them."

Lotto Texas

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

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Families await inmates' release

By Anita Snow
Associated Press

HAVANA — To get his mind off his jailed brother, sculptor Jorge Gomez sits on his apartment balcony, shaping rough blocks of ebony into smooth abstract shapes, women's torsos and the heads of African warriors.

At any moment the phone might ring with news of whether Cuba's communist government will honor Pope John Paul II's request for the release of "prisoners of conscience." Gomez's brother Rene is one of them.

"I am pretty sure they are going to let him out," Gomez, 65, said in the apartment he shared with Rene, a dissident and international law attorney. "The question is whether they will let him stay in Cuba."

In the past, the Cuban government often has made leaving the country a condition of such releases.

Hundreds of relatives of prisoners across this Caribbean island have been anxiously awaiting a decision on prisoner releases. Vatican officials requested clemency on Jan. 24, during John Paul's historic visit to Cuba, for several hundred inmates.

No specific number or names have been made public. But human rights activists believe candidates include Gomez and three other leading dissidents arrested last summer for distributing a critique of the draft plan for the Cuban Communist Party's 5th Party Congress.

The critique said the plan focused on the glories of Fidel Castro's 1959 revolution but presented no solutions to the country's severe economic crisis.

The four also held two news conferences with foreign journalists — bold for Cuba's generally timid dissidents.

"They really didn't do anything," said Elena Roque, 58, whose sister, independent economist Marta Beatriz Roque, is among the four. "They just wrote that document."

The dissidents, leading members of the opposition coalition Concilio Cubano, were picked up in mid-July but relatives say they were never charged or tried. The others are engineer Felix Bonne and Vladimiro Roca, son of the late Cuban Communist Party leader Blas Roca.

When the arrests were made, Cuban authorities said all governments have the right to arrest those who act against it, and that the four had committed "counter-revolutionary" acts.

The Cuban government has made no announcement about prisoner releases, but National Assembly President Ricardo Alarcon has said the pope's call "will be considered with all seriousness."

Cuban officials maintain that the pope regularly asks for clemency for prisoners in most countries he visits, and insist that rights activists have focused too much on his request for releases here.

Human rights groups say Cuba holds at least 500 political prisoners. Cuba says it holds only common criminals, including those accused of "counter-revolutionary" acts such as sabotage, espionage and "enemy propaganda" — publishing or broadcasting attacks against the government.

In the eastern city of Santiago, Caridad Penon is waiting to hear whether the government will release her husband, physician and rights activist Dr. Dessi Mendoza, who is charged with enemy propaganda.

"It would be a real humanitarian act," Penon said. "I am all alone here with our three children."

Mendoza, 43, was convicted in June 1997 in a trial that focused on charges that he exaggerated information to foreign reporters about a dengue outbreak in Santiago.

The government said just two people were killed by the mosquito-borne disease and that it was quickly brought under control. At the time, dengue outbreaks were common in nearby countries — often with far more fatalities.

John Paul encouraged efforts to return "prisoners of conscience" to Cuban society. That would be a significant policy change for the Cuban government, but the pontiff said it also would be "a gesture which honors the authority promoting it."

■ News analysis

'They really didn't do anything.'
— Elena Roque, sister of jailed Cuban activist

Soyuz delivers international crew to Mir

MOSCOW (AP) — A Soyuz spacecraft docked flawlessly with the Mir space station Saturday, bringing a fresh crew of two Russians cosmonauts and a Frenchman to the orbiting outpost — along with a bottle of French wine.

The docking, on automatic pilot, was 16 minutes ahead of schedule, at 8:54 p.m. Moscow time (10:54 a.m. EST). Russian and French officials monitoring the docking at Russian Mission Control burst into applause when the Soyuz linked with the Mir.

An hour and a half later, the crew opened the hatch and floated into the Mir — and into the arms of waiting Russian and American colleagues. The gathering apparently brought together Mir's most international crew ever.

Although he is a Russian cosmonaut, one of the new crew members, Talgat Musabayev, has dual citizenship from Russia and Kazakstan. He and his Russian colleague, Nikolai Budarin, arrived with Frenchman Leopold Eyharts.

Dockings have been fraught with anxiety for mission controllers and crews of the Mir. The spacecraft was badly damaged June 25 when a cargo ship smacked it during a practice docking conducted on manual controls.

This time, there were no hitches.

"I congratulate you on this excellent docking, and hope you fulfill the rest of your program just as well," said Boris Ostroumov, the deputy chief of the Russian Space Agency. "Now we have four nations represented on the orbit — the whole world is looking at you."

Russian officials insist that only three nations officially are represented, since Musabayev is aboard as a Russian cosmonaut, not a Kazak. Still, they said they couldn't think of another Mir crew that brought together so many nations.

With the international crew came an international flavor. On the television monitors, Eyharts could be seen setting out gifts on a table for his colleagues, including a model of the Eiffel Tower.

Vladimir Solovyov, the Mission Control chief, said the bag of presents also contained a bottle of French wine — an alternative, perhaps, to the vodka that Russians have been known to bring aboard Mir.

Musabayev, Budarin and Eyharts lifted off Thursday from the Baikonur Cosmodrome. They now join American astronaut Andrew Thomas, who arrived last weekend on the U.S. space shuttle Endeavour, which was on its way back to Earth on Saturday after a five-day linkup with Mir.

Thomas is the seventh and final American to live on Mir. He plans to stay on the station until a U.S. space shuttle takes him home in May.

After limping through most of 1997 as an orbiting calamity, Mir has seemed to get its bearings the past few months.

Most problems have been minor and Russian space officials now seem optimistic that the station can stay in orbit at least until a new international space station is assembled early next year.

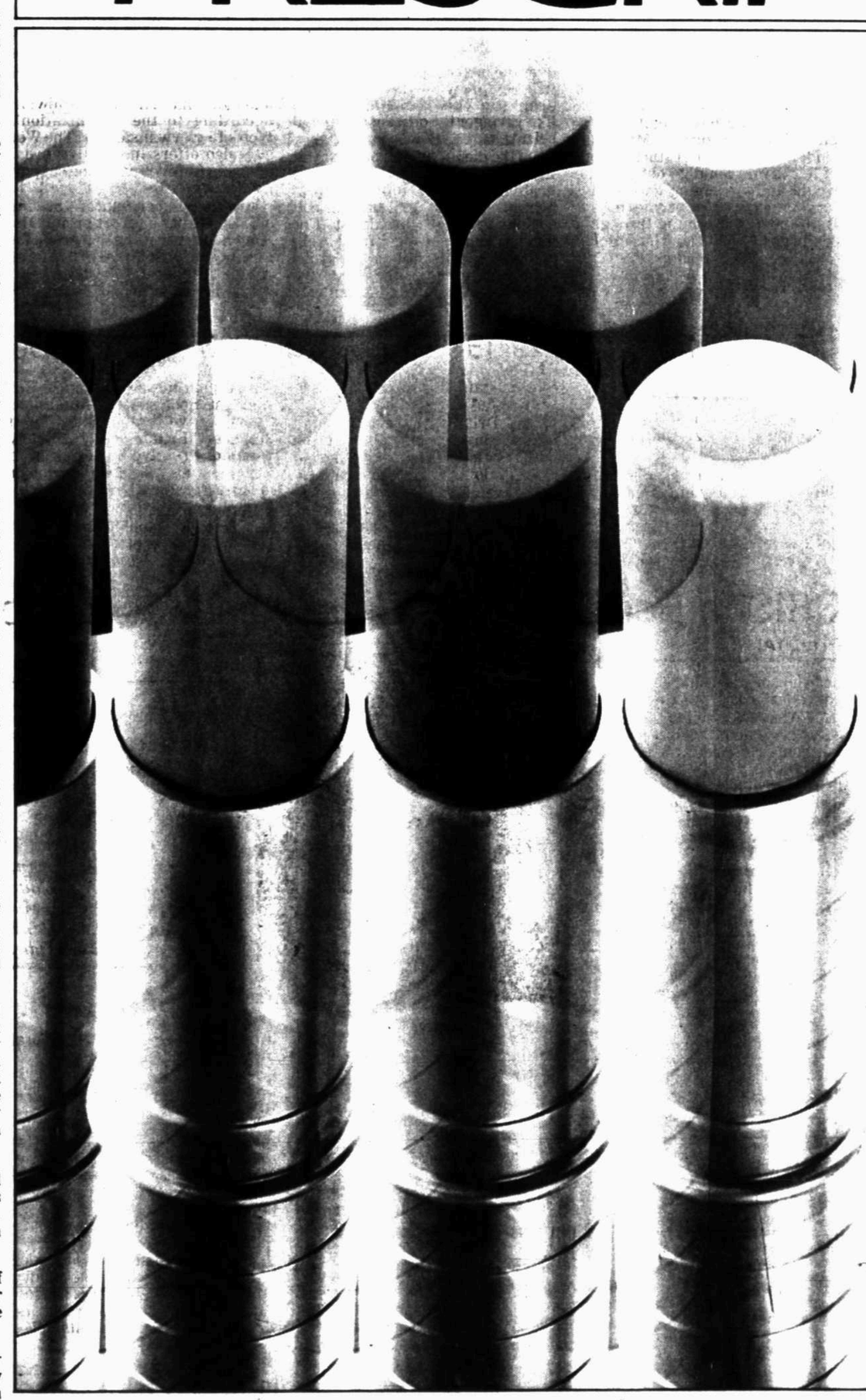
During its stint aboard Mir, the new crew is expected to work on at least two repair jobs that previous crews have been unable to fix.

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Costa Ricans turn against president, party

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP) — Costa Rica once had Central America's strongest economy, and the country's fiercely fought, passionately debated elections were a central part of its rock-solid democracy.

Now, times are tough, and for the first time, politicians are having trouble stirring Costa Ricans' passions going into Sunday's presidential election.

The two main candidates are trying to distance themselves from the outgoing president, Jose Maria Figueres. But Costa Ricans, disappointed by falling incomes and rising unemployment, remain wary of both.

Many Costa Ricans are more enthusiastic about bad-mouthing Figueres than about endorsing either Miguel Angel Rodriguez or Jose Miguel Corrales. The number of people abstaining is expected to reach a record level, and many who plan to vote remain undecided about their choice.

According to all the polls, opposition candidate Rodriguez of the Social Christian Unity Party is poised to beat Corrales of the governing National Liberation Party.

For many, a vote for Rodriguez is merely a vote against President Figueres.

"If this government wasn't in the state it's in, Corrales would win. We wouldn't even have to hold elections," said Efrain Monje, 37. "But because this government hasn't worked, people tend to vote for the other guy."

Corrales is keenly aware of that, and has stressed throughout the campaign that he opposed many of Figueres' policies.

He also has reminded voters that his opponent was instrumental in forming an alliance with the president a year into Figueres' term — and that Figueres tried to push through the privatization of state companies that are the cornerstone of Rodriguez's platform.

'Because this government hasn't worked, people tend to vote for the other guy.'
—Efrain Monje of Costa Rica

"In terms of economics, Don Miguel Angel is a lot closer to Figueres than I am," he said with a smile at a news conference Friday evening.

Costa Ricans are accustomed to strong economic growth, especially because of the U.S. aid that poured into the neutral country in the 1980s while other Central American countries fought Cold War battles with guerrillas.

But Figueres' four years in office have been marked by economic stagnation, in which production rose only 11 percent — one percentage point above population growth, according to economist Eduardo Lizano.

Consumer prices rose 61 percent in the last four years. Inflation in 1997 was 12 percent — double the average rise in salaries. And the budget deficit stands at $3.6 billion. It takes nearly a third of government spending to make the interest payments.

Rodriguez said his primary goal as president would be to halt rises in the cost of living — in which he said privatization of state companies would figure prominently.

"Prices have gotten so high. If Miguel Angel can't do anything about it, I don't know who to believe in," said Gloria Gutierrez, a 46-year-old housewife. She was at a Rodriguez rally, waving red and blue balloons while dancing to a band playing covers of Mexican rock songs.

Many Costa Ricans seem to have lost the faith already. The posters and flags that covered San Jose in past elections are rare — in part because of a new election law, but also because few people feel strongly about their candidate.

Walls instead are spray-painted with signs urging people to stay away from the polls. And in a country where turnout historically has wavered between 80 and 85 percent, various surveys conducted in the campaign's final week showed that more than a quarter of voters hadn't made up their minds or planned not to vote.

"People aren't very happy with the candidates or their proposals," said former President Oscar Arias, a Nobel peace laureate for his role in ending Central America's wars. "We're not going to get back to real growth with any of the proposals out there."

Balloonists seek faster winds

GENEVA (AP) — A European team of balloonists mended a small leak in their capsule Saturday, allowing them to climb in search of faster winds to speed them around the world.

British flight engineer Andy Elson crawled outside the Breitling Orbiter 2 vessel to close the leak in the rear hatch of the pilot's capsule.

Elson had tried previously to fix the problem from inside.

Flight control center said with the repair, the capsule had now finally been pressurized. That let it climb to a cruising height of more than 20,000 feet.

The silver balloon was headed toward Greece and Turkey — far behind schedule because of the technical problems and slow winds.

During its four-day journey, the three-man crew has averaged only 9 mph, flying at an altitude of between 10,000 and 16,500 feet.

Swiss pilot Bertrand Piccard, Dutch pilot Wim Verstraeten and Elson hope to rise to a height of about 30,000 feet over Afghanistan on Monday to catch jet stream winds, which can reach speeds of between 120 mph and 192 mph.

Protestants, Catholics unite, hold peace rallies to support meetings

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Protestants and Catholics united across Northern Ireland on Friday to denounce the militants who have slain 10 people in the past month in hopes of wrecking the peace talks.

But at the biggest peace rally, outside Belfast City Hall, the crowd displayed the fundamental divisions that keep fueling both the violence and a deadlock in negotiations over Northern Ireland's future.

About 100 supporters of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party moved into the middle of the 1,000-strong crowd, carrying placards that blamed the recent deaths of eight Catholic civilians on police and pro-British Protestant politicians. Their placards made no mention of an IRA splinter gang, the Irish National Liberation Army; that contributed to the bloodshed by killing two prominent Protestant militants.

Northern Ireland's federation of labor unions had organized the rallies in Belfast and six other towns on the theme of "stop all killings!" Several Protestant politicians left once they saw the placards, complaining that Sinn Fein was insulting them.

Northern Ireland Secretary Mo Mowlam, the British minister responsible for the province, got back into her bulletproof limousine after briefly surveying the rally.

Much of the crowd cheered when labor union chief Frank Bunting asked the Sinn Fein contingent to lower its banners "and respect the grief of all those who have died."

But the Sinn Feiners booed and kept their banners up throughout the half-hour rally.

Afterward, a leading member of the Progressive Unionist Party, which represents a pro-British paramilitary gang involved in the peace talks, shouted at Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams as he talked to Northern Ireland television.

Billy Hutchinson accused Sinn Fein of hijacking the rally and of "dancing on innocent Catholics' graves" by using the killings to score political points.

Elsewhere, cross-community harmony was on display.

In Enniskillen, 80 miles southwest of Belfast, a Presbyterian minister said he was ashamed that some Protestants "regard any Catholic as a suitable target to be killed, and think that this is a good thing to do, that it in some way defends the Protestant faith."

"It can only be that they have learned somewhere that to be a good Protestant you can hate Catholics," said the Rev. David Couples. "I want to say sorry publicly for that distortion of Christianity perpetrated by people within Protestantism."

In Lurgan, a religiously polarized town 30 miles southwest of Belfast, Catholic union official Sean Morrissey denounced attempts by both sides' paramilitary groups to justify their killings.

"There are no legitimate targets! No Catholics, no Protestants, no soldiers, no members of the police force!" he shouted.

After a rally in Londonderry, about 500 Catholics gathered in the Bogside district to commemorate the 26th anniversary of Bloody Sunday, when British soldiers killed 13 Catholic protesters.

The crowd observed two minutes of silence beside a stone monument as the bells of St. Eugene's Catholic Cathedral tolled for the dead.

Some speakers and residents congratulated British Prime Minister Tony Blair for his decision Thursday to open a new investigation into the killings.

The original 1972 inquiry infuriated Catholics because it appeared to justify the soldiers' killing and suggested that at least some of those killed where handling bombs and guns. The government in 1995 conceded that none were armed.

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China switches to lethal injection, leads world in death rate

The death penalty is no longer used in half the world's countries, including most of the industrialized nations, but executions are on the rise in two major nations — the United States and China. And the death penalty is still used extensively in two former Soviet states, Russia and Ukraine.

In this three-story package, continued on page 9A, Associated Press correspondents examine the use of capital punishment in China, the United States and Russia.

By John Leicester
Associated Press

KUNMING, China — On a bright, warm morning, the four condemned men lay down in a grassy field to die.

Convicted of peddling heroin in southwestern China, the prisoners were asked for their names and final words. Then, green-uniformed bailiffs inserted needles into the men's veins and injected a colorless liquid. The quickest death took 31 seconds. The longest, 58.

Thus, four more dead joined China's world-leading list of executions — and a new chapter opened in the country's use of the death penalty.

Unlike the thousands of condemned criminals executed by gunshot in China, the four were killed by lethal injection as part of an experiment that began in the provincial city of Kunming last March before expected adoption nationwide.

For Judge Lu Jianping and other champions of lethal injection at the Kunming Intermediate People's Court, the switch from bullets to needles is a step forward for China's oft-criticized legal system.

"It's nothing more than a needle prick, isn't it? A bullet damages a much bigger area and causes loss of blood," Lu said in an interview, the first given to a foreign news organization by court officials involved in the injection program.

"We feel the injection method is a little more civilized, more humane," he said.

But human rights campaigners say those humanitarian concerns are misplaced. They complain about the huge numbers of people executed in China each year, sometimes after swift trials for such nonviolent crimes as corruption or theft.

The activists also say they fear a switch to lethal injections may aid what they believe is an unacknowledged government program to harvest organs from the executed for use in transplants.

Officials deny they ever use organs from an executed criminal without their permission.

In 1996, when China launched a crackdown on crime, people were sentenced to death at a rate of nearly 17 a day and at least 4,367 were executed, according to Amnesty International. That compares to

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772 people who Amnesty says are known to have been executed in 38 other countries that year.

Amnesty is still compiling figures for 1997 but says the number of death sentences in China was again in the thousands. Throughout the 1990s, more people have been executed or sentenced to death in China than in the rest of the world combined, the London-based human rights group says.

"It's like a judicial bloodbath," said Robin Munro of Human Rights Watch/Asia. Like Amnesty, the New York-based group opposes all executions.

The use of injections "really evokes the sense that they are turning it into an assembly-line business," he said.

To avoid having to truck prisoners to the execution ground in the city suburbs, the Kunming court plans to construct a building "close to the crematorium" for carrying out lethal injections, Lu said.

The facility will enable officials to execute criminals one at a time, rather than in batches, saving manpower.

"When we have one, we'll execute one," he said. "One court doctor and a police officer could complete the task."

Firing squads can still be used. But injections will "definitely" be adopted nationwide, too, after approval by the Supreme People's Court, which is considering the issue, Lu said.

China and the United States are the only countries known to be using lethal injections. But Amnesty International said in a report released at the end of January that Taiwan executed at least one person by lethal injection last May and that Guatemala and the Philippines may also start using that execution method soon.

China believes executions deter crime. The oft-cited phrase is "killing a chicken scares the monkey." Authorities sometimes bus people to public rallies in sports stadiums to see criminals sentenced to death.

"If we did a nationwide survey, our citizens would definitely support retention of the death penalty," Lu said.

Many ordinary Chinese agree.

"There'd be total chaos if the death penalty was abolished," said a Kunming taxi driver, who gave only his surname, Chen. "Vicious criminals get away cheaply with a bullet. They really deserve death by a thousand cuts."

The Kunming court — used as a laboratory for legal reform in China — began developing injections after they were legalized in a Criminal Procedure Law adopted by the national legislature in March 1996.

In developing the injections, more than 1,000 experiments were conducted on animals. Executioners, who are bailiffs assigned to the court, were taught how to find veins by practicing on rabbits.

"We can't have them arriving at the execution ground and having to give one, two, three injections. That's no good," said Wang Jun, the director of a hospital attached to the court who helped develop the injections.

Russia in limbo over death penalty

By Maura Reynolds
Associated Press

MOSCOW — The cavernous room where Anatoly Pristavkin works was once used by Kremlin officials who handed down death sentences. These days, he uses it to issue pardons.

Pristavkin heads Russia's presidential clemency commission, and every week the members take their places at its long conference table to review as many as 10 cases of criminals sentenced to death by the courts.

"Sometimes our nerves can't take it, and we drink vodka at the table," Pristavkin says.

One reason for his distress is that Pristavkin, a prominent novelist, is one of the few public opponents of the death penalty in a country that overwhelmingly condones and has frequently imposed capital punishment.

The presidents of Russia and neighboring Ukraine have temporarily suspended the carrying out of death sentences. But the parliaments of both countries have thwarted efforts to end capital punishment, which was used in Soviet times to send millions of citizens to early graves with a bullet to the back of the head.

In 1996, Ukraine and Russia ranked second and third in the world in executions, behind China, according to the human rights group Amnesty International. Ukraine executed at least 167 and Russia at least 53 and perhaps as many as 140.

Ambivalence over the death penalty runs deep in the former Soviet Union. On one hand, executions were a tool of terror for the now-discredited communist police state.

Moreover, Russia and Ukraine are eager to join international organizations such as the Council of Europe, which has made abolishing capital punishment a condition for membership.

But Russians and Ukrainians have been deeply frightened by a very large and very visible surge in crime since the Soviet Union's collapse six years ago. The vast majority think keeping the death penalty will keep criminals in line.

"It's not that people in Ukraine are bloodthirsty, it's just the situation they are in," said Vasyl Malyarenko, deputy chairman of Ukraine's Supreme Court.

Recent polls say that only about 10 percent of Russians and Ukrainians support abolishing capital punishment. And with crime a top campaign issue, politicians cannot afford to look soft.

'In the future, capital punishment is likely to be remembered as an act of barbarism'
— Oleg Mironov, member, Russian parliament's legislative committee

"In the future, capital punishment is likely to be remembered as an act of barbarism," said Oleg Mironov, a communist member of the Russian parliament's legislative committee. "But deputies must consider the real criminal situation in our country, and public opinion. The public will never support deputies who favor the abolition of capital punishment."

In this atmosphere, Presidents Boris Yeltsin of Russia and Leonid Kuchma of Ukraine face an uphill fight to banish the practice.

Kuchma says his country has carried out no executions since last March.

In Russia, Yeltsin's suspension of the death penalty came after he increased the pace of executions beginning in 1995, seeking to look tough on crime as he prepared for his successful re-election battle the following year. The clemency commission responded by suspending its work in protest.

Now Yeltsin says he intends to move toward abolition, although in a phased manner.

In the meantime, Pristavkin's commission has the tricky job of mediating between demands for justice and pleas for mercy.

The 15-member panel — which includes prominent artists, writers like Pristavkin, and jurists — meets in a room near the Kremlin once used by Communist Party officials to impose "discipline" on their cadres.

Pristavkin said the commission reviews all death sentences, which judges are still permitted to hand down.

Even though members have a range of views on capital punishment, they nearly always recommend commuting the sentence to life in prison. In the last year, Yeltsin followed their recommendations "with only a few exceptions," Pristavkin said.

But helping commute death sentences doesn't necessarily lift Pristavkin's spirits. Russia's prison system is cruel and crumbling, and life imprisonment in such miserable conditions "is just a delayed death sentence," he said.

"We condemn them to such suffering that some ask us to overturn their pardons and put them to death," Pristavkin added with a sigh.



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As debate rages on, pace of executions rises in United States

By David Briscoe
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A convicted murderer is put to death every five days on average in the United States, stoking a smoldering domestic debate over the morality of capital punishment and drawing increasing international criticism.

The 74 executions in 1997 pushed the country's 20-year total to 432. Across the United States, 3,200 convicts are awaiting execution, including 500 in California.

It is a record that offends human rights activists, who argue executions lower the state to the same level as criminals. And it keeps some nations from extraditing crime suspects to the United States if they might face the death penalty, hampering U.S. efforts to curb drug smuggling and terrorism.

Advocates hail the death penalty as a factor in falling U.S. crime rates. Support for capital punishment is bolstered by public revulsion at violent crimes — rape killings of children, fatal attacks on elderly people, serial killings and mass murders.

"There is a proud U.S. tradition of vigilante frontier justice. Just as carrying a gun is part of that tradition, so is stringing someone up for hanging," said Richard Dieter, executive director of the Death Penalty Information Center in Washington, which is critical of the way the law is administered.

Opponents both in the United States and abroad feel the American legal system is on weak ground.

"Other civilized nations see life imprisonment — knowing that someone will die in jail — as the ultimate punishment and see the death penalty as stooping to the level of the killers," said Scott Wallace, director of the U.S. Legal Aid and Defender Association, which represents legal aid offices and public defenders.

Critics of the rise in capital punishment in America range from members of the European Parliament to human rights groups to a variety of governments.

Canada, Mexico and other countries that don't have the death penalty are reluctant to extradite people to stand trial in the 38 U.S. states that have the death penalty.

Race and economic status of the condemned have become major issues in the controversy. Blacks are four times more likely than whites to get the death penalty for murder, and the chance jumps to 11 times higher if the victim is white, according to the Legal Aid and Defender Association.

Concern that the death penalty is being applied unfairly against minorities and those too poor to pay for their own defense prompted the American Bar Association, the largest U.S. lawyers group, and the National Conference of Catholic Bishops Conference to urge a moratorium on executions this year.

But with the pace of executions expected to continue in 1998, Amnesty International and other groups are stepping up protests.

Sam Jordan, head of Amnesty International's death penalty abolition campaign, contends the death sentence is applied inconsistently to various racial and income groups, from state to state and even from county to county.

"If you kill three people in one place, you can be put to death, but not if you drive a few miles down the road and do it in a county that can't afford to prosecute for a capital offense," Jordan said. "The facts argue for a moratorium."

In October, the United Nations sent a top human rights investigator, Waly Bacre Ndiaye of Senegal, to look for possible inequities and abuses on death rows in Texas and other states. His report hasn't been published.

Concerned that state death penalty laws were being capriciously and arbitrarily applied, the U.S. Supreme Court in 1972 ruled them unconstitutional. The court lifted its ban four years later and allowed states to resume capital punishment as they revised their laws.

The first to die was Gary Gilmore, convicted of two murders in Utah, who faced a firing squad on Jan. 17, 1977. He forced the issue by appealing for his own execution and chose the method, adding to a drama that attracted worldwide attention.

Since then, death sentences have become easier to carry out — some say more humanely — with lethal injections replacing the electric chair or other methods in most cases.

Only one woman has been executed since the death penalty was reinstated. In December, the U.S. Supreme Court cleared the way for a second woman to die — Karla Faye Tucker, convicted of killing a man and a woman with an ax during a 1983 burglary in Texas.

Her execution is scheduled for Tuesday.

Sonya Sanchez, spokeswoman for the Texas attorney general's office, said she did not expect any increased pressure on the state with the execution of a woman.

"We've taken the position that we're not going to treat women any different from men who face the same punishment," Sanchez said. "It would be unfair to the families of victims."

Texas carried out 37 executions in 1997, half the U.S. total of 74.

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Paper claims new details in Diana's death

LONDON (AP) — A British tabloid said Saturday it has obtained video footage of a speeding white car outside the Ritz Hotel chasing Princess Diana's Mercedes minutes before her fatal crash.

The Mirror said the car is not a Fiat Uno, which has been sought by French investigators for possible involvement in the Aug. 31 crash that killed the princess, companion Dodi Fayed and their driver, Henri Paul.

The newspaper was not claiming that the car in the video collided with Diana's, and it was unclear whether it had any connection to the case.

The car on the tape was likely a Citroen AX, which is similar to a Fiat Uno, the Mirror said. The video allegedly was shot by an unidentified foreign couple on vacation in Paris.

The Mirror said it is turning over the video to French authorities.

The video shows the white car parked outside the Ritz Hotel minutes before Diana and Fayed left, the paper said. The car then joins the paparazzi chase of Diana's car and speeds off the wrong way down a one-way street, The Mirror said.

Key factors in the crash are believed to be alcohol — Paul was drunk — and excessive speed.

Group pushes to ban India's dancing bears

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Dancing bears that entertain spectators for money in India are cruelly trained and often kept illegally, an animal rights group charged today.

The World Society for the Protection of Animals launched its campaign today to try to end the traditional practice in India.

The group estimates up to a thousand sloth bears in captivity are being used as dancing bears. More than a 100 cubs are captured illegally from the wild each year, it said in a statement.

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■ Veterans' remains brought home

WASHINGTON — The remains of two Air Force flyers missing in Southeast Asia for three decades have been identified and returned to their families for burial, the Pentagon has announced.

Officials identified the two as Col. Paul Underwood of Goldsboro, N.C., and Capt. Donald Bloodworth of San Diego, and said identification had been established at the Army's central identification laboratory in Hawaii.

Leading a mission over Lai Chau Province, Vietnam, on March 16, 1966, Underwood had just released his bombs when he reported that his F-105 Thunderchief fighter-bomber was on fire. His wingman saw the plane crash but observed no parachute, the Pentagon said.

In 1994 and 1995, joint American and Vietnamese search teams interviewed local villagers and examined a site believed to be where Underwood crashed, the Pentagon said. In 1996, excavation unearthed human remains, flight equipment and personal effects and the colonel's identification tags.

Bloodworth was lost on July 24, 1970, on a night reconnaissance mission over Laos. He and his pilot were in an F-4D fighter-bomber that crashed shortly after the pilot radioed that he had lost sight of markers indicating the target, the Pentagon said.

U.S. and Laotian searchers excavated a suspected crash site in 1993 and found aircraft wreckage and human remains. The remains were eventually identified as those of Bloodworth. His pilot is still unaccounted for, the Pentagon said.

Because of advances like DNA testing, it is now possible to get accurate identification from fewer remains, the Pentagon said. The two identifications leave 2,097 Americans still officially missing from the Vietnam War.

■ Cops find cache of Beanie Babies

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Beanie Babies are hot — in more ways than one.

Police investigating an alleged stolen goods fencing operation came upon several hundred of the floppy, stuffed animal toys — some valuable collectibles — worth an estimated $20,000.

Though highly prized by collectors, the toys got little respect from those accused of receiving them from thieves.

"I found a 'Princess Di' on the kitchen floor all dirty," Sgt. Gary Cameron said after the raid Friday. "I picked it up and brushed it off. It's worth between $400 and $500."

Dave Golden, 30, and Joey Smith, 20, were jailed on one count each of receiving stolen property.

Most of the Beanie Babies were taken from a vehicle belonging to a toy distributor during a recent local visit.

"The man was here for a Beanie Baby convention and they were stolen," Cameron said. "Others were stolen from local stores."

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

Reinstated sailor fears reprisals from Navy

HONOLULU (AP) — After winning the biggest battle of his Navy career, Timothy R. McVeigh has gone back to work at Pearl Harbor.

Although he won an unprecedented reversal of his Navy dismissal on homosexuality charges, the highly decorated chief petty officer doesn't know if he can return to the job he loved — managing the day-to-day activities of a nuclear attack submarine.

While allowed back on board, he's not back at his old post.

"I was removed from my job in charge of a nuclear sub. I had 134 people under my command," said McVeigh, 36, who is not related to the Oklahoma City bomber. "From there I was assigned to building office spaces ... then they gave me a clerk position.

"I want to continue my career," he said.

U.S. District Judge Stanley Sporkin last Monday ordered the Navy to reinstate McVeigh, a 17-year Navy veteran who was dismissed in December on charges he is homosexual and engaged in sodomy. McVeigh has not commented on his sexuality.

Sporkin said the Navy violated the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gays in the military and went too far in investigating McVeigh, who was linked to an anonymous online profile page that suggested he had a sexual interest in young men.

Judge Sporkin also said the Navy violated the 1986 Electronic Communications Privacy Act for obtaining confidential information about McVeigh from America Online Inc. without a warrant or court order.

The Navy plans to appeal.

Although back in service, McVeigh is continuing his lawsuit against Defense Secretary William Cohen and Navy Secretary John Dalton.

"I wonder how many people have been wrongfully kicked out of the Navy and not thought about fighting back because they felt too overwhelmed. They thought I would quietly go home. I'm not going," he said.

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Senior makes fruitless trip to claim prize

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — An 88-year-old man hopped on a plane from California to Tampa thinking this time surely he had won $11 million in the American Family Publisher's sweepstakes.

It was Richard Lusk's second trip to Tampa and the second time he'd misunderstood the sweepstakes letter from American Family.

His son, Bill Lusk, attacks the mailings as misleading. And at least two lawsuits have been filed over the company's promotions, the latest on Friday in Baltimore.

The elder Lusk arrived in Tampa on Thursday, clutching a letter he had received a day earlier in Victorville, Calif.

It carried a five-day deadline and read in part: "Richard Lusk, final results are in and they're official: You're our newest $11 million winner."

However, the fine print stated Lusk was a winner only if he held the winning ticket.

Lusk's family, American Family Publishers and airport police launched a search for him after he arrived in town and disappeared Thursday.

It wasn't until Friday that airport police found him sitting near an airport Burger King, apparently waiting for his flight home.

"After his father made his first trip to Tampa in October, the younger Lusk said he got the Tampa-based company to reimburse them for their air fares — he accompanied his father the first time — and for duplicate magazine subscriptions his father had bought.

The company also removed him from all of its mailing lists, said American Family spokeswoman Lonni Miller.

Within the past four years, Tampa International Airport has tracked 20 people who have flown into Tampa thinking they had won, said airport spokeswoman Brenda Geoghagan.

Lawyer Frank Jakes filed a lawsuit in Tampa last week accusing the giant magazine sales company of breach of contract and racketeering. In the suit, two women said they were sent notices by American Family Publishers or their representatives and returned their "winning tickets," but never won a thing.

A separate class-action lawsuit was filed Friday in Baltimore claiming the $11 million sweepstakes offered by American Family Publishers is a fraudulent scheme to get people to buy magazines.

The Florida Attorney General's Office began investigating the sweepstakes solicitations late last year. Earlier this month, the company said it would stop two of its solicitations, including a "Letter of Instruction" regarding the $11 million prize.

Bill Lusk, of Walnut Creek, Calif., said he was outraged.

"It's designed to be misleading," he said. "They are masters, cunning people, brilliant people that know how to present the positive so compellingly that the downside is lost in the promotion."

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AIDS team prepares for worst

CHICAGO (AP) — A physicians group that plans to test an AIDS vaccine with live strains of the virus in humans says test subjects will get free medicine if they contract the disease.

Answering criticism that it is moving too fast with the tests, the International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care said it has lined up three pharmaceutical makers to provide free medicine to the volunteers if they need it.

More than 200 people, mostly doctors and other health care workers, have volunteered to test the vaccine, including Joe Zuniga, a former army soldier who was discharged in 1993 for disclosing he is gay.

"We don't expect people to progress into AIDS, but we're trying to avoid that 'reckless' label that some people have assigned to us in the world," Zuniga said.

The vaccine will be made with a live but weakened strain of HIV. The Food and Drug Administration, which has not yet approved any AIDS vaccines that include a live virus, is reviewing the plan.

The group hopes to begin the trial in 2000 and have an effective, safe vaccine by 2007, Zuniga said.

The first trial would begin by injecting five volunteers, followed by a six-to-nine month monitoring period for safety and tolerability. If it appears safe, the number of participants would be gradually increased.

Some physicians contend the volunteer effort is premature because not enough work has been done to ensure the safety and usefulness of any AIDS vaccine.

Helms: Cuban embargo will stand, despite pope's visit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Jesse Helms says the embargo against Cuba will stand, including harsh sanctions he added in 1996, despite recent criticism from the pope that the embargo has caused widespread suffering.

Helms, R-N.C., who heads the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said Saturday he has high hopes for the influence Pope John Paul II's visit to Cuba will have on President Fidel Castro.

But the senator took a hard-line stance against the communist leader and his policies, saying he wants Castro removed from power.

"I don't care how he leaves there. Horizontally or vertically," Helm said on CNN's "Evans & Novak." "I want him out of there, and the Cuban people want him out, too."

Helms co-authored a 1996 law that tightened the U.S. embargo on Cuba that has been in effect since 1961. The Helms-Burton Act penalizes foreign companies that invest in or use properties in Cuba confiscated without compensation since the Cuban revolution in 1959.

Helms said Saturday he hopes the pope's visit, and the swelling of support for it, will encourage Castro to soften his positions.

"The pressure of those millions of people turning out for the pope, and the greeting that he received, ought to speak volumes to Fidel Castro," Helms said. "As a matter of fact, I think it already has, because I sensed behind the scenes a loosening of his toughness on a lot of things."

Helms and Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., are working on a proposal to provide direct U.S. government emergency aid to Cuba. The proposal would send donations of food and medicine to be distributed to needy Cubans by the American Red Cross, according to a draft of the plan.

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What if Clinton is telling the truth? Hullabaloo could help him

By Mike Feinsilber
Associated Press

■ News analysis

WASHINGTON — What if he's telling the truth?

What if it turns out, to the country's satisfaction, that President Clinton had no improper relationship with the most famous White House intern in history, and did not counsel her to lie?

Vindication raises the prospect that Clinton could emerge stronger than ever. Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr could be put out of business and the news media could suffer from a backlash for having jumped on the story with no hard evidence about what transpired between Clinton and Monica Lewinsky.

So far, despite one of the most intense investigations of a president's private behavior in American history, no proof has been put forward that Clinton engaged in sexual relations with the former intern and sought to cover it up. He has gone public three times to deny the allegations.

So far, it is a classic he said-she said battle, except she, according to the lawyers involved, said one thing in a sworn affidavit given to Paula Jones' attorneys and something contrary in more than 20 hours of taped telephone conversations with a friend and coworker, Linda Tripp.

Political observers said that Clinton's absolution would leave him in a strong position — and endanger Whitewater prosecutor Starr's reputation, his investigation, even the existence of the office of independent counsel.

"If it can be established to most people's satisfaction that Clinton did not have any sexual contact with Ms. Lewinsky, then he will be in a very, very strong position," said Stephen Wayne, a Georgetown University political scientist and author of a book on presidential leadership.

Another presidential leadership scholar, Bert A. Rockman of the University of Pittsburgh, said he suspects public uncertainty is going to be the result at the end.

"My guess is that it is going to come down to one of those Clarence Thomas-Anita Hill types of things," Rockman said, recalling the inconclusive Senate hearings that aired charges that Thomas engaged in sexual harassment of his former colleague.

'If this humiliation ends up being unjustified the people who have created the situation will be turned against.'
— Rep. Bernard Sanders of Vermont

"But if it is shown that Paula Jones (who is suing Clinton for sexual harassment) has been put up to it by interests associated with the Republican Party and that Monica Lewinsky is having a rich fantasy life, then I think the president stands to benefit maximally," Rockman said.

"He then looks like a persecuted victim. And Starr stands to lose maximally because he looks like a persecutor."

Polls suggest the American people increasingly uncertain that Clinton was sexually involved with his former intern — but also increasingly willing to give Clinton the benefit of the doubt.

Clinton's approval ratings have surged to his highest levels ever. Yet half of those surveyed say they believe he had an affair with Ms. Lewinsky.

Of course, Clinton has his critics. When he visited Wisconsin last week, he could see the word "impeach" stamped in the snow. But he could also read a sign that said "fact, not fiction."

On a more personal level, Rep. Bernard Sanders of Vermont, a political independent who usually votes with the Democrats, said if the public concludes that Clinton is innocent of improper behavior, the American people will feel that the president, his wife and their daughter have been humiliated "and if this humiliation ends up being unjustified the people who have created the situation will be turned against."

Sanders stressed that he had reached no conclusions "as to whether the president is telling the truth" and said the public lacks enough information to reach conclusions either.

But "if the president is in fact shown to be telling the truth," Sanders said Republicans will be hurt and the president will be stronger than any time since he was elected.

"If somehow Clinton gets a clean bill of health, that certainly contributes to his presidency," Wayne agreed. "It's like recovering from an assassination attempt — you're better off for it, especially if during the recovery process you've been pretty gracious."

If Clinton winds up cleared of sexual misbehavior, he added, "it may blow away the Starr investigation. It may blow away independent counsels and undercut congressional investigations."

The news media also will suffer because of its willingness to pay such great attention to the matter with so few hard facts to go on, these observers said.

"Confidence in the press already ranks lower than confidence in politicians," said Martha Kumar, a Towson University professor in Maryland who writes about the White House and the press.

"It would make the anger felt at the media in England with regards to Princess Diana nothing compared to the anger felt at the media here," Sanders said.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mike Feinsilber has covered the presidency since Lyndon B. Johnson held the office.



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Shuttle lands, astronaut returns safely from Mir

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — An ecstatic David Wolf returned to Earth aboard space shuttle Endeavour on Saturday after four long, lonely months on Mir.

The shuttle and its crew of seven swooped through a vividly clear sky just before sunset and landed on the concrete runway, right on time.

"Dave, welcome back from 128 days on orbit," Mission Control said as soon as Endeavour rolled to a safe stop.

"I wasn't counting. But is that what it was?" Wolf asked.

"This feels great," he added, then joked: "Feels like you're having a little gravity storm down here."

Eager to talk, he gave a blow-by-blow description of the hatch being opened. "Ah, I can smell the air from the Earth," he said.

Wolf could smell something else once he climbed out of the shuttle and walked into the airport-style people mover — the aroma of pizza, a small with pepperoni and mushrooms, just like he ordered.

"Stand by. I'll eat it later," he said obediently. Doctors wanted him to wait until after his medical tests.

Even though the astronaut had agreed to be carried off Endeavour on a stretcher, "he couldn't be held back," said David Leestma, director of NASA's flight crew operations. Doctors prefer that astronauts returning from Mir remain horizontal for as long as possible to slow the effects of gravity and thus provide better medical data. However, only one out of six has come off on a stretcher.

Wolf was reunited with his family before all the tests were completed.

"He looks so good up there and I know he's bouncing around and doing somersaults," his mother, Dottie Wolf, said earlier in the day. "But I can tell. I can tell that he's ready to come back to a somewhat normal life. And remember normal for David isn't normal for most people."

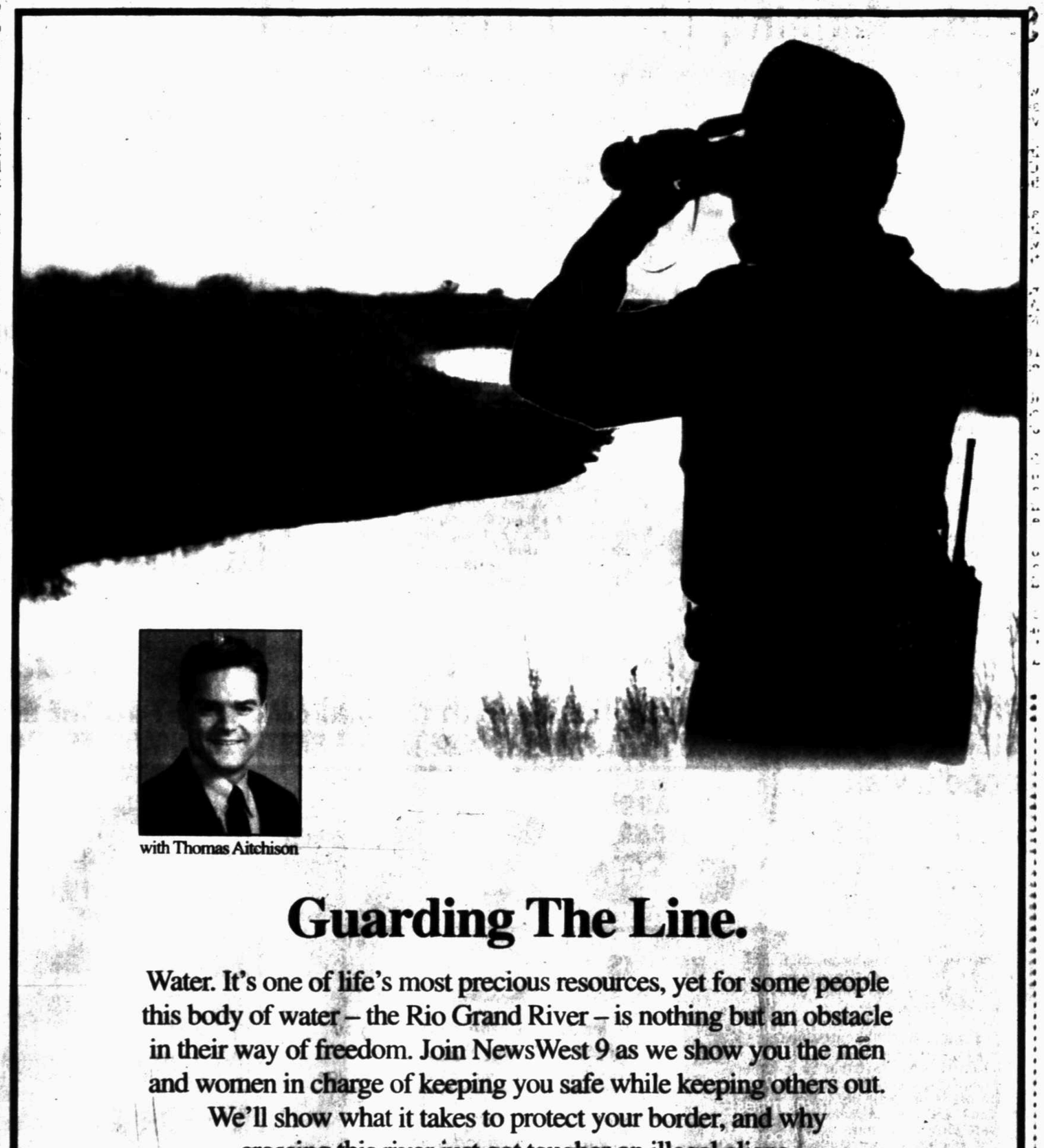
Indeed, the 41-year-old astronaut — who also happens to be a doctor and aerobatic pilot — seemed to enjoy his Mir stay despite the isolation and occasionally sweltering temperatures. He was looking forward to all that awaited him back on Earth, though, including his pizza, a cold drink, a hot shower, and his girlfriend and family. He'll have to wait to taste his mother's specialty, which he missed out on at Thanksgiving.

"I really couldn't fly down here with sweet potato casserole," Mrs. Wolf said, laughing.

Unable to greet Wolf personally, NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin made sure Kennedy Space Center's chef had a pizza ready to go. Goldin also arranged for long-stemmed roses for the astronaut's mother, stepmother and girlfriend. Altogether, 30 relatives and family friends flew in from Indianapolis for his homecoming.

Wolf, who rocketed away Sept. 25 amid loud concern over Mir's safety, was replaced last weekend by astronaut Andrew Thomas, the seventh and final American to live on Russia's aging space station.

Thomas and his two Russian crewmates were joined Saturday by three more men who arrived in a Soyuz capsule. The cosmonauts will swap places, leaving Thomas and a fresh Russian crew aboard Mir until the end of May. Then it will be time for Thomas to check out and for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to close out the shuttle-Mir program and begin building an international space station.



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Clinton reveals multibillion-dollar scheme to counter global warming

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton disclosed a five-year, $6.3 billion package of tax incentives and research Saturday to spur development of ultra fuel-efficient automobiles and other energy-saving technologies.

Promising to "mobilize cutting-edge technology in the fight against global warming," Clinton said the program will show that the United States can curb heat-trapping greenhouse gases by conserving energy while preserving economic growth.

"Working together we will overcome the challenge of global climate change and create new avenues of growth for our economy," Clinton said in highlighting the proposal in his weekly radio address.

A cornerstone of the program would give tax credits of $3,000 to $4,000 to buyers of the next generation of fuel-efficient cars to boost development of the vehicles expected to be up to three times as fuel efficient as today's models.

Many auto makers have said they plan to have cars in showrooms within seven years that run 50 to 70 miles on a gallon of gasoline.

The climate-change package, an early step to comply with the global warming treaty agreed in December in Kyoto, Japan, will be included in Clinton's fiscal 1999 budget to be announced Monday.

Both the tax cuts and new spending must be approved by Congress. Some Republicans have greeted the package with skepticism.

Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., one of the Kyoto treaty's sharpest critics, said Clinton's proposed incentives should be put on hold until the Senate decides whether to ratify the treaty. He accused the president of trying "to mold the behavior of U.S. businesses to conform with the global warming ideology."

The climate treaty, unlikely to come up for Senate ratification this year, specifies that the United States reduce greenhouse emissions — mainly carbon dioxide — to 7 percent below 1990 levels by 2008-2012.

> **'Working together we will overcome the challenge of global climate change.'**
> — President Clinton

Clinton's climate package includes $3.6 billion worth of tax credits and $2.7 billion in additional spending over five years, beginning in 1999, on research related to the prevention of climatic change.

"We want to provide an incentive for the auto industry and the American consumer to produce and purchase the cars of the future," said Gene Sperling, the president's chief economic adviser. "Our goal is to provide an incentive."

Starting in 2000, a tax credit of $3,000 would apply to vehicles that get double the current mileage for their class. For example a midsize car that now gets 25 miles per gallon would have to achieve 50 mpg to qualify. The credit would be expanded to $4000 by 2004 for vehicles getting three times current models.

Auto makers are stepping up development of such cars. A program involving fuel-cell technology is underway by Ford and Daimler-Benz, with an expectation of having 100,000 ultra fuel-efficient cars on the road by 2004. So-called "hybrid" electric-fossil fuel-powered vehicles are within a few years of U.S. showrooms, industry executives say.

"We have a goal of developing a midsize car that gets 80 mpg," said Energy Secretary Federico Pena.

In his radio address, Clinton said he is "committed to making it not only wiser but actually cheaper to buy highly efficient cars."

Other key parts of the package would:

- Provide tax credits of $1,000 to $2,000 to homeowners and businesses that install solar rooftop panels.
- A 20 percent tax credit for installation of ultraefficient heating and cooling systems and water heaters.
- A $2,000 credit for purchasing a home that is twice as efficient as the current efficiency standards.

The administration also will ask Congress to spend increase spending by almost 60 percent, from $819 million this year to almost $1.3 billion in fiscal 1999, for climate change technologies. Most of that involves research into energy efficiency and renewable energy.

Study: Farming still a dangerous job

WASHINGTON (AP) — Farmers enjoy their own work schedules, daily contact with the outdoors, the satisfaction of a connection to the land — but they also work at one of the country's most hazardous careers.

Researchers at the Agriculture Department examined census data from 1992 and found 673 fatalities on U.S. farms that year, about one for every 2,861 farms in the country. Tractor rollover accidents often kill.

Nonfatal injuries took a much bigger toll, with almost 65,000 fractures, lacerations, sprains, eye injuries and other accidents that caused many farm workers to miss a few days to a week of activity. Of those, more than 44,000 were hired workers.

"Agriculture is an icon of American history, but it remains one of the most dangerous industries in America," said Jerry Scannell, president of the National Safety Council.

Despite such a record, farming is subject to fewer regulations than almost any other work, the Agriculture Department study found.

For instance, the Fair Labor Standards Act sets limits for child farm workers on age, hours worked and conditions, limits that don't apply if the child works on a farm owned or operated by the parents.

There were 490 fatalities and 20,430 other injuries from mishaps involving farm operators and family members in 1992. Not all were children, but the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health estimates that 100 people under age 20 are killed on farms each year.

In addition, by order of Congress rules of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration long have exempted farms employing 10 or fewer workers and those "that do not maintain a labor camp."

"OSHA regulations could apply to less than 3 percent of U.S. farms and cover less than 56 percent of hired workers on farms," said Jack Runyan of USDA's Economic Research Service, the report's author.

Yet new regulations are unlikely on farmers, who have a long history of resisting labor restrictions. They point out that farming doesn't operate by a 40-hour clock, it involves long hours using dangerous machinery and its tradition is for family members of all ages to pitch in.

Some other farm-safety problems: farmers and hired workers often don't receive formal safety training and do their jobs in rural areas far from quick emergency response.

The Agriculture Department report concludes that more education and better safety devices on machinery are needed to reduce farm accidents, and action is being taken on several fronts to meet those recommendations.

The National Farm Medicine Center in Marshfield, Wis., was recently awarded $3 million in federal money over five years to create the National Children's Center for Agricultural Injury Prevention, which will study how to improve farm safety for younger workers.

Perhaps the most frequent cause of fatal accidents for all age groups is tractor rollovers. Once a multiton tractor hits a hole and starts to tip over, nothing will stop it and it's difficult for the operator to jump free.

Tractor makers agreed as early as 1985 to begin selling only machines with rollover protection, but hundreds of thousands remain in use without the structures. Many also lack seat belts.

In fact, a recent survey by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that although almost 40 percent of tractors in use in Iowa feature rollover protection structures, an estimated 156,000 tractors do not. Two-thirds of them are used more than 100 hours a year.

But not every farmer can afford to buy a new tractor with the protection. Five leading tractor makers, including Deere & Co. and New Holland North America, are encouraging dealers to offer rollover and seat belt kits to farmers at cost for the older machines.



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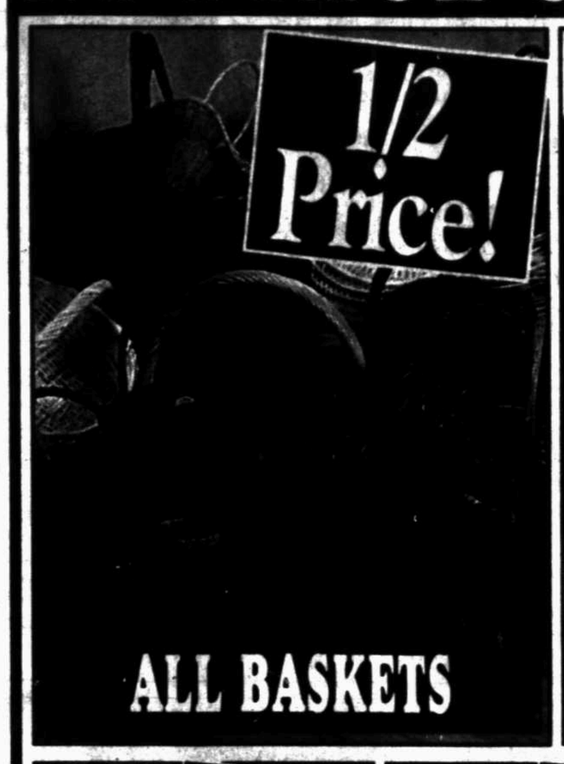


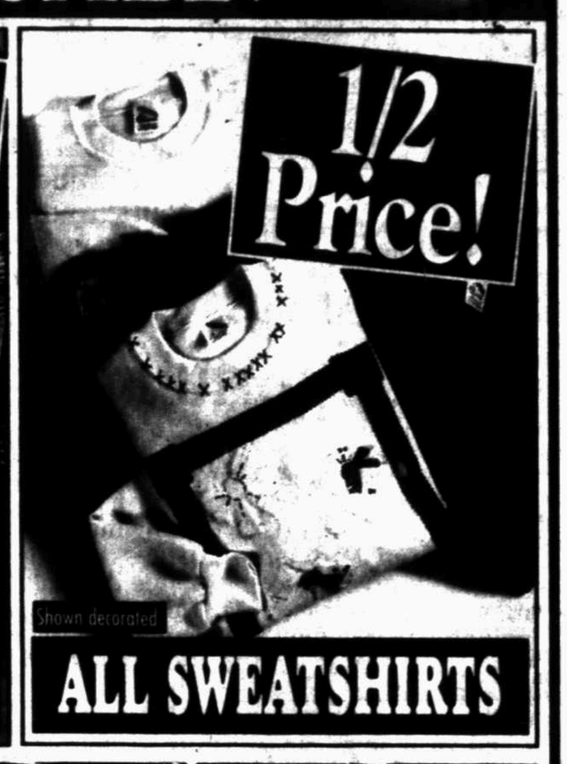
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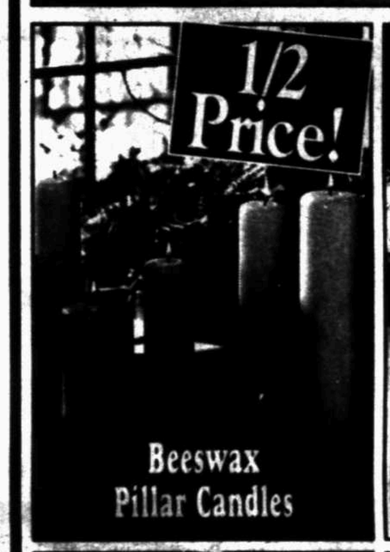
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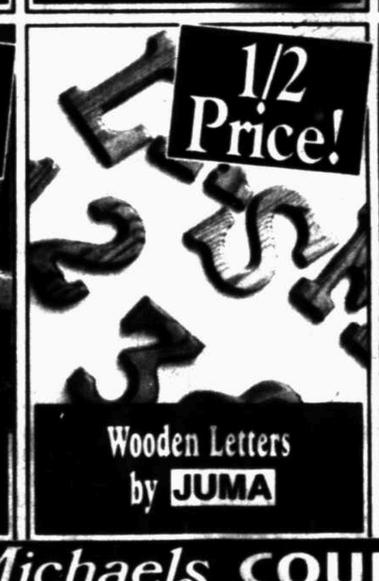












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Police efficiency survey provides an opportunity

A survey recently conducted by the University of Texas of the Permian Basin (UTPB) showing that residents of Midland and Odessa both generally give their city police departments high marks, also underscored a valuable truth about the residents of the two cities: They want to take an active role in fighting crime.

The survey, conducted by Sutham Cheurprakobkit, an assistant professor of criminology at UTPB, and 10 students, verified that residents of Midland and Odessa want to be proactive in fighting crime. As Cheurprakobkit explained, "They're not just satisfied, they want to work with the police to solve the community's problems."

That went right along with information noted by Midland police officials during recent years and illustrated by the outstanding success achieved through such programs as Midland Crime Stoppers, the Neighborhood Watch program, and others. It was already clear to us that many Midlanders want to take an active role in crime prevention and not merely sit by while the law enforcement community battles the criminal element.

So it is clear that residents in the two cities are serious about crime prevention and willing to work with local police to counter the criminal element here.

The survey of 600 people in Midland and Odessa found, among other things that:

- Residents want more neighborhood patrols, block parties, and programs with kids in schools.
- Residents are worried about gangs and drugs in their neighborhoods.
- Residents want police to check out minor disturbances such as loud noises from parties or teens hanging around on streets.

So it is clear that residents in the two cities are serious about crime prevention and willing to work with local police to counter the criminal element here. That is great information that should give officials of both the Midland Police Department and the Odessa Police Department the go-ahead to develop top-notch programs that utilize both law enforcement and ordinary citizens.

ANOTHER VIEW

Medicare expansion debate is politics

Health insurance experts are shooting holes in President Clinton's claim that he can expand Medicare without billing taxpayers for the new clients.

The president insists his proposal for adding people in the 55-64 age group to Medicare won't threaten the program's trust fund, which is facing bankruptcy in 10 years, or require funding from general federal revenues. He says the beneficiaries will pay the entire cost of the expansion.

The suspicion that Clinton's real goal is to expand Medicare as a federally funded entitlement is strengthened by the views of insurance analysts quoted in The New York Times. These experts don't believe the premiums paid by the new beneficiaries will cover the high cost of their coverage.

Perhaps, as a Clinton administration official suggested, the gap between the reality and the political proposal doesn't matter. "The Republicans want to talk about the numbers," Rahm Emanuel said. "We will talk about individual real-life stories."

The political point, obviously, is to make the president look compassionate and caring and to caricature his opponents as cold and heartless. This has nothing to do with the numbers or with "real life."

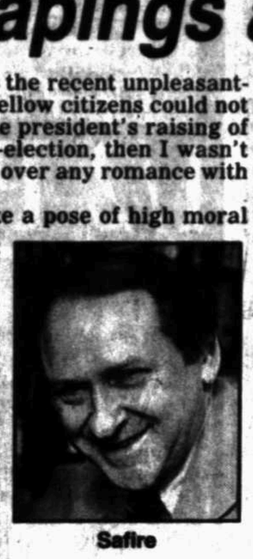
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WILLIAM SAFIRE

Secret tapings a loathsome invasion of privacy

My first reaction to the recent unpleasantness was: If my fellow citizens could not be outraged by the president's raising of foreign money to steal re-election, then I wasn't about to get all worked up over any romance with an adoring intern.

That reluctance to strike a pose of high moral dudgeon was compounded by the initial sleaziness of the gathering of evidence. People who secretly tape telephone calls from friends and colleagues engage in a loathsome invasion of privacy.


Safire

On top of that, I was fearful that the stampede to nail President Clinton as a perjurious libertine would trample investigations into more serious political and financial transgressions like bribery and its cover-up.

For example: With the nation hooked on salacious snooping into the number of 900 calls placed from the Oval Office, how many assignment editors know or care that Thursday the House committee investigating the campaign fund scandal is to confront Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt?

Here is a Cabinet member desperately trying to explain away the sale of a government decision enriching gambling casinos that then paid off with heavy political donations. His testimony should force the attorney general to finally seek an independent counsel to pursue wrongdoing that the Clinton Justice Department has avoided for 15 months. But a distracted public could allow Justice to let the Riady family, John Huang and Mark Middleton go unexamined.

Such distraction, combined with distaste for snooping, not to mention Saddam Hussein's perception of presidential paralysis, seemed valid reasons to cool the firestorm.

But then came the standard Clinton response: He denied all, first weakly, then, when that played badly, furiously — but never factually. And Hillary, refusing to believe anything that might shorten her first ladyship, lashed out at a "vast right-wing conspiracy" that somehow induced a 21-year-old to tell a faithless friend how she seduced the president. The Clintons are noisy in denial, silent on facts, a strategy that has worked for them before.

This is cause for sober second thought for those of us who had not been conscripted in the vast conspiracy, and had been willing to withhold judgment about Clinton's private life.

In several ways, the outpouring of public outrage at the president's apparent peccadillo, especially among his colleagues and his longtime admirers who are parents, may help break through the stone wall he erected to protect his more far-reaching abuses of power.

1. The cover-up of the personal scandal was patterned closely on cover-up of the Whitewater scandal.

When Webster Hubbell faced a jail term for fraud, and showed signs of talking to prosecutors, he was suddenly steered heavy money from Asia. Vernon Jordan took him to Revlon and arranged a $60,000 "retainer." He remained hushed.

In the same way, when Monica Lewinsky was required to make a sworn statement in the Paula Jones case, she visited the president, was sent to Vernon Jordan, who found a rewarding job for her out of Washington with Revlon. She swore the way Clinton wanted and passed along "talking points" to influence other testimony. No wonder the FBI men with Ken Starr moved with such alacrity to investigate Jordan.

2. Fear of Clinton's possible early departure may cause witnesses in other cases to tell what they know.

Susan McDougal can no longer be confident of a pardon if she refuses to tell the truth. Same with the convicts Jim Guy Tucker and Hubbell, who face new indictments. Political adage: When the water reaches the upper level, follow the rats.

3. The Clinton stalwarts, now feeling betrayed, are more inclined to betray their betrayer.

Up to now, no insider has turned state's evidence against the Clintons. An incredible network of lawyers inside and outside the White House has coordinated and enforced resistance to investigators. From Bruce Lindsey and Harold Ickes to the lowliest secretary, discipline seems to have held.

Will the shock and dismay affecting Clinton supporters outside reach critical mess and crack the stone wall? Hell hath no fury like a true believer double-crossed.

Thus may the outrage ignited by a powerful man's abuse of an individual flip over the flat rock that has concealed governmental abuses of power.

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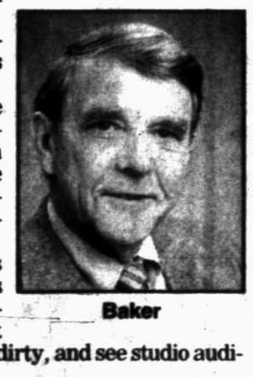
RUSSELL BAKER

Media meltdown wallows in hypocrisy

Some fusspot, maybe Charles Baudelaire, once said he was unable to understand how any civilized person could pick up a newspaper without a shudder of disgust.

Baudelaire was a 19th-century Frenchman and, worse, a poet, but these past 10 days he could have been a modern American dullard speaking of what we now call "the media."

Has there ever been a more disgusting media meltdown? The president is alleged to have had illicit sexual relations with a younger woman, and — stop the presses! — it's Armageddon time.


Baker

Dump the pope! This is bigger than popes! It's sex! It's scandal!

Get the anchors — the anchors, for God's sake! — get the anchors back from Cuba! What will happen to the ratings if the world ends without the anchors here broadcasting it?

Joke writers for television's midnight vaudeville shows have been wallowing in Joke-Writer Paradise. It doesn't have to be funny, just make it dirty, and see studio audiences roll in the aisles.

Suddenly it's all right to junk all rules of journalism by amplifying rumors floated by faceless well-poisoners identified only as "sources."

As for good taste, even mentioning it is to confess yourself a terminally crusty old auntie who doesn't know squat about the urgency of ratings or the murderous competition the mainstream press now faces from the grocery tabs.

("Leonardo DiCaprio Gay Shocker!" "Jacko & Little Boys: The Secret Home Video," "Jerry Springer Uncensored — Sizzling Scenes That Were Too Hot For TV," "Wonder Woman Lynda Carter In Booze Rehab," etc.)

Suddenly it's all right to speculate in clinical language about sexual activities once considered so unorthodox that even the racier newspapers refused to acknowledge their existence. Rumors are reported — only rumors — that a "semen-stained" garment is lurking in the wings.

The same media that trumpet this stuff carry worried letters and editorial dithering asking, How can we ever explain these shocking things to our children? These are priceless examples of media struggling to appear high-minded while groping for rock bottom in the depths of hypocrisy.

Edge, attitude, smut — this is apparently what it takes today to survive in the competitive media market. (Anybody remember Tom Lehrer responding to a Supreme Court easement on pornography by singing, "Give me smut, and nothing but"?)

At times this past week, edge seemed very near to violence. Those pictures of witnesses and lawyers being overwhelmed by media hordes, for instance — they must have made people all over the country recoil in horror at the thought of what could happen to them if, by some monstrous stroke of bad luck, they were ever to be involved in a news story.

How dreadful! How hilarious! We are seeing a total media meltdown, and what set it off? The idea of the leader of a Puritan nation in tireless, reckless pursuit of sex. It is a situation that Moliere turned into some of the funniest plays ever written.

The ultimate joke, however, may be on the media. Whatever the outcome of the scandal, the press and television figure to be big losers in the long run.

The media have long been in bad odor, and in especially bad odor with conservatives. It's a rare day when several of those mad-dog talk-radio shows don't have a clutch of outraged conservatives flailing away at the hateful media.

During the past few days, however, cries equally as fierce have been pouring in from people sympathetic to the president.

The common belief of the right is that the media are a conspiracy of liberals soft on Democrats. If Democrats now start thinking of the media as part of Hillary Clinton's right-wing plot to destroy a Democratic presidency, where will long-suffering journalists find shelter?

In the conviction that they are fulfilling a constitutional obligation to serve the public, that's where. This they often do, and well. Other times, especially when sex and celebrity murder are their subjects, a shudder of disgust may run through the public, set off by suspicion that it is not being served, but having the creepiest side of its nature exploited for profit.

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GEORGE WILL

Hillary playing the conspiracy card is understandable

The increasingly gothic tale that is Bill Clinton's current crisis was missing a savory ingredient until his wife, breathing fresh life into the paranoid style in American politics, blamed his problems on a "vast right-wing conspiracy," a phrase with an interesting pedigree. Joseph McCarthy, echoing J. Edgar Hoover's 1919 warning about a communist conspiracy "so vast, so daring," warned in 1951 about "a conspiracy on a scale so immense" that it was everywhere.

Anticipating the Oliver Stone movie version of all this, Hillary Clinton supplied the "man on the grassy knoll" culprit. And, lo, the man is ... Jerry Falwell!


Will

Well. Paranoiacs can have real enemies, as does Bill Clinton. But neither he nor his wife is a paranoiac. Her insouciant insincerity in playing the conspiracy card is understandable, given that it is a Clinton habit, and given the alternative, which is to discuss the facts — those known and those still concealed by her husband.

In the taped conversations with Gennifer Flowers, first heard in 1992, Bill Clinton suggested to her that if he became the subject of sexual accusations, "it would be extremely valuable" if she would "have an on-file affidavit explaining that, you know, you were approached by a Republican." (Should you consider those tapes accurate? Clinton did. He called Mario Cuomo to apologize for his taped statement that Cuomo "acts like a mafioso.")

Today's controversy has come with uncommon speed to the traditional "vast conspiracy" accusation. Fifty years ago it took Alger Hiss much longer to postulate that the FBI fabricated a perfect duplicate of his Woodstock typewriter in order to link him to stolen State Department documents.

It is a lawyers' axiom: if you have the law on your side, argue the law; if you have the facts on your side, argue the facts; if you have neither, pound the table. Hillary Clinton's table-pounding about the vast conspiracy continued Wednesday morning when she said on ABC, "I'm interested in what the facts are, and we know very few facts right now."

"We?" The man across from her at the breakfast table surely has lots of pertinent facts right now. So Hillary Clinton might begin to slake her thirst for facts by saying:

"Pass the marmalade, and by the way, is The New York Times right that Monica Lewinsky met alone with you late last month, two weeks after being subpoenaed by Paula Jones' lawyers and a week before Lewinsky filed her affidavit saying she had not had sexual relations with you? Help yourself to the bacon, dear, and what did you and 'that woman' talk about, other than saving Social Security?"

"That woman" is the president's dismissive designation of her to whom he reportedly gave that private December meeting, and an inscribed book of poetry, and he knows what else. (Hillary Clinton is not surprised by all this giving, because "he is an extremely generous person"—"I mean, I've seen him take his tie off and hand it to somebody.")

Lewinsky seems to have had a remarkable interest in the intricacies of the law. She reportedly says on one of the tapes made by Linda Tripp that "perjury is rarely prosecuted in civil cases."

Perhaps she got that insight from "Vernon." That apparently is her way of speaking of Vernon Jordan, who Hillary Clinton says is so "outgoing and friendly" that there is just no telling what he will do for little people.

Twenty-four years after President Nixon said in a State of the Union address that "one year of Watergate is enough," Hillary Clinton, the point of the White House spear, is saying that one week of Monica Lewinsky suffices, and it is time to get on with the agenda the president outlined Tuesday evening. But first he may have to drive a stake through the heart of a right-wing conspiracy on a scale so immense that perhaps it even had Lewinsky as an agent in place. Gosh.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Feb. 1, the 32nd day of 1998. There are 333 days left in the year.

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In 1861, Texas voted to secede from the Union.

In 1893, inventor Thomas A. Edison completed work on the world's first motion picture studio, his "Black Maria," in West Orange, N.J.

In 1896, Puccini's opera "La Boheme" premiered in Turin.

In 1920, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police came into existence.

In 1943, one of America's most decorated military units of World War II, the 442d Regimental Combat Team, made up almost entirely of Japanese-Americans, was authorized.

In 1946, Norwegian statesman Trygve Lie was chosen to be the first secretary-general of the United Nations.

In 1960, four black college students began a sit-in protest at a lunch counter in Greensboro, N.C., where they'd been refused service.

In 1968, during the Vietnam War, Saigon's police chief Nguyen Ngoc Loan executed a Viet Cong officer with a pistol shot to the head in a scene captured in a famous news photograph.

LETTERS

Vegetable slander lawsuits will be next

The Texas Legislature has an agricultural slander law. A lawsuit was filed last year against Oprah Winfrey over an incident on her television show in which a man implied that mad cow disease was a threat to beef eaters. Now another lawsuit has been filed against American Honda Motor Company because of a commercial poking fun at emus.

Although these two lawsuits are in response to alleged attacks on meat industries and products, there is fear among other food industries that their products may be next.

This has now given rise to the Vegetable Equality Group, Inc. (VEGI), a new organization dedicated to fairness and equitable treatment of vegetables. The group was formed as an outgrowth to the realization that certain vegetables were being maligned in the literature and the media of our society. No longer will children be allowed to say that they "hate spinach" or that carrots make them sick. The mere fact that someone doesn't like the flavor of onions is no justification for them to rap scallions.

Hugh White

Would pay to see North tell truth

Anyone who actually pays to hear Oliver North, a person charged and found guilty of a felony — only to escape prison on a technicality, must have a screw loose.

West Texans for Life must be dreaming if they think a traitor like North will earn them money or standing. I am ashamed to see his picture, clad in a USMC uniform, in your paper.

Having said that, I would pay a pretty penny to hear him tell what really happened back during those gun-running, drug-dealing, money-laundering days of Iran-Contra.

Marcellous Weaver

Anderson as judge is a great choice

Our community faces an important decision on March 10 as we elect a new Midland county judge. I would like to tell you why I'm supporting Dianne Anderson.

Dianne is a fiscal conservative who will serve as the taxpayer watchdog. She is committed to promoting cooperation between city and county government to insure maximum efficiency of our tax dollars. She wants to attack the juvenile and gang criminal activity in our county, work for better county roads, and insure that our county agencies are functioning in the most cost-effective manner.

Dianne will make a great county judge.

Fernando Daly, Jr

'Psychic' hotlines scamming gullible

I would like to warn the people of Midland how to protect themselves from the cooperation between the telephone companies and the "psychic" hotlines to scam them out of their money. Twice now, some of my daughter's "friends" have used our telephone to call the so called "psychic" hotlines. The first time was to a 900 number and cost us over $500. I computed the average per minute cost at around $3.95 a minute. To stop this in the future I put a block at Southwestern Bell on any 900 calls originating from my home phone. This did stop the 900 calls, but the telephone company did not warn me about the other way the "psychic" hotlines could get the gullible to call.

The second time, the call was made to an 800 number for a few minutes of free time, then the hotline switched the call to an international number, in this case Guyana. This time it cost us $250 at an average per minute cost of $2.43. Southwestern Bell says they cannot block international calls. I did have MCI, my long distance carrier, block all international calls. The number to have MCI block calls is 1-800-756-9713. When I tried to talk to Southwestern Bell and MCI about this problem, neither one seemed very concerned that no one in my family made or authorized these calls. As long as they get paid, they will continue to cooperate with these scam artists.

Because I do not trust any telephone company anymore, my wife and I have started taking all the telephones from the house with us when we leave.

Ken Morrison

Odessans get better cable choices

What's with the cable company in Midland? The cable channels are arranged on different channels but, it's still the same old junk not even a different package. People in Odessa get better cable than we do here. Plus the price of cable went up. I wish there was a better cable company in Midland that would give Cox Communications competition.

When will Midland get the History or Science Fiction channels? Inquiring minds want to know. Another thing that bothers me is when I call for pay-per-view movies. If I call up the wrong number accidentally on the phone, instead of getting something I really wanted to watch, I get something my little brother wouldn't watch. Bruce Springsteen said it best: 57 channels and nothing on! Or more like it, at least 52!

Still looking for the right channels.

Mark Buttery

Waste dump meets faithful opponents

Faith, it is written, can move mountains. In the upcoming months, Texas environmentalists are hoping theirs can topple the political deck stacked against them.

Tuesday night (Jan. 20) a prayer vigil was held in Sierra Blanca in opposition to the proposed nuclear waste dump to be located in that community with the intent of receiving waste from nuclear power plants located in Texas, Maine and Vermont.

Helga Garza and her children drove 14 hours from the mouth of the Rio Grande in Brownsville to the remote West Texas community located upstream from their home. Leakage of the proposed underground facility, sited in an active earthquake zone, could contaminate underground aquifers and pose a threat to communities on both sides of the borderland river.

Dump opponents have far more reason to place their faith in prayer than in the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission that will decide whether the dump gets a license. The Texas Low Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Authority, which will construct and operate the dump if licensed, has received over 5 million dollars of state money to spend on its lawyers.

The hearing will continue Jan. 26-30 and possibly into February at the El Paso County Courthouse, 383rd District Courtroom, Room 1101 in El Paso. The remainder of the hearing will take place primarily in Austin and Marfa. A final decision is expected next spring. For more information, call Sierra Blanca Legal Defense Fund in Austin at 512-447-8906, or check their web site at www.compassionate.org/sbldf.

Gena Fleming
Fort Stockton

San Jacinto youths shame some adults

Just recently, I was in two funeral processions on two consecutive days passing by San Jacinto Junior High School. Both days the young people on the grounds stopped what they were doing and knelt in respect to the deceased and their grieving friends.

I want to commend them on their reactions and to let the people of Midland know that young people have respect for others. They sure made me proud, especially since San Jacinto was my school, too.

Keep up the good work, kids! You put to shame some adults. Personally, I appreciate you and think you are wonderful. Thank you.

Cindy Klatt

Scout den liked flag presentation

I would like to thank Mr. J.J. Joiner of J&J Flag and Banner for his contribution to our Cub Scout Den. He came to our meeting and displayed all sorts of beautiful flags and explained to the boys proper care and display of our flag. He taught them about the flag of our nation's history and honor and Old Glory.

The boys had a wonderful time and his generosity is most appreciated. Thanks, J.J.!

Shelly Edwards
Den Leader for Den 4 of Pack 82
Boy Scouts of America

GOP should take stand on abortion

President Ford's recent advice to the Republican Party about not following an "ultra-conservative" path, which primarily involves pro-life values, is a disturbing example of how some can actually believe that winning a political office is more important than protecting innocent unborn children. The simple truth is this — Republicans, or Democrats for that matter, who can be categorized as liberal or moderate, have no interest in ending abortion in America. They may even say how terrible it is, but they won't draft laws or offer other challenges to the Roe vs. Wade decision.

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If the Republican Party had somehow managed to evolve during the 1850s without its strong anti-slavery foundation, it would have been worthless. If a political party has no defining issues, it is nothing more than a social club. The Republican Party, which I supported in the past, insists its core values are free enterprise, private property rights, low taxation, and a strong national defense. But as I have written before, what good are any of these "rights" if human life itself is destroyed in the name of freedom of choice, or privacy.

Pro-choice advocates love the Constitution because the Supreme Court saw things their way in 1973. I love God because of the universe He created and for the soul He has given each person from the moment of conception. There is no conflict over whom I will serve, and I pray that millions of religious Americans will be faithful to their conscience and spiritual convictions.

Timothy B. Roberts

Dead people cannot be victims

This letter was prompted by your editorial in Jan. 25 Reporter-Telegram.

I strongly oppose the death sentence for anyone regardless of gender.

The death sentence is premeditated, legalized murder.

In my opinion prisons should not be maintained for punishment. They should be maintained for rehabilitation. I think it is quite obvious that Karla Faye Tucker is rehabilitated. She does not claim to have found God. She has proven she has by ministering in prison for several years.

You state she has a debt to pay Jerry Lynn Dean. You do not mention Deborah Thornton, who became involved because she had come to the house for a "one night stand" with Dean. How is debt paid to a dead person or persons? You mention repaying Texas society. Please explain how you pay society if a person is in prison?

Who are the victims in any murder case? Certainly not the murdered person or persons. Can a dead person be a victim? I think not. Others often classified as victims are "lesser victims" if victims at all. Many of the survivors of so-called victims sue and often collect huge sums. What kind of "victim" spends money gotten that way as the result of a loved one being murdered?

Texas has become a much critized state because of the large number of persons executed in Texas in recent years and months. What kind of people have citizens become? I have lived in Midland in excess of forty years. Now I hesitate to let people know I am one of its people.

Tom Harlan

Lion's dances bring much happiness

Upon hearing the name Lion's Club, one thinks of the many projects the Lions promote. Still in its youth, the Eyeglass Recycling Center project is bringing admirable, world-wide attention to the "Tall City." However, when Midlanders think Lions, they think pancakes.

Mark March 21 on your calendars for the 42nd Annual Day Pancake Jamboree and Blood Drive. It will take place at the Midland Downtown Lions Center from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The festive day features food, entertainment and fun. It is their only fund-raiser event for the year and so much good is accomplished with the proceeds.

It is my understanding that the event is underwritten and that every penny received goes into their charities. Contributors appreciate supporting fund-raisers in which they are assured their dollars stay in the local area.

Certainly not as noteworthy a project, but one that brings much happiness to Midland Seniors, are the Tuesday, and often Saturday night dances at the Downtown Lions Center (the old Hodge theater). The Midland 55 Club enjoys the location for their live band dances.

Seniors, especially single women, feel vulnerable, and often question the safety of participating in night events. The Downtown Lions building offers a secure, happy place for friends to meet and spend an evening.

We, the senior citizens of Midland, thank the Lions for creating an atmosphere where seniors may, with pride, welcome friends. Dancers especially like the beautiful, new wood dance floor. Guests attend from through out the Permian Basin area.

The Lion's Club has shown a compassionate, civic gesture in sharing their outstanding facility. Thanks, President Robert Truitt and members of the Downtown Lions for caring and sharing.

We appreciate, the facility, and your thoughtfulness. Over a hundred of us look forward to each dance night. thanks to the Downtown Lions of Midland.

Ginger Underwood

Special interests control money

Now that the Legislature has taken control of appraisal of homestead residence property, what is the next local function we will lose? Local appraisal boards appraised local property at or close to market value. "The Legislature by general law may limit the maximum average annual percentage increase in the appraised value of residence homesteads of ad valorem tax purposes to 10 percent, or greater percentage, for each year since the most recent tax appraisal." Amendment 2 passed Nov. 4, 1997 by Texas voters.

So long as we, the voters of Texas, keep our heads in the sand like an ostrich, this type of legislation will continue. Special interest groups such as PAC's, related lobbyists and attorneys representing such groups will continue to control how we save and how we spend our money. The United States is about the only country that penalizes one for having a savings account. Texas penalizes us for keeping our property neat, clean and attractive; even for owning a home, buying and driving a car, etc.

Realizing that our governments, whether local, state or federal, must have operating money is a given fact. Are there more equitable tax structures? Taxing the money we make by the sweat of our brow is a progressive tax in that the more money we make, the more money we are taxed. A regressive tax, again with relation to government operation, is taxing us on how much we spend, such as a sales tax and/or a tax on services we use. A universal flat tax on the amount of money we spend seems to have more credence than most other tax structures. Is it time for a tax revolt?

Roy Simmons
Big Spring

Former candidate gives thanks

It was with profound regret that I announced my withdrawal as a candidate for County Commissioner of Precinct 2, Midland County, in the March 10 Republican primary. Certain health problems made my continued efforts in the campaign inadvisable.

The ballots for the primary have already been printed. I request that you ignore my place on the ballot and do not waste your vote on election day.

I wish to give my thanks to all who have supported my candidacy either by encouragement or by financial aid or both. During my campaign I have met many fine conscientious people who want and deserve the best county government possible. It was my hope to help satisfy those wishes.

I ask that all of you go to the polls. either during the early voting period between Feb. 23 and March 6, or on March 10 and vote for the candidate who you believe will do the best and most efficient and economical job for our Midland County.

Robert E. Vanderpool

Anderson served with distinction

I've known Dianne Anderson for many years and am supporting her wholeheartedly for Midland county judge.

Dianne has been a successful small business owner and a long-time civic volunteer. All three of her children attended, or are attending public school and Dianne served with distinction on the Midland School Board.

She has the vision, energy and committment to be a great county judge. I hope you join me in voting for her on March 10.

Antonia Forward

Schneider listens to constituency

We are fortunate to have Pat Schneider as candidate for county vommissioner, Precinct 2. Pat has worked hard and effectively on the City Council for the past 5 years. She is a fiscal conservative (like her husband Tom) and she works closely with and listens to her constituency.

I urge you to vote for Pat Schneider for county commissioner Precinct 2 on March 10 or in early voting Feb. 12 thru March 3.

Tom Mann

Privatization concerns drivers

After reading the article on contract busing, a number of questions ran through our minds. Is this decision being made for every child or for every dollar? Being bus drivers, we would like some answers, please, because the outcome of this will affect us as well.

Should another company take over, will there be a contract to sign? If so, will we keep our present years of service, hourly wages and what happens to our retirement, or will they have a short life span? Any company that comes in will be here to make money. So there will be cuts made. What will happen should that company go bankrupt and what about benefits? Will they be offered and how good will they be? Not only are we concerned for ourselves but other transportation employees as well.

The precious cargo is our main concern. Special education children and their equipment are taken to therapy every day and returned to their home school, will this continue? Many times these children are taken home and the parents are not readily available. The driver will leave and return again. There have been times the drivers have taken the special needs children to the bus barn for the parent to pick up because there was no one at home. Will the new company do this or will the parent be responsible?

Should there be a need for new special education personnel, will a training class be given? To work with our special needs children, one must know how and what to do for each of them and the equipment as well. It does take a skilled person to work with these children. Someone off the street cannot come in and do this. You must know what you are doing and why. Special education is not for everyone; it is only for the kind at heart.

Our school system offers transportation for after-school sports activities. Buses are assigned to pick up and drop students at their neighborhood schools. Will this become the time and expense of the parents? Then there are those students who have been placed in A.E.P. (Alternative Education Programs) and some are sent to Culver Youth Home for a while. They are transported by two separate buses, one will deliver to their home school where they get on another bus for the A.E.P. or Culver destination. Again we ask, will this continue or be deleted? Due to behavior problems, some buses have monitors, will this continue?

Other districts have tried the same procedure and were not pleased. Our transportation department is run very efficiently, so why should privatizing even be an issue?

Clara Mode
Douglas Dees

Prude's leadership speaks for itself

Randy Prude is running for Precinct 4 county commissioner. Applying Webster's definition of a politician, "someone who talks politics," will not apply to Randy. He does not fit the current Precinct 4 role model of a County Commissioner as he is a doer, not a talker, and will be a champion of the community's interests. Randy's longstanding involvement as a community leader, volunteer and his work in numerous youth programs speak for themselves. As a native Midlander and successful businessman, Randy has created jobs and started numerous companies in Midland. Midland needs business management principles instilled in local government. Coupling Randy's integrity with his experience, we could be assured of effective and efficient management of our tax dollars while bringing real world private experience to county government. Randy is committed to lowering property taxes so Midlanders can keep more of what they earn.

James O. Johnson

Clinton's guilt has not been proved

Is Clinton a good role model? No, but the people of America elected him even though they knew about Gennifer Flowers before the election in 1992. Actually, those who voted for Perot instead of Bush deserve credit for Clinton more than anyone else.

If he is guilty of the recent accusations, then impeachment should be considered, but is he guilty? There were those who were sure the PLO, Arab terrorists, or Saddam had blown up the federal building in Oklahoma. NBC and others were sure Richard Jewell was responsible for the bomb in Atlanta. NBC had to pay money for their hasty conclusions. History is full of situations that people jumped to false conclusions based on early inaccurate information. Monica Lewinsky is pictured by many as a sweet and innocent girl — she is 24 years old with a college degree, and if you listen to early comments about her it is obvious that you should jump to the conclusion that she hasn't been sweet and innocent for years. Be open-minded and listen to the facts, maybe Clinton is guilty, but maybe he isn't.

The whole situation reminds me of what Mark Twain once said "Rumors of my death have been greatly exaggerated." Maybe it has happened again because of people wanting to make a buck or advance their career. The media, especially television, need to read the Constitution about being guilty.

Dale Tervooren

Kudos for Ted Battle's return

Old sports editors never die — they return with hockey. Kudos to the Reporter-Telegram for bringing back Ted Battles to do the Jackalopes write-ups. His accurate and entertaining reporting and his Slap Shots are a pleasure to read! Now, if you would just publish the college hockey scores.

Jane Dillard

Prude's interested in government

In a city the size of Midland, it's sometimes difficult to know, personally, candidates for public office. I've always appreciated people who took the time to testify for individuals they know who are putting themselves up for election to public service. My vote has been influenced by such testimonials. Most of us have gotten to the point that we consider anyone in public office crooked, interested only in self-gain, or both. I find myself asking questions about a candidates purpose in running for something that will put him up for scrutiny, ridicule and criticism.

I personally served three terms on a City Council. I'm here to tell you that I honestly believe that there are those who are still interested in our system of government. They believe they can make a difference through honest, dedicated service to their constituents in the office they seek. Election of these people, at all levels, could literally change America.

I know personally Randy Prude, I know his family, and his background. I know his dedication to spiritual things, and to Midland and its people. I don't live in Precinct 4, so consequently, can't even vote for him. But I can certainly commend him to you. Randy Prude would be the person all of us hope we are voting for when we go to the polls. You won't go wrong if you vote for Randy Prude for commissioner of Precinct 4.

Elmer Ratliff

Oral relations enjoyed for years

For thirty-eight years I have had oral relations with many people. My desire is to keep them masticating.

I am a dental hygienist. Gotcha!

Jane Brosch
Odessa

Presidential probe puts lawyers under pressure

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The role of lawyers in the unfolding drama engulfing President Clinton may hurt the legal profession's image, the American Bar Association's president said Saturday.

"When you have lawyers involved in leaks from what are supposed to be sealed proceedings and lawyers trying their cases in the newspapers, this tends to lessen public confidence in lawyers," said Philadelphia lawyer Jerome Shestack, who leads the 346,000-lawyer ABA.

Shestack said in an interview that lawyers at the ABA's national convention are, like most Americans, trying to sort out fact from fancy in weighing allegations of a sexual affair and cover-up involving the president and a former White House intern.

He criticized how some of the information has reached the public.

Noting that aspects of Clinton's deposition in Paula Jones' sexual-harassment lawsuit have been made public by unidentified sources, Shestack said, "One might believe very credibly that some of those leaks are coming from lawyers. I regard this as very unprofessional."

Other ABA members voiced similar concerns.

"Overall, the lawyers I've talked to are mostly concerned with making sure the underlying legal process is not undone," said Albuquerque, N.M., lawyer Roberta Cooper Ramo, a past ABA president.

Bruce Wilder, a Pittsburgh lawyer, said, "The entire spectacle runs the risk of encouraging disrespect for the legal system."

Ramo and Wilder were among ABA members who also questioned the scope of Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr's investigation of the president.

"Many people don't understand why the net is so broad — from a real estate venture in Arkansas to the current allegations," Ramo said.

Wilder added: "It appears that Mr. Starr has somewhat exceeded his authority, and may be pursuing a personal vendetta against the president."

Richard Rodgers, a law professor at Campbell University in North Carolina, also criticized Starr, saying, "I don't see the connection between what he was appointed to investigate and what he's into now."

Starr search may lead to curtailment of power

By Walter R. Mears
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — By the time Kenneth W. Starr is done, the unchecked power of special prosecutors may be, too.

Effectively, the independent counsel system has created an extra branch of government, without restraints that apply to elected officials and their appointees.

The law giving independent counsels unlimited budgets, tenure and broad authority expires in 1999. There were proposals for an overhaul long before Starr got another expansion of his Whitewater franchise to cover allegations that President Clinton had a sexual affair with a White House intern and tried to get her to lie about it under oath.

Clinton vehemently denies it.

But the whole operation, including a tape-recorded sting — "consensual monitoring," in Starr's words — raises new controversy about the powers Congress voted 20 years ago to independent counsels.

Ironically, it lapsed for 18 months because Senate Republicans, angry at the way the system was used against their presidents, blocked an extension in 1992 with a threat to filibuster.

By then, Clinton had been elected president, and he favored renewing the law. Now his administration is the target, in four cases including Whitewater, and the GOP is demanding the appointment of others on campaign fund-raising abuses and assertions of misconduct involving two Cabinet members.

A product of Watergate, the independent counsel system was to be used in dealing with credible allegations that a crime may have been committed by a top federal official, about 70 people under current law.

The attorney general decides whether an accusation meets that test and, if so, recommends the appointment of an independent counsel to a panel of three federal appeals judges.

Once they're in, there's no limit on their time or money. They can be fired for cause by an attorney general who would dare the firestorm

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that would ignite. As a practical, political matter, it can't be done.

Richard Nixon tried to get rid of the Watergate special prosecutor in 1973, and the scandal that eventually drove him from office only got worse. Another prosecutor took over. The law wasn't even on the books then: Both Watergate prosecutors were appointed by the attorney general, with powers used only five times before Watergate, in extraordinary scandals like Teapot Dome.

Nor was there an independent counsel law when Clinton, under political pressure, told Attorney General Janet Reno to appoint an outside prosecutor in the Whitewater case. Indeed, Clinton has said that if the law had been in effect early in 1994, there wouldn't have been one because the threshold set by statute hadn't been met.

When Congress renewed the law later that year, it included a provision to keep the Republican prosecutor Reno had named, but the three judges overseeing the system replaced him with Starr anyway.

Since he took over that summer, the Whitewater investigation had cost more than $32 million. Starr has had its mandate expanded far beyond the Arkansas land deal that began it, four times now, including the Lewinsky case.

He went to the attorney general with the sex and coverup charges, and she approved the latest expansion. There wasn't much choice: to have said no would have invited a political eruption.

Starr's role is certain to be at issue when the law comes up for extension next year. There will be proposals to reduce the number of officials it covers; set time limits subject to court extensions; require investigators to be full-time prosecutors, without the private law practice Starr has retained; or end the whole thing.

Before Starr took the Whitewater post, he advised attorneys for Paula Jones on her sexual harassment suit against Clinton; testimony in that case led to the current one. He announced a year ago that he would resign as prosecutor to become dean of a California law school, a job that turned out to have been endowed by a conservative financier and Clinton foe. Starr reversed himself and said he'd stay.

His performance was argued on opening day in the Senate. Sen. Patrick J. Leahy, D-Vt., denounced his tactics and said the whole independent counsel system has "been corrupted and no longer serves its intended purpose."

Leahy called the Starr operation "partisan, unjustified, demeaning."

So Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., telephoned Starr, who, of course, denied it.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Walter R. Mears, vice president and columnist for The Associated Press, has reported on Washington and national politics for more than 30 years.

Agents seek witness to clinic attack

Associated Press

FRANKLIN, N.C. — Dozens of federal agents searched this remote region of the southern Appalachian Mountains on Saturday for a man they believed could help them locate the bomber of an abortion clinic.

The man being sought, Eric Robert Rudolph, was wanted as a witness and not as a suspect in Thursday's fatal bombing in Birmingham, Ala., U.S. Attorney Doug Jones said.

FBI agents questioned several people believed to have been friends or acquaintances of Rudolph. However, no sightings of Rudolph or his truck were reported.

A pickup truck registered to Rudolph, 31, was seen near the site of the bombing that killed an off-duty police officer and critically injured a nurse.

"We want to talk to this guy really bad," said Earl Woodham, a spokesman for Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms in Charlotte.

The bureau said the nail bomb was intended to maim and kill, not cause damage to the building. A witness reportedly saw a man wearing a wig flee the area after the explosion and hop into the pickup truck.

"We know that the truck was registered to Rudolph," Woodham said. "But we don't know that that person was the one with the wig."

The homemade bomb blew up the New Woman All Women Clinic a week after the 25th anniversary of the court ruling that legalized abortion. The blast rattled the neighborhood and blew out the clinic's windows.

Saturday's search was centered in North Carolina's extreme western tip, in Macon County, which includes Franklin, and in Cherokee County, which includes the town of Marble, Rudolph's last known address.

"We have nothing at this point that leads us to believe that he's anywhere around here," said Bob Scott, a spokesman for the Macon County deputies.

Macon County Deputy Kenny Cope said he knew Rudolph when they both lived in the Nantahala community two years ago, and once stopped him for a traffic violation.

"Eric's clean," Cope said. "As far as I know, he never got into any kind of trouble."

The police officer killed in the bombing, Robert D. Sanderson, was the sixth person killed in abortion clinic violence since March 1993, when a Florida doctor was shot to death during a demonstration outside a Pensacola clinic.

Emily Lyons, 41, a nurse and counselor at the clinic, suffered injuries to her legs, abdomen, a hand and her face.

Her husband, Jeff Lyons, said Saturday that she was in critical condition and on a respirator. She lost her left eye and her right eye was badly damaged.

"I just hope she can see again," he said.



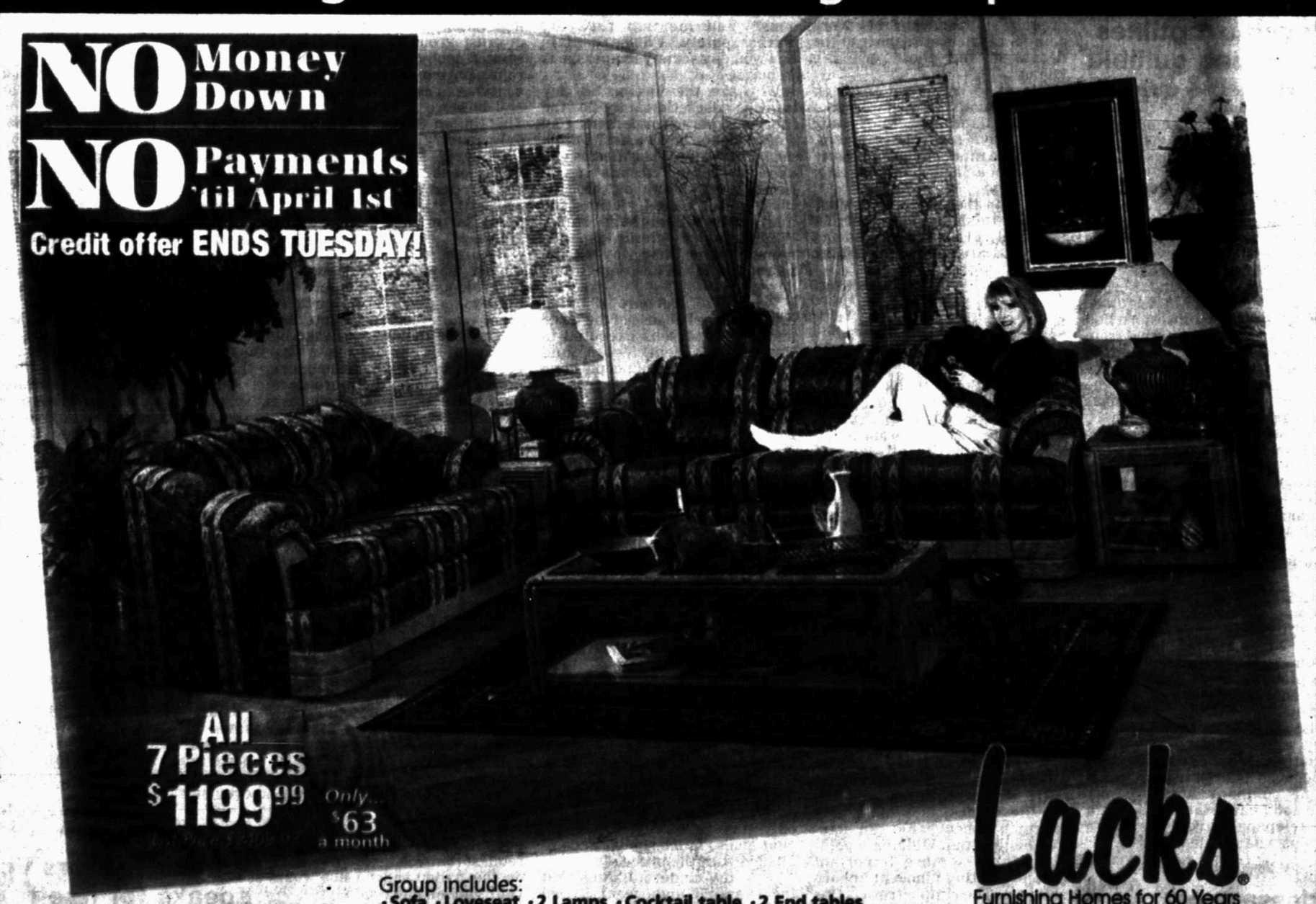
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BASIN BRIEFING

Honor Choir

The Midland Independent School District Elementary Honor Choir will give a concert 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at First Baptist Church. There is no admission fee and the public is invited to attend.

A&M Club

The Midland A&M Club is to meet 11:45 a.m. Friday at Ranchland Hills Country Club. Jim Reynolds, director of the Memorial Student Center at Texas A&M University, is to be the featured speaker. All Aggies and friends of the University are invited to attend.

Free health check

KERMIT — 1st Compassion Home Health Care in Kermit is offering free health checks for persons 55 and older. The checks — which will include blood pressure, pulse and temperature — will be done in the person's home. To make an appointment, call toll free, 1-888-586-5678, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

La Leche League

La Leche League is to meet 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Grace Presbyterian Church. For more information call 694-2018.

Cancer support

Anderson Network cancer support group is to meet for a Valentine's Day dinner 6 p.m. Tuesday at Furr's cafeteria. For more information call Grady or Alice Glen, 366-5273; or Phil or Gene Jones, 682-1040.

Cancer meditation

Meditation with Mary Collier, sessions for cancer patients, are set for 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesday at Allison Cancer Center. For more information call 687-1949.

DAR meets

Lt. William Brewer Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, is to meet 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Midland Woman's Club. Winners of the American History Essay Contest will be honored. For more information call 682-3870.

TODAY'S AGENDA

For information on checking out books, library hours and how to get a library card, call the Midland County Library Information Line, on CITYLINE, 560-2400. Category 7100.

Permian Basin Road Runners Club, business meeting, 697-1066.

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

Tall City Road Riders, 9 a.m., Warfield Truckstop, 682-9669, 687-5313.

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

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

Tall City VFW 7208 Auxiliary Bingo, 3:30 p.m. 1406 E. Taylor St.,

(lic.: 1-51-0171588-4).

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

Study group, "A Search for God," 6:30 p.m. 689-9331.

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Rep. Smith endorses Border Patrol boost

By Richard Enos
Staff Writer

U.S. Rep. Lamar Smith visited Midland Saturday to promote a recent anti-drug law that will beef up the U.S. Border Patrol in the area and also spoke on a variety of national issues.

Smith, R-San Antonio, said the 1996 Immigration Reform Act calls for 1,000 new Border Patrol agents a year nationwide for the next five years to crack down on illegal drugs being shipped across the United States-Mexico border.

"Right now, we are losing the war on drugs," Smith told the Reporter-Telegram. "Between 1996 and 1997, the value of drugs seized went up 50 percent — in one year. Seventy percent of all illegal drugs come across our border. Clearly, we have more to do."

The representative's congressional district includes Midland, San Angelo and San Antonio. Smith's remarks came just before the Boy Scouts of America's Buffalo Trail Council annual awards banquet at the Petroleum Club.

Smith said that of the 1,000 new Border Patrol agents assigned next year, as many as two-thirds will be assigned to Texas; an unspecified number will come to the Midland office. Smith said the legislation will help stem the supply of illegal drugs both at the border and in the nation's interior.

Smith said drugs remain a pressing concern for Americans because of the danger they pose to the

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Making his mark

NBA Hall of Famer Moses Malone prepares to make a paw print for his Rottweiler, Rock, during a ceremony at the Houston SPCA to promote shelter animal adoption Saturday in Houston. The ceremony was a part of the Purina Pets for People national pet adoption campaign. The cemented hand and paw prints will be installed at the Houston SPCA.

AP Photo



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Alley-oop

Tyler Kilgore flips down the tumbling run Saturday afternoon during the West Texas State Junior Olympic Qualifying Meet at Chaparral Center. The meet drew an expected 400 athletes between the ages of 8 and 18. Winners from Saturday's meet will qualify for the national meet, to be held the first week in July in St. Paul, Minn. Trampoline and tumbling is among the newly sanctioned events at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia.

Local students to 'shadow' workers on Groundhog Day

By Melia McEwen
Staff Writer

Pennsylvania's most famous shadow-seer, groundhog Punxatawny Phil, won't be the only one seeing shadows on Monday.

All across the country, workers will be "shadowed" by school children as part of National Groundhog Job Shadow Day sponsored by America's Promise: The Alliance for Youth.

"This came out of the Presidential Volunteer Summit in Philadelphia headed by Colin Powell," said Heidi Sauer, education director with Junior Achievement in Midland. "America's Promise got with the national Junior Achievement office in Colorado Springs and planned this to demonstrate to students how the knowledge and skills they're learning in school are applied in real life and why it's important to learn them and stay in school. This will give them real-life applications and they can get direct one-on-one interaction with business professionals."

'There was an overwhelmingly positive response; corporations realize the importance of this and that these are their future employees.'
— Heidi Sauer, education director with Junior Achievement

In Midland, 321 sixth- and ninth-graders will be shadowing employees at Texas Instruments, Wal-Mart, Chevron U.S.A., Burlington Resources, Midland Hilton, Mobil Oil, Pioneer Natural Resources, Texaco, Marathon Oil, Conoco and the Reporter-Telegram. Mayor Bobby Burns will also be shadowed by a student.

"Mayor Burns was real excited," Ms. Sauer said. "Before we could even finish explaining the project, he said he'd love to volunteer, so he'll have a student from Milam with him."

She explained that Junior Achievement chose sixth- and ninth-graders "because we're in 100 percent of those classes. We have relationships with those schools and teachers and thought this would have a great impact on those students."

Students will come from DeZavala, Crockett, Washington, Pease, Milam, Travis and Burnet elementary schools and Lee and Midland Freshman schools.

She said she was pleased with the response from local companies.

"We went to the Partner-In-Education company of the

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Entertainer Scruggs to headline children's concert, safety fair

By Alice Ashmore
Staff Writer

It's slated to be a fun time for children with a serious message, as the Junior League of Midland presents the Mad Hatter's Safe-T Party, a concert and safety fair 9 a.m. Saturday.

"We're going to provide children with safety information in a fun and low-key environment," said Gire Dragun, member of the Junior League and chairman of the event. The free event will have an "Alice in Wonderland" theme, she said.

Ms. Dragun said that the project is part of the Junior League's commitment to the community. "We are a service organization," she said. "That is a big part of what we do."

Artwork from Alice in Wonderland will decorate the walls of the Downtown Lion's Activity Building at 200 Plaza St. Members of the Pickwick Players, Midland Community Theatre's youth troupe, will be on hand dressed as characters from the children' story.

The party begins with a concert by award-winning children's entertainer Joe Scruggs. "We think he'll be a big draw," Ms. Dragun said. Scruggs is to present the "Nanny, Nanny Boo Boo Revue."

Scruggs is a recent winner of a Cable ACE award for best song, and four Parent's Choice awards. "He's extremely popular," Ms. Dragun said.

After the concert, children and their parents will be free to mingle with local mascots including McGruff the Crime Dog, Safety Pup, Juice the Moose and Red E. Fox, the 911 mascot. The gang-prevention unit from the Midland Police Department will also be on hand with their customized low-rider, and answers to questions on gang prevention.

Midland Citizens Police Academy alumni will be fingerprinting children as part of the safety fair. Sgt. Dale Seago said that fingerprinting children is important, "because this day in time you never know." He said that when a child is missing, fingerprints often play a vital role in identifying them. Seago added, "Most people are not fingerprinted until they are adults."

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GARY OTT

Valentine's Day in second grade teaches lessons you need for life

OK, guys, let's talk Valentine's Day here. You've got two weeks to make some major decisions.

First and foremost, you've got to remember the actual day. That would be Feb. 14, which this year falls on Saturday. That could affect your shopping plans. You might want to move everything up a day to avoid getting lost in the last-minute rush.



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Next, you need to decide on the proper gift. Do you go with a dozen red roses? Or do you move in a different direction, perhaps purchasing the traditional heart-shaped box of chocolate candy? If you are feeling particularly affectionate, and generous, you might even spring for both.

If you are in the doghouse big time, there is always the final option ... an expensive weekend in a romantic setting. Sure, it's going to cost you some serious money, but, hey, if you want out of the doghouse, you've got to think big. Sometimes a box of chocolates, appropriate though it is, just won't do.

It wasn't always this way. Believe it or not, there was a time when decisions regarding Valentine's Day were REALLY big.

To heck with whether or not your wife is going to be unhappy with your choice of gift, flash back to when you were 7 years old. That's right. We're talking about which girl in your second-grade class you were going to give the biggest — and boldest — Valentine. It doesn't get any bigger than that. One wrong move and your entire social life could be doomed for the year.

Think about it. The year is 1960. You are in the second grade and Valentine's Day is rapidly approaching. Your mom has decorated your official Valentine's Day box, which means she wrapped some red and white crepe paper around a shoe box and attached a few hearts to it.

Then she purchased a package of Valentines — most of which had catchy sayings like "It's no joke. You're my Valentine" or "Ahoy mate! Be my Valentine" — for you to pass out to your classmates on the big day.

But before doing that, decisions had to be made. You had to match the right card (and the right message) with the right student. So on the night of Feb. 13, you would sit alone at the kitchen table with your Valentines and a list of your classmates. One by one, you would decide which card would go to which kid.

For the most part, the decisions were fairly routine. The majority of the cards were basically the same size and said basically the same thing. So this one would go to Steve and that one would go to Guy Sam and this one would go to Mary Beth and so on and so forth.

But within each package of Valentines there was always one REALLY big card that expressed a more personal message. And that baby was going to your girlfriend.

The problem was, sometimes she didn't know she was your girlfriend. That's what was so important — and risky — about deciding which girl was going to receive the big Valentine. There was always the danger she would not share your feelings and therefore, would give you a regular-sized Valentine in return.

That meant instant humiliation.

Word would quickly spread that you gave Vicky Reese a big card and she only gave you a regular one.

The whispering campaign directed against you would be brutal. So would the snickering behind your back. You had made a fool of yourself and there was nothing you could do about it.

But there was one saving grace. You learned a valuable lesson at an early age.

Being rejected by a pretty girl is something that is going to happen often in life, so get used to it.

Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

POLICE REPORTS

Aggravated assault

An employee at the Midland County jail was assaulted Saturday morning, according to Midland County Sheriff's Office reports.

Scott Casbeer, a jail employee, reported the incident at 11:57 a.m. No other information was available at press time

Suspicious death

ODESSA — The Odessa Police Department is investigating the suspicious death of a 75-year old woman whose body was found Friday in the northeast part of town.

Police Lt. Don Orren, a night watch commander for OPD's Division C, said police have not received any new results from a Lubbock crime lab over the weekend in connection with the death of Evelyn Madding.

"There's no new information from Lubbock," Orren said. "Everything is basically pending at this time, and they'll make a determination as to the cause of death (later)."

According to a statement from police, OPD officers responded to a call on Friday at about 7:30 p.m. and when they arrived at 4029 Candy Lane they found Ms. Madding's body. The woman appeared to have a gunshot wound, the report said.

Investigators are in Lubbock for further scientific analysis of evidence and for an autopsy, which is expected to be performed Monday morning.

Orren confirmed that the death has not been officially determined a homicide, but investigators are treating it as such until determining otherwise.

"Everything is not adding up like it ought to," he said..

Assault suspect bonds out

A Brady man being held in connection with a sexual assault at a Midland bar during predawn hours on Friday bonded out later that day.



Jones

Kenneth Lee Jones, 32, was released on $21,550 bond on Friday.

According to police, a woman was assaulted at about 2 a.m. in the parking lot of Cactus Moon, 1008 S. Midkiff Road.

Authorities said that the woman, who is 33, was attacked in the cab of a truck. Police said that the woman and Jones met in the bar shortly before the assault occurred. The victim managed to fight her way out of the vehicle and seek help.

She was taken to a local hospital with minor cuts and bruises.

OBITUARIES



Ora Mitchell

Ora Lee Mitchell was born November 23, 1915, in Oklahoma to W.S. and Adda Gray. She moved to Midland in 1941. She married J.W. Mitchell in 1957, in Midland. She was employed as a cashier for Agnes Cafe and The Spot Cafe. Mr. Mitchell died in 1984.

Mrs. Mitchell is survived by her daughter, Mary K Rice of Midland; two grandchildren; and six nieces and seven nephews.

Mrs. Mitchell died at her home Friday, January 30, 1998.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 11 a.m. Monday, February 2, 1998, in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. Interment will be in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.



Diego Navarro

Services for Diego V. Navarro will be 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 2, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Rosary will be 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, in the Thomas Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

He was born Oct. 15, 1936, in Welder and had lived in Midland for the past 35 years.

He retired from FWA Drilling Co.

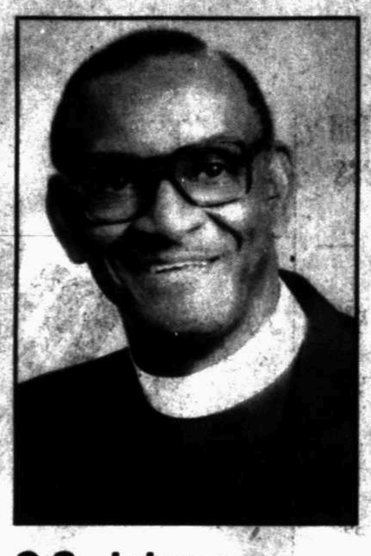
He was preceded in death by a sister, Rosa Lopez, and his mother, Florencia V. Navarro.

He died Thursday, Jan. 29, at a local hospital.

Survivors include his father, Jose Navarro of Lorenzo; three sons, Diego Navarro Jr. and David Navarro, both of Midland and Lewis Navarro of Lubbock; seven daughters, Isabel Hernandez, Hope Stone, Inez Rodriguez, all of Midland, Terry Mendoza, Celia Juarez, Ninfa Navarro and Carmen Herrera, all of Lubbock; two brothers, Joe Navarro Jr., of Keller and Arthur Navarro of Springtown; three sisters, Caroline Leyendecker, Julia Esparza, Emilia Salgado, all of Austin; 27 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Joe Navarro Jr., Robert Salgado, Antonio Lara, Arthur Navarro, Demetries Morris and Alvino Reyes.

Honorary pallbearers will be Chris Navarro, Diego Navarro III, Joel Navarro, Albert Hernandez, Amber Hernandez and Erica Navarro.



C.S. Johnson

Funeral services for the Rev. C.S. Johnson will be Tuesday, Feb. 3, 1998, at 11 a.m. at Faith Temple Church of God in Christ with Bishop W.H. Watson officiating.

A wake service will be Monday, Feb. 2, at Alexanders Temple Church of God in Christ from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

The book of life opened March 10, 1918, in Austin, Texas, when Cornelius Stanley Johnson was one of 10 children born to the parentage of John and Rosie Johnson. The pages of his life were filled with wonderful memories. When his father passed, he became very attached to his mother, a devout and holy woman. As a result, he was saved and filled with the Holy Ghost at an early age under the leadership of the late Supt. B.J. Woods. He graduated from Anderson High School and later attended a Christian Seminary in Austin, Texas.

The Rev. Johnson moved to San Angelo when the San Angelas Hotel was built and became their head chef. While in San Angelo, he attended the Holiness Church under the leadership of Elder J.E. Alexander and served as an associate minister and junior pastor.

In 1953, he met and married Dorothy Jean Walton, moved to Midland, Texas, and became a member of Alexander Temple COGIC. He was later appointed to the COGIC in Sweetwater, Texas. While there, his heart was inspired to begin a new work. In 1955, with permission from Bishop Alexander, he founded and built Ross Chapel COGIC, now known as New Jerusalem, and served as pastor for 21 years.

In 1964, the Rev. Johnson became the superintendent of the San Angelo District and served 40 years. In 1975, he was appointed to pastor Alexander Temple in Midland and served there until his demise. He also served as financial secretary and administrative assistant to the bishop in Texas Northwest Jurisdiction. Not only did he serve well in the church, he served as a community leader in the city of Midland. He was a former president of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Midland. The Tennis Court section in Washington Park bares his name and reflects his memories.

Supt. Johnson was known for his leadership ability, his long labor, his faithfulness to his calling, and the love for his church. But he is probably known best of all to those who knew and loved him as "Mr. Hospitality."

In his own words, he often said, "I'd rather be at church than anywhere else."

Supt. C.S. Johnson was preceded in death by two sons. He leaves to cherish his memories his beloved and faithful wife, Dorothy Johnson; four daughters, Barbara Hudson, Cynthia McGrew and Debbie Brown, all of Midland, Texas, and Sandra McDonald of Lubbock, Texas. He also leaves four sons-in-law, three sisters, Frozene Overton of Austin, Texas, Leslie Warren and Laverne Wells of Seattle, Washington; eight grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; a loving church family and a host of relatives and friends.

Winona Keller

Winona Keller was born May 13, 1914, in Pickton, Texas, to Virginia Mae Hayes and Jesse C. Minter. She was reared in Madill, Oklahoma, and graduated from high school in Ada, Oklahoma. She married Norborne Kermit Keller February 1, 1936, in Pickton. She worked as a secretary for various companies in Wichita Falls, Kermit, Odessa and Snyder before moving to Midland. She was a secretary for Torgerson Beck in Midland. After her retirement, she continued to live in Midland. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include her husband, Norborne Kermit Keller of Midland; two nieces, Sandra L. Brock of Stafford, Kansas, and Dorothy D. Cash of Vancouver, Washington; and two nephews, Paul Keller and Bryan Keller, both of San Antonio.

Mrs. Keller died Friday night, January 30, 1998, in Midland Memorial Hospital.

Graveside services are scheduled for 1 p.m. Monday, February 2, 1998, in Resthaven Memorial Park with the Rev. Steven Wilkins of First Presbyterian Church officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials be directed to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702.

Beatrice Staires

Beatrice Staires passed away at a local nursing home on Friday, January 30, 1998.

She was born January 10, 1905, in Monticello, Kentucky. She was a member of the Methodist church, was a longtime member of the Methodist church in Andrews, Texas, and in past years was active in the Senior Citizen Center.

Mrs. Staires was preceded in death by her husband, Boyd Staires; her mother, Rose Gibson Burton; father, Thomas Burton; three sisters, Lena, Edith and Margie; and one son, Howard W. Way Jr. of Fairview, Oklahoma.

She is survived by her daughter, Janna Way Ross of Midland; a granddaughter, Kimberly Ross Cherryhomes of Lufkin, Texas; two grandsons, Brantley Way Ross of Horseshoe Bay, Texas, and Howard W. Way III of Fairview, Oklahoma; two great-grandsons, Hunter and Heath Cherryhomes; one great-granddaughter, Ellis Claire Cherryholmes of Lufkin, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside Rites will be at 3 p.m. Monday, February 2, 1998, in Resthaven Memorial Park with the Rev. Bob Porterfield of West Kentucky Street Baptist Church officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials be directed to the Midland Cerebral Palsy Center, 802 Ventura, Midland, Texas 79705.

DEATH NOTICES

Leonard Brown

STANTON — Leonard Brown, 90, of Stanton died Thursday, Jan. 29, in Stanton.

Services are to be 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2, at First Baptist Church in Stanton with the Revs. Ronnie Brown, L.C. Brown, Alton Graves and Calvin Graves officiating. Burial is to follow at Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton.

He was born May 10, 1907, in Bastrop.

Survivors include his wife, Daisy A. Tinmon Brown of Stanton; two sons, Bennie Ray Brown of Odessa and Leonard Brown Jr. of Fort Worth; three daughters, Druecillar B. Houston of Midland, Shirley B. Graves of Tahoka and Thelma B. Smith of Lubbock; one brother, Willie Brown of Muleshoe; 32 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Kerfoot Walker

BULLARD — Former Midlander Kerfoot Polluck Walker, 96, of Bullard died Friday, Jan. 30, at a Tyler hospital.

Graveside services are to be 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, at Huntington Cemetery near Lufkin with the Rev. Mark Skorheim. Arrangements are under the direction of Burks-Walker-Tippit Funeral Home in Tyler.

He was born July 29, 1901, in Locust Grove, Ga.

He was a member and deacon of the First Baptist Church in Harlingen. He was a retired insurance agent and former administrator of the Valley Baptist Hospital in Harlingen. He had been a salesman for the Lufkin Daily News and National Cash Register Co.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Nell Walton Walker in 1979.

Survivors include one son, Dr. Kerfoot P. Walker Jr. of Tyler; one daughter, Hestermae Nixon of Bullard; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be directed to Emerald Bay Community Church Music Fund at 160 LaSalle, Bullard 75757, or Missions to Belize in Central America, C/O Chief Cornerstone Inc., 12748 Highway 64 E., Tyler 75705.

Juan Lopez

ANDREWS — Juan Lopez, 82, of Andrews died Saturday, Jan. 31, at an Odessa hospital.

Services are to be 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2, at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Andrews with the Rev. Bernard Gully officiating. Burial is to follow at Andrews West Cemetery under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

He was born Dec. 27, 1915, in Marathon.

He worked for the state highway department in Sanderson for 15 years and in Andrews for three years. He was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Andrews and the VFW in Sanderson.

Survivors include his wife, Blasa Y. Lopez of Andrews; two sons., Antonio Lopez and Juan Lopez, both of Andrews; five daughters, Juanita Fuentes, Paula L. Hernandez, Maria L. Aranda, Ester Mendoza and Rosa L. Valenzuela, all of Andrews; a sister, Agapita Chalambaga of Odessa; 20 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Eldred Long

COLORADO CITY — Eldred A. Long, 76, of Colorado City, father of Midlanders Linda Nettles and Joyce Boatwright, died Friday, Jan. 30, at a Colorado City hospital.

Services are to be 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 2, at First Baptist Church in Westbrook with the Revs. E.E. Zoeller and Jim Mosely officiating. Burial will be at 3 p.m. at the Potosi Cemetery in Potosi under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home in Colorado City.

He was born Nov. 8, 1921, in Wylie.

He was a retired mechanic and supervisor for the Permian Corp. He was a member and deacon of the First Baptist Church in Westbrook.

He was preceded in death by one brother, James L. Long, and one sister, Mary R. Harville.

Other survivors include his wife, Opal Long of Colorado City; two sisters, Elizabeth Hobbs of Abilene and Patricia Kennedy of Olalla, Wash.; one brother, John Long of Potosi; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the Buckner Baptist Children's Home, 129 Brentwood Ave., Lubbock 79411.

Manuela Martinez

Manuela Martinez, 54, died Saturday, Jan. 31, at a local hospital.

Services are pending with Thomas Funeral Home.

Joshua Cortez

Midlander Joshua David Cortez died Saturday, Jan. 31, at a local hospital.

Services are pending with Pipkin Funeral Home.

SHADOW: Nationwide, more than 100,000 are expected to participate

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schools we selected and asked if they could participate. A majority of them could, and if they couldn't, we went to another partner company. There was an overwhelmingly positive response; corporations realize the importance of this and that these are their future employees. These volunteers will serve as positive role models for the students and maybe have great impact for the future."

Ms. Sauer said that she even ended up with an extra company so she was able to include more students in the project.

The Midland Independent School District also responded enthusiastically, she said, developing criteria for the students selected for the project and providing buses to take the students to each work site and representatives to be on hand at each site.

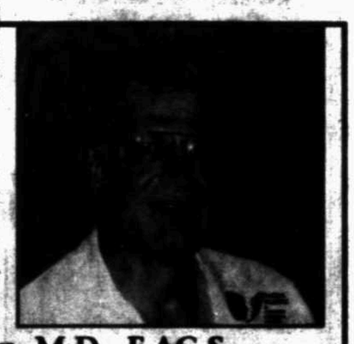
In preparation for Job Shadow Day, Junior Achievement representatives presented an orientation for the teachers, giving them worksheets that each participating student will complete.

For the students not selected for the project, Ms. Sauer said, "We provided the teacher with optional activities in which students can take a skills assessment exercise and see what different skills they have and what occupations those match."

Nationwide, Ms. Sauer said, Junior Achievement expects to have more than 100,000 students participate. Students will shadow Powell, members of the White House staff, ABC anchor Peter Jennings, as well as governors and mayors from across the country.

Noting that the national Junior Achievement office notified them of the project in December, she said that "it looks like it will be really successful and will be worth all the extra work."

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SAFE: Free photographs will be taken

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In keeping with the Mad Hatter, children will be able to make their own construction paper hats at the hat craft booth. Children can choose from fireman's, astronaut's and football helmets, drum major hats and crowns. Ms. Dragun said the hats are designed to represent safety themes and leadership roles.



Scrugge

"Junior League volunteers will be stressing positive messages about safety and self-esteem."

Wandering photographers will be there to capture the moments on film. The photos will be given free of charge to participants, Ms. Dragun said.

A number of local agencies will be handing out information about their services at the safety fair. Representatives from Casa de Amigos, Centers for Children and their Families, Big Brothers-Big Sisters, the American Red Cross, and Families and Partners in Literacy are expected to attend.

"The Junior League has a commitment to the community to strengthen families," Ms. Dragun said.

The concert and safety fair is funded by a grant from Helen Greathouse. "The goal is to provide families with a friendly and educational environment so that they can spend some quality time together."

The Safe-T fair begins at 9 a.m. with the concert scheduled to begin at 9:45 a.m. Ms. Dragun recommended arriving early as seating is limited to 500 people. The fair will end at noon.

SMITH: Congressman favors increased penalties for drug trafficking

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mental and physical well-being of children. He said some statistics paint a gloomy picture for Texas.

"Texas leads the country in the number of federal prisoners who are foreign-born, most of whom are illegal aliens convicted of serious drug crimes," he said.

The congressman said he'd also like to reduce demand for illegal drugs in the nation. Key ways, he said, would be to increase penalties for drug trafficking in the United States, have better programs for rehabilitation of drug offenders, and crack down on the glamorization of drug use in parts of the entertainment industry.

The glamorization issue particularly bothers Smith. He'd like to see more positive network programming in what used to be called the "family hour." Until about 10 years ago the networks set aside an hour of prime time for nonviolent programming.

"A typical child now watches 1,500 hours of TV per year," he said. "I'd like to see the entertainment industry redirect itself and send the opposite message and not glamorize drug use, sex and violence."

'A typical child now watches 1,500 hours of TV per year. I'd like to see the entertainment industry redirect itself and send the opposite message and not glamorize drug use, sex and violence.'

— U.S. Rep. Lamar Smith

Smith also said the ongoing alleged sex scandal at the White House is a national concern. President Clinton has denied claims by former White House intern Monica Lewinsky that the two had an 18-month affair and denied that he later told Ms. Lewinsky to lie in court about the affair.

"I think that there are a lot of unanswered questions that the president needs to address," Smith said. "I think the sooner he does it, the better. I do think it would be bad for the country and be bad for the government if he doesn't respond to the allegations."

The congressman later addressed the BSA council banquet and praised the Boy Scouts of America as an institution that promotes religious values and ethics in youth. Smith told the banquet audience that polls show Americans are putting more stock in church and God in recent years.

"I believe that a greater emphasis on religious values will benefit our society," he told the audience. "But we should not overlook the fact that increased religious values satisfy us as individuals and make us better spouses, better parents, better workers, better citizens."

The council — which includes boy scout troops from Midland, Odessa and Big Spring — announced its Silver Beaver award winners later on Saturday. The four winners are Mark D. Smith of Midland, Chuck Hornung and Billey J. De Busk of Odessa, and Ladd Smith of Big Spring.

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ARMED FORCES NEWS

U.S. Army Pvt. Stanley H. Burhart Jr. and Pvt. Debbie K. Kelly recently graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood in Waynesville, Mo.


Burhart

Burhart is the son of Stanley H. Burkart and Donna Burkart of Midland.

Ms. Kelly, the daughter of Brenda J. and Earl W. Wade ofMidland, is a 1997 graduate of Midland High School.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

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Army Reserve Maj. Luther N. Tonkin is a member of the 321st Civil Affairs Brigade located in San Antonio.

The 96-member reservist contingency will soon depart from San Antonio enroute to Fort Bragg, N.C.

The reservists are part of a rotation/replacement force which includes soldiers from subordinate units in Abilene and Belton, Miss.

The civil affairs reserve soldiers blend their civilian acquired skills with their military training to assist international peacekeeping efforts.

Tonkin is a team chief normally with the 432nd Civil Affairs Battalion in Green Bay, Wisc.

He is the son of Jack L. Tonkin of Hendersonville, N.C., and Elva M. Robertson of Midland.

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Telck


Bujanda

Several Midlanders recently earned the title of U.S. Marine upon graduation of recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego.

During the 11 weeks of training they were taught classes in leadership, physical fitness, and basic military knowledge. After continued training they will each serve four years in the corps.

Timothe S. Telck, son of Karen and Al Telck and a graduate of Lee High School, will continue his training in the security forces.

Adrian Bujanda, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bujanda of Midland and a graduate of Midland High School, will continue his training in service management.

Leslie Bradshaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. Les Bradshaw of Midland and a graduate of Midland High School, will continue his training as a nuclear biological and chemical defence specialist.

Richard Dianda, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dianda of Midland and a graduate of Midland High School, will continue his training in legal administration.

Jose Navarette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Navarette of Midland and a graduate of Midland High School, will continue his training in the infantry.

George Martinez, son of Genaro and Janie Martinez of Garden City, and a graduate of


Bradshaw


Dianda

Garden City High School, will continue his training as communications/electrician.


Navarette

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Navy hospital recruits, **Chad R. Wilson**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Monte Wilson of Lamesa, and **Melissa Whitworth**, daughter of Steven and Mary Whitworth of Monahans, recently graduated from the Basic Hospital Corps School at Naval Hospital Corps School, Great Lakes, Ill.

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Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class **Billy McCasland**, son of John and Carol McCasland of Midland, recently received the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal while serving aboard the amphibious transport dock USS Nashville, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

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Local youth earns Eagle Scout rank

From Staff Reports

Thomas E. Elliott, a senior at Midland High School, recently received the rank of Eagle Scout.


Elliott

Elliott, the son of Robert G. and Mary Ann Elliott of Midland, is a member of Troop 84 sponsored by St. Ann's Catholic Church.

He has held leadership positions of senior patrol leader, instructor, patrol leader, assistant patrol leader and quartermaster. He serves as a den chief with Cub Scout Pack 84.

He has received the Catholic religious awards, Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII, and has reached the brotherhood level in the Order of the Arrow. He has attended six years of scout camp and went to the 1993 National Jamboree in Virginia.

For his Eagle project Elliott managed a crew of scouts to renovate the playground equipment and clean up at Martin Luther King Park for the city of Midland Parks and Recreation.

Military using Hobbs, N.M. for flight training

■ Midland remains main site for advance training.

HOBBS, N.M. (AP) — Good flying weather has brought a military contingent to Hobbs for advance flight training.

Normally, training is done near Corpus Christi, but the weather this time of year causes too many delays and lost training hours so it is shifted to the skies of West Texas and southeastern New Mexico.

"We can't afford to lose training days," said Navy Lt. Brian Fuller, adding that the military has many people awaiting training.

Midland is the main training site, while Hobbs is a satellite training area. Each day pilots fly from Midland to Hobbs, hold exercises and return to Midland.

"I can't tell you how easy it is to work out of here," said Fuller, who is in charge of the training in Hobbs.

The joint squadron from the Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard that is training in Hobbs averages four T-44 aircraft, six instructors and 18 students. The civilian equivalent of a T-44 is a Beechcraft C-90.

"This is the first time in nearly eight years we've had this many for an extended period of time," said Bill Gatchell, the airport manager.

The training should continue through the first week of March.

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City folks find dreams, recreation in cattle ranching

By Barry Shlachter
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

SANTO — Sixteen Texas longhorns grazed indolently along a scenic twist and turn of the Brazos in Palo Pinto County, some 400 feet below a hilltop lodge owned by Ron and Deborah Hall.

Driving 90 miles from Dallas to check on his cattle, Ron Hall squeezes into Wranglers and scuffed green boots, then pulls on a Stetson whose convincing sweat ring he admits has been cosmetically enhanced with squirts of WD-40.

Hall, 52, a free-spirited, almost comical man who during the week brokers million-dollar art deals between Tokyo and New York, is living a cowboy dream first conjured during childhood summers on his grandfather's ranch in Blooming Grove.

And the Haltom City native is not alone.

To the unremitting frustration of full-time ranchers and county extension agents, small operators like Hall — with fewer than 100 head — now own half of all the cattle in Texas.

A very different breed of cattleman, many are in it for the primal joy of owning a few getalong dogies. To these after-hours cowpokes, profits are a low, and sometimes non-existent, priority. Market fluctuations generally mean little to them, and they often sell off cattle at the worst possible time.

"There is concern that they don't really react to economic conditions of the market because they're subsidizing their operation," said Ernie Davis, a livestock marketing economist with the Texas Agriculture Extension Service and Texas A&M University. "This makes it difficult to create an efficient market out there. But privately subsidized beef is a boon to the consumer."

The romantic appeal of weekend ranching and the recovery of the Texas economy have combined to energize land prices within driving distance of major cities. The cost per acre has increased 40 percent to 50 percent in Palo Pinto County since 1993, said Harold Chesnut, whose family has ranched there for 108 years.

"The first thing we see is a Suburban-type vehicle being driven 10 to 15 mph faster than the locals," Chesnut said. "If they purchase land, they'll buy longhorns because it's 'the old West.' They're your typical '90s city slickers. I don't mean to sound negative; you couldn't ask for better people, very neighborly. It's just a little heartbreaking to see land go to new owners who have no tie to the land when it was settled."

In neighboring Parker County, Norbert Stanislav hangs up his business suit and other traces of his highly competitive, workaday life as general manager of Fort Worth's Neiman Marcus department store and steps outside of his home, bought as a weekend retreat but now serving as his family's year-round residence.

"In a few minutes, my coat is off and I'm into my boots and bluejeans," said Stanislav, 58. "I find it to be very rewarding, a counterpoint to what I do during the week."

But recreational ranching is not all pleasure.

"One winter night — Jan. 2 three years ago — I was going to watch the Orange Bowl," he recalled. "My son said we'd better go out and look at a cow about to calf. We took turns in freezing rain, then decided we had to pull the calf. It was sleeting and snowing and in the middle of the pasture at about 10:30 at night.

"That's the wonderful life of a gentleman rancher," he laughed. "You see the Marlboro commercial with the calf across the saddle? Makes for pretty pictures. But the reality, quite frankly, can be a pain."

Unlike Hall, Stanislav is serious about trying to run an operation as commercially viable as possible.

"Unfortunately, I bought longhorns when we first got out here. This was not the right breed if we wanted to make money," he said, referring to lower prices at many sale barns because of a prevailing belief — hotly disputed by longhorn ranchers — that the native breed doesn't fatten up as well on feedlots and that the horns make the steers trickier to handle.

Wanting to do it right, the upscale weekend cowboy signed up for the ranching course at Texas Christian University.

"I found out during the first two semesters all the mistakes I made," said Stanislav, who grew up in the Czech community of West. "We now have a cow-calf operation — I didn't know the term before I started."

Buying crossbred heifers, he has built up to 50 mother cows, with 30 calves ready to market. But Stanislav has been disabused of any illusion of easy profits in the cattle business.

"If you have to factor in the cost of the land, you'll never turn a profit, unless you inherited the land," Stanislav said. "You learn that early on."

That is Bill Bell's belief.

Nonetheless, the Fort Worth police sergeant has been ranching a dozen years with the hope that profits from his small Jack County operation — 12 mother cows — will pay for the land by the time he retires.

It helps that his wife is a trained veterinarian and that another 140 acres they bought near Mansfield produces hay.

"I've more than paid for my cows and covered my feed costs," said Bell, an auto theft specialist. Not dependent on the cattle business, he can hold onto his calves until prices are good, he said.

"If I had to take my land into account, I wouldn't have recovered 10 percent of the land costs," he added. "But by the time I retire I should have the land paid off, and then I could look at it like a real business."

Not all operations run as lean as Bell's.

"It's a crying shame seeing how much money they lose," said Ron Gill, a livestock specialist with the Texas A&M Livestock Center in Plano. "I call it 'heavy metal disease' — the purchase of tractor, trailer, haying equipment ..."

The odds run heavily against the beginning weekend rancher ever succeeding, said Gill, noting that even well-managed, full-time operations are lucky to see a 2 percent to 5 percent return on investment. "There's just no margin for error," he said.

Many of the recreational cattlemen are highly astute businessmen in the city, Gill said. Ironically, once they reach their ranches, "they never treat them like a business, don't do the financial analyses," he said.

And it's in the interest of no one that the would-be weekend cowboy encounters — from ranch broker to implement dealer to sale barn auctioneer — to apprise him of the hardscrabble realities, Gill added.

But the wary livestock expert sees one hopeful trend.

"In the last two; three years, people are starting to attend 1/8ranching 3/8 classes before they buy land and cows," Gill said. "Before, they'd screw up, 'then' take a program."

Some, like Hall, insist they are under no illusion and would do it just the same.

"What does it feel like? Like what heaven feels like," he enthused. "I'm selling Picassos, Monets and Jackson Pollacks during the week, and on weekends I'm roping steers, chasing cows and horses."

As for his longhorns, Hall said, "I haven't sold a single one. My wife wouldn't let me. They're her pets."

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Girl Scouts given property projects grant

From Staff Reports

The Permian Basin Girl Scout Council has been awarded an Abell-Hanger Foundation grant of $278,000 toward a total of $625,000 for property projects throughout the 15-county service area.

Projects highlighted in the grant include renovations to the Program Center in Midland, a facility replacement in Fort Stockton and construction of a multi-purpose building and unit shelters at Camp Mitre Peak, located in the Davis Mountains.

"We were gratified by the show of support for this project," said Susan Rutherford, executive director. "From foundations and major donors to individual gifts, everyone, even the youngest Girl Scouts, had an opportunity to participate."

"Now that the dream has become a reality," said Janie Howell, board president. "We are making plans for the projects identified. We look forward to keeping everyone involved in the process and informed about our progress. We are most grateful to the Abell-Hanger Foundation for its support."

This effort began in 1994 when the council kicked off its golden anniversary campaign designed to honor Girl Scouting's 50 years of service in the Permian Basin and to raise the funds necessary "to bring the council into the next century," local officials said. The Abell-Hanger grants represents the largest contribution to the campaign.

In partnership with the Abell-Hanger Foundation, Girl Scout friends and interested citizens locally and across the country supported the fund drive.

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Miss America 1996 Shawntel Smith will be one of the featured speakers at the second annual Permian Basin Tech Prep/School to Work regional conference.

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Ms. Smith will be joined at the conference by speaker and businessman Bill Crawford and entrepreneur Chad Foster.

The goal of the conference is to enhance partnerships among business, industry, education, community and government agencies to provide a world-class workforce in the Permian Basin, according to Permian Basin Tech Prep director Barbara Brumley.

For more information, call 685-4669.

Candidates Forum

The Midland College Student Government is sponsoring a Candidate Forum with the candidates for Midland County Judge. The forum will be Tuesday, Feb. 17 in the Roadrunner Room of the Scharbauer Student Center. Call 685-4543 for information.

College Classics

Registration for College Classics, Midland College's continuing education program for those 50 years of age and older, is underway in the Midland College Continuing Education department.

Students may register for Session I that runs Feb. 2-Feb 27. Session II is set for March 2-6 and March 16-April 3, and Session III is planned for April 6-May 1. For $25 per semester, students may enroll in as many classes as they choose. The classes are 1-5 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

For registration information concerning College Classics or any Continuing Education Course, call 685-4518.

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'Architect' of MC's technology explosion named new dean

By Elise Coombes



After being instrumental in the growth of computer technology at Midland College, Dennis Sever was named Midland College's Dean of Information Technology.

Less than four years ago Midland College had only 120 computers campus-wide and few of those were available for instructional use.

Today, the campus has are more than 600 computers with access to the internet, e-mail and the campus computer network. And, that is only part of the technology story.

Students have access to a general purpose computer lab and three multi-media classrooms. Two distance learning classrooms connect Midland College with students in Odessa, Big Spring, Ft. Stockton, Ozona, Big Lake and Iraan.

The architect of Midland College's technology explosion, Dennis Sever, was recently named Dean of Information Technology. And, despite MC's progress of the last four years, Sever said he knows his job has only begun.

"This is a turbulent time," Sever said about constantly changing computer technology.

Predicting the impact of the next wave of technology is "like surfing on a beach ball," he said.

But that balancing act is a familiar role for Sever since his role in MC's technology growth has taken several forms:

—Computer communication-based instruction, allowing students to take courses by computer modem;

—Distance learning, transmitting classes from the MC campus to other area high school and college campuses;

—MC's computer network, purchasing, installing and maintaining more than 500 new computers;

—The installation and connection of more than two kilometers of fiber optic cable, the central nervous system of the campus' computer network.

When he created the new dean's position for Sever, MC President David Daniel credited Sever with achieving "mastery in his field." But, Sever warns he does not want to be identified as a "techno-groupie." If that happens "then I damage myself. . .possibly spiritually," he said.

That spiritual side of Sever exists in relative harmony with the technical side, so that statements such as "we are limited only by what we perceive as our limits" is for Sever a philosophy and a plan of action.

For instance, in October 1996 MC received a United States Department of Agriculture grant to fund distance learning classrooms connecting Midland College and Ft. Stockton.

In a little more than three months—despite the daunting tasks of buying equipment, burying cable, and training instructors to use the new technology,—MC offered distance learning classes.

Sever's commitment to the school began when he earned an associate's degree from MC and stayed to become a lab instructor in the computer lab.

After working briefly at Texas Instruments, Sever came back to MC to follow his first love—teaching.

"Whatever else I am, I'm a teacher," Sever said.

Sever's duties have increasingly moved him from the front of the classroom to the person behind the technology that is increasingly part of every curriculum. But whether he is identified as a teacher of techie, Sever's goals still remain tied to the classroom.

"I'd would like for a kid to graduate from Midland College and walk into any university classroom as a respected junior or walk into a business and be qualified to get a job."

In the meantime, he is looking toward the next step in MC's technology growth.

HEATHER WALKER

Student gets insight into non-profit agencies

■ The following is an excerpt from one of the winning entries in the Abell-Hanger Essay contest about the value of volunteer work for MC students.

The Abell-Hanger Foundation is a true blessing to the city of Midland. The opportunity that Abell-Hanger provides for Midland graduates is unique in the way that it not only provides educational opportunities but philanthropic opportunities as well. As a recipient of the scholarship that Abell-Hanger provides, my family and I have been touched personally by the generosity of this foundation. And, I got the funding I needed for college while getting hands-on experience with community service.

I completed the majority of the community service hours required for this scholarship volunteering at the Teen Challenge Christian Outreach Program. Teen Challenge is an organization that is very close to my heart, and I believe strongly in the services they provide. Volunteering at Teen Challenge gave me an enormous sense or purpose. I am proud to have contributed even in a small way to the wonderful way Teen Challenge touches this community. Every time I left from volunteering at Teen Challenge I felt like my spirit had been renewed.

> "Abell-Hanger caused me to be more compassionate to the needs of my community."

Without Abell-Hanger's requirement for community service, I might have otherwise missed out on this experience.

As a volunteer at Teen Challenge I received insight into how non-profit organizations are run, and I experienced personally how important each individual role is in contributing to the organization. Albert Ibarra, the outreach director for Teen Challenge, was so enthusiastic about the services Teen Challenge provided, and he poured his heart into everything he did.

His storing faith and uplifting attitude make his work inspirational. He has a sincere love for this community and for God that was unlike anyone I had ever met. People like Albert are the backbone in Midland's community service organizations.

Abell-Hanger contributes vastly to Midland's future by investing in the education of the community's college students.

My community service hours caused me to be more compassionate to the needs of my community and view volunteerism as the essence of non-profit organizations.

For more information about the Abell-Hanger scholarship and how to complete volunteer hours, call 685-4693.

Continuing ed begins classes in computers, travel, oil painting, CPR

The following continuing education classes begin at Midland College the week of Feb. 9. For more information about these and other classes, call 685-4518.

Assertiveness Training will be 7-9 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 9 through March 2. Sam Guyton is the instructor.

Computer & You will be 9-11:20 a.m. Mondays through Thursdays, Feb. 9-19. Ivan Meissner is the instructor.

Computer & You for Grandparents will be 2-4:20 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, Feb. 9-19. Shawn Jantzen is the instructor.

Progauge Customs: Field Data Capture Software will be 6-8 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, Feb. 9-13. Rhonda Shelton is the instructor.

Quicken will be 11:30 a.m.-1:50 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, Feb. 9-19. Ivan Meissner is the instructor.

Real Estate Principles I will be 6-10 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays Feb. 9-19. Sandy Hicks is the instructor.

Windows 95 will be 8:30-10:50 a.m. Mondays through Thursdays, Feb. 9-19. Kim Payne is the instructor.

Windows 95 will be 6-8:20 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, Feb. 9-19. Chris Cunningham is the instructor.

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Non-profit Centers: Attracting & Keeping Best Volunteers will be 12-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11. Susan Ellis is the instructor.

Oil Painting will be 7-9 p.m. on Thursdays, Feb. 12 through March 5. Judy Griffin is the instructor.

Introduction to Smocking will be 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, Feb. 12-19. Janet Bender is the instructor.

Non-Profit Center: Building Better Boards will be 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13. Maureen Robinson is the instructor.

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New York Theatre Ballet to perform in Midland

From Staff Report

The New York Theatre Ballet is to commemorate the George Gershwin Centennial with a presentation sponsored by Community Concerts 7:30 p.m. Friday at Midland High School Auditorium.

To help commemorate the 100th anniversary of George Gershwin's birth, New York Theatre Ballet launched "Legends and Visionaries," a national choreography competition. Entrants were asked to submit proposals for two short ballets: one to Gershwin music and the other based on Florine Stettheimer's painting "Heat." The winners will be performed Friday.

The company, in ensemble, duet and solo performances, will use such Gershwin favorites as "Strike Up the Band," "Of Thee I Sing, Baby," "I've Got a Crush on You," and "Love Walked In."

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Francine Weaver, president of Midland Community Concerts, said that this is only the start of the celebration of George Gershwin's birth in 1898. "The opening event in our 1998-99 season will be 'American Rhapsody.' In September they will bring an 18-piece orchestra, eight singers and dancers and an all-Gershwin program that traces the lives of George and Ira from Tin Pan Alley to Broadway and Hollywood."

The ballet "Inside Heat," based on the Stettheimer painting, also uses Gershwin music in combination with two other 20th century composers, Dimitri Shostakivich and Samuel Barber. It traces six men and women as they face life and one another against a background of two world wars and the other events of the 20th century.

New York Theatre Ballet's national tour is under the sponsorship of the Community Concerts LLC; the Midland appearance is sponsored by Community concerts of Midland, which organizes and schedules a season of musical and dance events for Permian Basin audiences.

While most tickets are sold as season memberships, a limited number of tickets for the New York Theatre Ballet performance will be available at the door. Prices are $25 for adults and $10 for students.

Man sentenced for plot to blow up Austin IRS office

TYLER (AP) — A Tyler man, found guilty of plotting to blow up the Austin Internal Revenue Service, has had five years knocked off his prison sentence.

U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice assessed a new sentence Thursday of 15 years and nine months in federal prison. The judge said he had been prepared to lop off even more time until the Charles Ray Polk vehemently expressed anti-government sentiments in court.

Polk, 47, was convicted in April 1996 of six federal charges, but the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled there was insufficient evidence to support two of the convictions.

In a statement Polk read during Thursday's hearing, he said he was "being abused and victimized by the IRS."

Polk said he believes his sentence was excessive and "challenged" the government to produce a weapon. He also asked the judge to dismiss all charges against him.

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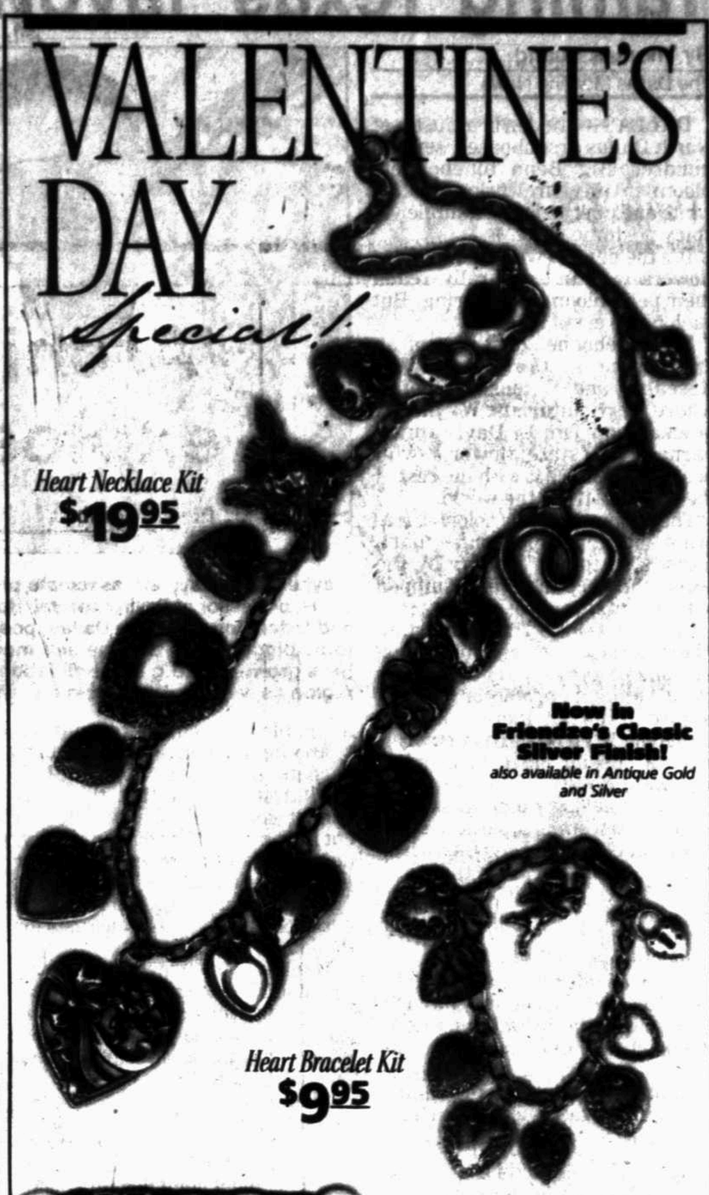


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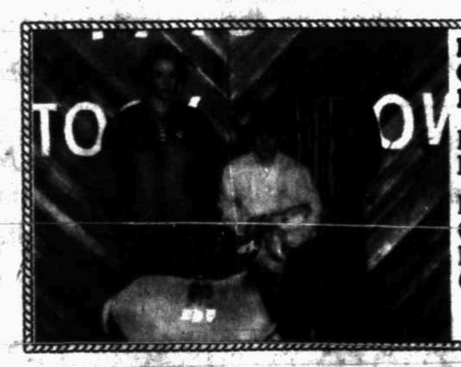
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Taming Texas' favorite wildflower for export outside the state

By Thomas Huang
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Hidden in a cluster of North Dallas greenhouses, several hundred Big Bend bluebonnets bloom in tiny fireworks of blue, white and pink, exuding a subtle yet spicy perfume.

It's the dead of winter, and these flowers wouldn't naturally reach their peak bloom until spring. But such is the art of science.

The bluebonnets are part of an experiment at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center, where horticulturists Wayne A. Mackay and Tim D. Davis aim to harness the state flower's wild beauty and share it with the rest of the country, if not the world.

They hope to breed a colorful, fragrant and sturdy bluebonnet that a florist's customer can buy by the dozen and keep in a vase, snipped but vibrant, for several days.

"I can't think of another state where the state flower evokes such a strong response," says Mackay, 43, an associate professor of horticulture. "It's an incredible phenomenon. It's a beautiful flower. It holds a special place in people's hearts."

Domesticating something wild requires painstaking work. For six years, Mackay and Davis, 42, a horticulture professor, and their students have been selecting and cross-breeding thousands of bluebonnets that they bring back from yearly forays into West Texas.

On one recent trip, Mackay drove 150 miles over three days in Big Bend and came back with just 25 plants whose physical qualities he liked.

"Mother Nature is producing new things all the time, but you have to be there at the right time to find it," he says. "You can say all you want about science, but you still need a lot of luck."

What Mackay and Davis want to breed is a flower that not only comes in several colors (Aggie maroon would be nice) and smells great, but also grows relatively quickly (11 to 12 weeks) and does not die prematurely.

The plant must have a strong stem and many flower stalks. It must also survive the trip from the commercial flower grower to the florist's shop.

They say they are close to developing such a flower, but that the growing process is still far from economical. While the bluebonnet is being sold on a limited basis by commercial growers in Midland and El Paso, it will probably be several years before the plant is widely available in the cut-flower market.



AP Photo

Wayne A. Mackay, left, associate professor of Horticulture, and Tim D. Davis, professor of Environmental Horticulture at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center in Dallas, pose by some Bluebonnets engineered to be bigger, more durable and more fragrant on Wednesday. The two have grown blue Big Bend Bluebonnets from the West Texas Big Bend region as well as Bluebonnets in white and salmon colors.

Another challenge: The bluebonnet hates the summer heat. The horticulturists expect that the bluebonnet would only be available as a cut flower from September to May, unless it can be grown in a cooler part of the world.

If that calls for passion and patience, these are the scientists for the job.

Mackay, who grew up near the Appalachian Mountains in Virginia, recalls that his dorm room at Virginia Tech was a jungle of spider plants, begonias, African violets and philodendrons.

"The appeal," he says, "was the process of taking a little thing - a seed or cutting - and turning it into a beautiful plant." To this day, he keeps an angel wing begonia on his desk at the research center.

As a child in Sonoma, Calif., Davis learned about horticulture from his grandfathers, one of whom grew fruit trees, the other wine grapes. By the time he was 10, he was cultivating hundreds of flowers in his parents' yard. Later, studying at Brigham Young University, he got hooked on plant physiology.

The bluebonnet, of course, has long excited the passions of Texans, from artists and scientists to lovers and politicians. In 1901, with the backing of the Society of Colonial Dames of Texas, the bluebonnet beat out the cotton boll and the cactus to be designated the state flower.

The resolution specifically named Lupinus subcarnosus, a variety that grows in coastal and southern Texas. After much political maneuvering, the Legislature in 1971 broadened the legal definition to include all varieties of bluebonnets.

But the Aggie scientists chose to work on another variety, Lupinus Havardii, which blooms along the Rio Grande River in the Big Bend and is considered the most majestic of its family, sometimes growing as tall as 3 feet.

"It had a lot of characteristics you need for cut flowers," says Mackay. As a desert plant requiring little water, "it has the ability to be shipped dry. You can put it in a box and ship it overnight. When it gets to the other end, it can be put back in water and re-cut and still have a vase life of nine to 10 days."

Davis first got the idea of developing a bluebonnet for the cut-flower industry in 1989, when he met Jerry Parsons, an A&M horticulturist in San Antonio. (Parsons has in fact bred an Aggie maroon bluebonnet.)

"His goal was to grow the bluebonnet in yards, as a bedding plant," says Davis, who is director of the A&M research center in Dallas. "One of the bluebonnets was tall and scraggly and didn't grow well in our soil. It was the Big Bend bluebonnet. They discarded it. When I saw it, I thought it might be interesting to grow it in a greenhouse, to serve as cut flowers."

Davis and Mackay met in 1991, and they have been on their bluebonnet quest ever since.

They hope to create a pink bluebonnet, a rare find in nature, that will sell well on Valentine's Day. But they aren't turning their backs on traditional blue.

"Blue is a color that will sell in a global market," Davis says firmly. "And a Texas theme tends to sell, because people in other countries have heard of Texas. There is a Texas mystique that the bluebonnet has."

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District 7 Soccer

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	Season W	Season L	District W	District L
Midland Lee	9	3	3	0
Abilene High	6	2	3	0
Odessa Permian	10	3	2	1
San Angelo	9	1	1	1
Abilene Cooper	1	6	0	2
Odessa High	6	5	0	2
Midland High	4	5	0	3

Friday's Game
Odessa High 5, Brownwood 1.
Saturday's Games
Abilene High 1, Midland High 0; Midland Lee 1, Abilene Cooper 0; San Angelo Central 7, Odessa Permian 0. Odessa High was open.
Tuesday's Games
Midland High at San Angelo Central; Abilene Cooper at Odessa Permian; Odessa High at Abilene High. Midland Lee is open.

GIRLS

	Season W	Season L	District W	District L
Midland Lee	8	3	3	0
San Angelo	7	3	2	0
Midland High	10	2	2	1
Abilene Cooper	4	4	1	1
Odessa Permian	8	2	1	2
Abilene High	4	6	0	3
Odessa High	2	7	0	2

*Indicates a tie

Saturday's Results
Midland Lee 2, Abilene Cooper 1 (SO 2-0); Midland High 4, Abilene High 1; Odessa Permian 2, San Angelo Central 1 (SO 2-1). Odessa High was off.
Tuesday's Games
San Angelo Central at Midland High; Abilene High at Odessa High; Odessa Permian at Abilene Cooper. Midland Lee is open.

Joppy reclaims title

TAMPA, Fla. — William Joppy reclaimed the WBA middleweight championship Saturday night with an unanimous decision in a rematch with Julio Cesar Green.

Joppy (25-1-1) started fast, staggering Green (22-3) in the first round with a straight left. Joppy put together a series of uppercuts during the fifth.

"The belt is back where it belongs," Joppy said. "I was focused mentally and physically. I feel great."

The three judges at ringside scored the fight 117-113, 117-112 and 117-110 in Joppy's favor.

Green was making his first defense since taking the title away from Joppy last August. In that fight, Joppy broke a knuckle in his right hand in the third round and eventually lost what many considered was a controversial decision.

"I'm very disappointed," Green said. "There will be a third time. He ran a lot. It was hard for me to catch up with him."

On the undercard, NABF heavyweight champion Johnny Ruiz retained his crown by stopping former IBF title holder Tony Tucker in the 11th round.

The fight was stopped at 57 seconds after Ruiz (32-3) recorded an early knockdown against Tucker (56-7).

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Coaches await UIL realignment

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

Monday is an important day for all high schools in the state of Texas.

Monday is a day that was two years in the making and its effects will last another two years.

Monday is the day that the University Interscholastic League extends its rule from border to border in determining the classifications and districts across the state.

It's a day which can bring big change, and with that, huge costs to a school like Stanton, which lost thousands of dollars over the last two-year period. Or for schools like Andrews and Big Spring, it can lead to little change, except the possible addition of a new member of the district.

Stanton, which has an enrollment of 240, has been waiting two years for Monday. On Feb. 1, 1996, Stanton found out it would join Anthony, Tornillo, Van Horn, McCamey and Iraan in District 6-2A. For Stanton it offered two journeys of at least 300 miles (one way) and the longest district journey in the state (Anthony). Their reaction that day was one of disbelief and led Stanton athletic director and football coach Mark Cotton to say, "This makes no common sense."

Two years later, Cotton thinks little will change.

"Unless there is a drastic numbers change, all he teams we are in the district with will remain in 2A," Cotton said. "I don't see any other teams moving into the district so that leaves you with five teams out there and that doesn't leave a good scenario for us.

"I hate to predict but I hope we don't have to be in the district which covers so much territory. I really hope that we would come back east."

While Stanton wants to come back east and join Coahoma, Roscoe and Wall, Greenwood, a 3A school with the enrollment of 525, wants to go to the land of long travel.

Greenwood athletic director Bob Purser says the expectations of Clint, Fabens and Mountain View going to 4A would leave schools like Presidio and Alpine look-

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Lee's Goodwin, MHS girls take medals at 4-5A swimming meet

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

SAN ANGELO — There were definite favorites in the finals of the District 4-5A swim meet Saturday, and there was definite incentive to knock them off.

Some of the favorites fell and others didn't. Most notable among those standing at the end of the day was Midland Lee senior Amber Goodwin, a defending state champion who for the second year in a row broke her own district records in her specialties and was named the meet's outstanding girls swimmer.

While that was as predictable as a string of Clinton jokes in Leno's monologue, the meet's host school, San Angelo Central, didn't find everything so amusing. Last year, Central swept the boys and girls team points titles, and this year the Central boys, like Goodwin, repeated. But the Central girls had their home pool party spoiled by Midland High.

Led by two underclassmen with two wins apiece, MHS won the girls team title with 101.50 points, 15 better than Central, scoring perhaps the biggest surprise of the meet.

"That was our goal to beat San Angelo and we're real excited that we did," said Midland High sophomore Erin Irons, whose wins in the 200-yard individual medley and 100 butterfly were big factors in the team victory.

The other multiple winner for the MHS girls was freshman Emily Alvarado, who won both the 100 and 200 freestyle. Alvarado and Irons also teamed with juniors Stephanie Wentworth and Kristin Carson on the victorious 400 free relay team which ended the afternoon by clinching the team points title for Midland High.

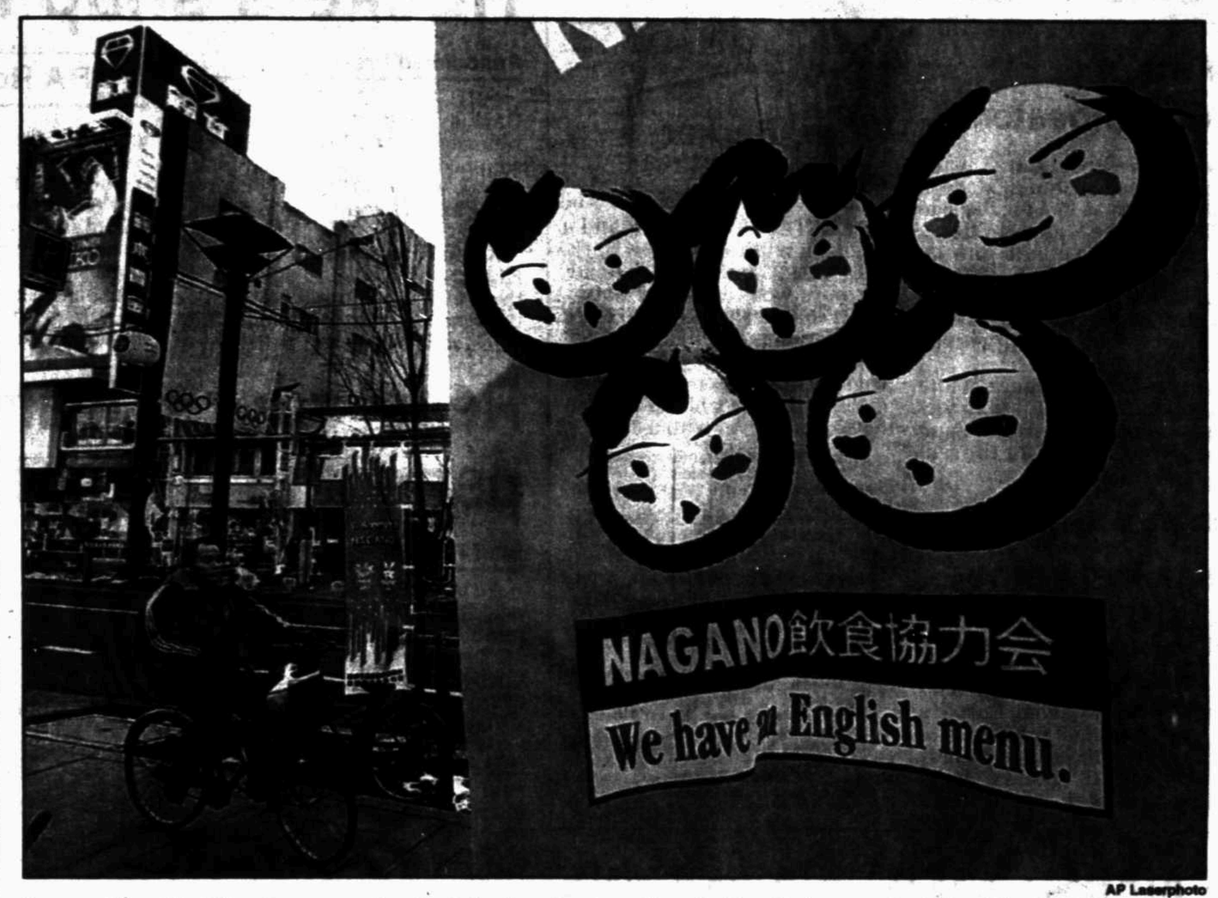
On paper entering the event, a win by the MHS girls looked possible, especially when it's considered that Irons and Alvarado were both the top seeds in their respective individual events. That still didn't make the win any less surprising.

"I really thought San Angelo would win because they beat us pretty soundly in Lubbock (at the recent Lubbock Invitational)," said Ted Carson, who coaches both the Midland High and Lee teams. "I think the girls are to be commended for the hard work they've put in despite the fact that a lot of them were tired."

Whatever fatigue the MHS girls might have

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WINTER OLYMPICS



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A man rides his bike along a main street in downtown Nagano Friday, where an Olympic banner dominates the sidewalk. The city is preparing to host the 18th Olympic Winter Games, which open Friday.

Nagano tries for charm of Lillehammer

By Jim Litke
AP Sports Writer

The Winter Olympics are making one final appearance on the stage of the 20th century, an aging actor trying to conjure up the charm of Lillehammer while dragging the crassness of Atlanta behind like a bum leg.

From the rooftop of Japan, the hosts in Nagano will try and walk a fine line between old and new, East and West, capitalism and environmentalism, religious and secular, high-tech and low — even Olympic and X Games.

The mix will be evident right from the opening ceremonies Feb. 7. A half-naked, 300-pound-plus Sumo wrestling grand champion named Akebono — a naturalized Japanese citizen born in Hawaii — will brave the cold to perform an ancient purifying ritual inside a state-of-the-art stadium shaped like a sakura, or cherry blossom, Japan's national flower.

Competition in 68 events will then provide opportunities for familiar and extraordinary events to unfold.

Russia will struggle to regain its dominance in all things wintry. Italy's Alberto Tomba, the self-proclaimed "messiah of skiing" will struggle with humility. And Michelle Kwan and Tara Lipinski, two tiny, teen-aged figure skating queens with dueling autobiographies already in bookstores, will meet on the ice in the highest-stakes head-to-head match of the games.

That singular evening could also constitute the entire feel-good portion of the program for a young U.S. team with high hopes but without a proven performer like Bonnie Blair or a gold-medal lock on any other sport.

The Japanese, meanwhile, will be hard-pressed not just to match Norway's hospitality, but also its record medal-winning performance as a host. The Norwegians climbed the medal platforms they themselves built in Lillehammer more than anyone else — 26 times in all, with 10 golds.

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High goalkeeper Justin Booth and Abilene High's Josh Stearns, center, collide while going after a ball. Abilene High beat the Bulldogs, 1-0, Saturday at Midland High Soccer Field.

AHS soccer squad clips 'Dogs

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

The Midland High Bulldogs are in unfamiliar territory these days.

They're not used to losing, and especially not used to being 0-3 in District 7 play.

Unfortunately for the 'Dogs that's where they are now after a 1-0 loss to Abilene High Saturday afternoon at the MHS soccer field.

A mere one goal has placed the Bulldogs, which fell to 4-5 overall, in dire straits as not only are they looking up from a hole in the district standings, but are also in jeopardy of losing out on the playoffs for the second straight year.

MHS coach Tom Esikhati not only hates losing but this is the first time in his 11 years at the school has the team started 0-3 in district. They started with a 2-0 loss to Lee, a shootout loss to Odessa High, and now a 1-0 setback to the Eagles, which improved to 3-0 in district and 6-2 overall.

"Every game is different but this is one of those games where we're getting the opportunities to get the ball into the goal but we're just not getting it there," said Esikhati of his Bulldogs, who have only scored one goal in district play.

Esikhati said the reason for the Bulldogs' scoring drought comes from his offense not getting enough penetration. There is a also a lack of execution that worries Esikhati.

In fact, both teams had opportunities to score, but each time when they had the taste of a goal coming, they would be turned away. The first half seemed like the teams were playing keep away just waiting for the opportune time. That opportunity for the Eagles came late in the first half.

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Lady Rebels claim shootout win, improve to 3-0 in district

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

For years, the Midland Lee girls soccer team has thrived on one thing — offense.

However, three games into the district season, the Lady Rebels are prospering for another reason — the defense.

Saturday in Lady Rebs' 2-1 shootout win over Abilene Cooper at the Lee soccer field, the defense did it again to help Lee to a district-leading 3-0 record.

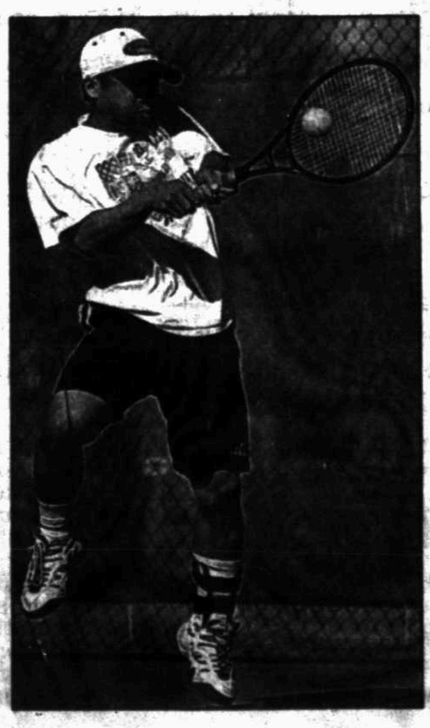
"The defense played exceptionally well," Lee coach Mike Simpson said. "We've put people in a position where we can make adjustments inside and out. We played seven people and we didn't lose anything with the seven who played today."

The defense's biggest contribution isn't what it put on the scoreboard but whom it kept off. Today, it was Cooper. The Lady Coogs, 4-4 overall and 1-1 in district, came out like gangbusters keeping the ball on Lee's side of the field for most of the first 30 minutes and racking up all six of their first half shots in that time. However, only once did Lee's line give up a goal, which Cooper's Faith Hines scored in the 19th minute.

It kept 8-3 Lee in the game as the offense, which still isn't running on all cylinders thanks to injures, got its motor running. In the 37th minute, Lee's offense did its part as Ritha Belizaire took a pass from sister Raffi and flew by Cooper defenderLaura Berg before beating Cooper's keeper Jenny Breed to make the score 1-1.

"The offense, they are just crippled up and the defense has picked up the slack and played tough," Simpson said. "You can't ask for girls to do a better job than

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Steers' star, Midland High earn trophies

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

Saturday was a good day for Big Spring's Hsaio-Hsuan Li. It was an even better day for the Midland High tennis team.

While Li, a 3-time state qualifier, won the boys singles at the Midland High Invitational, the Bulldogs captured their third straight team title.

"It is nice, very nice," MHS tennis coach Tom Heiting said. "It is very sur-

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Big Spring's Hsaio-Hsuan Li returns a shot during the Midland High Invitational Saturday at the MHS tennis courts.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

LOCAL SPORTS

Lee sophs in first

The Midland Lee sophomore basketball team took over sole possession of first place among District 4-5A teams with a 63-45 win over Odessa High Saturday. For Lee (18-3 overall, 6-2 in district), Sal Torres had 16 points and Jessie Sokolowski added 13.

The Midland High junior varsity romped over Odessa Permian 69-49 to climb to 16-6 for the season and 5-3 in 4-5A action. Weldon Cooks and Randy Gardner both had 13 points, but 12 Bulldogs scored in the game. The MHS JV will play at Abilene High on Tuesday.

The Lee junior varsity scored a 70-49 win over Odessa High, climbing to 15-9 for the year and 6-2 in district play. Five Rebels were in double figures with 18 from Ken Meyers to lead the way. Lee also had Taborick Ephriam with 13, T.J. Glover 12, Chris Packer 11 and J.R. Norman 10. Greg Smithee had nine for OHS. Lee will host the Abilene Cooper JV Tuesday at Chaparral Center.

MFHS girls finish unbeaten

Midland Freshman Purple defeated Lee Freshman Maroon 81-48 to finish at 15-0 for the season and win the Midland-Odessa postseason basketball tournament Saturday. For Purple, Paige Price had 25, Jenny Jones 20, Laura Coch added 19 and Ashley Murray chipped in with 10 rebounds.

Midland Lee Freshman White won consolation honors with victories over Ector, Bowie and Hood to finish at 12-4 for the season.

MFHS Purple loses last game

Odessa Bowie defeated Midland Freshman Purple 69-58 for the championship of the 9th grade postseason basketball tournament Saturday, spoiling Purple's chance at a perfect season.

Purple ends the season at 18-1. Purple got 16 points from Michael Glassock and 12 from Ryan Hightower.

Purple got to the finals undefeated with a 63-59 win over Midland Lee Freshman White as Ray Johnson had 13 points and Thomas Carrington 10 for Purple. White was led by 18 points from Kyle Shatzer and 11 from T.J. Mansell.

Midland Freshman White placed seventh, falling to Odessa Bonham 54-37. Colter Lane had 13 points and T. Jackson 10. White finished at 3-16 for the year.

Bulldogs solid in powerlifting

KERMIT — Midland High's Stuart Atnipp won first place in the 165-pound class of the Kermit Powerlifting tournament Saturday with a weight of 1,095 pounds to head an impressive list of Bulldogs who had three second place marks and three third places as well.

MHS will travel to Colorado City on Feb. 28 for its next powerlifting meet.

Midland High powerlifting results from Kermit

132-Pound Class: 2. Gwan Turner, 805; 165: 1. Stuart Atnipp, 1,095; 5. Nick Smith, 930; 198: 2. Shemond Davis, 1,050; 181: 5. Rusty Reed, 1,025; 198: 3. Jason Montgomery, 1,045; 4. Sergio Diaz, 990; 242: 3. Cornell Ellis, 1,050; 275: 2. Frank Lewis, 1,100; 3. Coley Joe Cowaycus, 1,050.

Witte, Barker win titles

DENTON — Midland's Meghann Witte and Alyssa Barker of the Alamo YMCA Sandstormers won titles here Saturday in an American Gymnbastics Association meet.

Barker won first place in the Novice competition with a 30.85 all-around score while Witte won the Senior 7 level with a 30.25.

Alamo YMCA Sandstormers results

Novice Division

Alyssa Barker: 3. vault, 1. bars, 1. beam, 1. floor, 1. All-Around, 30.85.

Whitney Hudson: 8. vault, 2. bars, 4. beam, 7. floor, 3. All-Around, 27.45.

Ashley Puggles: 4. vault, 8. beam, 3. floor, 7. All-Around, 25.50.

Emily Lysey: 8. bars, 5. beam, 5. floor.

Junior 8 Division

Lauren Luskey: 9. vault, 7. bars, 7. beam, 5. floor, 10. All-Around, 31.55.

Rachel Ochs: 9. vault, 3. bars, 10. beam, 3. floor, 7th All-Around, 33.0.

Michelle Shannon: 4. vault, 3. bars, 3. beam, 4. floor, 2. All-Around, 33.50.

Megan Musar: 10. vault, 9. floor.

Whitney Leonard: 1. vault, 2. bars, 9. beam, 1. floor. 3. All-Around, 33.40.

Kristen Willis: 8. bars, 4. beam, 6. floor, 9. All-Around, 31.75.

Senior 7 Division

Meghann Witte: 1. vault, 2. bars, 1. beam, 1. floor, 1. All-Around, 30.25.

Korda rips Rios in straight sets to win Australian Open

By STEVE Wilstein
AP Tennis Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia — Nothing about the Australian Open final sparkled except the eyes of Petr Korda as he completed an emotional journey from tennis oblivion back toward the pinnacle of the sport with his first Grand Slam victory.

The 30-year-old Korda, near retirement from relentless pain a few years ago, celebrated his revival Sunday by falling to his knees in prayer, cartwheeling across court and climbing into the stands to hug his wife and daughter after a 6-2, 6-2, 6-2 romp over wooden, error-prone Marcelo Rios.

Korda played solidly, if unspectacularly, but that's all he had to do against the pony-tailed, 22-year-old Chilean, who could barely keep the ball on court and could never pressure Korda.

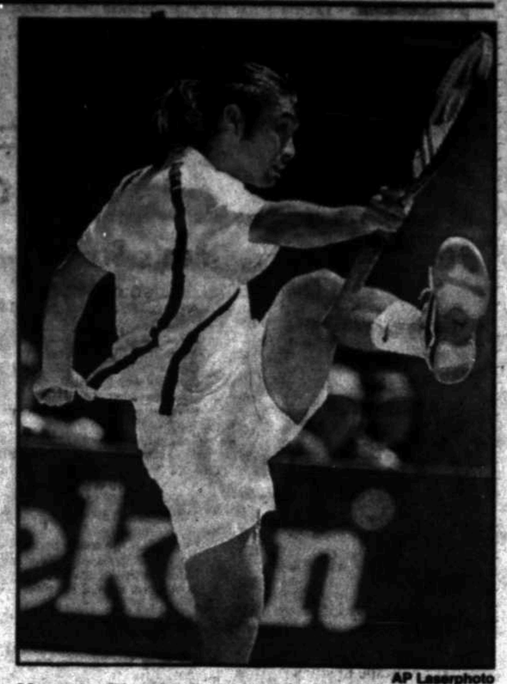
Korda produced 32 winners, mostly off his forehand, compared to Rios' mere seven.

Korda, who will reach a career-high No. 2 in the next rankings, is the first Czech man to win the Australian title since his idol, Ivan Lendl, in 1989 and 1990. In his family home in the Czech Republic, Korda still has a poster autographed by Lendl. Only one other Czech man, Jan Kodes, ever won a Grand Slam title.

Rios, a career-high No. 5 in the next rankings, was the first South American to reach the Australian final since Guillermo Vilas won in 1978 and 1979, and the first Chilean in a Grand Slam final since Luis Ayala was runnerup in the French Open in 1958 and 1960.

Korda, who lost to Rios in straight sets in the first round of last year's Australian Open and fell in the first round two years ago, ruled this match from the sixth game of the opening set, when he broke Rios for the second time for a 4-2 lead.

Korda then held at love and broke Rios for a third straight time to close out the set in 27 minutes. Rios put up little resistance in the second set, going down by the same score in the same amount of time. By then it was clear Korda would have no letdown, and Rios would have nothing in him to claw his way back as he believes he's learned to do.



AP Laserphoto

Marcelo Rios kicks a ball in frustration during his 6-2, 6-2, 6-2 loss to Petr Korda Saturday in the men's finals of the Australian Open.

Rockets snap road losing streak in Philly

Associated Press

NBA Roundup

PHILADELPHIA — Charles Barkley had 14 points and 15 rebounds as the Houston Rockets snapped a five-game road losing streak with a 102-86 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers Saturday night.

Kevin Willis had 18 points, Mario Elie 12 and Eddie Johnson 16 for the Rockets, who haven't lost in their last six trips to Philadelphia. Houston is 3-7 overall in its last 10 games.

The 76ers, who got 22 points from Jim Jackson and 18 points and 12 rebounds from Derrick Coleman, have now lost five in a row after winning five of their previous six.

As has been the case in their last six games, the 76ers had a dismal third quarter, allowing the Rockets to take control of the game.

The Rockets outscored the 76ers 32-20 during the quarter, increasing opponents' third-quarter scoring edge over Philadelphia in the 76ers' last seven games to 176-122.

Nuggets 110, Mavericks 98

DENVER — Reserve Johnny Newman scored 21 points and Bobby Jackson had 20 points and 11 rebounds as the Denver Nuggets snapped an 11-game home losing streak with a victory over the Dallas Mavericks.

Tony Battie added 19 and LaPhonso Ellis had 13 points and a season-high 14 rebounds for Denver, which hadn't won at home since Dec. 7 against the Los Angeles Clippers. The Nuggets won for only the second time in 27 games.

Michael Finley had 38 points for the Mavericks as they lost their 18th straight road game. Dallas had won six of the seven from the Nuggets and hasn't won on the road since Nov. 1 in Seattle.

Cavaliers 90, Pistons 88

CLEVELAND — Zydrunas Ilgauskas had a career-high 32 points and 13 rebounds, and Shawn Kemp added 27 points and 15 rebounds as the Cleveland Cavaliers beat the Detroit Pistons.

Suns 96, Magic 94

ORLANDO, Fla. — Rex Chapman scored eight of his 19 points in the final 37 seconds as Phoenix came from behind to beat Orlando.

Hawks 103, Hornets 83

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Steve Smith and Mookie Blaylock each scored 20 points as Atlanta snapped Charlotte's four-game winning streak.

Rebel soccer team stays perfect in District 7 play

Staff Report

Soccer Roundup

ABILENE — Josh Pressler's penalty kick in the game's 70th minute was the difference as the Midland Lee boys defeated Abilene Cooper 1-0 in District 7 action Saturday in the wet conditions of the Lee Athletic Complex.

"We were happy to get out of there," Lee coach Jon McCulloch said. "The field conditions were horrible. I think that evened up the match. I'm glad we didn't get scored upon or make any mistakes."

With the win, Lee (9-3 overall) moves to 3-0 in district. The Rebs are tied atop the district standings with Abilene High. Both teams will meet next Saturday.

During the game, Lee outshot Cooper 18-9, but really couldn't get too much going. Still, McCulloch thinks his team had the upper hand.

"We played really well defensively and in the midfield," McCulloch said. "We had a lot of opportunities, controlled the game and passed well considering the conditions. My guys were disappointed. They worked really hard to come up with just one goal, especially a penalty kick."

The games wasn't all good for Lee. Forward Troy Henry got two yellow cards (a soft red) after the game was over for taunting and dissent. He will miss the Abilene High game.

Midland High girls beats AHS

ABILENE — Jodie Mitchell scored a goal and had an assist as the Midland High girls defeated Abilene High 4-1.

With the win, MHS (10-2 overall) is all alone in third place in the district standings with a 2-1 record. Abilene High fell to 4-6 and 0-3.

For Midland High, which outshot AHS 20-5, got goals from Jill Knottek and Brenna Byerlotzer in the first half and scores from Kim Elger and Jodie Mitchell in the second.

Assists were dished out by Tiffany Barden, Mitchell and Carin Vadala. MHS' Tori Watson had seven saves.

"I like the fact that we put the ball in the net four times," MHS coach Scott Hodkinson said. "I have been disappointed with the goal scoring lately, so I'm glad to see that. We are not clicking on all the cylinders, yet. The game gave me an opportunity to see all the people. That is good."

MHS will come back to Midland for a game with San Angelo, which could be key to MHS' positioning for the second half.

"I still don't feel we are playing to our potential. Since the Lubbock High game, we haven't done that. It is always good to get a win, but there is room for improvement. We will need to improve to beat some of the better teams in the district."

In junior varsity action, Ashlee Winkler scored twice and Shannon Miller, Sarah Tinslar and Kathleen Coleman each added one goal as MHS won 5-2.

TENNIS: MHS claims title

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prising and everyone should be happy with the results. I know I am."

Heiting said his team had played well in the week leading up to the tournament, which they won by accumulating 100 total points due to high individual finishes. Odessa Permian was second with 88. Tascosa, Big Spring and Midland Lee rounded out the top 5.

However, starting the spring season in this fashion, with two runner-up spots, three thirds and one fourth place finish in the singles and doubles tournaments for boys and girls, is good for later on.

"I told the kids we had a good week of practice and I would like for us to give a great effort to prove we can hang with teams," Heiting said. "Looking at the scorers, depth and balance is how we picked up the most points. That was the difference.

"How the kids perform at each tournament carries over into the next one, leads to players being seeded and builds all the way to the district tournament (in April in San Angelo)."

For Li, a senior, Saturday was a first step to getting back to Austin, in particular the state tournament, where he has been in each of the last three years.

Li defeated Amarillo Tascosa's Avery Ticer 6-3, 7-6 in a match filled with good shotmaking and debate, usually from Ticer, about line calls. Li did a good job of dealing with Ticer's game, mental and otherwise.

"The guy (Ticer) was trying to rattle him but he (Li) kept his composure," said Sarah Corse, coach of the Big Spring tennis team which finished the team tennis season ranked fourth in Class 4A.

"He is a great competitor and is tough. I knew he would comeback and eventually come through."

Li is nursing some injuries, including tendinitis in the shoulder, which has kept him off the court for the last two weeks. Li, however, said those injuries didn't play much of a factor in his match with Ticer. He just looks at it as a win, which is the primary goal. Li is considered one of the better players in West Texas. In fact, he has just lost once in Region I-4A competition.

"My goal is to win every tournament we go to," Li said. "Right now, this is the first step."

Another Big Spring senior, Monica Villarreal walked away with the girls singles title, defeating Midland High junior Toffee Wilson in the process.

Villarreal lost the first set to Wilson and trailed in the second as Wilson, a lefthander, looked to have things going her way with precise ground strokes. However, Villarreal came back to win 4-6, 7-5, 6-3. For MHS Wilson, who played mostly doubles last year, it should be a loss which helps her on later.

"Toffee didn't capitalize on earlier chances in second set, and in the third set, Villarreal made fewer unforced errors overall," Heiting said. "It looks like she will be headed in singles direction. She will get better, more confident and more experienced. That will help a lot."

The MHS doubles team of juniors Justin Brammer and Marlin Geib also made a final appearance before falling to Permian's Clayton Morgan and Tobias Heiler, 6-1, 4-6, 6-2.

"There were a lot of close games where they needed to capitalize and get over the hump," Heiting said. "I think they learned a lot today and this gave them insight on what to work on and how to build their games."

Saturday Results from the Midland High Invitational held at the MHS and Lee Tennis Center:

Team Standings

Midland High 100, Odessa Permian 88, Amarillo Tascosa 85, Big Spring 72, Midland Lee 49, Andrews 44, Odessa High 35, Lubbock High 31.

Girls Singles

First Place: Monica Villarreal, Big Spring def. Toffee Wilson, MHS, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3; **Third Place:** Meryl McClung, MHS, def. Anna McMinn, Permian, 6-3, 6-1

Fifth Place: Laura Barnes, Lubbock High, def. Lewis, Big Spring, 6-4, 6-3. **Seventh Place:** Lisa Moore, Tascosa, def. Melissa Wood, Andrews, 6-3 6-1.

Eight Place: Melissa Mann, PHS, def. Katie Booth, Tascosa, 7-5, 6-2; **11th Place:** Crystal Handley, OHS, def. Blair Long, Andrews, 6-4, 6-1.

12th Place: Hand, Lee, def. Heidi Gerber, OHS, no score reported; **15th Place:** Kahlick, Lee, def. Stefie Ansley, LHS, 7-5, 3-6, 6-1.

Girls Doubles

First Place: Corcoran-Dawson, PHS, def. Cone-Brown, Tascosa, 6-3, 7-6; **Third Place:** Valdez-Hanlon, MHS, Giles-Branum, MHS, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2.

Fifth Place: Stein-Granado, Andrews, def. Vo-Hofer, Lee, 7-5, 6-3. **Seventh Place:** Overbeck-Thompson, Andrews, def. Li-Dominguez, Big Spring, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

Eighth Place: Chow-Morris, Tascosa, def. Green-Moore, PHS, 7-5, 6-1; **11th Place:** Kupper-Sharp, OHS, def. Tissue-Schooler, BS, 6-2, 7-6.

12th Place: Milam-Mansouri, LHS, def. Burke-Carroll, Lee, 6-3, 6-1. **15th Place:** Masters-Allen, OHS, def. Turnipseed-Herd, LHS, 6-2, 6-0.

Boys Singles

First Place: Hsaio-Hsuan Li, Big Spring, def. Avery Ticer, Tascosa, 6-3, 7-6; **Third Place:** Ted Olesen, Tascosa, def. Trent Broach, Lee, 6-4, 6-7, 7-5.

Fifth Place: Travis Vandergriff, MHS, def. Pankaj Patel, OHS, 6-2, 6-4; **Seventh Place:** Luis Flores, LHS, def. Bret McKinley, Andrews, 6-4, 6-1.

Eighth Place: Clayton Vandergriff, MHS, def. Jason Yelley, PHS, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4. **11th Place:** Devon Swafford, Big Spring, def. Mauricio Quintela, OHS, 6-2, 7-6.

12th Place: Keary Beillio, PHS, def. Adam Hoover, LHS, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3; **15th Place:** David Harris, Lee, def. Bonne Hill, Andrews, 6-1, 6-0.

Boys Doubles

First Place: Morgan-Heller, Permian, def. Brammer-Geib, MHS, 6-1, 4-6, 6-2; **Third Place:** Harris-Jones, MHS, def. Ford-Wallace, PHS, 6-3, 6-2.

Fifth Place: Hunt-Breithaupt, Lee, def. Flores-Cordon, Tascosa, 6-4, 6-3; **Seventh Place:** Pursr-Gil, Tascosa, def. Castle-Hillman, BS, 2-6, 6-2, 6-2.

Eighth Place: Lewis-Fuentes, Lee, def. Martinez-Foster, Andrews, 6-4, 6-2; **11th Place:** O'Hearn-Bayou, OHS, def. Jernigan-Oller, LHS, 6-1, 6-2.

12th Place: Foster-Patel, OHS, def. Gunn-Blalock, LHS, 6-4, 6-2; **15th Place:** Lesper-Muniz, Andrews, def. Schroder-Mirales, BS, 6-2, 6-1.

UIL: Rangers may move

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ing for district mates. Also in the mix would be Kermit, Crane and Ozona, who could make the leap up from 2A.

Also Greenwood could be a candidate for a spot in a northern district with bigger schools like Denver City, Seminole and Lamesa, which is expected to move down from 4A. However, Purser sees the western district as his first choice.

"Nobody likes travel, but people will travel if they have a chance for success," Purser said. "Our chances of winning at Presidio is better, not only in football. There are larger programs in bigger enrollment schools. We go up there with big programs if we move north."

Purser, who is also the football coach, also cities non-district scheduling as a reason. Seminole and Denver City were non-district football opponents in 1997.

"What I worry about is everyone's concern and that is making a non-district schedule," Purser said.

One district that shouldn't see too much change is District 4-4A. Andrews, Big Spring, San Angelo Lake View, Pecos, Fort Stockton and Sweetwater should remain pretty much intact with the possible exception being Sweetwater.

"It wouldn't hurt my feelings if they left," jokes Andrews athletic director Mike Lebby about the possible departure of the two-time defending 4-4A champs.

Monahans, a 4-4A member two years ago before dropping to 3A, is expected to be back in 4A, and therefore, back in 4-4A. That would leave the door open for Sweetwater's departure.

"I think that Monahans will come into our district and I think that Sweetwater will go back to the Lubbock district or go east to the Brownwood district," Big Spring coach Dwight Butler said. "There has been talk of Fort Stockton going west. I don't think that will happen."

"I think a six-team district is great and I would like for us to stay that way," Lebby said. Every year there is talk about changes and rarely do changes happen."

Andrews

Enrollment: 999

Best Case Scenario: District stays at six teams with Monahans coming in and Sweetwater leaving to join a northern or eastern district.

Worst Case Scenario: Being moved up north due to Lamesa's probable drop to 3A. Scheduling and tradition would take a big hit.

Expectation: Best Case Scenario is the rule.

Big Spring

Enrollment: 1,050

Best Case Scenario: Monahans comes back and Sweetwater leaves 4-4A.

Worst Case Scenario: There really is none. Big Spring's geography leaves it against most of the same foes.

Expectation: Same as Andrews.

Greenwood

Enrollment: 525.

Best Case Scenario: In one of the more unusual requests, Greenwood wants to go out West and make the long bus drives to Presidio, Ozona, Kermit and Alpine. Greenwood becomes among the largest schools in that district, so coaches will make the sacrifice.

Worst Case Scenario: Greenwood is sent north to join a bunch of larger schools like Lamesa, Denver City, Seminole. Scheduling would be affected and teams' success would suffer.

Expectation: Greenwood could go west, north or even east to a district with Colorado City, Merkel and Ballinger. The Rangers will probably not go north.

Stanton

Enrollment: 240

Best Case Scenario: Stanton gets out of this district.

Worst Case Scenario: UIL picks the status quo.

Expectation: Stanton enjoys two more years of long bus rides.

Average Daily Memberships for past two realignments

Class	1996-98	1994-96
5A	1,650-up	1,600-up
4A	1,649-700	1,599-715
3A	699-305	714-295
2A	304-150	294-145
1A	149-down	144-down
Six-man	84 1/2-down	79-down

Number of Schools

Class	'98-99	'94-95
5A	229	240
4A	214	188
3A	211	220
2A	219	210
1A	291	302

1A includes 11-man football, six-man and basketball-only schools.

Reid wins 7th straight pro fight

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Junior middleweight David Reid of Philadelphia ran his pro record to 7-0 Saturday with a unanimous eight-round decision over Robert Frazier.

Reid, the former Olympic gold medalist who turned pro last year, knocked down Frazier in the first with a hard right to the head, the second punch of a left-right combination.

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SPORTS SCOREBOARD

NBA Results

Standings
By The Associated Press
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	27	16	.628	—
New Jersey	25	19	.568	2 1/2
New York	24	19	.558	3
Washington	23	23	.500	5 1/2
Orlando	21	25	.457	7 1/2
Boston	20	24	.455	7 1/2
Philadelphia	14	29	.326	13

Central Division

Indiana	31	12	.721	1/2
Chicago	33	13	.717	—
Atlanta	28	18	.609	4 1/2
Charlotte	27	18	.600	5
Cleveland	26	18	.591	5 1/2
Milwaukee	22	22	.500	9 1/2
Detroit	21	24	.467	11
Toronto	10	34	.227	21 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	32	14	.696	—
Utah	29	14	.674	1 1/2
Minnesota	25	18	.581	5 1/2
Houston	21	22	.488	9 1/2
Vancouver	13	32	.289	18 1/2
Dallas	8	36	.182	23
Denver	4	40	.091	27

Pacific Division

Seattle	35	10	.778	—
L.A. Lakers	32	11	.744	2
Phoenix	29	14	.674	5
Portland	24	19	.558	10
Sacramento	19	26	.422	16
L.A. Clippers	10	36	.217	25 1/2
Golden State	8	35	.186	26

Saturday's Games
Late game not included
Atlanta 103, Charlotte 83
Cleveland 90, Detroit 88
Houston 102, Philadelphia 86
Phoenix 96, Orlando 94
Denver 110, Dallas 98
New Jersey at Vancouver, late.

Sunday's Games
Miami at New York, 11 a.m.
Milwaukee at Minnesota, 2:30 p.m.
Chicago at L.A. Lakers, 2:30 p.m.
Houston at Boston, 6 p.m.
Utah at Golden State, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Sacramento, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Portland, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at L.A. Clippers, 8 p.m.
New Jersey at Seattle, 8 p.m.

Hawks 103, Hornets 83
ATLANTA (103): Laettner 3-8 1-2 7, Corbin 3-7 0-0 6, Mutombo 6-7 1-2 13, Smith 7-15 3-4 20, Blaylock 8-18 2-4 20, Recasner 1-3 2-2 4, Henderson 4-9 5-6 13, Brown 6-9 2-3 14, Anderson 1-1 0-0 2, Crawford 2-2 0-0 4, Miller 0-0 0-2 0, Barry 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 41-79 16-25 103.
CHARLOTTE (83): Mason 5-10 1-3 11, Rice 4-15 11-12 19, Geiger 3-8 3-4 9, Wesley 2-11 6-6 11, Phills 1-3 2-2 4, Armstrong 3-7 0-0 6, Reid 3-7 1-2 7, Williams 1-5 1-2 3, Royal 3-6 3-3 9, Farmer 1-3 2-2 4. Totals 26-75 30-36 83.

Atlanta	**28**	**26**	**19**	**26 — 103**
Charlotte	**25**	**20**	**25**	**13 — 83**

3-Point goals—Atlanta 5-9 (Smith 3-4, Blaylock 2-3, Corbin 0-1, Recasner 0-1), Charlotte 1-8 (Wesley 1-2, Phills 0-1, Armstrong 0-1, Reid 0-1, Rice 0-3). Fouled out—Laettner. Rebounds—Atlanta 58 (Mutombo 13), Charlotte 44 (Mason 11). Assists—Atlanta 25 (Smith, Blaylock 7), Charlotte 12 (Wesley 3). Total fouls—Atlanta 25, Charlotte 20. Technicals—Atlanta coach Wilkins, illegal defense (2). A—24,042 (24,042).

Rockets 102, 76ers 86
HOUSTON (102): Elie 2-6 8-8 12, Barkley 5-11 4-4 14, Willis 8-17 2-2 18, Rhodes 2-5 4-7 8, Drexler 5-13 0-0 10, Price 4-6 2-2 12, Harrington 6-11 0-0 12, Johnson 6-9 2-2 16, Davis 0-0 0-0 0, Jones 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 38-78 22-25 102.
PHILADELPHIA (86): Thomas 4-7 0-0 9, Coleman 8-15 2-2 18, Ratliff 4-6 1-3 9, Jackson 9-11 4-4 22, Iverson 3-14 4-6 10, Davis 1-3 0-0 2, Snow 2-3 0-1 4, Cummings 2-5 0-0 4, Weatherspoon 0-0 0-0 0, McKie 2-6 0-0 4, Williams 1-1 0-0 2, Parker 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 37-74 11-16 86.

Houston	**17**	**22**	**32**	**31 — 102**
Philadelphia	**29**	**20**	**23**	**14 — 86**

3-Point goals—Houston 4-15 (Price 2-3, Johnson 2-5, Barkley 0-1, Elie 0-2, Drexler 0-4), Philadelphia 1-11 (Thomas 1-3, Snow 0-1, Coleman 0-1, Parker 0-2, Iverson 0-4). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Houston 47 (Barkley 15), Philadelphia 38 (Coleman 12). Assists—Houston 19 (Barkley 6), Philadelphia 25 (Jackson 6). Total fouls—Houston 18, Philadelphia 18. Technicals—Philadelphia coach Brown, Iverson, Philadelphia illegal defense 2. A—20,514 (20,444).

Suns 98, Magic 94
PHOENIX (98): Robinson 8-14 7-12 23, McDyess 6-8 1-2 13, Bryant 2-3 2-2 6, Chapman 6-13 5-6 19, Kidd 5-17 4-4 15, Williams 1-2 0-0 2, Manning 2-6 3-4 7, Nash 4-8 1-2 9, McCloud 0-4 2-4 2. Totals 34-75 25-36 98.
ORLANDO (94): Outlaw 2-8 0-0 4, Grant 4-10 2-4 10, Seikaly 2-7 4-6 8, Anderson 5-9 0-0 11, Armstrong 4-13 2-3 12, Hardaway 5-18 0-0 11, Price 4-8 3-3 13, Strong 9-13 7-10 25, Evans 0-0 0-0 0, Scheyes 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-86 18-26 94.

Phoenix	**28**	**22**	**19**	**27 — 96**
Orlando	**17**	**28**	**22**	**27 — 94**

3-Point goals—Phoenix 3-15 (Chapman 2-2, Kidd 1-9, Robinson 0-1, McCloud 0-3), Orlando 6-10 (Armstrong 2-3, Price 2-3, Anderson 1-2, Hardaway 1-2). Fouled out—Anderson. Rebounds—Phoenix 50 (McDyess 9), Orlando 61 (Seikaly 11). Assists—Phoenix 18 (Kidd 11), Orlando 21 (Hardaway 9). Total fouls—Phoenix 22, Orlando 27. Technicals—Robinson, Phoenix illegal defense, Orlando coach Daly, Anderson. A—17,248 (17,248).

Nuggets 110, Mavericks 98
DALLAS (98): Finley 12-26 12-14 38, Scott 7-17 1-2 17, Bradley 1-10 2-2 4, Strickland 4-8 0-0 9, Davis 7-14 0-0 16, Riley 1-2 0-0 2, Green 2-6 0-2 4, Reeves 2-3 4-4 8, Anstey 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 36-87 19-24 98.
DENVER (110): Battie 6-14 3-7 19, L.Ellis 4-11 4-4 13, Garrett 7-12 1-1 15, Jackson 10-19 0-0 20, Washington 1-4 0-0 2, Newman 8-16 4-4 21, Fortson 1-2 0-0 2, Goldwire 6-7 1-1 14, Wolf 1-2 0-0 2, H.Ellis 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 47-88 13-17 110.

Dallas	**23**	**21**	**26**	**28 — 98**
Denver	**18**	**32**	**27**	**33 — 110**

3-Point goals—Dallas 7-17 (Davis 2-4, Finley 2-4, Scott 2-7, Strickland 1-2), Denver 3-10 (L.Ellis 1-2, Goldwire 1-2, Newman 1-3, Jackson 0-1, Washington 0-1, Wolf 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Dallas 41 (Green 8), Denver 60 (L.Ellis 14). Assists—Dallas 17 (Davis, Finley 5), Denver 29 (L.Ellis, Goldwire 5). Total fouls—Dallas 15, Denver 24. Technicals—Bradley, Fortson. Flagrant fouls—Fortson. Ejections—Fortson. A—12,531 (17,171).

Cavaliers 90, Pistons 88
DETROIT (88): Hill 6-17 7-9 19, B.Williams 5-10 0-0 10, Montross 3-4 0-0 6, Dumars 3-11 3-3 11, Stackhouse 3-12 4-5 11, J.Williams 3-6 1-1 7, Hunter 7-18 4-5 18, Sealy 1-5 2-2 4, Mahorn 1-2 0-0 2, Reid 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 32-87 21-25 88.
CLEVELAND (90): Henderson 1-8 0-0 2, Kemp 11-17 5-6 27, Ilgauskas 12-14 8-9 32, Knight 3-6 1-2 7, Person 5-13 3-3 14, Brooks 0-2 0-0 0, Ferry 1-3 0-0 2, Sura 0-3 0-0 0, James 2-6 0-0 4, Potapenko 0-0 2-2 2. Totals 35-72 19-22 90.

Detroit	**16**	**34**	**14**	**24 — 88**
Cleveland	**22**	**24**	**24**	**20 — 90**

3-Point goals—Detroit 3-14 (Dumars 2-6, Stackhouse 1-5, Hunter 0-3), Cleveland 1-9 (Person 1-7, James 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Detroit 43 (Hill 10), Cleveland 56 (Kemp 15). Assists—Detroit 17 (Hill 7), Cleveland 28 (Knight 10). Total fouls—Detroit 21, Cleveland 21. Technicals—Detroit coach Collins, Cleveland illegal defense. A—20,562 (20,562).

Australian Open

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Results Sunday of the $6.7 million Australian Open at Melbourne Park:

Men
Singles
Championship
Final
Petr Korda (6), Czech Republic, def. Marcelo Rios (9), Chile, 6-2, 6-2.

Mixed Doubles
Final
Justin Gimelstob, United States, and Venus Williams, United States, def. Cyril Suk, Czech Republic, and Helena Sukova (5), Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-1.

College Basketball Results

Men's Scores

SOUTHWEST
Ark.-Little Rock 65, Louisiana Tech 47
Arkansas St. 79, Lamar 65
Nevada 91, North Texas 90
Oklahoma 80, Texas A&M 71
Oral Roberts 75, Buffalo 63
Southern Meth. 91, Rice 67
Stephen F.Austin 77, Sam Houston St. 69
Texas 88, Oklahoma St. 73
Texas-Arlington 73, McNeese St. 68

FAR WEST
Arizona St. 90, Stanford 87, OT
Cal Poly-SLO 87, Cal St.-Fullerton 84
Colorado 77, Kansas St. 66
Colorado St. 79, Air Force 59
Montana St. 95, Idaho St. 75
N. Arizona 86, CS Northridge 85, OT
New Mexico St. 84, Utah St. 69
Oregon 74, Oregon St. 67
Portland 69, San Francisco 62
Southern Cal 75, Washington St. 69, OT
St. Mary's, Cal. 99, Loyola Marymount 81
Texas-El Paso 68, Brigham Young 59
UCLA 105, Washington 94
Wyoming 73, UNLV 62

MIDWEST
Ball St. 106, Ohio U. 57
Cent. Michigan 79, Akron 77
Creighton 63, S. Illinois 61
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E. Michigan 71, Miami, Ohio 67
Ill.-Chicago 82, Wright St. 70
Illinois St. 88, N. Iowa 77
Indiana 95, Minnesota 82
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Michigan St. 72, Northwestern 66, OT
Missouri 63, Iowa St. 56
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N. Illinois 65, Marshall 60
Purdue 82, Wisconsin 59
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SW Missouri St. 74, Indiana St. 56
Saint Louis 64, Louisville 55
Southern Miss. 77, DePaul 67
Toledo 53, Bowling Green 41
Valparaiso 102, Chicago St. 74
W. Michigan 86, Kent 56
Wichita St. 62, Evansville 57
Wis.-Milwaukee 81, Cleveland St. 78
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Ala.-Birmingham 78, Houston 61
Arkansas 76, Mississippi St. 73
Auburn 68, Mississippi 67
Austin Peay 85, Tennessee St. 65
Cent. Florida 81, Florida Atlantic 72
Chattanooga 64, Furman 54
Citadel 68, Georgia Southern 45
Coll. of Charleston 67, Mercer 47
Coppin St. 83, Delaware St. 60
Davidson 77, Appalachian St. 71
E. Tennessee St. 74, UNC-Greensboro 54
Fla. International 101, Stetson 80
Georgia St. 82, Campbell 58
Grambling St. 86, Miss. Valley St. 81
Howard U. 67, Bethune-Cookman 47
Jackson St. 62, Alabama St. 55
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Jacksonville St. 75, Centenary 68
Memphis 73, N.C. Charlotte 70
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Morgan St. 84, Florida A&M 65
Murray St. 109, Tennessee Tech 70
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N.C.-Wilmington 65, George Mason 63
NE Louisiana 80, SE Louisiana 69
Nicholls St. 71, NW Louisiana 62
North Carolina 79, Wake Forest 73
Old Dominion 69, Va. Commonwealth 56
Radford 77, Liberty 59
Richmond 57, James Madison 50
S. Carolina St. 80, Hampton U. 67
Samford 110, Troy St. 64
South Alabama 105, Texas-Pan American 70
South Florida 70, Florida St. 68
Southern U. 91, Alcorn St. 75
Tennessee 72, LSU 65
VMI 94, W. Carolina 80
Vanderbilt 66, Georgia 64
W. Kentucky 75, New Orleans 55

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Connecticut 73, Rutgers 56
Dartmouth 76, Brown 60
Duquesne 89, La Salle 78
Fairleigh Dickinson 71, St. Francis, NY 67
George Washington 75, Virginia Tech 61
Hartford 84, Towson 75
Holstra 92, Boston U. 84
Illinois 77, Penn St. 71
Lafayette 81, Lehigh 66
Long Island U. 83, Cent. Connecticut St. 81
Loyola, Md. 75, Manhattan 62
Marist 52, Canisius 51
Md.-Baltimore County 73, Winthrop 51
Navy 87, Army 66
New Hampshire 90, Maine 89, 2OT
Niagara 82, Fairfield 77
Northeastern 71, Drexel 68, 2OT
Notre Dame 73, St. John's 65
Penn 79, Cornell 68
Princeton 58, Columbia 45
Rider 66, St. Peter's 58
Seton Hall 68, Providence 56
St. Bonaventure 70, St. Joseph's 56
Vermont 86, Delaware 76
Villanova 78, Miami 75
Wagner 64, Robert Morris 62
Xavier 79, Temple 73
Yale 71, Harvard 65, OT

No. 24 Xavier 79, Temple 73
XAVIER (14-5): Johnson 0-2 2-4 2, Williams 8-16 4-4 24, Braggs 2-5 5-6 9, Brown 6-12 1-2 16, Lumpkin 3-10 2-2 10, Posey 4-9 6-6 15, McAfee 1-2 0-0 3, Payne 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 24-56 20-24 79.
TEMPLE (12-6): Dunkley 1-2 0-0 3, Stewart 3-6 1-1 7, Barnes 4-7 1-2 9, Greer 5-12 1-2 16, Brokenborough 4-11 8-11 19, Wadley 4-10 4-4 16, Sanders 1-1 1-1 3, Moore 0-1 0-0 0, Tabb 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 22-50 16-21 73.

Xavier	**20**	**36**	**15**	**8 — 79**
Temple	**31**	**15**	**16**	**11 — 73**

Halftime—Xavier 36, Temple 35. 3-Point goals—Xavier 11-26 (Williams 4-6, Brown 3-7, Lumpkin 2-7, McAfee 1-1, Posey 1-8), Temple 13-27 (Greer 5-8, Wadley 4-8, Brokenborough 3-8, Dunkley 1-1, Stewart 0-1, Moore 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Xavier 34 (Braggs 10), Temple 32 (Stewart, Brokenborough 9). Assists—Xavier 14 (Lumpkin 8), Temple 15 (Brokenborough 6). Total fouls—Xavier 17, Temple 19. A—8,691.

No. 25 Indiana 95, Minnesota 82
MINNESOTA (9-11): Q.Lewis 3-11 2-4 8, Sanden 0-2 0-0 0, Jacobson 9-19 3-5 22, Clark 8-11 0-0 15, Harris 9-13 7-7 28, Tarver 1-4 3-4 5, Nathaniel 1-2 0-0 2, Archambault 0-3 2-2 2, Broxsie 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-65 17-22 82.
INDIANA (15-6): Miller 2-5 1-3 5, Recker 5-10 2-2 13, Patterson 5-8 0-0 10, M.Lewis 0-3 16-20 16, Guyton 7-16 4-4 23, Gladness 5-6 1-3 11, Jimenez 4-4 1-2 11, Turner 1-2 0-0 2, Richardson 0-0 4-4 4, Eggers 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 29-55 29-38 95.

Minnesota	**28**	**22**	**19**	**27 — 96**
Indiana	**17**	**28**	**22**	**27 — 94**

Halftime—Indiana 45, Minnesota 28. 3-point goals—Minnesota 7-18 (Clark 3-5, Harris 3-5, Jacobson 1-4, Archambault 0-1, Q.Lewis 0-3), Indiana 8-19 (Guyton 5-10, Jimenez 2-2, Recker 1-3, Miller 0-1, M.Lewis 0-1, Patterson 0-2). Fouled out—Q.Lewis. Rebounds—Minnesota 33 (Q.Lewis 11), Indiana 38 (Miller, Patterson 6). Assists—Minnesota 14 (Q.Lewis 4), Indiana 25 (M.Lewis 10). Total fouls—Minnesota 24, Indiana 22. Technicals—Minnesota coach Haskins 2 (ejected), Minnesota assistant coach Brown. A—17,146.

No. 2 North Carolina 79, WakeForest 73
NORTH CAROLINA (22-1): Oluoja 4-9 6-7 14, Ndiaye 1-6 0-0 2, Carter 4-9 1-3 10, Cota 2-4 6-7 10, Sh.Williams 9-14 0-0 20, Jamison 7-15 7-8 21, Haywood 0-1 2-2 2. Totals 27-58 22-27 79.
WAKE FOREST (11-6): Arinze 2-12 1-2 5, Shoemaker 1-3 0-0 2, Vidaurreta 2-8 0-0 5, Rutland 4-13 0-0 12, O'Kelley 9-20 0-0 25, Goolsby 7-13 0-0 19, Braswell 2-4 0-0 5, McMillan 0-0 0-0 0, Griffin 0-0 0-0 0, Arnoett 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 27-71 1-2 73.

North Carolina	**28**	**22**	**32**	**31 — 113**
Wake Forest	**48**	**25**	**0**	**0 — 73**

Halftime—Wake Forest 48, North Carolina 36. 3-point baskets—North Carolina 3-6 (Sh.Williams 2-3, Carter 1-3, Oluoja 0-2), Wake Forest 18-43 (O'Kelley 7-15, Goolsby 5-11, Rutland 4-12, Vidaurreta 1-2, Braswell 1-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—North Carolina 41 (Jamison 14), Wake Forest 35 (Vidaurreta 14). Assists—North Carolina 12 (Cota 4), Wake Forest 16 (O'Kelley 6). Total Fouls—North Carolina 10, Wake Forest 19. A—14,407.

No. 8 UCLA 105, Washington 94
WASHINGTON (13-5): Femerling 2-5 2-4 6, MacCulloch 12-16 2-4 26, Luton 7-18 2-4 16, Watts 6-13 3-3 15, Wooten 0-0 0-0 0, Green 5-9 0-0 10, Thompson 0-1 0-0 0, Walcott 0-1 0-1 0, M.Johnson 4-6 0-0 9, Dickau 2-3 4-4 10. Totals 38-72 13-20 94.
UCLA (17-3): Henderson 8-11 0-1 16, K.Johnson 9-18 6-6 26, Bailey 8-17 4-7 22, Watson 3-7 0-0 8, Davis 6-12 4-5 17, McCoy 7-8 2-2 16, Reed 0-3 0-0 0, Loyd 0-0 0-0 0, Knight 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 41-77 16-21 105.

Washington	**25**	**27**	**19**	**23 — 94**
UCLA	**52**	**34**	**19**	**0 — 105**

Halftime—UCLA 52, Washington 34. 3-point goals—Washington 5-19 (Dickau 2-2, Luton 2-11, M.Johnson 1-1, Watts 0-5), UCLA 7-15 (K.Johnson 2-4, Watson 2-4, Bailey 2-5, Davis 1-1, Knight 0-1). Fouled out—Davis. Rebounds—Washington 35 (MacCulloch 13), UCLA 40 (McCoy 10). Assists—Washington 21 (Watts 6), UCLA 25 (Bailey, Watson 11 each). Total fouls—Washington 16, UCLA 18. Technical—Washington bench. A—11,242.

No. 11 Princeton 58, Columbia 45
COLUMBIA (8-12): Namolik 1-6 1-2 3, Crep 4-7 0-1 11, Wachob 3-5 1-1 8, Yasser 3-3 0-0 6, Raimondo 3-13 6-9 13, Mboya 1-1 2-2 4, Barnes 0-2 0-0 0, Marley 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 15-38 10-15 45.
PRINCETON (16-1): Lewullis 3-7 0-0 6, Mastaglio 4-10 0-0 8, Goodrich 3-10 2-4 9, Earl 8-11 0-0 21, Henderson 5-11 1-4 11, Walton 1-3 0-0 3, Rocca 0-0 0-0 0, Chapman 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 24-52 3-8 58.

Columbia	**15**	**15**	**6**	**9 — 45**
Princeton	**23**	**22**	**3**	**10 — 58**

Halftime—Princeton 23-22. 3-Point goals—Columbia 5-9 (Crep 3-5, Wachob 1-2, Raimondo 1-2) Princeton 7-27 (Earl 5-7, Walton 1-3, Goodrich 1-4, Lewullis 0-4, Henderson 0-4, Mastaglio 0-5) Fouled out—Walton. Rebounds—Columbia 29 (Crep, Raimondo 7), Princeton 29 (Mastaglio, Goodrich 8). Assists—Columbia 8 (Yasser, Raimondo 3) Princeton 17 (Goodrich 9). Total fouls—Columbia 17, Princeton 18. Attendance—6,524.

No. 9 Connecticut 73, Rutgers 56
RUTGERS (8-11): Greer 2-6 0-0 5, Hodgson 5-9 0-0 14, Clark 5-10 2-2 12, Johnson 7-14 1-2 17, Billet 0-9 1-2 1, Tenys 1-4 0-1 2, Sanders 2-5 1-3 5, Totals 22-57 5-10 56.
CONNECTICUT (19-3): Freeman 4-6 2-3 10, Hamilton 6-19 3-3 17, Voskuhl 4-5 1-1 9, Moore 4-6 0-0 10, El-Amin 5-12 0-0 12, Jones 3-4 0-0 6, Mouring 0-0 0-0 0, Glazer 0-0 0-0 0, Hardnett 2-5 2-2 7, Wane 0-0 0-2 0, Harrison 1-1 0-0 2, Totals 29-58 8-11 73.

Rutgers	**25**	**5**	**0**	**26 — 56**
Connecticut	**40**	**13**	**8**	**12 — 73**

Halftime—Connecticut 40, Rutgers 25. 3-Point goals—Rutgers 7-16 (Hodgson 4-5, Johnson 2-3, Greer 1-3, Billet 0-4, Sanders 0-1), Connecticut 7-19 (Hamilton 2-10, El-Amin 2-6, Moore 2-2, Hardnett 1-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Rutgers 25 (Greer, Sanders 5), Connecticut 44 (Voskuhl 10). Assists—Rutgers 13 (Johnson, Billet 4), Connecticut 15 (Hamilton 5). Total fouls—Rutgers 14, Connecticut 16. Technical—Connecticut bench. A—10,027.

Arizona State 90, No. 4 Stanford 87, OT
ARIZONA STATE (14-6): Lazor 7-14 7-7 22, Batiste 6-11 4-5 17, House 3-8 1-2 10, Lewis 2-5 4-4 8, Veal 7-13 11-13 27, Kelly 2-3 2-2 6. Totals 27-54 29-33 90.
STANFORD (18-2): Sauer 4-11 0-0 9, Van Elswyk 1-2 0-0 2, Young 9-21 8-11 24, Weems 3-7 2-2 11, Lee 4-11 2-2 13, Collins 1-3 0-0 2, Madsen 3-6 4-4 10, Tshionyi 0-0 0-0 0, Mendez 4-7 0-0 11, Moseley 0-2 0-0 0, Seaton 2-2 1-2 5, McDonald 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 31-75 15-21 87.

Arizona State	**38**	**7**	**14**	**23**	**8 — 90**
Stanford	**38**	**7**	**14**	**20**	**8 — 87**

Halftime—Stanford 40, Arizona State 38. 3-Point goals—Arizona State 7-14 (House 3-4, Veal 2-3, Lazor 1-2, Batiste 1-2, Lewis 0-3), Stanford 10-22 (Mendez 3-4, Weems 3-6, Lee 3-7, Sauer 1-3, McDonald 0-2). Fouled out—Batiste. Rebounds—Arizona State 36 (Lazor 14), Stanford 40 (Young 12). Assists—Arizona State 17 (Lewis 7), Stanford 26 (Lee 10). Total fouls—Arizona State 19, Stanford 25. A—7,391.

No. 10 Purdue 82, Wisconsin 59
WISCONSIN (10-11): Auriantal 3-12 2-2 9, Daugherty 7-11 2-2 16, Coleman 2-2 0-0 4, Mason 6-11 2-2 15, Kelley 0-2 0-0 0, Kowske 2-5 0-0 4, Burkemper 0-1 2-2 2, Duany 2-11 0-0 5, Linton 1-3 1-2 4, Vershaw 0-0 0-0 0, Chambers 0-0 0-0 0, Vraney 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 23-58 9-10 59.
PURDUE (19-4): Cornell 3-9 4-4 12, Robinson 3-6 0-0 6, Miller 1-2 7-8 9, Austin 9-16 5-6 24, Eldridge 5-9 0-0 15, McQuay 1-5 0-0 2, Cardinal 3-5 4-4 12, Mayfield 0-0 0-0 0, Kerkhof 0-0 0-0 0, Carretta 0-0 2-2 2, Barnes 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 25-53 22-24 82.

Wisconsin	**28**	**3**	**9**	**19 — 59**
Purdue	**35**	**13**	**20**	**14 — 82**

Halftime—Purdue 35, Wisconsin 28. 3-Point goals—Wisconsin 4-16 (Linton 1-1, Auriantal 1-4, Mason 1-4, Duany 1-6, Kelley 0-1), Purdue 10-19 (Eldridge 5-7, Cardinal 2-2, Cornell 2-5, Austin 1-4, Barnes 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Wisconsin 29 (Daugherty 10), Purdue 34 (Robinson 7). Assists—Wisconsin 12 (Burkemper 5), Purdue 17 (Austin, Eldridge 4). Total fouls—Wisconsin 21, Purdue 15. A—14,123.

No. 22 Michigan State 72, Northwestern 66, OT
MICHIGAN STATE (15-4): Smith 0-5 3-6 3, Klein 2-11 0-0 5, Hutson 1-2 0-0 2, Cleaves 10-20 8-10 34, Bell 1-4 4-4 7, Thomas 0-0 0-0 0, Davis 0-0 0-0 0, Peterson 3-8 0-1 8, Granger 1-1 1-2 3, Wiley 5-7 0-0 10. Totals 23-58 16-23 72.
NORTHWESTERN (8-10): Harmsen 5-8 0-2 10, Branch 1-4 0-0 3, E. Eschmeyer 12-18 6-13 30, Bonner 1-5 0-0 2, Wink 5-8 2-2 17, Kammrath 0-0 0-0 0, Harris 0-0 0-0 0, Pomeday 0-1 2-2 2, Molnar 0-1 2-2 2. Totals 24-45 12-21 66.

Michigan State	**26**	**7**	**9**	**20**	**10 — 72**
Northwestern	**26**	**8**	**13**	**13**	**6 — 66**

Halftime—Northwestern 26, Michigan State 25. End of Regulation—Northwestern 55, Michigan State 55. 3-Point goals—Michigan State 10-20 (Cleaves 6-10, Peterson 2-5, Bell 1-2, Klein 1-3), Northwestern 6-10 (Wink 5-6, Branch 1-2, Bonner 0-2). Fouled out—Wiley. Rebounds—Michigan State 31 (Klein 9), Northwestern 35 (Eschmeyer 14). Assists—Michigan State 15 (Cleaves 9), Northwestern 19 (Bonner 9). Total fouls—Michigan State 21, Northwestern 19. A—6,053.

Auburn 68, No. 12 Mississippi 67
MISSISSIPPI (14-4): Smith 1-4 0-0 2, Sesay 5-14 16-17 26, Boone 0-2 0-1 0, White 2-3 0-0 4, Carter 1-5 0-0 3, Cantrell 1-7 0-0 3, Flanigan 3-5 0-0 9, Darby 6-16 3-4 18, Rogers 0-2 0-0 0, Lockhart 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 20-60 19-22 67.
AUBURN (13-6): Chilliest 1-1 0-0 2, Williams 2-5 0-0 4, N'diaye 4-10 7-11 15, Pohlman 4-10 1-2 12, Robinson 6-12 5-6 18, Smith 2-5 1-3 5, Fishback 4-6 1-2 11, Hughes 0-6 1-2 1. Totals 23-55 16-28 68.

Mississippi	**32**	**3**	**0**	**32 — 67**
Auburn	**32**	**3**	**0**	**33 — 68**

Halftime—Mississippi 37, Auburn 32. 3-Point goals—Mississippi 8-21 (Flanigan 3-4, Darby 3-8, Carter 1-4, Cantrell 1-4, White 0-1), Auburn 6-14 (Pohlman 3-7, Fishback 2-3, Robinson 1-3, Williams 0-1). Fouled out—Smith, Chilliest. Rebounds—Mississippi 42 (White 8), Auburn 33 (N'diaye 9). Assists—Mississippi 11 (White 4), Auburn 12 (Pohlman, Robinson, Smith 3). Total fouls—Mississippi 28, Auburn 23. A—6,935.

No. 15 Arkansas 76, Mississippi St. 73
ARKANSAS (18-3): Williams 2-4 1-1 6, Hood 3-7 1-2 7, N.Davis 3-12 0-3 6, Reid 6-11 4-6 19, Bradley 5-17 6-6 19, Wallace 1-5 0-0 3, Adebayo 2-5 2-2 6, Thompson 4-7 2-2 10, Jennings 0-1 0-0 0, Whitney 0-0 0-0 0, Walker 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 26-70 16-22 76.
MISSISSIPPI STATE (13-8): Hughes 1-3 0-0 2, Webster 6-16 5-6 17, Washington 6-10 1-6 13, Myles 0-3 0-0 0, White 8-11 0-0 17, Moore 5-6 3-4 14, Hamilton 3-9 0-1 6, Roberts 2-3 0-0 4, Hyche 0-2 0-0 0, Redding 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 31-63 9-17 73.

Arkansas	**38**	**7**	**14**	**18 — 76**
Mississippi St.	**36**	**8**	**13**	**16 — 73**

Halftime—Mississippi St. 36, Arkansas 36. 3-point goals—Arkansas 8-21 (Reid 3-6, Bradley 3-9, Williams 1-2, Wallace 1-3, Walker 0-1), Mississippi St. 2-9 (Moore 1-1, White 1-2, Myles 0-1, Hughes 0-2, Hamilton 0-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Arkansas 39 (N.Davis 13), Mississippi St. 45 (Webster 11). Assists—Arkansas 6 (Reid 2), Mississippi St. 22 (White 8). Total fouls—Arkansas 19, Mississippi St. 19. A—7,834

Women's Scores

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Delaware 67, Vermont 62
Harvard 74, Yale 54
Lafayette 68, Lehigh 60
Loyola, Md. 67, St. Peter's 55
Miami 81, Georgetown 74
N. Illinois 86, Marshall 82
Navy 74, Army 48
Niagara 84, Rider 66
Northeastern 62, Drexel 50
Princeton 40, Columbia 28

No. 5 Tech tumbles to Stanford

Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Kristin Folkl scored 20 points and No. 9 Stanford beat No. 5 Texas Tech 80-71 Saturday in the second game of the Pac 10-Big 12 Challenge before a sellout crowd of 8,266.

Stanford (12-5) overcame a six-point halftime deficit, outscoring the Lady Raiders 50-35 in the second half although Folkl sat out the final eight minutes.

Folkl left after spraining a finger when someone stepped on her right hand in a scramble for a loose ball.

Tenth-ranked Arizona won the first game of the Challenge, beating Kansas 67-62.

The Pac 10-leading Cardinal have won 10 of their last 11 games since Folkl joined the team after helping the volleyball team to the national championship.

It was the second home loss for Texas Tech (15-3) and the first time Stanford has beaten the Lady Raiders in Lubbock in three tries.

Alicia Thompson led the Lady Raiders with 20 points and 14 rebounds, but did not score in the last eight minutes.

Angie Braziel scored 19 points for Tech and Julie Lake added 14 points.

Olympia Scott scored 12 of her 18 points in the second half for Stanford, helping to erase a 36-30 halftime deficit.

Milena Flores had 12 of her 15 points in the second half, including consecutive 3-pointers that put Stanford ahead for the first time at 56-52 with nine minutes left in the game.

Tech never regained the lead. The Lady Raiders closed to 69-65 on a basket by Braziel with 3:44 left, but Stanford countered with a basket by Scott, a 3-pointer by Flores and a basket by Heather Owen, who finished with 10 points.

No. 10 Arizona 67, Kansas 62

LUBBOCK — Adia Barnes scored 17 points, including a pair of free throws with 5.7 seconds to go that sealed No. 10 Arizona's victory over Kansas in the Big 12-Pac 10 Challenge.

Arizona (14-4) took a 31-19 halftime lead and extended that to 38-21 after two Barnes free throws three minutes into the second half.

Kansas (13-5) went on a 17-4 run, including a 3-pointer by Suzi Raymant with 11:34 to go that trimmed the deficit to 42-38.

The Jayhawks stayed close the rest of the way. Another 3-pointer by Raymant and a free throw by Jaclyn Johnson pulled Kansas within 64-62 with 26 seconds left.

After a free throw by Arizona's Lisa Griffith, Kansas had a chance to tie the game on a 3-pointer from the top of the circle by Lynn Pride. The shot, however, was blocked by Marte Alexander with 10 seconds left.

Barnes then iced the game with her clutch free throws.

Alexander finished with 13 points and 6 rebounds to go with three blocks, while Griffith added 10 points for the Wildcats.

Raymant and Johnson each had 16 points and Pride 11 for Kansas.

Stephen F. Austin 90, Sam Houston St. 56

NACOGDOCHES — Katrina Price scored 24 points, leading No. 22 Stephen F. Austin past Sam Houston State, becoming SFA's all-time leading scorer.

Price now has 2,078 points over her career at SFA, breaking the record of 2,062 set by Annie Norris.

SFA (17-2) won its 15th straight game. Christie Smith added 22 points and 14 rebounds and Anitra Davis had 21 points and 12 rebounds. Stephanie Whitmore dished out 11 assists.

Shayla Teague led Sam Houston State (9-9) with 14 points.

The Ladyjacks outrebounded the Ladykats 55-43, with Christie Smith leading the way with 14. Tara Treat had nine rebounds for Sam Houston State.

Stephen F. Austin led at the half, 47-26.

UTEP 50, No. 11 Utah 46

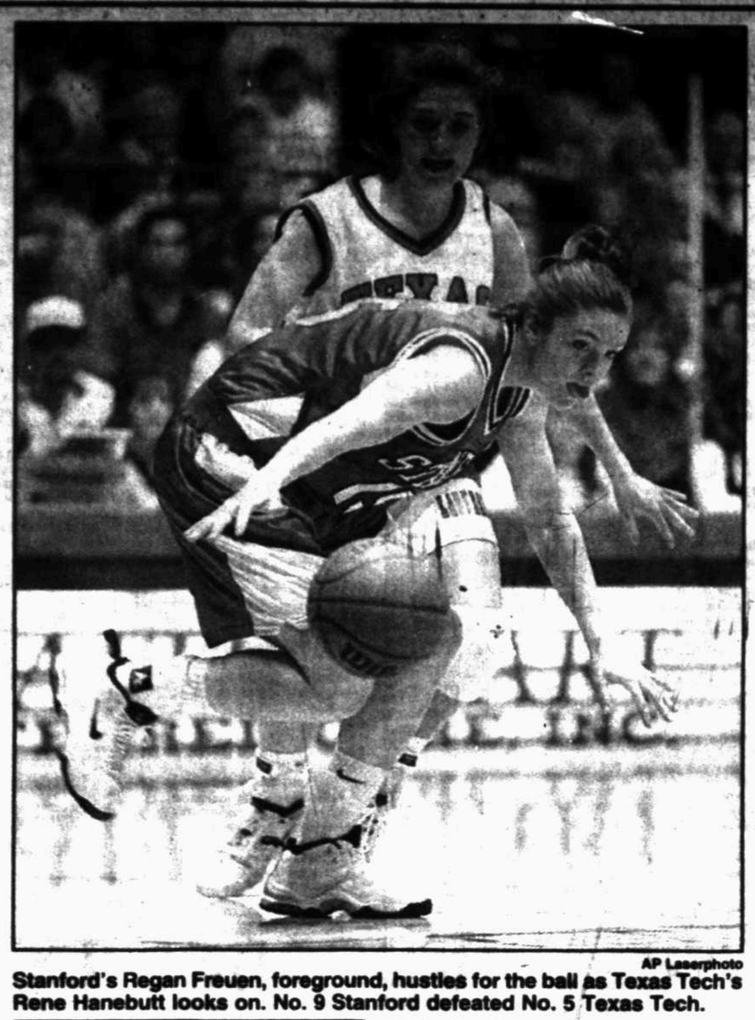
EL PASO — Kanequa Chancellor scored 15 of her game-high 20 points in the second half, leading Texas-El Paso to a victory over No. 11 Utah.

UTEP (12-7, 7-2) tied Utah (16-2, 7-2) for first place in the Western Athletic Conference's Mountain Division with the victory. Texas-El Paso beat the Utes for only the second time in 28 meetings.

The Utes led 26-23 with 14:38 remaining in the game. Chancellor then scored 13 points in a 19-7 run that put the Miners ahead for good at 42-33 with 4:54 to go.

Utah lost its second straight game, having fallen 76-59 at New Mexico on Thursday.

Kiana Taylor had 10 points and eight rebounds for UTEP. Julie Krommenhoek, who averages 20.8 points, was held to only 11 on 3-of-16 shooting for Utah.



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Stanford's Regan Freuen, foreground, hustles for the ball as Texas Tech's Rene Hanebutt looks on. No. 9 Stanford defeated No. 5 Texas Tech.

■ Women's Basketball

Arizona St. nails Stanford

Associated Press

STANFORD, Calif. — Jeremy Veal scored 27 points, including nine in overtime, to lead Arizona State to a 90-87 victory over No. 4 Stanford, the Cardinal's second straight loss after opening the season with a school-record 18 consecutive wins.

Stanford (18-2, 7-2 Pac-10) lost 93-75 to No. 6 Arizona on Thursday.

The victory ended a 14-game losing streak to ranked teams by Arizona State (14-8, 4-5), including four this season. The last time Arizona State beat a ranked team was March 11, 1995, when it defeated No. 12 Arizona 103-98.

Bobby Lazor's 3-foot jumper with 47 seconds remaining in regulation put Arizona State up 74-73 and Veal added two free throws for the Sun Devils with 28 seconds left. Ryan Mendez of Stanford connected on a 3-pointer with 18 seconds to play to tie it at 76-all and Veal missed at the buzzer with a running jumper, sending the game into overtime.

No. 2 North Carolina 79, Wake Forest 73

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Half the table is set.

No. 2 North Carolina trailed by as many as 17 points before rallying in the second half with a 30-6 run to beat Wake Forest.

A win by No. 1 Duke at home against Georgia Tech today will set up the nation's top two teams in a 1-2 showdown in Chapel Hill on Thursday night.

Antawn Jamison scored 21 points and Shammond Williams had 20 for the Tar Heels (22-1, 8-1), who were on the ropes at Joel Coliseum for the fifth time in the last six seasons as the Demon Deacons (11-8, 3-5) matched the Atlantic Coast Conference record with 18 3-pointers — 12 in the first half.

Auburn 68, No. 12 Miss. 67

AUBURN, Ala. — Doc Robinson hit a 15-foot jumper with 10 seconds to play to lead Auburn to an upset over No. 12 Mississippi.

Trailing 67-66 with 20 seconds left in the game, Robinson took the inbounds pass, scrambled along the right baseline and fired off the game winner as Auburn (13-6, 5-3 Southeastern Conference) moved into a tie with the Rebels for second place in the SEC Western Division.

■ Men's Top 25

Mississippi (14-4, 5-3) had a chance to win the game, but Keith Carter's 3-point attempt as time expired fell short.

No. 15 Arkansas 76, Miss. St. 73

STARKVILLE, Miss. — Pat Bradley scored 19 points, including the last nine for No. 15 Arkansas, as the Razorbacks won at Mississippi State, where they had lost the past five years.

Bradley's game-ending streak started with a 3-pointer as the shot clock ran down to give Arkansas (18-3, 7-1 Southeastern Conference) a 70-65 lead with 3:04 left. He twice put the Razorbacks ahead, including for good, in the final two minutes.

No. 8 UCLA 105, Washington 94

LOS ANGELES — So much for Washington's twin towers.

No. 8 UCLA used its only near 7-footer and some full-court pressure to beat the Huskies 105-94 Saturday and take sole possession of third place in the Pac-10 Conference.

Jelani McCoy, who at 6-9, scored 16 points in his most productive game in two weeks to counter Washington's inside 7-foot combo of Patrick Femerling and Todd MacCulloch.

Kris Johnson led the Bruins (17-3, 7-2) with 26 points, while Toby Bailey added 22 and a career-high 11 assists and Baron Davis had 17 points before fouling out late. Freshman Earl Watson also had a career-best 11 assists.

No. 24. Xavier 79, Temple 73

PHILADELPHIA — Darnell Williams had 24 points and Torraye Braggs had 10 rebounds while scoring four points in the game's final 1:08 as No. 24 Xavier survived a scare to beat Temple.

Xavier (14-5, 6-3 Atlantic 10) has won six of its last eight. Temple (12-6, 5-3), which had 14 turnovers without injured point guard Pepe Sanchez, has lost two straight after winning its previous six.

The Musketeers squandered a 12-point second-half lead but combined some strong defense with hot shooting to win in the last two minutes.

No. 25 Indiana 95, Minnesota 82

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Indiana made sure there was no Minnesota comeback this time.

A.J. Guyton scored 23 points and Michael Lewis added 16, all on free throws, as the 25th-ranked Hoosiers beat the foul-plagued Gophers.

Indiana (15-6, 6-3 Big Ten) got Minnesota in early foul trouble, took an 11-point lead after Gophers coach Clem Haskins was ejected with two technical fouls in the first four minutes and was never seriously threatened.

No. 9 Connecticut 73, Rutgers 56

STORRS, Conn. — Richard Hamilton's 13 first-half points keyed an early 18-0 run and No. 9 Connecticut rolled over Big East rival Rutgers.

Hamilton led four Huskies in double figures with 17 points. Freshman Khalid El-Amin had 12 and sophomore Kevin Freeman and junior Ricky Moore each chipped in with 10.

No. 10 Purdue 82, Wisconsin 59

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Alan Eldridge hit a career-high five 3-pointers and Chad Austin had 21 of his 24 points in the second half as No. 10 Purdue defeated Wisconsin.

It was Purdue's 25th consecutive triumph over the Badgers at Mackey Arena, a streak that dates back to 1972.

Purdue (19-4, 7-2 Big Ten) pulled away with 13-2 run that began in the final 36 seconds of the first half with Wisconsin trailing 29-28.

No. 11 Princeton 58, Columbia 45

PRINCETON, N.J. — Brian Earl, held scoreless the previous night, came back with 21 points and keyed a late run as No. 11 Princeton defeated Columbia.

Ivy League-leading Princeton (16-1, 4-0) has won nine straight overall, nine in a row against Columbia (6-12, 1-5) and 19 straight in the conference.

No. 22 Michigan State 72, Northwestern 66

EVANSTON, Ill. — Mateen Cleaves scored 23 of his career-high 34 points in the second half and added nine more in overtime, leading No. 22 Michigan State over Northwestern.

Cleaves made six 3-pointers, including one in OT, as Michigan State (15-4 overall, 8-1 Big Ten) won its sixth consecutive game to remain alone atop the conference standings.

Freshman gives Longhorns lift

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Luke Axtell was glad to be back on the court Saturday, and the Texas Longhorns were surely glad to have him.

The freshman returned from a two-game absence and scored 24 points, including six of Texas' 13 3-pointers, in the Longhorns' 87-73 victory over Oklahoma State.

Axtell, who missed Texas' two previous games with a viral infection and back spasms, fueled a pair of key runs for the Longhorns (9-11, 3-5 Big 12).

"We were just feeling it today," Axtell said. "It feels good when everybody is clicking like that. We didn't even know it until we look at the scoreboard and saw we were up by 20 points."

The Longhorns lost close games to Fresno State and Iowa State this week without Axtell and are 0-3 this season without him.

"It stinks sitting over there," Axtell said of his time on the bench. "I was just happy I felt good enough to play and contribute today."

The Cowboys (14-4, 4-4) led 21-18 when Bernard Smith hit a 3-pointer with 7:32 left in the first half. The shot triggered a 23-2 Texas run that turned out to be devastating for Oklahoma State.

Smith followed with a half-court alley-oop pass to Kris Clack, and Texas then hit six 3-pointers, including three by Axtell, to take a 41-23 lead with 3:46 left in the half.

The Longhorns led 44-31 at halftime.

"I've coached the game a long time and I'm not sure if I've ever seen a team hit like that," said Oklahoma State coach Eddie Sutton. "They hit us with a barrage that we never really recovered from."

"It's just a matter of confidence sometimes," said Clack. "We got hot from the 3-point line today, finding the open man just about every time. You can't ask for any more than that."

Oklahoma 80, Texas A&M 71

NORMAN, Okla. — Oklahoma's walking wounded found a way to win one Saturday.

The Sooners, already thinned out by injuries, lost forward Ryan Humphrey for most of the first half and swingman Eric Martin for most of the game Saturday. But Michael Johnson and Corey Brewer offset that and led Oklahoma to an 80-71 victory over Texas A&M.

Martin, a junior college transfer, scored a career-high 19 points and made all four of his 3-point tries. Brewer scored 25, the 10th straight game he has led the Sooners in scoring.

■ Texas Men

"I thought we had some gutty performances today," coach Kelvin Sampson said. "Were they pretty? I'm not interested in pretty. We're 7-2 in the league and 16-6 overall. That's all I'm interested in."

The Sooners lead the Big 12 South Division.

SMU 91, Rice 67

DALLAS — Freshman Jeryl Sasser had 22 points and 12 assists, leading Southern Methodist past Rice, 91-67.

SMU (14-5, 3-4 Western Athletic Conference) made quick work of Rice (5-15, 2-5), jumping out to an 18-4 lead after 6:09. By halftime, the lead was 53-29.

Sasser, who also had 6 rebounds, 2 blocks and 2 steals, scored the Mustangs' first 11 points of the second half, Jay Poerner added 19 points for SMU.

Derek Michaelis and Jarvis Kelley Sanni each had 15 points to pace Rice. Sanni added 9 rebounds.

SMU shot 54 percent from the field, its highest percentage all season. The Mustands outrebounded the Owls, 41-28, led by Poerner with 9.

Ala.-Birmingham 78, Houston 61

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Fred Williams was 9-of-15 for a game-high 21 points Saturday to lead Alabama-Birmingham to a 78-61 win over Houston.

Willie Mitchell was also 9-of-15 for 20 points for the Blazers (13-7, 5-3 Conference USA). Williams and Mitchell both grabbed six rebounds.

Shamahn McBride led Houston with 12 points, the only player in double figures for the Cougars (9-11, 2-6). McBride was 4-of-9 from the field and 4-of-5 from the free-throw line. Kenny Younger scored nine points, and William Stringfellow grabbed eight rebounds.

Alabama-Birmingham was leading 20-17 with 7:56 in the first half, and used a 17-5 run to take a 37-22 halftime lead. In the second half, the Blazers led by as much as 20 four times, the last at 56-36 with 8:51 remaining.

The Blazers shot 50 percent from the floor and forced 23 Houston turnovers, while holding the Cougars to 40 percent shooting.

Both teams struggled from 3-point range. Alabama-Birmingham was 1-of-9, while Houston was 1-of-17, with the only shot coming from Treva Crosby.

Texas-El Paso 68, BYU 59

PROVO, Utah — Will Smith and Sharif Fajardo each scored 19 points as Texas-El Paso defeated Brigham Young.

B.J. Wade added 13 points for the Miners. His 3-point basket with 5:42 left in the game put UTEP (12-7 overall, 3-4 Western Athletic Conference) ahead for good.

Despite going eight minutes at the start of the second half without a field goal, BYU (6-15, 1-6) led 53-52 after Danny Bower's 3-pointer with 6:03 left in the game.

UTEP led 40-28 with 14:41 remaining in the game. Then Mekeli Wesley scored nine of his 18 points to lead BYU on a 16-5 run. That brought the Cougars within 45-44 with 10:13 to go.

BYU's last gasp came when Brian Hamilton hit a 3-point to close within 61-58 with 2:38 left. The Miners closed out the game by converting 5-of-9 free throws.

Wade scored six of his points during a 12-2 spurt as UTEP took a 22-17 lead with 6:55 left in the first half. BYU rallied to within 24-22, but the Miners used a 9-4 burst to take a 33-26 halftime lead. Smith had five points during that run.

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Pro Bowl welcomes 28 new stars, including 10 starters

By Ken Peters
AP Sports Writer

HONOLULU — Practices during Pro Bowl week tend to run for about an hour, only briefly interrupting the golf, beach or sightseeing plans of the NFL all-stars.

But come game time Sunday, things get more serious, Barry Sanders said.

"The intensity during practices isn't the same as preparing for a regular game," said the Detroit Lions' running back, who has made the Pro Bowl each of his nine NFL seasons.

"But at this level, when the game starts, I don't think any of us wants to be outdone. You want to do what you did to get here."

San Francisco's Steve Mariucci, the NFC coach, said the all-stars pick things up in a hurry.

"You give them a playbook, and you try to get things done in practice so you can function on game day and let them show what they can do," Mariucci said.

"But the practices are short and sweet. We practice early, and by the time we finish, they still have most of the day to play golf or whatever they want to do."

This Pro Bowl signals a changing of the all-star guard, as 28 of the players will be appearing in the game for the first time.

The AFC will start six first-time selections: cornerback Aaron Glenn of the New York Jets, linebackers Chris Slade of New England, Joel Steed of Pittsburgh and Ted Washington of Buffalo, safety Darryl Williams of Seattle, and offensive lineman Jonathan Ogden of Baltimore.

Four Pro Bowl rookies are starters for the NFC: Green Bay running back Dorsey Levens, offensive lineman Todd Steussie of Minnesota, and New York Giants linebacker Jessie Armstead and defensive end Michael Strahan.

There are, of course, the all-star perennials such as the AFC's Bruce Smith of Buffalo, making his 10th appearance, and Derrick Thomas of Kansas City, voted into the game for the ninth time. In addition to Sanders, NFC "oldtimers" include Randall McDaniel of Minnesota, in his ninth all-star game, and Chris Doleman of San Francisco, in his eighth.

Most of the NFL's big names are on hand, including Super Bowl MVP Terrell Davis of Denver, appearing for the second time. Missing, however, are the two Super Bowl quarterbacks, Denver's John Elway and Green Bay's Brett Favre.

They were scheduled to start the game, but withdrew because they face offseason surgery, Elway on his right shoulder and Favre on his left knee.

Seattle's Warren Moon replaces Elway, and Atlanta's Chris Chandler takes Favre's spot on the NFC roster.

Jacksonville's Mark Brunell, the MVP in the AFC's 26-23 overtime win in the all-star game last year, is expected to start at quarterback. Brunell connected on an 80-yard touchdown pass to Tim Brown with 44 seconds left in regulation to force the overtime and finished 12-of-22 for 236 yards.

New England's Drew Bledsoe is the other AFC quarterback, San Francisco's Steve Young will open for the NFC, with Tampa Bay's Trent Dilfer next in line.

Keeping with the changing of the guard, Dilfer is one of eight Buccaneers in the game, the most of any team. Among the other Tampa Bay all-stars are his backfield mates, running back Warrick Dunn, the only rookie on either roster, and fullback Mike Alstott.

The game at Aloha Stadium is a sellout for the 18th time in the 19 years it has been held in Hawaii. The only non-sellout was the game that followed the strike-shortened 1982 season.

Home improvement store manager kicks for $1 million dollars

Dennis Crawford, co-manager of a home improvement store, watched on TV last year as an investment banker calmly kicked a 35-yard field goal to win $1 million.

Crawford, who admitted he will be feeling "a ton of nerves," gets his chance Sunday to become an instant millionaire.

From the small town of Cleveland, Tenn., Crawford made it to the final of the "Hershey's $1 Million Kick," by kicking field goals of 10, 20 and 30 yards to win a competition in Miami Jan. 20.

He and three others were randomly picked from more than a half-million people who entered the contest, and he won the kickoff when he made a 30-yarder.

Crawford, 32, will get one kick from the 25-yard line at halftime of the Pro Bowl. Last year, Lance Alstodt of New York drilled his million-dollar kick at the Pro Bowl.

"I saw it. I hope I can do it as easy as he did," Crawford said.

Crawford punted during his first couple of years in high school, but he ha never practiced placekicking.

When he got the call last month that he was one of the three selected for the kickoff, he didn't even own a football.

"I ran out and bought a tee and a football and I kicked five of the next six days," he said. "My leg was sore."

His 30-yarder at Miami drifted right and just barely made it through the uprights.

Crawford said that, since he will still have a free trip to Hawaii and a $10,000 consolation prize if he doesn't make the kick Sunday, "It's a no-lose situation."

"But if you miss, you're going to be asking yourself for the rest of your life, 'What if?' " he said.



AP Laserphoto
Paul Azinger watches his shot from the fairway to the 10th green of the Pebble Beach Golf Links during Saturday's second round of the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am in Pebble Beach, Calif.

Watson passes Lehman to tie for lead at Pebble Beach

Associated Press

■ Golf Roundup

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Tom Watson, who celebrated his most dramatic win at Pebble Beach, has a chance to make more golf history along the shores of the Pacific Ocean on Sunday.

If the weather cooperates, that is.

Watson, who won the 1982 U.S. Open at Pebble Beach by chipping in from the rough on the 17th hole, shot a 5-under 67 Saturday under sunny skies to tie for the lead after two rounds of the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

"We had a beautiful day, and I had a beautiful score on top of it," Watson said. "The weather turned perfect for us, and my round reflected that."

Watson rolled in an 18-foot birdie on the 18th hole on the Pebble Beach course for a two-round total of 10-under 134, tying him with Tim Herron for the lead. Herron shot a 66 Saturday on the Poppy Hills course.

Watson and Herron hold a one-shot lead over Tom Lehman, Phil Mickelson and Jay Haas in the tournament, which also is played on the Spyglass Hill course.

"Man, it turned out nice. I don't think I've ever seen blue skies here," Herron said. "I'm kind of a mudder. I like this weather."

Watson was startled at 2 a.m. by gusty winds flapping tarps on a TV tower near his hotel room, and expected the worst when play began in the drizzle Saturday morning.

But, after rain forced organizers to shorten play on Thursday and Friday to nine holes each day, the weather was balmy and bright on Saturday.

Organizers reduced the tournament to a 54-hole event on Saturday, but getting in a third round may be difficult. The forecast for Sunday is bad, and it's even worse for Monday if officials try to extend the tournament by a day.

Rain is expected on Sunday, with 18-24 mph winds. An even stronger storm system is supposed to bring heavy rain on Monday.

Watson won the Pebble Beach tournament in 1977 and 1978. If he wins this year, the two-decade separation between victories would be a record for the tournament.

He was asked what it would take to win on Sunday.

"What is it going to take tomorrow? No rain," he said. "I just hope we can get it in tomorrow so we can finish the tournament."

The AT&T tournament was washed out after two rounds in 1996, making it the first PGA Tour event that could not be completed since 1949.

Watson had five birdies and no bogeys in his round on Saturday. Herron had seven birdies and one bogey, finishing the round with two straight birdies.

Lehman, who held a one-stroke lead after the first round, had two bogeys in a three-hole span on Poppy Hills to fall out of the lead.

Lehman left a putt two inches short on his first bogey and his putt rimmed the cup on the second bogey. He stood with his hands on his hips in annoyance after the second missed putt.

Despite the strong sunshine, Lehman said the course still was a mess.

"Poppy Hills was just saturated. The greens were really soft and they got really full of heel marks," Lehman said. "We had to move the ball almost every shot in the fairways."

Tiger Woods shot an even-par 72 on Saturday and finished the second round at 4-over 148, 14 strokes off the lead.

Stockton closes fast to hold second-round lead in Caribbean

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. — Dave Stockton held off Lee Trevino on Saturday in the Royal Caribbean Classic, then marveled at Super Mex's play.

Stockton birdied three of his last six holes on the way to a 5-under-par 67 and a 36-hole score of 131. Trevino shot a 65 and was at 132.

"There's no way he can hit the kind of shots he did today without practicing," Stockton said of Trevino, who hasn't won in 14 months.

Trevino said he was "doubly surprised at how well I'm playing."

"I'm hitting some really nice shots," he said. "I feel good about how I'm playing, but I cannot tell you how I will play tomorrow."

Stockton and Trevino, playing in the final group, waged a duel on the back nine of the par-71 Crandon Park Golf Course.

Stockton and Trevino both took advantage of near-perfect scoring conditions Saturday. Stockton birdied three of his last six holes, and Trevino was just as hot, closing with birdies on four of his last five holes.

"The only mistake I made was not birdieing the (two) par-5s on the back nine," Stockton said. "It was a solid day. The only fairway I missed was at No. 10, and on that hole I hit it straight. It just rolled through the fairway."

David Graham and John Bland are both at 7-under 135, four shots behind Stockton.

Graham, who at one time shared the lead with Stockton at 9-under, slipped with bogeys on the last two holes and finished with a 68. Bland moved into contention with a 66.

Stockton is coming off what he describes as a disappointing year in 1997, when he failed to win more than one tournament for the first time since 1992. Stockton heated up on the final six holes Saturday to pull away from Graham and keep ahead of the hard-charging Trevino.

Stockton maintained his lead with birdies at Nos. 13, 16 and 17.

Trevino has won more tournaments (27) and money ($7.45 million) than anyone on the senior tour, but he has been in a slump the last two years, winning just once and failing to crack the top 10 on the money list.

Trevino credits his strong play this week partly to a practice session two weeks ago in Palm Springs, Calif. He flew from his home in Dallas specifically to work on his game.

Trevino said he changed his grip and, after a few days in California, began to find his game again.

"I haven't played this well in two years," he said. "It had gotten to the point where I didn't know where the shots were going. I would have a good round, but I would never put two good ones together."

Woosnam takes one-shot lead into final round

PERTH, Australia — Ian Woosnam shot a 2-under-par 70 Saturday to take a one-shot lead into Sunday's final round of the Heineken Classic at the Vines Resort.

Woosnam, of Wales, is at 11-under 205 after three rounds, one stroke ahead of Denmark's Thomas Bjorn, who shot a 68 Saturday. Jose Maria Olazabal of Spain, who also shot a 68 in the third round after being warned for slow play, is at 9-under, two shots off the lead.

German Bernhard Langer, who shared the second-round lead with Woosnam, shot a 76 to drop six strokes back, along with five other golfers — including Ernie Els of South Africa.

Olazabal was preparing to hit his second shot on the 448-yard, par-4 15th when fellow Spaniard Jose Maria Zamora, a European Tour official, cautioned him for slow play.

Green Bay's Lewis campaigns to get Cowboys coaching job

IRVING (AP) — With Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones planning to pick a new coach next week, Green Bay Packers offensive coordinator Sherman Lewis now says he hopes he's the one.

Lewis spoke highly of the Cowboys as he left the team's Valley Ranch headquarters Friday afternoon, then boarded a plane at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport.

He was in town for his second face-to-face interview with Jones.

"I think things went well," Lewis told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "I feel good about it. It was positive."

He said he expects to hear from Jones today or Sunday.

Lewis said he could work for Jones, who's known for his hands-on ownership style, and believes the owner wants to do what it takes to have a winning season again.

Meanwhile, Jones said he'll conduct more interviews over the weekend before making his choice next week.

"It would be good to have someone come in and in THEIR way bring an energy, a fresh and forward look to our players, fans, media and myself," said Jones between interviews with Lewis on Friday.

"Someone to light it up, have something about them that says, 'I want to do it!' Or someone who's done it but has something to prove. An indication of what they would want to do, how inspired and motivated they are, and what they want to prove," he told The Dallas Morning News.

"The biggest thing I'm looking for — and I don't mean to diminish football skills because he'll be qualified to coach — is fire in the boiler. Logic that says to me that fire is there. That's the most important ingredient. To a degree, I even need it. I've been there and done that."

He said he could travel to talk with a candidate, but wouldn't say whether it's someone new or someone he's already interviewed.

Besides Lewis, Jones has interviewed former San Francisco 49ers coach George Seifert and former UCLA coach Terry Donahue twice each.

He's looking for someone to replace Barry Switzer, who stepped down Jan. 9 after the team finished 6-10 and missed the playoffs.

One element Lewis brings to the table is self-confidence, according to Jones.

"This guy I'm talking to will jazz you," he said, referring to the Green Bay aide. "He's different from Jimmy and Barry. He'll put a little tingle in you."

Lewis has earned four Super Bowl rings during 14 years in the NFL.

"Jerry Jones is as powerful a man as there is in the NFL," said Lewis' agent, Bob Le Mont. "He doesn't have to do things for appearances — he's a maverick. He (Lewis) was down there for the better part of two days, so that's a good sign."

Pole-winner leads at Daytona

By Mike Harris
AP Motorsports Writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — The pole-winning Team Scandia Ferrari held a one-lap lead Saturday six hours into the Rolex 24-Hours of Daytona.

The 333 SP Can-Am entry, owned by Andy Evans and co-driven by Frenchmen Yannick Dalmas and Bob Wollek, Max Papis of Italy and Ron Fellows of Canada took the lead in the fourth hour when another Ferrari was hit with a two-lap penalty.

The car shared by Wayne Taylor of South Africa, Eric Van de Poele of Belgium and Fermin Velez of Spain was leading when Van de Poele pitted. The stop was routine, but he ran a stop sign leaving pit road and was hit with the penalty that knocked the Ferrari well off the pace.

At the six-hour mark, a Riley & Scott MK III Can-Am entry driven by Butch Leitzinger, John Paul Jr., Perry McCarthy and team-owner Rob Dyson was second, holding off the GT-1 division Panoz GTR, driven by Doc Bundy, David Brabham and James Davies of England and Eric Bernard of France.

All the drivers in the second-place car except McCarthy were part of the winning team in last year's Daytona race.

The lead car lost some ground early in the second hour when, after a routine pit stop, Dalmas spun in the infield portion of the track and was able to continue.

"I was all alone and it was my fault," he said. "The tires in the beginning were cold. But the car is fine."

At six hours, the leaders had completed 182 laps.

The twice-around-the-clock event got off to a clean start with 73 cars, spread over four divisions, getting through the first lap on the 3.56-mile Daytona International Speedway road course without incident.

The field then spread out quickly, with the powerful Can-Am division dominating the early part of the race. Ferraris have won the pole for three straight years, but never have won the Rolex race.

Dyson's defending champions were involved in the first full-course caution period late in the second hour.

A harmless spin by a GT-1 car in the chicane that slows the cars on the long, back straightaway brought out the yellow flag. As the other Panoz GT-1, driven by Englishman Andy Wallace, slowed near the flagstand on the main straight, the Riley & Scott MK III driven by James Weaver of England slammed into the rear of the slower car, sending it careening off the wall.

"I backed out of the gas, but the car behind me didn't see the yellow flag and bam," Wallace said.

Neither driver was injured and the MK III was able to continue to the pits, where its nosepiece was replaced before it was able to continue. The Panoz team took longer to repair its damaged car.

At the six-hour mark, Dyson's second entry was running eighth, just ahead of the penalized Ferrari, and the repaired Panoz car was 49th, having completed 129 laps.

Weather was not expected to be a factor in America's premier sports car endurance race, which began in bright sunshine and temperatures in the low 60s. No rain was in the forecast and overnight temperatures were forecast to remain in the 40s.

Panoz man of many roles in racing

Whatever the buzz this week at Daytona International Speedway, it seems Don Panoz is in the middle of it.

Panoz built a business empire in pharmaceuticals and then turned his attention to building custom-made Esperante automobiles. That inevitably led him to become involved in sports car racing, where he has taken on several very important roles.

Besides starting the Panoz Racing team and building his own sleek GT-1 division cars, dubbed the Batmobiles, he is a track owner (Road Atlanta, Sebring, Mosport) and a member of the board of directors of the new United States Road Racing Championship.

Ironically, his 12 Hours of Sebring race in March is being sanctioned by the rival Professional Sports-car Racing.

There is the rub. Some people accuse Panoz of playing both sides against the middle. Others say he is going to be the great mediator to gets the two sanctioning bodies to merge.

Panoz just says, "I'm a track owner and a race car owner with a desire to see sports car racing have a good show. If they let the show go, if they quit changing the rules and serving special interests, the future is bright because the fans will come and see it.

"What I understand is good, consistent rules, and that's what I campaign for."


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Picabo Street tied for 10th in the women's World Cup downhill race at Val D'Isere, France, on Dec. 17 in her first start in more than a year. Street, the two-time World Cup downhill champion and the top U.S. Olympic hope in that discipline, sustained bruises, an injured neck and a slight concussion during a crash Saturday in Are, Sweden.

High-speed fall injures Street

■ 1994 Olympic silver-medalist hopes to be able to ski in Nagano.

By Stephan Nasstrom
AP Sports Writer

ARE, Sweden — Picabo Street, the two-time World Cup downhill champion and the top U.S. Olympic hope in that discipline, sustained bruises, an injured neck and a slight concussion during a scary crash Saturday.

Street, returning to the Olympia course where she won a World Cup race in 1995, fell on the upper part after a ski binding prereleased. The high-speed crash — Street's estimated speed was nearly 75 mph — occurred on the fastest and most dangerous part of the course.

She lay on the snow unconscious for approximately two minutes, but was able to walk away from the scene of the accident after a few minutes. Later, she was brought by helicopter to a hospital at Ostersund for tests.

"She's a little dizzy," Herwig Demschar, the U.S. women's coach, said. "But for me the most important thing is that the legs are OK because it's always a mental problem if you have the first crash after an injury, if you're OK or not."

Street, who never had a concussion before, came back last month after being sidelined more than a year following knee surgery.

Demschar said Street will return as planned with the U.S. team to the United States on Sunday. She'll be back on skis again Feb. 7 in Japan. The women's Olympic downhill is scheduled Feb. 14 at Nagano.

Street left the course crying. She wasn't crying because of her injuries.

Street's ski, one of her favorites, was broken.

"That's a bad thing," Demschar said. "It was a very good ski. One good ski out of three. So we still have two to go. As a downhiller, you get attached to two or three pairs of skis that you use for two or three years sometimes.

"I didn't see it. I don't know why the binding opened up. That happens sometimes."

Katja Seizinger won the final women's World Cup downhill before the Olympics, clocking 1 minute, 4.92 seconds down the shortened course. The German extended her lead in both the overall and downhill standings.

Renate Goetschl of Austria was second at 1:05.09 and Florence Masnada of France third at 1:05.18.

"I'm sorry for Picabo," Seizinger said.

Sweden's Pernilla Wiberg, last year's World Cup overall champion who missed much of this season with injuries (knee and broken ribs), said "Picabo is so strong and I'm sure she will be back for the Olympics."

Hilde Gerg of Germany, who placed second in a night slalom Thursday won by Kristina Koznick of the United States, tied for fourth with Switzerland's Heidi Zurbriggen at 1:05.30 and won the combined.

It was the seventh victory — four of them downhills — of the season for Seizinger. The Olympic champion now leads Gerg, 1,597 points to 1,254, in the overall standings. In the downhill standings, Seizinger leads Goetschel, 520 points to 392.

The competition was held in extremely cold temperatures. In the finishing area, the temperature was just below zero.

The 2,511-meter course was shortened to 1,780 meters. Strong winds and snow forced organizers to shorten the course for two training runs, dominated by Seizinger and Street. One session was canceled.

Street's mishap came only a week after she took a season-best fourth place at Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy. She had two 10ths in the other races she entered after her comeback.

Street won World Cup titles in 1995 and 1996, then tore ligaments in her left knee in a Dec. 4, 1996 crash during practice at Vail, Colo.

Street has four major championship medals, including the 1996 World Championships downhill gold and the 1994 Olympics downhill silver, plus nine World Cup wins.

Alpine skiing events fall into two different groups: speed, technical

By Christopher Clarey
N.Y. Times News Service

THE SETUP: The technical events are the slalom and giant slalom. The speed events are the Super G and downhill. The slalom and giant slalom are contested over two runs in which skiers negotiate a series of gates, different for each run and set by a coach from one of the competing nations.

Slalom courses feature densely packed gates that place a premium on a skier's ability to turn quickly and precisely while keeping as direct a line as possible. Giant slalom courses are longer, more open and place more emphasis on flowing rhythm. The technical courses will be held in the resort of Shiga Kogen, which is Asia's largest ski resort and bigger than any American ski resort.

The Super G and downhill are always scheduled for the first week of the Olympics because their greater length and riskier nature means that bad weather is more likely to create a cancellation. The downhill gets more attention — even more when Japanese ecologists block its lengthening — but the Super G is considered a better test of instinctive skiing because competitors get no training runs on the course, although they do get to inspect it. The speed events will be held in the resort of Hakuba on one of Japan's steepest skiing slopes: Happo'one (ha-POWN-aye).

THE SCORING: The skiers with the best aggregate times in slalom and giant slalom are the winners; so are those with the fastest runs in downhill and Super G. Just don't miss a gate. In the combined, greater weight is given to slalom than to downhill.

THE STRATEGY: Until 1995, the top 15 skiers in the first run of the slalom and giant slalom reversed order in the second run and went first. Now, Alpine skiing's governing body, FIS, has instituted a new rule: The top 30 skiers reverse order in the second run.

THE NAMES: American Picabo Street thrived at the last major racing in Japan, Morioka in 1993. She won a silver in the combined, then went on to become the world's dominant downhiller in 1995-96. She missed most of last season after tearing knee ligaments but finished fourth in a downhill in Italy last month. An American with a better chance to medal is first-time Olympian Kristina Koznick, who is second in overall slalom standings.

Hermann Maier of Austria, who leads the overall World Cup, is a gold-medal threat in every event except slalom and is a heavy favorite in giant slalom and Super G. The Austrians are also strong in the downhill, with Andreas Schifferer, and slalom, with the defending Olympic champion Thomas Stangassinger and Thomas Sykora. Alberto Tomba, the Italian technical star, has been both bad and brilliant at age 31 and is trying to become the first to win an Alpine event in four consecutive Olympics. Tommy Moe, the defending Olympic downhill champion, has yet to finish in the top three of a downhill since.

The German women have been dominant in the speed events. The Olympic downhill champion Katja Seizinger won six straight races before Christmas and could medal in anything but slalom. Hilde Gerg could medal in anything, including slalom, and Martina Ertl has begun to challenge Deborah Compagnoni of Italy in giant slalom. Ylva Nowen of Sweden has been the dominant slalom skier, but her ability to handle big-event pressure is unknown.

FREESTYLE SKIING: Mogulists are skiers; aerialists are acrobats wearing skis. In moguls, skiers tackle a course that includes two jumps. The top 16 in the elimination round advance to the final and compete in reverse order of their finish. In aerials, skiers take two jumps in the eliminations and, if they make top 12, another two in the finals. The events will be held on adjacent hills at the foot of Mount Iizuna in Iizuna Kogen.

Americans should win multiple medals in freestyle. Donna Weinbrecht, now 32, is no longer dominant in moguls, but her teammate Ann Battelle is a strong medal candidate. So is Jonny Mosely in men's moguls, a discipline dominated by Jean-Luc Brassard of Canada, the defending Olympic champion nicknamed Wonder Bread because of his clean-cut charm. American Nikki Stone is the favorite in women's aerials, while American Eric Bergoust could win gold in men's aerials, as could Nicolas Fontaine of Canada.

Curling finally joins medal sports

By Jere Longman
N.Y. Times News Service

Curling joins snowboarding as a medal sport after being an exhibition at the 1924, 1932, 1988 and 1992 Winter Games. The sport was invented in the 16th century by Scottish farmers who curled on frozen bogs using smooth stones found in channels.

Scottish immigrants imported the game to Canada in 1759 and to the United States in 1832. Since then, the sport has undergone two significant advancements: the standardization of the curling stone and indoor, refrigerated ice.

THE SETUP: The Olympic tournament will consist of eight men's teams and eight women's teams. Each team is composed of four members; the captain is called the skip. A game consists of 10 ends, or innings. Each granite stone, which has a handle and resembles a tea kettle, weighs 42 pounds. The ice surface is 146 feet long and 15-feet-7 1/2-inches wide.

THE SCORING: A 12-foot circle, called the house, is the scoring area. The center of the circle is called the tee. Each end, or inning, the four members of each team curl two stones apiece, or 16 total stones. As in shuffleboard, one team tries to knock the other's stones outside the scoring area. The team that leaves a stone closest to the tee receives a point.

TEAMS TO WATCH: Sweden is the men's world championship team, and Canada is the top women's team. The U.S. teams are medal candidates.

New technology lifts speed skating into next millennium

By Jere Longman
N.Y. Times News Service

After using essentially the same equipment for a century, speed skating has gone through a tumultuous change over the past year as a new device called the clap skate hit the World Cup circuit. The innovative clap skate was popularized by the Dutch and is now indispensable for any skater with gold-medal hopes. The skate has a hinged device on the toe and a detachable blade heel that allows for fuller contact with the ice and longer, more powerful strokes. When the heel snaps back into place, it makes a clapping sound. World records have been falling like snow on the World Cup circuit. The Americans, who had difficulty acquiring the skates last season, would have preferred that the clap skates be banned until after the Nagano Games. Now the Americans are concerned that some skaters may show up at the starting line at the Olympics using a mechanical device that no one else has ever seen.

THE SCORING: Races are skated counterclockwise against the clock, with athletes competing in pairs. So that they will skate an equal distance, the skaters switch lanes on the backstretch of each lap. The skater crossing from the outer lane to the inner lane has the right of way. Men skate 500 meters, 1,000 meters, 1,500 meters, 5,000 meters and 10,000 meters, and women compete at 500 meters, 1,000 meters, 1,500 meters, 3,000 meters and 5,000 meters. For the first time, in Nagano, the 500 meters will be contested over two races, with one start from each lane; the skater with the lowest cumulative time will be declared the winner.

THE NAMES: Bonnie Blair, a five-time gold medalist, and Dan Jansen, who won the 1,000 meters in 1994, have retired. That leaves Christine Witty, the world-record holder at 1,000 meters, as the only American considered to have a serious shot at a gold medal. Another medal possibility in the men's distances is K.C. Boutiette. Other favorites include Catriona LeMay-Doan of Canada in the women's sprints and Gunda Niemann of Germany, a three-time gold medalist, in the 1,500 meters, 3,000 meters and 5,000 meters. Claudia Pechstein of Germany, the European all-round champion, will challenge her teammate Niemann in the distance races. Johann Olav Koss of Norway, a three-time gold medalist in 1994, has retired, leaving the men's distances open to the Dutch stars Rintje Ritsma and Ids Postma. The sprints will feature Jeremy Wotherspoon of Canada, Jan Bos of the Netherlands, Hiroyasu Shimizu of Japan and Manabu Horii of Japan.

SHORT TRACK: This pack-style event, which is performed on a figure-skating rink, is a thrilling demolition derby. Cathy Turner, the excitable American who has won two gold medals at 500 meters, again came out of retirement but qualified only as a member of the women's relay team. The Americans are led by Andy Gabel and Amy Peterson, who has overcome chronic fatigue syndrome.

CBS plans to broadcast mostly taped events during Olympics

By Richard Sandomir
N.Y. Times News Service

In 1994, CBS learned a valuable lesson in time: no matter who knew the fates of Nancy, Tonya & Friends in the figure-skating short program from Lillehammer, Norway, viewers would avidly watch a six-hour-old tape. With a 48.5 Nielsen rating, it was the third-most watched sports event ever.

Four years later, CBS hopes a 14-hour time difference from Nagano to the Eastern United States will make no difference to viewers. Consider: Michelle Kwan, Tara Lipinski and the others will begin their short program from White Ring at 7 p.m. in Nagano, or 5 a.m. Eastern time.

CBS won't start showing the taped package until 8 p.m. — 15 hours later — and the performances will be milked until 11.

Tape it, wait, wait, wait. And they will come — even more than half a day later. The two reasons: CBS' exclusive rights mean no video image can be seen until CBS shows it, and the extraordinarily high female viewership common to the Olympics television demographics values performance greatly over results.

Another time-zone challenge for CBS is whether eight men's hockey games to be shown live in their entirety — starting at 10:35 p.m., 11:35 p.m. or 12:05 a.m. — will yield decent viewership. Remember, this is the Dream Ice tournament, with National Hockey League stars skating for their native countries.

Ideally, you would want them to play live in prime time, but that would be an uncongenial 10 in the morning in Japan. But with the NHL seeking a promotional jolt, will there be enough people awake to care?

"I personally think late-night hockey will reach a broader audience than the NHL has ever had," said Rick Gentile, CBS' Olympic executive producer. "I think we'll have higher ratings than the Stanley Cup has been getting."

That's not a Mount Fuji-sized achievement: CBS' late-night show from Lillehammer, for which Pat O'Brien was host, averaged a 5.0 rating. Fox's only Stanley Cup final game last season rated a 4.0.

Only two women's hockey games will be shown in full: the bronze-medal game, at 12:05 a.m. on Feb. 17, on a one-hour delay, and the gold-medal game at 6 a.m., on a three-hour delay.

The word "live" will be used sparingly. Besides men's hockey, the only other live events on CBS will be the opening ceremony Friday, men's downhill skiing Saturday and women's downhill Feb. 13.

You can't expect much of an Asian or European Olympic broadcast to be seen live. Since 1988 in Seoul (in Nagano's time zone) when NBC pushed the live envelope, NBC and CBS have hewed to the idea that taped is better. It may be more work, but they insist that the storytelling can be improved.

With at least 80 percent of Nagano coverage on tape, CBS will embrace what NBC refused to do in Atlanta and in Barcelona, Spain: distinguishing what's live and what isn't. Even if the truth has no impact on ratings, it is nice to know that an event taped 30 seconds before "happened earlier."

"You won't see a graphic that says 'taped' constantly, but we won't pretend to be live when we're not," Gentile said.

There are other things to be aware of.

— Jim Nantz is the prime-time host, replacing Greg Gumbel.

— CBS' $375 million rights fee is 7,500 times greater than the $50,000 paid to show 13 hours, all taped, of the 1960 Winter Games. For its 128 hours, CBS is paying $2.9 million an hour, compared with $3,846 an hour 38 years ago.

— David Letterman's mother will go to Japan to repeat her Lillehammer reporting.

— Unless something cataclysmic happens among the women's figure skaters, there will be no live play-by-play on CBS Radio, as there was in 1994.

— Mike Emrick will not be CBS' main hockey announcer. He will call a few games for the network, but work mainly for TNT, alongside Joe Micheletti. John Davidson will return to analyze CBS' games for the third consecutive Olympics, working with Sean McDonough.

— The host of TNT's 50 hours of coverage will be Jim Lampley, an Olympic nomad from ABC and NBC. TNT will employ two great sports essayists, CNN/SI's Jim Huber and Jack Whitaker, formerly of ABC and CBS, and will offer something unusual for Olympic television: a daily, five-minute Japanese cooking show.

— Curling is on seven days of TNT's coverage. CBS has not scheduled any.

North Korea returns to Olympics

By Eric Talmadge
Associated Press Writer

NAGANO, Japan — Teetering on the verge of famine for years, North Korea hasn't got much in the way of training facilities. And life in one of the most isolated places on Earth doesn't offer much opportunity to travel the international sports circuit.

No matter, says the head of the North Korean delegation to the Nagano Winter Olympics.

What North Korea lacks in domestic training capabilities and international experience, it makes up for in spirit.

"It's not such a big problem," Jae Dok Mun, head of the North Korean delegation, said before the athletes' first practice here Saturday.

"We are mentally tougher than other countries."

After sitting out the last two Winter Games, North Korea has 10 athletes — seven women and two men — in Nagano for the Feb. 7-22 Olympics.

Japan and North Korea have no diplomatic relations, and the few dealings between the countries have often been adversarial.

But North Korea's decision to send athletes may reflect a bit of a thaw in recent months.

Two groups of Japanese women married to Korean men living in the North were allowed visits home for the first time in decades. And rudimentary efforts to open formal ties have been stepped up.

Diplomatic improvements aside, the task for North Korean athletes remains monumental.

Most are speedskaters, because that is the one kind of facility the North Koreans have available.

"We have rinks outdoors," he said.

Jae acknowledged that floods and other natural disasters have caused economic confusion in the communist country, and that training under such conditions is not easy.

America's Olympic hopes rest with new events

By Larry Siddons
AP Sports Writer

Two decades ago, they might have been called trash sports. More recently, they've become known as extreme sports — or X-treme, if the generation fits.

For the U.S. team at the Winter Olympics, they'll have another, even more unlikely label — a gold mine.

Snowboarding, curling, freestyle skiing and other events from the outer edges of the winter sports world could provide the bulk of American success at Nagano and may help keep the United States apart from the Slovakians and Ukraines in the depths of the medals chart.

As unconventional as they might be, these recent additions are full-medal complements to the Winter Games of old. They are there to keep the Olympics fresh, fill television time and lure younger, hipper, freer-spending audiences as the 21st century nears.

"We know that's why we're in as a medal sport — it's dollar signs," said U.S. snowboarder Adam Merriman.

Despite 15 years of riding and a leading spot on the Tag-Heuer team during the season, Merriman is a long shot to reach Nagano. That kind of depth epitomizes the U.S. strength in the newer events.

"The games are becoming friendlier for us," Jim Page, the U.S. Olympic Committee's assistant executive director for sports, said. "The new events that have been added are favorable to American athletes."

And that's why — despite the retirement of speedskaters Bonnie Blair and Dan Jansen and devastating knee injuries to downhill racers Picabo Street and Tommy Moe — U.S. officials are confident of at least matching the country's biggest medals haul from the Winter Games.

"Thirteen or greater," USOC executive director Dick Schultz predicted. That would equal the record set by U.S. athletes four years ago at Lillehammer, Norway, and set the stage for even bigger things at the Salt Lake City Winter Games in 2002.

"We haven't been particularly strong in the Winter Games, so we're hoping to get more young people involved," Schultz said. "Nagano is certainly very important, but whenever the games are on American soil it's very special. You'll see a buildup in Nagano that we'll carry forward to Salt Lake City and make a real difference."

The U.S. team will be the biggest at Nagano, with 195 athletes and 50 coaches, and certainly one of the best-financed. Since Lillehammer, the USOC has paid $5.6 million in direct support to winter athletes and another $34.3 million in aid to the eight winter sports federations. Medals will be worth money, too — $15,000 for gold, $10,000 for silver and $7,500 for bronze under the USOC's Operation Gold.

Figure skating, among the more established sports, is the surest bet for the United States. Team leaders talk of a possible sweep of the women's medals for Michelle Kwan, Tara Lipinski and Nicole Bobek, a place on the men's podium for former world champion Todd Eldredge, even a shot at a bronze for Kyoko Ina and Jason Dungjen in pairs.

The men's hockey team, winner of the World Cup in 1996, could take the gold in the first Olympic tournament featuring the best players of the NHL. Or it could finish out of the money if goalie Mike Richter stays as inconsistent as he has been this season for the New York Rangers.

Women's hockey, making its Olympic debut, also is an American strong point. With a veteran squad led by Cammi Granato and Karen Bye, the U.S. is co-favorite with Canada.

"I'll guarantee we'll have a medal, and it won't be bronze, as far as the women's team goes," Walter Bush, president of USA Hockey, said.

In snowboarding, where pierced body parts seem to come with the uniform, the United States should rule. Todd Richards is a heavyweight in halfpipe, while Mike Jacoby and Sondra Van Ert are top-ranked in slalom.



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Snowboarder Todd Richards will compete for the United States at the Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan. Snowboarding, curling, freestyle skiing and other events from the outer edges of the winter sports world could provide the bulk of American success at Nagano.

U.S. hopes got an unexpected boost two weeks ago from a rebellious act typical of the sport. Terje Haakonsen, the world's top snowboarder from Norway, said he would boycott the games because the International Olympic Committee ran them like organized crime.

Freestyle skiing, the other snow sport for dudes and dudettes, has so much U.S. depth that Donna Weinbrecht, the long-reigning queen of moguls — her fans are known as "bumpheads" — is now third on the team, behind Ann Battelle and Liz McIntyre.

There are no bumps in curling, and the action is more plaid that rad. But this ancient sport, offering Olympic medals for the first time, is expected to produce American success with a pair of Wisconsin teams captained by Lisa Schoenberg and Tim Somerville.

Short-track speedskating, something like roller derby on ice without the jammers, is another U.S. stronghold, featuring veterans Andy Gabel, Eric Flaim and Amy Peterson. Cathy Turner, who won a gold and a bronze at Lillehammer but made enemies because of rough skating, was able to make the team this time only in relays.

Speedskating on the long track has produced more Winter Olympic medals for the United States than any other sport, but the Americans will be hard-pressed to continue that trend atagano. Chris Witty, the women's world sprint champion, is the top hope, in the 1,000 meters.

U.S. speedskating has suffered this season in part because of the emergence of clap skates, especially on the Dutch and German teams. The U.S. team was reluctant to accept the new equipment, then couldn't get enough skates to train properly.

"They were slow to adapt," said Eric Heiden, winner of an unprecedented five gold medals in speedskating in 1980.

No American athlete has ever won a medal in luge, but the doubles team of Mark Grimmette and Brian Martin, along with Cammy Myler in women's singles, could change that. In bobsledding, the United States hopes to end a 42-year medal drought.

But the Americans have had high hopes before in those events, only to fail for reasons as varied as the wrong runners or an untimely crash. The remainder of the U.S. squad looks the same way — talented athletes, but not quite at the top of the world.

Street, for instance, says she's finally unleashed "the tiger in me" in coming back from major surgery on her left knee. Still, her best World Cup downhill finish this season is fourth, and on Saturday, she sustained a mild concussion during a fasll in a race at Are, Sweden.

Kristina Koznick jumped from the U.S. second string to second place in the World Cup slalom standings. But she has never faced the pressure of standing in the start shack with an Olympic medal one twisting run away. Moe is nowhere near his gold-medal form of four years ago and no other American man has a realistic shot at an Alpine medal.

U.S. chances in the Nordic events, the biggest single source of medals in the Winter Games, remain as distant as the North Pole.

Like their leaders, however, these American also-rans are looking for better things in Salt Lake City.

"I'm using the '98 Olympics to focus on the 2002 Olympics," cross-country skier Marcus Nash said. "I think by then ... a medal won't be out of the question."

NAGANO: Games avoid commercialism

(From 1C)

Next was Germany (24 and nine golds); followed by Russia (23 and 11); Italy (20 and seven); the United States (13 and six), and Canada (13 and three).

Yet, no matter how the medal race turns out, the host's greatest wish is that by the end, the world is reminded of what the Olympics once were and what they are always supposed to be: more about striving than winning; more about dignity than delivering; about playing for something besides pay.

"The concept for the games are games of the heart, participation of children and respect for the bounty of nature and peace," Makoto Kobayashi, director general of the Nagano Organizing Committee, said.

"I hope people watching on TV will see it as a wonderful festival and that the Eastern magic will show through."

Toward that end, the images beamed around the globe will be long on gauzy white light and the picture-book Alpine settings that made Norway look so beautiful, and short on the garish sign boards that made Atlanta look like an endless strip mall during midnight madness.

Although many of the same mega-sponsors will be on board, ponying up the same megabucks for the privilege, they will face considerably less competition. Missing entirely will be an official Olympic cold cut, an official Olympic game show, and plenty of the other "official" Olympic tie-ins in Atlanta that drove the International Olympic Committee nuts.

That will be a blessing for everyone, especially since people watching TV back in the United States will have a tough enough time simply sorting out which events CBS is showing live and which ones are on tape. There is a 14-hour time difference between the East Coast of the United States and Nagano, a city of nearly 350,000 that is farther south than any other Winter Games host.

The biggest beneficiary of the 178 hours of broadcasts (128 by CBS and 50 by cable network TNT) will be figure skating. The sport's ratings swelled enormously with the Tonya Harding-Nancy Kerrigan knee-knocking episode four years ago. Appealing to an audience that includes an increasingly large number of women viewers, figure skating winds up in prime time 10 of the 16 nights.

The three new sports on the Olympic program — curling, women's hockey and that X Games refugee with crossover appeal, snowboarding — will be grateful for any exposure at all. But faring even worse in the TV sweepstakes is the NHL, which is closing down for two weeks in midseason so that its professionals can take part in the games for the first time.

Commissioner Gary Bettman gambled that the exposure would pay off by helping to give hockey the same buzz the "Dream Team" generated around the globe for pro basketball. He may now have to wait until the 2002 Salt Lake City Games for his reward.

Most of the contests from Nagano — probably some of the best hockey ever played — will be shown live in North America in the wee hours. Even the gold-medal game was relegated to the TV graveyard, given a 11:35 p.m. EST time slot by CBS.

Still, almost nobody else is complaining. CBS paid $375 million for the U.S. broadcast rights and got permission to construct a three-story studio on the grounds of the Zenkoji Temple, a centuries-old mecca for the Japanese. The sale of TV rights generated $513 million — some 60 times more than the $8.5 million the Sapporo Olympic Committee received in 1972, the only other time the Winter Olympics visited Asia.

But the organizers will need every penny, as well as the $500 million or so kicked in by sponsors. A total of 71 nations, represented by about 2,000 athletes and 1,000 officials, are expected to show up. And the total budget, including infrastructure costs covered by the government in Tokyo, could climb as high as $12.7 billion. The Sapporo Games, by contrast, cost $1.7 billion and produced a $1.5 million surplus.

But they were memorable for more than just the bottom line. In Japan, they are remembered for producing the nation's first-ever individual gold medalist, Yukio Kasaya, who led a sweep in small-hill ski jumping by his countrymen. The result took on even greater significance because Emperor Hirohito was in the stands that day, inspiring a tradition of excellence in the sport that continues today.



AP Laserphoto

Jonathan Bartlett of Pennsylvania is greeted by Japanese well-wishers Saturday as he carries the Olympic Flame through the streets of Matsumoto.

Olympic historians, however, remember the Sapporo Games for the presence of another imperial ruler, Avery Brundage, the curmudgeon who headed the IOC at the time. Always on guard against commercialism creeping into the games, Brundage barred Austrian skier Karl Schranz, the favorite in all three Alpine events. Worse than taking money under the table was Schranz's failure to keep quiet about the $50,000 or so he collected every year in endorsement and sponsorship fees.

Now, that kind of money would barely keep most amateurs competing — let alone winning. Italy's national Olympic committee pays a $100,000 bonus for every gold medal — above the table. And even the U.S. Olympic Committee has adopted pay-for-performance bonuses, shelling out $15,000, $10,000 and $7,500 for gold, silver and bronze.

The nervous question echoing in the hallways of USOC headquarters through the fall and early winter was whether any of the money would be doled out. Last October, Paul George, head of the U.S. mission at the games, set the bar at 18 medals. It was a giddy prediction made at a giddy time. Last week, the USOC lowered it to 13.

Even that number might be too high. Besides Kwan and Lipinski, U.S. figure skaters Nicole Bobek and Todd Eldredge are solid medal contenders. But the rink is the only venue where Americans are the overwhelming favorites. And as it is, Bobek will have to hold off German Tanya Szewczenko, who gouged eventual Lillehammer winner Oksana Baiul in a practice mishap four years ago, and Eldridge will have to overcome his fear of flying and land a successful quad — a four-revolution jump — to defeat Elvis Stojko for gold.

The muscular Canadian held a black belt in karate at age 16, and won silver in Norway dancing to the music from "Dragon: The Bruce Lee Story." This time, Stojko is the odds-on favorite to end a surprising drought and become the first Canadian male skater to win a gold. His other challengers are a pair of Russian teens, Ilia Kulik and Alexei Yagudin.

Interestingly, the Americans' best chance to break the Russian stranglehold on pairs skating is an import from Japan. Kyoko Ina, whose partner is Jason Dungjen, was born there and represented Japan in junior competition before moving to the United States.

And the last chance for anyone to break the Russian stranglehold in ice dancing may have ended when both members of the defending gold medal Russian pair escaped serious injury in separate crashes with teammates during practice.

Nothing that extreme will have to happen for either the men or women's U.S. hockey teams to win it all, especially since both proved themselves the equal of the favored Canadians in recent international competition. But the rest of the world is loaded, too, especially in the men's bracket.

Squabbling between the Russian federation and a handful of its well-capitalized stars has left the Big Red Machine a shell of its former self. But it remains formidable, and Sweden, Finland, the Czech Republic and even Slovakia — bolstered by three NHL stars and the presence of Satan (Buffalo Sabre Miroslav Satan) in the lineup — could provide a threat.

The Unkted States has won more medals in speedskating than any other sport, but this team will have all it can handle. The sport has been revolutionized by the clap skate — a hinge allows the blade to remain on the ice longer and "claps" when the blade snaps back into place — a development few Americans have been able to exploit.

The Dutch and Germans, both long-track speedskating powers, got their hands on the new technology faster and therefore mastered the technique quicker than their U.S. counterparts. Still, American KC Boutiette, a converted in-line skater who like several of his teammates sports dyed hair and body piercings, set a U.S. record at 1,500 meters in clap skates and could contend.

An even stronger challenge could come from two American women: Chris Witty, 21, who followed in Blair's tracks by becoming world sprint champion; and Kirstin Holum, the daughter of four-time U.S. Olympic medalist Dianne Holum. In what can be called an extreme example of preparation, Dianne Holum was pregnant with Kirstin during the entire time she coached Eric Heiden to five golds in the 1980 Lake Placid Games.

Some of the noise in Alpine skiing no doubt will be made by Tomba, "La Bomba," clapping for himself. But most everyone else probably will be lauding his countrywoman, Deborah Compagnoni. She flattened the competition throughout this World Cup season and is regarded, along with Germany's Katja Seizinger, as the woman to beat.

Picabo Street joined Tommy Moe on the medal stand in Lillehammer, helping extend a run of American downhillers zooming out of nowhere to steal a race from the favorites. Both cashed in big-time and have encountered rough stretches on the slopes ever since — Street blew up knee ligaments; Moe tore his, then severed a tendon in his thumb on broken glass last year while tending bar.

And although Street placed fourth in a recent World Cup downhill in Italy, a repeat performance at the Olympics by either would be considered a surprise, especially after Street sustained a slight concussion during a fall in a race at Are, Sweden, on Saturday. The most likely breakthrough American performer could be slalom specialist Kristina Koznick.

As far as the rest of the world, Tomba will be even more envious if an Austrian team led by Hermann Maier proves as formidable as it looks, and the sole Italian man to win a medal is teammate Kristian Ghedina. But both could happen.

So could a U.S. medal in bobsledding, which would be the first since 1956. Prospects seemed dim when the U.S. four-man sled was disqualified in Lillehammer for using a sled with runners that were too warm and finished behind the cool-running Jamaican team.

But Brian Shimer, the driver on that U.S. team, won bronze medals in two-man and four-man sleds in last year's World Championships. And if needed, he can call on push-athlete Chip Minton — who makes his living away from the track as a pro wrestler — to keep nosy inspectors from looking under the sled.

An inspection, this one by the international skiing federation (FIS), also produced the major controversy leading up to the games. To avoid extending the downhill ski course into protected parkland, Nagano organizers put the starting gate for the downhill ski course on Happo'one well below where the federation wanted it.

FIS underestimated Japanese resolve. Nagano organizers would budge only so far after transplanting grass favored by the endangered Gifu butterfly to make way for one ski run and relocating the biathlon venue so as not to disturb nesting goshawks.

A compromise was eventually reached. But not before ski federation director Marc Hodler apologized for remarks he made in a local newspaper comparing Nagano committee chief Kobayashi with Cuban dictator Fidel Castro.

"Environmental things are of interest to us," Kobayashi said. "The starting point has become a symbol of our regard. If we were to raise it, we'd be called the Nagano Olympics that destroyed the environment."

American bobsledder gets 3-month ban for ephedrine

NAGANO, Japan (AP) — A member of the United States bobsledding team drew the first drug-related suspension of the Nagano Winter Olympics on Saturday, but an appeal is planned.

Just one week before the games are to begin, the international bobsleigh and toboggan federation imposed a three-month ban on Michael Dionne because the stimulant ephedrine showed up in his system during a competition in November.

The decision to ban Dionne followed a confirmation of the positive result in a test of a second sample, the federation said in a statement.

Dionne's suspension was made retroactive to Nov. 22, the date of the first test at the America's Cup in Calgary, Alberta. The ban would keep Dionne from competing at Nagano.

"Obviously, it's unfortunate," said Sandy Caligiore, press officer for the U.S. bobsled and luge teams. "But as we understand it, it was a cold medicine. Unfortunately, it's on the list."

Caligiore said he believed the banned substance Dionne took was an over-the-counter medication.

U.S. team press operations director Bob Condron said Dionne was planning to appeal the decision to the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

The court will have arbitrators at the gmes and could hear the case before the Olympics begin.

"The timeframe I've heard is Feb. 7," Condren said. "But they are trying to expedite that." The games start that day.

Condron said it is important that the matter be handled as soon as possible because, "right now, under this suspension, he isn't able to train."

The American bobsled team arrived Saturday, but Dionne stayed behind with other team officials in Osaka, in western Japan.

Team officials had no further immediate comment, and the bobsled federation provided no further details on the ban.

Dionne, of Alpharetta, Ga., was listed as a push-athlete in the bobsled.



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The Midland Lee Booster Club's fourth annual Alumni Baseball Game will be Feb. 14 at 2 p.m. at Ernie Johnson Field. All Lee alumni are welcome to come and play. Lunch will be served by the Lee Booster Club at noon. Call Larry Crawford at 694-1279 or 683-4619 to signup to play or to get information...

The Midland Lee Baseball Booster club will meet each Thursday during the baseball season at 7:30 p.m. in the Lee High School Library....

The Lee Softball Booster Club will meet on the first Thursday of every month. Meetings will be held at 7 p.m. in the Lee High School cafeteria...

The Midland High Soccer Booster Club is holding its meetings in Conference Room A at 7 p.m. on Feb. 2. There will be a door prize, but you have to be present to win.

The Midland Lee Soccer Booster Club is holding its meetings the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Lee library.

Golf...

Masters Golf will offer a junior golf clinic during spring break beginning March 10-12. Times are 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. for golfers age 9-11 and 11 a.m. to noon for those 12-15. The cost is $39 and clubs are available if needed. The clinic is limited to the first paid entries per age group. For more information or to sign up, please call 570-4499...

Masters Golf will offer a Valentine's Day Special: Beginning golf lessons for couples. The cost is $59 a couple and the times are 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The lessons are available to the first four paid couples. Call 570-4499 for more information and to sign up...

Hogan Park Golf Course will host a 27-hole 2-Person tournament Feb. 21. Nine holes will be a scramble, nine a low ball and nine an alternate shot format. Play begins at 10 a.m. and players form own teams. All players must have established USGA handicap. Entry deadline is Feb. 18 by 6 p.m. Entry forms are available at the Hogan Park golf shop...

Swimming...

Pre-competitive swimming is being offered at the Mabee Aquatic Center. The program will teach elementary age swimmers techniques of competitive swimming while improving their strokes. It is open to swimmers who can swim at least 25 yards of freestyle and backstroke. The cost is $35 per month on a year-round basis. For more information, call 684-7755...

COM Aquatics is holding water aerobics classes Monday through Saturday at Mabee Aquatic Center. Classes are at 6:15 a.m., 7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. There will also be a pre-school excercise class offered in conjunction with the 9 a.m. water aerobics class. All classes are open to the public and swimming skills are not necessary. Deep and shallow water classes are offered. For information, call Julie Harvey at 684-7755...

COM Aquatics is offering beginning diving lessons throughout the school year in its indoor heated Olympic Diving Pool. Participants need to be able to swim in deep water. The COM diving progran also offers competitive team practice and competitions for most ability levels all year long. Please contact coach Maxwell for more information at 684-7755...

The Alamo YMCA Aquatics Program is offering swimming lessons for all ages. Children are placed in classes according to age and ability. The Skip class, for children three months to three years is a parent participation class while the Pers classes are for children 3-5 and Progressive classes are for children 6 and up. Lessons are also offered for adults. Safety is taught in conjunction with the classes. Group and private lessons are available. For more information, call 694-2528...

The Alamo YMCA is offering water aerobics. Swimming ability is not necessary to participate. For more information, call 694-2528...

Volleyball...

Registration for YMCA youth volleyball for boys and girls in grades 3-8 is underway. The fee is $25 for YMCA members and $38 for non-members. For more information, call 682-2551...

Basketball...

The Boys & Girls Club of Midland is offering a youth coed basketball league for children in the following grade divisions: 1st & 2nd, 3rd & 4th, 5th & 6th. The league is scheduled to start this month. Registration is now being taken for all three grade divisions. A $15 fee will be charged. This fee includes the 1998 Club membership, 10-game season, t-shirt and tournament. Participants may register at any of the club's three locations. Registration will continue until all teams are filled. For more information call of the clubs nearest you after 2 p.m. daily — Halff Park Unit, 110 E. New Jersey, 683-5297; Taylor Park Unit, 1321 S. Goode, 683-0050, NE/YMCA Unit. 2800 Butternut, 682-8469. Volunteer coaches are needed for all three grade divisions.

St. Mary Central Catholic School in Odessa will conduct the SMCCS Indoor 3-on-3 Tournament on March 21. The entry fee is $80 per team and the deadline is March 14 and limited to the first 16 teams to play. Call Manny Salazar at 580-5704 or 557-2833...

Soccer...

Midland Soccer Association Spring Registration runs through Feb. 1, 1998. Fee is $40 for recreational players and $44 for club players. There will be a $10 late fee after Feb. 1. Signups will be from 10 a.m-2 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1909 W. Wall, Suite N. For more information, call 684-5425...

The Third Annual Sooner Soccer Shootout will be held on Feb. 13-15 for boys and girls basketball teams in grades 3-10 in Midwest City, Okla. Team from several Midwestern states have already registered to play and those who are interested must call Gary Vick at (405) 722-4518 as soon as possible...

The Force United (girls U-11) Soccer Club will hold tryouts Feb. 20-21 to fill openings on the team. Team is for girls born between Aug. 1, 1986 and July 31, 1987. If interested call Kelly Hunter at 367-1142...

Mirage '82 U-16 girls soccer team has a limited number of openings for players qualified to play at the competitive level. Tryouts will be Feb. 1 and Feb. 15 at Midland Lee from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Players should have birth dates between 8-1-81 and 7-31-83. Players attached to a team must have release forms. For information call Jo Anne Hudson at 685-1829...

Softball...

Umpires are needed to work high school softball games in West Texas. Find out more by contacting Mack Gipson at 520-5961 or Freddie Ezell at 694-5508...

The Midland Softball Association Spring Organizational Meeting will be held on Feb. 24 at the Holiday Inn. Entry Fee for the 12-game season will be $250 and games will begin April 6. Call the Midland Softball Association at 683-8741 for information...

Signups for the Midland United Girls Softball's Spring Season will take place at Midland Park Mall on Feb. 7-8 and Feb. 14-15. All Saturday signups will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. while Sunday signups will last from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. The last chance to signup for the MUGS spring season will be Feb. 23-26 at the MUGS Complex from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more information call Robin Askew at 686-7025...

The Permian Basin ASA Umpires Association will be conducting its first organizational meeting Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. at the Hoagn Park Umpires building. Any person wishing to umpire slow pitch or fast pitch softball, and MUGS will need to attend this meeting. For more information, contact Howard King at 684-7595, Al Enriquez at 684-8481 or Joe Guerra at 686-8445...

Baseball...

The Midland Junior Baseball Association will hold signups on Feb. 14 for all area players. The signup includes T-Ball (ages 5-6), M-Ball (age 7), Little League (8-12), Junior League (age 13), Senior League (14-15) and Big League (16-18). Signups will be at Crestview Baptist Church Student Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Applications will be available at Stadium Sports and Play It Again Sports for late signup through the end of February. For more information, call Bill Rigney at 687-3133. Please, do not call Crestview Baptist Church...

The Midland Challenger Little League Division, for ages 6-18 with physical or mental disabilities, begins play March 31 at the North Central Little League's Kelly Field, off Loop 250 behind Putt-Putt Golf. Players are assisted by buddies. Buddies can receive community service hours. The league needs buddies and coaches. Call 697-6536 if interested. Players may register at the Crestview Baptist Church Activities Building on Jan. 31 or Feb. 14...

Tennis...

The Midland Women's Tennis Association will begin its spring tennis league on Feb. 2 and will run for 10 weeks, ending on April 6. There will be no play March 9-13 due to spring break. Levels 1 and 3 will play on Tuesdays at 9:15 a.m. and levels 2 and 4 will play on Thursdays at 9:15 a.m. at Midland College. A fee of $15 should be sent to Shelley Head at 4103 Westminster, 79707. For further information on the night league and the Icecycle Freeze Play, call Pennye Duewall at 682-1520 or Em Carnett at 689-6962...

The fourth annual TAM Junior Awards Banquet will be held on Tuesday at Green Tree Country Club from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. All TAM members are encouraged to attended. Tickets are $10 for adults and $6 for children 12-and-under. For more information, please call Terry Wilkinson at 682-0774...

The USTA Adult Leagues for men, women and mixed doubles and seniors play starts in April. Captains meetings are on Feb. 16-19. For more information, call coordinators Juanell Fort at 686-0277 and Lance Armstrong 687-4046...

Miscellaneous...

The Flatlanders Ski Club is planning the following trips: Telluride, Colo., Feb. 18-22, 1998; Lake Louise, Canada, March 22-29, 1998 and New Zealand, July 24-Aug. 1, 1998...

Gymnastics classes are being offered at the Mabee Aquatic Center. Parent-tot, grade school and tumbling classes are available. There will also be an advanced team class by tryout only. The staff is certified by USA Gymnastics. For more information, call Megan Rodriguez at 684-7755...

The Alamo YMCA Gymnastics Program is offering classes for all age groups from toddlers to age 17. Parent-tot, beginners, advanced beginners, pre-teams and competitive teams are all offered. For more information, contact Stephanie Barr at 694-2528...

The Midland Women's Bowling Association is holding its 43rd annual City Tournament Feb. 7-8 and 14-15. The team event is Feb. 7 and 14 at 9 a.m., noon amd 3 p.m. at AMF Midland Park Lanes. The doubles and singles event is Feb. 8 and 15 at 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. at Cactus lanes. Multiple entries for the team event are allowed. Entry fee is $12.50 per event with a deadline of midnight Jan. 31. Entry forms are available at Midland Park and Cactus Lanes...

The "I Luv to Run" Fun Run held by the Permian Basin Road Runners Club is scheduled for Feb. 15 at 2 p.m. starting at Chaparral Center. Registration will be from 1-1:45. There will be a three-mile race and a one-mile race for kids. The cost will be $2 for kids, $3 for PBRRC members and $5 for non-members. For more information, call Jerry Dutchover at 520-6188 or Al Steel at 550-9063...

The Midland Colts Semi-Pro football team will be practicing at Alamo High Junior High every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon and 2-4 p.m. and Sundays from 2-4 p.m. Spectators are welcome...

Favorite Trick highlights list of 384 3-year-old Triple Crown nominees

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Great Expedition is one of 384 3-year-olds on a list of great expectations — the early nominations for the Triple Crown races.

"In the sport of thoroughbred racing, each year is filled with the dream of joining that elite company of 11 champions who have mastered the Triple Crown," said Edward P. Siegenfeld, executive vice president of Triple Crown Productions.

This year is the 50th anniversary of Citation becoming the eighth Triple Crown winner, the 25th anniversary of Secretariat becoming the ninth and the 20th anniversary of Affirmed becoming the 20th.

Just winning one of the races — the Kentucky Derby, Preakness or Belmont Stakes — is quite an achievement. Just a fraction of the 384 nominees will in the field for Derby which opens the series May 2 at Churchill Downs. A fraction of that fraction will run in two or all three of the races.

The best-known nominee is Favorite Trick, the 1997 2-year-old champion, who is unbeaten in eight starts. He is scheduled to open his 1998 campaign in the seven-furlong Swale on Florida Derby Day March 14 at Gulfstream Park.

Nick Zito leads the trainers with 22 nominees, 14 of them owned by James and Linda McIngvale: Zito also trains nominee Halory Hunter, owned by Celtic Pride Stable, whose managing partner is Boston Celtics coach Rick Patino. Zito who has trained two Derby winners and a winner of the Preakness.

In with 14 nominees each are D. Wayne Lukas and Richard Mandella. Two nominees for Lukas, who trained winners of 10 Triple Crown races, are Grand Slam, back in training after being seriously injured in the Breeders' Crown Juvenile, and Cape Town.

SWIMMING: MHS girls earn points title

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had didn't show often, especially in the relay at the end of the day. With Irons leading off and Alvarado finishing, the Midland High quartet won in 3 minutes, 50.5 seconds, almost nine seconds ahead of the second place team from Lee.

It was a particularly symbolic ending for Alvarado, who almost had a hand in four first place finishes. She started the day by winning the 200 free in 1:59.77, 2.56 seconds ahead of the second place finisher, teammate Carson. Alvarado then won the 100 free in 56.17, edging Central's Mara Garza for the win.

"I hoped to do as well as I did, but I didn't think I'd do this good," Alvarado said. "At the end of the day I was pretty tired."

Alvarado could have made the day a clean sweep with her anchor position on the MHS 200 free relay team with Irons, Carson and Ellen Bell, but Central rallied in the final lap to win with a time of 1:44.72, barely ahead of MHS at 1:44.98.

Earlier in the season, Alvarado hadn't been anchoring, but coach Carson decided to move her to the final spot because he felt she could handle it despite her youth.

"I usually swim in the middle, so going to the end is kind of different, but I like it," Alvarado said.

What Alvarado is doing this season is similar to what Irons did last year as a freshman, winning two district championships in her first varsity season. Irons is now a grizzled vet by comparison, and it showed in the finals.

Irons won the 200 IM in 2:15.23, over six seconds better than the second place finisher. She won the 100 fly in 1:01.51, lowering her seed time by over a second.

"It actually adds pressure," said Irons of both defending her district championships and being a top seed. "You're expected to win because of what you did in the preliminary.

"All in all, I thought (the times) were really good. I'm hoping to break one minute in the 100 fly in regionals."

That's familiar territory now for Irons and certainly for Goodwin, whose 24.26 in the 50 free and 57.54 in the 100 backstroke broke the district marks she set last year. As the defending state champion in the latter event, such a lowering of time is almost to be expected.

With regionals and the state meet approaching within the next month, Goodwin is thinking more about racing the clock than the competition around her.

"I was just wanting to go faster than I did last year to foreshadow what I could do in regionals," Goodwin said. "This meet was a lot more fun than in the last two years."

Thanks mainly to Goodwin, the Lee girls finished third in the team standings with 47 points.

The only multiple winner for any of the Midland boys teams was Lee sophomore Gregg Strauss, who won both the 200 and 500 free. Strauss, who easily won the 500 in 4:58.20, was the defending district champion in the event and had definite goals.

"Just getting under five minutes was my goal," said Strauss, who edged Central's Jason Martinez to win the 200 in 1:51.33. "I was thinking about 4:50, but that's going to be awful hard."

Midland High finished second in the boys standings with 61 points, well behind Central at 117. Lee was fourth with 41 points.

Other individual winners included a pair of Midland High boys. Senior Paul Urquieta won the 100 fly in 54.73 and junior Bo Buskirk won the 100 back in 57.59.

Kristin Carson won the girls 500 free in 5:22.87. Midland High sophomore Natalie Snow won the girls 1-meter diving with a score of 225.30.

Results from the finals of the District 4-6A Swimming Championships held at Odessa Permian Saturday:

BOYS

Team Results

1, San Angelo Central (SAC) 117; 2, Midland High (MHS) 61; 3, Abilene High (AHS) 55; 4, Midland Lee 41; 5, Abilene Cooper (AC) 21; 6, Odessa High (OHS) 19; 7, Odessa Permian (OP)

Individuals

200 Medley Relay: 1, SAC 1:42.55; 2, MHS (Fiske, Urquieta, McKeller, Wallace) 1:43.51; 3, AHS 1:47.28; 4, Lee (Fallin, Jimenez, Carnett, Strauss) 1:48.66; 5, OHS 1:55.66. 200 Free: 1, Gregg Strauss (Lee) 1:51.33; 2, Jason Martinez (SAC) 1:51.53; 3, Paul Urquieta (MHS) 1:52.83; 4, D. Hester (SAC) 1:53.18; 5, Ryan Fiske (MHS) 1:53.87; 6, Zach Paukert (SAC) 1:59.03. 200 IM: 1, Josh Johnson (SAC) 1:59.55; 2, Michael McKeller (MHS) 2:07.45; 3, Scott Carnett (Lee) 2:08.27; 4, Justin Fallin (Lee) 2:09.09; 5, Adam Jimenez (Lee) 2:10.63; 6, Kent Elliott (OHS) 2:15.42. 50 Free: 1, B. Patterson (SAC) 22.52; 2, Justin Wray (AHS) 23.27; 3, James Stultz (SAC) 23.34; 4, Patrick Wallace (MHS) 23.65; 5, B. Kujawski (SAC) 23.78; 6, Dustin Ream (OHS) 24.02. 1-Meter Diving: 1, D. Sanderson (AHS) 336.10; 2, Bryan Owen (SAC) 328.85; 3, B. Lewrats (AHS) 284.85; 4, Jason Smith (OP) 279.90; 5, M. Brown (MHS) 249.70; 6, Clay Gibson (SAC) 240.35. 100 Fly: 1, Paul Urquieta (MHS) 54.73; 2, B. Patterson (SAC) 55.16; 3, Adam Jimenez (Lee) 57.83; 4, Eric Carrens (OP) 1:00.52; 5, M. Brown (MHS) 1:00.59; 6, Sean Young (SAC) 1:04.20. 100 Free: 1, Jason Martinez (SAC) 49.92; 2, Kris Knight (AHS) 51.06; 3, James Stultz (SAC) 51.79; 4, Patrick Wallace (MHS) 52.72; 5, B. Kujawski (SAC) 52.99; 6, V. Hutchinson (MHS) 53.22. 500 Free: 1, Gregg Strauss (Lee) 4:58.20; 2, Ryan Fiske (MHS) 5:06.83; 3, Justin Fallin (Lee) 5:12.44; 4, D. Hester (SAC) 5:19.74; 5, Zach Paukert (SAC) 5:21.83; 6, Jay Ebbert (MHS) 5:22.12. 200 Free Relay: 1, SAC 1:32.02; 2, AHS 1:34.97; 3 (tie), OHS and AC 1:37.52; 5, MHS (Buskirk, Brown, Hutchinson, Myers) 1:37.89; 6, OP 1:42.68. 100 Back: 1, Bo Buskirk (MHS) 57.59; 2, N. Bowles (SAC) 59.28; 3, Kent Coppock (SAC) 59.50; 4, C. Pacheco (AHS) 1:02.40; 5, A. Nguyen (AHS) 1:03.75; 6, Scott Proskell (Lee) 1:04.39. 100 Breast: 1, Josh Johnson (SAC) 1:00.58; 2, Michael McKeller (MHS) 1:03.19; 3, Mike Mann (AC) 1:05.18; 4, Scott Carnett (Lee) 1:06.36; 5, Keith Wright (AC) 1:08.10; 6, Kyle Buse (AHS) 1:08.48. 400 Free Relay: 1, SAC 3:23.50; 2, AHS 3:34.15; 3, AC 3:42.62; 4, OHS 3:47.49.

Girls

Team Results

1, MHS 101.50; 2, Central 86.50; 3, Lee 47; 4, OHS 31; 5, AHS 27; 6, Cooper 22; 7, Permian 9.

Individuals

200 Medley Relay: 1, SAC 1:56.65; 2, AHS 1:59.91; 3, Lee (Goodwin, Brasher, Sanchez, Nordt) 2:02.05; 4, AC 2:02.12; 5, MHS (Bell, Binam, Ritchie, Rambo) 2:05.10; 6, OHS 2:05.47. 200 Free: 1, Emily Alvarado (MHS) 1:59.77; 2, Kristin Carson (MHS) 2:02.33; 3, Adrian Reese (AC) 2:07.20; 4, Erin Harvey (Lee) 2:10.42; 5, Sarah Floyd (OHS) 2:10.57; 6, Stephanie Wentworth (MHS) 2:11.18. 200 IM: 1, Erin Irons (MHS) 2:15.23; 2, Alexis Casas (OHS) 2:21.95; 3, Kasia Binam (MHS) 2:26.89; 4, Abby Ritchie (MHS) 2:30.59; 5, E. Sanchez (Lee) 2:30.61; 6, M. Simmons (Lee) 2:35.13. 50 Free: 1, Amber Goodwin (Lee) 24.26; 2, Mara Garza (SAC) 25.56; 3, L. Stallings (SAC) 25.90; 4, A. Casillas (OP) 26.55; 5, Susan Talley (SAC) 27.08; 6, Cameron Cook (AHS) 27.34. 1-Meter Diving: 1, Natalie Snow (MHS) 225.30; 2, Kara Thompson (SAC) 215.30; 3, J. Rigtrip (MHS) 184.30. 100 Fly: 1, Erin Irons (MHS) 1:01.51; 2, Ellen Bell (MHS) 1:03.79; 3, Crystal Wilson (OHS) 1:04.63; 4 (tie), Kasia Binam (MHS) and A. Patterson (SAC) 1:07.30; 6, C. Jones (SAC) 1:08.80. 100 Free: 1, Emily Alvarado (MHS) 56.17; 2, Mara Garza (SAC) 56.35; 3, L. Stallings (SAC) 56.90; 4, Susan Talley (SAC) 59.46; 5, M. Andrews (SAC) 1:00.69; 6, Sommer Akin (AC) 1:03.10. 500 Free: 1, Kristin Carson (MHS) 5:22.87; 2, Adrian Reese (AC) 5:39.87; 3, Erin Harvey (Lee) 5:42.71; 4, Stephanie Wentworth (MHS) 5:43.46; 5, Sarah Floyd (OHS) 5:46.82; 6, Heather Barcroft (Lee) 5:50.30. 200 Free Relay: 1, SAC 1:44.72; 2, MHS (Irons, Carson, Bell, Alvarado) 1:44.98; 3, AHS 1:50.29; 4, AC 1:52.31; 5, Lee (Crow, Simmons, Brasher, Barcroft) 1:55.78; 6, OHS 2:01.08. 100 Back: 1, Amber Goodwin (Lee) 57.54; 2, C. Stennard (SAC) 1:04.24; 3, A. Casillas (OP) 1:05.24; 4, Alexis Casas (OHS) 1:06.18; 5, M. Nguyen (AHS) 1:07.92; 6, Ellen Bell (MHS) 1:08.64. 100 Breast: 1, E. Sonntag (SAC) 1:10.02; 2, Crystal Wilson (OHS) 1:10.84; 3, C. Jones (SAC) 1:12.66; 4, Abby Ritchie (MHS) 1:13.53; 5, Sarah Knight (AHS) 1:13.98; 6, J. Kocurek (SAC) 1:15.60. 400 Free Relay: 1, MHS (Irons, Wentworth, Carson, Alvarado) 3:50.05; 2, Lee (Nordt, Goodwin, Pequeno, Barcroft) 3:58.50; 3, SAC 4:00.06; 4, OHS 4:05.40; 5, AHS 4:11.29; 6, OP 4:32.49.

LEE: Lady Rebels own first in District 7

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they have."

The goal did get Lee's offense going as it got off 13 of 14 shots in the last 50 minutes. It also marked a time when Cooper started to struggle.

"In the first 30 minutes we were high and then there were no sparks," Cooper coach Claudia Blea said. "Everyone knows this district is tough and we have to be ready to play. We did for 25-30 minutes."

In the second half, both teams had offensive opportunities although Lee had more of them, outshooting Cooper 8-3 in the second half. Lee's defense, headed by returners Tiffany Zachry and Maggie George, again gave the Lady Rebs the opportunity to win a game which Lee did in the post-regulation shootout.

In the extra period, Lee got right on Cooper as Amy Rankin converted on her shootout attempt (which places the shooter 35 yards from the goal with a one-on-one chance to beat the keeper). Lee got one more in the best-of-five format from Cassie Taylor, although it didn't need another.

Lee keeper Brandice Zachry was solid, saving two Cooper attempts and forcing two others to miss to give Lee a 2-0 win.

"I feel awesome," Zachry said. "It was like in Deer Park (where Lee recorded its other shootout win), I told myself, 'no goals.' I came out strong and hard, and whatever shots were put on me, I tried to save it.

"I really didn't go want to go to a shootout, but I'll take whatever, the team puts on me."

Blea, whose Lady Coogs won three straight district titles from 1994-96, said, "With the district being so even, there should be more in the future. This district is tough. This might not be the last shootout we are in."

Simpson says his team has been practicing shootouts every day.

"We are ready for them and have to keep ready," Simpson said. "Our people are 10 deep and ready to score."

Now Lee has a week off before playing at Abilene High next Saturday. Until then, the goal is to heal the wounded and keep business as usual.

"We have been doing something right to get where we are," Simpson said. "We just have to keep doing it."

IN JV ACTION, Lee defeated Cooper 2-0 to improve to 1-1-1 for the season. Priscilla Rojas and Hayley Fields scored for Lee while Fields and Amy Britton shared the shutout in the net.

Midland Lee 2, Abilene Cooper 1, 2-0 in shootout

Cooper	1	0	0	—1
Lee	1	0	1	—2

First Half: 1. Cooper, Faith Hines (Stacy McNeil), 19th minute; 2. Lee, Ritha Belizaire (Raffi Belizaire), 37th minute.

Second Half: None.

Shootout: Cooper - Leanne Fenter (saved), McNeil (miss), Laura Berg (saved), Cricket Holt (miss). Lee: Amy Rankin (Score), Sarah Buchanan (miss), Ritha Belizaire (missed), Cassie Taylor (score). End of Shootout.

Shots: Cooper 10, Lee 14. Corners: Cooper 7, Lee 1. Saves: Cooper 12 (Jenny Breed 5, Cricket Holt 7), Lee 5 (Brandice Zachry 5). Fouls: Cooper 6, Lee 8. Offsides: Cooper 2, Lee 0. Cards: None.

MHS: Bulldogs fall to 0-3 in district

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AHS' Randy Delagarza booted a corner kick from the left corner of the field and got the ball in front of the MHS goal. As the ball came off a defensive deflection, Jeremi Villareal managed to get off a hard shot which sailed to the left side of MHS goalie Justin Booth.

That would be all the Eagles needed on this day. But give credit to the MHS defense for keeping the Bulldogs in the game as Abilene High also had numerous other opportunities to get another score but failed to connect when threatening.

"The defense played well. I think we handled Abilene pretty well," Esikhati said. "But defense can only do so much. We have to get better opportunities to penetrate and get those goals to go in."

At the beginning of the season, it was the defense that showed concern. Three games into the district part of the season, it appears that those concerns have turned to the other side of the ball.

"We had those opportunities in the game," Esikhati said. "They (AHS) had that one good corner kick, and in that opportunity, they capitalized on that one corner kick very well."

After three straight losses, the Bulldogs are going to be forced to do some soul searching and some evaluation on their offense.

"We're going to have to regroup and work on our finishing. It's going to have to take the whole team and not just one section of the team to get back on the winning track," Esikhati said. "I'm not used to losing. This is a terrifying situation for me and the team."

The Bulldogs hope to capitalize on their opportunities Tuesday in San Angelo against the Bobcats.

In JV Action: Midland High beat Abilene High 3-0 with goals from Joey Entzminger, Marcus Jackson, and Aleem Rakeeb.

Abilene High 1, Midland High 0

Abilene	1	0	—1
Midland	0	0	—0

First Half — 1. AHS, Jeremi Villareal, 37th minute.

Shots: AHS 13, MHS 11. Corner kicks: AHS 8, MHS 4. Goalie saves: AHS 4 (Kenneth Russell 4), MHS 4 (Justin Booth 4). Fouls: AHS 11, MHS 9. Offsides: AHS 7, MHS 3. Cards: MHS 1, Jeremie Pietie (yellow), Adam Gaston (yellow).

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EDUCATION



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MISD entries in the National PTA Reflections Arts in Education Program, from left to right, by: Kelleigh Drenhon, Travis Elementary; Sarah Maurer, Emerson Elementary; Laura Llen, Bonham Elementary.

Artfully done

MISD students participate in national art competition



By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Midland youngsters recently got a chance to show off their creativity as part of the National PTA's Reflections Arts in Education Program.

Approximately 3,600 Midland Independent School District students in grades pre-K through 12 submitted entries for the competition, and 1,300 of the entries advanced to city level.

Winners at the city level will receive "Awards of Excellence" at the City Council PTA meeting Monday and will advance to District 18 competition and possibly state and national competitions.

This year's theme was "Wouldn't It Be Great If ..." and entries could be in any or all of four categories: visual arts, photography, music and literature.

"It's interesting to see the range of entries," said Mary Jo Fortuna with the City Council PTA. "One boy submitted a short story saying 'Wouldn't it be great if my teacher and I were on the Odessa Jackalopes hockey team.' Entries include things that trouble or delight children, and some are whimsical. It really gives you insight into what's happening in a child's mind.

"What amazes me is the amount of talent, especially in the visual arts submissions. It's amazing the amount of time and creativity these children put into their projects."

This year, the competition drew some entries from the special education program at Anson Jones Elementary.

Mrs. Fortuna said professionals in each field judge the different categories, which draw entries from five age groups: Pre-K, Primary (Kindergarten-Second Grade); Intermediate (Grades 3-5), Junior (Grades 6-8) and Senior (Grades 9-12).

The visual arts category drew the most submissions; its only restrictions were in size and depth because the entries travel. There were 64 entries in the music category, which last year drew approximately 24 entries. Music entries must be less than five minutes and literature entries must be fewer than 2,000 words.

■ Complete list of winners/3D

With a grant from the Arts Assembly of Midland and the efforts of the Midland City Council PTA, the National PTA's Reflections Traveling Art Exhibit will go on display at the Children's Museum of the Museum of the Southwest in October.

The National PTA established the Reflections program more than 25 years ago to promote the arts in public schools.



ABOVE LEFT: An entry by Ryan Duffey, Midland High School.

AT LEFT: Clockwise from top: Jacob Peterson, Scharbauer Elemenatary; Mike Lennon, Rusk Elementary; Amber Papason, Lee High School; Devon Ramey, Fannin Elementary.

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All-State honors

The following Lee High School and Midland High School students were selected for the All-State Band or Choir. FRONT ROW, RIGHT TO LEFT: Cole Thomas Carter-MHS-Oboe, Todd Wauhob-LHS-String Bass, Landon Luttrell-LHS-Trombone, John McDaniel-LHS-Saxophone, Shannon Whitaker-LHS-Euphonium, Flint Weed-LHS-Euphonium, Marie McClurg-LHS-Contra Bass Clarinet. BACK ROW, RIGHT TO LEFT: Melissa Baer-LHS-Clarinet, Joelle Glaser-LHS-Trumpet, Elizabeth Rowland-LHS-Alto Clarinets, Michelle Blake-LHS-Flute, Heather Martin-LHS-Clarinet, Shelby Wilson-LHS-Alto II-Choir, Josh Black-LHS-Bass II-Choir.

MAKING THE GRADE

The Midland Morning Lions Club named **Kanji Naylor, Melissa Hernandez, Amber Goodwin** and **Devann Nichole Franco** as their students of the week.

Ms. Naylor is the daughter of Gary and Vikki Naylor. She is a student at Lee High School, a varsity cheerleader and captain of the Midland College All-Star Cheerleading Squad. She is a lions club ambassador.

She plans to graduate as a Texas Scholar and attend Texas A&M University-Commerce.

Ms. Hernandez is the daughter of Joe and Mary Montoya. She attends Lee High School and is the Lee Mascot, a Midland All-Stars Cheerleader, senior class secretary, Senior Girl, Symphony Belle.

She plans to attend The University of Texas at Austin.

Ms. Goodwin is the daughter of Larry and Jeanette Goodwin. Her honors and activities include National Spanish Society, All-American Scholar, Texas Scholar, student council representative, varsity cheerleader, All American cheerleader, junior class treasurer and numerous others. She is also a member of Drug Free Youth in Texas and a DARE role model.

She hopes to earn a swimming scholarship.

Ms. Franco is the daughter of Roy and Alva Franco.

She is a student at Lee High School where she is a varsity cheerleader and secretary of Student Council. She is a Symphony Belle, Lions Ambassador.

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Oklahoma State University released the names of the former Midlanders who earned recognition on their academic honor roll for the fall 1997 semester.

The students are: **Jennifer Jeanene Arnold** and **Eric David Browning**.

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The Midland West Rotary Club named **Bryce Hamels** as their student of the week.

Hamels honors and activities include LHS Choir, LHS Origin German Honor Society, German Club, Academic Letters, Who's Who Among American High School Students and Texas Scholars.

He plans to attend Midland College and study sound engineering.

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LUBBOCK — The Texas Tech University College of Human Sciences awarded more than $259,500 to approximately 425 recipients for the 1997-98 academic year.

Awards ranged from $200 to $2,000 for each recipient. Programs in the college include human development; family studies; early childhood; substance abuse studies; marriage and family therapy; family financial planning; merchandising; fashion design; clothing; textiles and merchandising; interior design; restaurant, hotel and institutional management (RHIM); food and nutrition/dietetics; environmental design and consumer economics; and family & consumer sciences education.

Students from Midland receiving scholarships this year include:

Jennifer Baer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Baer, Vernon and Elizabeth Haggerton Scholarship;

David Chapa, son of Ray and Connie Chapa, Billie Wolfe Scholarship;

Christi Jane Feris, daughter of Tom and Mary Jane Wilmeth, Jack and Vivian Broyles Scholarship;

Nathanael L. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Brown, Constance Bishop Goodwin Scholarship;

Nicole Renee Edelbrock, daughter of Roger and Michelle Edelbrock, Margaret W. Weeks Scholarship;

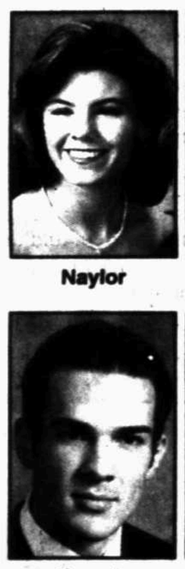
Michelle Cheri Roper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Roper, Lola Cone Scholarship;

Alissa Jeane Sutton, daughter of Don and Lisa Sutton, Billie Wolfe Scholarship;

Sarah Vaughan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Vaughan, Billie Wolfe Scholarship.

Area students interested in studying in the college are encouraged to apply for a scholarship.

Applications may be requested from the Office of the Dean, College of Human Sciences, Texas Tech University, P.O. Box 41162, Lubbock, Texas 79409-1162.


Naylor


Hernandez


Goodwin


Franco

Hamels

Hooker

Carnett

Younger

Applications are due Feb. 16.

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COLLEGE STATION — **Michael Jon Rhoads**, son of Terry and Jenny Rhoads of Midland, won second place in the fall 1997 Bovay Engineering Ethics Essay Contest at Texas A&M University.

The contest was established to give engineering students an opportunity to deal with some of the ethical issues that arise in the field of engineering.

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Two Midlanders have been named to the Austin College Dean's List for the fall 1997 semester.

The local students are **Joseph Salvatore Severino**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Severino; and **Nicole Rae Kuiper**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Kuiper.

All students named to the Dean's List earned a semester grade point average of at least 3.67 on a 4.0 scale and are ranked in the top 20 percent.

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Amy Kathleen Hooker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hooker recently graduated from Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Anthropology.

Ms. Hooker is a 1994 graduate of Lee High School.

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Four Midland students at Angelo State University were among 296 students to receive degrees during the fall commencement.

Teresa Dimery received a bachelor of Science, with a major in early childhood; **Jo Heather Ford** received a bachelor of science, with a major in early childhood, **Krista Sher Mcfarland** received a bachelor of science, with a major in psychology, and **K'Lynn Roberts** received a bachelor of arts, magna cum laude, with a major in English.

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The University of Northern Arizona named **Sara Carnett** to the Deans List.

Ms. Carnett, daughter of Gary and Anita Carnett of Midland, is a 1995 graduate of Lee High School.

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Bobby Younger, son of Mary Sue Younger of Midland and Robert Younger of Lewisville has been serving as President of the Chemical Engineering Honor Society—Omega Chi Epsilon at Texas Tech University. He was also inducted into the distinguished Engineering Honor Society Tau Beta Pi.

EDUCATION IN BRIEF

ODESSA— Charles Sorber, president of The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, announced that Ray and Lorraine Perryman have contributed $50,000 to the university during its silver anniversary.

The gift will establish the Ray and Lorraine Perryman Endowed Presidential Scholarship and support other critical needs at the university.

Perryman is economist-in-residence for the Cox School of Business at Southern Methodist University. Mrs. Perryman is former mayor of Odessa and a longtime community leader and volunteer.

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Lee High School math teacher Kari A. Welker graduated magna cum laude with honors in December from Texas Tech University.

She received her bachelor's in mathematics and education. She is a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society and ETA Ommicron NU.

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First Baptist Child Development Canter, 2104 W. Louisiana Ave., will have an open house 3-4 pm today in Building C.

The Child Development Center is for 3 years of age by Sept. 1, through first grade.

For more information call 683-0638.

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A meeting is planned for 7 p.m. Monday at Abell Junior High School for parents to meet with counselors.

They will discuss the four-year plan of course work and graduation requirements.

For more information call Jennifer Cooper at 689-6210.

SCHOOL MENUS

MIDLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Monday—Breakfast: Pancakes and syrup or assorted cereals and toast, fruit juice, milk. **Lunch:** Fettuccine alfredo, pepperoni pizza or cheese pizza, green beans, tossed salad, bread sticks, fruit drink, milk.

Tuesday—Breakfast: Blueberry coffee cake or assorted cereals, fruit juice, milk. **Lunch:** Baked chicken or chefs salad, scalloped potatoes, green peas, wheat roll, peaches, fruit drink, milk.

Wednesday—Breakfast: Waffles and syrup or assorted cereals and toast, fruit juice, milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger, cheeseburger or chili cheese fries, lettuce and tomatoes, oven fried potatoes, spinach, lettuce and tomatoes, fruit drink, milk.

Thursday—Breakfast: Breakfast: Cinnamon roll or assorted cereals and toast, fruit juice, milk. **Lunch:** Enchiladas or nacho grande, refried beans, lettuce and tomatoes, Spanish rice, fruit drink, milk.

Friday—Breakfast: Breakfast: Scrambled egg and toast or assorted cereals and toast, fruit juice, milk. **Lunch:** Deli sandwich or corn dog, cheesy potato soup, raw veggies, apricots, fruit drink, milk.

GREENWOOD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Monday—Breakfast: Oatmeal, sausage, cinnamon toast, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Chicken nuggets, rice with brown gravy, buttered peas, mixed fruit, milk

Tuesday—Breakfast: Bacon and eggs, biscuits and jelly, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Hoagie sandwich, chips, lettuce and tomato, pickles, cheese, fresh apples, milk.

Wednesday—Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Tacos, pinto beans, lettuce and tomato salad, cheese, hot sauce, brownies, milk.

Thursday—Breakfast: Pop tarts, cereal, juice, milk. **Lunch:** BBQ ribletts on a bun, potato salad, pork and beans, cherry cobbler, milk.

Friday-Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Hamburger, french fries, hamburger salad with pickles, ranger cake, milk.

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Award of excellence winners

Award of Excellence Winners in the annual National PTA's Reflections Arts in Education Program:

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Kindergarten: Louisa Chapman, Fannin; Michael Krol, Parker

Grade 1: Julie Fortuna, Fannin; Jonathan H. Jordan, Parker; Shannon Murphree, Fannin; Kadie Poage, Parker; Allison Reid, Fannin

Grade 2: Holly Hilgemeier, Greathouse; Bradley Hilliard, Fannin; Mike Lennon, Rusk; Paige Raglin, Bonham; Audrey Richards, Sam Houston

Grade 3: Erin DeLavan, Henderson; Adam Hilgemeier, Greathouse; Stephanie Krol, 2 entries, Parker; Camie Leach, Bowie; Jennier Pitts, Greathouse; Caitlyn Trice, Greathouse; Michael Van Horn, Greathouse

Grade 4: Shane Cardon, Sam Houston

Grade 5: Katie Benton, Bush; Kimberly Beth Edwards, Fannin; Emily Fortuna, Fannin; Allie Hallmark, Bush; Adrianne Hernandez, Scharbauer; Elise Hilgemeier, Greathouse

Grade 6: Kelly Bush, Travis; Andrea Ferdinand, Travis; Katie Liddell, Travis; Michael Walton, Travis

Grade 7: Ashley Estes, San Jacinto, Brenda Hafer, Alamo

Grade 8: Laine Godsey, Goddard; Courtney Meyers, four entries, Goddard

Grade 9: Katherine A. Curry, Midland Freshman

Grade 12: Michelle Blake, Lee High, two entries

Literature

Kindergarten: Kayla Hernandez, Anson Jones; Gerald Tolifson, Anson Jones

Grade 1: Alex Cummins, Crockett; Julie Fortuna, Fannin; Bianca N. Mireles, Henderson; Michael Ramey, Fannin; Allison Reid, Fannin; Dustin Nathaniel Sanchez, Anson Jones; Hannah Thompson, Fannin

Grade 2: Kyle Brown, Greathouse; Devorik Gipson, Crockett; Jarret Hostas, Rusk; Sydney Jackopin, Greathouse; Riboberto Moreno, Crockett; Elizabeth Robertson, Rusk

Grade 3: Geremy M. Elsner, Bonham; Ashley Gilley, Bonham; Gary Porter, Bowie; Brian Thompson, Fannin

Grade 4: Andrea Brito, Parker; Darilyn Rene' Chew, Lamar; Leigh Ann Furrow, Sam Houston; Andrew "Grant" Hawkins, Sam Houston; Ashley Jordan, Henderson; Audrey Neville, Sam Houston

Grade 5: Danyale Bautista, Bowie; Emily Fortuna, Fannin; Quincee Gideon, Bowie; Stacy McBurney, Bowie; Chase Peeler, Emerson

Grade 6: Stephani Leach, Pease; Whitney Liem, Crockett; Jarod Tracy, Travis; Sarah Tranum, Burnet

Grade 7: Jered Dobbs, Goddard; Amy Huston, Abell; Alesa Epley< Goddard; Jessie Fiske, Goddard; Tracie Jones, Goddard

Grade 8: Andy Liddell, Goddard; Phillip Newton, Goddard; Cody Oldham, San Jacinto; Lindsey Rose, Goddard; September Taylor, Goddard; Luke Watkins, Goddard

Grade 9: Ryan Berthold, Lee Freshman; Michelle Ott, Lee Freshman; Lindon Ray Rice, Lee Freshman

Grade 10: Trey Moore, Midland High

Grade 11: Jordan Braun, Midland High; Seth Fishman, Midland High; Eric Middleton, Lee High; Stephanie Mullins, Lee High

Grade 12: Kristin Bachmann, Lee High; Michelle Blake, Lee High; Raymond Domingo, Lee High; Michael J. Entzminger, Midland High; Cassie Goodin, Lee High; Elianna Marziani, Lee High; Garrett Moran, Lee High

Photography:

Kindergarten: Michael Krol, Parker

Grade 1: Julie Fortuna, four entries, Fannin; Kaitlin Hatchett, Parker; Andrew Hinojosa, Houston; Elizabeth Huff, Parker; Daltin Schulze, Scharbauer

Grade 2: Adam W. Hill, two entries, Emerson; Mike Lennon, Rusk; Robin McCarty, Bowie; Jacob Peterson, Scharbauer; Sean Swezy, Greathouse

Grade 3: Solon Burleson, Fannin; Corbin A. Doffer, Santa Rita; Zachary L. Pitts, Greathouse; Stephanie Strauss, Anson Jones; Espy Vanegas, Scharbauer; Caitlin Walker, Greathouse

Grade 4: Jeremy P. Young, Lamar; Dallas Wesley Daley, Sam Houston

Grade 5: Carolyn Brewster, two entries, Greathouse; Kendyll Castles, Greathouse; Emily Fortuna, Fannin; Justin Henry, Fannin; Clayton Powers, Emerson; Devon Ramey, Fannin

Grade 6: Darlene Alimbuyao, Crockett/Carver; Christopher Burnett, DeZavala/Carver; Teresa Cardamone, Milam; Catherine Cobb, Ben Milam/Carver; Eli Garrard, Crockett/Carver; Nathan S. Jordan, DeZavala/Carver; Erin Maiorino, Milam; Layton Marrs, Pease

Grade 7: Ashley Estes, San Jacinto; Tyler Fields, San Jacinto; Nick Vascocu, two entries, San Jacinto; Eric Young, Alamo

Grade 8: David Drennan, Goddard; Erin Kennedy, Goddard

Grade 9: Katherine A. Curry, Midland Freshman; Ashley Hill, Midland Freshman

Grade 10: Gregg Strauss, Lee; Lauren Douglas, Midland High

Grade 11: Louise Hosking, two entries, Lee; Susannah E. Prucka, four entries, lee; Julie Tervooren, Midland High

Grade 12: Jennifer Johnson, lee; Amber Papasan, lee; Jenny Reinhardt, Lee; James Thomas, Midland High

Special Education Division: Stuart Wiggins, Jones, Grade 4

Visual Arts

Kindergarten: Charlotte Richards, Sam Houston; Joan Ferguson, Sam Houston; Melissa Taylor, Emerson; Peyton Moehlenbrock, Santa Rita

Grade 1: Lindy Timmons, Bowie; Kaitlin Hatchett, Parker; Alexandra J. Savage, Fannin; Michael Parker, Scharbauer; Kirstin S. Sims, Henderson; Kathryn Owen, Bowie; Julie Fortuna, Fannin

Grade 2: Tate F. Savage, two entries, Fannin; Paige Raglin, Bonham; Samantha Corrales, Jones

Grade 3: Brian Bowser, Fannin; Brandon Lee Hankinson, Santa Rita; Teil Massie, Santa Rita; Meredith Platt, Scharbauer

Grade 4: Elizabeth Landreth, Sam Houston; Austin J. Savage, Bonham; Laura Liem, two entries, Bonham

Grade 5: Emily Fortuna, three entries, Fannin; Sarah Elizabeth Maurer, two entries, Emerson; Jaime Scienz, Bowie; Dusty Wallace, Santa Rita

Grade 6: Kelleigh Drennan, Travis; Toria Gooding, Travis; Michelle Hankinson, Travis; Jean Moss, Pease

Grade 7: Macus Duffey, Goddard; Jonathan Webb, two entries, San Jacinto; Abel Suchil, Alamo

Grade 8: Matthew Badger, Alamo; Megan Unelski, Alamo; David Drennan, Goddard; Ryan Moody, Goddard; Laine Godsey, Goddard; Jonathan Urias, Abell; John Buck

Grade 10: Dorothy Moore, Lee

Grade 11: Ryan Duffey, Midland; Johnathan Rivera, Lee; Louise Hosking, Lee; Melanie Robinson, Lee; Maria Ramirez, Lee; Shane Moody, Midland

Grade 12: Dana A. Shank II, Lee; Scott Williams, Lee; Jennifer Johnson, Lee; T. Mark Daneker Jr., Lee; Arthur Balderrama, Lee; Brenna Byerlotzer, Robbyne Townsend, Midland; Kelly Scharbauer, Midland

Special Education Division:

Grade 1: Annie Ward, Jones

Grae 2: Alex Garcia, Jones; Cassandra Mathis, Jones; Arieanna Ramon, Jones

Grade 3: Shay Bryant, Jones; Amanda Rubaleava, Jones; Jared Stewart, Jones; Jesse Valles, Jones

Grade 4: Guadalupe Salgado, Jones; P.J. Proctor, Jones; Janette Tercero, Jones; Mandy Vasquez, Jones; Stuart Wiggins, Jones; Antone Willingham, Jones; Mickisha Wright, Jones

February 1998 Calendar of Events

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African American History Month
National Children's Dental Health Month
Parade of American Music Month

Monthly Meetings

School Board
Feb. 9 & 23
Board Briefing
12:00 p.m. Rm. 624
Admin. Bldg.

Feb. 10 & 24
Reg. Meeting
4:00 p.m.
MISD Board Room

City Council PTA
Feb. 2 - 12:15 p.m.
Lee Freshman
Cultural Arts Awards

City Council PTA Board
Feb. 23 - 12:15
Rm. 101 Admin. Bldg.

Teacher Comm. Ctee.
Feb. 19 - 6:30 p.m.
Dinner w/Board
MHS

DEIC
Feb. 17 - 4:00 p.m.
Rm. 420 Admin. Bldg.

1	Freedom Day
2-6	National School Counseling Week
2-13	TAAS Field Testing Grades 4, 8, exit - Writing Grade 4 (Spanish) - Writing
7	ACT Testing
8	Boy Scouts of America Anniversary
9	**Bunche/West Waiver Day**
12	Leadership Midland in MISD Lincoln's Birthday
13	End of 4th six weeks
16	**Student Holiday** in honor of President's Day
17	PTA Founder's Day
21	MISD Science Fair
22	Washington's Birthday
23	Early Voting begins in Primary Election
21-28	FFA Week
25	Ash Wednesday

For more information, call MISD Community Relations at 689-1008

Principal finds children need adults who believe in them

By Ken Gallegos
Hearst News Service

SAN FRANCISCO — A wonderful teaching experience with a class of fifth-graders once again gave life to the principle that all children can learn.

I am the principal of a San Francisco public school, where one day I took over a fifth-grade class for the last hour of study because the teacher had an emergency. During my morning commute to work, I listen to tapes of old radio broadcasts, including the 1940s Sherlock Holmes radio show.

I decided to try something different with the children. I brought my cassette player and my Holmes radio show tapes. I knew that these 10-year-olds probably never listen to radio dramas — and may not even have heard of A. Conan Doyle's cerebral detective.

So I prepped them and discovered that some of the students had a general knowledge of Holmes and Dr. Watson. I chose to play "The Speckled Band" because it had a memorable villain, Dr. Grimsby Roylett, "a man who can bend pokers with his bare hands."

The story presents lots of clues, but it takes an exceptional detective to solve the mystery — what was the Speckled Band? Nothing pleases a teacher more than an opportunity to take students into a new, exciting world. This group of ordinary, urban fifth graders loved the story and the whole experience of listening to radio.

Because the children were engrossed in the story, they had no problems listening to a 30-minute program. They asked several very good questions: For example, after seeing an illustration of The Great Detective, one child asked, "If Sherlock Holmes can straighten out the poker the villain bent, how come he looks so skinny?"

Another student observed, "For a doctor, Watson never seems to have much to do."

I asked them to write or illustrate something that they remembered from the story. Though we had only 15 minutes to finish the task, they were able to illustrate detailed scenes from the broadcast. Several drew some pretty good swamp adders, the deadliest snake in India.

After that day, the children asked if I could come in and read "The Hound of the Baskervilles."

Now, we're almost finished with The Hound, and they are doing a great job of staying with the long story. Several children went to their local libraries and checked out the book for themselves. After only about a week of reading, these children had finished the story on their own and were following along with their copies in class as I read.

This has been a joyous experience for me as an educator, a Sherlockian and a parent.

If there is one lesson that we need to remember as teachers and parents it is that all children, from every kind of family and every kind of economic background, need to have adults who believe in them, who won't say that they cannot learn and appreciate all the wonderful things that we can give to them.

They can and they do, and as long as we remember this, all children will learn.

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To our patients:

In light of recent federal legislation, Olsten Health Services wants to provide you with up-to-date information regarding Medicare and your home health care benefit. Last August, Congress passed the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. A goal of the Act is to decrease spending on home health care services during the next five years by tens of billions of dollars. As a result, there have been changes made to the Medicare home health benefit.

What is the home health agency's role in delivering Medicare services? The 9000 Medicare-certified home health agencies provide services for beneficiaries following a set of guidelines and regulations written into law by the U.S. Congress. When a Medicare covered service is provided to a qualified beneficiary, the costs incurred by the Medicare-certified home health agency are submitted as claims to the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), and are reimbursed to the agency.

How do the new regulations authorized by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 impact patients?

Limits on Home Health Services Effective 10/1/97 The new law puts a limit, or Cap" on the aggregate dollar amount reimbursed for patients for home health services. This may mean a change in the frequency and number of visits you are accustomed to receiving. Be assured, the services you need and require are guided by a plan of care carried out by your home health agency under the supervision of your physician. Olsten will continue to work with you and your family to help you achieve independence as quickly as possible.

Elimination of coverage for venipuncture (blood draws) Effective 2/5/98 A patient whose only skilled nursing need is to have blood drawn for monitoring medications or blood sugar will no longer be eligible for nursing, home health aide or other home health services under Medicare.

Who can answer your questions concerning Medicare coverage? Medicare's intent continues to be to assist beneficiaries to be independent as quickly as possible, and with the best possible outcomes. If you have any questions regarding these regulations, call the Medicare toll-free hotline at 1-800-638-6833, or your local area Agency on Aging office (you can get this number by calling 1-800-677-1116). For information on voicing your opinion to elected officials, call your local Olsten Health Services Branch.

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Olympic Bound in 2000



Tall City Highlights Trampoline and Tumbling, one step from representing the U.S. at the 2000 Olympics.

In late November of 1997, the International Olympic Committee announced that trampoline would be recognized as a sanctioned event at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney Australia. There was hardly the time for celebration as the Tall City Highlights Trampoline and Tumbling Association found themselves racing against the clock to organize a national qualifier which will catapult West Texas' top athletes to national competition in Minnesota, one step from representing the U.S. at the 2000 Olympics.

Tall City Highlights approached the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for assistance in the promotion and coordination of the event, and in keeping with the convention and tourism mission of the MHCC, chamber staff and volunteers committed their support to ensure that the West Texas Region II Jr. Olympic National Qualifier Meet ran smoothly and without a hitch. The meet was held on Saturday, January 31, 1998 at the Midland College Chaparral Center. The meet drew over 400 athletes ages 8-18 from a region that included cities in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico. Considering the 400 participating athletes, their family, friends, coaches, fans and supporters of the sport, attendance for the weekend was estimated at approximately 2,000, with out of town visitors comprising the majority. In addition to the positive impact that Olympic competition has on our youth, the city of Midland was able to enjoy the benefits that organized events such as this bring to the local economy in the way of tourism dollars, and the promotion of our exceptional retail, dining, lodging, attractions and facilities.

MHCC Women's Department's 10th Annual All Male Fashion Show and Charity Ball

The Countdown has begun.. The 10th Annual All Male Fashion Show is Scheduled for Saturday, February 14,1998. This years' theme, "Parade of Hearts...Men In Black," seems especially appropriate since the event will take place on Valentine's Day and the show's finale consists of 30 models strutting down the runway decked in tuxedos, courtesy of Janee's Evening Wear.


Kenny Dresel

Each year, the Women's Department works to unite all segments of the community using Midland's diversity as a strength. Each year the All Male Fashion Show stands as a tribute to a community coming together investing in the future of Midland.

The All Male Fashion Show, arguably one of the Women's Department's most significant contributions to education, has been the source of over $40,000 in scholarship grants. Indeed the endeavor has yielded some remarkable success stories. College graduates who have benefitted from the Women's Department's efforts are contributing positively as they add to an educated and better qualified work force. The Women's Department strives to provide educational opportunities where they may not have otherwise existed. Scholarship applications are now available at Midland, Lee, Greenwood and Coleman High Schools, MHCC Office and Midland College. Deadline for submittals is March 31, 1998. With diversity in mind, this year's show will indeed have something for everyone. The cocktail and social hour will begin at 6:30 PM and feature Mariachi Amistad. The fashion show begins at 7:30 PM during which some of Midland's community and civic leaders will model fashions from Adventure Sports, Dillard's, Gap, Janee's Evening Wear and Swartz. The show will include some very special guests performing some all time musical favorites.



The dance kicks off at 8:30 PM with the R&B sounds of "Lady Blue and the Rhythm Aces," followed by the Tejano variety band "Deseo," and concluding with feature Tejano/Country recording artist "Elyssia Marie Y Señal." Elyssia Marie was a featured performer at the Texas Talent Musicians Association's Las Vegas Tejano Showcase and the All Female Review in Houston in 1997.



The MHCC Women's Department officers and membership wish to convey their sincerest appreciation to the following organizations and individuals whose efforts and contributions help make the All Male Fashion Show a great success.

Gold Sponsors: Janee's Evening Wear & Tuxedos, model Stacey Adams; KMID/TV, model Jeff Kush;Permian Distributing Company, model Hector Mendoza; KOSA, model Steve Villanueva; Midland Reporter-Telegram, model Chief John Urby; KWES 9, model Darrell Ward; Southwest CocaCola, model Michael Flores; Clayton Williams Energy, model Clayton Williams; Standard Sales, model Tim Whalen; Cox Communications, model Charles Moore; Silver Sponsors: Southwestern Bell, model Frank Baldazo; ARCO Permian, model Sam Urtado; Chevron, model Michael Villalva; Trendy T's model Ruben Vargas Jr.; Texas Commerce Bank model Michael Clary; H-E-B, model David Fuentes; Amigo Sponsors Marathon, model Norm Perez; Kent Oil, model Kenny Dresel; TU Electric, model Charlie Morgan; Joe James Salon, model Joe James Camarillo; Burlington Resources, model Dan Tisdale; F.M. Morales Insurance and Associates, model Felipe M. Morales; Strategic Abstract, model Patrick H. Cordero; Coldwell Banker Cooper Realty, model Ernesto Calderon; Classic Car Wash, model Adam Sandoval; Bengal Grill, model Michael Elphick; St. Camille Family Care Clinic, model Tommy Hudson; Olsten Health Services, model Greg Stephen; Elms, Faris, & Company, model Zahir Noormohamed; Big D Equipment, model Novert Morales.


Tommy Hudson



From The Director

Over the years the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce has devoted immeasurable resources to the educational enrichment of our youth as a part of our community development efforts. Our organization has always felt a need to be involved and to assure that our children are afforded the best possible education that we can give them. I would like to share with our community some recently gained knowledge on an educational issue that I myself did not fully understand. I felt uncomfortable with my understanding of the MISD Bilingual Program therefore I decided to examine the issue. In an effort to better comprehend the program I visited with MISD Bilingual Director, Maria Mata who gave me a thorough explanation of the program. Mrs. Mata first informed me that the Bilingual Program originated as a congressional mandate several years back. The intention of the program is to give those students who have been reared in a home where only Spanish is spoken, an equal opportunity to learn to read and write in their native language. While in this classroom environment they are given frequent doses of the English language so that they may gradually learn the new language instead of being placed into an all English classroom where it would be a matter of sink or swim. Instructors monitor the progress of students and transfer those students who are ready and meet the exit criteria into an English speaking classroom. Having gained a better understanding of the Bilingual Education Program, I can now appreciate MISD for the their efforts in developing a much needed program for our Children. I commend the many individuals involved with the Bilingual Education Program. I support the concept of Bilingual Education and encourage teachers to transfer as many children into the mainstream classrooms when these students are ready.

Maria Mata, Thank you very much for the lesson and thank you for a job well done.

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Feb. 4-March 22 - There on the Table: The American Still Life. Museum of the Southwest, 682-2882.

Feb. 5 - Bowl for Kids' Sake (BFKS). Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Midland Bowl-A-Thon. Midland Park Lanes, Loop 250 N. Midland, 687-0195.

Feb. 6 - New York Theatre Ballet - Choreographer's Competition. Midland High School, 906 Illinois, 7:30PM, 694-9886.

Feb. 14 - Heart Beat 98: American Heart Association. Midland Hilton & Towers, 520-7041.

Feb. 14 - Hearts on Parade - All Male Fashion Show: Midland Center, 105 N. Main; 682-2960.

Feb. 21 - Mardi Gras Midland 98: Yvonna March Banks, 688-2044.

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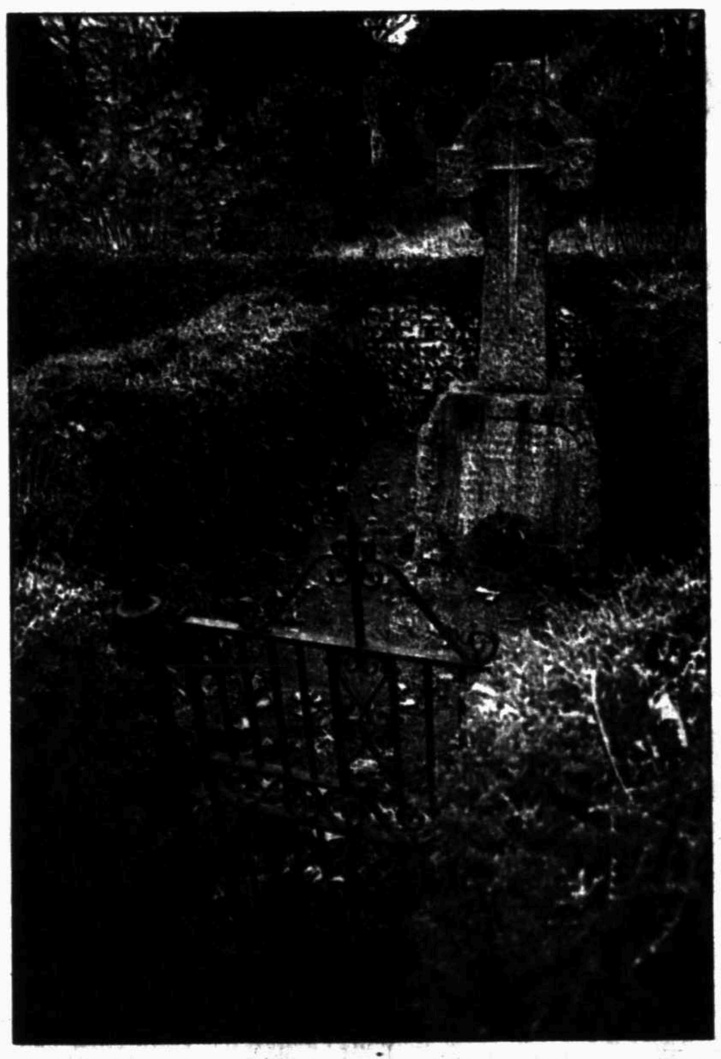


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Soaked in Tradition

Barring the pub door against the modern world





By Kes Gilhome
Staff Writer

"In the interests of serious drinking and good conversation, please refrain from using cellular telephones while in the French.
Thank You"

Fortunately for ardent drinkers and socialites, serious publicans are starting to rebel against the plague of mobile phones which are as endemic in London as they are in West Texas Suburbans.

This hand-chalked sign above the bar in the French

Please see TRADITION/3E



The French House, top, one of London's most famous drinking establishments, has been the preserve of artists, reactionaries and literary figures since the turn of the century. Devoid of jukeboxes, video games or televisions, it has a cult following among drinkers seeking good conversations and intellectual rapport. In the Tin Pot, left, a 15th century coaching inn at Gustard Wood, Hertfordshire, the original fireplace remains as the principal heat source for the pub. Laying a fire before opening time is still one of the bartender's regular chores. It is only a short walk through the Hertfordshire countryside, above left, to the pretty village of Ayot St. Lawrence — the home of George Bernard Shaw. The village's war memorial, above, honors the six men from the village who died in WWI.

Photographs by Kes Gilhome

HAVE YOU HEARD?

Famous designer 'visits' club's Ladies Association meeting

By Marilyn McKnight Harrison

Coco Chanel "visited" the Midland Country Club Ladies Association at its January meeting. In a highly entertaining program, actress Tanya Griffith impersonated the French fashion designer, and looked the part, with Coco's signature glasses, her classic clothes and famous bangs.



McKnight-Harrison

Although Coco died n 1971, her influence is still felt in the fashion world. She introduced slacks, bathing suits, classic jewelry and even the little black dress, and of course, we are all familiar with her Chanel No. 5 perfume.

The wife of a Methodist minister, Mrs. Griffith now resides in Sun City, Ariz., and her repertoire includes 110 famous women in history. She travels the country with her one-woman show.

A delicious luncheon featuring Italian Stuffed Chicken and Millionaire Pie followed the social hour. Hostesses were Cathy (Mrs. Tom) Holland and Poddy (Mrs. Jim) Lucas.

Among those enjoying the afternoon at the club were Roxane (Mrs. Ben) Strickling, Marilyn (Mrs. Bill) Hightower, Karen (Mrs. Roy) Williamson, Carolyn (Mrs. Tom) Beall, Beverly (Mrs. Richard) Lutton, Lena (Mrs. John) Ochsner, and Nada (Mrs. Bob) Gates.

WHETHER YOUR TEAM won or lost, wasn't it more fun viewing Super Bowl XXXII with family and friends?

Just one of the many game parties held throughout Midland last Sunday was at the Green Tree Estates home of Kathy and Earl Keller. The fact that fans were divided fairly equally between the Bronchos and the Packers made it even more enjoyable.

Guests partook of delicious food and drink while watching football's biggest game of the season on the home's four TVs.

Among those in the crowd were Kaye and Bill Musar, Glen White, Janna Thompson, Bobbi Carr, Brian Yates, Mark Byrne, Suzanne Voltz and Paul Hiebert.

RUSH RESULTS from January have been announced by Nancy (Mrs. Mark) Withrow, outgoing rush chairman for the Midland Panhellenic Association.

They are as follows:

Baylor University — Pi Beta Phi: Katherine Geib, daughter of Marsha Jimerson Geib; Kappa Alpha Theta: Casey Webb, daughter of Linette and Jim Webb; Kappa Kappa Gamma: Deborah Landreth, daughter of Donna and Bob Landreth, and Zeta Tau Alpha: Emily Miller, daughter of Linda and Dr. Michael S. Miller.

Southern Methodist University — Gamma Phi Beta: Laurie Adams, daughter of Carolyn and Larry Adams.

AS THEIR FIRST fund-raiser of the new year, the Midland Woman's Club opened its doors last weekend for its annual Mexican Fiesta.

Members and their guests enjoyed a delicious buffet supper before a program by the Folklorico Dancers of the Hispanic Cultural Center of Midland. The recently organized troupe is composed of girls between the ages of 8 and 13. They were accompanied by Mozella Garcia and Norma Chavez, who head the Cultural Center's board.

An added attraction was a display of paintings by Midland landscape artist Eleanor Robertson.

Among those seen at the event were Wanda and Ed Franke, Wanda and Tom Scott, Clyde and Jack Cross, Sue and Fisher Adams, Beverly and Bob Riley, Minnie German and Gladys Mitchell.

The club's ways and means chairman, Helen Tinnin, was in charge of arrangements.

PAYING HOMAGE to their founders, members of the Midland Alumnae Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta gathered recently at the Racquet Club for a luncheon and special observance.

Kerry (Mrs. Clarence, III) Scharbauer was bestowed the honor of Theta of the Year, and new officers were installed. Judy (Mrs. Mike) Canon succeeds Anne (Mrs. George) Hover as president.

Chan Driscoll was in charge of the ceremony. also participating were Kim (Mrs. Richard) Hatchett, Jane Dillard, Anne (Mrs. Ralph) Lea, Marion (Mrs. Cadell) Liedtke and Helen (Mrs. Bob) Shelton.

Following the meeting, the alums enjoyed a luncheon featuring Chicken Wellington and Chocolate Mousse.

The sorority was founded in 1870 at DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind.

Marilyn McKnight Harrison is social columnist for the Reporter-Telegram.

Hunting in Enland is whole new ballgame

By Rich Haddaway
N.Y. Times News Service

We were going hunting, and we were conspicuously underdressed for the occasion.

I could see that immediately as my son's British friend, Jeremy, drove up to meet us in front of our London hotel in his BMW.

James and I were wearing bluejeans and loafers and nice shirts and overcoats, the kind of clothes that would have never worked on a hunt in Texas, but it was all we had available so far from home.

Compared with Jeremy, though, we looked like farmhands. He was all in tweed, jacketed and capped, in long knickers called "plus fours" and laced-up leather boots.

This was England, after all. One must always be presentable, keep the standards up and all that. In the upper reaches of British society, life is a ritual, including hunting.

I say "hunting." They don't call it hunting. It is "shooting," and I soon learned why.

No stalking involved, or bird-calling or decoying or hiding or even any waiting. It is all so casual and debonair. A walk in the park.

Jeremy, through his father, and from his father's father, is a member of a syndicate that owns shares in the shooting club. It owns thousands of acres of woods and fields just outside of London, and employs a gamekeeper who lives there and raises the pheasants that we were after.

The members pay something like $50,000 each per year for the privilege of shooting said pheasants for a couple of months in the winter.

EIGHT SHOOTERS were with us that day, not counting these two roughshod Texans.

The morning began with a full breakfast at a country inn, where we met Jeremy's mother and father and brother. This was the first ritual.

All was good cheer, and the Americans were welcomed with typically British wholehearted restraint — a kind of well-mannered, formal warmth.

The day went delightfully on in that way. The ritual was everything. Order ruled. Nobody sweated.

We met the others at a central location in front of the gamekeeper's home. It was the day after Christmas — Boxing Day, a holiday. The air was frosty, and our words made clouds. It had snowed a little in the night.

After the guns and shells and other equipment were gathered, we got in an enclosed trailer that had benches on either side of it. A buzzer was pushed, signaling the tractor driver to pull us to our first shooting position.

James and I went with Jeremy to his numbered spot on the edge of a field.

By now the "drivers" or "beaters" — a half-dozen or so boys and men and women — were in the woods, formed in a line and literally beating the bushes (they use sticks) to flush out the pheasants.

ONCE THE PHEASANTS were airborne, the "flag-wavers" took over. They were another group of people spread out on the other side of the field shooing the birds toward the shooters.

The birds came in waves, and the barrage of shooting began. The sky filled with feathers as the birds fell, often behind us in the woods, and that's when the "picker-uppers" began their work — people with dogs who retrieved the birds and took them to another truck.

When the drivers emerged from the woods across the way, the shooting was over from that position.

And thus the day continued as we moved from position to position in our tractor-drawn trailer. Everyone — beaters and flag-wavers and picker-uppers and shooters — knew his place. Each did his appointed job. Even the pheasants seemed to be cooperative as they tumbled from the sky.

The shooters brought down close to 500 birds that day, mostly pheasants but also some partridges and woodcocks.

We had a pleasant lunch, with sandwiches and port wine. In the evening, the men passed around a bottle of "the queen's ginger."

They talked about good hunts of the past, shots made and shots missed, Lord Somebody's divorce, the stock market.

Among the upper crust of British society, all is right with the world.

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Understanding language is all in the translation

By Richard P. Carpenter
N.Y. Times News Service

Let's have another round of British expressions and their American equivalents. This time, the definitions come from a very funny travel book called "Notes from a Small Island" by Bill Bryson (Avon, $12.50, paperback).

■ We say, "He's a jerk." They say, "He's a berk." (Either way, the guy is a dolt.)

■ We say "stove." They say "cooker."

■ We say "sweater." They say "jumper."

■ We say "highway." They say "motorway."

■ We say "napkin." They say "serviette."

■ We say "sandwich." In northern England, they say "butty."

■ We say "truck stop." They say "transport cafe."

■ We say "thug." They say "yob" (boy spelled backward) or "yobbo."

■ We say "pedestrian crossing." If it is striped, they say "zebra crossing." And "zebra" is pronounced like "Deborah."

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Travel Trivia: The largest US cities that begin with M are Miami, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, and Memphis. But according to the 1990 U.S. Census (updated in '96), which has the biggest population? (Answer at end of column.)

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In a name: There is a cafeteria-style deli in Atlanta called "Ontrays."

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Today's fractured English lesson: A movie theater due to open soon in East Malaysia warns us to "bluster our ears!" ("Your guess is as good as mine," writes Anna Rycerz of Hampton, N.H., who contributed this item.)

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Wise words: "On a recent trip to Hong Kong," writes Shaun Malloy of Nashua, N.H., "I found this notice on a folded place card in my room at a rather posh hotel: 'Please do not dry your underwear on the lamp shades as they will discolour and lose shape.'!"

* * *

Did you guess it? Milwaukee has the largest population — 628,000, compared with 610,000 for Memphis, 368,000 for Minneapolis, and 358,000 for Miami. (With thanks to the Rev. Gerald Beirne of St. Philip's Church in Greenville, R.I.)

Richard P. Carpenter is a writer for the Boston Globe.

In Paris, simple traffic tunnel becomes shrine

By Bill Hanna
N.Y. Times News Service

PARIS — Standing on the Pont De l'Alma brings many of Paris' most famous sights into view.

The Eiffel Tower soars over our backs. Tourist boats glide along the Seine, the Louvre looms in the distance and, at the opposite end of the bridge, police can be seen along the roadway.

That last image doesn't seem to qualify as one of Paris' most postcard-worthy images but then, of course, this site isn't like any other anymore. This is Paris' own version of Dealey Plaza — the Place de l'Alma: the site of Princess Diana's fatal crash on Aug. 31.

And judging by the crowds that were gathered around a makeshift memorial above the tunnel where she died, many are already making it a "must see" on their itinerary.

The tunnel itself is off-limits to pedestrians. Only by car can the curious see where the crash actually occurred. This has shifted the focus to the small Flamme de la Liberte sculpture, where flowers, photographs and handwritten messages — many in Arabic — have been taped to its side.

Just as the reactions to her death have varied greatly, so did the demeanor among the crowd who came to the small plaza along the banks of the Seine.

Many stood quietly reading the messages left to the princess. Others huddled in small groups, discussing theories on how the accident happened.

And there were those who just had to have their picture taken in front of the whole spectacle, some with a serious pose and a few trying to get next to one of the tabloid photographs of Diana.

On the day we stumbled upon the site, two police officers with hand-held radios stood at the tunnel's entrance, blocking anyone wanting to venture inside.

And that was a good thing, too, because there was nowhere to walk. Anyone on foot would be walking head-on into oncoming lanes of traffic.

The swiftness of the traffic seemed remarkable. After all the reports about the speed of the car driven by Henri Paul and whether it was being chased by paparazzi, it was surprising to see just how fast everyday traffic was moving.

A word of warning, however, to anyone planning a visit. There just isn't that much to see.

But with re-enactments in the tunnel and more revelations sure to be forthcoming, the small plaza will likely prove irresistible for many of Diana's fans.

CLUB NEWS

PYRACANTHA GARDEN CLUB

Pyracantha Garden Club met at the home of Beverly Holmberg. Mary Walkens presided and 11 members attended. Reports and announcements were made. Andra Chamberlain gave a program on "Native Plants."

GWYN GARDENERS

Gwyn Gardeners met in the home of Elinor Claunts with Marvel Sayers and Frances Terry as co-hostesses and 22 members attending. Diane Dinsmoor presided. Report on Christmas service project was given. Sally Stella introduced Pat Stanley, who gave a program on the League of Women Voters.

CHAPTER BS, P.E.O. SISTERHOOD

Chapter BS of the P.E.O. Sisterhood met in the home of Marge Woods with Eleanor Harper as cohostess. Barbara Collinsworth gave a musical program. Virginia Summersgill presided. Contributions were made to the Sisterhood's five educational projects. Carol Wilkins is a new member. Mildred Baxter was a guest.

LT. WILLIAM BREWER CHAPTER, DAR

Lt. William Brewer chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, met at Midland Woman's Club. Hostesses were Mrs. R.B. Harmon, Mrs. Otice Helmer and Mrs. Jerry Atkinson. Annalon Gilbreath gave a program on "Women of the American Revolution." Delegates to the state conference were chosen — Mrs. Jack Naumann, Dorothy Perkins, Mrs. James Hardwick and Mrs. Clyde Williams. Delegates to the 107th Continental Congress will be Mrs. Naumann and Mrs. Helmer.

ALTRUSA

Altrusa International Club met at Ranchland Hills Country Club. Francine Weaver presided and led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Tommie McDole was installed as a new member by Jean Reid. Her sponsor, Betty McKenzie, presented her with the club pin. Mary Gillam introduced Ike Fitzgerald, coordinator of the Texas Lions' Eyeglass Recycling Program, who gave the program. Guests were Sue Fitzgerald, Betty Kearn and Ruth Davis.

VAN

Visual Aids Needs and Services (VAN) met for a crafts class at the VAN house at 2908 W. Ohio St. Doris Kinser was the instructor. Brown bag lunch followed. Valentine party was planned.

LAUREATE NU CHAPTER, BSP

Laureate Nu chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met at Wall Street Bar and Grill for dinner before meeting at the home of Louise Vestal. Melva Sizemore presided and 10 members attended. International endowment and state project were discussed. Sweetheart Ball plans were finalized. Joann Gardner gave the Gray Book report. Ms. Vestal gave a program on "The Best is Yet to Be."

BRIDGE WINNERS

The following are bridge winners for Jan. 12-18.

MONDAY
1. Linda Jerman, Jerry Crooker
2. Ruth Fahrig, James Simpson
3. Mary Renton, Ken Hill
4. Gloria Crites, Becky Kinsey

TUESDAY
1. Linda Jerman, Jerry Crooker
2. Leonora Slusher, Jimmie Penn
3. Betty Sheeler, Sue Gardiner
4. Ricki Perry, Aggie Anguish

WEDNESDAY
1. Marianne and Buf Slay
2. Linda Jerman, Jerry Crooker
3. Marie Morris, Gloria Crites
4. Jimmie Branch, Jimmy Cox

THURSDAY
1. Betty Yates, Mary Anne Ochs
2. Bonnie Hubbard, Carolyn Hancock
3. Peggy Leeton, Betty George
4. Debbie Kemp, Betty Marlow

THURSDAY
NON-LIFE MASTER
1. R.J. Englert, Martha Poss
2. Billie Ruppe, Sue Conner
3. Norma James, James Simpson
4. Mary Renton, Ken Hill

FRIDAY
MEMBERSHIP GAME
NORTH-SOUTH:
FLIGHT A:
1. Elle Kerr, Betty Sheeler
2. Billie Ruppe, Laura Williams
3. Leonora Slusher, Jimmie Penn

FLIGHT B:
1. Billie Ruppe, Laura Williams
2. Marsha Swanson, Wy Whitlow
3. Sadie Hudson, Kathryn Gesell

FLIGHT C:
1. Marsha Swanson, Wy Whitlow
2. Kathryn Gesell, Sadie Hudson
3. Janet Stoltz, Frances Mills

EAST-WEST:
FLIGHT A:
1. Gloria Crites, Becky Kinsey
2. Ricki Perry, Jerry Williamson
3. Debbie Kemp, Helen Owen

FLIGHT B:
1. Helen Owen, Debbie Kemp
2. Betty Reeves, Frances Levin
3. Aggie Anguish, Nancy Liberty

FLIGHT C:
1. Corrinne Recer, Carolyn Hancock
2. Glenda Simmons, Joyce Mitchell

SATURDAY
1. Jimmie Branch, Jimmie Penn
2. Sue Conner, Billie Ruppe
3. and 4. Tie: Leonora Slusher, Betty Reeves, Linda Jerman, Jerry Crooker

SUNDAY
1. Dodie Whitworth, Betty Reeves
2. Sue Gardiner, Jerry Crooker

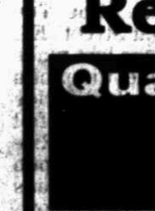
Ancient sword found in the River Thames

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — The Thames Sword, discovered in 1857 on the bed of the River Thames, is a weapon from the eighth or ninth century.

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"MY HUSBAND WANTS ME TO BE OVER THIS."
Questions derived from concerns expressed by grieving people — Mark Mercer, M.S., L.P.C., SWA

This article is addressed to husbands of grieving wives. It can be a helpless feeling to see your wife crying, which leads many men to fall into the "fix-it" trap. They sincerely but erroneously see tears as the problem, dry eyes as the solution, and themselves as the person responsible for solving the problem. Here is a more helpful way to look at it: 1) Tears are the ultimate solution to grief. They are not the problem. 2) Dry eyes throughout a mourning period may lead to longterm mood and health difficulties. Thus, dry eyes are a problem, not a solution. 3) A husband is not responsible for fixing his wife's grief.

Time, tears, and a listening ear are three things that will lead to the healing of grief. As a husband, you can do nothing to speed the passage of time. The only control you have is to allow your wife to cry and to be there to listen when she needs to talk. You can throw away what little control you have if you try to shut down her tears ("Aren't you over this yet?") or advise and fix instead of doing the hard work of listening.

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Unchanged since the 1880s, the Ten Bells in London's East End has a long association with death and sleaze. The supposed haunt of Jack the Ripper, it was the last place two prostitutes were seen alive before being killed by the serial killer in 1888. The Brockett Arms, above, in the village of Ayot St. Lawrence, is a traditional country inn that still offers guests the option of double rooms complete with four poster beds. As with many old buildings, it has a resident ghost: In this case the soul of a monk lynched in the bar hundreds of years ago.

TRADITION: Good English pubs eschew the trappings of modern theme bars

(From 1E)

House (49 Dean St. W1) virtually defines the real reasons for going to an English pub while at the same time ensuring that the pub retains the one element that is essential to all really successful boozers: Escapism. Good British pubs are about avoiding the world and the best of them now eschew the trappings of modern theme bars and ban distractions such as jukeboxes, slot machines, neon signs, televisions and, of course, the loathed mobile telephone.

BEYOND THE OBVIOUS attractions of good beer and incisive conversation, pubs have another great use. They are often very interesting places in their own right and a lot can be gleaned about English history, architecture and more importantly, famous drunkards, from a detailed study of that greatest of British institutions.

For stories about outrageous drunks, few pubs can be topped by Soho's now famous watering hole, The French House. Opened by a Belgian, Victor Berlemont, in 1914, it has been the hangout of writers, artists and not a few revolutionaries and reactionaries for the best part of this century. About the same size as an American family room, it was the home-away-from-home for the exiled Charles de Gaulle and the Free French forces during World War II. A number of de Gaulle's most famous speeches were written in the bar and framed copies are on display.

Characters and their works are quite a theme in this establishment. Regular, and spectacularly drunk, patrons have included the late British columnist Jeffrey Bernard, Dylan Thomas and the painter Francis Bacon.

Bernard, who wrote a weekly column for the Spectator magazine detailing his debauches, often mentioned the French House in his dispatches to his editor: A regular literary effort once described as " a suicide note in weekly installments."

After a well documented bender in 1955, Dylan Thomas staggered home leaving the original manuscript for 'Under Milk Wood' under a bench in the main bar. It was eventually rescued by the owner's son and delivered to Thomas' agent for publication, thus ensuring that generations of English schoolchildren could write bad essays about the Welshman's epic poem.

One of the current 'regulars' has written the definitive history of this famous bar and copies of the thin volume are displayed behind the bar: Tucked between brandy bottles. Copies are reasonably priced and as an added bonus the author is perpetually on hand to autograph copies: If she can still hold a pen by three in the afternoon, as the fee for a book signing tends to be a large, free whisky.

For some the attraction of the French is the absolute anonymity that drinkers enjoy. A fact appreciated by the likes of Eric Clapton, Prince Edward and the members of 'Guns n Roses'. It is considered gauche to pester the famous for autographs, although asking the Queen's son to buy you a scotch will certainly get you noticed: At least by his bodyguard. The bar is a great leveler of people and the only type of person that runs any serious risk of getting barred is a bore.To some the very French atmosphere of this pub may come as a surprise, after all it is in the center of London, but this is a part of the capital that has close ties to the old enemy across the channel. Indeed, enterprising young ladies still offer 'French Lessons' from vermilion lit doorways in some of the darker side-streets.

Soho was the settling place for the French Huguenot refugees that arrived in London fleeing the repressive regime of Louis XIV, and they were soon followed by successive waves of Italians, Greeks and more recently, Asians. These immigrants have all imparted their cultural influence on this small section of London and the end result is a tolerant, diverse and eclectic mix of nationalities that has produced one of the most interesting parts of the city.

It is the perhaps best place in town to eat, drink and people-watch as there are dozens of different restaurants, bars and street cafes catering to people of all walks of life, political affiliations and sexual preferences - an idea presumably agreed to by the likes of Mozart and Casanova who frequented the area.

For a more traditionally English feel, particularly for those with a taste for the macabre and unusual, a trip to the East End of London is in order. Traditionally poor, this is another area that has attracted waves of immigrants over the past 2,000 years, a trend started by the Romans in AD 43.

DEFINITELY THE WRONG side of the tracks, the East End offers the curious visitor a chance to step back in time and experience the best and worst of Victorian London.

One pub in particular offers a curious blend of history, good beer and lurid entertainment coupled with a dose of sleaze that is thoroughly Victorian. The Ten Bells on Commercial Street, E1, which is said to be the last place the prostitutes Annie Chapman and Elizabeth "Long Liz' Stride were seen alive - before they fell into the clutches of Jack the Ripper in 1888 - is an old Victorian pub that features some marvelous tiled frescoes in the bar. A throwback to an older era, it offers much of the character that would have existed when Annie and Liz reeled out into the fog to be murdered over 100 years ago.

It must have been one of Long Liz's favorite spots, as it is said that her ghost still haunts the premises where she has been spotted, lurking in the beer cellar.

Unfortunately the pub is marred by the commercialization of the Jack the Ripper connection which detracts from the original stained glass and paintings. Really twisted 'Ripperologists' can buy T-shirts, mugs and ties all dedicated to England's most famous serial killer.



Kes Gilhome/Reporter-Telegram

The Tin Pot offers home-made food and a good selection of traditional real ales within a picturesque inn. It is the perfect place in which to spend a leisurely Sunday afternoon after a traditional Sunday lunch of roast beef, Yorkshire pudding and roast potatoes.

In a move that is still unusual in Britain, but which makes the place seem somehow even more Victorian, the pub currently offers strippers at lunchtime - a ploy that attracts dark suited city 'gentlemen' from the banks and offices of London's financial district, but one that will keep away the tourists. This is, however, an English pub that hasn't changed much in over a century. In other words it is cold, damp and functionally unheated to a point where the poor dancing girls have to swaddle themselves in woolen coats and blankets between sets.

Those who wish to sample everything that is actually good, uncommercialized and elegant about British pubs should take a trip outside London. A lovely example is the Tin Pot, the only pub in the tiny village of Gustard Wood, near Wheathampstead. Only about 25-miles from central London it is an easy trip by train from King's Cross station.

Old, even by English standards, the main part of this coaching inn dates back to the 15th century and the cramped saloon bar is full of massive oaken beams. Texas-sized individuals can consider themselves warned about the heights of doors and passageways in this establishment. Those not in the advanced stages of acute dwarfism can expect headaches unrelated to the consumption of ale.

Continuing the theme of erratic heating, the Tin Pot does have one delightful feature that helps to make it one of the nicest bars around: The imposing brick fireplace and inglenook in the saloon bar is simply gorgeous and provides the perfect place to enjoy a winter's pint.

Above the hearth is a potted history of the pub and the details of the life and times of one of its most famous patrons: Lady Katherine Ferrers a.k.a. 'The Wicked Lady of Markyate Cell'.

According to the legend, Ferrers was a 17th century 'Lady' who had lost the family fortune and resorted to banditry to keep herself in the style to which she become accustomed. Keeping a change of clothes and a spare horse at the Tin Pot, she would terrorize local travelers, relieving them of their valuables at gunpoint.

As the posted story has it, a wagoner gave a ride to two men traveling from St. Albans to Gustard Wood. Suddenly a masked rider appeared and shot the driver. The travelers fired back, hitting the highway 'man,' who then disappeared into the night.

Mortally wounded, Lady Katherine reached her home at Markyate Cell where, according to the account above the fireplace, "The Wicked Lady's bloodstained body, dressed in male garb, was found next day by her servants. A beautiful black horse, its flanks spattered with blood and lather was found roaming free in the grounds."

As the horse was unknown to Lady Katherine's staff, it was assumed that it was the spare, secretly stabled at the Tin Pot for her nocturnal activities.

To this day her ghost is supposed to haunt the area, returning, on occasion, to the Tin Pot : "For they do say in west Hertfordshire — from Markyate to Harpenden, Wheathampstead and Kimpton — that when the wild, west wind whistles up the valleys in December, blowing hard enough to rattle the inn signs, that it is the Wicked Lady galloping by."

Cynics will, of course, sneer at this elegantly gruesome piece of English history. But if you have walked to the pub through the old woods on a damp and misty November's night.....

Apart from the sheer aesthetics of the Tin Pot there are plenty of other reasons to visit this pub: The food and drink.

RANGING FROM the basic pub grub of 'sausage, mash, onions and baked beans' at $10 per plate to slightly more elevated dishes such as 'poached Halibut in a cheese and wine sauce' for $15, the food here is homemade, plentiful and very good. For those with a sweet tooth, the pub also serves traditional English desserts such as 'Treacle Sponge,' 'Apple Crumble' and 'Bread and Butter Pudding'.

Unlike most pubs the staff at the Tin Pot really know how to look after their beer and it is a great spot in which to sample a pint. As the pub is 'freehold' and not tied to any one brewery, the owners are free to offer quality beers from a wide range of breweries.

It should be noted that most English ales continue to ferment in the cask and need looking after between delivery and consumption. The quality of care given to the beer can make or break a pub, as an inept cellarman can quickly give a pub a bad reputation among ardent beer fans.

For those not familiar with English ales, good examples of the genre are Marston's Pedigree, Benskin's and Adnams. Robust, bitter and uncarbonated, they are served at cellar temperature (just slightly cooler than room temperature), which heightens the intense flavors. Devotees of light American lagers should be warned that these beers are very strong and are definitely an acquired taste.

On no account should one try and match the regulars pint for pint: Particularly one local doctor , who's nightly consumption of real ale can only be described as terrifying.

A short walk through the woods from Gustard Wood is the village of Ayot St. Lawrence. Unrelentingly beautiful, it was the home of George Bernard Shaw, who lived there for 40 years. His house has been turned into a museum that is open between April and October.

Henry VIII is said to have wooed Catherine Parr in the nearby manor house and there are a number of Georgian houses in the area that are worth seeing as they are good examples of the period.

Given the history of the area, the lovely landscape and the number of old buildings that one can tour this is an English village well worth a visit.

Probably the nicest place to stay is at The Brockett Arms, a 14th century inn in the center of the village. Formerly the monastic quarters for the village's Norman church, its grounds include a walled garden that becomes a sun trap in the summer - a definite bonus in England. For $120 per night guests can stay in one of the original rooms, complete with four poster bed.

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ENGAGEMENTS

MALLAMS-PRICE

Former Midlanders Melissa Beth Mallams of Denver, Colo., and Steven Clarke Price of Ruidoso, N.M., are planning to be married this spring in Lincoln, N.M. The bride-elect is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. David J. Mallams of Midland and Mr. and Mrs. Steven Price Fasken of Colorado Springs, Colo. Parents of the future bridegroom are Marilyn Price of Midland and the late Daniel Price.

Miss Mallams is a 1995 graduate of the University of New Mexico and a graduate student at the University of Colorado, where she will graduate with a master of arts degree in educational psychology in May. Her fiance, a 1996 graduate of the Colorado Institute of Arts, and is executive chef at Che Bella Northern Italian Restaurant in Ruidoso.



Melissa Beth Mallams and Steven Clarke Price

OAKS-HOPPER

Angela Michelle Oaks of Rowlett and William Michael Hopper of Midland are planning a 7 p.m. Feb. 21 wedding at First Baptist Church in Dallas. Parents of the bride-elect are Walter and Lynette Oaks of Rowlett. The future bridegroom is the son of Don and Sheila Hopper of Midland.

Miss Oaks is a 1993 graduate of Lakeview Centennial High School in Garland and attended Eastland College. She is employed with the First Baptist Church Development Learning Center in Dallas. Her fiance graduated from Lee High School in 1991 and from the University of North Texas in 1996, where he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration. He is employed with Sportscare at Memorial Hospital and Medical Center in Midland.



Angela Michelle Oaks and William Michael Hopper

GRIFFIN-EAKER

Lisa Lynette Griffin of Midland and Robert Glenn Eaker of O'Donnell plan to be married 2 p.m. March 7 at Kelview Heights Baptist Church in Midland. The bride-elect is the daughter of Connie Griffin of Midland and the late Bill Griffin. Parents of the future bridegroom are Kenneth and Ann Eaker of O'Donnell.

Miss Griffin is a graduate of Lee High School and Angelo State University, where she earned a bachelor of science degree in early childhood. She is a teacher with Midland Independent School District. Her fiance graduated from O'Donnell High School and ASU, where he received a bachelor of science degree in biology. He will attend medical school in the fall.



Lisa Lynette Griffin and Robert Glenn Eaker

BRANDENBURG-NIGGELER

Gillie Brandenburg and Fritz Niggeler, both of Midland, are planning to be married 2 p.m. Feb. 28 at Union Methodist Church in Grand Falls. The bride-elect is the daughter of Jane Brandenburg of Grand Falls. Rue Niggeler of Nashville, Tenn., is mother of the future bridegroom.

Miss Brandenburg is a supervisor with Southern Ambulance of Midland. Her fiance is a captain with the Midland Fire Department.



Gillie Brandenburg and Fritz Niggeler

SISNEROS-ESPARZA

Diana G. Sisneros and Amando Esparza III, both of Midland, are planning to be married 7 p.m. Feb. 14 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Midland. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Andres and Jane Sisneros of Midland. Parents of the future bridegroom are Amando Esparza Jr. and Yolanda Esparza of Odessa.



Diana G. Sisneros and Amando Esparza III

COOPER-JENKINS

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Don Cooper of Hamlin and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weldon Stubblefield of Hawley announce the engagement of their daughter, Danna Yvonne Cooper, to Cass Jarvis Jenkins of Midland, son of JoAnn Jenkins of Fort Worth and the late Bert Edward Jenkins. The wedding is planned for June 27 at First Baptist Church of Hamlin.

Miss Cooper graduated from Hamlin High School and Tarleton State University. She teaches honors math and coaches girls' basketball and volleyball at San Jacinto Junior High School in Midland. Her fiance is a graduate of Paschal High School in Fort Worth and Texas Christian University. He is enrolled in the graduate program at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, and is a detective with the Midland Police Department.

LIFESTYLE POLICIES

The Reporter-Telegram publishes engagement, wedding and anniversary announcements free of charge.

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Photographs may be submitted with wedding and engagement announcements, and with anniversary announcements of 50 years or more, but are not required.

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Portrait photographs of the bride only or photos of the wedding couple may be submitted with wedding announcements.

A different photo must be submitted for engagement and wedding announcements. Anniversary photos should be current.

Vertical photos are preferred. Both black and white, and color studio quality portraits are acceptable from wallet size up to 8x10. Polaroid shots are not accepted.

Photos can be picked up from Carol Ramirez in the Editorial Department after publication, or a self-addressed, stamped envelope can be enclosed for the photo to be returned by mail.

In New Orleans, it's living lard — or rather, large

By Jim Auchmutey
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW ORLEANS — Fat is good. The stout fellow at the stove wants us to understand this. We are assembled in the New Orleans School of Cooking, in a room atop the old Jackson Brewery overlooking the Mississippi River, and our instructor is elaborating on the advantages of living large, Louisiana style. "When it's hurricane season, you can always tell the people who don't eat well. They're the ones blowing down the street like Coke cans."

Our man should be safe in any storm. Kevin Belton is a former professional football lineman who traded his jersey for an apron. His business card identifies him as a "human taxidermist," meaning that he stuffs people, starting with himself. He'd like to begin today's lesson with a few words on his philosophy of eating in New Orleans. It's like football: You've got to practice.

"People come here all the time and complain about how they're eating too much, and it's because they didn't train. You got to eat big before you get to New Orleans. That way you can take back more souvenirs in your stomach."

My mind flashes back to "Cool Hand Luke," to that famous scene when George Kennedy is preparing Paul Newman for the egg-eating contest. I've been in town only two days, and I've already consumed so much that I can imagine George thumping my abdomen and drawling, "We're gonna stretch that ole belly, Luke."

Well, of course we are. You go to Washington for history. You go to San Francisco for scenery. You go to New Orleans to eat, and then to walk so you can build up an appetite and eat some more.

WITH MARDI GRAS coming in February and the Jazz & Heritage Festival in April, a lot of travelers are making dining plans for New Orleans. It can be daunting. Do you block out an evening for that nouvelle-something place near the St. Charles streetcar line? Is there a venerable Creole establishment you've never visited in the French Quarter? How about an oyster bar? Have you left time for gumbo, shrimp remoulade, a muffuletta, some pralines — and don't forget the beignets and cafe au lait. You get so hungry just thinking about it, you might lose control when you get here and throw yourself at the first Lucky Dog cart you pass on the street.

"Down here, people get up in the morning, and the first thing they talk about is where they're going to eat that night," says Ella Brennan, the queen of Commander's Palace restaurant. "That's what this place is about: Whatcha gonna eat?"

The minute you arrive, this fascination with food embraces you like the humid breeze. You notice a stack of Emeril Lagasse's latest cookbook in the airport gift shop, next to Paul Prudhomme's Cajun seasonings. Flip on the radio in the rental car, and dining critic Tom Fitzmorris is doing his daily three-hour call-in show. Exit the interstate, and you pass a stand selling creole tomatoes and a corner sandwich shop touting "overstuffed po' boys." Check into your room, and the TV is giving advice on the proper way to eat crawfish: "Don't be a Yankee. ... Pinch the tail, suck the head."

The remarkable thing about New Orleans food is how democratic it is. Because of Louisiana's polycultural roots — Native American, French, African, Spanish, Italian, even Vietnamese these days — everyone seems to share in the banquet. You can get a great meal for $60 from a bow-tied waiter sporting a French accent, and you can get a great meal for $6 from a gum-popping waitress in blue-jeans. When my wife and I encountered the latter during a recent trip, the scene said a lot about the rest-easy attitude you need to truly appreciate Louisiana food.

IT WAS MIDWAY between lunch and dinner at Uglesich's, a blue-collar seafood joint near the Superdome. Despite the in-between hour, a dozen people were waiting outside in front of barred windows. Inside, it was pandemonium: The man at the door tried to keep the line straight, the waitress tried to navigate the cramped tables, the woman at the cash register tried to juggle change, and the shucker tried to keep up with the oysters. After we were finally seated, we asked the harried waitress about a curious item on the menu board — crawfish Hugo.

"You don't want it," she almost shouted as she blew past with an armful of po' boys. A minute later, she returned and finished the thought from beneath a platter of oysters. "It's a mild, flavorless dish for old people."

As we waited for our voodoo shrimp, we became aware that we were trapped in a cultural crossfire. On one side of our table sat two New Orleanians who were enjoying the beer and the afternoon in spite of the slow kitchen and general air of confusion. On the other side sat a gaggle of vacationing Long Islanders, one of whom was complaining loudly about the service. One of the locals got irked at the complainer and offered him some advice over our appetizer: "Next time you come down here, take off your watch, order a beer and relax. This is New Orleans, pal."

The waitress took the complainer's order. He wanted a hamburger. In the land of creamy creams, he wanted a hamburger. The guys at the other table just shook their heads.

Soap opera weddings dish the dirt

By Jill Gerston
N.Y. Times News Service

In many ways, they are fairy-tale weddings, uniting star-crossed lovers who have endured every conceivable calamity — amnesia, kidnapping, bigamy, rape, psychotic ex-spouses — before murmuring "I do."

The brides (with names like Luna and Nikki) look radiant in clouds of white silk, the grooms (called Diego or Bo) look rapturously besotted, the altars are festooned with flowers, and misty-eyed guests crowd the pews.

But what's this? A bride whips a gun from her bouquet and pops the groom. Another goes into labor at the altar. Machine-gun-wielding terrorists storm a reception. A wedding cake is rigged to explode. A groom's previous wife, who disappeared over a waterfall in Argentina, bursts into the church shrieking, "Am I too late?"

No longer merely romantic payoffs to devoted fans who have followed a couple's tumultuous courtship for months, or even years, many soap-opera weddings have turned into outrageous, over-hyped events at which who-knows-what will happen between "dearly beloved" and the champagne toasts.

THE WEDDINGS are in keeping with soap operas' latest emphasis on glossy productions and attention-getting plot twists.

Now some of these wild, and wildly improbable, nuptials are being celebrated in the Museum of Television and Radio's exhibit "Worlds Without End: The Art and History of the Soap Opera." (The show, which runs through March 29 at branches in New York and Los Angeles, encompasses all aspects of soaps, back to the radio days.)

"Years ago, a wedding was more grounded in tradition and romance," said Claire Labine, a co-head writer of "One Life to Live," which has been on the air since 1968.

"Perhaps the only excitement was if the bride and groom were late for church. Now you bring the show's whole canvas together at a lavish wedding, and there is the temptation of doing something outrageous."

NATURALLY EVERYONE — especially the bride — is dressed to kill. The gowns exhibited in the museum shows include the lace meringue confection Billie wore on "Days of Our Lives" in 1995 for her wedding to Bo (interrupted by a falling chandelier) and the gold lame Egyptian number in which Alex slithered down the aisle to become Asa's eighth wife on "One Life to Live" in 1994. (The bride had a Cleopatra fixation.)

Such lavish trappings could not have been envisioned by Irna Phillips, "the mother of soap operas," who developed the 15-minute radio serial "The Guiding Light" 60 years ago. For Ms. Phillips, weddings were not only a romantic high point of her sudsers but also a handy opportunity to plug the sponsor's product. ("A year's supply of White Naphtha soap? Oh, Mary, how swell!")

Today's writers are less concerned with selling soap than with building a large following addicted to a daily fix of suffering, soul-searching and steamy sex.

"It's more of a horse race today," said John Zak, the supervising producer of "The Bold and the Beautiful." "Years ago, the daytime dramas enjoyed the most loyal audiences. Now, a new generation of viewers has emerged who will sample the show and if they're interested, they'll stick with it; if not, they'll flip to something different."

Certainly a wedding is a terrific lure for fickle fans, which may be why so many of them occur during the ratings sweeps, those periods in the television season when advertising rates are determined.

"Of course, the wedding has to be tied into the story, but you'll twist yourself into a pretzel if you're going to have a wedding of two popular characters to make it a February wedding or a May wedding or a November wedding," said Gary Tomlin, the executive producer of "Sunset Beach."

"The majority of weddings have some sort of marital mayhem," said Gary Warner, ABC's resident soap-opera historian, who is writing a book on the network's soap weddings, including the landmark nuptials of Luke and Laura on "General Hospital" in 1981. "There is often that conflict, right up to the altar, of will they or won't they?"

Thirty million people, the largest audience ever for a daytime show, tuned in to see the soaps' perverse Romeo and Juliet tie the knot (she had bumped off her former boyfriend and was marrying her rapist).

And while the episode had its suspense — Elizabeth Taylor, dressed in black, putting a curse on the lovebirds, and the dust-up between Luke and Scotty, Laura's former husband — it was pretty tame by current standards.

"Today, there is more crazy intrigue and action," said Warner. "Sometimes you really have to suspend disbelief."

IN TODAY'S hyper high-tech culture, audiences want more than endless conversation and lingering close-ups. "Soaps have changed," said Tomlin of "Sunset Beach." "It's not two people sitting on the sofa talking and having coffee. In terms of the number of scenes you do, the story you tell, the amount of action, it's all much more.

"Some people will tune into a wedding because they are heavily invested in the couple, but others will tune in to see, 'Will this wedding really come off?' They love the twists and turns."

But perhaps the use of weddings as wacky cliffhanger plot devices has gone too far, said some writers.

Surely a place in soap-opera annals will be reserved for Harold, the loyal family dog on "All My Children," who in 1994 bounded down the aisle and lunged at the nefarious Jane, scuttling her wedding to the unsuspecting widower Trevor. (Only Harold recognized that Jane was *really* Janet, Trevor's deranged sister-in-law who had had her face surgically revamped while in prison.)

Of course, there *are* some blissfully romantic weddings that unfold without a hitch.

"A perfectly run soap-opera wedding usually means the couple is going off into the sunset and won't be on the show much longer," said Ms. Labine.

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'G.I. Joe' figure is based on real hero

By Paul Grondahl
Hearst News Service

ALBANY, N.Y. — During World War II's Battle of the Bulge, infantryman Francis "Frank" Currey was a real-live Army hero.

He fought off a German tank unit almost singlehandedly with a bazooka, grenades, a machine-gun and a heisted half-track vehicle. For combat courage above and beyond the call of duty, he was awarded the Medal of Honor at age 19.

Fifty-three years later, the 72-year-old former Selkirk, N.Y., man has been morphed by a toy manufacturer into a 12-inch G.I. Joe action figure, making him a local celebrity in the South Carolina town where he lives in retirement.

"I've had the Medal of Honor for more than 50 years, so this is a nice thing for my kids and grandkids, but it's no big deal to me," said Currey, a soft-spoken man who is anything but effusive.

"It's exciting in some ways, but the phone calls and people asking for autographs on the street gets a little annoying," said Currey's wife, Wilma, regarding the hubbub surrounding her husband's being used as the real-life model for Hasbro's inaugural Medal of Honor G.I. Joe.

CURREY WAS SELECTED randomly — his name was pulled from a hat, the Hasbro story goes — from among 165 living recipients of the Medal of Honor. There have been 3,527 Medal of Honor recipients since the Civil War, including 440 Medal of Honor awards given for World War II service, about 70 percent posthumously.

Currey plans to participate in the Medal of Honor recipients' national convention in June in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. More than half of the living recipients — roughly 90 to 110 Medal of Honor winners — are expected to attend.

"My father is very quiet and doesn't go around tooting his own horn, but we're all very proud of him," said Currey's daughter, Kathy Domery, a preschool teacher and mother of two who lives in Selkirk. Domery said she never learned of her father's history as a war hero until she was 17 years old and dated a boy who was awestruck by the connection. "He asked me how it felt to be the daughter of Francis Currey," Domery recalled. "I said I didn't know. He was always just my dad."

Granddaughter Diane Currey, a high school sophomore, gets blank stares when she mentions the toy tie-in to classmates.

"They're like, 'Yeah, right.' And I'm like, 'No, really. My grandpa is a G.I. Joe,'" Currey said.

His six grandchildren have taken to calling Currey "G.I. Grandpa."

"This whole thing has been a lot of fun for us," said Diane's mother, Anne Currey, a nursery school teacher and substitute teacher. Currey and her husband, Michael, live in the war hero's former house.

After helping raise three children in Selkirk, Currey retired in 1980 after a long career as a benefits counselor at the Stratton Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Albany. Five years later, Currey and his wife moved to Bonneau, S.C., and set up a mobile home there on the shore of Lake Moultrie. "Bonneau makes Selkirk look like a big city," Currey said by telephone.

Currey has been the talk of the town in both Bonneau and Selkirk since the Christmas shopping season. That's when Hasbro Toy Group of Cincinnati launched Currey as the first figure in a Medal of Honor G.I. Joe Classic Collection series.

The G.I. Joe box-top biography concludes: "Sergeant Francis S. Currey will long be remembered as a skilled soldier with an in-depth knowledge of weaponry, a firm commitment to duty and uncommon valor." The 12-inch molded plastic figure retails for $30 and was sold as a limited collector's edition. Many of them were snapped up before they hit the market by members of the G.I. Joe Collectors Club of Fort Worth, Texas.

THE CURREY FIGURE has sold well, said G.I. Joe Collectors Club director Brian Savage. "It's hard to find and there's been a lag in shipping, but there should be limited quantities out in the stores soon," Savage said.

About 50,000 of the Currey G.I. Joe figures were produced, Savage said. Hasbro officials refused to discuss production figures.

Covetous collectors from around the country have been calling Currey, offering several times the selling price for the hard-to-find action figure. Hasbro gave a dozen of the G.I. Joes to Currey, which he gave to his children and grandchildren.

"Frank's figure did very well and we're all very pleased about it," said Kurt Groen, a senior designer at Hasbro who spent a year researching and designing the G.I. Joe figure in the likeness of Currey in 1945. Groen worked from black-and-white wartime photos of Currey in military uniform, supplemented with historical research.

Currey's wife caught a glaring error in Groen's work, though. "I had given Frank brown eyes originally because I only had black-and-white photos and it seemed right with his dark hair," Groen said. "His wife corrected me and said her husband's eyes are blue."

The figure features a lean and lanky Currey (he was 6-feet-1-inches tall and 140 pounds in combat days) wearing a historically accurate helmet, uniform and cartridge belt, clutching his trusty Browning automatic rifle — capable of a 20-shot burst in a couple of seconds — with which he mowed down the enemy. The G.I. Joe box also contains a plastic replica of a Medal of Honor and weapons — M-1 rifle, grenades and bazooka — that Currey used in his heroic stand against Germans that badly outnumbered him.

CURREY'S EXCEPTIONAL act of valor occurred on Dec. 21, 1944, outside the Belgian town of Malmedy. A private first class with Company K, 120th Infantry, 30th Infantry Division, Currey was left behind on a wintry day with a small group of U.S. soldiers to guard a bridge.

Ill-equipped for winter warfare and overpowered by heavy artillery fire from German tanks, Currey and his platoon were forced to fall back to an abandoned factory. Currey found a bazooka, but the bazooka's rockets were across a road guarded by Germans. Currey charged into the road, avoiding artillery and machine-gun fire, reached the rockets, loaded the bazooka and destroyed a tank with a single shot.

Later, Currey gunned down three German soldiers in a nearby house, blasted down a wall with a bazooka rocket and freed five American infantrymen, including two who were seriously injured, who had been pinned down for hours by the Germans.

Currey retrieved anti-tank grenades from a nearby vehicle, fought off heavy enemy fire, and drove Germans from their tanks. Then he commandeered an abandoned vehicle and went on the offensive, driving the Germans into retreat with a machine gun.

In the end, Currey got credit for killing three German soldiers and knocking out four tanks that day. During his wartime service, he received three Purple Hearts, the Silver Star Medal, the Bronze Star, the Belgian version of the Medal of Honor and the U.S. Medal of Honor.

"I was just blown away reading Frank's story. I had goose bumps envisioning what Frank did on behalf of his country," Groen said.

The Medal of Honor recipient was typically understated about his heroics. "Instinct took over," Currey said. "I didn't have time to be afraid."

WEDDINGS

HARRIS-COOK

St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Midland was the setting for the 7 p.m. Dec. 27, 1997, wedding of Elizabeth Jane Harris of Midland and William Blake Cook of Arlington. The Rev. Robert Kirk officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Robert and Linda Harris of Midland. Parents of the bridegroom are Thomas and Jan Cook of Midland.

The bride's honor attendant was Shae Hensley of Odessa. She also was attended by Jennifer Wesley and Erica Traxel of Midland, Penni Robison of Houston and Lauren Hutchinson of Haskell. Flower girls were Julie Kate Hutchinson of Haskell, Leslie Gross of Vernon and Crystal Mendez of Oklahoma City.

Brian Cook of Abilene was honor attendant for his brother. Other bridegroom's attendants were James Faircloth of Las Colinas, Midshipman Chance Adam of Annapolis, Md.; Lt. David Novy of Montgomery, Ala.; and Andy Castle of Midland. Ryan Lusby of Allen was ring bearer.

Other attendants were Jacob Inge of Portales, N.M.; John Harris of Midland, brother of the bride; Lee Taylor Wilson of Lueders, and members of the U.S. Marine Corps.

After a wedding trip to Kona, Hawaii, the couple lives in Arlington.



Mr. and Mrs. William Blake Cook

KREGER-GREWELL

Living Way Foursquare Church in Midland was the setting for the 10 a.m. Jan. 17 wedding of Connie DeLayne Kreger and Gabe Arnold Grewell, both of Odessa. The Rev. Mark Ballard officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Lonnie Kreger and Joyce Kreger of Midland. Parents of the bridegroom are Charles and Helen Grewell of Odessa.

The couple was attended by Jeff Riemenschneider, Karen Bell, Bruce Grewell, brother of the bridegroom; Jacob Riemenschneider, nephew of the bride; Nicholas Matz, nephew of the bridegroom; Jessica Matz, niece of the bridegroom; Tomas Lerma, Jason Castellano, Scott Windham, Nakietha Washington, Sabra Hulett and Tiffany Niemann.

The bride is a 1989 graduate of Midland High School and a 1994 graduate of the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, where she earned a bachelor of science degree in mathematics. She is employed with Odessa High School. Her husband graduated from OHS in 1985 and from Texas Tech University in 1990 with a bachelor of arts degree. He is employed with M&L Valve Service Inc. in Odessa.



Mr. and Mrs. Gabe Arnold Grewell

After a wedding trip to Ruidoso, N.M., the couple lives in Odessa.

LINDSLEY-TOMLINSON

LYNCHBURG, Va. — Andrea Jean Lindsley and Cary Don Tomlinson, both of Lynchburg, were married 2 p.m. Dec. 20, 1997, in The Prayer Chapel at Liberty University in Lynchburg. The Rev. Richard J. Biesiadecki officiated.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Lindsley II of Southside, Ala. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry D. Tomlinson of Midland, Texas.

Shelly L. Seager and Belinda G. Wilce of Lynchburg were the bride's honor attendants. Flower girl was Victoria F. Tomlinson of Lynchburg, daughter of the bridegroom.

Ronald C. Blackwood of Lynchburg was honor attendant for the bridegroom, who also was attended by Jason R. Bickmore of Lovettsville.

The bride graduated in 1986 from the Word of Life Bible Institute and School of Youth Ministry in Schroon Lake, N.Y. She is an officer manager at the Center for Youth Ministry at Liberty University. Her husband, a 1988 graduate of Lee High School, attended Liberty University. He is employed with FedEx.

The couple will live in Lynchburg.



Mrs. Cary Don Tomlinson

BAGGETT-LIGHT

Kimberly Ann Baggett of Midland became the bride of Shawn Richard Light of Charleston, W.Va., 2 p.m. Jan. 10 at Kelview Heights Baptist Church in Midland. The Rev. Jerry Berry officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Ron and Marge Putman and James Baggett of Midland. Parents of the bridegroom are Toney and Carol Light of Charleston.

Shawna Redwine of Snyder was honor attendant for the bride, who also was attended by Becky Slay of Midland. Flower girl was Elizabeth Bryant of Albuquerque, N.M.

Josh McDonald of Warrenton, Va., served the bridegroom as honor attendant. He also was attended by Kevin Baggett of Midland, brother of the bride. Ushers were Jeremy Butts and Daniel Duckwork, both of Midland.

After a wedding trip to New Orleans, the couple lives in Lynchburg, Va.



Mrs. Shawn Richard Light

Gardener mourns the passing of his jade plant

By Lee May
N.Y. Times News Service

The noise was slight, muffled, but noticeable in the quiet house. At first, I thought it was a cat stumbling; cats aren't nearly as surefooted as they pretend. A look around showed all three sprawled asleep on the bed, as they are most of the day.

Downstairs, I looked around, finally finding the sound's source in the dining room. There lay the entire top of my large jade plant, on the floor next to its container. All that was left in the big black pot was a stump, standing just an inch above the top of the soil.

Losing a longtime member of your plant family always saddens. But there's something extra tough about losing a houseplant this time of year — when indoor greenery takes on added significance as so many outdoor plants hunker down for the winter.

The jade was not pushed. It fell. A quick look at the stump and the broken end of the fallen top showed serious decay. It reminded me of a rotted tooth in the mouth of the bluesman whose rocking and reeling I enjoyed in a juke joint near Augusta many years ago. As gone as that jade's trunk was, it's amazing it didn't fall sooner.

Now that it had, it brought me down, too. I picked up the remains and put them by the front door to let them lie until my next trip to the garbage can or the compost heap.

Neither end seemed fitting. I placed the jade top in the tall Chinese vase in the front parlor — so that it appeared to be growing out of the vase's top, cascading down its side. I thought it looked pretty good. Lyn didn't.

"Is that jade on its way to going someplace?" she asked.

"No, that's its destination," I answered.

"Under the mistaken assumption that it's attractive?"

"I feel your disdain. But it doesn't have to be that way. To appreciate this jade, where it is, you must have a willing suspension of disbelief. It's not dead; it's just being transformed."

It's been a more than a week since the jade fell. So far, Lyn has not tossed it while my back was turned. And it still looks alive, sitting atop that vase. I know that sooner or later decay will finish the jade, that it'll have to go.

Until then, I'm taking the time to get used to not having it in front of that sunny window, where it had been for years. And I'm trying to decide whether to harvest a few fleshy leaves from it, cut off a stem or two for propagation, to keep this old jade alive.

Over the last dozen or so years, I've lost too many jades to remember. They'd stay alive for a few months, then turn to mush and collapse. Jades have always been among that group of plants that are supposedly easy to grow, but not for me. They've always been difficult, as have snake plants.

My fallen plant was my first jade success; it had grown so fine since I bought it at the Atlanta Botanical Garden gift shop about five years ago. Fine enough to make me believe my jade jinx was over. The happy jade, in combination with several snake plants that have survived for years, signaled an end to my long difficulty with so-called easy-to-grow plants, I thought.

Now, I'm back where I've been. What was easy a week ago is difficult again. And I'm wary. Will my apparently satisfied snake plants turn to brown mush and fall to pieces?

I should have known better: As long as I've gardened, I ought to know that as easy as plants are to read most times, they sometimes suffer without a sign — laughing on the outside, dying on the inside.

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Delaware is second-smallest state in union

DOVER, Del. (AP) — Delaware, covering 2,057 square miles, is smaller than any other state except Rhode Island. The "diamond state" is one of the original 13 states, and was the first to ratify the Federal Constitution in 1787. During the Civil War, Delaware remained in the Union, although slavery was legal there. The state's largest city is Wilmington, whose products include chemicals, firearms, synthetic fibers and textiles. Delaware is also noted for fruit growing, poultry and seafood from Delaware Bay.

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Traditional food, New Orleans style

From po' boys to oysters Rockefeller, The Big Easy has its own cuisine

By Jim Auchmutey
N.Y. Times News Service

Last year, to utterly no one's surprise, the National Center for Health Statistics reported that New Orleans has the highest percentage of overweight people among major U.S. cities. Such news would have horrified Atlanta. In New Orleans, it stirred a mixture of pride and puzzlement that researchers would deem it necessary to study something so obvious. The attitude was captured in a bumper sticker I saw on a truck outside the French Market produce stalls: "I may be fat, but you're ugly and I can diet."

In fairness, New Orleans has a problem: How can you stay slender when you are routinely seduced by the most distinctive food tradition on this continent? This is a guide to that tradition, an A-to-Z list of sights, smells and tastes that visitors can sample but residents must resist at least some of the time lest they become overstuffed po' boys.

■ **Antoine's** (504-581-4422). The French Quarter is eaten up with grand old Creole institutions such as Arnaud's, Broussard's and Tujague's. But the most famous is Antoine's, founded in 1840 and thought to be the nation's oldest restaurant. It's a museum of dining history, 16 rooms festooned with fading memorabilia and portraits of notable guests stretching back to Mark Twain. It was he who called New Orleans pompano "as delicious as the less criminal forms of sin."

■ **Bananas Foster.** The dramatic flambeed dessert was created in the 1950s and named for a customer at Brennan's, the restaurant that made brunch an art form. 504-525-9711. The signature New Orleans dessert, though, is bread pudding. The definitive version may be uptown in the Garden District at Commander's Palace, one of the city's favorite restaurants. 504-899-8221.

■ **Cafe au lait,** flavored with chicory root and served steaming with beignets under green-striped awnings at the Cafe du Monde. As you're sitting there watching the Jackson Square promenade, don't commit the faux pas I once did. I coughed over a plate of the square doughnuts and came up with a sugar-frosted face that looked like one of those Mardi Gras masks. 504-525-4544.

■ **Dog biscuits.** Don't forget Fido. One of the best-smelling shops on Royal Street is Three Dog Bakery, which makes custom doggie treats with names such as Puptarts and Scotti Biscotti. We bought a bag of Big Scary Kitties for some greyhounds we know and asked where the people treats were. "We don't have any. It's all for dogs," the clerk said. I ask you: Is that fair? 504-525-2253.

■ **Ersters.** That's how oysters sounds in the Brooklynesque accent of the city's working-class "Yats" (from the phrase "Where y'at?"). They still laugh about the mayor who hosted a luncheon for Franklin D. Roosevelt at Antoine's and, after barely saying a word all meal long, broke his silence by asking, "How'd ya like dem ersters, Mr. President?" Dem ersters are central to New Orleans cuisine, from the oysters Rockefeller presented on white linen at Antoine's to the fried oysters piled high on Formica tables at Uglesich's, a boisterous lunch spot near the Superdome that rates high among shellfish lovers. 504-523-8571. For an even more direct encounter with the mollusk, there are two old-line raw bars across the street from each other in the Quarter: Acme (504-522-5973) and Felix's (504-522-4440). Felix's is more of a sit-down restaurant, Acme more of a raw bar, but both cater to people whose senses tingle when they see those gnarly shells.

■ **Fried chicken.** Popeye's, the fast-food chain known for its spicy chicken, started in New Orleans. The flamboyant founder, Al Copeland, no longer owns the company, but he's still spicing up the dining scene with Straya, a gaudy chrome-and-glass restaurant that couldn't look more out of place on St. Charles Avenue if it were a spaceship. Vampire chronicler Anne Rice, a neighbor, took out an ad in the paper to say how much she hated the gauche intrusion. The menu is touted as "California Creole." Wolfgang LePuck? If you're curious, 504-593-9955.

■ **Galatoire's.** One of the classic New Orleans scenes is the line of suits and dresses that mingles with the Jell-O shooter crowd on Bourbon Street to get inside this restaurant. Galatoire's didn't take reservations for years; legend has it that management wouldn't make an exception even for Charles de Gaulle. When the policy was relaxed recently, people wondered whether Galatoire's was going downhill. "Any erosion of the customs that define the place is viewed with some alarm," Gene Bourg wrote in Saveur magazine — Galatoire's, the ultimate Creole dining room, is that beloved. We visited on a Sunday afternoon when tourists were outnumbered by Garden District dowagers with furs and interestingly applied lipstick. The tuxedoed waiters air-hugged them and called them "cher." At first, we felt we had walked into somebody else's party as we took in the narrow, high-ceilinged room that some have compared to an old-fashioned barbershop, with its wall mirrors and black-and-white tile floor. Then our waiter appeared and broke the ice: "I'll be back for your order, but first I'm going to bring you some hot French bread, and I want you to break it with your hands and make a mess on this table." We made a mess with the bread, the oysters, the trout, the dessert tarts. Turned out it was our party, too. 504-525-2021.

■ **Hotel dining.** Name the only New Orleans restaurant to rate five stars in the Mobil guide. Not Bayona, Commander's or Emeril's, all of which got four. It's the Grill Room, an elegant continental restaurant in the Windsor Court downtown. 504-522-1992. Another hotel dining room, Dominique's in the Maison Dupuy, was named one of America's best new restaurants by Bon Appetit magazine. 504-522-8800.

■ **Ice.** The N'awlins climate always makes me think of John Candy's sweat-dripping, daddy-o cameo in the movie "JFK." With that much heat, it's no wonder that the nation's first commercial ice-making plant opened here (1865) and that one of the fondest treats is the snowball. This is not to be confused with the common snow cone you see elsewhere; a New Orleans snowball is a mound of very finely shaved ice drizzled with syrups and creams that run from the usual (cherry) to the weird (wedding cake, which is what they call almond). You can find them at stands all over town; we liked the ones at Pandora's, near City Park. 504-486-8644.

■ **Jambalaya.** Along with gumbo, the greatest expression of Louisiana cuisine's melting pot roots. Both have mixed ancestry — and a lot of ingredients. The Gumbo Shop, an inexpensive restaurant in the Quarter, does them well. 504-525-1486.

■ **King cake.** A round brioche cake that's as much a sign of Mardi Gras as cheap beads and loud drunks. Sprinkled with sugar in the carnival colors of purple, green and gold, it looks better than it tastes. A plastic baby Jesus is traditionally hidden inside the cake; the person who finds it gets the privilege of buying the next one — or breaking a tooth. For this and other French pastries, try Croissant d'Or Patisserie. 504-524-4663.

■ **Lagniappe** means "something extra," as in an unexpected appetizer the chef sends to your table. Mike Ditka, new coach of the pro football Saints, butchered the word on a TV commercial last fall, pronouncing the "G" and making it sound more like lug nut than LAN-yapp. You can find a nice lagniappe for the people you left back home at the Quarter's largest cooking store, La Cuisine Classique. 504-524-0068.

■ **Mile High Pie.** Long before tall food became trendy elsewhere, New Orleans had the perfect symbol of epicurean architecture: the ice cream pie served in the cafe at the Pontchartrain Hotel. It's enough for a construction crew, with a cookie crust foundation under a foot of vanilla, chocolate and strawberry ice cream topped by a meringue roof. 504-524-0581.

■ **Nightcap.** Whether the cocktail was invented in New Orleans, as some food historians maintain, several cocktails were. You won't need any help finding a hurricane, that bathtub full of sweet rum punch. For a more discriminating libation, visit the Sazerac bar in the Fairmont Hotel, a richly paneled and muraled retreat that was a favorite of Huey Long's. It's named for a bourbon drink that was created in New Orleans and specializes in Ramos gin fizzes, another local concoction. 504-529-7111. The most distinctive bar in the Quarter has to be the Napoleon House, a 1797 structure that was supposedly offered to the emperor as a home in exile. It's very Parisian, with peeling walls, imperious waiters and French doors thrown open to the sidewalk. 504-524-9752.

■ **Old ways.** The Hermann-Grima House shows how folks used to cook in the days before the Civil War, when New Orleans was one of America's largest, richest cities. Every Thursday from September to May, volunteers staff the kitchen out back to show how slaves went about the sweaty work of cooking with an open hearth and heavy Dutch ovens. 504-525-5661.

■ **Praline.** If you want to sound like a local, don't say PRAY-leen. It's PRAW-leen in Louisiana, reflecting the French origin of the word. However you pronounce it, you can find pralines all over town, especially along Decatur Street and the French Market. Praline trivia: Before he donned exercise shorts, New Orleans native Richard Simmons worked in a confectionery and gobbled so many pralines that he ballooned to more than 200 pounds.

■ **Quaff,** as in beer. Given the climate, it follows that New Orleans would have a long history of brewing that includes two local labels, Jax and Dixie. Mugheads today ask for Abita, an acclaimed microbrew made across Lake Pontchartrain in Abita Springs. There's a brewpub and tours of the brewery. 504-893-3143. In the Quarter, you can get good suds at the Crescent City Brewhouse and restaurant. 504-522-0571.

■ **Red beans and rice.** The universal Louisiana dish, found in the humblest of shacks and some of the finest dining halls. Not for nothing did native son Louis Armstrong sign letters "red beans and ricely yours." One of the tastiest versions — liberally flavored with Cajun sausage — is at Paul Prudhomme's K-Paul's. You can't miss it; it's the only place in the Quarter with brass chile peppers for door handles. 504-596-2530.

■ **Stars.** Chefs are stars in New Orleans. In its special dining section last fall, The Times-Picayune ran a contest in which readers matched 50 chefs with their restaurants. Of all the chefs in New Orleans, two besides Prudhomme have achieved superstar status. Susan Spicer may be the most honored, for the Mediterranean-influenced "New World" cuisine she created at Bayona in the Quarter. 504-525-4455. But the hottest chef has to be Emeril Lagasse, who somehow finds time to host a daily cooking show on the Food Channel while running two much-praised restaurants in New Orleans: NOLA (504-522-6652) and the fancier and more expensive Emeril's in the Warehouse District (504-528-9393). Try to go when Lagasse is in town and performing in the little kitchen behind the food bar at Emeril's.

■ **Tabasco.** The tip of the volcano. Louisiana makes scores of hot sauces, and you can see and sample most of them in various "halls of flame" along the tourist corridor of Decatur Street. Tabasco holsters always make a thoughtful gift.

■ **Uptown.** Some of the city's finest restaurants are in the leafy neighborhoods contained within the big bend in the river that gives the Crescent City its nickname — Gautreau's, Brigtsen's and the Upperline among them. The Upperline has as much personality as any restaurant we've ever visited. Owner JoAnn Clevenger has filled the bright yellow townhouse with eclectic art and a blend of food that reflects tradition (duck and andouille remoulade with corn cakes) and her personal passions (all-garlic nights). On your way out, she'll hand you a list of her favorite things to see and eat in New Orleans. That's service. 504-891-9822.

■ **Vietnamese.** Thousands of Southeast Asians have immigrated to the Gulf Coast in the past 20 years to work in the seafood industry, and they're leaving a mark on Louisiana food. Most Vietnamese restaurants are outside the city limits. Nine Roses, across the river in Gretna, is one of the best. 504-366-7665.

■ **Waffles at the Camellia Grill,** on the St. Charles streetcar line. The Camellia is a diner hiding behind a white-columned portico that recalls the Loew's Grand during the "Gone With the Wind" premiere. Locals love the place as much for its atmosphere as its food. You sit at a "W"-shaped counter and watch fry cooks sizzle and sass everything in sight. Great pecan waffles, plus huge messy omelettes that make you wonder if this city isn't really the Big Greasy. 504-866-9573.

■ **X-rated.** I'm not talking about the place on Bourbon Street that advertises "world-famous love acts." I'm talking about a cooking class. The way Kevin Belton teaches at the New Orleans School of Cooking, you'd think jambalaya was illegal in 20 states. Belton likes to coo at the pot when he's coaxing out flavors. The cooking classes are in the Jackson Brewery mall and run three hours; you don't learn much, but you're entertained and you get to eat what the instructors fix. 1-800-237-4841.

■ **Yams.** What they call sweet potatoes in Louisiana, which grows more of them than any state but North Carolina. They turn up on menus citywide, but they're particularly associated with Creole soul restaurants, the best known of which is Dooky Chase. 504-821-2294.

■ **Zapp's.** The local brand of potato chips, kettle-cooked in Louisiana flavors like Cajun Gator-Tators. They're usually eaten with New Orleans' two indigenous sandwiches: po' boys and muffulettas. A po' boy, of course, is a Louisiana sub — French bread stuffed with shrimp, oysters and the like. Po' and rich alike stand in line for the ones at Mother's, a downtown cafe. 504-523-9656. A muffuletta is a round Italian loaf stacked with cold cuts, cheeses and olive salad. It originated at the Central Grocery, a Sicilian deli in the Quarter. 504-523-1620.

If you go:

■ **Where to stay:** One of the nicer chain hotels is the Hampton Inn, in a converted downtown office building two blocks from the edge of the French Quarter. Doubles from $105. 1-800-426-7866. The poshest place in town may be the Windsor Court suites hotel, also downtown. Doubles from $210. 1-800-262-2662. If you want to get out of the hubbub of the city center, try the Pontchartrain, one of New Orleans' grand old hotels, near the Garden District on the St. Charles streetcar line. Doubles from $139. 1-800-777-6193. Bed & Breakfast Inc. represents 40 B&B's and guest houses. 1-800-729-4640.

■ **Reading up:** The best guide for foodies: "Halliday's New Orleans Food Explorer" (Fodor's, $16.50). There's also a new magazine on the subject, Louisiana Cookin'. 504-482-3914.

■ **Information:** New Orleans Metropolitan Convention and Visitors Bureau, 504-566-5011.



Benefit planned

Fashions by Pat McMahon, wife of celebrity Ed McMahon, will be shown at the11 a.m. Feb. 9 luncheon at Midland Center. The fashion show will be hosted by Robbie Casey's during the Junior Woman Association's annual style show and luncheon. The event will feature the McMahons, and the clothing designs of Ms. McMahon, a newcomer to the New York fashion scene. Lunch will be catered by Murray and the Frenchman. Tickets are $40 each. All proceeds will be donated to the Community Children's Clinic and the pediatric ward of Midland Memorial Hospital. For more information or for ticket reservations call 686-3921.

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McLean County Historical Society Director Greg Koos stands before an 1854 corn planter, which is part of a new exhibit the old Courthouse Museum in Bloomington, Ill. The exhibit, "Just Corn: The 'Amaizing' Story," explores the often-overlooked world of corn. It is scheduled to run through August 1999.

AP Photo

Museum's new exhibition is anything but 'corny'

By Christopher Wills

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. (AP) — Let Texas have its oil. Let Georgia have its peaches and Delaware its ... well, whatever Delaware has. Illinois has its corn — acre after acre after acre.

Probably the most useful grain in history, it shows up in cereal bowls, gas tanks and burnt sienna crayons.

Settlers trooped to Illinois' empty prairie to plant corn in the rich soil. Then, realizing they were stuck on an empty prairie, they plastered the corn on the outside of buildings, turned it into fake coins the size of manhole covers and threw big parties.

If you find that puzzling, you obviously have not visited "Just Corn: The 'Amaizing' Story," a museum exhibition exploring the history and impact of corn.

A product of the McLean County Historical Society — McLean County grows more corn than any other county in the nation — the exhibit offers a unique view of corn, from the serious to the absurd.

Visitors must decide which is which.

Take, for instance, the glass case displaying 10 ears of 83-year-old corn. They sit there like agricultural mummies — brown, a little worn, each the size of a small artillery shell.

While bizarre, the display illustrates a point. These were the nation's champions at a time when ears of corn were judged solely on appearance. These were huge and the kernels ran in perfectly straight rows, but no one cared whether they actually were nutritious food.

This also was the period when corn festivals popped up everywhere, celebrating corn the way Mardi Gras celebrates drunken excess.

If you go:

"Just Corn: The 'Amaizing' Story" is scheduled to be shown at the Old Courthouse Museum in Bloomington, Ill., through August 1999.

HOURS: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday.

ADMISSION: Adults $2, children $1. Tuesday free.

INFORMATION: (309) 827-0428.

People would spend weeks covering every inch of their local exhibition halls with ears of corn, turning them into literal "corn palaces."

They would build elaborate floats featuring torpedo-sized ears or maybe a giant coin made entirely of corn, and other agricultural tidbits.

"It was entertainment and corn education," Greg Koos, executive director of the historical society, said. "It was a heyday for pigeons. They still hang around downtown hoping we'll do it again."

He has enough corn in the exhibit to give it a try, including many varieties that are rare today. One type actually grew to 18 feet tall, and the farmer who raised it for the exhibit had to harvest the corn on a ladder.

The exhibit walks you through the growing cycle of corn, through Indian varieties such as mesa verde, rainbow flint and Zuni blue, through scientific efforts to breed better corn.

It lets children color drawings of corn, read the comic book adventures of Captain Cornelius, and turn the crank on a model grain elevator.

It even offers a selection of truly bad jokes: "Why should you never tell secrets in the cornfield? Because the corn has ears." Visitors are invited to add their own corny jokes to the list.

Next to that is the artwork, and it's hard to tell how much of that is also a joke, or at least tongue-in-cheek.

What are you to make of a cane in the shape of bright-yellow ears of corn standing atop one another? Or a table with a built-in checkerboard, the dark squares made of soybeans and the light squares made of corn?

One painting — "Crazy Maizy's Invitation" — ignores the obvious sexual imagery. Instead, it portrays a female figure emerging from an ear of corn, with a row of ghostly cornstalks in the background.

Then there is the truly amazing array of products and jobs related to corn: crayons and chemists, batteries and brokers, tires and truckers.

"Every day you're around corn," Koos said.

He calls corn the area's dominant life form from April through October and he's right. After all, it rules the downstate landscape for months, growing larger, surrounding us, its stalks outnumbering us roughly 21,739-to-1.

It's a good thing we can outrun it.

Pets feel stress too

FARMINGTON, Conn. (AP) — When dogs or cats shed hair excessively during winter it may be a symptom of stress. According to Barbara Allen, president of Stabar Enterprises Inc., domesticity and inadequate diet can be highly stressful for pets. She recommends giving them privacy, household training and dietary supplements.

DEAR ABBY

Mom's repeated tales of woe bring no pleasure to daughter

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My mother has always suffered with various degrees of depression. She no longer takes medication or sees a therapist, but perhaps she should.



Van Buren

When Mom and I go to lunch together, or when I call her, the conversations are always about the wrongs Dad has done to her throughout their whole marriage. I've heard these stories since childhood, and here I am at 32 still being forced to listen to the same old tales of woe.

Because I have heard all this before, I have little patience with her. When I try to change the subject or request she stop complaining, she makes me the enemy and a fight ensues. Dad always insists that I apologize so Mom won't go into another deep depression.

Abby, Mom has no friends, only enemies. I suggested she join church groups, etc., so she will have a life, but she still dwells mainly in the past. Dad can't see that I'm trying to bring her into the present when I ask her not to rehash the past.

I want to enjoy my mother's company and have her enjoy mine. Abby, what can I do to make our visits more pleasant? — IMPATIENT DAUGHTER

DEAR DAUGHTER: Please be patient with your mother. Apparently she is still sick and needs further treatment. She wouldn't rehash past traumas in her marriage if she were able to let go and live in the present.

Talk to your father about encouraging your mother to get back into therapy and on medication. With both of you urging her, she may accept that additional therapy is necessary.

When you and your mother are having lunch, acknowledge her pain and give her a little sympathy; then gently change the subject, preferably to something she cares about other than her pain. If that doesn't work, try, try again. One day you will be glad you did what you could for her rather than cutting her off.

DEAR ABBY: My grandma worships you. She gave me one of your booklets, "What Every Teen Should Know." I put it away for months, then I read a few chapters, including "Please God, I'm Only 17." It made me cry.

Thanks a lot. You're great — you really are. — JAIME E. JOST, 13, SUPERIOR, WIS.

DEAR JAIME: Thank YOU. Your letter made my day. At age 13, you exhibit a quality some people never acquire: giving roses to people while they are still able to smell them.

DEAR ABBY: Re: Promise Keepers.

The original promises were made at the wedding in front of the families, friends and, usually, God. Why do new promises have to be made? Why do promises to women have to be made in the absence of women? Any time a group is excluded from an organization, it implies the group is believed not to be worthy of membership. I am willing to apply this both to the Promise Keepers and the National Organization for Women (NOW).

I am all for keeping promises. But I'd find it more credible if the male Promise Keepers stayed home and did the dishes, rather than having another night out with the boys. In this regard, I see little difference between bowling and Promise Keepers meetings or rallies. — FAITHFUL (MALE) READER

DEAR FAITHFUL (MALE) READER: You may have missed the column I printed, comprising letters from wives of Promise Keepers who praised the organization for having inspired their husbands to work harder at being better mates.

Although it would be nice if the Promise Keepers were co-educational, with an emphasis on both spouses keeping the promises they made at the altar, unless I receive negative mail from the wives, I'm reluctant to criticize a program that seems to be having a positive influence on couples who feel they need it.

P.S. Membership in the National Organization for Women is not restricted to women only.

DEAR ABBY: A supervisor at work has been pursuing me for quite some time. He's consistently offering me projects that we can do together. I feel uncomfortable being alone with him and have turned down these projects. Fortunately, our work circumstances do not force me to see him often. His behavior may pose legal or ethical problems. Others have observed and commented on his interest.

While I enjoy my job, I have an opportunity to relocate, although it may mean a decrease in pay. What is your advice based on this information? — TOO CLOSE AND PERSONAL IN TEXAS

DEAR TOO CLOSE: I see no reason for you to leave a job you enjoy and take a cut in pay.

If this supervisor is attracted to you, that's his problem.

If, however, he is doing something overt in his pursuit, then you should be documenting it so that you can register a formal complaint about it with his boss.

DEAR ABBY: Recently you printed a letter about children wearing helmets while participating in sports.

I know helmets are useful to prevent childhood injuries, but I think adults should also wear helmets for certain activities.

My husband mows the lawn on a riding mower, and he has often been cut on the head by low branches. He ducks, but not always far enough or fast enough.

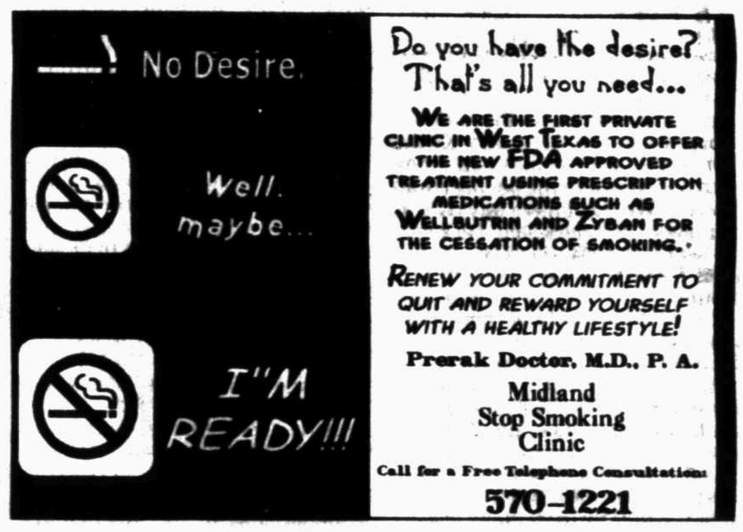
One day while I was watching him on the mower, it occurred to me that he might not see a heavy branch behind the leaves and could seriously injure himself. Or he might mow over a depression in the ground, or hit a rock, and the mower could lurch and throw him off — and he might hit his head on a rock or stump.

I insisted that very day that we shop for a safety helmet. Now he always uses it, and I rest easier knowing that he will not sustain a concussion or serious injury. — EILEEN DREW, MELBOURNE, FLA.

DEAR EILEEN: Good safety idea, but why stop with those who use a riding mower?

Taking it a step further, all workers with any risk of head injury should take precautions — a roofer could fall off a roof, or a pool man could slip on a wet deck.

Abigail Van Buren's column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.



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TRAVEL



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Dust flies as three cowboys round up horses at the Rock Springs Guest Ranch near Bend, Ore. The ranch features thousands of acres of ponderosa pine and juniper.

City slickers, foreign travelers flocking to western dude ranches

By David L. Langford
Associated Press Writer

John Wayne would be all riled up at these funny-talking pilgrims encroaching on his territory.

Back at the Ponderosa, Lorne Greene would counsel Hoss and Little Joe to "treat 'em kindly, but keep an eye on 'em."

What's coming down is an invasion of people from other countries playing cowboys and Indians at American dude ranches.

Picture this. A multinational posse is about to hit the trail for the Arizona mountains. Butch and Sundance and the Hole-in-the-Wall Gang they're not.

The head honcho, an American wrangler, swings into the saddle, gives his horse a nudge in the flanks and barks, "Giddyap!"

"Hut!" commands the German.

"Hue! Hue!" pleads the Frenchman, making a sound like "oo, oo."

"Arre!" implores the Spaniard, and "Trot! Trot! Trot!" goes the Italian.

The Englishwoman gets her horse in gear with a gentle flip of the reins.

Such a scenario is not unlikely this winter at the dude ranches of the Southwest. Just as there is more than one way to start a horse (does anyone really say "giddyap?"), wannabe cowboys these days come from many lands.

"We're seeing increasing numbers of foreigners on dude ranches in North America," says Jim Futterer of LaPorte, Colo.

Futterer and his wife Bobbi are executive directors of the Dude Ranchers' Association. He gives cyberspace much of the credit for the increase in foreign visitors, as well as an increase in business overall.

While few dude ranch operators advertise heavily overseas, many have been putting up signposts on the Internet guiding foreigners to the Wild West.

"The number of e-mails and requests we get from foreign countries has increased significantly since we established a Web site," he says.

Futterer says foreign visitors, mostly from Western Europe, accounted for about 10 percent of the 55,000 guests at American ranches last year.

"If the United Kingdom were a state, it would rank eighth or ninth among the states as a source of dude ranch guests," he says.

In fall and winter at some ranches in the warmer Southwest, particularly Arizona and Texas, almost half the guests are from overseas.

At the Grapevine Canyon Ranch in southeastern Arizona, the land of Chiricahua Apaches, Chief Cochise and Geronimo, Tombstone and the OK Corral, owner Eve Searle says 40 percent of her guests in the fall are foreigners.

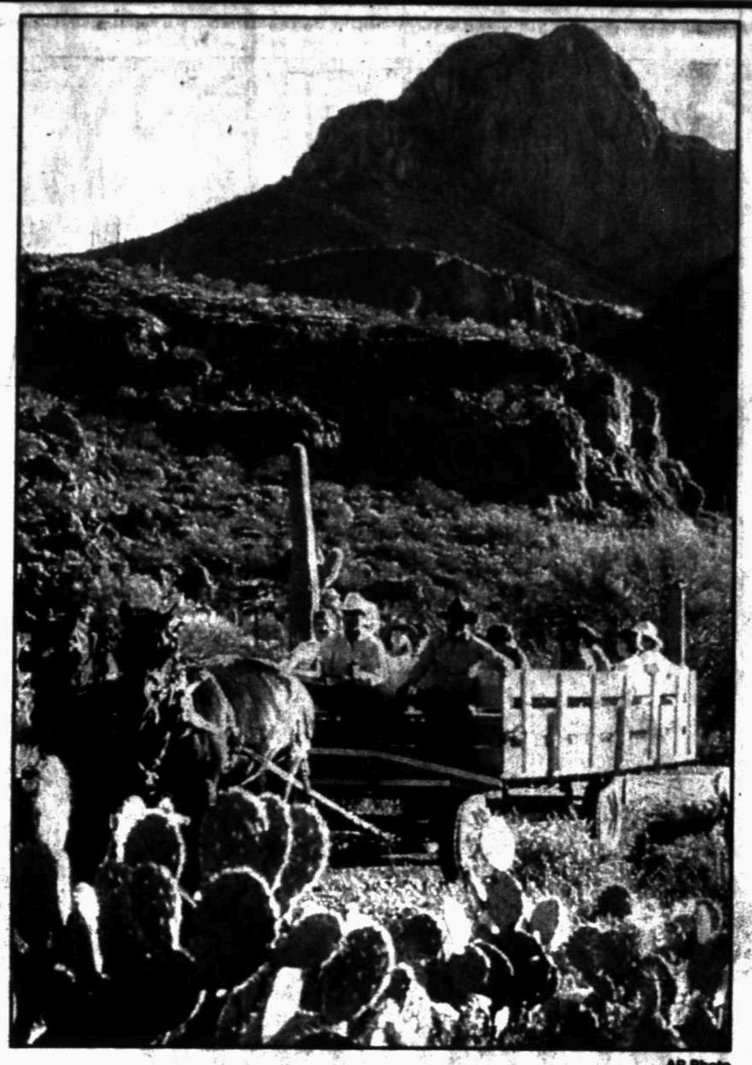
The TV Western series "High Chaparrall" during its 1967-1971 run was filmed at the White Stallion Ranch, bordering the Saguaro National Park near Tucson, Ariz.

Owner Russell True credits the series with boosting the number of foreigners at his ranch to 40 percent in September, October and November.

"They're showing reruns of that series quite heavily now in Europe and England," he says.

Conspicuously underrepresented are the Asians, especially the Japanese. Futterer says this is in part because of the travel patterns of the Japanese, who like to travel in groups.

"They like to have things to their taste, whereas the concept of the dude ranch is that people are opening up their homes so others can see how they live, rather than provide a specific service that someone else wants. So there's a bit of a clash there."



AP Photo

The Tucson Mountains are the backdrop for a hayride of visitors to the Lazy K Bar Ranch. City slickers and travelers from foreign countries are drawn to the western vistas and cowboy activities of working ranches.

The average cost of a dude ranch vacation is about $1,100 a week, in a range of about $500-$2,500, full American plan, not including transportation. That typically includes lodging, meals, horseback riding and most other ranch activities, such as hayrides and cook-outs.

"Europeans often inquire about visiting a working ranch, as opposed to ranches where you primarily do scenic riding," Futterer says. "There's a great interest in coming out and living out their fantasies as American cowboys."

True puts it this way:

"Many of them are riders. But more often than not they just want to do something different. When they look at America, the thing that seems the most unique and interesting to them is the West — cowboys and Indians." As one rancher quotes a Belgian couple as saying, "As children we dreamt it, as adults we lived it."

Host gifts not always welcome

N.Y. Times News Service

Travelers sometimes bring gifts for their hosts or clients. But if they're abroad, that very act of generosity could get them in what a former president might term deep doo-doo. Here, from Nikko Hotels International, are examples of gifts to avoid in certain countries:

■ In Japan, never give cutlery or anything else that would denote a cutting of ties.

■ In Thailand, never give a pin. It is believed that such a gift will soon give the recipient a painful experience.

■ In Malaysia, don't celebrate anyone's birthday with the gift of a clock. It's a reminder that time is ticking onward.

■ In Mexico, it is impolite to give money or clothes. Tequila, though, is always appropriate.

■ And in Australia ... you can't go wrong. Any gift is all right with the Aussies.

And a few other travel tidbits:

Tour guide joke: (Bangkok.) That little three-wheeled taxi you see is called a tuk-tuk. They turn left. They turn right. They turn over."

Wishful thinking: Here's a philosophical question for which there is no certain answer (although we'll express an opinion): When can it be said that you have actually "visited" a city, state, country, or other location?

When you have been in the airport to change planes? (Probably not.) When you have ridden through in a car, bus, or train? (Possibly.) When you have walked its streets and talked to its people? (Definitely!)

Today's amazing tourist question: "What's that white stuff on the mountains — salt?" — asked in Salt Lake City.

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St. Ann's

Mardi Gras

St. Ann's brings New Orleans tradition to Midland to benefit education



AT TOP: Kirsten Graham, left, and Daniel Diaz get a chuckle from the Noah's Ark wood set. AT FAR LEFT: Dad and daughter get a closer look at the Noah's Ark set. BELOW: Mardi Gras chairperson Patty Hodgens chats with, left to right, Keal Rasavage, Sean Culpepper, and David Little about the vase. AT LEFT AND ABOVE: Decorations created by Peggy Kuss will be on display at the event.

Story by Amy Brasher

A sea of colors fills the streets of New Orleans each February as tourists from around the world join in to celebrate the traditional Mardi Gras. For the past five years, the famous celebration has made its way to Midland and once again will be celebrated beginning 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Midland Country Club to raise money for the St. Ann's Parish Educational Endowment Fund.

Festivities include live music from the "Big Time Band" of Dallas that plays everything from oldies to country. The $75-per-person fee will provide a Cajun buffet, cocktails and an open bar. Guests will be surrounded by a New Orleans setting with the traditional masks, beads and paddle boats.

A silent auction will begin at 6:30 and close at 8 p.m. Items to be auctioned off include art work, services, dinners, trips and donated merchandise from the community and parishioners. A live auction that is to begin at 8 p.m., will include items made by the students.

"The Mardi Gras is a time when we can get dressed up and share in spirit with everyone who attends for the benefit of our children's education and future," said Principal Barbara Ransbottom. "It is opposite of the St. Ann's Family Fair, a time when we all roll up our sleeves and invite the Midland community to share in the fun for the benefit of our parish."

Continuing Catholic education is the primary purpose for the endowment fund, which was established in 1986, to ensure that Catholic education would be available for the future of St. Ann's School.

"The interest earned from the endowment fund is used by the school each year to help keep St. Ann's School in operation, enabling tuition rates to remain affordable," Ms. Ransbottom said.

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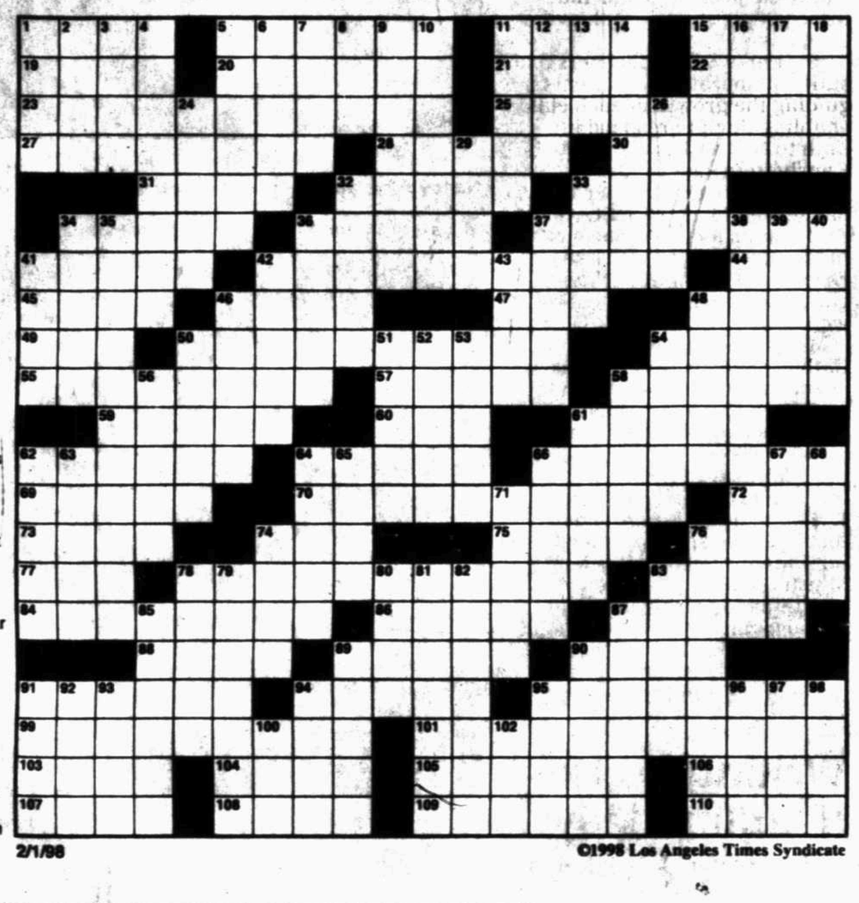
Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Joyce Nichols Lewis

"BODY PARTS"
By FRAN AND LOU SABIN

ACROSS
1 Kiddie conveyor
5 Wipe out
11 Pinup guy
15 Kind of coffee or tea
19 "Turandot" highlight
20 Use for support
21 Traveler to Oz
22 Uproar
23 Congratulating, in a way
25 Makeup item
27 Playing marbles
28 Titled ladies
30 Of a serious nature
31 McNally's partner
32 "Received and understood"
33 Oaxaca okay
34 In concert
36 Candy forms
37 Artist of a kind
41 A Musketeer
42 Tin lizzies, e.g.
44 Greeting, to Gaius
45 Foolish fellow
46 Talked to the feds
47 Chill
48 Nabokov tale
49 S.A. edible tuber
50 Skaneateles, is one
54 Nobelist Anwar
55 Painter Andrea —
57 Witnesses' requirements
58 Barrio residents
59 Hamlet and Horatio
60 Campus VIPs
61 Senior diplomat
62 Eugene's state
64 Floor, at the Louvre
66 Wearing circular bands
69 Bridge maven
70 Snoop
72 CXXII halved
73 Causes friction
74 Sugar Loaf Mt. city
75 Lo and behold!, to a Roman
76 Slangy rejection
77 Airline abbr.
78 Common salad ingredient
83 Turn around
84 Bits and pieces
86 Sierra —
87 Sampras and Seeger
88 Pay to play
89 Fanfare
90 Winnie the Pooh, for one
91 Solution for contacts
94 Seat of affections
95 Most rueful
99 Ballerina
101 Dogface
103 Singer Murray
104 Level
105 Turmoil
106 Shore bird
107 Noggin
108 Whirlpool
109 Climbing vines
110 Court units

DOWN
1 Hacks
2 Smell —: suspect
3 Paddy product
4 Find a home
5 May or Stritch
6 Held a party for
7 Diet defeaters
8 Black cuckoo
9 Excuse
10 Hires
11 Bovine
12 Playthings
13 Shoshonean
14 Official file
15 Type type
16 System of rules
17 Biblical land
18 Crossword direction
24 Premeditates
26 Party people
29 Network
32 Kitchen installation
33 Beehive
34 Make amends
35 Type of tote
36 African republic
37 "Blue — smiling at me ..."
38 Very chummy
39 — -les-Bains
40 Monthly costs
41 Part of USMA
42 Diamond ploys
43 Egyptian symbol of life
46 Alarming sound
48 Eucharistic plate
50 Clerical cape
51 Bonheur and Parks
52 Sizable
53 Confused
54 Muslim title of respect
56 Philosophers
58 Actor Greene
61 Even, to Evert
62 Grimm characters
63 Way to go
64 Markey and Bagnold
65 File or fork
66 Bowling, in Bologna
67 Montreal ning
68 Weight watch
71 Get together, like grads
74 Give an X
76 Laboratory compounds
78 Salon solution
79 International accord
80 First name in jazz
81 Blue
82 Trattoria treat
83 Necklace unit
85 Unmarried
87 Texas tycoon and kin
89 Black or blue fruit
90 — nova
91 Effort
92 Top-drawer
93 Actress Olin
94 Give ear to
95 Actress Anna of old films
96 Shamrock land
97 Dispatched
98 Ocho minus cinco
100 Spanish hero, with "El"
102 "Are you a man — mouse?"



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Jacqueline Bigar's Stars

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You are overly serious or rigid; lighten up with another. The unexpected can be counted on, especially with a friend. Excesses mark this period, once you get past your stiff stance. Let go, and a good time can be had by all, including you. Tonight: You are the action.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Happenings and news jolt you. Let go of insecurities. Build your self-confidence, and the world is your oyster. Reach out for others, and share your good feelings. Your openness allows a special exchange. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ A friend is confident, but when it comes to your affairs, you need to make the decisions. Don't push as hard; be more centered. You have a sense that the party just began; in a way, for you, it has. Make the most of this day of rest. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Take the lead, and bring others together. Others appreciate your concern over social matters. Familial interactions are important to you. Though a boss or older relative is stern, you get right through it. Others join you in your enjoyment. Tonight: In the limelight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Your ability to project comes into play. Don't push too hard to have another think like you. Invite a friend out for a game of squash or racquetball. Get as much exercise as you can before relaxing and partying with friends. Tonight: Make the most of the moment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Look foward to working with another, though there is a side of you that is more into portraying this person as difficult. Use restraint, stay calm and keep negotiations moving. Flirting, charm and understanding go a long way. You can renew your relationship. Tonight: Do what comes naturally.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Understand more of what is going on with a partner. Sometimes, he clams up; other times, he is full of flak. It might be time to move on and make a change. Share feelings with close family members. They understand more than you think. Tonight: Time for an earnest talk.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★ Take time off, rather than building a fortress. Your fatigue could dominate. You might want to vanish for a snooze, a little indulgence or some easy relaxation. A call or invitation could be welcome once you feel together. Tonight: Early to bed!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Let go and enjoy. Your playful way helps someone who is rigid and uptight. But you might go overboard trying to make others feel good. Take care of yourself first. If single, an encounter is most romantic. Tonight: Party the night away.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You don't usually wear your heart on your sleeve, but right now you might. A difficult situation on the home front is tense; you sincerely want to loosen it up but can't. Just be who you are and trust that it will work out. Tonight: Have a ball all by yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Reach out for another, and have that long-overdue chat. There is tension in the air, and you need to clear it up. Be more forthright and direct about your feelings. You are overly sensitive and could overreact. Do whatever makes you happy. Tonight: Visit with friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You feel anxious about finances. Take action to tighten up your budget, or decide to work overtime. Chat up a storm with a friend, and get into the moment. A buddy is delighted by your company. The two of you make mischief together! Tonight: Have fun.

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◇962
♣83

SOUTH
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♡AQ109
◇743
♣AKJ972

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♡	Pass	3◇	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♡	Pass
6♡	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Queen of ◇

"When in doubt, draw trumps," goes the old saw. If there is a worse reason to draw trumps than doubt, we are not aware of it. Draw trumps only when those assets are not needed for some other reason.

South's two-heart rebid was somewhat aggressive. While the hand had excellent trick-taking potential, the possible misfit suggested caution. But the bid certainly excited North, who cue-bid diamonds, then jumped over game in hearts to ask about South's trump quality.

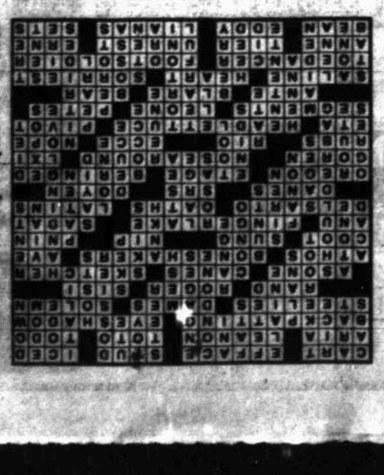
West led the queen of diamonds, taken in dummy. A heart to the queen lost to the king, and the trump return was won on the table. Now declarer needed two club ruffs to set up the suit, but with trumps as the only entry to hand South would not be able to manage that and have an entry to hand to draw the last trump. Instead, South tried the club finesse — down one.

South was unlucky to find both finesses wrong. However, careful timing would have landed the slam on any normal lie of the cards.

After winning the diamond opening in dummy, declarer should immediately cash the ace-king of clubs and ruff a club. Now declarer returns to hand with the ace of trumps, spurning the finesse, and ruffs another club to set up two long cards in the suit. A trump from dummy loses to the king but, after discarding a diamond from hand on the ace of spades, declarer returns to hand with a spade ruff to draw the last trump and claim the rest of the tricks. The only loser is the king of hearts.

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FEBRUARY 1 - 7

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

American Airpower Heritage Museum: EXHIBITION: The American Airpower Heritage Museum is internationally recognized for its collection of authentic World War II artifacts and memorabilia. The museum currently has five permanent exhibits, highlighting five different phases of World War II, in the main gallery and two permanent exhibits in the hanger. Take an on-line tour of the museum at http://www.avdigest.com/aahm/aahm.html, 9600 Wright Dr., Midland International Airport, Hours: Mon.-Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 12-5pm, call 563-1000, Admission charged. Group and student discounts available with prior reservation.
Film Series: Lest We Forget - A Video Journey Through World War II, Free showing every other Saturday at 1pm, moderated by a museum docent and free refreshments.

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: EXPEDITION INDIA: through Mar 22
1705 W. Missouri, Tues.-Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 2-5pm, call 683-2882.

Gallery 1114: EXHIBITION: As Blue As I Wanna Be, Mail Art Exhibit, includes pieces from around the world, through Feb 22, 1114 N. Big Spring, Thurs.-Sun. 1-5pm, 685-9944, Free.

HEB Wine Department: EXHIBITION: The Works of Jan Foust Hurt, call 697-1471, 3325 W. Wadley, Mon.-Sun. 24 hours.

McCormick Gallery, Midland College: EXHIBITION: A Visual Language, works by Sculptor James Tisdale, through Feb 15, 3600 N. Garfield, Mon.-Thurs. 8am-10pm, Fri. 8am-5pm, Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 1-5pm, call 685-4500, Free.

Midland Arts Association: 1998 SPRING ART SHOW: Show opens March 6, Jurors are Jessica Zemsky and Jack Hines, call 699-7136.

Midland County Historical Museum: EXHIBITION: La Salle Shipwreck Excavation, 301 W. Missouri, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 2-5pm, Admission free, call 682-2931 or 688-8947.

Midland County Historical Society: Z. Taylor Brown-Dorsey Medallion Home, Midlandís oldest restored home, 213 N. Weatherford, guided tours give fine capsule of Midland County History - open by appointment, call 682-2931, Admission free.

Museum of the Southwest: EXHIBITION: Audubonís Texas Animals, through July 26, **EXHIBITION:** Works by Andy Warhol from the Cochran Collection and Eclectic Visions: Contemporary Artists Series featuring Jim Wagner, through Feb 22, **EXHIBITION:** There on the Table: The American Still Life, Feb. 4 through March 22, 1705 W. Missouri, Tues.-Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 2-5pm, call 683-2882, Free.

Odessa College: LRC, 201 W. University, Mon.-Thurs. 7:30am-10pm, Fri. 7:30am-5pm, Sat.& Sun. 2-5pm, call 335-6646, Free.

Odessa Art Association: 4909 E. University, San Miquel Square, Odessa, call 362-7988, Free.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum: EXHIBITION: The Dongying Sister City Cultural Exchange Exhibit, includes 22 panels of photographs, folk art, handicrafts and calligraphy, **SUNDAY RIG TOURS:** tours of the modern drilling rig, 2:30-4:30, weather permitting, a docent will be at the site near Interstate 20 to explain the rig for no additional charge, 1500 W. I-20 West, Mon.-Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 2-5., call 683-4403, Admission Charged.

The Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin: EXHIBITION: JOIE DE VIVRE, paintings by Santa Fe artist, Evelyne Boren, through Feb. 26, **EXHIBITION:** The Inventions of Leonardo Da Vinci, through February 8, 2-4pm Weekends Only, 4909 E. University, Odessa, Tues-Sat., 10am-5pm, Sun. 2-5pm, call 550-3811, Free.

University of Texas of the Permian Basin: EXHIBITION: Palimpsest: Erasure and Recovery, exhibit of paintings from WAVE, a Womenís art organization in Dallas/Ft. Worth, through Feb 22, UTPB Gallery, call 552-2806,Mon.-Thurs. 8am-10pm, Fri. 8am-5pm, Sat. 1-5pm, Sun. 1-5pm, 3rd Floor Gallery, 4901 E. University, Odessa, call 552-2806, Free.

White Pool House: 112 E Murphy St., Tues. 12pm-3pm, Wed.-Fri. 10am-3pm, Sun. 2pm-5pm, call 1-333-4072, Free.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Midland Womanís Club: BOOK REVIEW: Medley of Show Tunes, Janet Pollard, 11:30 a.m. Book Review Unit, call 684-6811, Free.

Nita Stewart Haley Memorial Library: EXHIBITION: Guy Coheleach, In His Sights, nationally acclaimed wildlife artist, Main Galley, through Feb. 6, 1998, Mon.-Fri.,9am-5pm, 1805 W. Indiana, call 682-5785, Free.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Presidential Museum: EXHIBITION: PARTNERS ACROSS AMERICA: Girl Scouts & First Ladies, Other Displays: Every Four Years, new portrait of Bill Clinton, the new First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton miniature, Tues.-Sat. 10am-5pm, 622 N. Lee, Odessa, call 1-332-7123, Admission charged..

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Midland Opera Theatre: THE MIKADO: by Riverside Light Opera Company, 7 p.m. Yucca Theatre, call 684-4101 for reservations, Admissions charged.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Community Concerts: NEW YORK THEATRE BALLET CHOREOGRAPHERíS COMPETITION: 7:30 p.m. Midland High School Auditorium, call 694-1397, 694-9886, 682-1375, Admission charged.

Midland Community Theatre: MUSICAL: Guys and Dolls, 8 p.m. at Cole Theatre, call 682-4111, Admission charged.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Junior League: COMMUNITY CHILDRENíS CONCERT AND SAFETY FAIR: featuring Joe Scruggs, 9 a.m.-noon, Midland Downtown Lions Club Activity Building.

Midland Community Theatre: MUSICAL: Guys and Dolls, 8 p.m. at Cole Theatre, call 682-4111, Admission charged.

Special Olympics: AREA 18 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Fort Stockton Middle School, call 684-5024.

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.

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ENTERTAINMENT IN BRIEF

Concert planned

Southern Gospel Promotions presents Greater Vision in concert at 7 p.m. Feb. 12 at Odessa College Auditorium. Tickets, priced at $10 in advance, may be purchased at Family Bookstore in Midland and Odessa and Heavenly Treasures in Odessa. For more information call 1-915-334-0400.

Painting exhibited

Merle Burleson Taylor is exhibiting a painting in Bank One for the month of February.

"The Clearing," a study in light and dark, was inspired by a trip to the state of Washington.

The artist is a member of The Palette Club and Midland Arts Association.

Play presented

ODESSA — The Permian Playhouse is to present "Love, Sex and the IRS" 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Feb. 8.

For reservations and ticket prices call (915) 362-2329.

Opree presented

The Globe Theatre is to present "Brand New Opree" 7 p.m. Saturday featuring Double Nickel of Lubbock and Gospel Quartet from Central Baptist Church.

Tickets are $ 6 for reserved seating and $ 4 for open seating. Tickets bought before show date will be discounted $1.

For more information call 332-1586.

Art pieces wanted

MOBILE, Ala. — The University of Mobile is calling for entries of original art pieces for the seventh annual presentation of "Art with a Southern Drawl," an exhibit and competition for Southern Artist.

Deadline for entries is Monday. Artists must be born in or live in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee or Texas.

The competition is designed for artist working in any media in both representational and non-representational styles. Only original art will be considered and work must be available for the duration of the show. While this exhibit is limited to southern artist, art pieces are not restricted to Southern themes.

For information on entry procedures, call (334)-675-5990, Ext. 326 or 1-800-946-7267.

Presentation set

"The Mikado," is to be presented by the Midland Opera Theater 7 p.m. Thursday at the Yucca Theater, Feb 5.

Tickets are $25. For tickets information call 684-4101.

Trade Days set

POST — Old Mill Trade Days is set for 9 a.m. -5 p.m. today at Historic Postex Mill, just off Highway 84, at Fifth and Avenue F.

The event includes entertainment and food.

Symposium set

MARFA — Art and Architecture Symposium, a two-day symposium featuring leading artists and architects, is scheduled for April 25 and 26 in Marfa.

Lectures begin the morning of April 25 and will conclude by mid-afternoon April 26.

The registration fee is $80; students and Chinati Foundation members, $40. The fee includes admission to all lectures and panel discussions, open viewing of the Chinati Foundation collection, as well as a festive dinner April 25.

To register please send name and address, with check payable to the Chinati Foundation to: P.O. Box 1135 Marfa, Texas 79843.

Competition set

Professional artist Pat Moxley, a Janesville, Wisc., acrylic painter and sculptor, and her family, are announcing the eighth annual Gregory M. Moxley Commemorative Young Persons' National Art Competition in memory of her artist son who, at age 21, died as the result of an auto accident.

Young artists ages 14 to 21 who reside in the United States are eligible to enter up to four original works of art in all media. To enter, send slides or photographs, the entry form, and a $20 entry fee by April 15.

Entrants must have an official entry form. For a prospectus send a No. 10 self-addressed stamped envelope to: Eighth Annual Gregory M. Moxley Art Competition, Pat Moxley Studio/Gallery, 203 E. Milwaukee St., Janesville, Wisc. 53545.

For further information call Pat at 608-757-2999 or 608-752-0228.

City Focus

ALBANY —The Old Jail Art Center is to exhibit "City Focus: Abilene Artists" through March 22.

The City Focus exhibit is the first in a series to spotlight living artists of a particular community who have contributed to the culture and identity of that city through art. Twenty-two Abilene artists are participating.

Museum hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and 2-5 p.m. Sundays. There is no admission fee.

For more information call 915-762-2269.

Concert scheduled

ODESSA — Country music superstar Clay Walker and special guest Kenny Chesney are to perform 8 p.m. Feb. 12 at Ector County Coliseum.

Tickets, $18.50, are available at Endless Horizons in Odessa, CD Warehouse in Midland, Sound Decision in Big Spring, Dan's Music and Video in Pecos or charge by phone at 1-800-462-7979.

Society to meet

The West Texas Jazz Society is to meet 3 p.m. Feb. 8 at Jazz.

Expected to perform are Rob Hunt, piano; Robert LaCroix, guitar; Mark Lowe, bass; Neal Goates, drums; and Ted Hale, trombone.

Admission is free. For more information and reservations call 563-1701 or 682-4283.

Show presented

"A Texas Treasure" is to be at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. through Feb. 23.

Items as diverse as storyboards from the movie "Gone with the Wind," an original manuscript by Charlotte Bronte, plot wheels used by Erle Stanley Gardner in writing his Perry Mason mysteries, paintings by Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera are included in the show.

The exhibit is from the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center's broad holdings in 20th century literature. The center was established in 1957 at the University of Texas at Austin and is known for its collections of late 19th and early 20th century British, American and French literary materials, as well as for its collections of photography, music, film and theater arts.

Others items in the exhibit include a rehearsal script of Arthur Miller's "Death of a Salesman," John Steinbeck's original manuscript of "East of Eden" and the journal he wrote concurrently; and the original musical score for composer Aaron Copland's "A Lincoln Portrait" of 1942.

The center has close to 30 million manuscripts, one million books, more than five million photographs, and more than 100,000 works of art.

Viewing hours at the Midland museum are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information call 683-2882.

Meeting held

Leslie Williams, chairman of Fine Arts and Communications at Midland College, will be the speaker at the meeting of West Texas Writers, 2 p.m. Saturday at the Midland County Public Library.

She will discuss "The Ins and Outs of Getting Published." Ms. Williams has held teaching positions at several leading colleges and universities and has had many articles, poems and books published.

Meetings are open to all persons interested in writing. There is no charge and writers have the opportunity to become members. Annual dues are $10.

For more information call John Comeaux, 682-5370, president of WTW.

Exhibit displayed

ODESSA — An exhibit by Maureen Triece Cole is on display in the Odessa College Options Gallery through Wednesday.

Her exhibit contains hand built, pit-fired and sagger clay pieces and acrylic with mixed-media paintings.

Located in the Learning Resources Center, the gallery is open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Ms. Cole teaches ceramics in junior high school in the Richardson Independent School District.

Club to meet

The Midland Palette Club will meet 9:30 a.m. Feb. 10 at the Palette Club Art Center.

The program for the day will be a watercolor demonstration by Jo Beth Gilliam from Lubbock.

She is a past president, secretary and exhibit chairman of the West Texas Watercolor Society. A two-day workshop will follow the presentation.

For information about the workshop fee and registration, call 694-0516.

All interested persons are invited to attend the free demonstration, which is partially supported by the Arts Assembly of Midland and by the Texas Commission on the Arts.

Midlander chosen

Midland photographer Sam Hurt has been chosen to exhibit in the 1998 Winter Works multimedia Fine Art Show in Steamboat Springs, Colo.

The work will remain on exhibit through the end of February.

Wrestling set

World Championship Wrestling is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Feb. 8 at Chaparral Center.

In the main event, 13-time World Heavyweight Champion "Nature Boy" Ric Flair takes on NWO member Curt Hennig.

Others inelude Lex Luger facing NWO member Marcus "Buff" Bagwell; Ray Traylor and Konnan; and in "Lucha Libra" tag-team action, Rey Mysterio Jr. and Juventud Guerrera challenge Psychosis and La Parka.

Also in action, Chris Jericho faces Eddie Gurrero; Ernest Miller tackles Mortis; and Harlem Heat meet up with Steve Regal and Dave Taylor.

Tickets, priced at $25, $18 and $12 (service charge may apply), are on sale at CD Warehouse, Endless Horizons and Sound Decision.

For more information call 1-

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EDUCATION: St. Ann's Mardi Gras is held in conjunction with Catholic Schools Week

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The fully accredited school is one of 7,000 Catholic elementary schools in the United States that offers a challenging academic curriculum including fine arts, computer science and physical education.

"It has provided a quality Catholic education in the Midland community since 1950," Ms. Ransbottom said.

Mardi Gras is also held in conjunction with National Catholic Schools Week, a recognition and appreciation of teachers, volunteers, students, parents and the community.

Although Catholic Schools Week is celebrated once a year, restoring faith in education is one of the primary goals that these people strive to achieve each day.

"St. Ann's School teachers and staff collaborate with parents in guiding the growth of each child, enabling them to respond in faith to God and humanity," Ms. Ransbottom said.

Joan Wilmes, a teacher who has served 15 years at St. Ann's, said that as a leader, she has made sure that the children receive not only a Christian education but a secular education as well.

Ms. Wilmes added that Catholic Schools Week is also an opportunity for the children to give back to the community the same blessing in which they have received.

St. Ann's fifth-graders, ReenAnn Downing and Molly Eyler, said they are proud to join in on the spirit of celebrating Catholic Schools Week and Mardi Gras.

"I think Mardi Gras is neat because the parents and students join together for the betterment of the school. We are like one big family at St. Ann's.



Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Nancy Albo and her son Andrew with their hot dog lunch.

We all help each other," Molly said.

"Catholic Schools Week is very important to me because during one week, we take time out to give thanks to those who have taught us to aim higher. When I leave St. Ann's, I have high expectations for myself because of this training," ReenAnn said.

Ms. Ransbottom said she enjoys joining with the other thousands of Catholic schools across the country that participate in high educational standards, "something that we will continue to maintain for many years."

Former St. Ann's student and this year's chairman of the Mardi Gras, Patty Hodgens, said that she is looking forward to one of the most remarkable events of the year.

"The Mardi Gras is another place where we can celebrate as a faith community with our friends but I think one of the best aspects of it all is that the students are involved with the festivities," she said.

Ms. Hodgens said that students from pre-school through sixth grade made class projects that will be auctioned off at the Mardi Gras celebration.

"It feels good when someone at the Mardi Gras buys the class project that you helped make for the benefit of the school and then puts it in their home," Molly said.

Amy Brasher is staff writer for the Reporter-Telegram.

Writing contest deadline May 1

Entry deadline for the 1998 Writing Contest: Short Stories for Children is May 1. The Kassi Crites Award for writing children's stories is divided into two divisions: adult and children.

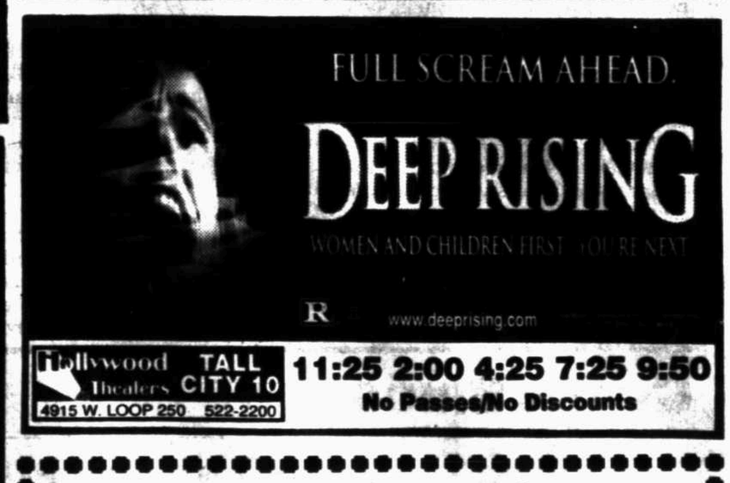
This third annual contest is sponsored by the West Texas Storytelling Guild, a non-profit organization. The award program will be presented in October in a Reader's Theater by members of the Storytelling Guild and celebrity guests.

For more information call 699-7820.

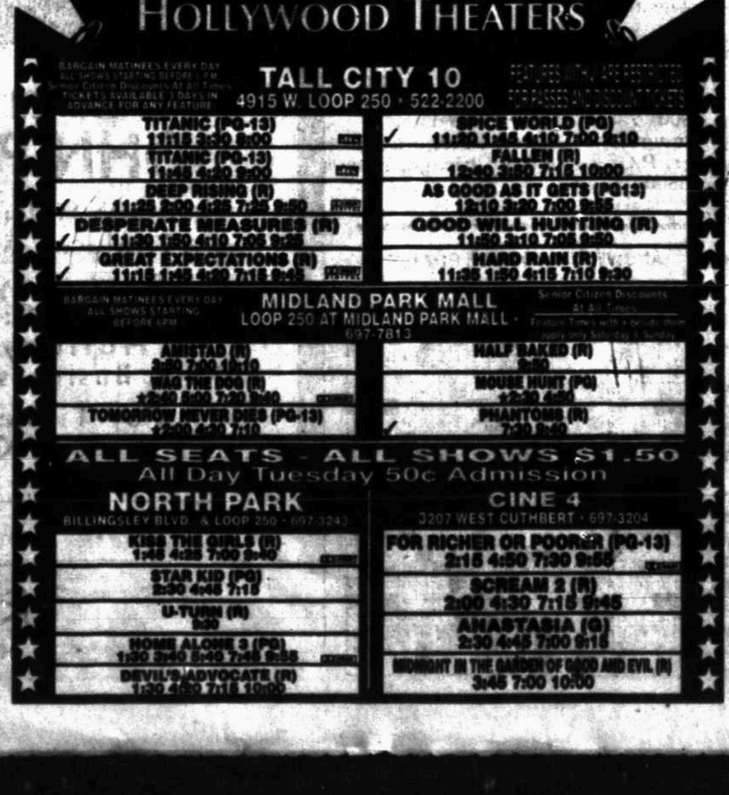






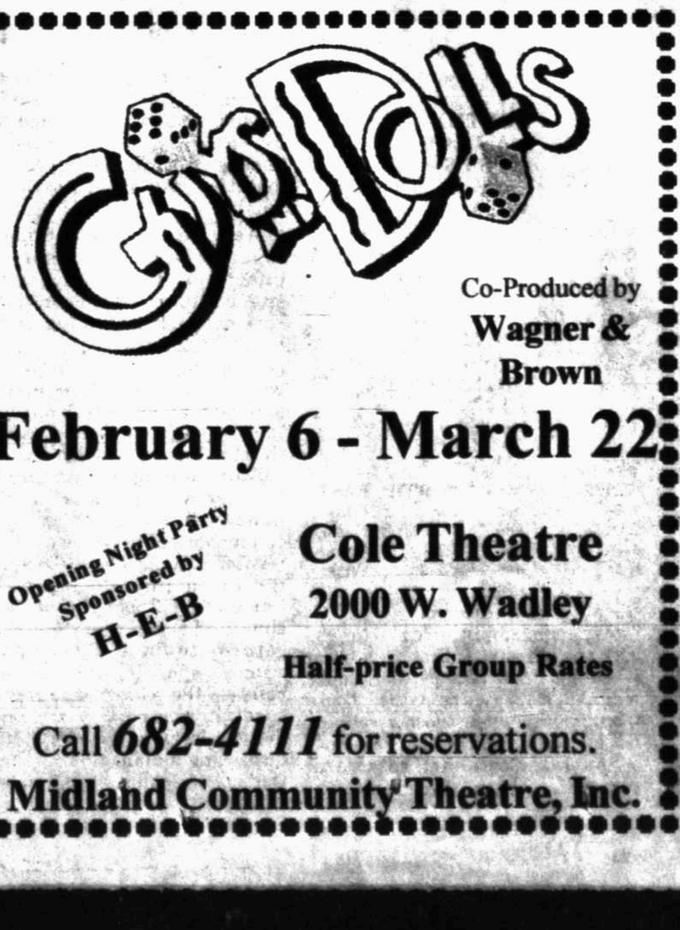












ENTERTAINMENT IN BRIEF

(From 3F)

915-685-4584 or to charge tickets by telephone call 1-800-462-7979.

Workshop planned

Midland Arts Association is hosting a workshop March 6-8 featuring Jack Hines and Jessica Zemsky.

Working together, the artists will have three day sessions and two evening sessions of presentations and paint-a-long. The workshops will cover life drawing, laws of light and figure painting.

The deadline to register is Friday. Cost is $175.

For more information call Marie Marinovich, 699-7136.

Banquet set

BIG SPRING — The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce annual banquet is set for Friday in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Guest speaker will be Ray Stone, Dallas Cowboy media. A silent auction is planned for a Dallas Cowboy autographed football.

The reception begins at 6:30 p.m. Dinner is at 7 p.m. Cost is $12.50 per person.

Tickets are available at the chamber office, 215 W. Third.

Web site session

The Permian Basin Graduate Center, 105 W. Illinois Ave., is offering staff and volunteers of non-profits an opportunity to learn how to access the Texas Commission on the Arts web site and to get their organization's information on the Arts Assembly of Midland's page. The session is set for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

All those attending are asked to call the Arts Assembly of Midland, 687-1149, and sign up. The session is for beginners and experienced staff and volunteers.

Also, the Arts Assembly of Midland's quarterly meeting is set for noon Feb. 18 at the Palette Club Art Center, 907 W. Wadley Ave. Reservations are needed. The meeting is a brown bag lunch.

Work exhibited

Jim Wagner's paintings, hand painted and carved furniture, and wooden sculptures are on exhibit at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., through Feb. 22 as the first of a six part Contemporary Artists Series 1998, Eclectic Visions being shown in the Here and Now Gallery.

His major subject is the landscape of Taos, its adobes, culture mix, animals and people.

For more information call the museum, 683-2882.

Exhibit remains

ODESSA — "Palimpsest: Erasure and Recovery" remains in the Art Gallery at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin through Feb. 22.

Participating artists include Terri Cummings, Melba Northum and Elise Ridenour. The exhibit of works by WAVE, a professional artists forum in Texas, examines the use and practice of marking, erasing, and (re) covering of symbols and text as related to topics of identity, time, history, memory and myth.

Palimpsest is a material that has been inscribed several times often with remnants of earlier, imperfectly erased marks still visible. The works utilize a variety of media including painting, fibers, printmaking, clay, photography, installation and book arts.

The exhibition is sponsored by the UTPB Program Board and he Odessa Cultural Council. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information call 552-2806 or 552-2286.



Comedian to perform at First Baptist

J.J. Jasper, a nationally known Christian comedian is to perform 7:30 p.m. Feb. 14 at First Baptist Church of Midland Fellowship Hall, 2104 W. Louisiana Ave.

Tickets will be $5 at the door; dessert and refreshments will be served.

Child care is available by calling 683-0600 in advance.

Heartbeat planned

The 12th annual Heartbeat is set for Feb. 21 in the Midland Hilton ballroom, downtown, from 8 p.m. to midnight.

The evening's theme will be "Heart Rock Cafe" and the dress will be casual. "Heart Beat '98" festivities include a buffet dinner, cocktails, dancing to the sounds of The Project band, a silent auction and a benefit art show by Midland Gallery.

Tickets can be purchased through the Permian Basin American Heart Association, 520-7041.

The benefit art trunk showing, sponsored by Midland Gallery and the American Heart Association, will be open to the public 2 to 6 p.m.

The art show will be open to Heart Beat party goers from 8 p.m. to midnight. All art is available for sale and a percentage of those sales benefit the AHA.

Works displayed

"Works by Warhol: From the Cochran Collection," an exhibition of silk screen prints by the late Prince of Pop, Andy Warhol, remain on display through Feb. 22 at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

The Cochran Collection includes a wide sampling of Warhol prints dating from 1974 through the last series of 1986.

Brown Bag discussions are scheduled in conjunction with the exhibition. Given by Danny Holeva, the museum's curator of collections and exhibitions, they are scheduled for 12:15 p.m. Wednesday and Feb. 11 at the Thomas Gallery. They are open to the public.

Viewing hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information call 683-2882.

Paintings displayed

Works by Eleanor Robertson are on display at the Woman's Club through February.

Some of her paintings also hang at Antiques Etc, Memorial Hospital and Medical Center and in an art gallery in Ruidoso.

Arts, crafts taught

The Tumbleweed Chapter of the Smocking Arts Guild of America will be teaching needle arts and crafts for children Feb. 8.

Registration must be made by Jan. 31 and cost $25 per mother/daughter pair. Class sizes are limited. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

"An Afternoon of Fashion and Stitching with the American Girls" is a mother/daughter tea and series of doll classes designed to teach childrefi simple, age appropriate needle arts/crafts projects relating to the American Girl Dolls and their books.

There will also be a luncheon, fashion show and mini market place.

For more information call 687-0320.

Entries accepted

The Arts Assembly of Midland is accepting artist booth entries for the 15th annual Celebration of the Arts May 15-17.

Seventy artists will be chosen to display and sell their art at the three-day spotlight on the arts. Artists can have booths inside Midland Center or outside booths by request.

For information or an entry brochure call 687-1149.

Presentation set

KERRVILLE — The Cowboy Artists of America Museum, 1550 Bandera Highway, will present "Edward Borein — the Artist's Life and Works" Feb. 16 though April 20.

Borein has been called the "California cowboy artist," the "vaquero artist" and "the last of the longhorn artists." Born in San Leandro, Calif., in 1872, Borein had early artistic inclinations and frequently chose as his subject cowboys, Hispanic vaqueros and horses.

Beginning in 1893, he began working ranches up and down the California coast and became an able hand at riding, roping, saddle making and lasso-braiding. Those early experiences provided the foundation for his art, which accurately recounts the realities of cowboy life at the turn-of-the century.

The exhibit features over 30 of Borein's pen-and-ink drawings, watercolors and etchings and is on loan from the Rockwell Museum, New York. For more information call 1-830-896-2553.

Exhibit hosted

The Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin is hosting an exhibition entitled "Joie de Vivre," paintings by Santa Fe artist Evelyne Boren, through Feb. 26.

A native of Munich, Ms. Boren is recognized as an impressionist painter. She creates impressionistic art interpretations of life, people and scenes of the Southwest, Mexico and Europe in watercolor and oil paintings.

Also on display is an exhibition called "The Inventions of Leonardo da Vinci." Organized by IBM Corporation, this exhibition is circulated by the Gallery Association of New York State, Inc. The local showing is sponsored by Permian Basin Child's Play Inc. and the Connoisseurs.

For more information on The Ellen Noel Art Museum's Gallery hours call 550-3811.

Exhibit displayed

An exhibit depicting life in Dongying, China, and the surrounding area is on display at the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library, and Hall of Fame, 1500 Interstate 20 West.

The exhibit, which will remain through the winter, is in the west wing. It consists of 22 panels of photographs, folk art, handicrafts and calligraphy.

"It shows everyday life in Dongying, the Shengli oil fields, the Yellow River, farming, schools and physical activities," said Jane Phares, executive director. "It also includes some Chinese opera masks."

For more information call the museum, 683-4403.

Art classes held

ODESSA — "Adventures in Art" classes dealing with art appreciation, art history, and creative studio art are held from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. one Sunday each month at the Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin, 4909 E. University.

Deadline for registration is Friday before each Sunday class. The program is funded in part by the Texas Commission on the Arts, Shell Oil Company Foundation, Marathon Oil Company, Phillips Petroleum Company and Mobil Oil Foundation.

For more information call Annie Stanley, education coordinator, 1-915-368-7222.

Live broadcast

Richard Strauss' "Capriccio" will receive its Texaco-Metropolitan Opera radio broadcast premiere live for the stage of the Metropolitan Opera House at 12:30 p.m. Central Time Saturday over the Texaco-Metropolitan Opera International Radio Network. It will be heard locally over KCRS radio.

Kiri Te Kanawa will be heard as the Countess Madeleine, with Kathryn Harries as the actress Clairon, David Kuebler as the composer Flamand, British baritone Simon Keenlyside in his Met broadcast debut as the poet Oliver, Wolfgang Brendel as Madeleine's brother, the Count, and Jan-Hendrik Rootering as the impresario La Roche.

Andrew Davis will conduct. The announcer for the broadcast will be Peter Allen.

Mail art exhibited

A Mail Art Exhibition entitled "As Blue as I Wanna Be" is on display through Feb. 22 at Gallery 1114, 1114 N. Big Spring St.

Art work includes pieces from around the world depicting the artist's vision of "whatever blue" meant to them. Art work that can be mailed can be considered as "mail art."

The show features sizes ranging from postcards to large wall hangings and includes mixed media, rubber stamping, drawing, painting and more.

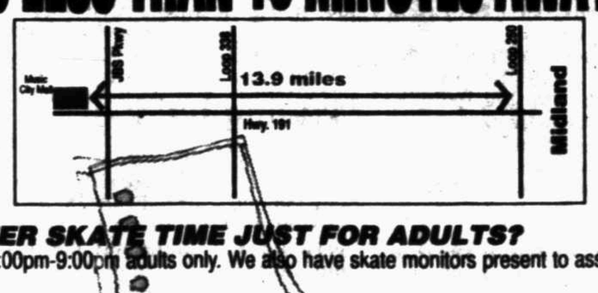
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Breakfast 7:30 am.
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115 Announcements

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THE TEXAS WORKFORCE CENTER OF MIDLAND ANNOUNCES CAREER TRANSITION WORKSHOPS IN FEBRUARY

The Texas Workforce Center offers a variety of workshops each month to job seekers and employers throughout the Permian Basin. All Workshops are offered to the community at no cost. **Please call 687-3003 to sign up** or for more information. Workshops are held at the Texas workforce Center located at 3100 North "A", Bldg. A in Midland.

KEYS TO EXCELLENT BUSINESS ETIQUETTE
Do you or your employees need a brush-up course on proper business protocol? The way you conduct yourself at work impacts your success on the career ladder. From dressing for success to telephone etiquette, this workshop covers all of the areas that make business professionals "professional". **FEBRUARY 19th, 11- 12 PM**

JOB CORPS: TRAINING OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH
If you are 16- 21 and would like to receive vocational training, Job Corps may be the opportunity you've been waiting for. With over 100 training programs, Youth can train for an occupation that will allow for growth and financial stability. This program offers room, board, clothing, medical care and a monthly living allowance for qualified participants. Tucker Smith, Job Corps Representative will conduct this informative workshop.
FEBRUARY 26th, 3:30- 4:30 PM

RESUMES, COVER LETTERS, AND THANK YOU NOTES
A resume is normally the first impression an employer has of you. Find out how to make the best! An employment specialist will offer techniques in writing resumes, cover letters & thank you notes. Learn what to say and how to say it or bring your resume with you and see if we can offer recommendations to improve it. **FEBRUARY 12th, 11- 12 PM**

STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS
Have you ever thought about starting your own business? Learn the steps you need to take in order to succeed! From your business plan to troubleshooting problems, this workshop can give you valuable information. Explore the world of Entrepreneurs! Glen Yeary & Ralph Smith of Midland College's Small Business & Development will conduct this informative workshop. This workshop consists of 2 Parts. If you cannot attend both sessions the same day, attend one and attend the second session next month!
FEBRUARY 25th- Session I, 9- 12 PM- Session II, 1- 4 PM

REGION 18- TEACHER CERTIFICATION WORKSHOP
If you are a college graduate and would like to teach secondary math, science, special or bilingual education this is the workshop for you! Are you contemplating a first career or second career in teaching? Learn how to expedite the certification process through Region 18's Alternative Teacher Certification Program. **FEBRUARY 10th, 11- 12 PM**

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(915)683-3200

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CULTIVATE YOUR FUTURE

Interested in some outstanding career opportunities? You've come to the right place! The Olive Garden has a long and rich history of nurturing success- yours and ours! Top pay, specialized training, paid weekly, free meal for double shift. All positions available. Please apply Monday- Thursday, 2- 4 at 2705 W. Loop 250 North. The Olive Garden Italian Restaurant. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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DELIVERY DRIVERS needed part and full time positions available. Apply in person 3303 W. Illinois, Space 8.

DELIVERY DRIVERS, part time. Little Caesar's now accepting applications at Midkiff/ Andrews Highway location.

DIETARY Supervisor and Cook needed. Experience in budgeting, ordering, and food management. Team player. Good attitude a must. Must know how to prepare special diets for the elderly. Send resumes to: Box P-06073, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

DRIVERS. Domino's Pizza. Now Hiring. Earn $9- $14/ hour. Apply at the Domino's location nearest you! EOE.

DRIVERS: Our top drivers are making $900 per week, Truck Purchase Option Plan, OTR, Regional, Flatbed. Great Benefits, Health & Dental Insurance, Guarantees. Call (800) 749-1190.

EXPERIENCED ALTERATIONIST for dry cleaners, part time. 2509 W. Illinois, between 10- 3, Nicki.

EXPERIENCED OIL & Lube Techs needed for full time positions. Must have driver's license and good driving record. Apply in person Village Express Lube, 604 Andrews Highway.

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EXPERIENCED Apartment Property Supervisor needed for the Midland/ Odessa Portfolio. Must be self motivated and possess excellent written and verbal communication skills. Lotus, Windows and "Let the Rent Roll in" software experience required. Fax resume to 214-739-6308.

FIBERGLASS PRODUCTION Personnel. All phases of production, gel coater, chopper gun operators, and rollers. Call Viking Pools, 561-9933.

FIBERGLASS SPECIALIST. Salary DOE. Apply in person, 4511 W. Industrial, Midland.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN Child Development Center seeks part time Teacher Assistant, part time Secretary and part time Spanish Teacher. 683-0851.

FLOWERLAND Designer Trainee- multiple duties. Great opportunity to learn business from ground up. Apply in person 413 Andrews Highway.

FOR RESUMES that get results call 699-1919. Professional, quick service, affordable. Evening & weekend appointments available.

FURNITURE MOVERS with experience. Heavy lifting and Class C drivers license required. Leave name /number (915)553-1464.

*TECHNICAL TRAINING
Hiring position, guaranteed with full pay and benefits while in training. Applicants wanted to train in assorted career field including aviation, electronics and computers. Trainable, 17- 34 year old High School diploma grads. Paid relocation. Call: **1-800-292-5547**

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Car required. Tom, 570-4199.

GENERAL- E.E. Hensley & Son Inc. Now accepting applications for convenience store manager. 6 months experience preferred. Pre-employment drug screen required. EOE. Apply at 4401 W. Wadely, Midland, Texas.

HAIR & NAIL Tech stations available. Central location, excellent parking. Call Kellie- Salon 2000. 694-2517 Tuesday thru Saturday.

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GENERAL- Now hiring full time service agents. Must be 21 years old and have a clean driving record. Drug screening is required. Apply at National Car Rental, at the Midland International Airport.

GROUNDS KEEPER needed. Large apartment community. Pool certificate required and some knowledge of sprinkler system. Energetic and enthusiastic. Drug testing required. Call 689-9865 for appointment.

HEAD OF MAINTENANCE, previous. Experience helpful. Must be HVAC certified. Have own tools and pick up, pass drug screen and previous background check. No phone calls please, apply in person only at 1902 N. Midland Dr. from 9am to 5pm.

HOUSEKEEPER needed. Experience preferred, bilingual a plus. Apply in person, Lexington Hotel and Suites, 1003 S. Midkiff, Midland.

HOUSEKEEPER needed. No phone calls. Apply at 1603 N. Midkiff.

HOUSEKEEPER- Immediate opening for an experienced, detail oriented person to be responsible for house cleaning, laundry, and cooking for a bachelor. Must be dependable, reliable and able to follow instructions. Must have own car. Hours 9:30 to 6 Monday through Friday with occasional evening and weekend work. Strictly non- smoking environment. Salary and benefits commensurate with experience. References required. Call Carol at 683-5216 from 8:30 to 5 pm to schedule an appointment.

HOUSEKEEPING positions open at Hampton Inn. Apply in person 8 am- 3 pm, 3904 W. Wall.

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24 Hour * Job Hotline
520-4053 ext. 371

LOAN ASSISTANT needed full time. Apply in person at 3303 W. Illinois, Space 8.

LOOKING FOR Full or Part time licensed stylist to work day and evening shifts. Must work weekends. Salary plus commission, benefits. Please come by and visit with Paula at Great Expectations in Midland Park Mall. 4511 N. Midkiff. No phone calls, please.

MERCHANDISER PART Time TO service 2 local home centers in Midland & Odessa. 2- 4 Days per month. Job includes: promoting products in a retail environment, placing reorders, setting and maintaining displays. Pay averages more than $10 per hour. If you enjoy working with people, physical activity and being indepeindent, call (770)396-6080, Ext 3350. Will Train.

NURSERY. Alldredge Gardens is accepting applications for Nursery Sales Workers. Job description includes: sales and customer service, working outdoors, heavy lifting, walking, operating machinery. Apply in person: 3300 Fairgrounds, EOE.

PAINTER. Apartment community seeking full- time painter to join their maintenance team. Excellent benefits. Apply in person at 5101 North "A" Street. No phone calls please.

PAINTERS & LABORERS needed. Some experience necessary. Call 570-8558.

MAINTENANCE II/ IRRIGATION

The City of Hobbs, in SE New Mexico, is seeking an individual with two years experience in golf course maintenance with knowledge of turf irrigation and computer/ radio control irrigation systems. Must have high school diploma or GED and valid driver's license. Fax resume to 505-397-9212 or contact the Personnel Department at 505-397-9230 for application. Salary range $8.39 to $12.49 depending upon qualifications. EOE

SALON Room to lease for Massage Therapist or Facialist. Also looking for 1 Hair Stylist. Call 694-4161 or 689-0394 ask for Alice or Pat.

311 Medical Help Wanted

PROMPT CARE REGISTERED NURSE
Full-time position; Texas RN license required; ER experience required.

MEDICAL/SURGICAL NURSES
Full-time and PRN positions available; Texas License required; General nursing skills required.

TRANSCRIPTIONIST
PRN position available; weekends and fill-in for vacations; Healthcare Transcription experience required.

DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL/SURGICAL NURSING
Full-time position available. Texas License required. 3-5 years supervisory experience required.

REGISTERED NURSE - IMAGING
Full-time position available; Texas License required; Critical Care experience required; Radiology/Cath Lab experience strongly preferred.

WESTWOOD MEDICAL CENTER
P.O. BOX 51070
Midland, Texas 79710
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EOE

Westwood Medical Center offers its staff competitive salaries, medical/dental/vision insurance, tuition reimbursement, 24 days paid time off per year, shift / specialty / weekend differential, credit union membership and 401K. For details on our exciting opportunities, interested persons should contact:

J. Rick Brown
Director of Human Resources

Westwood Medical Center is a substance free workplace. Drug screens will be performed on all applicants considered to be final candidates for a position with Westwood Medical Center.

Westwood Medical Center does not discriminate with regard to race, color, religion, creed, gender, national origin, age, disability, marital or veteran status, sexual orientation or any other legally protected status.

Assistant Chemistry Supervisor
Medical Technologist
Medical Lab Technologist

The Clinical Pathology Laboratory at University Medical Center has an opening for a day shift Chemistry Assistant Supervisor with three years of related experience. Medical Technologist/Medical Lab Technician openings are available on 3-11 and 11-7 shifts. All positions require ASCP registration.

For more information contact
Human Resources Dept. at 806/743-3355
602 Indiana Ave. • Lubbock, TX 79415 • EOE
University Medical Center

311 Medical Help Wanted

FULL TIME Patient Care Technician with Phlebotomy experience helpful, good benefits and salary. Apply at 731 W. Wadley, Bldg. K, Ste 130.

LVN NEEDED every other weekend. Saturday and Sunday, 13 hours per day for busy clinic. Send resume to First Care, 2310 W. Ohio, Midland, TX 79701.

LVN needed full time. with good managerial and marketing skills. Likes working with the elderly, team player. Good benefits, insurance, 401K plan. Send resumes to: Box P-08072, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

MEDICAL

HOME SWEET HEALTH is accepting applications for Registered Occupational Therapist.

Please submit application/ resume to:
Linda Strickland
Human Resources Director
1002 Maple
Odessa, TX 79761
E.O.E.

MEDICAL- Home health agency seeking RN's and LVN's for direct patient care. Home health experience preferred, but not required. Apply in person, InHome Care, 808 W. Indiana, Midland.

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OFFICE MANAGER. Needed for busy medical office. Experience with medical manager. Send resume with salary history and references to Box S-1047, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

POSITION AVAILABLE for Anesthesiologist. Eligible for New Mexico State Certification at Ambulatory Surgical Center to open Fall 1998. Excellent salary, benefits and opportunity to help plan and implement center. Send resume: Surgical Center of Carlsbad, 2410 W. Pierce, Carlsbad, NM 88220.

POSITION AVAILABLE for OR Director of Ambulatory Surgical Center to open Fall 1998. Prefer 5 years surgical experience & BS/ RN. Excellent salary, benefits and opportunity to help plan and implement center. Send resume to: Surgical Center of Carlsbad, 2410 W Pierce, Carlsbad, NM 88220.

POSITION OPENING- Partners in learning (mentor & literacy programs for Odessa adults), seeks Executive Director. Responsibilities: Supervising staff and volunteers, recruiting and training volunteers to mentor and tutor, fund raising, grant applications and representing PIL in the community. Requirements: Bachelors degree in Education or related field or commensurate experience. Three years of administrative experience, high regard for people. $18K plus. Resume to Partners In Learning, 3900 Dumont, Odessa TX, 79762. EEOE. Applications will close 02/12/98.

RECEPTIONIST FOR Doctors Office, weekdays and weekends, computer experience needed. Send resume to 1816 N. Midland Dr. Midland TX.

NURSES. LVN Charge Nurses, Certified Nurse Aides, Medication Aides needed for all shifts. Apply in person, 3203 Sage, Courtyard Care Center.

310 General Help Wanted

REPRESENTATIVES
Needed- sell Avon part time- full time. Great earnings. Call Verla 520-0119, Independent Rep.

RESPONSIBLE LOVING Christians are needed to care for young children in the nursery program at FPC. Part time hours include, Sunday mornings, weekdays and/ or some evenings. Previous nursery experience a plus. Contact FPC. 684-7821.

RESTAURANT- Dino's Pizza now hiring. Apply within, 4- 10 pm, Monday- Saturday, 4322 Andrews Highway.

RESTAURANT- Experienced wait staff needed at The Bar. Inquire Monday through Friday between 8:30 & 10:30 or 1:30 to 4pm. 606 W. Missouri, 685-1757.

RESTAURANT- Kitchen Prep- Lunches only. Apply in person, Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W Cuthbert.

SIERRA SPRING Water seeking production plant employee. Must be willing to work either shift. Warehousing, production, forklift and mechanical experience a plus. Excellent benefits. Drug screen required. EOE. Apply in person 605 S. Marienfeld Monday thru Friday 9- 4. NO PHONE CALLS.

SKILLED WORKER- experienced in electrical, plumbing, carpentry and mechanics. Full time. 561-9551.

STYLIST or Associate position open. Come by Pro Cuts, 4324-A Andrews Hwy. Ask for Maria.

TELEMARKETERS needed at Olan Mills. Call Lillian Smith at 915-694-2235, 1pm- 9 pm, Monday- Friday.

TELEPHONE SECRETARIES. Do you desperately need a job? If no, do not bother to fill out an application at 1300 S. Midland Drive. If yes, I am taking applications at Loretta's Answering Service between 9 am and 3 pm Monday through Thursday Friday 10 -2. Must type 40 wpm, speak fast have a friendly voice, and work evenings & weekends.

TICKET SALES- Need people to telemarket Midland Angels tickets full and part time. Apply in person only Monday- Friday 9- 11 am & 2- 4 pm, 2807 Earhart (At the Airport).

TRANSPORT, Pump Truck & Vacuum Truck Drivers needed. Must have Class A CDL. Call 570-0808.

TRUCK DRIVER wanted. Must have Class "A" CDL. Drug test required. Contact Eddy Earls, Price Construction Highway 350 N. Big Spring, Texas.

WAREHOUSE/ Delivery Person. Must be 21 or older and have clean driving record. Dealers Electric Supply, 6502 W. County Rd. North, Odessa 79764. Fill out an application Monday through Friday 8- 5. No phone calls please.

WELDERS. Taking applications for Single- Hand Welders/ Fabricators, experienced with MIG, TIG and Stick welding on carbon and stainless. Must pass 6-G welding test and Drug/ Alcohol test. Call Harold at 362-4666.

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311 Medical Help Wanted

Nursefinders
RNs up to $37.50
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Referral Bonus, Daily Pay. We provide Workman's Comp., and Liability Insurance.
Sign On Bonus $200!
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***PHLEBOTOMIST**
Excellent skills and references needed for this clinical setting. Salary DOE. No Fee, Bring or fax resume to Vickey ASAP!
Temporary Resources
1601 W. Texas
FAX 915-684-0836

PRIVATE DUTY
LVN's
$13.00 per hour
contact: Pam Reed
Infusion Plus
915-580-5040

***RN MANAGER**
Interim Healthcare . We are presently accepting applications for an individual who has previous home health and/ or management experience, is able to communicate and educate staff members related to current changes, willing and able to see patients, and dresses to meet professional clientele. Please, submit resume: Fax 915-522-2256 or mail to: Interim Healthcare, 3205 West Cuthbert B-5, Midland, Texas 79701 Attn: Kay Blake, RN.

COMPANY EXPANDING! Top pay. Needed immediately- EMT's, EMT-I's, EMT-P's. Full & Part time positions. Call 570-4892.

DENTAL- LON MORRIS College now offering classes in Dental Assisting through local dentist. Classes to begin in February 1998. Registration limited. Call 683-5042.

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FT/ LICENSED CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY COUNSELOR (L.C.D.C)

Qualifications: Licensed in the State of Texas. At least two years experience as a Counselor or preferable in a hospital environment. Good oral and written communication skills.
Excellent benefits.
Interested applicants apply to:

RIVER CREST HOSPITAL
1636 Hunters Glen
San Angelo, TX 76901-5016
Attn: Susan Wilde
HR Director
915-949-5722, Ext 104

CLINICAL REVIEW SPECIALIST
Coordinate and ensure the formal assessment of medical necessity, efficiency and/ or clinical appropriateness of services and treatment plans on a prospective, concurrent and retrospective basis within the provider network, and with all inpatient facilities. Responsible for conducting and coordinating Utilization Management Reviews using established protocols by Centers' Physicians. Responsible for ensuring Centers' compliance with Texas Department of Insurance Regulations regarding Utilization Management, Utilization Review and provider appeals. Requires PHD, LMSW, ACP and LPC. SRMP designation preferred. Minimum 2 years experience in the mental health field. Crisis experience a plus. Prefer experience in Managed Care UMU processes but will train. $35,000 per year. For details call our Job Line 915-570-3424 or submit application to: PERMIAN BASIN COMMUNITY CENTERS, 401 E Illinois, Suite 301, Midland, TX 79701. EOE.

F/T RN- Weekend (32 for 40)
F/T RN Mon. - Fri (11:00 pm- 7:00 am)
PRN/ RN (All Shifts)

Qualifications:
*Current Texas RN License
*Prefer a Minimum of One Year of Psychiatric and/ or Chemical Dependency Nursing Experience

Excellent Employee Benefits Available with Full Time Position.

Interested Applicants Please Apply To:

River Crest Hospital
1636 Hunters Glen Road
San Angelo, Texas 76901-5016
Susan Wilde, HR Director
1-800-777-5722

MEDICAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATOR
Supervise the technical operation of the various Centers' Medical Records Departments; develop and maintain Center-wide policies and procedures for medical records. Completion of an Accredited Records Technician (ART) and maintenance of ART Licensure/ Certification required. Two years medical record experience required and one year supervisory experience preferred. Salary DOE. For details call our Job Line 915-570-3424 or submit application to: PERMIAN BASIN COMMUNITY CENTERS, 401 E Illinois, Suite 301, Midland, TX 79701. EOE.

311 Medical Help Wanted

TWO POSITIONS are available. Experienced dental assistant and experienced Dental Front Office Staff. Computer skills and scheduling abilities required. Please send resume to The Kids Place, 4410 N. Midkiff, Ste D-1.

312 Professional Help Wanted

SECURITY OFFICERS
Accepting applications for full- time and part- time Security Officers. 3 years experience in loss prevention or law enforcement. Pick up application at 4511 N. Midkiff or fax resume to 694-3602. No phone calls.
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***BOOKKEEPER**
Full charge, Oil and Gas experience most helpful, non profit background a plus! Salary DOE No Fee. Bring or fax resume to Vickey ASAP!
Temporary Resources
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-CLINIC ASSISTANT
At Byerley Clinic. High School Diploma or GED. Full-time- Flexibility required. Duties include reception desk, patient education and lab work. Knowledge of office procedures and ability to meet people. Medical background and bilingual ability helpful. Requires a high degree of integrity to ensure maximum confidentiality. Must be in agreement with goals and objectives of Planned Parenthood of West Texas, Inc. Application and job description available at the Executive Office, 910-B South Grant, Odessa, TX 79761, and at the Byerley Clinic, 307 E. Texas in Midland. Closing Date: February 9, 1996 at 5:00 pm. EOE. M/F/D/V. NO PHONE CALLS!

312 Professional Help Wanted

***ELECTRICAL ENGINEER**
needed immediately, BS & experience in analog and digital circuit design required, salary DOE. Call
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***ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN**
InFab, a growing manufacturing company seeks an Engineering Technician. Natural gas production equipment service experience required. Fax resume and salary history to: 505/632-8070.

***Experienced CAD Draftsmen**
Experienced CAD Draftsmen for established environmental consulting firm. Oil and gas, environmental and safety experience preferred but not required. Candidate will receive additional on the job training as a field technician. Salary DOE, paid medical insurance and other benefits. Please send resume to Gary Miller, Highlander Environmental Corp., 1910 N. Big Spring, Midland, Texas 79705. Interviews by appointment only, job history and references required.

-FULL CHARGE BOOKKEEPER
Individual that has Great Plains Accounting.
V.I.P.
4305 N Garfield
Midland, Texas 79708
686-9722
or Fax Resume
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"Because We Care"

***OFFICE MANAGER**
Windows '95, professional business manners, phones, public relations. Salary DOE. No Fee. Bring or fax resume to Vickey ASAP!
Temporary Resources
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FAX 915-684-0836

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COMPRESSOR SYSTEMS, INC.
An industry leader for over 25 years, Compressor Systems, Inc. is one of the largest privately owned companies providing natural gas compression equipment and services. We are currently accepting applications for:

CASH MANAGER

This individual must have a minimum of 7 years experience in the area of cash management including daily cash movement, forecasting, multiple account management, receivables and credit analysis, and collections supervision. A business or Accounting degree is required.

Additional requirements include:
- Specific understanding of receivable, purchasing and payable systems used in forecasting future cash requirements
- Strong experience with banking relations and account analysis
- Proactive with the ability to work with multiple individuals, internal and external
- Strong experience with credit and collection functions
- General accounting understanding and experience
- Knowledge of Windows operating environment and Microsoft Office
- Ability to supervise and delegate
- 5 years supervisory experience

We offer an excellent compensation package with a full range of benefits. For consideration, please mail or fax your resume to:

Compressor Systems, Inc.
Human Resources Department
P.O. Box 60760
Midland, TX 79711-0760
Fax 915-563-1402
Equal Opportunity Employer

SIERRA WELL SERVICE
Growing Well Service Company is seeking qualified candidates for the following positions:

COLLECTION MANAGER
Applicant should possess knowledge and 5- 10 years experience in credit approval and collection of past due accounts. Candidate must be a self starter, aggressive and work well with management. Word and Excel experience a plus.

ACCOUNTANT
Applicant should have 0- 2 years experience in accounting with accounts payable, accounts receivable and general ledger. Degree in Accounting or Finance is required. Word and Excel experience a plus.

Salary commensurate with experience. Please send resume and salary history in confidence to:

Personnel
PO Box 11390
Midland, Texas 79702

POLICE CHIEF
Brownfield, Texas
(pop. 9,568)

Advanced or Master TCOLESE certificate, bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, Sociology, Public Administration or related field, ten years experience as a licensed Texas Peace Officer, last five in progressively responsible supervisory positions. Prefer post-degree academic credit, FBI or DPS academy, computer literacy and knowledge of community policing. Supervises 23 employees, $1.2 M budget. Interview by appointment after evaluation of written application. Request forms form City Hall, 201 W. Broadway, Brownfield, Texas 79316. Applications should be returned before April 1st.

EOE

SALES & MARKETING COORDINATOR
A manufacturer of thermoplastic powder coatings in Big Spring, Texas is looking for an organized, dependable individual to perform coordination of all sales and sales lead follow-up. Must have good word processing skills, phone skills. Sales management software experience a plus. Excellent benefits.

Forward updated resume with salary history to:
PFS Thermoplastic Powder Coatings, Inc.
Attn: Personnel
P.O. Box 1714
Midland, Texas 79702
Fax # 915-686-1503

ASSISTANT TECHNICAL DIRECTOR
United Blood Services of San Angelo has an immediate opening for an Assistant Technical Director. Candidates must have a Bachelor's degree in Biological or Physical Science and Certification as a Medical Technologist by a recognized certifying agency or equivalent. Six years full time experience with at least two years in blood banking. Two years of supervisory experience preferred. Please contact Cliff Liddell at 1-800-756-0024 or (915)653-1308 or come by the blood center between 9 am- 5 pm, located at:

224 E. Harris Ave.
San Angelo, TX 76903

Closing Date: 02-13-98 EOE M/F/D/V

***INSURANCE**
Customer Service Representative needed for local agency. Good experience and references required. Salary DOE. No Fee. Bring or fax resume to Vickey ASAP!
Temporary Resources
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FAX 915-684-0836

-STOCKBROKER/ TRAINEE
Smith Barney is offering immediate opportunities in the Midland/ Odessa area. We're seeking sales-minded pros with a strong work ethic and the willingness to commit to an extensive training program. Successful candidate will have a solid business experienced and will be well positioned to sell a broad offering of financial services including stocks, bonds and mutual funds. For more information on how you can be a part of the Smith Barney team, please call Candy Shimek at 915-685-1234 or send a resume to:
P.O. Box 53270
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ACCOUNTANTS
4 Client Companies are seeking Degreed or Strong Accounting Background for Accountant positions. Oil & Gas, Real Estate, Partnership or CPA exp. Salaries Commensurate w/Exp. No fee. Call LeeAnn.
Global Personnel
(915) 686-8360

JIB CLERK- JIB experience required, must be computer literate and have knowledge of JOA's DOI's ad valorem taxes. Send resume & salary requirements: JIB Clerk; P.O. Box 2237; Midland, TX 79702-2237.

DRILLING ENGINEER
(Corpus Christi)
10+ years with Directional Drilling & Austin Chalk exp. Position with Large Aggressive Independent. Salary to $95K + Sign on Bonus. Fee Paid.
Liz Proctor
Global Personnel
(O)915-686-8360 (F)915-686-8302

EE ENGINEER
Entry level position for analog & digital design. Oil related company. Salary to $50K. Fee Paid.
Cheryl Zedler
Global/Perm Division
(O)915-686-8360 (F)915-686-8302

FINANCIAL ANALYST
Position w/Major. Responsible for finance, accounting & business analysis in team environment. Degree + 2 yrs. O&G experience. Salary to $55K. Fee Paid.
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Global/Perm Division
(O)915-686-8360 (F)915-686-8302

PROGRAMMER/ANALYST
(Midland)
Experienced with Visual Basic 5.0, Windows, MS Office needed for oil related business. Degree Salary to $50K. Fee Paid.
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Global/Perm Division
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RESERVOIR ENGINEER
(Houston Area)
Sr. Staff position in the Houston area to work & some travel to RUSSIA. 5-10 yrs. exp. with 3 yrs. International exp. Salary to $95K + Sign on Bonus + Match Vacation. Relo Paid.
Liz Proctor
Global Personnel
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COLLECTION AGENTS
Firm needs experienced collection agents. Great starting pay, reasonable hours. Come grow with our company
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FOR APPOINTMENT

*** COMMUNITY LIAISON**
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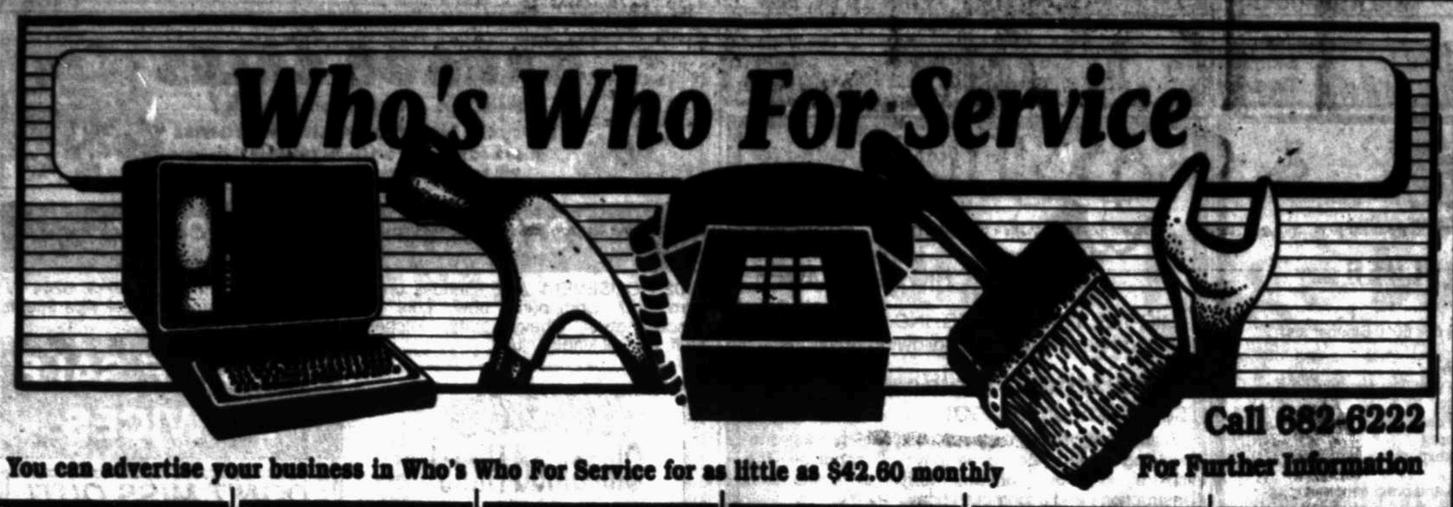
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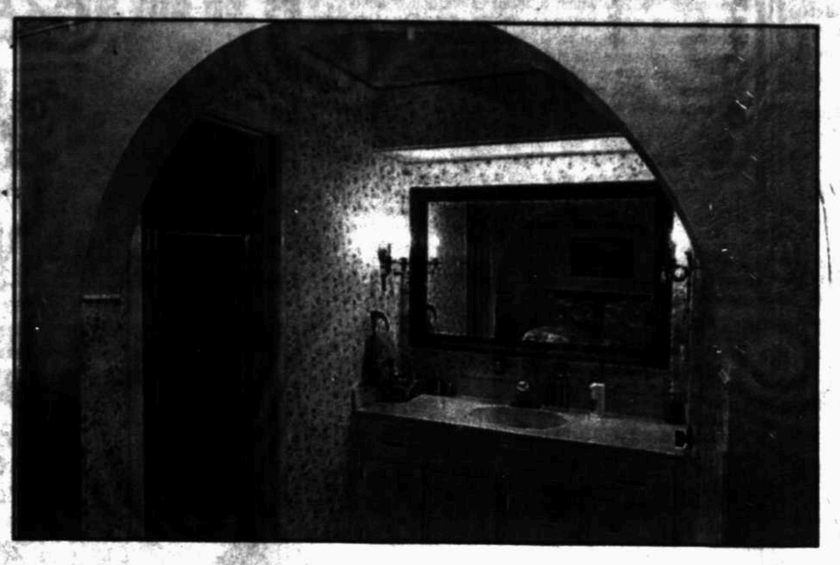
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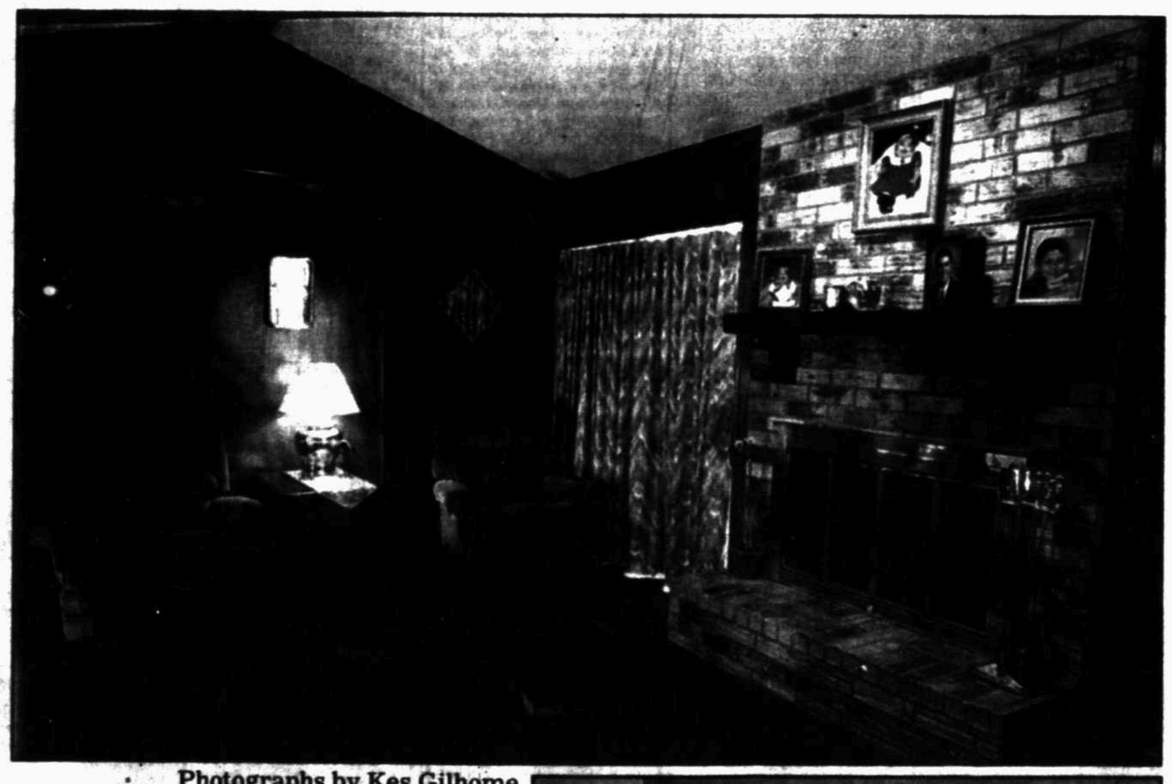
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The open house this afternoon is the perfect opportunity to tour this three bedroom house at 3501 Hyde Park in Midland.

Located close to Rusk Elementary, Alamo Junior High and Lee High School it offers two bathrooms, two living areas as well as a sizable kitchen.

Full of storage options, the galley style kitchen opens onto the breakfast room at one end and the dining room at the other. Full of built in appliances and lit by a central skylight as well as the plantation shuttered windows, this is a very light and bright space. Practically designed and well equipped this certainly is a kitchen suite that belies the asking price of $84,975.

The other suite in the house - the master - is also nicely apportioned and well appointed. One interesting feature in the suite is the arched doorway between the bedroom and the bathroom which helps to open up the rooms and provide a focal point.

The point of interest in the family room is without doubt the large brick and brass fireplace. Nicely proportioned it matches the deep-hued wood paneling in the rest of the room resulting in a vaguely Victorian feel.

Recently redecorated throughout this home will be open between two p.m. and 3:30 p.m. this afternoon during the open house hosted by Betty Hicks of Kay Sutton, Realtors.

For more information about the house, or to arrange an alternative time to view it call 570-8200.



If you're thinking about selling your home, how can you make it "bigger" and better looking without spending a cent?


Jackson

One sure way for your house to appear larger -and more appealing - is if clutter is eliminated and furniture and household goods are reorganized.

In fact, the time to have a garage sale is before you put your house on the market, not after it is sold! When you decide to sell, start going through your closets and cupboards, eliminating items you don't want to keep. Do the same in the garage and in your side or backyard. Get rid of or store the odds and ends. It's interesting to note that the longer someone lives in a home, the become used to the clutter. Unfortunately, closets, cupboards and garages brimming with "old treasures" make a home look small and cramped to a prospective buyer. Sellers should also carefully examine their furniture, and consign items that are not needed to the storage or the garage sale. Most homes occupied by the same owner for several years tend to be somewhat overfurnished. Erring on the side of space, not clutter, makes for a more marketable home.

Another "item" that adds to the clutter of a home is excess knicknacks. Scrutinize the kitchen for rarely used utensils/gadgets; miscellaneous items in closets and cupboards, even small furniture and throw rugs, can be neatly stored. Pack or give away clothing that will not be worn as well.

Rearrange and organize. Remove as many articles as possible from the kitchen and bathroom counter tops to the cupboards below - they'll still be within handy reach in the newly created space. Organize closets. Clear off your nightstands and bureaus. Size up the arrangement of your furniture - any room for improvement there?

Examine the walls and windows. Do the need repainting or new window coverings? For some expert, objective advice, have your real estate agent go through the home. Agents know what enhances a property's appearance - and what hinders it. One last thing - don't forget the outside. Sweep the garage and sidewalks, trim the lawn and bushes, wash all the windows, inside and out. It all helps to make your home look fresher, lighter...and larger.

(Article submitted by Bill Jackson, The Prudential ADOBE REALTORS.)

MAKING AN OFFER TO PURCHASE!


Sutton

Now that you've found the house you want, it is time to discuss how to go about making your offer to purchase it.

The first thing you need to know is that you should not casually make an offer to purchase. Many states have laws protecting sellers against frivolous offers to buy and you could find yourself legally bound to adhere to an offer you made without thinking it through. Your Realtor can advise and assist you on the proper steps to take and the order in which to take them.

Although the seller sets a price when putting a home up for sale, the actual offer to purchase must come from the buyer. Your Realtor will help you write a contract, the formal offer to purchase, then submit it to the seller or the seller's Realtor for presentation to the seller for consideration.

If you feel the seller's price is too high, based on your comparison of similar property sales in the area, you may decide to offer something less. This is the price that will be stipulated in the contract.

Your offer to purchase must contain everything that relates to the purchase and the exact terms you desire, because it may become legally binding if it is accepted by the seller.

On the other hand, the seller may refuse your offer. He then has the option of presenting a counter offer, a contract that states a price and terms which he feels are fair.

The negotiating process is a modern version of the ancient art of barter, with offers and counter offers resulting in terms of sale which can please everyone involved.

Negotiating can become personal when buyers and sellers get together. That is why a Realtor should handle the process for you.

Part of a Realtor's service is to help avoid possible misunderstanding by relaying offers and counter offers between you and the seller's agent.

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(Story submitted by Kay Sutton, owner of Kay Sutton, Realtors)

CLOSING!


Pine

When are you closing? An exciting question you hear asked when you are around Buyers, Sellers, or real estate people. Closing the transaction, completing the deal, finished, settlement, whatever, it is all the same. Money or other consideration has exchanged for certain rights, privileges, property, or other goods and services. About 99 percent of all residential real estate deals are closed with help of a title company. The reason being that everyone wants to be protected as much as possible. One of the ways a title company protects is to issue title insurance. The title company researches the chain of title to the home, sometimes back to the original purchase, the information is reviewed and the buyer gets "good and marketable" title to the home. The title company acts as escrow agent to hold your earnest money and acts as an agent for the lender. Generally the closing is held in the title company offices, and buyers and sellers take their turn in the closer's office. Sometimes the buyer or seller closes by mail and is not present at the closing. In most closing, sellers don't have a lot to sign. Sometimes, it will seem as if the buyers are endlessly signing documents, but again this is for the protection of all parties. Some of the documents that may be required to be signed are: the deed; the bill of sale; an affidavit of title, a disclosure statement; an IRS form; the settlement statement; the note; and the list goes on to include any other documents required by the contract or the lender. The closing officer will go over the documents with you and answer any questions you have; however, to feel more informed and secure, ask if you can have copies in advance of closing so you can review them with your Realtor.

(This article submitted by Norma Pine, owner of Chaparral Realtors.)

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590 Legal Notices

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin is requesting sealed proposals for the ADA Renovations. Bidders may obtain bid documents by contacting the Project Architect: Johnson Seefeldt Architect Inc., 4840 East University, Suite 210, Odessa, Texas 79762, 915/362-6565. The proposal will be opened and publicly read at 3:00 PM local time, Wednesday, February 11, 1998 at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, 4901 East University Blvd., Odessa, Texas, Room 453. The University reserves the right to reject an or all proposals. The University of Texas of the Permian Basin is an AA/EOE.

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS FOR FURNISHING & INSTALLING EIGHT (8) INSULATED OVERHEAD DOORS AT MONAHANS MAINTENANCE YARD, 3411 S. STOCKTON, AND ODESSA MAINTENANCE YARD, 2201 E. LOOP 338, ECTOR AND WARD COUNTY, TEXAS
CONTRACT NO. 068XXR1013

Sealed Proposals and Specifications for Furnishing and Installing Eight (8) insulated Overhead Doors at Monahans Maintenance yard, 3411 S. Stockton, Ward County, Texas and Odessa Maintenance Yard, 2201 E. Loop 338, Ector County, Texas to be received by the Texas Department of Transportation until 11:00 A.M., Tuesday, February 10, 1998 and then publicly opened and read.

Bid proposals and specifications will be available at the office of Arnulfo R. Valdez, 3901 E. BI 20, Odessa, Texas 79761. Telephone Number, 915-333-9296.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Midland Independent School District is requesting bids for Athletic Equipment, Bid #8A-0001 addressed to Mr. Tim Whalen, Director of Athletics, 615 W. Missouri, Midland, TX 79701. Bids will be received until 11:00 am, CST, February 10, 1998, at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Bid Forms and Specifications may be obtained by calling 915-689-1040.

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590 Legal Notices

NOTICE OF SALE

Region 18 Education Service Center is accepting sealed bids for the **SALE OF VEHICLES**. Region 18 Education Service Center is selling the following vehicles from the vehicle fleet: one (1) 1986 Chevrolet 3/4 Ton pickup truck, one (1) 1992 Ford Taurus (4 door) and one (1) 1992 Chevrolet Lumina (4 door). Sealed bids for the Sale of Vehicles Bid No. #98-01-0001, addressed to Mr. Gary Bond, Region 18 Education Service Center, P.O. Box 60580, or 2811 LaForce Boulevard, Air Terminal Midland, Air Terminal, Midland, Texas 79711-0580 will be received at the above address until 1:00 p.m. Thursday, February 5, 1998, at which time they will be opened. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained beginning, Monday, January 26, 1998, by calling Mr. Gary Bond, Purchasing Assistant at (915) 567-3258.

NOTICE

Proposals for Contracting Pupil Transportation Services for the Midland Independent School District, Proposal #8P-0001 addressed to Mr. Leon Hartter, Director of Purchasing, Midland Independent School District, 7201 W. County Road 60, Midland, Texas 79707 will be received until 5:00 p.m. CST, February 10, 1998. Proposal forms and specifications may be obtained by calling (915)689-1752.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Midland Independent School District is requesting bids for Chiller Service and Repairs for Midland ISD Schools, Bid #8M-0017 addressed to Mr. James Riggen, AIA, Director of School Plant Services, Building #1, 801 South Moran, Midland, Texas 79701 will be received until 2:00 pm, CST, February 10, 1998, at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained by calling 915-689-1505.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Midland Independent School District is requesting bids for Painting the large Gym at Lee Senior High School, Bid #8M-0018 addressed to Mr. James Riggen, AIA, Director of School Plant Services, Building #1, 801 South Moran, Midland, Texas 79701 will be received until 2:00 pm, CST, February 13, 1998, at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained by calling 915-689-1505.

595 Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Executive Committee of the Big Spring State Hospital Governing Body will hold a public hearing for any interested citizen wishing to speak to the committee. The meeting will be held in the hospital auditorium on 2/5/98 at 9:30 AM. Any citizen wishing to address the committee may schedule an appointment through the Quality Oversight Department of the Big Spring State Hospital, P.O. Box 231, Big Spring, Texas 79721. Telephone (915)268-7242.
Big Spring State Hospital complies with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title VI, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; the Age Discrimination in Employment Act.

PUBLIC NOTICE

On January 9, 1998, Broadcasting for the Challenged, Inc. filed an FCC Form 340 application with the Federal Communications Commission seeking authority to construct a new noncommercial FM station on Channel 211A at Midland, Texas. The principals in Broadcasting for the Challenged, Inc. are George S. Flinn, Jr.; Fred R. Flinn; George S. Flinn III; and, Catherine Joanna Flinn. The proposed station will operate with an ERP of 6 kw, an antenna HAAT of 59 meters and a transmitter located at Loop 268 near

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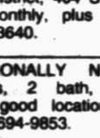
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Gar.	Garage
Bldg.	Building
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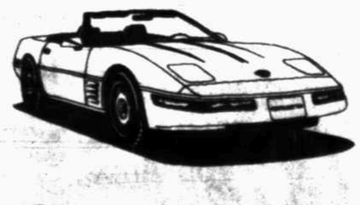
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PRINCETON - Beautifully updated 3 br/2 ba/2 la, 2 car gar,large lot & w.well ..... REDUCED $79,900
PASADENA-3 br/2 ba, 2 living areas, well maintained, refg. air $54,500
COLLEGE - 3 br/2 ba, Updated kitchen and baths,huge utility, large workshop $47,500
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E CO RD 120 - 2 story office bldg. Corner Rankin Hwy. $150,000
CO RD 1265 - Immaculate country home- 3 br/2 ba/2 car gar, fp $150,000
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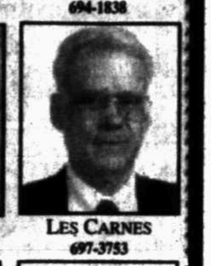
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BISHOPS CASTLE - SALE PENDING
COUNTY ROAD 139 - SALE PENDING
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ADDITIONAL PROPERTIES

TRINITY ESTATES - Simply gorgeous with 5BR's, 2LA's + a study that's fabulous! 100'x20' covered patio! Call!
NOEL - Extra large 2 bedroom townhome w/ fireplace in master. $98,300..
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TRUE LOVE FOUND HERE!...This special home in prestigious Polo Park has hardwood floors, sequestered master suite plus a sequestered guest wing with its own bath. Built-in wet bar and custom touches throughout. Interior has fresh paint and new carpet! Sellers are very anxious!!! **JUST REDUCED!** $142,900

WORLD'S LARGEST VALENTINE...is this one being built from the ground up! This Arbor Park beauty is to have 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, sequestered master w/whirlpool tub, formal living, etc! Call Anita for more! $108,000

THREE BEDROOMS...

CUPID'S GOAL...To match you with this spacious 3/2.5 beauty located in prime location with full-time security guard. Don't miss these terrific extras: located on an huge lot, terrific backyard pool, sunroom, 2 fireplaces, 2 living areas, wet bar, and much more! $190,900

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Greenbree - On The Course.....$149,900
Loads of windows, loads of storage, fabulous kitchen, sequestered master, 3 huge bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, wonderful family room, separate formal dining. Let us show you inside --Ask for Debbie Hatfield 689-7758.

Standlind-Reduced.....$147,000
Beautifully updated with wood floors, tumbled marble in kitchen, Faux painting, fully landscaped, lots of built-ins. Vicky Garrett 570-8689/800-583-5923.

Greentree North...On The Course.....$139,900
Enormous family room, grand kitchen & breakfast area, sequestered master with separate tub & shower. Walk-in closets. Separate formal dining. Ask for Larry or Debbie Hatfield 689-7758.

Wallace Townhome.....$134,500
Stunning updated 3BR, 2 1/2 BA, spacious townhome with so much redo in excellent condition. Sandy Scott 684-0370.

Howard Dr.....$129,900
Show this home to your picky buyer and your investors. Neat and clean. 3 bedrooms,1 bath. Mary Jo Drury 684-4266 or 682-8820.

Lehigh.....$128,900
Check it out! New appliances, tile, papers, 3 car garage, enormous utility, covered bar-b-que area, storage everywhere! Vicky Garrett 570-8689/800-583-5923.

Old Midland Charm.....$120,000
Lots of room for living! 3BD, 2 BA, 2 fireplaces, central vacuum, garden room, lrg. hobby/shop. Call Sam 699-2163.

Princeton.....$120,000
3 bedroom, two bath, workshop, Huge master, two fireplaces. OWNER FINANCE. Call Sam House.

Redonda Bermuda Ct......$117,500
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car rear-entry garage. Home is under 2 years old. Lots of tile in kitchen. Formal dining, pretty yard.

Bellechase.....$103,000
Large 3 bdrm, formal dining, in-ground pool. Ciemmie Sorge.

King Richards Row.....$97,500
Green Hill Terrace at it's b U/C d 3BR, sequestered master, spacious den, dream kitchen plus formal dining. Hurry! Call Sandy Scott 684-0370.

Shandon-Tile Floors.....$97,500
Pool, workshop, Fannin School area.

Whitney.....$97,500
So much space - Great loction & quality - workshop. Call Jo.

Michigan-Non-Qualifying.....$94,900
Charming & roomy 3/2 with over 2675 sq. ft. plus guest house with kitchen, bath, fireplace! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Old Midland.....Reduced $94,900
Superb! Master bedroom with wonderful bath, 3 baths, 3BR, 2 living areas, WORKSHOP! Beautiful landscaping. Ask for Larry or Debbie Hatfield 689-7758.

Dyer Circle - Reduced.....$94,500
Gorgeous landscaping on large lot, updated papers, double yard with dog run, outstanding pantry. Vicky Garrett 570-8689/800-583-5923.

Lehigh-Reduced.....$91,000
High ceilings, skylights, 2 marvelous baths, oversized rooms are just a few of the features found here. Hurry to see! Vicky Garrett 570-8689/800-583-5923.

Stanolind-New Listing.....$89,900
Fabulous home in choice neighborhood, 2 bath, 2 living, this is the one you've been waiting for. Vicky Garrett 570-8689/800-583-5923.

Crestmont.....$87,900
Sequestered master, formu U/C ner. Call Ciemmie Sorge

Idlewilde - By Bush Elementary.....Reduced $87,900
4 yrs. old - just like new, 2 baths, formal dining, vaulted den ceiling, fireplace, home warranty. Vicky Garrett 570-8689/800-583-5923.

Phillip Place-New Listing.....$87,500
Excellent condition, recent carpet & exterior paint, high efficiency AC. Water softener, sprinkler system, gazebo. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths on cul-de-sac. Call Sam House 699-2163.

Imperial.....$87,500
Wonderful three bedroom, t U/C home. Close to Lee High school. Some features include two living areas, enclosed patio, bonus room and auto sprinkler system. Call Kirk to see.

Sundown.....$86,500
Located in Vista West o SOLD m, 2 bath, two car garage. Good condition. For a Fast Sale Call Sam 699-2163.

Culver.....$84,900
New listing with a bright kitchen, 3 BD, 2 BA, 2 LA, den with fireplace, study and has large back yard. Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

North "I".....$84,900
Comfortable, well cared SOLD ge rooms & recreation - sized backyard. So much new! Call Karen Czech 685-4028.

Wydewood-Reduced- Reduced.....$84,500
Formal dining, 3 bedroom - open plan - seq. master, sunroom. Call Jo Braden.

Fall Into This.....$83,000
Wonderful 3 BD, 2 BA home with a great home/office. Located in "Peaceful Old Midland" location. Call Marilyn Jo.

St. Andrews.....Reduced $82,900
BAN THE BLAHS! 3 bedrooms, very open plan w/formal dining plus breakfast area, fabulous master suite...Call Vicky Garrett 570-8689/800-583-5923.

Walk Across The Street.....$81,900
to LHS from this very well kept 3 bedroom home, with family room, fireplace, formal dining, two car garage. Wonderful workshop.

Stewart.....$79,900
3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car workshop.

Neely.....$79,900
Fabulous 3 bed, 2 bath, 2 living area in Fannin! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Harvest - Reduced!.....$79,900
Super home, totally redone in great location. 3BR, 23A, 2 living areas - 2 car carport. Hurry Call Sandy Scott 684-0370.

Preston.....$77,500
Wonderful three bedroom with formal dining room, large living room, sprinkler system, water softener, RO system and located in Bush, Abel School district. Call Kirk.

McDonald.....$76,500
REDUCED! Workshop plus o U/C ft. in immaculate condition, formal dining and much more! Call Sandy Scott 684-0370.

W. Louisiana.....$75,000
Cute 3/2 dollhouse in "Old Midland" has hardwood floors, large indor utility. Huge trees in yard, within walking distance to park. Call Anita.

Nesby-Reduced.....$74,900
Large 3 bdrm, 2 bath, formal dining, hot tub, garden room. Wonderful house. Call Sam 699-2163.

Downing - Reduced!.....$74,900
Outstanding home with recent carpet, tile flooring, high ceilings, low maintenance yard - super buy! Vicky Garrett 570-8689/800-583-5923.

1 OWNER HOME.....$74,900
Well maint., roof replace U/C BD, 2 BA, wonderful kitchen, professionally landscaped, Quiet location. Call Marilyn Jo.

Lanham-Reduced.....$74,500
Exceptional three bedroom, two bathroom patio home with no grass to mow! Recently new air cond. Compressor and water heater. Cul-de-sac location adds peace and quiet.

Douglas Ave.....$74,000
In the heart of old Midland! Cute, well conditioned 3 BR, 2 BA home with hardwood floors, kitchen island, skylights, ceiling fans, etc. Call Clayton 682-9494 (H).

Neely.....$73,900
Nicethree bedroom, two bath U/C two living areas and an oversized two car garage. Call Kirk for your private showing - 682-8820.

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Great home w/open plan updated flooring, tile counters, large rooms & great trees!! Super buy...Priced to sell...Call today to see! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Ainslee.....$69,900
2 baths, formal dining & large backyard with workshop. Vinyl plank hardwood throughout. Carpeted bedrooms. Call Karen Czech 685-4028.

Wedgewood-Reduced.....$69,900
WOW 3/2 so much updating, open plan, huge yard - it's Great! Call Donna 697-0490.

Boyd.....$67,500
Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living area home plus 2 car garage. Newly painted and seller is offering a $2,500 carpet allowance. Call Sandy Scott 684-0370.

Garfield.....$67,500
Loads of house for the price, fireplace, sunroom, parking pad. Call Ciemmie.

Pueblo.....$65,000
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Terrace - Reduced - OFFERS.....$65,000
A Real Doll House! A really U/C s separate liv. rm. 3 BR-2BA-2 gar! joyce brickey 682-3191.

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New Listing. 3 bedroom, grea U/C floors, Call Jo Braden.

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Bright living room with fireplac U/C t - covered patio - 3 bedrooms - 2 baths - walk-in closets - a real super home - Mary Jo Drury 684-4266 or 682-8820.

Laura.....$62,500
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, lots of square footage for the money. Don't miss this one. Mary Jo 684-4266.

Graceland.....$59,900
Large home w/2 living areas, tile workshop, fireplace. Call Ciemmie.

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Loads of cabinets in this fantastic kitchen. Cozy den, great bedrooms, cute, cute, cute. Talk to Larry or Debbie Hatfield 689-7758.

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Absolutely darling w/gorgeous carpeting 3BR/2BA/2 living area, updated from top to bottom + great workshop! Call Quick onthis one 682-3191 - joyce brickey

Crenshaw.....$57,500
Spacious 3/2 in quiet, established neighborhood has large living area w/corner fireplace, indoor utility, 2 full baths, no blvd neighbors! Call Anita!

Stoneybrook.....$56,900
Darling 3 bd, 2 ba home in perfect condition. Workshop that any dad would love! Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Eisenhower.....$56,500
Spectacular 3 bedroom, 2 b U/C high ceilings, sautillo tile, 2 car garage, workshop. Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Rio-NEW LISTING.....$55,000
Fabulous 3BR/2BA/2 gar, pretty FP, high ceilings, fans, lg. master suite, call joyce brickey 682-3191.

Shell.....$54,900
Exceptional 3 bedroom, 2 U/C garage w/big yard & water well w/so much newer. Hurry! Call Sandy Scott 684-0370.

Melton Alley.....$52,500
Great townhouse, no yard, U/C Call Ciemmie.

Mercedes.....$49,900
Pretty home, lots of updating. Call Ciemmie.

W. Illinois.....$49,000
Large 3 bedroom with fireplace, walking distance to schools. Call Ciemmie.

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A trip or two to the hardware store and thin 3-2-2 will shine! Open living area, good BR space, mature neighborhood. Clayton Alexander 682-8820.

Cute 3 Bedroom-New Listing.....$42,500
2 baths, on corner lot. Call Lavonne Johnson 694-0444.

Humble- Reduced.....$39,900
3 bed, 2 bath, darling home in great neighborhood. Lots new in last 5 years! Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.

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Cute! Large living area, nice bedrooms. Call Larry or Debbie Hatfield 689-7758.

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What a find! Walk in closets in all 3 bedrooms, large living area with fireplace. Built-in china cabinet, darling kitchen. Immaculate! Ask for Larry or Debbie 689-7758.

Pleasant.....$35,000
Unbelievable at this price. Midland housing program would finance this 3 bed, 2 ba, huge kitchen, corner lot, please call Ruth Young 682-7684.

Maple - New on the Market.....$29,900
Fantastic 3 bedroom brick home. Cute kitchen, large living area, hardwood floors & carpet. 1 car garage and storage shed. Hurry! Ask for Larry or Debbie Hatfield 689-7758

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Lovely starter home or invest U/C ty. Call Ciemmie.

E. New Jersey.....$29,000
Live in a Fire Station - eas U/C n to 3 bedroom, 2 bath with huge garage - very large for the price. Call Sue Scott 682-8820.

Mariana-New Listing.....$49,000
Duplex - Unit 412-2 BDRM, 1 BA, Unit 414-2BDRM, 2 BA, covered carport. Income producer! Call Sam House 699-2163.

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Benbrook-Reduced.....$45,000
Darling Duplex...side "A" U/C bath & side "B" is 2 bed/1 bath w/fireplace. Covered parking and storage on both! Great investment! Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Dengar.....$44,500
Nice with 2 baths, great yard, RV pad, dog run, plus Home Warranty! Call Donna Pehl 697-0490.

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W CR 59.....$235,000
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A city home in the country where you can spread out - great barns, lovely 4 bedroom, 3 bath home - you will have to see it to believe it-Call Mary Jo Drury 684-4266 or 682-8820.

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Home high on hill + over 82 acres. For information ask for joyce brickey 682-3191.

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Can be 3 or 4 bdrm home in Greenwood, New Construction, Call Ciemmie

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Great 2-story 5 bedroom or 4 plus study. Updated/pretty!! 3 acres with fenced area for animals. Call Marilyn Jo.

E. Co. Rd. 109.....$112,900
Large sequestered master, 3 or 4 bedroom. Call Ciemmie.

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Located on 2 1/2 acres, gorgeous new decor w/3+ bedrooms, 2400 sq. ft. barn/workshop/RV garage. Pecan producing orchard. Roses galore. Terrific piece of property. Call joyce brickey 682-3191.

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Spacious 3 BR on 1.25 acres, 3 stall 15'x45' horse barn, 14'x28' workshop. Must see! Sandy Scott 684-0370.

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Lge. home updated, 4 AC, plus mobile home that is Leased. Call Ciemmie.

E. Co. Rd. 130.....$95,000
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E. Co. Rd. 109.....$92,500
1.5 year new 3/2 has custom touches everywhere, beautiful kitchen w/whitewashed cabinets, tile, breakfast bar. Huge utility. Large bedrooms!

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Four bedrooms, 2 bath, workshop, walk-in closets. Mary Jo Drury 684-4266.

Greenwood Acreage.....$80,000
Big Tract of Land. Call joyce brickey 682-3191.

Andrews Hwy......$79,500
Formerly kitchen store & gift shop. Call Lavonne Johnson.

Co. Rd. 64 East.....$76,500
4 acres in Greenwood school district with a nice grey brick home, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living areas. Nice master bedroom, curved drive in front. Call Lavonne.

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Half with mobile home hook-up U/C half with partially completed home - $35,000. Or - $50,000 for all. Call Karen Czech 685-4028.

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Wonderful two bedroom, SOLD home on 1.15 acres in the Greenwood School district. Workshop, central heat & air and a two car carport. Call Kirk at 682-8820 today!

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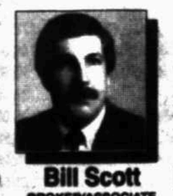

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3930 FAIRWOOD — Suzi Knight & Nonnie Simpson — 299,900
Mockingbird, 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, corner lot with a study!

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3509 BOYD — Sandy Hanson, GRI — 94,000
Lonoke Subdivision. New const., crown moulding + more. 3/2 - 1 grand room. Nice patio.

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Wonderfully open & bright, new 2/2 and Sopoo open! Pretty rounded corners.

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OPEN 2:30-3:30

4009 BAYBROOK — Donna Omar — 278,000
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OPEN 3-6:30

3809 MARK LANE — Roberta Aldridge — 80,000
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$100,000-$200,000...A WONDERFUL GROUP OF BEAUTIFUL HOMES, YOU'LL WANT TO SEE!

SEABOARD-Classical Revival with tall white columns plus big oval porch 189,000

AUBURN-Absolutely smashing TH w/pool, 4/4, 2 living, seq. guest suite, Saltillo tile, hi ceilings 189,000

CYPRESS CT-New on golf course! Lovely 4/3.5/2 w/pool. Has all the bells & whistles. Lots of updating 179,900

CUTHBERT-Open, custom designed home, updated, 4BR/3BA, pool- EXTRAS! 175,000

WELLINGTON-Hold onto you hats - this 4BR in Polo Park is terrific 174,900

STANOLIND-Simply beautiful MaMar 4BR w/pool 169,900

SUNDANCE CT-Grasslands - TH. 4BR/3BA + study + 2LA. Versatile floor plan. 164,900

WINCHESTER CT-Lush & lovely TH w/pool newly refurbished 4BR or 3+ study. Don't Miss 164,900

TRINITY MEADOWS-4BR/5BA/2LA/3-garage inTrinity Meadows. Excellent condition - wonderful price 159,900

THAMES CT-Traditional in Polo Park! 4BR/3BA, ope kit/den/breakfast. Tall ceilings, super condition 159,900

RIDGMAR-Updated, beautiful home, care-free yard, large rooms and bath 153,500

BLUEBIRD BRANCH-Kahler construction underway. 4BR/2BA off Bluebird in quiet cul-de-sac 150,000

VALLEY FORGE-Professionally decorated TH - extra special master suite - park-like landscaping 150,000

CRESTRIDGE-Custom home, upgraded kitchen, 2LAs + study + large master w/sitting area 139,900

CONCORD-Newly listed TH in quiet cul-de-sac and centrally located 3/2/1LA. Won't last 139,500

TEAKWOOD TRACE-Simple elegance, carpet, ceramic tile, AC, 3BR/2.5BA/2-car garage, recent paint 137,000

MABERRY-Spacious w/low maintenance, 3BR/2BA/2LA, formal dining. Lots of new 134,500

DUNKIRK-Super on quietest (shortest!) street in town. 3LA/4BR/2BA, new kitchen, recent roof 130,500

HARVARD-Patio style 4/3/2 plus 2-garage, shop w/overhead door & covered parking for 4-5 cars 129,900

PRINCETON-Country living - City convenience. Guest house w/FP, 2.5 acres, hardwood floors 125,000

PRINCETON-Fabulous Old Midland home w/huge rooms! Three living areas 125,000

PINE-Elegant 3BR Wallace TH - first time on market 125,000

HUMBLE-Unique, custom 3BR w/living room, spacious gameroom + bonus room in MaMar Terrace 124,500

FAIRVIEW LANE-Extra large 4BR/3BA in Plantation Hills in excellent condition 123,500

LANCASHIRE-4BR/3BA/1LA, formal dining. Nice corner lot, new fence - come see for yourself 122,000

GODFREY-A must see....wonderful large 4BR, 3BA, pool, sauna room, bonus room & much, much more 120,000

BELFIELD CT-It's only perfect! Superb decor, space, quiet cul-de-sac, impeccable condition! 4BR/3LA 119,500

PECAN-New Listing! Nice TH in Highland Park. Open, spacious plan. Must see 119,500

PRINCETON-Country living in the city! Spacious home on 3.19 acres, over 600 sf workshop 114,999

MAXWELL-Pool at this price! Plus 4 big bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths close to everything 114,900

GOLF COURSE-Special Hickey TH - one-owner custom, spacious rooms, 2FP 112,500

AMHURST-23 x 30 game room w/pool table, wet bar, 1/2 bath, dark room, computer room! Incredible! Also large formals, great den, new paint 112,000

SPRING MEADOW-Super 4BR/2 1/2 BA, 2 FP, study, townhouse, excellent condition, tasteful decor 112,000



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E. CO. RD. 104
Great Greenwood location, 3BR/2BA/1LA: vaulted ceiling, corner FP, seq. master.
69,900

UNDER $100,000...SMART BUYS...LOVELY HOMES...PERFECT FOR YOU!

FAIRVIEW-This light & bright 3BR has Saltillo tile, formal living and dining and a pool 99,900

NORTHRUP-Unique home across from Midland Christian School, very contemporary, 3BR/2BA 99,500

OAKMONT-Darling home in great location! Sooo pretty, good plan, great appeal 99,000

NOEL-Snappy 2BR TH! Great privacy & security, RV Parking 98,300

GREEN TREE-A heart throb! Attractive 3BR TH w/pool & hot tub. Much refurbishing. Home warranty 98,000

BRIGHTON PL-Super 3BR plus an office with fabulous master bedroom, courtyard and more 96,900

LOCKHEED-Super - good price - great location. 3BR/2.5BA, 2 open LAs, new exterior paint 94,500

McCLINTIC-Adorable 3BR in popular Old Midland. Wonderful condition, pretty decor, great yard 94,500

BOYD-New TH in central location! Grand room style w/crown molding touches, large baths 94,000

WYDEWOOD-Great Wydewood with master BR loft. Tons of kitchen storage! 89,900

HARVARD-Old Midland - over 2000 sq. ft. 3BR/2BA, flagstone floors, wet bar, landscaped yard 89,900

LOCKHEED-Great home in desirable "Old Midland" area. 2LA, super arrangement price to sell. 89,900

CRESTWOOD-Qual. Assump. High ceilings, picture pretty, decked patio, 3+ study or 4BR/2.5BA 89,000

HAYNES-Extremely appealing! 2 super LAs, large seq. MBR, wonderful condition 88,750

BOYD-TH close to hospital, shopping & other conveniences! Large 2BR/2BA/2 Gar, nice features 88,000

MICHIGAN-Charming "Old Midland", large, sunny rooms w/recent updating.Lots of parking area! 88,500

CANADIAN-Wonderful Kahler construction w/neutral colors. Just like new w/4BR or 3BR and study 87,500

TERRACE-Lots of space, new flooring & bonus room make this a super buy that won't last long! 87,000

VENTURA-A Christmas present! 3BR/2BA/2LA/2GA. Lots & Lots of redone! Much tile 86,900

ELMA-Perfect shape! Wonderful home in Wydewood. 3BR/2BA. Sprinklers front and back 84,900

FANNIN-Wonderful 4BR/2LA in great area. Large backyard 84,500

HUGHES-One of a kind. Remodeled w/new kitchen, carpet, AC/Heat etc. Extra large workshop 84,500

BEDFORD-3BR, updated, sparkling pool. Light and bright formal living & dining and 3LAs 82,500

ST. ANDREWS-3BR/2BA, formal dining, screened-in patio w/tile floor-offering $1,000 in Buyers Closing Cost 81,900

THORNBERRY-New Listing! Wonderful 3/2/2 w/2LA. Tile floors and tall ceilings. Must See 81,500

MARK LANE-Very nice 3BR on quiet cul-de-sac. Good condition w/large yard 80,000

CARPENTER-Stanton. Updated 3BR/3BA + 3LA. 3rd LA huge would make wonderful master 79,900

CHON COVE-Secluded yet convenient Wydewood beauty on quiet cul-de-sac 78,500

THORNBERRY-Summer's coming - in-ground pool ready for fun! 3/2, spotless 78,500

STOREY-A super west side duplex! 3BR/2BA each side! Shown by appt 78,000

BUCHANAN-Spotless! Move-in to jewel tone colors! Seq. master w/hot tub room 77,700

TEALWOOD-Great TH located near mall area. 2-story stucco w/2BR/2.5BA. Low maintenance 74,500

CONROE CT-Cute 3BR in Northgate comes with home warranty 74,500

GULF-Seller to pay for 2 pts plus up to $1,500 of buyer's closing costs! 74,000

STEWART-Fantastically maintained 4BR on quiet street w/many updates & park-like backyard 73,900

NEELY-Charming 3BR across from St Stephens! King size family room 72,500

WHITNEY-Beautifully maintained, easy-to-care-for 3BR in great location 72,000

CIMMARON-Decorator beautiful 3/2/2. Spotless! Lots of new! 72,000

BELTON-Great home on quiet cul-de-sac. 3/2 with nice LA and backyard for play 69,900

BOYD-So roomy, 4BR/2.5BA, beautiful drive-up. Great opportunity 69,900

SHELL-No yard care, top notch TH, many amenities, close to everything, 2BR/2BA, lease purchase terms neg. 69,000

WADLEY #M66-Spacious, low maintenance condo, 2LA, 2BR, 2 1/2 BA, very low maintenance 68,500

GODFREY-Nice size 4BR home w/pool across from park. Large open living & dining w/FP 68,000

DENGAR-Really nice 3BR in Fannin - Nice condition, good plan 65,500

MICHIGAN-Darling 3BR cottage! Call to check on non-qualifying assumption possibilities 63,500

BRAZOS-Large home for the money! Fresh paint, good floor plan, good price! 62,000

NEELY-Great home centrally located to schools, shopping and more! 62,000

GOLF COURSE-Wonderful location! Zoned residential house is to be sold with property as is 60,000

BELAIRE-Loads of fresh paint in nice 3BR w/high ceiling. Quiet neighborhood! 59,500

NICKLAUS-Charming & comfortable, spacious, MBR, pretty tile floors. Great fireplace 59,000

CROCKETT-Super 3/2 with tons of updating! Seller ready to go 57,500

SHADYLANE-Adorable 3BR w/new carpet, vinyl, fence, laundry room. All repairs done this year 53,900

WILSHIRE-Super 3/2 with garage. Tons of updating. Beautiful home and yard! 53,000

MONTY-Cozy home, close to school, recently repainted inside, 3BR/2BA 49,900

KANSAS-3BR/2LA/ bonus room/workshop .New paint, carpet & large yard, great windows 49,500

ILLINOIS-Great 3BR/2LA w/new paint and wallpaper. Don't miss this one 47,500

ERIE-3BR/2BA, new paint, central air, garage door. Redecorated & new A/C 43,900

ROOSEVELT-Nice brick home w/2 or 3BR. Central heat & air, formal dining 39,900

MARIANA-3BR ready to move into - even has its own refrigerator. New roof. 2LAs & more 39,500

CENTURY-Great home on the corner 38,000

WAVERLY-REDUCED. Great little property 3BR/2BA/2-car garage, corner lot, workshop 36,700

CONNELL-Space galore with lots of extras, such as workshop, satellite dish and water well 34,500

KENTUCKY-Fabulous place to belong. Very neat 2BR, large LA, water well and sprinkler system 32,500

BRUNSON-Great property on 3 lots. House 4BR/1BA with 1BR rental 32,500

WADLEY #50-1BR/1BA, new carpet, paint and wallpaper 25,000

DELANO-priced to sell quick! 2BR/1BA, updated carpet & flooring 24,500

BENTON-Nice 2BR with large, fenced yard. Priced to sell 14,000



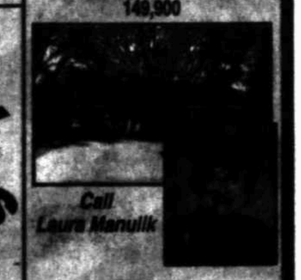
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LOCKHEED
Great home in desirable "Old Midland" area. 3LA, super arrangement price to sell.
89,900



Call Sandy Hanson

CO. RD. 56
3BR & 2 BA, 2 LA + office, 50'x50' shop + 2 car garage. 2.5 ac fenced & cross-fenced.
149,900



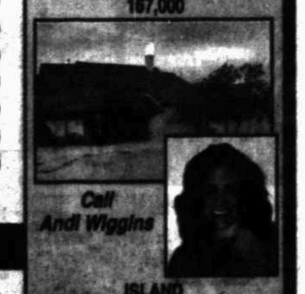
Call Laura Manulik

RIDGMAR
Updated, beautiful home, care-free yard, large rooms and bath.
153,500



Call Sandy Hanson

TATTENHAM
Super country home. Shop + RV garage + gazebo hot tub.
167,000



Call Andi Wiggins

ISLAND
Contemporary custom in Green Tree North. Great for entertaining. 4BR/4BA w/pool.
325,000

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RUSTIC TRAIL	260,000	HARVARD	99,000	EMERSON	69,900
ASHWOOD CT	196,700	GREEN TREE	97,000	WASHINGTON	44,500
DUKES	146,750	BOYD	89,900	STOREY	39,900
TIMBER LANE	128,900	ELMA	88,800	MARIANA	37,500
STUTZ	125,000	MILLER ROAD	85,000	COWDEN	35,000
BISHOPS CASTLE	123,000	MOGFORD	79,900	KENTUCKY	25,000

NEW LISTINGS

Auburn	Joanne Langston	189,000
Tattenham	Sandy Hanson	167,000
Sundance Ct	Sandy Hanson	164,900
Ridgmar	Laura Manulik	153,500
Co. Rd. 56	Sandy Hanson	149,900
Pine	Pat Paxton	125,000
Fairview Lane	Jerry Holt	123,500
Oakmont	Roberta Aldridge	99,000
Boyd	Sandy Hanson	94,000
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Conroe Ct	Pat Paxton	74,500
Cimmaron	Sandy Hanson	72,000
Wadley #50	Pam Messer	25,000

SUBURBAN HOMES

CO. RD. 420-Garden City Ranch - 389 ac + more available. 3/3/2LA house. Owner will owner carry. Call for details 220,000

S. CO. RD. 1218-Quiet country home on 20 ac w/lots of pecan trees. Screened-in porch, RV pad + 2G/Stor bldg 169,500

TATTENHAM-Super country home. Shop plus RV garage plus gazebo hot tub 167,000

TATTENHAM-Close in - 1.7 ac- 1300' barn, 4BR/4BA. Great home 164,500

CO. RD. 56-3BR & 2 BA, 2 LA + office, 50'x50' shop + 2-car garage. 2.5 ac. fenced & cross-fenced 149,900

S. CO. RD. 1184-Suburban home-at its finest. Pastoral setting in Ridge Heights 147,800

SOLOMON-Loads of country charm in this completely remodeled 4BR filled with extras 144,900

N. CO. RD. 1244-As Is Where Is! 2-story 3BR/2BA, huge gameroom up. 2 acres + shop 134,900

FM HWY. 307-1 1/2 year old 4BR/2BA home on 3.33 acres in Greenwood School District. Will not last long! 132,000

W. CO. RD. 68-4/3/2. So much new & so much space inside & out! 2.5 acres, shops, stalls, addit (2.5) avail - POOL 128,000

S. CO. RD. 1184-Priced to sell "as is". Pool, workshop, guest quarters or office. Great possibilities 110,000

KNIFFEN-3BR/2BA new construction brick home on 1.25 acres 99,900

N. CO. RD. 1247-W of Midland, restricted area, 1 acre, 4BR/3BA, 4th BR could be 2nd LA. Updated & pretty 99,500

E. CO. RD. 139-Exceptional 3BR, 30'x36' shop w/RV storage 89,800

OJIBWA-Seller says sell! Suburban property 5BR/3BA, large living. $5,000 decorating allowance 85,500

S. CO. RD. 1317-Affordable 3BR suburban on 1/2 acres, fully fenced, much new! 82,500

S. CO. RD. 1210-South Midkiff, large 3BR w/3.78 acres. Hardwood floors and a rental house also 75,000

GOLD-Garden City, TX. An entire city block only, 40 min. from Midland, 2 houses & more only 75,000

E. CO. RD. 104-Great Greenwood location, 3BR/2BA/1LA; vaulted ceiling, corner FP, seq. master 69,900

E. CO. RD. 105-Greenwood, 3/2/2-car gar. 16x20 patio, sprinkler, one-owner 67,900

COLGATE-Doublewide on 1.2 acres, barn/workshop, corrals, immaculate great yard, RO softener 39,900

E. CO. RD. 66-3BR Mobile home w/workshop, barn & stalls - plus adj. acreage w/water wells & septic tanks 38,500

CO. RD. 114-Country living for a great price 26,500

LOTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY

BLUEBIRD-12.212 acres available across from the ball park. Can be sub-divided 146,520

BLUEBIRD-7.18 acres. Can be sub-divided 86,220

CARDINAL LN-Two 3.997 acre lots, great country living in the city, city water available 64,000

MOCKINGBIRD LANE-4 acre lot. Perfect for country living in the city 64,000

BLACKBERRY-Prettiest lot in Mission Properties. Central cul-de-sac location 55,000

CUTHBERT-Fabulous new development of zero lot line homes. Call for information to reserve your lot! ..... 49,900 ea.

"L" STREET-Rare lot in museum district 37,500

SADDLE CLUB EAST LOTS-Prestigious - only a few remaining 33,000-45,000

OAK-300 ft on Oak 127 ft on Main-financing available 30,000

ELM ST. & LAMESA RD.-Lot could be commercial location 22,500

CROCKETT-5 lots sold separately or as a package ..... 6,000 each

GASTON-Lot in Permian Estates 3,000

VARIOUS OTHER HOME SITES-Call for more details 2,850-35,000

SUBURBAN ACREAGE

FM 307-Prime acreage in Greenwood 178,800

FM 150-160 acres between Tower and Cotton Flat Roads. Great possibilities 144,000

S. CO. RD. 1218-Nice area, great privacy! 20 acres fenced. Ready for your new home 60,000

FAIRGROUND-3 lots East of city, owner may carry the financing 38,500

DERBY LANE-7.5 acres, 2 water wells, 2 trailer pads near Gardendale 25,000

W. CO. RD. 69-4.45 acres w/pens, fence & H20 well 24,500

W. CO. RD. 143 1/2-2 ac South of TI. Ready for your mobile home or new house. 24x40 workshop, trees 21,000

FM 1788-Two 1.69 acre residential tracts to be sold together 20,000

CO RD 1195S-3.10 acres 17,100

HIGHWAY 349-RIDGE HEIGHTS-3 acre tract-Ridge Heights with water well 15,000

CO. RD. 52W-3.02 prime acreage, possible owner finance 15,000

CO. RD. 1297-4.96 acres adjacent to Water Wonderland 12,000

S. CO. RD. 1183-Owner will consider financing 9,900

INVESTMENT & COMMERCIAL

ANDREWS HWY & WALL-Lease - 3100sf ..... CALL

MIDLAND DRIVE-Retail/Office remodel to suit, owner agent ..... CALL

NEW 2 ACRES RANKIN HWY & IH 20 ..... CALL

E. NEW JERSEY-2 metal bldgs. 2800 sf each 16' OH doors ..... CALL

MIKE'S CABINET SHOP--Includes all equipment. .85 ac, good well ..... CALL

INDUSTRIAL PARK-46,000 sf shop/warehouse & office space ..... CALL

FIVE POINTS- HWY. 349-1.8 acres commercial tract ..... CALL

DAVIS RD MOBILE HOME PARK-14 spaces, 4.4 acres, 7 owned homes & 3BR house ..... CALL

INDUSTRIAL PARK-Fronts on I-20, new utilities, 23.6 ac ..... CALL

2,500 SF WAREHOUSE INDUSTRIAL PARK ..... CALL

RANKIN HWY-Established business for sale 125,000

ILLINOIS-2250' tile bldg - club or restaurant, one blk. to MMH. REDUCED 70,000

BIG SPRING-6 offices on 1/3 block. Good child care or law office. Owner finance 68,000

WALL-Excellent location. Property for many uses. High traffic 60,000

MISSOURI-Good close to downtown location for small business or office 49,500

MAIN-Small office building, near downtown, 1392 sf 42,500

BEHIND RED LOBSTER-17,500 sq. ft. Lot 35,000

FOUR LOTS NEAR DOWNTOWN-Bargain - 30,000 sq. ft. 30,000

CALL FOR OTHER COMMERCIAL OFFERINGS

DUPLEXES/RENTAL INVESTMENTS

COLORADO-5 rental units, great return 60,000

CARRIZO-Contemporary duplex in Old Midland location 39,900

COLLEGE-Duplex + efficiency 39,500

EASTRIDGE RD-Great living or investment ..... 9,400 to 9,400

MIDLAND-Great buy on condominium 9,900

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PERMIAN BASIN
OIL & GAS REPORT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1998 — SERVING WEST TEXAS AND NEW MEXICO

INSIDE



A replacement bit for a drilling rig ready to make hole. Nationally, development drilling was up 17 percent, according to a recent API study. In the Permian Basin, the rig count remained steady – offsetting a two-month record of declines. The Permian Basin rig count this week stands at 149, compared to last week's 147.

See **RIG COUNT**/ 4

AAPG Convention

Two names familiar to the Permian Basin are set to deliver featured speeches to the AAPG Annual Convention set for May 17-20 at Salt Lake City.

Ken Thompson, formerly manager of Arco operations in Midland and now president of ARCO Alaska and a senior vice president for Atlantic Richfield Corp. and George Yates, CEO of Harvey E. Yates Co. of Roswell and Chairman of IPAA, are to be featured.

See **AAPG**/ 2

Utility expansion

Dallas – Texas Utilities' interest in buying U.K.'s Energy Group is the strongest sign yet that the largest utility in Texas has aggressive ambitions outside its home state.

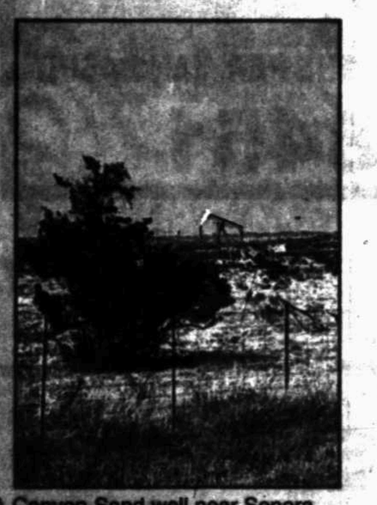
In the last two years, as deregulation of U.S. power markets has advanced, the Dallas-based utility spent $3.5 billion to diversify into natural gas distribution, telecommunications and Australian power. Yet none of the acquisitions comes close to a possible bid for Energy Group, which could sell for more t

See **TU ELECTRIC**/ 2

Mitchell case

THE WOODLANDS – A judge in the 271st District Court in Wise County, Texas, yesterday ordered the plaintiffs to "take nothing" from a subsidiary of Mitchell Energy & Development Corp. in the "Nelon" water well case.

See **MITCHELL**/ 4

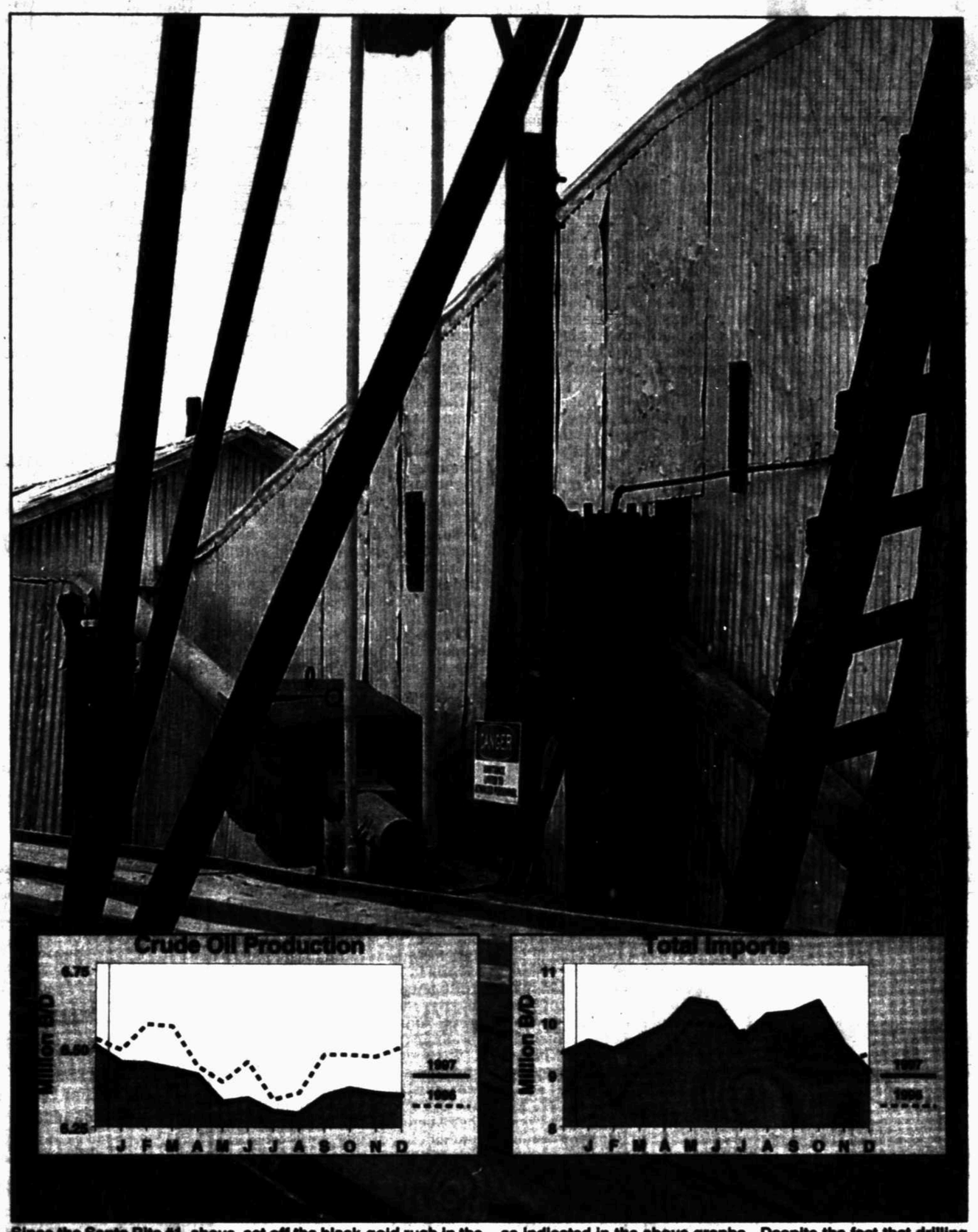


A Canyon Sand well near Sonora pumps a steady stream of oil. Crude prices climbed this week by an average of 50 cents, perhaps signalling an end to recent price drops which had analysts carefully watching the industry.

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Crude oil imports reflect national dependence



Since the Santa Rita #1, above, set off the black-gold rush in the Permian Basin, U.S. producing basins have been maturing, with production decreasing and imports increasing proportionately, as indicated in the above graphs. Despite the fact that drilling numbers are up and completions increased by fourteen percent, production is up only slightly.

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

The oil and gas industry showed a healthy well increase in 1997, and the lower 48 states showed a slight production increase for the first time in six years. But the nation is still becoming increasingly dependent upon imported crude oil and imported products, says an industry report.

According to the American Petroleum Institute (API), the number of completed oil and natural gas wells was up 14 percent over 1996, as a robust economy drove up the demand for crude oil and petroleum products by 1.7 percent.

Dr. Edward Murphy, director of statistics for API, said that, on average, 18,618,000 barrels a day of petroleum products were delivered to a vibrant U.S. economy.

Murphy said crude oil imports and petroleum products averaged 9.89 million barrels daily during the year, as the U.S. became 53.1 percent dependent on imports, compared to only 51.8 percent in 1996. Much of the import increase was the result of declining Alaskan production.

> **'On average 18,618,000 barrels a day were delivered to a vibrant U.S. economy.'**
>
> American Petroleum Institute

The API report notes that petroleum supply of total U.S. energy use remains at 40 percent with natural gas accounting for 25 percent of the total energy demand. Despite optimistic predictions at the end of 1996 for higher natural gas demand in 1997, the statistical report says demand was up only one percent.

It is interesting to note that the rate of dependency (1.3 percent) is almost identical to U.S. crude oil rate of production decline (1.4 percent). Over all crude oil production in 1997 averaged 6.38 million in 1997, but imports were up 4.4 percent, even as the domestic oil and gas industry experienced one of its best years for drilling.

API said total footage was up 15 percent (to 144,811,000 feet) for the year, as were all well categories except exploration which was down 3 percent.

Development drilling was up 17 percent; oil well completions were up 14 percent and gas completions up 21 percent. This was on top of almost identical increases for 1996 completions. A total of 26,203 wells were completed in 1997, compared to 22,951 in 1996.

Permian Basin acreage up for bid in UL sale

By Kay Crites
Special to the Oil Report

Tracts in nine Permian Basin counties will be included in the University Lands Regular Oil and Gas Lease Sale No. 93, with sealed bid opening and lease awards on May 19. Also on May 19 will be sealed bid openings and lease awards for over 200 tracts covering 156,598.10 acres in Hudspeth County.

In the tracts within the Permian Basin, Pecos County leads in acreage available, with 73 tracts totaling more than 30,000 acres up for bid. Other counties with acreage available include Andrews, Ward, Loving, Winkler, Reagan, Crockett, Irion and Schleicher.

The openings and lease awards will be held at the Center for Energy and Economic Diversification at 10 a.m.

University Lands regulations require that bids be submitted on the proper bid form and placed in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Sealed Bid for Oil and Gas Lease Sale No. 93 and No. 93-A - DO NOT OPEN, May 19, 1998." Bids must be submitted prior to 5 p.m. Monday, May 18 to the Manager of University Lands, Oil, Gas and Mineral Interests, P.O. Box 553, Midland, TX 79702-0553 or hand delivered to 808 West Wall, Midland, TX 79701. After 5 p.m. May 18, but before 10 a.m. May 19, bids may be hand delivered to the Center for Energy and Economic Diversification.

> **'Permian Basin tracts up for bids total 50,195.365 acres.'**
>
> University Lands

Leases awarded will be for primary terms of 10 years with a royalty rate of 3/16. Bids must equal or exceed the minimum bid as stated in the tract list. Calculations for the required minimum bids are based on $2 per acre and rounded up to the next $1.

Prospective bidders may inspect records concerning production of wells on University Lands at the Office of University Lands, 808 West Wall street, Midland, Texas.

More information may be obtained by contacting Wallie Gravitt or James Holtzclaw at University Lands; Oil, Gas and Mineral Interests at 915-684-4404 or fax: 915-682-7456.

Stripper wells finally get some respect

All hail the marginal wells! Without them America would be up that well-known creek.

After years of large and predictable declines, stripper well producers, who have long argued that stripper wells deserve respect, may have finally gotten someone's attention.

For the first time since 1987, stripper statistics across the board have taken a turn for the better. For 1996, the rate of decline and number of pluggings, for marginal or stripper wells was down, and over all stripper production was up as the per well daily production went to 2.22 barrels per well.

According to a recent report published by the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission, stripper and marginal wells, though they may have a weak individual performance, have a large collective power upon the U.S. energy market and economy.



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Marginal and stripper wells are defined as those low-volume wells which produce 10 barrels or less per day. There are 433,171 of them in the U.S. and their influence is undeniable. Sources note that U.S. production, which stands at about 6 million barrels per day, comes from 600,000 wells which average only 12 barrels per day. Saudi Arabia, on the other hand, produces 6 million barrels a day from 1,400 wells that average 6,000 barrels per day.

According to the IOGCC report: Marginal Oil and Gas: Fuel for Economic Growth, marginal wells account for 15 percent of domestic oil production, excluding Alaska which has no stripper wells, or about 352 million barrels in 1996 and 5 percent of natural gas production.

They also pour $14.4 billion annually into the U.S. economy. The report concludes that every dollar produced by the high-cost marginal wells generates more than 56 cents in economic activity and accounts for 38,000 industry jobs and 46,000 jobs outside the industry.

Only in recent years have marginal wells come to be appreciated for mighty collective economic power. Once viewed as a plugging waiting to happen, marginal wells were considered environmental liabilities to be abandoned as quickly as possible after reaching their economic limits. Now, after years of stripper well producers trying to get their message across, the new mind set is "save the wells — at all cost."

States recognizing the economic force of marginal production have

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At the January meeting of the local chapter of the Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientists, Don Wambaugh, left, past president of the SIPES Foundation, presented a check for $1,000.00 to Paul Pause', right, of the Permian Basin Graduate Center of Midland. The funds are to be used to help replace the aging computers at the Graduate Center. The SIPES Foundation is dedicated to furthering education in the earth sciences.

AAPG speakers familiar names in Permian Basin

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

Two names familiar to the Permian Basin are set to deliver featured speeches to the AAPG Annual Convention set for May 17-20 at Salt Lake City.

Ken Thompson, formerly manager of Arco operations in Midland and now president of ARCO Alaska and a senior vice president for Atlantic Richfield Corp., is recognized as a major player in helping turn around declining North Slope production. He will present an outlook for North Slope. The title of Thompson's speech will be, "No Decline After 99."

George Yates, CEO of Harvey E. Yates Co. of Roswell and Chairman of IPAA, has long been involved in industry affairs and will address the convention on the influence of worldwide reserves, demand and activity on the domestic energy industry, especially among the independent explorationist.

The AAPG, the world's largest geoscience organization with other 31,000 members in 110 countries will hold its annual meeting at the Salt Palace Convention Center at Salt Lake City, Utah. Over 6,000 are expected to attend, the meeting at which over 750 technical papers will be presented.

Other featured speakers for the meeting will be Pat Shea, new director of U.S. Bureau of Land Management, who will address exploration and environmental issues related to the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

Robert T. Bakker, a well-known paleontologist and author will speak on misconceptions about dinosaurs, and ask the question: "Are they extinct."

The environment will be the focus of two special lectures that deal with global warming and oil development among indigenous peoples. Global warming has become the number one issue among companies exploring for and developing hydrocarbon fuels. Many in the oil industry call the concept of global warming an "unproven theory" that would unnecessarily penalize hydrocarbon producers. Environmentalists are insistent that it is not a theory, and that rigid controls must be imposed upon the production and use of hydrocarbon fuels to prevent disastrous consequences.

In another environmental issue, oil companies are being challenged to balance oil development with conservation, as the search for oil takes them more and more into remote and fragile environments.

Over 60 nations are expected to send representatives and set up booths in the International Pavilion to tout exploration and development potential in their countries.

Texas utilities looking beyond state

DALLAS - Texas Utilities' interest in buying U.K.'s Energy Group is the strongest sign yet that the largest utility in Texas has aggressive ambitions outside its home state.

In the last two years, as deregulation of U.S. power markets has advanced, the Dallas-based utility spent $3.5 billion to diversify into natural gas distribution, telecommunications and Australian power. Yet none of the acquisitions comes close to a possible bid for Energy Group, which could sell for more than $10 billion.

A successful bid would give Texas Utilities more than a big holding in the deregulated U.K. power market. It would also expand the utility's U.S. coal operations by giving it Peabody Holding, the world's largest private coal mining company. Peabody sells coal to 150 power plants in 32 states under long-term contracts. Coal is the leading fuel used in U.S. power plants.

"Texas Utilities could instantly become a major national power company," said Michael Worms, an analyst at Credit Suisse First Boston with a "hold" rating on Texas Utilities. "They have experience with coal and could use Peabody as a platform to compete with companies like Enron."

Houston-based Enron Corp. is a natural gas pipeline and electricity sales company that is trying to be position itself to dominate the deregulated U.S. electricity market.

Texas Utilities Co. has the resources to take on the big competitors like Enron. It's the parent of TU Electric, Texas's largest electric utility, which provides power to more than 5.9 million people in 91 Texas counties. It also owns Southwestern Electric Service Co., with 127,000 customers in east and central Texas. The Dallas-based company had 1996 revenue of $6.6 billion.

While Texas is behind other states in moving toward deregulation, Texas Utilities has prepared itself to be a national competitor in states that do open their markets. In 1997, it bought natural gas distributor Enserch Corp. for $1.7 billion in stock and assumed debt.

The purchase allowed Texas Utilities to begin selling both electricity and natural gas to many of the 1.3 million customers of Enserch's Lone Star Gas, Texas's largest natural gas utility.

Texas Utilities entered the international market in 1996 when it bought Eastern Energy Ltd., which sells power to 1.3 million people in Australia, including Melbourne. Texas Utilities acquired Eastern Energy in 1996 for $1.5 billion.

Texas Utilities also has taken tentative steps into the telecommunications business. It owns 20 percent of PrimeCo Personal Communications L.P., a wireless phone company created by Bell Atlantic Corp., AirTouch Communications Inc. and U S West Inc.'s Media Group.

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> Michael Worms, Analyst

In November, Texas Utilities acquired Lufkin-Conroe Communications Co., the fourth-largest local telephone company in Texas, for $328 million in stock and assumed debt. The purchase expanded Texas Utilities' ability to offer other products, including security monitoring and phone service, in the deregulated power industry.

Texas Utilities' aggressive expansion moves are very much the vision of its chairman, Erle Nye. A native of Fort Worth, Texas, Nye, 60, graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in electrical engineering and worked at Texas Utilities or its predecessors his entire professional career. He became chief executive and president in 1995 and chairman in May of last year.

American businesses must shed their traditional roles to meet unprecedented growth in international commerce, Nye said in a September speech at his alma mater.

"To resist change is to resist the great potential," Nye said.

Acquaintances say Nye is willing to make significant changes to keep pace with the deregulating industry, though he's also opposed deregulation of retail power in Texas, arguing that consumers in a state with low-cost power won't benefit.

Analysts say Nye is one of the best U.S. utility executives. "He will aggressively search for solutions to enhance shareholder value, whether it be through acquisitions overseas or not," said David Schanzer, a Janney Montgomery Scott Inc. analyst who has a "hold" rating on the company.

"The company has moved in a very logical way in terms of trying to move forward in this era of competition," Schanzer said.

Purchasing Energy Group won't be easy for Texas Utilities. Energy Group has said it is in talks with at least one other bidder of equally imposing resources.

PacifiCorp of Portland, Oregon, bid $9.7 billion in cash, assumed debt and other obligations for Energy Group last year. U.K. regulators stalled that bid, effectively killing it.

PacifiCorp remains Energy Group's owner of choice as long as the two companies can work out a new price, the British company said.

PacifiCorp also wants the Peabody Coal unit, which fits well with its coal and wholesale electricity sales businesses, said Edward Tirello, a New York-based analyst at NatWest Securities.

This weekend, PacifiCorp and Energy Group executives will meet to try to reach an agreement on a new offer, said people familiar with the talks.

If it comes down to cash, "Texas Utilities can probably bid more than PacifiCorp," said Andrew Whalley, a director of Johnson Fry Asset Managers Ltd., which holds about 1 million Energy Group shares.

"Texas Utilities has plenty of cash on hand," said Tirello, who has a "buy" rating on PacifiCorp and a "hold" rating on Texas Utilities.

Texas Utilities was formed in 1945 from the merger of three electric power companies serving north central, eastern and western Texas.

The company owns the oldest nuclear plant in Texas, Comanche Peak west of Dallas, which began operations in 1990 after multibillion-dollar cost overruns and 16 years of construction.

It also owns Texas Utilities Mining Co. and Texas Utilities Fuel Co., which provide lignite coal and natural gas and oil for the company's electric generating plants.

Occidental directors are sued by pension fund for executive buyouts

LOS ANGELES - Petroleum Corp. directors were sued by a shareholding Louisiana pension fund over the company's payments of $112 million to buy out the contracts of two top executives.

The Teacher's Retirement System of Louisiana filed suit today in Los Angeles Superior Court, asking that a judge force Albert Gore Sr., John Kluge and other directors to repay Occidental for the "waste" of the payments. The Los Angeles-based oil and chemicals company said in October it would pay Chairman Ray Irani $95 million to drop a contract that would have paid him at least $5 million a year in cash and stock plus lucrative retirement and death benefits.

Occidental said it would pay its president, Dale Laurance, $17 million to get out of a similar contract.

The suit says the buyouts were offered without negotiation, while the two men remain in their positions.

"The leadership of Irani and Laurance has been lackluster, at best," the suit says. "The Board-'s exorbitant payments . . . cannot be attributed to these officers' past performance."

The suit also says the payouts remove financial incentives for the officers.

Occidental spokesman Howard Collins declined to comment. Occidental has already faced criticism from those who say it has paid top executives far too much.

"They've always paid, culturally, big, big bucks," Judy Fisher, publisher of Executive Compensation Reports, said in October.

Irani in 1996 earned more than $4 million in salary, bonus and stock awards under the six-year-old contract, more than Lee Raymond, the chairman of Exxon, the largest U.S. oil company. Irani's salary and bonus alone of $2.8 million put him substantially above the average pay of $1.6 million reported by the 20 biggest U.S. chemicals companies, according to Executive Compensation reports.

Under the new contract, Irani is getting a reduced salary more in line with industry averages, Occidental said.

INDUSTRY BRIEFS

Costilla potentials Lavaca County discovery

Costilla Energy Inc. has reports that its previously announced Migl-Mitchell No. 1 discovery well in Lavaca County, Texas has potentialed for a calculated absolute open flow of 116 Mmcfd. The well which is the company's largest discovery to date is currently producing 5.4 Mmcfd. The company plans to eventually double production on the No.1 and is now drilling its second Migl-Mitchell well.

UTPB gets check to support field geology

ODESSA - The Permian Basin Chapter of the Society of Professional Engineers has given the University of Texas Permian Basin a check for $1,600 to help support field geology research, and provide engineers a better understanding of geology. The group made the donation from the proceeds of a horizontal drilling conference it hosted.

Kaiser-Francis buys $2.17 million package

Kaiser-Francis Oil Co. has purchased a $2.17 million package of producing properties from National Energy Group Inc. The properties are located in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Texas and Wyoming. The properties are estimated to have proved reserves of 101,000 barrels of oil and 1.9 bcf of gas. The purchase includes seven operated wells in Eddy County, New Mexico.

Smith, Wilson merger result of 20-year talks

■ We first started talking in the late 1970's

By Staff

Smith International Inc. and Wilson Industries have signed an agreement to merge the two companies.

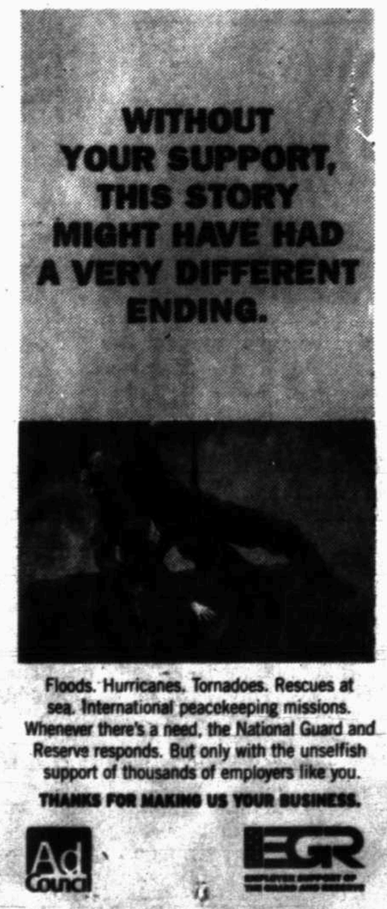
Under the terms of the agreement, Smith will issue 7.9 million shares of common stock to Wilson shareholders in a tax-free exchange. Smith will also assume $65 million of Wilson indebtedness.

Wilson, which had $600 million in revenues in 1997, is a privately held Houston-based company, employing 1,100, that operates as Wilson Supply and Houston Engineers.

Doug Rock, chairman and CEO of Smith, said the merger was 20 years in the making. "We first started talking about combining our two companies in late 1970's."

Wallace Wilson, chairman and CEO of Wilson, said the merger would present greater opportunities for Wilson operations and its employees.

Both companies are suppliers of products and services to oil and gas drilling.



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BOARD FOR LEASE OF UNIVERSITY LANDS

NOTICE OF REGULAR AND FRONTIER OIL AND GAS LEASE SALES NO. 93 & 93-A

SEALED BID OPENING AND LEASE AWARDS - TUESDAY, MAY 19, 1998

Commencing at 10:00 A.M.
In THE CENTER FOR ENERGY AND ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION (CEED)
Located between Midland and Odessa on Highway 191

GARRY MAURO, Chairman
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SUBMISSION OF BIDS

Bids must be submitted on the attached Bid Form in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Sealed Bid for Oil and Gas Lease Sales No. 93 and No. 93-A - DO NOT OPEN, May 19, 1998."

BEFORE 5:00 P.M. MONDAY, MAY 18, 1998

Submit Bids To: Manager of University Lands
Oil, Gas and Mineral Interests
P. O. Box 553
Midland, Texas 79702-0553

or Hand Deliver To: 808 West Wall
Midland, Texas 79701

AFTER 5:00 P.M. MAY 18 AND BEFORE 10:00 A.M. MAY 19, 1998

Hand Deliver Bids To: Center For Energy and Economic Diversification
(Located between Midland and Odessa on Highway 191)
Midland, Texas

THE BOARD FOR LEASE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO WAIVE ANY IRREGULARITIES AND THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING SALE OR TRACTS CONTACT:

Wallie Gravitt or James Holtzclaw
University Lands - Oil, Gas and Mineral Interests
Telephone: 915/684-4404 Fax: 915/682-7456

BOARD FOR LEASE OF UNIVERSITY LANDS

REGULAR OIL AND GAS LEASE SALE NO. 93

LEASE TERMS

- **Primary Term:** 5 years
- **Delay Rentals:** $5/acre/year for years two and three
  $10/acre/year for years four and five
- **Royalty Rate:** 25% -- ROYALTY MAY BE REDUCED TO 20% OR 22.5%
  SEE ATTACHED ROYALTY REDUCTION INFORMATION
- **Severance:** Three years after the expiration of the primary term, the lease will terminate (i) as to all acreage not located within a proration or spacing unit of a well producing oil and/or gas in paying quantities and (ii) for any retained proration or spacing unit(s), as to all depths below 100 feet below the total depth of the deepest well drilled on the lease
- **Additional terms and conditions**: Applicable lease form will be available from West Texas Operations or the web site in March 1998 following approval of the form by the Board
- **Bonus and 1.5% Sale Fee:** Remit separate checks payable TO "BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM." Time or Sight Drafts will NOT be accepted.
- **Minimum Bid:** Each bonus must equal or exceed the minimum bid as stated in the Tract List. Calculations for the required minimum bids are based on $15, $25 or $50 per acre and rounded up to the next $100
- **Production Records:** Prospective bidders may inspect records concerning production of wells on University Lands at the Office of University Lands, 808 West Wall Street, Midland, Texas

ROYALTY REDUCTION INFORMATION

- **20%**: The 25% royalty will be reduced to 20% if production of oil or gas in paying quantities is established within the first eighteen (18) months of the lease term. The 20% royalty rate will apply to the entire lease for the life of the lease.
- **22.5%**: The 25% royalty will be reduced to 22.5% if production of oil or gas in paying quantities is established within the second eighteen (18) months (19th-36th month) of the lease. The 22.5% royalty rate will apply to the entire lease for the life of the lease.
- **25%**: The 25% royalty will be in effect for leases when production of oil or gas in paying quantities is established after the 36th month of the lease term, OR after the expiration of a valid dry hole extension for the second eighteen (18) months.

A dry hole and extension provision will also be in effect for royalty considerations. If one or more dry holes are completed on the lease, the following reduced royalties can still be earned:

- **20%**: If an additional well or wells are commenced within the first eighteen (18) months, and by virtue of a 90-day extension, if needed, the production of oil or gas in paying quantities is established by the end of the 21st month of the lease term.
- **22.5%**: If an additional well or wells are commenced within the second eighteen (18) months (19th-36th month), and by virtue of a 90-day extension, if needed, the production of oil or gas in paying quantities is established prior to the end of the 36th month.

This is a list of lands to be offered for lease at the subject Oil and Gas Lease Sale.

Tract	Block	Section	Part	Acres	Min. Bid
Andrews County					
1	2	5	E/2	328.800	$ 8,300
2	2	5	W/2	328.800	$ 8,300
3	7	20	SW/4	160.000	$ 8,000
4	7	22	N/2	320.000	$16,000
5	8	7	NW/4	161.825	$ 8,100

There is one unplugged well located on Tract 5. The casing in said well and the above-ground producing equipment ar NOT the property of the State of Texas. Should the owner of the casing and equipment NOT be the successful bidder on th tract, he shall have the right to negotiate the sale of said casing and equipment or to remove the same and plug said well accordance with the rules and regulations of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

6	8	13	W/2	323.650	$16,200
7	8	14	E/2	323.650	$16,200
8	9	30	NW/4	160.825	$ 8,100

There is one unplugged well located on Tract 8. The casing in said well and the above-ground producing equipment ar NOT the property of the State of Texas. Should the owner of the casing and equipment NOT be the successful bidder on th tract, he shall have the right to negotiate the sale of said casing and equipment or to remove the same and plug said well accordance with the rules and regulations of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Ward County					
9	18	17	N/320.400 acres	320.400	$16,100
10	18	27	N/2	320.350	$16,100
Loving and Ward Counties					
11	19	27	E/2	320.350	$16,100
Ward County					
12	19	27	W/2	320.350	$16,100
Loving and Winkler Counties					
13	20	21	W/2	320.350	$16,100

The lease covering Tract 13 will require that oil and gas operations be conducted with the least possible interference with th operations of the surface lessee and will include appropriate language, in the discretion of the Board for Lease, to ensure th protection of the surface lessee's equipment and fixtures located on this Tract. Oil and Gas lessee will be required t cooperate to assure that these conditions are met. For a copy of the surface lease and a description of the surface lessee use of the property, please contact Jim Benson @ 915-684-4404.

Loving, Ward and Winkler Counties					
14	20	41	S/2	320.350	$16,100
Ward and Winkler Counties					
15	20	46	W/2	320.350	$16,100
16	20	46	E/2	320.350	$16,100
17	20	47	N/2	320.350	$16,100
Pecos County					
18	16	15	N/2	329.890	$16,500
19	16	15	S/2	329.890	$16,500
20	16	16	N/2	329.890	$16,500
21	16	16	S/2	329.890	$16,500
22	16	22	S/2	329.890	$16,500
23	16	22	W/2	329.890	$16,500

The acreage listed for Tracts 18 through 23, inclusive, is plus or minus.

The above tabulation of acreage in Tracts 18 through 23 is based on a map of Blocks 16 through 20 of University Lands i Pecos County, Texas, as compiled by Frank F. Friield from a survey on the ground made July 1926 through October 193 and dated April 24, 1933. See General Land Office University Map No. 10.

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Pecos County

24	19	12	N/2	335.750	$16,800
25	19	12	S/2	335.750	$16,800
26	19	13	N/2	335.750	$16,800
27	19	13	S/2	335.750	$16,800

Portions of Tracts 25, 26, and 27 are included in The University of Texas System vineyards and drill sites on these tracts ar limited as to availability. Prior to bidding, prospective lessees are advised to visit and examine the designated drill sites or tracts of interest to be assured that said drill sites will fulfill their respective requirements. The successful bidders on thes tracts must obtain written consent from The University of Texas System prior to the commencement of any drilling operations.

28	19	14	S/2	335.750	$16,800
29	19	17	S/2	320.000	$16,000
30	19	17	N/2	320.000	$16,000
31	19	18	S/2	335.750	$16,800
32	19	19	E/2	335.750	$16,800
33	21	1	E/2	320.000	$ 4,800
34	21	1	W/2	320.000	$ 4,800
35	21	2	E/2	320.000	$ 4,800
36	21	2	W/2	320.000	$ 4,800
37	21	3	E/2	320.000	$ 4,800
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67	25	1	E/2	320.000	$ 4,800
68	25	1	W/2	320.000	$ 4,800
69	25	12	E/2	320.000	$ 4,800
70	25	12	W/2	320.000	$ 4,800
71	23	1	ALL	640.000	$ 9,600
72	23	2	ALL	640.000	$ 9,600
73	23	3	ALL	640.000	$ 9,600
74	23	4	ALL	640.000	$ 9,600
75	23	5	ALL	640.000	$ 9,600
76	23	6	ALL	640.000	$ 9,600
77	24	1	ALL	640.000	$ 9,600
78	24	2	ALL	640.000	$ 9,600
79	24	3	ALL	640.000	$ 9,600
80	24	4	ALL	640.000	$ 9,600
81	24	5	ALL	640.000	$ 9,600
82	24	6	ALL	640.000	$ 9,600
83	24	7	ALL	640.000	$ 9,600
84	24	8	ALL	640.000	$ 9,600
85	24	9	ALL	640.000	$ 9,600
86	24	10	ALL	640.000	$ 9,600
87	24	16	ALL	640.000	$ 9,600
88	24	17	ALL	640.000	$ 9,600
89	24	18	ALL	640.000	$ 9,600
90	24	19	ALL	640.000	$ 9,600
Reagan County					
91	7	7	S/2	319.750	$ 8,000
92	7	8	W/2	319.750	$ 8,000
93	7	16	N/2	319.750	$ 8,000
94	8	1	SE/4	162.050	$ 8,200
95	8	12	SE/4	162.050	$ 8,200
96	8	12	SW/4	162.050	$ 8,200
97	10	7	E/2	319.600	$16,000
Crockett County					
98	38	8	S/2	338.200	$ 8,500
99	38	13	N/2	338.200	$ 8,500
100	38	21	E/2	318.500	$ 8,000
101	38	26	S/2	341.350	$ 8,600
102	38	30	SW/4	159.250	$ 4,000
103	39	1	SW/4	159.250	$ 4,000
104	39	13	W/2	338.200	$ 8,500
Irion County					
105	40	10	SW/4	161.975	$ 4,100
106	40	15	NW/4	155.375	$ 3,900
Crockett and Irion Counties					
107	40	16	SE/4	155.375	$ 3,900
Crockett County					
108	40	21	NE/4	165.200	$ 4,200
109	41	13	S/2	353.150	$ 8,900
110	41	14	SE/4	165.200	$ 4,200
111	41	23	NE/4	165.200	$ 4,200
112	41	23	S/2	330.400	$ 8,300
113	41	24	N/2	353.150	$ 8,900
114	42	2	SE/4	165.200	$ 4,200
115	42	3	SW/4	165.200	$ 4,200
Crockett County					
116	42	10	NW/4	165.200	$ 4,200
117	42	13	W/2	350.900	$ 8,800
118	42	24	SW/4	171.025	$ 4,300
119	42	6	NE/4	178.575	$ 4,500
120	42	6	NW/4	178.575	$ 4,500
121	42	7	SE/4	178.575	$ 4,500
122	42	18	NE/4	178.575	$ 4,500
123	42	18	SE/4	178.575	$ 4,500
124	42	19	NE/4	176.350	$ 4,500
125	42	21	SE/4	163.300	$ 4,100
126	42	21	SW/4	163.300	$ 4,100
127	42	22	E/2	324.900	$ 8,200
128	44	7	NW/4	171.900	$ 4,300
129	44	8	NE/4	171.900	$ 4,300
130	44	10	S/2	343.800	$ 8,600
131	45	9	SE/4	171.900	$ 4,300
132	45	10	SW/4	169.550	$ 4,300
133	45	11	W/2	337.650	$ 8,500
134	45	12	NE/4	171.900	$ 4,300
135	45	12	SE/4	171.900	$ 4,300
136	45	18	NE/4	171.900	$ 4,300
137	45	18	SE/4	171.900	$ 4,300
138	45	19	NW/4	171.900	$ 4,300
139	45	19	SW/4	171.900	$ 4,300
140	45	19	SE/4	171.900	$ 4,300
141	45	20	NW/4	168.825	$ 4,300
142	45	21	E/2	337.650	$ 8,500
143	45	22	N/2	343.800	$ 8,600
144	45	30	SE/4	163.900	$ 4,100
145	47	17	S/2	343.800	$17,200
146	47	24	N/2	343.800	$17,200
147	55	9	NW/4	165.875	$ 4,200
148	55	9	SW/4	165.875	$ 4,200
Schleicher County					
149	55	11	SE/4	165.875	$ 4,200
Crockett and Schleicher Counties					
150	55	12	SE/4	165.875	$ 4,200
Crockett County					
151	55	16	SE/4	172.075	$ 4,400
152	55	16	SW/4	172.075	$ 4,400
Crockett and Schleicher Counties					
153	55	19	NE/4	165.875	$ 4,200
Crockett County					
154	55	25	NE/4	171.625	$ 4,300
155	55	25	NW/4	171.625	$ 4,300
Schleicher County					
156	54	15	NW/4	165.875	$ 4,200
157	54	15	SW/4	165.875	$ 4,200
158	54	16	SE/4	165.875	$ 4,200
159	54	17	SW/4	165.875	$ 4,200
160	54	24	NW/4	165.875	$ 4,200
161	54	25	NE/4	165.875	$ 4,200
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BOARD FOR LEASE OF UNIVERSITY LANDS

FRONTIER OIL AND GAS LEASE SALE NO. 93-A

LEASE TERMS

- **Primary Term:** 10 years
- **Delay Rentals:** 10¢/acre/year for years two through five
  20¢/acre/year for years six through ten
- **Royalty Rate:** 3/16
- **Severance:** Three years after the expiration of the primary term, the lease will terminate (i) as to all acreage not located within a proration or spacing unit of a well producing oil and/or gas in paying quantities and (ii) for any retained proration or spacing unit(s), all depths below 100 feet below the total depth of the deepest well drilled on the lease
- **Additional terms and conditions**: Applicable lease form will be available from West Texas Operations or the web site in March 1998 following approval of the form by the Board
- **Bonus and 1.5% Sale Fee;** Remit separate checks payable TO "BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM." Time or Sight Drafts will NOT be accepted
- **Minimum Bid:** Each bonus must equal or exceed the minimum bid as stated in the Tract List. Calculations for the required minimum bids are based on $2 per acre and rounded up to the next $1.00
- **Production Records:** Prospective bidders may inspect records concerning production of wells on University Lands at the Office of University Lands, 808 West Wall Street, Midland, Texas

Note: To encourage geophysical exploration in frontier areas, the Board of Regents approved a damage rate for geophysical operations in frontier areas of one-half of the current applicable rate.

Visit our Web Site: http://www.utlands.utsystem.edu/ogmi/nextsale.html

This is a list of lands to be offered for lease at the subject Oil and Gas Lease Sale.

Tract	County	Block	Section	Acres	Min. Bid
1	Hudspeth	A	6	696.400	$ 1397.00
2	Hudspeth	A	7	686.700	$ 1374.00
3	Hudspeth	A	18	686.700	$ 1374.00
4	Hudspeth	A	19	686.700	$ 1374.00
5	Hudspeth	A	30	686.700	$ 1374.00
6	Hudspeth	A	31	686.700	$ 1374.00
7	Hudspeth	A	40	686.700	$ 1374.00
8	Hudspeth	A	41	686.700	$ 1374.00
9	Hudspeth	A	42	686.700	$ 1374.00
10	Hudspeth	A	43	686.700	$ 1374.00
11	Hudspeth	A	44	686.700	$ 1374.00
12	Hudspeth	A	45	686.700	$ 1374.00
13	Hudspeth	B	3	684.100	$ 1368.00
14	Hudspeth	B	4	684.900	$ 1370.00
15	Hudspeth	B	9	686.700	$ 1374.00
16	Hudspeth	B	10	686.700	$ 1374.00
17	Hudspeth	B	13	686.700	$ 1374.00
18	Hudspeth	B	14	686.700	$ 1374.00
19	Hudspeth	B	15	686.700	$ 1374.00
20	Hudspeth	B	16	686.700	$ 1374.00
21	Hudspeth	B	21	686.700	$ 1374.00
22	Hudspeth	B	22	686.700	$ 1374.00
23	Hudspeth	B	23	686.700	$ 1374.00
24	Hudspeth	B	24	686.700	$ 1374.00
25	Hudspeth	B	25	686.700	$ 1374.00
26	Hudspeth	B	26	686.700	$ 1374.00
27	Hudspeth	B	27	686.700	$ 1374.00
28	Hudspeth	B	28	686.700	$ 1374.00
29	Hudspeth	B	33	686.700	$ 1374.00
30	Hudspeth	B	34	686.700	$ 1374.00
31	Hudspeth	B	35	686.700	$ 1374.00
32	Hudspeth	B	36	686.700	$ 1374.00
33	Hudspeth	B	37	686.700	$ 1374.00
34	Hudspeth	B	38	686.700	$ 1374.00
35	Hudspeth	B	39	686.700	$ 1374.00
36	Hudspeth	B	40	686.700	$ 1374.00
37	Hudspeth	B	45	686.700	$ 1374.00
38	Hudspeth	B	46	686.700	$ 1374.00
39	Hudspeth	B	47	686.700	$ 1374.00
40	Hudspeth	B	48	686.700	$ 1374.00
41	Hudspeth	C	1	607.600	$ 1216.00
42	Hudspeth	C	2	770.300	$ 1641.00
43	Hudspeth	C	3	773.100	$ 1547.00
44	Hudspeth	C	4	775.800	$ 1552.00
45	Hudspeth	C	5	778.300	$ 1557.00
46	Hudspeth	C	6	780.800	$ 1562.00
47	Hudspeth	C	7	682.300	$ 1365.00
48	Hudspeth	C	8	682.200	$ 1365.00
49	Hudspeth	C	9	682.400	$ 1365.00
50	Hudspeth	C	10	682.400	$ 1365.00
51	Hudspeth	C	11	682.300	$ 1365.00
52	Hudspeth	C	12	682.500	$ 1365.00
53	Hudspeth	C	13	686.700	$ 1374.00
54	Hudspeth	C	14	686.700	$ 1374.00
55	Hudspeth	C	15	686.700	$ 1374.00
56	Hudspeth	C	16	686.700	$ 1374.00
57	Hudspeth	C	17	686.700	$ 1374.00
58	Hudspeth	C	18	551.800	$ 1104.00
59	Hudspeth	C	19	541.100	$ 1083.00
60	Hudspeth	C	20	686.700	$ 1374.00
61	Hudspeth	C	21	686.700	$ 1374.00
62	Hudspeth	C	22	686.700	$ 1374.00
63	Hudspeth	C	23	686.700	$ 1374.00
64	Hudspeth	C	24	686.700	$ 1374.00
65	Hudspeth	C	25	686.700	$ 1374.00
66	Hudspeth	C	26	686.700	$ 1374.00
67	Hudspeth	C	27	686.700	$ 1374.00
68	Hudspeth	C	28	686.700	$ 1374.00
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70	Hudspeth	C	30	543.600	$ 1088.00
71	Hudspeth	C	31	546.000	$ 1092.00
72	Hudspeth	C	32	686.700	$ 1374.00
73	Hudspeth	C	33	686.700	$ 1374.00
74	Hudspeth	C	34	686.700	$ 1374.00
75	Hudspeth	C	35	686.700	$ 1374.00
76	Hudspeth	C	36	686.700	$ 1374.00
77	Hudspeth	C	37	686.700	$ 1374.00
78	Hudspeth	C	38	686.700	$ 1374.00
79	Hudspeth	C	39	686.700	$ 1374.00
80	Hudspeth	C	40	686.700	$ 1374.00
81	Hudspeth	C	41	686.700	$ 1374.00
82	Hudspeth	C	42	548.500	$ 1097.00
83	Hudspeth	C	43	550.900	$ 1102.00
84	Hudspeth	C	44	686.700	$ 1374.00
85	Hudspeth	C	45	686.700	$ 1374.00
86	Hudspeth	C	46	686.700	$ 1374.00
87	Hudspeth	C	47	686.700	$ 1374.00
88	Hudspeth	C	48	686.700	$ 1374.00
89	Hudspeth	C	49	686.700	$ 1374.00
90	Hudspeth	C	50	686.700	$ 1374.00
91	Hudspeth	C	51	686.700	$ 1374.00
92	Hudspeth	C	52	686.700	$ 1374.00
93	Hudspeth	C	53	686.700	$ 1374.00
94	Hudspeth	C	54	553.400	$ 1107.00
95	Hudspeth	D	1	574.500	$ 1149.00
96	Hudspeth	D	2	709.600	$ 1420.00
97	Hudspeth	D	3	709.600	$ 1420.00
98	Hudspeth	D	4	709.600	$ 1420.00
99	Hudspeth	D	5	709.600	$ 1420.00
100	Hudspeth	D	6	709.600	$ 1420.00
101	Hudspeth	D	7	709.600	$ 1420.00
102	Hudspeth	D	8	709.600	$ 1420.00
103	Hudspeth	D	9	709.600	$ 1420.00
104	Hudspeth	D	10	709.600	$ 1420.00
105	Hudspeth	D	11	709.600	$ 1420.00
106	Hudspeth	D	12	577.100	$ 1155.00
107	Hudspeth	D	13	579.800	$ 1160.00
108	Hudspeth	D	14	709.600	$ 1420.00
109	Hudspeth	D	15	709.600	$ 1420.00
110	Hudspeth	D	16	709.600	$ 1420.00
111	Hudspeth	D	17	709.600	$ 1420.00
112	Hudspeth	D	18	709.600	$ 1420.00
113	Hudspeth	D	19	709.600	$ 1420.00
114	Hudspeth	D	20	709.600	$ 1420.00
115	Hudspeth	D	21	709.600	$ 1420.00
116	Hudspeth	D	22	709.600	$ 1420.00
117	Hudspeth	D	23	709.600	$ 1420.00
118	Hudspeth	D	24	582.400	$ 1165.00
119	Hudspeth	D	25	585.100	$ 1171.00
120	Hudspeth	D	26	709.600	$ 1420.00
121	Hudspeth	D	29	709.600	$ 1420.00
122	Hudspeth	D	30	709.600	$ 1420.00
123	Hudspeth	D	31	709.600	$ 1420.00
124	Hudspeth	D	32	709.600	$ 1420.00
125	Hudspeth	D	35	709.600	$ 1420.00
126	Hudspeth	D	36	587.700	$ 1176.00
127	Hudspeth	D	37	590.400	$ 1181.00
128	Hudspeth	D	38	709.600	$ 1420.00
129	Hudspeth	D	39	709.600	$ 1420.00
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132	Hudspeth	D	42	709.600	$ 1420.00
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162	Hudspeth	E	28	709.600	$ 1420.00
163	Hudspeth	E	29	709.600	$ 1420.00
164	Hudspeth	E	30	709.600	$ 1420.00
165	Hudspeth	E	31	709.600	$ 1420.00
166	Hudspeth	E	32	709.600	$ 1420.00
167	Hudspeth	E	33	709.600	$ 1420.00
168	Hudspeth	E	34	709.600	$ 1420.00
169	Hudspeth	E	35	709.600	$ 1420.00
170	Hudspeth	E	36	709.600	$ 1420.00
171	Hudspeth	E	37	709.600	$ 1420.00
172	Hudspeth	E	38	709.600	$ 1420.00
173	Hudspeth	E	39	709.600	$ 1420.00
174	Hudspeth	E	40	709.600	$ 1420.00
175	Hudspeth	E	41	709.600	$ 1420.00
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180	Hudspeth	E	46	709.600	$ 1420.00
181	Hudspeth	E	47	709.600	$ 1420.00
182	Hudspeth	E	48	709.600	$ 1420.00
183	Hudspeth	F	3	709.600	$ 1420.00
184	Hudspeth	F	4	709.600	$ 1420.00
185	Hudspeth	F	5	709.600	$ 1420.00
186	Hudspeth	F	6	709.600	$ 1420.00
187	Hudspeth	F	7	709.600	$ 1420.00
188	Hudspeth	F	8	709.600	$ 1420.00
189	Hudspeth	F	9	709.600	$ 1420.00
190	Hudspeth	F	10	709.600	$ 1420.00
191	Hudspeth	F	13	709.600	$ 1420.00
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193	Hudspeth	F	15	709.600	$ 1420.00
194	Hudspeth	F	16	709.600	$ 1420.00
195	Hudspeth	F	17	709.600	$ 1420.00
196	Hudspeth	F	18	709.600	$ 1420.00
197	Hudspeth	F	19	709.600	$ 1420.00
198	Hudspeth	F	20	709.600	$ 1420.00
199	Hudspeth	F	21	709.600	$ 1420

Year	Number of Stripper Oil Wells	Stripper Oil Production (M BBLS)	Pluggings/ Abandonments	Average Daily Production Per Well (BBLS)
1987	451,787	446,837	18,241	2.71
1988	454,150	442,800	17,423	2.66
1989	452,589	386,916	16,107	2.34
1990	463,854	383,197	17,235	2.26
1991	462,823	377,288	17,584	2.23
1992	453,277	368,410	16,211	2.23
1993	452,248	355,961	16,914	2.16
1994	442,500	339,930	17,896	2.10
1995	434,422	333,125	17,120	2.10
1996	433,171	352,442	17,023	2.22

The above chart shows national information on the number of stripper oil wells and stripper well production during the past 10 years. The number of stripper wells, those with production of 10 barrels of oil per day or less, has been declining.

PITTS: All hail the marginal wells

enacted tax incentives to keep stripper wells commercially viable as long as possible. The average stripper well in 1996 produced only 2.2 barrels per day. And, when a well becomes uneconomical in today's market, the new thinking is to preserve the well bore for a time when it may once again, with new economics or technology, become commercial.

What has caused the upturn for stripper production? There are many factors from new attitudes that resulted in life-giving incentives and regulation, to new technology, relatively stable oil prices and an industry focus on adding value to acquisitions and projects.

What about the downturn in oil prices? It will be interesting this time next year to see what impact lower oil prices have had on the stripper well population.

John Paul Pitts is the Oil Editor of the Midland Reporter-Telegram

Union Texas to buy Occidental De Hidrocarburos

HOUSTON - Union Texas Petroleum Holdings Inc. said it agreed to purchase Cia. Occidental de Hidrocarburos Inc. for $204.5 million, a move that will boost its 1998 petroleum production by 25 percent.

Occidental de Hidrocarburos, an unit of Occidental Petroleum Corp., operates the Desarrollo Zulia Occidental marginal field in Venezuelan for the country's state oil company, Petroleos de Venezuela SA. The sale, which could include additional payments of $90 million over the next six years based on oil prices, is expected to close within two weeks.

"The addition of the DZO unit will have a significant impact on the company by contributing immediately to our production profile and more than offsetting the anticipated production decline in 1998," Union Texas Chairman and CEO John Whitmire said of Desarrollo Zulia in a statement.

With the Zulia unit, Houston-based Union Texas' estimated production this year is expected to rise 25 percent to 50 million barrels of oil equivalent from 40 million barrels.

"It's a win-win situation for both companies," said oil company analyst Fadel Gheit at Fahnestock & Co. in New York. "Occidental needed to sell this asset, and Union Texas is making more and more of a bet on Venezuela."

Los-Angeles-based Occidental Chairman Ray R. Irani said the company sold its Venezuelan operations to help fund the purchase of the Elk Hills field in California and a stock repurchase program.

U.S. Rig Count

	This Wk.	Last Wk.	Last Yr
USA Land	839	834	N/A
USA Offshore	132	132	N/A
Canada	512	506	N/A
U.S. Directional	241	228	N/A
U.S. Horizontal	64	60	N/A
U.S. Gas	595	598	N/A
U.S. Oil	396	387	N/A

This information updated January 23, 1998

Permian Basin

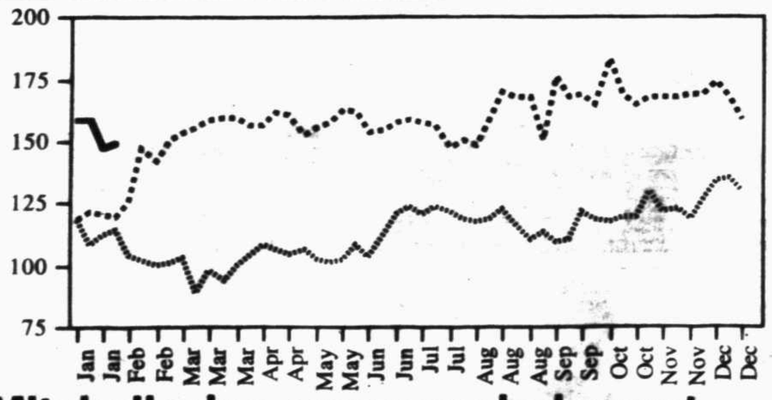
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Coke	00
Concho	00
Crockett	11
Irion	00
Kimble	00
McCullough	00
Menard	00
Reagan	05
Runnels	00
Schliecher	01
Sutton	02
Terrell	06
Tom Green	01
Upton	03

DIST. #8	
Andrews	05
Brewster	00
Crane	01
Culberson	00
Ector	01
El Paso	00
Glasscock	05
Howard	01
Hudspeth	00
Jeff Davis	00
Loving	01
Martin	02
Midland	20
Mitchell	00
Pecos	04
Presidio	00
Reeves	06
Sterling	00
Ward	05
Winkler	02

DIST. #8A	
Bailey	00
Borden	01
Cochran	00
Cottle	00
Crosby	00
Dawson	02
Dickens	00
Floyd	00
Gaines	06
Garza	03
Hale	00
Hockley	00
Kent	01
King	01
Lamb	00
Lubbock	00
Lynn	00
Motley	00
Scurry	01
Terry	01
Yoakum	03
TEXAS TOTAL	*101*

NEW MEXICO	
Chaves	00
Eddy	20
Lea	27
Roosevelt	01
N.M. TOTAL	*48*

Permian Basin Rig Count Profile



Mitchell wins summary judgment in North Texas water well case

THE WOODLANDS - A judge in the 271st District Court in Wise County, Texas, yesterday ordered the plaintiffs to "take nothing" from a subsidiary of Mitchell Energy & Development Corp. in the "Nelon" water well case. In granting summary judgment, the court ruled that all of the plaintiffs' claims are time barred by the statute of limitations and additionally, that plaintiffs' fraud, constructive fraud and fraudulent concealment claims are barred as a matter of law.

> 'We would hope this would put this matter to rest.'
> George P. Mitchell, Chairman

The Nelon case, which involved one North Texas family, had been set to go to trial on March 23, 1998.

The order is the third clear-cut ruling for Mitchell in ongoing litigation involving allegations by neighboring landowners that the company's Wise County oil and gas operations had harmed their water wells.

"With the Fort Worth Appeals Court's recent reversal of the Bartlett judgment as well as the all encompassing decision in our favor last May in the Bailey trial, we would hope that this latest ruling in Nelon would put all this litigation matter to rest once and for all," said George P. Mitchell, chairman and chief executive officer.

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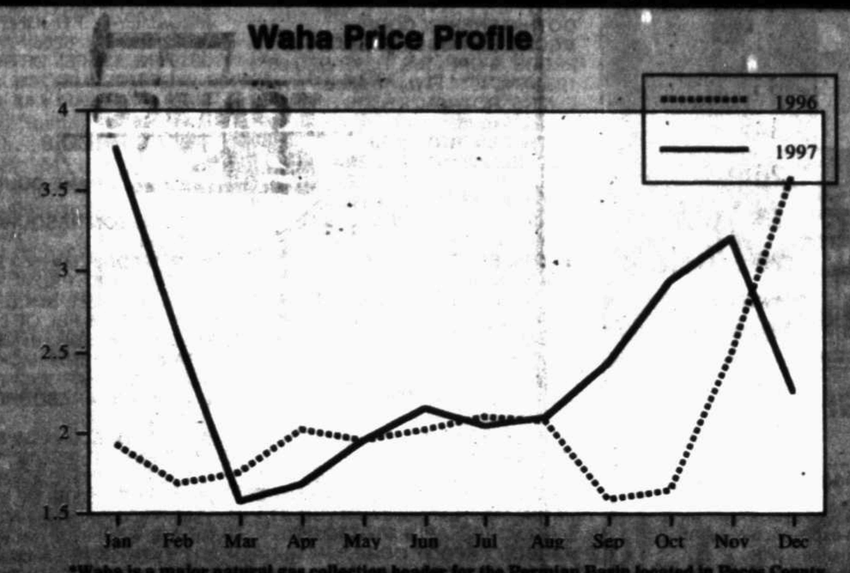
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Waha Averages

This month	Last Month
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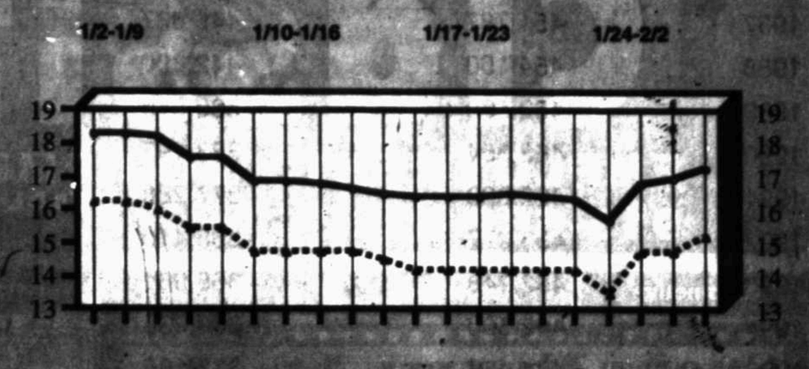
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- **Mid Continent** (Arkoma) $2.16
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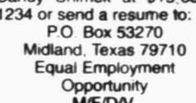
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MCCLELLAN MOC FEDERAL #12
PECOS SLOPE; T5S, R25E, SEC 28; 1980 FNL 1980 FWL; 18 MILES NW OF ELKINS; ROT 4050 PECOS SLOPE; API # 30-005-63163

GOTHIC ENERGY CORP
MCCLELLAN MOC FEDERAL #13
PECOS SLOPE; T5S, R25E, SEC 29; 1980 FNL 1980 FWL; 18 MILES NW OF ELKINS; ROT 4050 PECOS SLOPE; API # 30-005-63164

GOTHIC ENERGY CORP
M M FEDERAL #12
PECOS SLOPE; T9S, R26E, SEC 31; 1310 FSL 1310 FEL; 11 MILES NE OF ROSWELL; ROT 4600 ABO; API # 30-005-63162

EDDY COUNTY

GP II ENERGY INC
BRUNING FEDERAL #7
SQUARE LAKE; R16S, R31E, SEC 29; 2630 FNL 1240 FWL; 7.5 MILES NW OF MALJAMAR; ROT 2800 GRAYBURG SAN ANDRES; API # 30-015-29962

MARBOB ENERGY CORP
BURCH KEELY UT #284
GB-JACKSON; T17S, R29E, SEC 25; 660 FNL 2615 FWL; 3 MILES SW OF LOCO HILLS; ROT 4800 GRAYBURG SAN ANDRES; API # 30-015-29958

MARBOB ENERGY CORP
BURCH KEELY UT #283
GB-JACKSON; T17S, R29E, SEC 26; 1980 FNL 330 FWL; 4 MILES SW OF LOCO HILLS; ROT 4800 GRAYBURG SAN ANDRES; API # 30-015-29963

MARBOB ENERGY CORP
BURCH KEELY UT #857
GB-JACKSON; T17S, R29E, SEC 26; 1980 FNL 1295 FWL; 4 MILES SW OF LOCO HILLS; ROT 4800 GRAYBURG SAN ANDRES; API # 30-015-29955

ENRON OIL & GAS CO
STW 34 FED COM #1
SAND TANK; T17S, R29E, SEC 34; 1700 FNL 1650 FWL; 5 MILES SW OF LOCO HILLS; ROT 11800 SAND TANK; API # 30-015-29951

ENRON OIL & GAS CO
STW 35 FED COM #1
SAN TANK; T17S, R29E, SEC 35; 990 FSL 1650 FWL; 4 MILES SW OF LOCO HILLS; ROT 11900 SAND TANK; API # 30-015-29961

MARBOB ENERGY CORP
THUNDER ROAD FED #4
GRAYBURG; T17S, R30E, SEC 20; 330 FNL 1650 FEL; 1 MILE W OF LOCO HILLS; ROT 6000 PADDOCK; API # 30-015-29952

DEVON ENERGY CORP
TURNER "B" #137
GB-JACKSON; T17S, R31E, SEC 29; 75 FNL 2535 FWL; 5 MILES SE OF LOCO HILLS; ROT 3800 GRAYBURG SAN ANDRES; API # 30-015-29954

YATES PET CORP
PRESTON 35N FED COM #13
SOUTH DAGGER DRAW; T20S, R24E, SEC 35; 2230 FNL 1980 FWL; 12.5 MILES SW OF LAKEWOOD; ROT 8200 U/PENN; API # 30-015-29959

SANTA FE ENERGY RESOURCES IC
ROARING SPRINGS 14 FED #3
SO DAGGER DRAW; T21S, R23E, SEC 14; 990 FSL 990 FEL; 16 MILES SW OF LAKEWOOD; ROT 8400 U/PENN; API # 30-015-29956

FASKEN OIL AND RANCH LTD
CANERO FEDERAL #1
INDIAN BASIN; T23S, R24E, SEC 12; 500 FNL 2265 FWL; 10.5 MILES NW OF WHITE CITY; ROT 10350 MORROW; API # 30-015-29953

BK EXPL CORP
MCDONALD #1
SO CAULEBRA BLUFF; T23S, R28E, SEC 22; 780 FSL 1800 FEL; 2 MILES E OF LOVING; ROT 6750 BONG SPRING; API # 30-015-29960

LEA COUNTY

AMMONITE ENERGY TEXAS INC
SUNBURST STATE #1
SRR; T9S, R32E, SEC 14; 1980 FNL 510 FEL; 17.5 MILES NW OF CROSS-ROADS; ROT 9500 PENN; API # 30-025-34240

CHESAPEAKE OPER INC
RUNNESL "B" #1
NE SHOE BAR; T16S, R36E, SEC 8; 780 FSL 1510 FWL; 1 MILE SW OF LOVINGTON; ROT 12011 STRAWN; API # 30-025-34264

CHESAPEAKE OPER INC
SALBAR 16 #1
W LOVINGTON; T16S, R36E, SEC 16; 2456 FNL 1023 FWL; 3.5 MILES SW OF LOVINGTON; ROT 11875 STRAWN; API # 30-025-34263

XERIC OIL & GAS CORP
CAPPS FED #1
DK; T20S, R38E, SEC 24; 660 FNL 1980 FEL; 4.5 MILES SE OF NADINE; ROT 8000 ABO; API # 30-025-34267

CONOCO INC
MEYER B4 #32
HARDY; T21S, R36E, SEC 4; 990 FSL 660 FEL; .5 MILE N OF OIL CENTER; ROT 7050 TUBB/DRK; API # 30-025-34270

SANTA FE ENERGY RESOURCES INC
WHITE SWAN "9" FEDERAL #5
EAST LIVINGSTON RIDGE; T22S, R32E, SEC 9; 660 FNL 330 FEL; 10.5 MILES SE OF HALFWAY; ROT 7600 DELAWARE; API # 30-025-34268

BTA OIL PROD
GRAMA C 8817 JV-P #1
WEST OJO CHISO; T22S, R34E, SEC 21; 1980 FSL 660 FWL; 13 MILES NW OF OCHOA; ROT 13600 MORROW; API # 30-025-34266

TEXAS RRCD 7C

EDWARDS COUNTY

LOMAK PRODUCTION COMPANY
JACK MANN "26" #6
SAWYER-D; CCSD&RGNG RR CO/D. RABORN SUR, A-2358, SEC 26; 500 FNL 2150 FEL OF LSE; 500 FNL 2150 FEL OF SUR; 16.6 MILES SE OF SONORA; OBJ: 6200 (CANYON); PERMIT # 472047; API # 42-137-31415

SITTON COUNTY

GRUY PETROLEUM MANAGEMENT CO
NED DUNBAR #23
SAWYER-D; HE&WT RR CO SUR, A-426, BLK C, SEC 93; 755 FWL 1355 FNL OF LSE; 755 FWL 1355 FNL OF SUR; 8.9 MILES S OF SONORA; OBJ: 6500 (CANYON); PERMIT # 472312; API # 42-435-34783

UPTON COUNTY

BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS CO
MCCAMEY UNIT #1062
MCCAMEY-D; TC JONES #100 SUR, A-932; 1817 FNL 6546 FWL OF LSE; 4901 FNL 990 FEL OF SUR; 4.3 MILES NW OF MCCAMEY; OBJ: 2950; PERMIT # 468995; API # 42-461-33843

BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS CO
MCCAMEY UNIT #1040RW
MCCAMEY-D; T C JONES #100 SUR, A-932; 233 FNL 6206 FWL OF LSE; 3330 FNL 330 FEL OF SUR; 5 MILES NW OF MCCAMEY; OBJ: 2950; PERMIT # 467031; API # 42-461-33853

TEXAS RRCD 8

CRANE COUNTY

BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS CO
W. N. WADDELL #1553 ET AL
SAND HILLS-D; PSL/W. N. WADDELL & CO SUR, A-1271, BLK B-26, SEC 28; 4153 FSL 7265 FEL OF LSE; 1425 FNL 1985 FEL OF SUR; 18 MILES NW OF CRANE; OBJ: 3500 (MCKNIGHT); PERMIT # 472326; API # 42-103-34608

BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS CO
W. N. WADDELL #1552 ET AL
SAND HILLS-D; PSL/W. N. WADDELL & CO SUR, A-1271, BLK B-26, SEC 28; 2838 FSL 7265 FEL OF LSE; 2740 FNL 1985 FEL OF SUR; 18 MILES NW OF CRANE; OBJ: 3500 (MCKNIGHT); PERMIT # 472327; API # 42-103-34605

BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS CO
W. N. WADDELL #1550 ET AL
SAND HILLS-D; PSL/W. N. WADDELL & CO SUR, A-1272, BLK B-26, SEC 29; 2800 FSL 11235 FEL OF LSE; 2800 FSL 675 FEL OF SUR; 18 MILES NW OF CRANE; OBJ: 3500 (MCKNIGHT); PERMIT # 472328; API # 42-103-34609

BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS CO
W. N. WADDELL #1540 ET AL
SAND HILLS-D; PSL/W. N. WADDELL & CO SUR, A-1268, BLK B-26, SEC 21; 6230 FSL 5930 FEL OF LSE; 950 FSL 650 FEL OF SUR; 18 MILES NW OF CRANE; OBJ: 5000 (TUBB); PERMIT # 472329; API # 42-103-34610

BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS CO
W. N. WADDELL #1536 ET AL
SAND HILLS-D; PSL/W. N. WADDELL & CO SUR, A-1266, BLK B-26, SEC 19; 5350 FNL 15840 FEL OF LSE; 70 FNL 677 FEL OF SUR; 18 MILES NW OF CRANE; OBJ: 4950 (TUBB); PERMIT # 472330; API # 42-103-34611

BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS CO
W. N. WADDELL #1488 ET ALL
SAND HILLS-D; PSL/W. N. WADDELL & CO SUR, A-1271, BLK B-26, SEC 28; 2200 FSL 7965 FEL OF LSE; 2200 FSL 2593 FWL OF SUR; 18 MILES NW OF CRANE; OBJ: 4850 (TUBB); PERMIT # 472331; API # 42-103-34612

BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS CO
W. N. WADDELL #1557 ET AL
SAND HILLS-D; PSL/W. N. WADDELL & CO SUR, A-1256, BLK B-21, SEC 20; 6487 FSL 21390 FWL OF LSE; 1207 FSL 270 FWL OF SUR; 18 MILES NW OF CRANE; OBJ: 3600 (MCKNIGHT); PERMIT # 472325; API # 42-103-34607

BURLINGTON RESOURCES OIL & GAS
W. N. WADDELL #1559 ET AL
SAND HILLS-D; PSL/W. N. WADDELL & CO SUR, A-1257, BLK B-21, SEC 21; 4005 FSL 26161 FEL OF LSE; 1320 FNL 235 FWL OF SUR; 18 MILES NW OF CRANE; OBJ: 3600 (MCKNIGHT); PERMIT # 472324; API # 42-103-34606

ARCO PERMIAN
UNIVERSITY "47" #1
BLOCK 31-D; UL SUR, BLK 31, SEC 47; 467 FEL 467 FNL OF LSE; 467 FEL 467 FNL OF SUR; 5 MILES NW OF CRANE; OBJ: 3100 (QUEEN); PERMIT # 472262; API # 42-103-34603

MIDLAND COUNTY

ARCO PERMIAN
BRAUN "10" #4
PARKS-D; HORIZONTAL WELL; T&P RR CO/S. P. CROSS SUR, A-769, BLK 40, T3S, SEC 10; 745 FEL 1010 FSL OF LSE; 745 FEL 1010 FSL OF SUR; 12 MILES SSW OF MIDLAND; OBJ: 12500 (DEVONIAN); PERMIT # 470271; API # 42-329-33953

ARCO PERMIAN
BRAUN "10" #3
PARKS-D; HORIZONTAL WELL; T&P RR CO/S. P. CROSS SUR, A-769, BLK 40, T3S, SEC 10; 1830 FNL 660 FEL OF LSE; 1830 FNL 660 FEL OF SUR; 12 MILES SSW OF MIDLAND; OBJ: 12500 (DEVONIAN); PERMIT # 470270; API # 42-329-33952

ARCO PERMIAN
BRAUN "10" #2
PARKS-D; HORIZONTAL WELL; T&P RR CO/S. P. CROSS SUR, A-769, BLK 40, T3S, SEC 10; 1980 FSL 1140 FWL OF LSE; 1980 FSL 1140 FWL OF SUR; 10 MILES S OF MIDLAND; OBJ: 12500 (DEVONIAN); PERMIT # 467519; API # 42-329-33904

PECOS COUNTY

SHENANDOAH PETROLEUM CORP
UNIVERSITY "10" #1
PHIL HAYES-REENTER; UL SUR, BLK 16, SEC 10; 330 FNL 660 FWL OF LSE; 990 FSL 660 FWL OF SUR; 5 MILES NE OF BAKERSFIELD; OBJ: 6900 (CISCO); PERMIT # 472225; API # 42-371-32593

STERLING COUNTY

R. C. BENNETT COMPANY
BADE #C 8
CONGER-D; H&TC RR CO/H. BADE SUR, A-792, BLK 22, SEC 22; 660 FNL 1980 FWL OF LSE; 660 FNL 1980 FWL OF SUR; 11 MILES W OF STERLING CITY; OBJ: 8420 (PENN); PERMIT # 472357; API # 42-431-32918

R. C. BENNETT COMPANY
BADE #C 7
CONGER-D; H&TC RR CO/H. BADE SUR, A-792, BLK 22,,SEC 22; 660 FNL 660 FEL OF LSE; 660 FNL 660 FEL OF SUR; 11 MILES W OF STERLING CITY; OBJ: 8420 (PENN); PERMIT # 472356; API # 42-431-32917

UPTON COUNTY

TEXACO E&P INC
JFP #1
CONCHO BLUFF, NORTH-D; T&P RR CO/E. G. DURHAM SUR, A-1207, BLK 42, T4S, SEC 26; 1695 FNL 1725 FWL OF LSE; 1695 FNL 1725 FWL OF SUR; 25 MILES W OF MIDKIFF; OBJ: 4300 (QUEEN); PERMIT # 472354; API # 42-461-33889

WINKLER COUNTY

SOUTHWEST ROYALTIES INC
S. M. HALLEY #74W
HALLEY-REENTER; PSL/S.M. HALLEY SUR, A-1512, BLK B-11, SEC 16; 6270 FSL 3630 FWL OF LSE; 990 FSL 1810 FEL OF SUR; 10 MILES S OF KERMIT; OBJ: 2640; PERMIT # 471709; API # 42-495-04667

NAMEDROPPERS

HIRAM HUBERT has been named Associate Business Partnering Coordinator for Texaco's Permian Basin operations, according to Richard J. Schneider, Permian Basin Business Unit Manager. A 1973 graduate of Sul Ross State University at Alpine and a 17 year production supervisor with Texaco, Hubert will be Texaco's primary contact for minority and women contractors. He will be based in Midland.

Ref-Chem Corporation President and Chief Operating Officer announced three promotions.

S.C. "TREY" MYERS, III has been promoted to the position of vice president of construction. He will continue to manage the field construction efforts and assume management of the estimating and project controls groups. Myers is a graduate of Texas A&M with a B.S. Degree and over 20 years of experience in both commercial and industrial construction. He has been with Ref-Chem since 1991 and was previously Manager of construction before his promotion.


Myers


Adams

JOHN ADAMS has been promoted to the position of vice president of administration. He will continue to manage human resources and safety and assume the responsibility for the accounting and purchasing groups. He is a graduate of The University of Texas at El Paso with a BBA in accounting. Adams was previously manager of human resources and has been with Ref-Chem since 1995.


Wirshing

ROD W. WIRSHING is being promoted to manager of maintenance and will be responsible for coordinating all maintenance activities and turnaround planning. Wirshing's previous position was manager of projects. He has a B.S. degree in chemical engineering from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and over 23 years experience in managing projects and maintenance programs. He has been employed with Ref-Chem since 1993.

DALLAS - **MARK E. HUFF III**, formerly with Delhi Gas Pipeline and Mobil Exploration, has joined Dallas-based Crosstex Energy Services, Inc. as vice president with responsibility for engineering operations and project development in Delhi's West Texas region and, prior to that, their East and South Texas regions. Prior to joining Delhi, Mark was ann engineer in Mobil's East Texas and South Texas districts.

HOUSTON - Apache Corporation announced the appointment of **BILL MINTZ** to director of public and international affairs. He will be responsible for the corporation's media relations and financial writing.

He was a reporter and business writer for the Houston Chronicle for 17 years. For seven years, he was assigned to the newspaper's Washington Bureau, where he covered energy and other business issues. He attended the University of Texas at Austin. He will report to Tony Lentini, vice president for public and international affairs.

LAS VEGAS - **GEORGE C. BIEHL**, chief financial officer and corporate secretary for Southwest Gas Corporation, has been elected to the company's Board of Directors, according to Michael 0. Maffie, Southwest's president and chief executive officer. Biehl, 50, joined Southwest Gas in 1990 as senior vice president and chief financial officer after serving as the chief financial officer for PriMerit Bank for five years.

MEETINGS

Lee Hinman, manager of Environmental Engineering at Western Gas Resources, will speak on "Texas Regulatory Changes for 1998" at the January 29 meeting of the **NATURAL GAS PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION**. The meeting will be held at 11:45 a.m. at the Petroleum Club of Midland. Call Marcy Rissler at Griffin Energy, 687-1042, for reservations.

The next meeting of the **TRANS-PECOS SECTION OF THE SOCIETY OF PETROLEUM ENGINEERS** will be held Tuesday, February 10, at 11:30 a.m. at the Odessa Country Club. Matthew J. Mikulich, corporation chief geophysicist and principal technical advisor for Chevron Petroleum Technology Company, will make a presentation entitled "The Use of 3D Seismic Data in Determining Proved Reserves. Cost is $15 per person.

WILDCATS

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TEXAS RRCD 8

GLASSOCK COUNTY

MEWBOURNE OIL CO
GARDEN CITY "6" #3
WILDCAT-D; T&P RR CO/S. M. PIKE SUR, A-848, BLK 34, T4S, SEC 6; 50 FNL 50 FWL OF LSE; 675 FNL 2087 FWL OF SUR; OBJ: 8200; PERMIT # 469500; API # 42-173-32838
MEWBOURNE OIL CO
CALVERLEY "A" 37
WILDCAT-D; T&P RR CO SUR, A-238, BLK 34, T3S, SEC 43; 854 FSL 1050 FEL OF LSE; 854 FSL 1050 FEL OF SUR; 6 MILES NW OF GARDEN CITY; OBJ: 8200; PERMIT # 469559; API # 42-173-32839

STERLING COUNTY

TEXACO E&P INC
STERLING "E" FEE #11
WILDCAT-RECOMP; T&P RR CO SUR, A-558, BLK 31, T5S, SEC 13; 3000 FSL 1200 FEL OF LSE; 3000 FSL 1200 FEL OF SUR; 11 MILES SW OF STERLING CITY; OBJ: 8106; PERMIT # 472296; API # 42-431-31166

TEXAS RRCD 8A

DICKENS COUNTY

LOUIS DREYFUS NATURAL GAS CORP
PITCHFORK-TOREADOR LH #1103
WILDCAT-D; R. M. THOMPSON SUR, A-533, BLK AB, SEC 11; 1710 FNL 3906 FWL OF LSE; 1710 FNL 1266 FWL OF SUR; 12 MILES E OF SPUR; OBJ: 4150; PERMIT # 472402; API # 42-125-30687
LOUIS DREYFUS NATURAL GAS CORP
PITCHFORK-TOREADOR SH #501
WILDCAT-D; J. S. CALLOWARY SUR, A-450, BLK AS, SEC 5; 545 FNL 2625 FWL OF LSE; 545 FNL 2625 FWL OF SUR; 14 MILES E OF SPUR; OBJ: 4200; PERMIT # 472401; API # 42-125-30688

GAINES COUNTY

BROWNING OL COMPANY INC
JONES RANCH #5
WILDCAT-D; PSL/G. F. KLEBOLD SUR, A-537, BLK A-7, SEC 22; 833 FNL 1402 FWL OF LSE; 833 FNL 1402 FWL OF SUR; 12 MILES SW OF DENVER CITY; OBJ: 7000; PERMIT # 471673; API # 42-165-35319

GARZA COUNTY

YATES ENERGY CORPORATION
ROCKINGHORSE "944" 2
WILDCAT-D; H&TC RR CO/E. KELLY SUR, A-909, BLK 97, SEC 944; 551 FWL 2725 FSL OF LSE; 552 FWL 2725 FSL OF SUR; 6 MILES NW OF JUSTICEBURG; OBJ: 8400; PERMIT # 472192; API # 42-169-33503

HOCKLEY COUNTY

WHEELER OPERATING CORP
VERNA MUSSLEWHITE #1
WILDCAT-D; WICHITA CSL, LGE 17, LAB 15, A-140; 750 FSL 2200 FWL OF LSE; 750 FSL 2200 FWL OF SUR; 4 MILES E OF LEVELLAND; OBJ: 10400; PERMIT # 472297; API # 42-219-36407

KING COUNTY

MIDLAND OIL AND GAS INC
MAID MARION #1
WILDCAT-D; JOHN F. HEATH SUR, A-331; 861 FSL 994 FWL OF LSE; 861 FSL 4342 FWL OF SUR; 1.6 MILES NW OF GROW; OBJ: 4700; PERMIT # 472314; API # 42-269-32304

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LEA COUNTY

LAYTON ENTERPRISES INC
EL ZORRO G FEDERAL #2
ALLISON; T9S, R36E, SEC 1; 2180 FNL 880 FWL; EL: 4046 GL; SPUD 8/26/97; COMP 12/31/97; TD 12369, PBTD 12369; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH OH PERFS 12345 TO 12369; IPP 186 BOPD, MCF-TSTM, 0 BWPD; API # 30-025-33566
YATES PET CORP
BUFFALO ARU STATE COM #1
TOWNSEND; T16S, R35E, SEC 18; 1980 FSL 1945 FWL; REENTRY OF SKELLY OIL CO, BUFFALO ST C #1, P&A, OLD TD 12647; EL: 4055 DF; REENTERED 9/27/97; COMP 10/24/97; TD 13647, PBTD 13261; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 12895 TO 12950; IPF 1630 MCFD; API # 30-025-02801

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CROCKETT COUNTY

UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES COMPANY
#36H MONTGOMERY, W.C.
HUNT-BAGGETT, W (STRAWN); 6-J GC&SF RR CO SUR; 300 FNL 1800 FWL; 11 MILES SW OF OZONA; EL: 2438 GR; CONTR: COUGAR DRLG; TD 10990, 9174 TVD, PBTD 10913; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 10120 TO 10780; IP CAOF 2471 MCFD
LOUIS DREYFUS NATURAL GAS CORP
#6902 MCMULLAN RANCH "A"
WHITEHEAD (STRAWN); 22-J W FRIEND SUR, A-4802; 4750 FNLYSL 353 FSLYEL; 15 MILES SE OF OZONA; EL: 2245 GR; CONTR: PATTERSON DRLG; TD 8900, PBTD 8880; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 8470 TO 8670; IP CAOF 1738 MCFD

MCCULLOCH COUNTY

PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES
#2 W. W. WEST
CODY BELL (CANYON); 47-TT TC RR CO SUR; 1980 FNL 660 FWL; 11.8 MILES N OF ELDORADO; EL: 2392 GR; CONTR: LAKOTA DRLG; TD 6350, PBTD 6328; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 5975 TO 6067; IP CAOF 860 MCFD

REAGAN COUNTY

AUTRY C STEPHENS
#3 ROACH
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); 192-2 T&P RR CO SUR; 1980 FNL 2310 FEL; 25 MILES NE OF BIG LAKE; EL: 2631 GR; CONTR: BIG DOG DRLG; TD 8350, PBTD 8299; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 5810 TO 8126; IPP 25 BOPD, 43 MCFD, 96 BWPD

SCHLEICHER COUNTY

LOUIS DREYFUS NATURAL GAS CORP
#2 SPENCER "174"
SAWYER (CANYON); 174 A HE&WT RR CO SUR; 1320 FNL 1320 FWL; 10 MILES SW OF ELDORADO; EL: 2400 GR; CONTR: PATTERSON DRLG; TD 7841, PBTD 7200; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 6706 TO 6728; IP CAOF 82 MCFD

SUTTON COUNTY

LOUIS DREYFUS NATURAL GAS CORP
#7 W B MCMILLAN "10"
SAWYER (CANYON); 10-C HE&WT RR CO SUR; 2200 FSL 2200 FEL; 14 MILES SE OF SONORA; EL: 2252 GR; CONTR: PATTERSON DRLG; TD 5800, PBTD 5595; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 5168 TO 5294; IP CAOF 366 MCFD
LOUIS DREYFUS NATURAL GAS CORP
#9 SHURLEY "111"
SAWYER (CANYON); 111-B HE&WT RR CO SUR; 250 FSL 1900 FEL; 14 MILES SE OF SONORA; EL: 2250 GR; CONTR: PATTERSON DRLG; TD 7231, PBTD 6685; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 6110 TO 6366; IP CAOF 127 MCFD

UPTON COUNTY

MOBIL PRODUCING TX & NM
#1706 PEGASUS FIELD UNIT #3
PEGASUS (CANYON); 36-41-4S T&P RR CO SUR, 1980 FNL 1984 FWL; 18 MILES SE OF ODESSA; EL: 2878 GR; TD 13172, PBTD 10280; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 10112 TO 10136; IPF 13 BOPD, 295 MCFD, 20 BWPD
MOBIL PRODUCING TX & NM
#2404 PEGASUS FIELD UNIT #3
PEGASUS (DEVONIAN); 37-41 T&P RR CO SUR, 660 FSL 660 FEL; 18 MILES SE OF ODESSA; EL: 2865 GR; TD 13221, PBTD 12580; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 11760 TO 11950; IP CAOF 5077 MCFD

TEXAS RRCD 8

ANDREWS COUNTY

BROADWAY OPERATING COMPANY
UNIVERSITY "W" #3
N COWDEN; UL SUR, BLK 9, SEC 35; 1645 FNL 9076 FEL OF UNIT; 15 MILES SW OF ANDREWS; EL: 3116 GR; CONTR: ROD RIC; SPUD 7/23/97; COMP 7/31/97; TD 4763, PBTD 4759; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 4662 TO 4710; IPP 3.7 BOPD, 2 MCFD, 62.5 BWPD; PERMIT # 464225; API # 42-003-38238
LOMAK PRODUCTION COMPANY
WEST FUHRMAN-MASCHO UNIT #120
FUHRMAN-MASCHO; PSL SUR, BLK A-42, SEC 18; 3950 FNL 3989 FEL OF UNIT; 11 MILES SW OF ANDREWS; EL: 3207; CONTR: SITTON DRLG; SPUD 1/3/97; COMP 1/11/97; TD 4700, PBTD 4663; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURE TREATED PERFS 4540 TO 4608; IPP 72 BOPD, 10 MCFD, 48 BWPD; PERMIT # 454409; API # 42-003-38033
LOMAK PRODUCTION COMPANY
BLOCK 10 FUHRMAN-MASCHO UNIT #303
FUHRMAN-MASCHO; PSL SUR, BLK 10, SEC 26; 35550 FSL 3824 FEL OF UNIT; 13 MILES SW OF ANDREWS; EL: 3199 GL; CONTR: SITTON DRLG; SPUD 1/4/97; COMP 1/12/97; TD 4717, PBTD 4674; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURE TREATED PERFS 4428 TO 4502; IPP 60 BOPD, 8 MCFD, 142 BWPD; API # 42-003-38116

ECTOR COUNTY

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP
TXL SOUTH UNIT #2706
TXL (TUBB); T&P RR CO SUR, A-707, BLK 45, SEC 46; 3971 FNL 1196 FEL OF UNIT; 6 MILES SE OF NOTREES; EL: 3198; CONTR: V&B; SPUD 4/23/97; COMP 5/5/97; TD 6750, PBTD 6691; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURE TREATED PERFS 5540 TO 6636; IPP 29 BOPD, 1 MCFD, 325 BWPD; PERMIT # 454739; API # 42-135-37344
RUST OIL CORP
COWDEN RANCH "56" #1
COWDEN (CISCO); T&P RR CO SUR, BLK 43, SEC 6; 560 FSL 990 FWL OF

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Schlumberger Geco-Prakla has been awarded a contract to conduct a giant 3-D survey in Kazakhstan. The survey, which covers 1155 square kilometers, over the giant Tengiz field, will be the largest 3-D project ever awarded in the CIS. The survey, which began in December, is expected to take 12 months to complete. The Tengiz field, operated by the Tengizchevroil joint venture, has estimated reserves of 6-9 billion barrels of oil, with production that is expected to reach 185,000 bopd by the end of the year. Partners in the development of the field are the Republic of Kazakhstan, 25 percent; Chevron, 45 percent; Mobil, 25 percent and LukArco, 5 percent.

Trans-Orient Petroleum awarded exploration block in Timor Sea

VANCOUVER, British Columbia - Trans-Orient Petroleum Ltd. is pleased to announce that in a close competition with other international oil companies, it is a member of a consortium which has been awarded Block AC97-3, in the Australian-controlled sector of the Timor Sea.

Trans-Orient will hold a 35% interest in Block AC97-3, which covers an area of 405 square kilometers (101,250 acres) and is located on the eastern flank of the oil-rich Vulcan Graben, approximately 200 km offshore from the West Australia coastline. Virtually all surrounding acreage is tightly held, and companies holding concessions in this area of the Timor Sea include Shell, Chevron, Mobil, Texaco and many other major explorers.

A number of oil fields have been discovered in the area in recent years. These fields are all distinguished by their excellent reservoir quality, which ensures that high oil production rates can be maintained. Several of the fields have continued in highly profitable production over the last decade, and several hundred million barrels of reserves have been established.

The area is, however, still lightly explored, and recent advances in technology, in particular 3D seismic, are likely to generate a new discovery wave. At the present time, the "Onnia" 3D seismic survey, reputed to be the world's largest 3D spec survey, is being acquired over a large area of the Vulcan Basin and its surroundings, including all of the Block AC97-3 area, as well as part of Block AC/P19 further north, which is operated by an associated group company, Indo-Pacific Energy . This survey will improve explorers' ability to identify exploration targets into a new dimension, and is likely to stimulate the drilling of numerous new prospects, resulting in the probable establishment of further oil fields in this oil-rich area. More than 70 exploration wells are scheduled to be drilled in this area over the next three years, making it one of the world's most active exploration areas.

Trans-Orient has already identified two drillable prospects and several high-potential exploration leads within Block AC97-3, and confidently expects further possibilities to be revealed when the 3D seismic is acquired. The permit holders are obligated to drill a well before the end of year three of the permit term; and the first three-year commitment will require expenditures of about US$5 million.

Trans-Orient also advises that in ZOCA 96-16, its other 670,000-acre Timor Sea permit to the north, where it holds a 33% interest, an extensive technical review of 7,500 kilometers of existing seismic together with all relevant existing wells was conducted by independent petroleum consultants RobSearch Australia for the joint venture, and has defined 14 prospects and leads in the permit. Of these, the major prospects were estimated by RobSearch to have the potential to cumulatively reservoir more than 1 billion barrels of oil reserves. Discussions are in progress with major industry companies to fund exploration wells on one or more of the major prospects later in the year.

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UNIT; 4 MILES W OF ODESSA; EL: 2999 GR; CONTR: PATTERSON DRLG; SPUD 11/3/97; COMP 11/30/97; TD 9500, PBTD 9460; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 8910 TO 8915; IPP 88 BOPD, 112 MCFD, 10 BWPD; PERMIT # 467826; API # 42-135-37545

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GLASSCOCK "AK" UNIT #1
GARDEN CITY, S. (SPRABERRY); T&P RR CO SUR, BLK 33, T4S, SEC 43; 1185 FSL 1255 FWL OF UNIT; 6 MILES SE OF GARDEN CITY; EL: 2712 GR; CONTR: NABORS; SPUD 7/29/97; COMP 9/9/97; TD 10375, PBTD 5634; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 5682 TO 5700; IPP 9 BOPD, 20 MCFD, 30 BWPD; PERMIT # 464100; API # 42-173-32788

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SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); LASALLE CSL, LGE 325, LAB 2; 660 FWL 660 FNL OF UNIT; 9 MILES W OF TARZAN; EL: 2879 GL; CONTR: FWA; SPUD 1/5/97; COMP 1/18/97; TD 9727, PBTD 9690; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 8013 TO 9566; IPP 33 BOPD, 22 MCFD, 90 BWPD; PERMIT # 452878; API # 42-317-34044

MIDLAND COUNTY

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MITCHELL COUNTY

PIONEER NATURAL RES USA INC
MARY FOSTER #347
IATAN, EAST HOWARD; T&P RR CO SUR, BLK 29, T1S, SEC 7; 652 FNL 1120 FWL OF UNIT; 9 MILES SW OF WESTBROOK; EL: 2356 KB; CONTR: RILEY; SPUD 7/12/96; COMP 7/17/96; TD 3250, PBTD 3226; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 2449 TO 3126; IPP 40 BOPD, 3 MCFD, 139 BWPD; PERMIT # 448386; API # 42-335-33803
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MORRISON-GILL #3
WESTBROOK (CLEARFORK, UPPER); T&P RR CO SUR, BLK 28, T1N, SEC 21; 1250 FNL 425 FWL OF UNIT; 7 MILES NW OF WESTBROOK; EL: 2169 GR; SPUD 12/15/97; COMP 1/2/98; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 2392 TO 2820; IPF 87 BOPD, MCF-TSTM, 87 BWPD; PERMIT # 468880; API # 42-335-33524

REAGAN COUNTY

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SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #1542A
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); T&P RR CO SUR, BLK 37, T5S, SEC 34; 16334 FSL 5893 FWL OF UNIT; 16 MILES SE OF STILES; EL: 2686 GL; CONTR: FWA; SPUD 12/6/96; COMP 12/14/96; TD 8630, PBTD 8595; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 6874 TO 8543; IPP 50 BOPD, 33 MCFD, 135 BWPD; PERMIT # 455669; API # 42-383-34660
PIONEER NATURAL RES USA INC
SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #1994A
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); T&P RR CO SUR, BLK 36, T5S, SEC 39; 1980 FSL 9935 FWL OF UNIT; 16 MILES NW OF STILES; EL: 2690 GL CONTR: FWA; SPUD 12/8/96; COMP 12/20/96; TD 8280, PBTD 8209; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 6547 TO 8143; IPP 72 BOPD, 34 MCFD, 101 BWPD; PERMIT # 455733; API # 42-383-34664

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TODD B #1
LEVELLAND; ARMSTRON GCSL, LGE 134, TRACT 13; 660 FNL 660 FWL OF UNIT; 6 MILES SW OF LEHMAN; EL: 3813 GR; CONT: NORTON; SPUD 9/20/97; COMP 9/27/97; TD 5050, PBTD 5007; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURE TREATED PERFS 4801 TO 4982; IPP 47 BOPD, 158 MCFD, 40 BWPD; API # 42-079-32907

DAWSON COUNTY

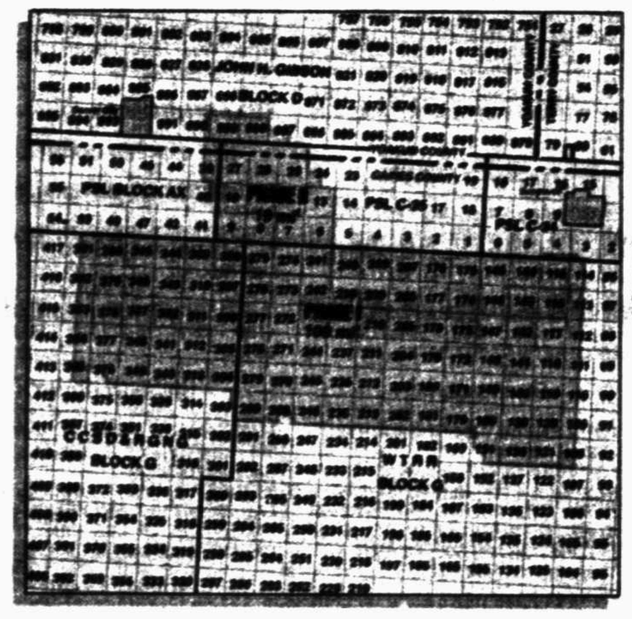
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WELCH; EL&RR CO SUR, BLKM, SEC 66; 3960 FSL 5330 FWL OF UNIT; 3 MILES W OF WELCH; EL: 3123; CONTR: ROD RIC; SPUD 3/27/97; COMP 4/4/97; TD 5050, PBTD 5025; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 4955 TO 5005; IPP 47 BOPD, 4 MCFD, 270 BWPD; PERMIT # 457475; API # 42-115-32951

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TEX-MEX, SE (WICHITA ALBANY); PSL SUR, BLK A-12, SEC 23; 660 FNL 660 FEL OF UNIT; 22.5 MILES SW OF SEMINOLE; EL: 3501 GL; CONTR: ROD RIC; SPUD 7/24/97; COMP 8/9/97; TD 7800, PBTD 7713; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 7417 TO 7587; IPP 108 BOPD, 79 MCFD, 68 BWPD; API # 42-165-35209

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CASE HISTORY INFORMATION

Location: Martin County

Type of Job: 1.25" Vortech Coil Tubing Tool

Customer Challenge: Well would build up +-70 PSI and unload 30-50 BOPD and 50 MCF gas, then shut down.

Vortech Solution: Run 1.25" Vortech Tool on 1.25" coil tubing to +- 9600' wash interval and clean out fill with lease oil, follow with 300 gal. of acid injected into perforated interval to stimulate perforated interval.

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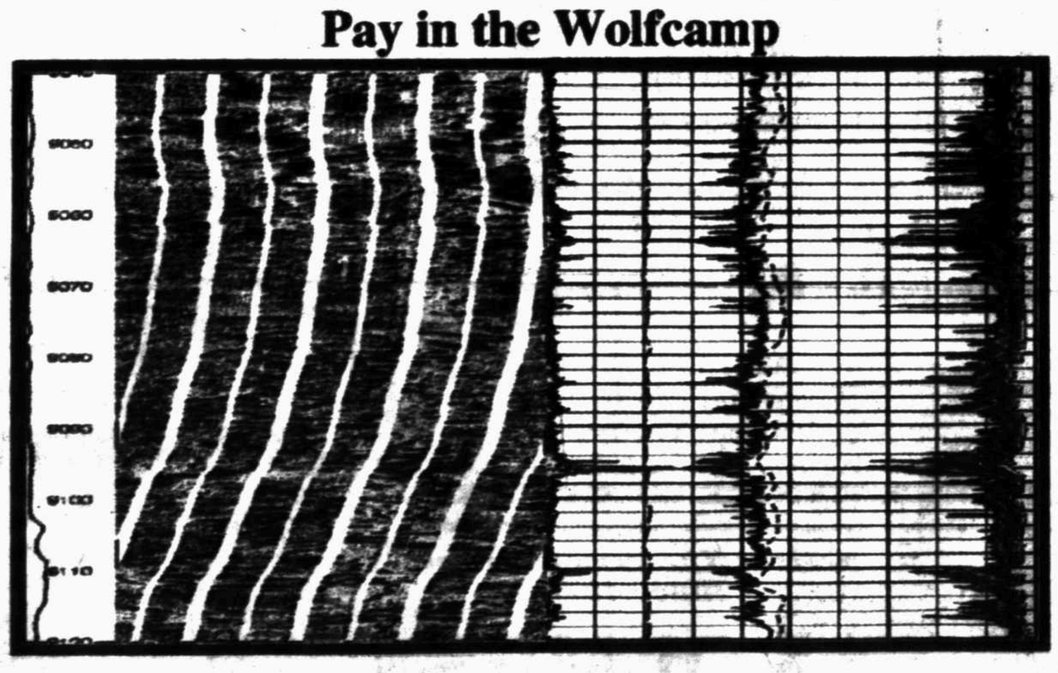
Job Details & Procedure: Run in hole with 1.25" coil tubing and 1.25" Vortech Coil Tubing Tool, clean out fill. Wash across interval (+-9600'-+-9650') making four passes at +-10'/Min. and pumping at +-1 Bbl/Min. Start acid and close backside when acid is at the end of the coil tubing. Wash across interval with acid to insure equal coverage. Swab back fluid.

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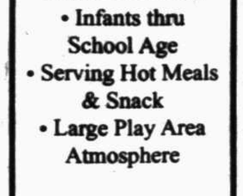
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