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The ticket was worth an estimated $9 million.

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McLaren agrees to 'cease-fire'

Lawmen searching for 2 who fled after surrender

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Richard McLaren and four others surrendered to Department of Public Safety officers Saturday evening. They arrived at the Presidio County Jail in Marfa at 6:10 p.m. for their arraignment.

By Dana Bartholomew
Staff Writer

DAVIS MOUNTAINS RESORT — It's over. Almost. Five Republic of Texas militants who dared to confront more than 100 Texas lawmen in a week-long stand-off surrendered arms Saturday.

But troopers on horseback, trailing tracking dogs, and flying airplanes continued to search for two armed men who fled their Davis Mountains redoubt.

After brokering a cease-fire agreement, Richard McLaren, the group's "ambassador" who had vowed to "fight to the death," led three fellow militants to stack their rifles and march into police ranks at 4 p.m. Saturday, police said.

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For more on the Republic of Texas, visit the **Midland Reporter-Telegram@home** "www.mrt.com"

Police are searching for Richard F. Keyes III, wanted on state charges, and Mike Matson, with no outstanding warrants, wearing green camouflage clothing and carrying a nine-millimeter pistol.

Evelyn McLaren, wanted on federal charges since February, turned herself in hours earlier at the request of her family. No shots were fired except during a ROT memorial ceremony Friday.

The week-long standoff inconvenienced 70 families within the Davis Mountains Resort who either were forced to remain at home or with friends in the area. The Resort encompasses 9,000 acres of steep terrain roughly 20 miles southwest of Fort Davis.

"Earlier this week, I said the wheel had fallen off the wagon," Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) spokesman Mike Cox said at a press briefing Saturday. "I'm pleased to report we got the wagon fixed."

The tense confrontation began April 27 when Republic of Texas members Gregg and Karen Paulson, aided by Keyes, held Joe and M.A. Rowe hostage for 12 hours until a swap could be made with an ROT member, Robert Scheidt, who was jailed on illegal weapons charges.

Then the standoff began in which day-by-day scores of police, led by Texas Rangers and assisted by the FBI, moved to within 440 yards of McLaren's mobile home "embassy" defended by what were originally believed to be 13 militants.

While police say they aimed toward a peaceful resolution, they were backed up by armored personnel carriers (APC), bomb units, fire vehicles, bulldozers, and what some say were military tanks.

Water, power, and telephone service were shut off intermittently throughout the negotiations. In one tense moment Friday, police reported orders of "fire at will" and "put the laser on him and pluck him" heard over the airwaves.

But after what some feared would result in another Ruby Ridge or Waco, an agreement to "cease-fire" signed by Texas Ranger Capt. Barry Caver, commander of the operation to arrest five of the ROT group on state warrants, was reached Saturday at 2:15

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End of standoff brings peace to Fort Davis area

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

FORT DAVIS — The peaceful but dramatic resolution of the Richard "Rick" McLaren embattled stand-off with a legion of armed law-enforcement agents in the Davis Mountains Resort has brought comfort and repose to this West Texas community and relief to a federal judge.

"I am certainly happy that it didn't result in the death of anybody," U.S. District Court Judge Lucius D. Bunton said Saturday on the seventh and final day of the crisis after McLaren surrendered. "Nobody wanted that (bloodshed)."

Bunton, in whose federal court in Pecos last year the 43-year-old McLaren had been found in contempt for not appearing for a civil hearing, said that "I am glad that he finally came to his senses and realized that it was a hopeless cause as far as he was concerned."

McLaren, who has lived in the Davis Mountains Resort for about 15 years and who hails from Missouri, capitulated to Texas Department of Public Safety Texas Rangers within hours of the surrender of his wife, Evelyn.

"So far, it has been bizarre," Bunton said of the week-long crisis and events leading up to the standoff.

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Evelyn McLaren's daughters, Lisa Rutledge, left, and Julie Hopkins plead Friday for their mother, wife of Republic of Texas leader Richard McLaren, to leave the compound. She came out Saturday morning.

Bufler, Linebarger in runoff for MISD District 3 election

Election '97

By Mella McEwen and Gary Shanks
Staff Writers

Voters in District 3 will return to the polls May 31 for a runoff election between Glen Bufler and Karen Linebarger for Midland Independent School District trustee. In the other school district race, Martha Mims Manulik was elected to District 5.

In the contested City Council race, Juluis Brooks was re-elected to his District 2 seat.

Turnout for Saturday's joint city-school district election was extremely low, with 2,145 ballots being cast on election day and 1,162 early ballots being cast. Only 5.46 percent of those eligible to vote did so Saturday's election, according to an official at the Elections Administrator's Office.

Bufler and Ms. Linebarger received 229 votes, or 48.82 percent, of the vote each. A third candidate, Terry Dummer, had withdrawn from the campaign but was unable to remove his name from the ballot. He received 10 votes.

"It's a shame 10 votes are going to cost taxpayers between $2,000 and $5,000," said Bufler, who declined to ask for a recount.

He added that "I don't like ties. I'd rather win and I still intend to. I'll just keep going down the road."

Ms. Linebarger was also disappointed in the tie.

"I just wish there wasn't a runoff," she said. "But we'll just regroup and look forward to the runoff."

Ms. Manulik was elected to District 5, garnering 825 votes, or 65.15 percent. David Garcia received 415 votes or 32.78 percent. A third candidate, Miles Allen Pageler, received 24 votes or 1.89 percent.

"I'm excited as can be," Ms. Manulik said. "We're real, real pleased at the turnout and I thank all the people of Midland for turning out to vote. I can hardly wait to serve on the board."

Garcia said he wished Ms. Manulik well.

"I wanted to give the people of District 5 a choice," he said, "and we ran a hard, clean race. I'll continue to stay active with the school system. In fact I have some things coming up with the schools — The Great Day of Reading and Career Day at Ben Milam Elementary. I'll continue to support the board and hopefully they'll listen to the citizens and make it an open forum instead of a one-sided meeting.

"Hopefully they'll give citizens the opportunity to provide input and take information and input with an open mind and try to work as a team with the citizens to make the school system a better place."

The Midland City Council District 2 election was settled decisively by Midland voters Saturday, with

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Tri-Cities takes over half the vote for Spirit Award

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

More than 50 percent of those voting in the Community Spirit Award election felt the Tri-Cities area of Washington State deserved to win.

The area, comprised of the towns of Kennewick, Pasco, Richmond and West Richmond in the south central part of the state, was honored for its efforts to build a 9,000-square-foot Hospice House. Approximately 3,000 volunteers spent 24,000 hours to build the $1.2 million facility, which is mortgage-free.

Of the 1,147 calls to Cityline, 595 were votes for the Tri-Cities project.

Forsyth, Ga., nominated for its efforts to help 600 teen-agers abandoned in the town after a private company that recruited them failed to find them work and accommodations for the Olympics in Atlanta, came in second with 314 votes.

Third was Glenwood Springs, Colo., which built a monument to 14 firefighters killed in a forest fire. Its project received 238 votes.

Alice Freidline, who chairs the Spirit Award committee for the Leadership Midland Alumni Association — which is in charge of the award — said, "We are delighted at both the selection of the winner and the high number of people who helped us select this year's honoree by voting in the newspaper's Community Pulse Poll."

She added, "All the finalists were well qualified to be a Spir-

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British women win big taking 120 seats in Labor Party landslide

By Edith M. Lederer
Associated Press

LONDON — Ann. Margaret. Harriet. Clare. Marjorie. On and on the list went, 120 women's names in all.

Britain's election was not just a victory for the opposition Labor Party but for British women, who nearly doubled their numbers in Parliament.

Prime Minister Tony Blair has already named five women to Cabinet posts, including one of the toughest slots, Northern Ireland.

"It is good news for democracy because women in the country will see women in Parliament," said Labor lawmaker Harriet Harman, who was appointed to the Cabinet on Saturday as head of social security.

"It will drive to the forefront of the political agenda a whole range of issues, like child care, like opportunities for women at work, the balance between work and home," she said.

Few doubt that the male clubbiness of the House of Commons will change. Political pundits were speculating whether the shooting gallery would be turned into a day care center. The barber shop is already being converted into a more sophisticated salon to attract women as well.

Blair is already dealing with family issues — like where his own family will live.

Blair spent his first night as prime minister Friday not in 10 Downing St. but in his spacious Victorian home in north London, with his wife, Cherie Booth, and their three young children.

He is the first prime minister to have small children since Labor's Ramsay MacDonald in the 1920s and the living quarters at 10 Downing St. — the prime minister's official residence — are small. After an inspection Friday, the Blairs said it was not really suitable for family living.

They are considering living next door at 11 Downing St., usually the home of the chancellor of the exchequer, which has five bedrooms and three bathrooms. But no decision has been made. Gordon Brown, the new treasury chief, is a bachelor.

Blair spent Saturday at Downing Street, meeting senior Labor figures and completing his 22-member Cabinet. It draws from the left and right wings of the party, although most senior positions went to people closely aligned with Blair's goal of a centrist "new" Labor Party.

His senior appointments Saturday were Harman, George Robertson as defense secretary, Marjorie Mowlam as Northern Ireland secretary, Donald Dewar as Scottish secretary, Ron Davies as Welsh secretary, and Clare Short as secretary for international development.

Although Margaret Thatcher became Europe's first woman prime minister in 1979, British politics has been a male bastion. Thatcher did not have a single woman in her Cabinet and her successor, John Major, had only two.

Labor adopted an affirmative action program after the 1992 election. Early in this campaign, the party tried to bar male candidates from some races, until a tribunal ruled the lists violated sex-discrimination laws.

A record 685 women were among the 3,718 candidates in Thursday's election. Labor fielded a record 158 women candidates and its landslide victory catapulted 102 women into the House of Commons.

The youngest member of the new Parliament is Labor's Claire Ward, 24. The Commons will also have its first woman twins, who won in nearby seats.

Mowlam — as minister for Northern Ireland — has one of the toughest jobs in the Cabinet and inherits a daunting set of problems, including how to continue with peace negotiations on Northern Ireland's future and defuse tensions.

Some fear U.N. may hinder freedom of world's presses

N.Y. Times Service

UNITED NATIONS — Press freedom groups, concerned that the United Nations might be drawn into a renewed campaign for worldwide regulation of the news media, are lobbying against efforts to convene a world conference on communications gaps between developed nations and the Third World.

The issue is expected to come up in two weeks when the general assembly's information committee meets here. Although the United Nations information department refused to put what the Third World calls a "new world information and communication order" on the formal agenda, a number of developing nations, led by Nigeria and Algeria, want to reopen the debate at the session.

The executive director of the Virginia-based World Press Freedom Committee, Marilyn Greene, said Friday that while media organizations do not deny that there are inequalities, it is not up to governments to decide what to do about them.

"Governments have no role in dictating to the press what the role of the press will be," she said. "That's what this whole thing is about."

When the remnants of the Nonaligned Movement met in Nigeria last September, officials from dozens of countries agreed that "the struggle for the new world information and communication order should be intensified in spite of the end of the cold war."

They reiterated familiar themes: Western domination of international news, biased reporting of third world events and a dearth of "zeal" among their own journalists "to serve the interests of member states of the Movement of Nonaligned Countries and other developing countries." Technological advances in communications in recent years have widened gaps, the officials said.

Some developing nations want to convene a "world seminar" in 1998 or 1999 with the help of UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

But the agency is not interested; in fact it actively opposes the idea. Its last foray into the subject cost it dearly. After a first attempt to establish something called a "new world information order" under UNESCO's auspices in 1976, ensuing debates polarized its members, paving the way for the United States and Britain to withdraw in the 1980s.

At an international conference on global communications sponsored in April by the United Nations information department and the Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs, poor countries' access to high technology and journalists' use of information systems were discussed, said Anders Wijkman, assistant administrator of the United Nations Development Program, who attended the event.

Representatives of several press freedom groups, hearing that the meeting would lend support to the proposed world seminar, declined to attend and asked Leonard R. Sussman, senior scholar in international communications at Freedom House, to voice their objections in a speech to the conference.

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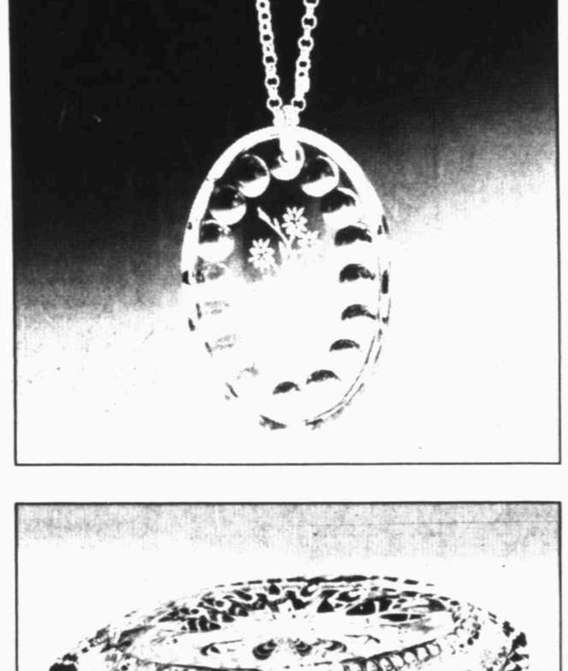

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Turkish villagers stricken with cancer

N.Y. Times Service

KARAIN, Turkey — Although this place looks like any small farming village in central Anatolia, people in the area believe it bears a special curse.

For the last several decades, and perhaps for much longer, the leading cause of death in Karain has been cancer. No one here is quite sure why, but the stark facts of death hang over Karain like a dark cloud and have given it a deep stigma.

People don't want to buy farm or dairy products that come from here, so they must be sold at low prices to middlemen who disguise their origin. Women deny that they are from here out of fear that if they tell the truth, no man will marry them.

"The worst of it is that when you get any kind of pain and go to a hospital, the minute you say you're from Karain they send you to the cancer ward," said Mustafa Eser, an environmental health technician who was sent here by the Turkish government six months ago.

Even the name of the village, which residents say dates back several generations, is tied to illness. It is said to be derived from the Turkish word "karin," which means abdomen, supposedly a reference to the number of people here who suffered from abdominal pains.

On the main street one day recently, several people refused to talk to a visitor about the health situation.

"Nobody is sick here," a young man said. Told that doctors in the region had testified to the contrary, he relented. "Well, it's true," he said. "We don't like to talk about it. The sick people are not in bed. They're out working and trying to live normally. It's just better for everyone not to dwell on it."

Villagers have varying explanations for the cancer cases here, most of which affect the lungs and liver. Some suspect there may be silicon dust in the volcanic stone blocks from which many local homes are built. Others blame asbestos in the earth or water from local wells.

"I think it could be from the stress we live with here," said Ali Dogan, a 29-year-old farmer whose uncle and grandfather died in their 30s. "People here are very competitive, very greedy. They work too hard."

Dr. Izzettin Baris of Hacettepe University in Ankara, who spent four years studying patients here and later published a study of the epidemic, said he believed the cause is erionite, an asbestos-like fibrous mineral in the powdery soil that villagers use for whitewash, insulation, plaster and as a substitute for baby powder. He said most cancers caused by erionite were incurable.

"This is a 100-year-old epidemic, but records have only been kept since 1973," Baris said in an interview. "The problem is only in Karain and two other villages very close by. Of the 300 people who were examined in Karain, 150 had cancer. Similar percentages were found in Sarihidir and Tuzkoy. By chance, these three villages were built on a spot where the soil contains erionite. No other village has the problem."

Arafat seeks assistance in saving talks

■ Palestinian leader says Clinton bears burden of saving peace process.

JERUSALEM (AP) — Days before a U.S. envoy was to return to the region, Yasser Arafat urged President Clinton and other countries Saturday to save the deteriorating Middle East peace process.

The Palestinian leader said Israel's "malicious" settlement of the West Bank and a disputed part of Jerusalem was aimed at denying the Palestinians their own state, according to a statement released after a five-hour Cabinet meeting.

"There is no way of getting out of this crisis without an international intervention," Arafat said. "U.S. President Bill Clinton, who sponsored the peace process, bears the burden of saving it."

U.S. envoy Dennis Ross plans to return to the Middle East this week in a new effort to restart peace negotiations.

Talks broke down in March after Israel announced a limited withdrawal from West Bank rural areas and began building a new Jewish neighborhood in the part of Jerusalem that Palestinians claim as a future capital.

Arafat's Palestinian Authority sent letters to the United States, European Union, Russia, Australia and other countries detailing Israel's settlement plans and accusing Israel of seeking to retain 70 percent of the West Bank.

Israeli and Palestinian media have been speculating that the United States would propose a package including no more settlement construction and an Israeli withdrawal from 30 percent of the West Bank's rural land within several months.

Palestinian Cabinet minister Saeb Erekat said he hoped "Ross will speak out this time against settlements and unilateral Israeli practices." Palestinians have claimed that Ross is too easy on Israel.

Erekat also backed away from a statement Thursday by Arafat spokesman Marwan Kanafani that the talks could resume even without Israel stopping the Jerusalem construction.

In northern Jerusalem, meanwhile, about 100 Palestinian and Israeli peace activists demonstrated against Israel's settlement policy.

And a top Israeli official said Saturday that Israel recently rejected Syrian offers to renew peace talks because they included a precondition to agree to a full withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

Syria has long demanded the return of the strategic plateau that Israel seized in 1967.

Pope asks Iran to protect freedoms

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II called on Iran's leaders to ensure religious freedom and respect international law Saturday when he received the new Iranian ambassador to the Vatican.

In his generally friendly address to the envoy, Mohammad Hadi Abd Khoda'i, John Paul spoke of the two sides' "willingness to cooperate."

But he urged the government to make sure that Roman Catholics "will continue to enjoy the freedom to profess their faith" in Iran.

In 1994, John Paul told visiting Iranian bishops their work often was "difficult and regularly hindered," drawing an Iranian protest. About 12,000 Catholics live in Iran.

In a less direct admonition to the new ambassador Saturday, John Paul said: "Respect for international law and commitment to negotiation ... are imperatives of the task of building a better world in which goodness and religion can flourish."

Western countries, including the United States, have accused Iran of fostering terrorism.

Women's Care Update

by Michael S. Phillips, M.D.
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ESTROGEN AND REDUCED ALZHEIMER'S RISK

Those women who are weighing the decision of whether or not to undergo estrogen replacement therapy after menopause now have a new factor to consider. According to analysis of a National Institute of Aging study, women's risk of Alzheimer's disease appears to be sharply reduced if they take estrogen during and after menopause. This benefit may be added to evidence uncovered by previous studies that estrogen, prescribed to relieve menopause symptoms, reduces the risk of heart disease and osteoporosis. According to the most recent study of 472 women followed over 16 years, women who never took estrogen were 2.3 times more likely to develop Alzheimer's. The study's authors believe that estrogen's benefit in this regard stems either from its ability to keep nerve cells thriving longer or the fact that it enables nerve cells to communicate better, or both.

Estrogen replacement therapy (E.R.T.) has many advocates. Clearly, it provides enough advantages that it is worth consideration. It is not, however, the appropriate treatment for all menopausal women. There still exists some degree of controversy, even within the medical community, about estrogen replacement for women with certain risk factors. Only a physician thoroughly familiar with your complete history should advise you about whether or not E.R.T. is the best protocol for you. For a specialist experienced with E.R.T., call 522-2222. My office is located at the Primary Medical Clinic - Westwood, 4214 Andrews Highway, Suite 100, Midland.

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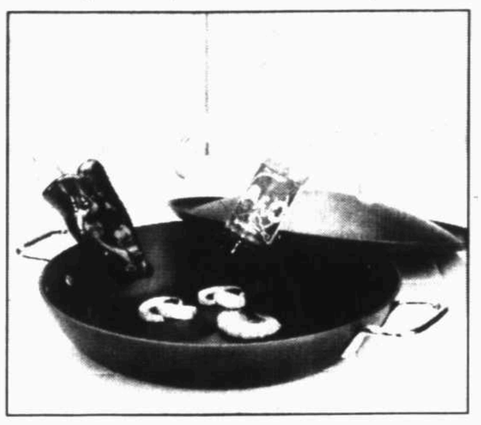

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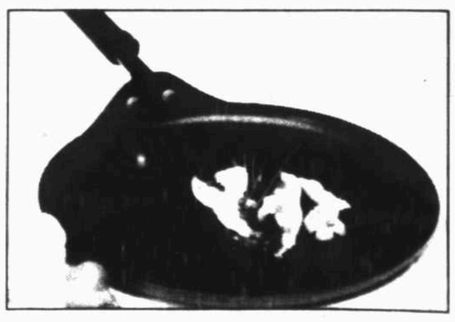

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McLAREN SURRENDERS

Excitement subsides with standoff end

By Georgia Temple
Staff Writer

FORT DAVIS - The blustering wind that had whipped lawmen and news media gathered since April 27 at Point of Rocks outside Fort Davis died Saturday. In its place, a breeze gently rustled the live oaks.

Around 10 miles away in the mountainous ranching and tourist town of Fort Davis, an air of expectancy pervaded the stillness of an azure clear day.

"There's an air of excitement," Lorina Wells, owner of the Cueva de Leon (lion's cave) restaurant on the town's main street, said Saturday afternoon. "Things like this don't happen here very often. Everybody's asking, 'Have you heard anything? Anything going on? Anything happened?'"

Named for the frontier Union army fort founded in 1854 near the junction of the Chihuahua Trail and the San Antonio-El Paso Trail, the town of Fort Davis sits at an elevation of 5,050 feet, making it the highest town in the state, placing it at about the same elevation as Denver. The fort closed in 1891, and the community's economy relies heavily on ranching and retirees and in hosting tourists to the Davis Mountains and the state and national sites in the area.

The atmosphere of this slow-paced community of somewhere between 1,200 and 1,500 residents "is not the same" as it was before," Ms. Wells said, "It's like we're in a different world here. That's how I feel, anyway."

Ms. Wells was referring to the standoff between law-enforcement personnel and Republic of Texas separatist Richard "Rick" McLaren and other members of his rebel faction who have been holed up in their Davis Mountains Resort "embassy."

Since the inception of the seven-day standoff, Ms. Wells, owner of the Mexican restaurant for around 20 years, has had trouble concentrating "on what I should be doing right now, because I'm thinking about it, wondering if something's going to happen tonight. What it's going to be like tomorrow. Hanging on, waiting for something to happen.

"We don't hear any news. We have a TV (in the restaurant). They keep reporting the same thing over and over. I think what's happening — they are trying to keep it quiet whatever's going on."

And something was definitely "going on" Saturday afternoon. At 4 p.m., Department of Public Safety (DPS) spokesman Mike Cox announced that McLaren had surrendered. But as of late Saturday evening, DPS was still searching for Richard Frank Keyes III and Mike Matson, who had disappeared into a heavily wooded canyon wearing green camouflage and were believed to be carrying two rifles and a 9-mm pistol.

Although the announcement of McLaren's surrender came as a surprise to many Fort Davis residents, there were indications earlier Saturday that something was in the air.

"There seems to be a little less traffic (today) with law-enforcement individuals passing back and forth," said Allan Morris, a ranger at Fort Davis National Historic Site. "Also, the restaurants don't seem to be as busy in Fort Davis with law-enforcement business. It also appears that the media folks who are here are concentrating more specifically on the locality (Davis Mountains Resort)."

Ms. Wells allowed that "we haven't seen very many law-enforcement cars in town today. The only state trooper's car I saw (Saturday) was hauled over to the Exxon. I guess it broke down."

Another sign came in the form of a public-service announcement issued Friday: "Effective today, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, in cooperation with the Texas Department of Public Safety, is taking actions to ensure the safety of visitors to two state parks near the Davis Mountains."

The actions included closing to "day use" Balmorhea State Park, 32 miles from Fort Davis, and Davis Mountains State Park, some 20 to 25 miles away from the Davis Mountains Resort. In addition, for those who called and made overnight reservations for the period of May 1 through 16, the reservations has been canceled. Overnight visitors already in the parks will be allowed to remain, the release said.

In addition, the release announced that "Indian Lodge, a bed-and-breakfast facility locate within Davis Mountains State Park, is fully occupied and will not be taking reservations."

The ending date of the closures are subject to change once the situation has been resolved, the release said.

"In the community itself, there has been intermittent concern about safety among the residents of the community as different reports have come in about additional members of the Republic of Texas or folks who are sympathetic (to McLaren's cause for an independent Texas) coming to the area who might be inclined toward violence," Morris said. "If there's a report, people get upset. And after a day or two, there's less concern. One thing that has influenced our visitation at the fort has been the partial closure of the Davis Mountains State Park."

Also affected by the standoff at Davis Mountains Resort has been McDonald Observatory.

"Our visitation is down significantly, and we've had a number of groups with reservations for private programs call and cancel over the past week," said Bill Wren, public-information specialist at McDonald Observatory. "A lot of them are school groups bringing kids out and they are concerned for people's safety and properly so. Otherwise, visitation is down in general."

Attendance for the star party held Friday night, was "probably down by more than half," Wren said.

Business has been brisk during the standoff at the restaurant at the Hotel Limpia, said Leticia Molinar, the manager on duty Saturday afternoon. "Every night we have served no less than 100 and no more than 145."

The Hotel Limpia has regularly scheduled dinners for "star-party" people who are going to McDonald Observatory. That tourist business has fallen off considerably.

"Since the hotel is booked up with media, we don't have star-party people," Ms. Molinar said. "I think I had one couple yesterday (Friday)."

The Hotel Limpia had its share of room cancellations because of the standoff, said Sandy Ohlsen, who was manning the front desk. "We've had a lot of cancellations. We had a (pretty good sized) tour cancel."

The hotel was full during the standoff because of the media staying there, Ms. Ohlsen said.

When word-of-mouth passed the news — still unofficial — in the hotel's restaurant Saturday afternoon that McLaren had surrendered, Ms. Molinar said, "Everybody's ready for it to be back to normal."

Ms. Ohlsen was among those eager for the situation to be resolved. She wants to check on Owen, Rathman and Rice — their cat and two Dobermans.

"I've been unable to go home since Sunday," said Ms. Ohlsen, a resident of Davis Mountains Resort. Her homes lies between the community center and the "embassy."

A week ago today, the Ohlsens, whose sons Greg and Shawn Ohlsen live in Midland, were in church in Balmorhea. When they returned, they couldn't go home. Fortunately, their travel trailer was in town, but Ms. Ohlsen had to purchase the personal items necessary to survive in 20th-Century America.

"We have it a heck of a lot better than a lot of people," Ms. Ohlsen said. "A lot of people are having to pay for a room and food or cook. A lot of people can't afford that."

Despite Saturday's resolution, the Ohlsens weren't allowed to go home.

"They live on the wrong side of the road," said Constable Jack Bell of Fort Davis. Bell is a friend of the Ohlsens.

Those residents living on the east side of the resort were allowed home, Bell said, adding that those living on "the west side away from the road did not" get to go home. Not yet.

"I understand they want to check some of the places for booby traps."

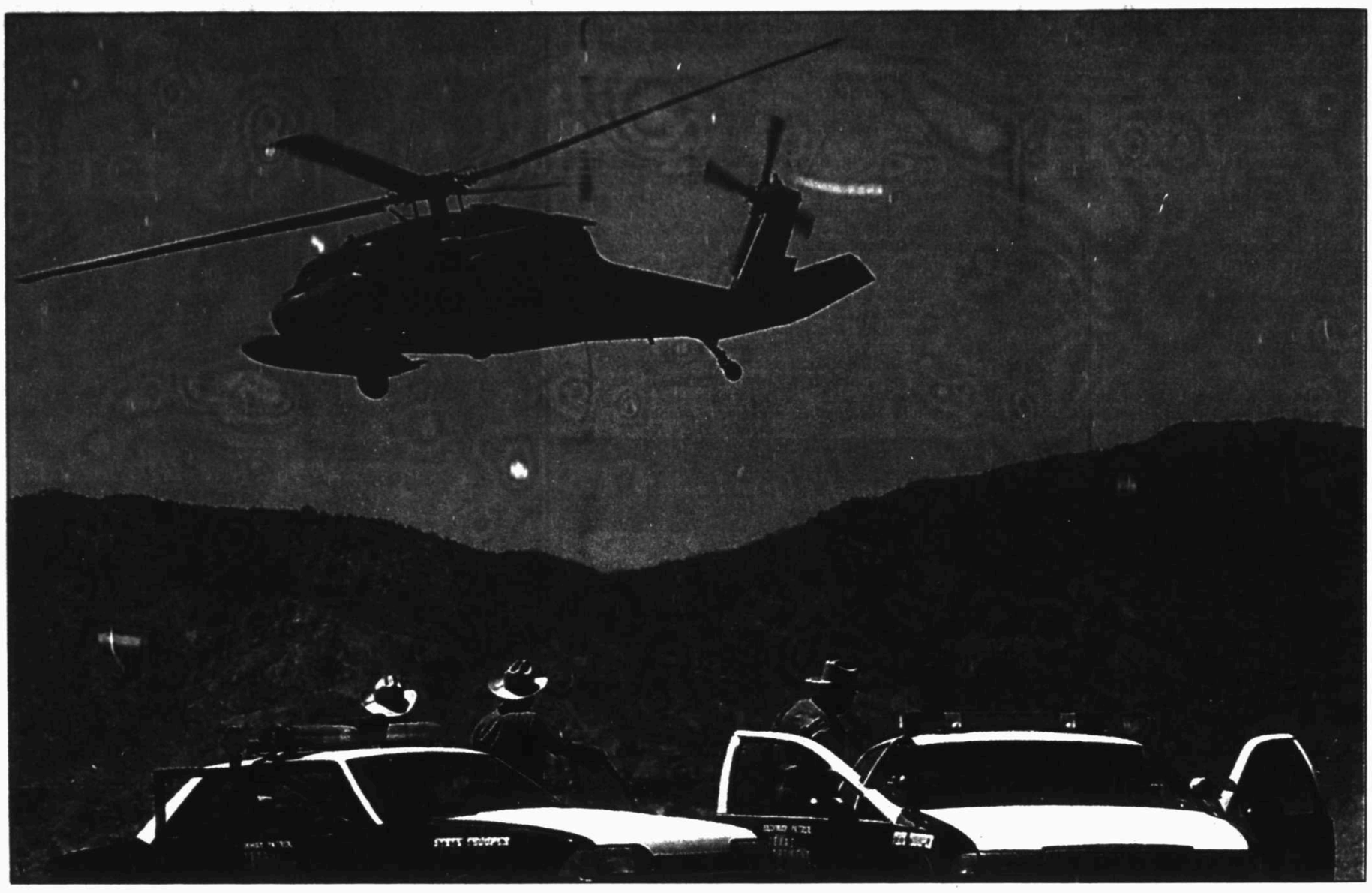
The news of the surrender caught those in town "by surprise," Bell said. "I worked at the DPS issuing the passes for 50 of the residents today (to the people who could go home)."

That was Saturday morning, Bell said. "And if we knew everything was going to come to an end, we probably wouldn't have issued those passes."

For Elizabeth McMillen, co-owner of Pop's Grill with her husband Mark, the news was a relief despite the increased business the standoff brought to their restaurant.

"Naturally we have become busier, but we do a really good business anyway," Ms. McMillen said. "And everyone that has come in so far has been very, very nice. This isn't the way we'd like to get business. We're all glad to get back to normal. I do know that."

Although some of the residents of the Davis Mountains Resort and Fort Davis had reached the point they wanted the situation solved one way or another, Ms. McMillen said, "I think everybody would prefer that it happened without anybody having to die or get hurt. I think this is the way everybody wanted it to end. I'm kind of amazed that it has."



A helicopter, above, prepares to take flight in search of two Republic of Texas members who left the compound before Richard McLaren and four others were taken into custody by DPS officers.

McLaren attorney Terence O'Rourke and his wife, Michelle, leave a press conference Friday. After O'Rourke played a central role in negotiations, McLaren fired the attorney, who said he still considered himself McLaren's lawyer.

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Reporter-Telegram

PEACE: Fort Davis area residents grateful for standoff's conclusion

(From 1A)

McLaren, who has gained notoriety by filing "bogus liens" to take over property, has alleged that Texas is really a republic and was never legally entered to statehood 152 years ago as history claims.

"I haven't heard what he has to say," Bunton said of McLaren's defense in matters that concern the court. "Until I do, I can't judge him."

Jeff Davis County Judge Peggy Robertson declared on Saturday that "I could not be more pleased that it is over and that there was no bloodshed."

McLaren and his half-dozen militia members had been surrounded by hundreds of armed agents and heavy armament. Jeff Davis County Sheriff Steve Bailey had turned command of the operation over to Texas Rangers Capt. Barry Caver of the DPS. Even so, Bailey was crucial in the decision-making.

While Ms. Robertson said that the "main impact" of the confrontation has been on the displaced "people who live in the resort, everybody will be really happy just to get back to business as usual.

"It will take a few weeks before that happens and a few months before we feel a little more secure, because there are other Republic of Texas members, and there are other militia groups," Ms. Robertson said. "It will never be forgotten."

In the main, the approximately 1,200 people who live in the scenic Fort Davis community and others who live in the mountains and on the prairie land "trust the DPS and our law-enforcement and our sheriff's department," she said. "We know they have good intelligence operations."

All along, the judge has contended that people in the Fort Davis area are "safer here than you are in Houston, Dallas or whatever, just daily. We have had to change our lifestyle a little bit.

"The peace and quiet has not changed. It will still be here," Ms. Robertson said. "And I believe we will get back to business usual and tourist will continue coming."

The community will recover from any havoc that the week-long crisis has caused, surmised Bob Dillard, a former Jeff Davis County judge and former publisher-editor of the Mountain Dispatch.

"There were some people who wouldn't go to Dallas forever after 1963 (and President Kennedy's assassination)," Dillard recalled. "There is some of that mentality with Waco (the Branch Davidian 1993 conflagration). I don't have a clue what (the formerly embattled) Ruby Ridge is like, but I wouldn't hesitate to go there. Same with Waco."

Dillard noted that McLaren's conflict with lawmen "just ... happened here.

"I have known it was going to happen for a year or so," Dillard said. "I predicted this last year that he would wind up back here and do this very thing that he has done. I would have never dreamed that he would have gotten violent like he did."

Dillard, who has lived in the Davis Mountains for 23 years, said that "over the years, he (McLaren) has been very manic in his behavior — just rattles off constantly talking, just jumping from one subject to another.

"I was very surprised at the violence (shooting and kidnapping) last Sunday," Dillard said. "That was not the way he has operated all these years. I have got to think that he was in charge of everything. He had to know what was going on.

"I am glad that it ended peacefully," Dillard said. "Obviously, I didn't want any of the young guys who are part of the SWAT team hurt. When the shooting starts, you just never know."

As did Bunton, Dillard said that he was pleased that McLaren "had the good sense to give up."

The Davis Mountains Resort people were "kind of upset" about having to leave their homes for duration of the conflict.

"Hopefully," Dillard said, "they will come to their senses and realize that with McLaren gone, "it is worth a week of a little inconvenience."

For most of the 15 years in which he has lived in the resort, McLaren has been causing somewhat of a ruckus by filing bogus property claims.

"It has been old for a long time," Dillard said. "Long before the Republic-of-Texas (1990s movement), he was doing a thing called the Davis Mountains Land Commission. It was the same kind of rhetoric, the same kind of legal maneuverings. He just changed his stage. He got on a bigger stage. He is just charismatic enough to attract people.

"Having him gone from here," Dillard said, "really will be a blessing."

Malcolm Tweedy, a retired Pennsylvania teacher and Fort Davis hotelier since 1978, figured that the community, while under much anxiety, will "continue on as before."

For sometime, Tweedy said that he has been "very vocal in my feeling ... that they ought to take strong action to get this guy (McLaren) out. I am glad that it is over.

"I don't think there will be any changes, basically, taking place. It is just a little (seven-day) moment in history in Fort Davis's career as a (historic) community. I think it will go on. It is going to be very quickly in the past.

"We are much too fine a place, a lovely little community here, (at) the entrance to Big Bend (National) Park," Tweedy said. "It is a three-barrel thing here: We are tourism, we are ranching, and we are just retirement" for people who want to "live out the rest of their days. We have got a beautiful environment right here. I think that will continue and that our lifestyle will go on as before."

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McLAREN SURRENDERS

STANDOFF: Military ceremony ends stalemate

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"I hope this can show the rest of the world that Texas Rangers can do it right," Cox said.

In what Cox described as a military ceremony, four Republic of Texas members embraced one another before they stacked AK-15 assault rifles, .30-.30 caliber rifles, and 9mm pistols and were permitted to leave the Republic of Texas's flag flying.

McLaren, wearing a cowboy hat, boots, and a tweed sport coat, and Robert "White Eagle" Otto, sporting overalls and a baseball cap, joined two unidentified comrades and surrendered.

Keyes and Matson made obscene gestures before heading for the hills wielding backpacks and weapons. From 500 to 700 rounds of ammunition were discovered at the compound, Cox said, in addition to gasoline, batteries, and wire. The Midland Police Department bomb squad is searching the area for booby traps.

McLaren, Otto, Gregg Paulson and his wife, Karen — who police suspect to be a German citizen — face charges ranging from burglary and aggravated kidnapping to organized criminal activity. They were detained in the Presidio County Jail in Marfa.

Scheidt, a compound cohort who turned himself in Thursday, is being held on trespass and weapons charges. It was Scheidt who was exchanged for the hostages Sunday.

Mrs. McLaren was charged with conspiracy to commit bank fraud, mail fraud, and aiding and abetting and will be tired in a federal court.

Family of Mrs. McLaren were overjoyed she remained alive after her face-off against overwhelming odds.

"I just thank God ... my mom is coming out to us," said Lisa Rutledge, 33. "There truly is a God."

"She wants to turn cartwheels," J.C. Mason said of his sister, Evelyn, following an emotional reunion with her two daughters and a grandson.

The family refuses to blame their mother, who married Rick less than a year ago in a Republic of Texas ceremony.

"When she loves somebody, she loves them. If she married (Texas Attorney General) Dan Morales, she'd probably stay with him," said Mason, a 40-year-old Fort Worth resident.

Police said the Republic of Texas agreed to "cease-fire," not to "surrender," and allow McLaren to take his case for Texas independence to a federal court.

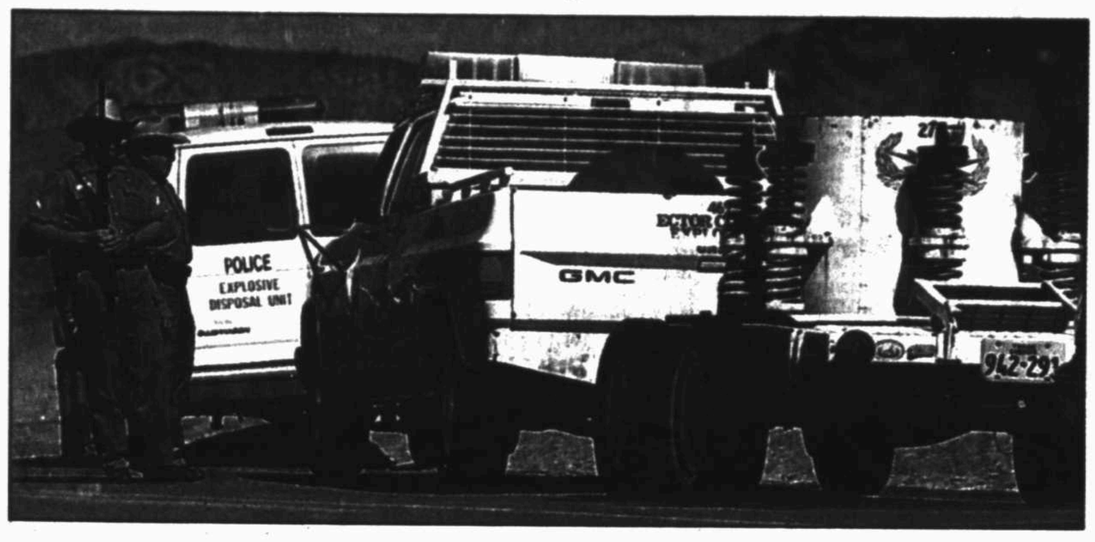
"He would be happy if he was not dead but would have died had he not had this (cease-fire) document," Terence O'Rourke, McLaren's former lawyer, said.

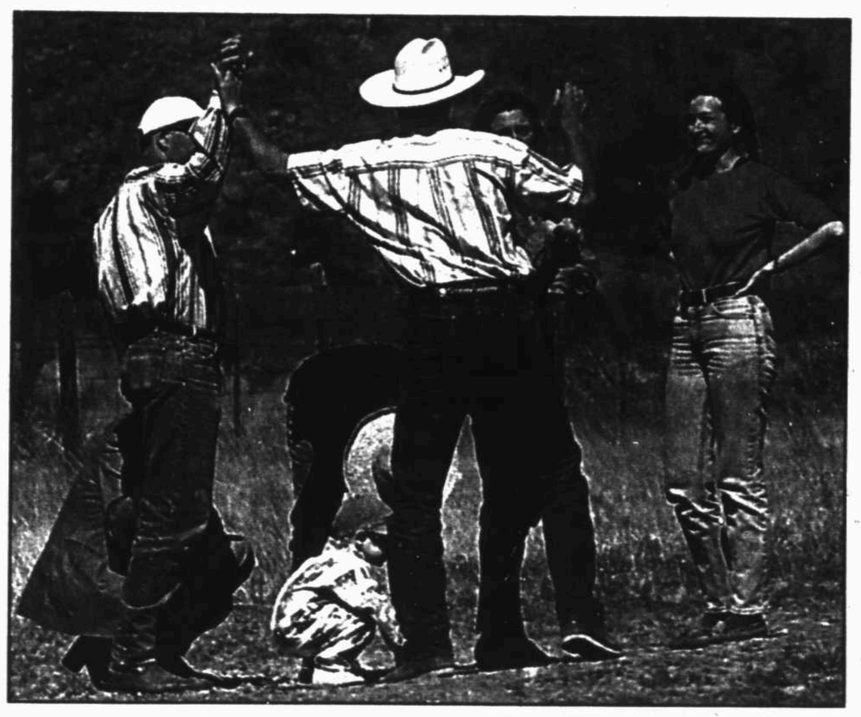
Local residents expressed resentment over the conflict.

"They need to know God loves them but that their behavior is not acceptable ...You love the sinner, but you hate the sin," said the Rev. Henry Doherty, pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Fort Davis and Alpine, who made an appeal Saturday via the news media for the group to surrender.

"They are disrupting my parish."

"They've put up with (McLaren) for 15 years or better — and they've said, 'If DPS doesn't get him, we will,'" said Wes Mastic, 23, an Alpine cowboy and friend of many people in the Davis Mountains Resort.





A bomb squad from Ector County arrives at the Davis Mountains Resort Friday in photo at top.

The family of Evelyn McLaren, above, celebrates after learning she has left the compound. From left, daughter Lisa Rutledge kneels with her son Christian; McLaren's brother, J.C. Mason, in cowboy hat, and son-in-law Rod Rutledge exchange high fives as her other daughter, Julie Hopkins, watches. At the far right is Michelle O'Rourke, wife of Richard McLaren's former lawyer, Terry O'Rourke.

Fort Davis rancher Joe Williams created and sold "anti-Republic of Texas" T-shirts, left, that were popular with the media gathered to report on the stand-off.

Photo at top by Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram

Photos above and at left by
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A DPS trooper is silhouetted by the setting sun during the seven-day standoff at the Republic of Texas compound. The half-dozen Republic of Texas militia members were surrounded by more than 100 armed law enforcement officers.

CHRONOLOGY

May 6, 1996

— Republic of Texas "ambassador" Richard McLaren is arrested on a court order from U.S. District Judge Lucius Bunton and charged with contempt for failure to appear in court.

— McLaren's followers call his arrest a "war crime" because they claimed it is a "violation of the treaty of 1883 between Texas and the United States." Groups such as the ROT argue that the United States illegally annexed Texas in 1845 and have established their own courts to prosecute federal, state and local officials.

— McLaren had been ordered to appear in court to "show cause" as to why he shouldn't be held in contempt for repeated violation of Bunton's injunction against filing liens on property in the Davis Mountains Resort.

May 23, 1996

— Attorney General Dan Morales warns members of the group that they had better obey state laws. If they "don't like the United States, if they don't like the state of Texas, they have every right to leave."

— In a letter to 55 people believed associated with the group, Morales says they must "cease and desist engaging in any activity under the purported authority of the Republic of Texas." Prohibited actions include "claiming to be government personnel," using the officials state seal, filing improper liens, convening unsanctioned courts or prosecuting people.

— Morales says he is losing patience with the group. "It is unfounded for them to attempt to avoid or evade their obligation to support this government."

— Republic of Texas official Donald J. Varnell said they haven't violated any law. Morales "says lots of things, but that's not law."

June 25, 1996

— Morales sues the Republic of Texas and 25 of its members, alleging illegal restraint of trade, intimidation, retaliation and falsifying government records.

— He warns members to stop filing "bogus" property liens or taking any other illegal steps to harass citizens.

— State District Judge Paul Davis of Austin signs a restraining order prohibiting the members from filing improper liens or otherwise violating state law.

— Davis' order names Morales as temporary receiver to dissolve any liens or other orders made by the Republic. The designation clears Morales to undo the liens without property owners having to hire a lawyer to do so.

— Members don't acknowledge Morales' authority or Davis' order. "We're exercising our political rights as a nation," McLaren said. "Mr. Morales has no authority to exercise foreign relations law for the United States ... As far as I'm concerned, Mr. Morales can take his tinker-toy court and get lost ... If he keeps interfering, I'll make a phone call and we'll have the (U.S.) marshals out there after him."

July 18, 1996

— Federal Judge Bunton, refusing to recognize the alleged sovereignty of the Republic of Texas, instructs McLaren to stop using the federal court system for frivolous or non-pertinent cases.

— During a hearing at the federal courthouse in Pecos, Bunton tells McLaren that his filings on behalf of the Republic don't have a place in his court. The judge also tells McLaren to stop using his (Bunton's) name for advancement of his cause.

— The Republic, which refers to itself as an independent nation, requests United Nations representation at the hearing. The group is "pressing for the recognition — for other countries to recognize us," McLaren said. "If two countries recognize Texas as republic, it automatically goes on the floor of the U.N."

Aug. 20, 1996

— Leaders of the Republic, in a classified advertisement, announce that they are ready to transfer state assets into their bank accounts. McLaren says the assets would belong to all the citizens of Texas. "We have not had time to notify them but everyone who is in Texas now is a citizen of the Republic."

— "The Republic of Texas has no more authority than the Moose Lodge," says Ron Dusek, a spokesman for Attorney General Dan Morales. "We're not going to turn over the state of Texas to a fraternity or social club."

Sept. 19,1996

— A member of the Republic, Joann Turner, faces arrest for contempt of court after skipping a hearing before state District Judge Joseph Hart. She had been ordered to court in connection with an earlier contempt charge, which stemmed from her filing liens in violation of a order by Hart to stop doing so.

— She had filed liens against a moving and storage company, several judges and her former home, which is now owned by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. The FDIC repossessed her home after Mrs. Turner and her husband, William, failed to pay their loan. Alar Moving and Storage had been asked by the FDIC to move and store the couple's belongings. The company then auctioned off the belongings after the Turners failed to pay $15,000 in fees.

— Hart dissolves the liens.

Oct. 16, 1996

— Morales seeks motion for civil contempt against the Republic. The group could face fines totaling $210,000 and seizure of assets if the motion is granted.

— The motion asks that the defendants appear in court Oct. 28 and to send a notice rescinding a document that the Republic had sent to state officials. The document declared the Republic of Texas to be a "Sovereign Nation State Body Politic" and claimed all land in Texas and all money and securities held by the state.

— "They can serve me with as many papers as they want. ... If somebody comes in here that is one of their people with a gun on their side to serve me papers, we're not going to shoot 'em ... (If a state official) pulls a gun, we're going to feel our lives are in danger," McLaren says. "If they try to seize our assets, seize our property, we will defend our property ... whatever it takes (to do so)."

Dec. 20, 1996

— McLaren says that he and his "defense force" will "not tolerate" efforts to arrest him on a warrant issued by Judge Bunton. U.S. marshals say they had not yet received notice to arrest him. "The U.S. Marshal's office can serve the warrant if they're stupid enough," McLaren says.

— Bunton issues the warrant after McLaren fails to appear at a hearing to determine if the "ambassador" violated terms given to him after being released from jail in mid-June. McLaren says the terms of his release were negated by actions of the U.S. Supreme Court and U.S. District Court of the District of Columbia.

— McLaren says his militia has been preparing for this situation for a long time and is prepared to use "extreme retaliation. ... I'll tell you this won't be another Waco. We will counteract. There is no deal to be made. We won't play games, because we know what the outcome will be. Once they turn it on, they won't be able to turn it off."

Dec. 21, 1996

— McLaren continues to hole up at his embassy outside of Fort Davis and says he hopes U.S. Marshals will not arrest him until he presents evidence against the U.S. government at the state capitol rotunda in January.

Dec. 24, 1996

— Neighbors in the Davis Mountains Resort complain because the U.S. Postal Service cut off mail delivery because of McLaren's threats of violence if he is arrested.

— Postal Service officials say delivery was temporarily discontinued and it would be "re-evaluated" in early January.

Dec. 28, 1996

— McLaren and members of the Republic of Texas say they plan to hold public hearings in Austin even though their application to use the State Capitol Rotunda has not yet been approved and plan to hold those hearings even if their application is denied.

— McLaren says the hearings "will provide evidence on Texas' independence and alleged unlawful acts of government."

Jan. 2, 1997

— Members of the Republic of Texas promise a "paper war" after Attorney General Morales denies them the use of the State Capitol Rotunda for public hearings.

— McLaren says after Morales' denial that the next move is to file international liens against the personal assets and parties responsible for keeping the group out of the capitol.

— Officials say the request to use the rotunda was denied because the Republic of Texas did not have a state sponsor such as a member of the Texas Legislature, lieutenant governor or governor.

Jan. 3, 1997

— David Johnson, president of the Republic of Texas, holds a press conference in Odessa to say his organization is the official Republic of Texas and that he and his supporters have disavowed McLaren and stripped McLaren and six other members of its provisional government of their titles after finding them guilty of conspiracy and treason.

— "He forgot he wrote the rules and regulations he was controlled by and it says 'all political power is inherent in the people.' The people decided what he was doing was treasonous and unlawful," Johnson says.

Jan. 4, 1997

— McLaren, still holed up at his Republic of Texas "embassy," again threatens violence if law enforcement officials try to arrest him on warrants issued in December.

— "If they arrest me, we will fire upon them. A civil war will erupt," McLaren tells a reporter with the Fort Worth Star Telegram.

March 18, 1997

— An armed and guarded McLaren waits for the onslaught that he says is inevitable.

— "These boys are asking for a total military assault," he says, referring to federal officers. "Our defense forces will fire because we consider it an invasion."

April 27, 1997

— Republic of Texas members take a Fort Davis couple hostage, injuring the husband, in retaliation for the arrest of two members of the group. McLaren remains at large and a standoff develops between McLaren, along with his followers, and law enforcement officials.

April 28, 1997

— The group swapped two hostages for a jailed member about 12 hours after invading the home of Joe and M.A. Rowe.

— Warrants are issued for six members of the Republic of Texas, including McLaren, by 83rd State District Court Judge Alex Gonzalez.

— McLaren, his chief aide, Robert Otto, known as White Eagle, Robert Scheidt, Richard Keys, Karen Paulson and Guy Paulson were charged with organized criminal activity, a first-degree felony. In addition, Keys and the Paulsons were charged with two counts each of aggravated assault and aggravated kidnapping.

April 29, 1997

— "I could have blowed the sucker's head off, and I would've," says Joe Rowe from an Alpine hospital where he was recuperating from wounds suffered in Sunday's attack. "But I figured if I shot him, I couldn't get all three of (the intruders.)"

— Davis Mountains Resort residents are angry that they are removed from their homes.

— Republic of Texas members who are not involved in the standoff speak out in attempt to distance themselves from McLaren.

April 30, 1997

— In Pecos, Texas Rangers arrest seven men armed with automatic weapons who were trying to join Republic of Texas separatists.

"We don't want those people to feel like they need to come here," DPS spokesman Mike Cox said. "This is not the Alamo. This is not San Jacinto. And I am not Davy Crockett. We are just a state law-enforcement agency trying to bring ... justice."

— Optimism for surrender fades after McLaren cut off telephone and fax messages and negotiations with Department of Public Safety officers.

May 1, 1997

— Police negotiators send 13 besieged Texas secessionists a final offer and will move in to arrest them if they don't accept.

— Almost 200 first- and second-graders from the 15-county Permian Basin Girl Scout Council are forced to cancel a weekend camp-out that was to have started Friday night at Camp Mitre Peak.

— The Republic of Texas' pleas for group members to rally in support in Balmorhea, about 30 miles north of where McLaren's secessionist group is holding out, failed to materialize.

May 2, 1997

— Evelyn McLaren's daughters plead with their mother to leave the Republic of Texas "embassy."

— Separatists ignore order by third ROT president, Boyce Halbison, to lay down their arms.

— SWAT unit moves to within 440 yards of compound. Team members overhear McLaren issue commands: "Order to fire at will," "Open fire," "Put the laser on him and pluck him."

May 3, 1997

— McLaren and four others surrender. Two heavily armed separatists flee into the woods surrounding the compound.

— McLaren and his cohorts are taken to Presidio County Jail in Marfa for an arraignment.

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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast

Today	Monday	Tuesday
Windy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
High 90	High 93	High 86
Low 52	Low 56	Low 57

Today's forecast calls for party cloudy skies with highs between 85 and 90. Winds will be from the south to southeast and increasing to 15 to 25 mph and gusty, according to the National Weather Service.

Tonight will be party cloudy with lows in the upper 50s.

Monday will be partly cloudy with highs around 90.

Saturday's high was 76 degrees, compared to the record high of 98 set in 1947. The low was 47 degrees, compared with the record 37 set in 1970.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Friday	.00 in.
Rainfall Saturday	.00 in.
Total for month	.00 in.
Total for year	4.18 in.

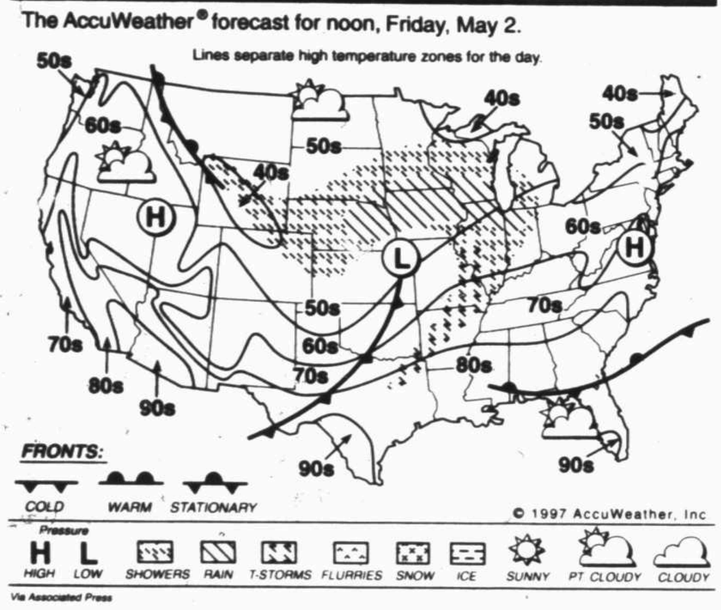
Yesterday's temperatures

High	76
low	47
Normal high	85
Normal low	55

Sunrise 7: 00 a.m. Sunset 8:31 p.m.

National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Friday, May 2.



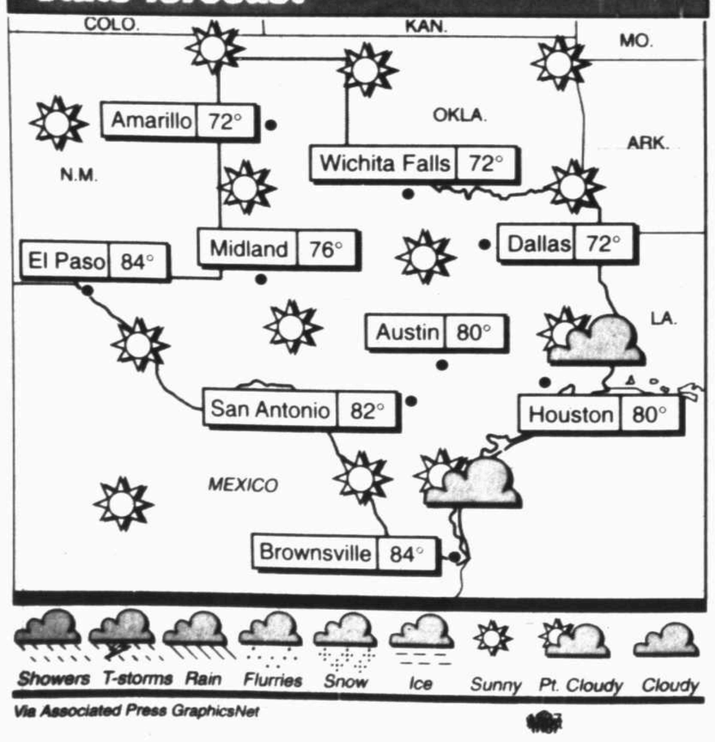
Via Associated Press

United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 8:33 p.m. EDT.

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albany,N.Y.	58	42	74	cdy
Albuquerque	76	46	cdy	
Amarillo	69	35	cdy	
Anchorage	55	38	clr	
Asheville	73	55	93	cdy
Atlanta	72	59	98	cdy
Atlantic City	65	52	14	cdy
Baltimore	78	56	25	clr
Billings	65	34	cdy	
Birmingham	73	61	1.07	clr
Bismarck	65	32	cdy	
Boise	77	40	clr	
Boston	60	48	04	cdy
Brownsville	82	76	clr	
Buffalo	61	46	43	cdy
Burlington,Vt	47	35	05	cdy
Casper	60	26	clr	
Charleston,S.C.	85	65	1.15	clr
Charleston,W.Va.	73	63	16	cdy
Charlotte,N.C.	72	62	72	clr
Cheyenne	59	32	clr	
Chicago	57	42	02	clr
Cincinnati	60	57	1.37	clr
Cleveland	63	51	35	clr
Columbia,S.C.	72	65	1.18	clr
Columbus,Ohio	63	50	92	clr
Concord,N.H.	51	30	30	clr
Dayton	58	49	1.54	clr
Denver	63	27	clr	
Des Moines	59	44	cdy	
Detroit	48	45	1.36	clr
Duluth	55	33	cdy	
Evansville	56	55	16	clr
Fairbanks	61	37	rn	
Fargo	60	30	cdy	
Flagstaff	68	28	cdy	
Grand Rapids	56	43	06	clr
Great Falls	68	29	clr	
Greensboro,N.C.	68	61	1.01	clr
Hartford Spgfld	58	46	1.03	cdy
Helena	70	27	clr	
Honolulu	85	73	clr	
Indianapolis	53	51	25	clr
Jackson,Miss.	73	61	82	clr
Jacksonville	89	67	clr	
Juneau	59	35	cdy	
Kansas City	62	46	02	clr
Las Vegas	91	57	cdy	
Little Rock	71	53	30	clr
Los Angeles	83	52	cdy	
Louisville	62	57	82	clr
Lubbock	71	41	cdy	
Memphis	68	55	14	clr
Miami Beach	90	79	cdy	
Milwaukee	55	39	06	clr
Mpls-St Paul	62	40	07	cdy
Nashville	64	60	07	clr
New Orleans	80	66	63	clr
New York City	61	52	72	cdy
Norfolk,Va.	77	53	38	cdy
North Platte	64	25	clr	
Oklahoma City	66	45	clr	
Omaha	63	40	01	clr
Orlando	92	71	clr	
Philadelphia	74	52	38	cdy
Phoenix	96	68	cdy	
Pittsburgh	68	50	46	clr
Portland,Maine	51	35	46	clr
Portland,Ore.	60	50	21	rn
Providence	58	47	18	cdy
Raleigh-Durham	72	61	27	clr
Rapid City	60	28	clr	
Reno	73	39	clr	
Richmond	77	57	52	clr
Sacramento	82	51	clr	
St Louis	60	50	25	clr
Salt Lake City	71	40	clr	
San Diego	74	61	cdy	
San Francisco	68	55	clr	
San Juan,P.R.	87	75	cdy	
Santa Fe	75	32	cdy	
St Ste Marie	58	39	clr	
Seattle	55	48	29	rn
Shreveport	76	57	01	clr
Sioux Falls	60	30	clr	
Spokane	51	44	12	rn
Syracuse	62	43	31	cdy
Tampa-St Ptrsbg	87	76	clr	
Topeka	64	45	clr	
Tucson	97	57	clr	
Tulsa	67	50	cdy	
Washington,D.C.	78	58	03	clr
Wichita	65	42	clr	
Wilkes-Barre	67	50	59	cdy
Wilmington,Del.	74	52	cdy	

State forecast



Via Associated Press GraphicsNet

Texas temperatures

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

	Hi	Lo	Pcp
Alice	88	65	
Amarillo	69	35	
Austin	77	59	
Beaumont	81	61	0.06
Brownsville	82	74	
Childress	69	42	
College Station	78	58	
Corpus Christi	87	65	
Cotulla	85	64	
Dalhart	71	30	
Dallas	74	52	
Del Rio	84	56	
Denton	72	45	
El Paso	87	50	
Fort Stockton	79	51	
Fort Worth	72	51	
Galveston	79	68	
Houston Hobby	82	63	
Houston Intrctnl	81	58	0.11
Junction	76	45	
Kingsville	87	62	
Laredo	86	66	
Lubbock	71	41	
Lufkin	78	56	0.10
Marfa	81	43	
McAllen	86	72	
Midland	76	47	
Mineral Wells	75	50	
Navy Corpus	79	71	
Palacios	80	60	
Paris	72	50	
San Angelo	76	46	
San Antonio	80	58	
Shreveport	76	57	0.01
Texarkana	73	53	
Victoria	81	57	
Waco	74	52	
Wichita Falls	70	45	
Wink	81	43	

McLaren's life began in American Midwest

Associated Press

FORT DAVIS — The leader of the Texas separatist group who was locked in a standoff with authorities for seven days challenged authority on a much smaller scale as a teen-ager in Wilmington, a farming town about 70 miles south of Columbus in southwestern Ohio.

Rick McLaren's 1972 high school yearbook lists him as a member of the Future Farmers of America, the tennis team and the newspaper staff. McLaren said last month that he was kicked off the newspaper staff because "I criticized the administration a lot."

"They didn't really like me," he said.

The picture that emerges of McLaren is disparate. The most recent image is that of a raging, armed rebel defying the entire Texas Department of Public Safety. A lesser known one is of a man too squeamish to clean a deer he'd shot, whose only prior shooting victims had been trees.

McLaren, 43, is a self-educated man whose relatives all held college degrees, a man who lived in a lean-to without running water but maintains an elaborate computer system.

Long before he set out to make Texas a sovereign nation, he wanted to be a pioneer and grow the perfect grape. When that failed, he wanted to create a wildlife preserve. He wanted to defend the rights of his neighbors in the remote Davis Mountain Resort.

But never did he want to die.

"He certainly didn't seem like that as a kid," said Don Rauch, a teacher and tennis instructor at Wilmington High School in Ohio, where McLaren graduated in 1972.

He was a little different from other teen-agers. His father had left the family when McLaren was 3, and McLaren was brought up by his mother and grandmother.

McLaren moved from St. Louis to Wilmington when he was a sophomore in high school. His father worked at a nearby military base, he has said.

"He was the light of their life," Rauch told the Houston Chronicle. "I never heard him mention his father, but his grandfather had been a very successful civil engineer and Rick spoke of him."

His grandfather was Charles H. Samson Sr., an engineering professor at Texas A&M University who at one time served as acting president of the school.

McLaren's only problem in high school, Rauch said, was over cafeteria food.

"He didn't like it," said Rauch. "A lot of us didn't, but Rick wouldn't eat it and demanded that he be allowed to go home for lunch. The school had a closed-door policy at lunch period back then and nobody was allowed to leave.

"But Rick's mother took his side and he got a dispensation from the school to go home for lunch and he did, every day."

He also played on Rauch's tennis team and was a valuable member.

"He was a good player," Rauch said. "He followed the rules. He did whatever I told him to and he won. There was no rebelliousness."

McLaren also liked cars and had a modified GTO that he roared through the streets of Wilmington in. Along with that, he had a penchant for an occasional marijuana cigarette, but never alcohol or other drugs.

He also liked a young girl by the name of Sandy Denkenberger.

"We started going together when I was 17 and he was 19," she said. "By the time I was 19 and he was 21, we were married."

She is the niece of current Clinton County Sheriff Ralph Fizer.

"Their marriage was not with my blessing," Fizer said. "He was a squirrelly rascal. He was hyper. Not a violent kind of hyper, but he was just squirrelly. It was like he could never really sit still. He was always real nervous."

In 1975, she and McLaren married in a conventional wedding in a Church of Christ in Wilmington. Shortly afterward, McLaren began reading about Texas and formed an affinity for the state.

"We read Texas Monthly, Texas Highways, just about anything about Texas and we wanted to go there," she said.

McLaren worked in factories and at other odd jobs around Wilmington until 1977, when McLaren and his wife bought a van and moved to Fort Worth, Texas. McLaren sold cars, wrote pamphlets on restoration of antique vehicles and sold life insurance.

He jumped from one interest to another. While his wife worked to keep the bills paid, he would immerse himself in one form of research and then another, always searching for a new venture. When money was too scarce, they would move in with his family in College Station.

Soon, he realized that Fort Worth was too cosmopolitan for him. McLaren wanted to be a pioneer and, when he read of the Davis Mountains and of a growing vineyard industry in Texas, he fixed on a new plan.

"He wanted to grow the perfect grape," said his former wife.

McLaren teamed with an East Texas woman, who agreed to finance a vineyard, and he moved himself and his wife to Jeff Davis County.

There, on a plot a few miles from his former "embassy," the young couple found themselves on a desolate landscape in October 1979. Their household furnishings were under tarps and they were without a home.

"Rick built a lean-to and we heated it with a stove we made out of a 55-gallon barrel," she said. "It was rough, but we loved it.

"But we didn't have anything. Rick was making about $5 an hour trying to start the vineyard and we didn't have enough to eat at times. I guess we had enough, but I was sick of hot dogs, so I finally got hungry and made him shoot a deer.

"He didn't particularly want to, but he did. Then, he couldn't clean it. I had to cut the throat and then we strung it up and I told him he had to take the intestines out.

"Well, he went in and put a bandana over his face and came back out and tried. He'd cut and then he'd start gagging. Then he'd cut again and he'd start throwing up. Finally a neighbor came by and helped us finish it and Rick never killed another deer.

"He even bec me a vegetarian for a while."

The vineyard failed — after producing a single batch of wine — and the McLarens moved to the Davis Mountain Resort.

Soon, McLaren was fighting with the subdivision management over maintaining the tortuous road to his remote acreage. He refused to pay a maintenance fee when the management would not grade the road to his property and, when he was threatened with a lien, he began researching titles at the courthouse.

"I think that's when it started," his former wife told the Chronicle. "Pretty soon, he figured out the surveys on all this subdivision were wrong and that there was an area behind us that was government land, free for homesteading, and he paid the fee and claimed it."

McLaren added about 600 acres to the five he already owned and began a new winery venture with a Fort Davis businessman. In the meantime, he continued his legal battles with the subdivision and formed the Davis Mountain Property Owners Association.

He filed reams of documents at the Jeff Davis Courthouse and doubled the workload of County Clerk Sue Blackley. He vexed townspeople with his manic conversation about surveys and property. He became regarded as an irritating eccentric, but relatively harmless.

McLaren's legal battles and business ventures were taking their toll on his marriage by 1986. The McLarens were living in the same 20-foot house trailer they had moved into when they first came to the subdivision.

McLaren had added a lean-to at each end, but there was still no well and water came from a spring, through a garden hose and into the sink through the kitchen window.

The only heat came from a wood stove and, once again, food was scarce.

"I guess I got sick of it," Sandy said. "Rick was always off researching something in the library, filing some other suit. He'd go from one battle to another and I'd always think 'This is the last one' and he'd find a new one.

"I'd wait for one thing to get done and he'd find another. Finally, I just left."

McLaren, with his newly acquired knowledge of the law, filed their divorce.

Soon afterward he found a new wife, Evelyn, the former wife of one of McLaren's lifelong friends.

Since the siege at the Davis Mountain Resort began a week ago, Sandy has learned that McLaren's self-styled divorce was not legal.

"I got worried and asked the Texas Attorney General's Office to look it over," she said. "They did and told me it wasn't styled right. I'm not divorced from him.

"I guess he made me a bigamist, but he didn't mean to, I know.

"It actually makes my stomach hurt when I hear him say he's willing to die for this business. Die for what? I don't understand."

ELECTION: Manulik, Brooks winners of contested races

(From 1A)

the incumbent Brooks decisively beating two challengers for the seat.

Brooks received 383 votes, for 69.38 percent of the vote. This percentage almost mirrors the early voting total of 103 votes for 69.59 percent.

Challenger Joe Perales received 82 votes for a total 19.02 percent.

Like Perales, Saturday's election was the first time in the political arena for challenger Manuel Lujan.

Lujan received 64 votes for a total of 11.59 percent of the vote.

"I want to congratulate Mr. Brooks. He ran a pretty good race," Perales said following the election.

Perales said he appreciated the opportunity during his campaign to call attention to various issues facing District 2, and says he might run again in the future.

"There are a lot of issues out there," Perales said.

Lujan said that he hopes his campaign had an effect on the city election process. "We were able to bring attention to some overdue work needed in the district," Lujan said.

Lujan hopes that Brooks will address some of the issues raised in the campaign. "He talked the talk and now it's time to walk the walk and do something for the district," Lujan said.

Brooks could not be reached for comment.

Running unopposed, council member Pat Schneider retained her seat with 564 votes for 100 percent of the total.

At-large council members Dale Brown and Jose Cuevas will be back on the council, with Brown receiving 1,319 votes for 50.49 percent of the total and Cuevas receiving 1,293 votes for 49.50 percent.

This is the first city election since last year's City Charter amendment election, which mandated three-year terms for council members, along with a three-term limit beginning with this term, according to Rick Menchaca, assistant city manager. Before this election, all City Council positions were for two-year terms.

In the Greenwood Independent School District, Terry Johnston won out over Dusty Land. Both men were running for the vacated Place 7 seat on the GISD board of trustees.

Johnston received 138 votes for 59.22 percent of the vote, compared to Land who received 95 votes for 40.77 percent of the total.

Before Saturday's election, Johnston said he would work to uphold discipline, including the dress code, hair code and earring code at GISD.

"I'm in favor of teacher pay raises and I'm in favor of an aggressive sex education program, from a conservative point of view, that teaches abstinence."

Land also wanted to apply conservative principles during the anticipated future population growth at GISD.

AWARD: Hospice project typical of area, official says

(From 1A)

it Award winner — the community that aided the stranded teenagers and those who honored the firefighter victims worked together in the true spirit of the award.

"But the citizens of the Tri-Cities area of Washington seemed to especially exemplify the role volunteers can play in enriching their community. Midland voters apparently felt that way and also probably had special feelings for the wonderful work that is done by Hospice everywhere including here in Midland."

Carroll Thomas, business development director at Midland International Airport, was mayor of Midland when the award was created in 1987 after volunteers spent 58 hours working to rescue Jessica McClure from an abandoned water well.

It was his original idea to perpetuate the work volunteers did here by recognizing similar community responses in other areas.

"I think it's an important national award in that it recognizes a community or city," he said. "We have a lot of awards for individuals for various things, but this is the only one I'm aware of that recognizes a community."

The Tri-Cities area was nominated by Glenna Hammer Moulthrop, who is a volunteer with Tri-Cities Chaplaincy, the United Way agency that oversaw construction of and operates Hospice House.

"I'm really proud of all the people who contributed in so many countless ways to build that facility," she said, noting that it was sponsored in part by United Way contributions.

"The United Way organization here is one that has tremendous support from everyone," she said. "So in addition to the volunteers who built the facility and the businesses who contributed so much in terms of material and the people who helped feed the work crews, there were countless people who were generous with their United Way support. This effort truly cut across our entire community."

She explained that she nominated Tri-Cities for the award "because I have always felt the story of this Hospice House is an incredible story of how people want to give from the heart and that's clearly what they did. I thought it was probably the greatest accomplishment. I've lived in this community all my life and probably the building of Hospice House represents everything that's good about our community."

Bob Kelly, Kennewick city manager, said that the project was completed over a two-year time span and "it's very nice to have that effort recognized in this way because it was a tremendous effort on the part of literally hundreds of volunteers to make Hospice House, which was a vision, become a reality."

He called the effort typical of the community he's been part of for 10 years, though he's lived in the region for 20 years.

"These kinds of things are characteristic of what the community does. There was a real concern a few years ago about cancer patients having to leave the community for extended periods of time for chemotherapy or radiation treatment. The community got the three hospitals, unaffiliated with each other, to sit at the table and decide how a single cancer care facility could be built without the three competing with one another."

Though Hospice House was built in Kennewick, he said, volunteers came from throughout the region, as they did to build the cancer care facility.

Kelly also noted that the area recently chartered the first Boys and Girls Club in Washington State, again involving an effort from residents of all the communities. The goal, he said, is to have clubs in each community; the first was opened in Pasco because it had the right facility available.

"There's a collegial spirit in the community to do the kinds of things that need to be done to benefit all the residents," he said.

Larry Haler, mayor of Richland, said that "Our community has a high level of volunteerism and working together. We have had great successes in our community even though we have four different communities; we cooperate as much as possible — from the people who work on charitable events right up to the city and county levels. In fact, the mayors meet on a monthly basis to make sure we don't get crosswise with each other. We all work for the mutual benefit of all our citizens in the community."

He said winning the Community Spirit Award "is just fantastic. We have such a high level of community spirit and we very seldom get recognized for it."

Representatives from the Tri-Cities area will be flown to Midland to be recognized and honored at this year's Chamber of Commerce Banquet to be held this fall.

At that time, they will receive a bronze plaque, a smaller replica of the one created to honor volunteers in the rescue of Jessica McClure and which is affixed to the south wall of Midland Center.

Expenses for bringing the honorees — as well as representatives of the five past Spirit Award recipients — to Midland and hosting them during their visits are being paid through a grant from Albertson's, which is sponsor of the 1997 Community Spirit Award.

Lotto Texas

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

10-26-29-38-41-46

Pick 3 Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

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Americans face death in Caribbean paradise

Associated Press

BEQUIA, St. Vincent — They were notorious for their hard drinking, public brawls and spendthrift ways — the Americans in the fancy yacht moored in Bequia's paradisiacal bay.

So suspicion immediately fell on the Fletchers when a boat-taxi driver disappeared on Oct. 6, the night he gave them a ride ashore.

Jerome "Jolly" Joseph's body turned up in a bay down-current from the Fletcher yacht Carefree, with a bullet hole through the heart.

Pennella Fletcher, 35, of Kentucky, and James Fletcher, 49, of West Virginia, are charged with murder in a case that has come under high-level scrutiny in the United States. First degree murder convictions carry a mandatory death sentence here — by hanging. The trial is scheduled to begin next month.

The Fletchers say they had nothing to do with the killing. They claim they are the victims of corrupt officials who want to extort money from wealthy Americans who frequent the Grenadine Islands in pleasure boats. Their lawyers have asked President Clinton to intervene.

But most Bequia residents side with the Joseph family, which claims the killing was racially motivated.

"She said she wanted to kill a ... black man, and so she killed my grandson," said Celia Joseph, 83, quoting court testimony from three men who brawled with Pennella Fletcher in a bar just days before the murder. They said she told them she wanted vengeance because a black man raped her in Antigua.

"I hope she hangs," she said.

The government of St. Vincent, consisting of that island and the northern Grenadines, says the Fletchers are being treated as any other suspects in the former British Caribbean colony.

But relatives in Huntington, W. Va., where James Fletcher ran a family mining equipment company until he resigned to sail around the world, say the couple is being held on flimsy evidence.

None of the bullets found on Joseph's motorboat match those found in a box on the Fletcher vessel. But they were of the same .22 caliber as a missing gun the Fletchers had declared to Vincentian customs.

The Fletchers say the islands' government doesn't want to look for local suspects because tourists might be scared away. In addition to appealing to Clinton, Fletcher lawyers bombarded U.S. Congress members Wednesday with material about the case.

The material includes a statement from Puerto Rican lawyer Arturo Diaz saying he was negotiating to pay up to $100,000 to buy the Fletchers' freedom. He said negotiations stopped when newspapers began publishing charges from a South African yachtsman that he paid a $25,000 bribe to get off the hook as a suspect in the Nov. 2 stabbing death of his wife, Lorraine.

"What has been written about St. Vincent is as distant from the truth as east is from west," Foreign Minister Alpian Allen said. He refused to respond to allegations of corruption.

But in a March 12 memorandum, U.S. consular officer in Barbados, Sandra Ingram, countered that "there is not one scintilla of physical evidence." She concluded that "fear, intimidation and interference from 'higher authorities' are factors" that make it "highly unlikely that the Fletchers can get a fair trial."

The memorandum followed a preliminary hearing at which the magistrate ruled there was enough circumstantial evidence for a trial next month.

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Republicans in more celebratory mood after budget deal reached

By John King
Associated Press

■ News analysis

WASHINGTON— The balanced-budget agreement negotiated by President Clinton and GOP leaders gives both parties openings to redefine themselves and shed labels that have caused damage in recent elections. They're opportunities that bring a considerable portion of uncertainty.

In the immediate aftermath of Friday's announcement, Republicans obviously were in a far more celebratory mood than Democrats. Even President Clinton, who pushed furiously for a deal over the past week, adopted a somber tone as he discussed details amid subdued congressional Democrats.

The president, however, was one of the certain winners: Dogged by Whitewater and campaign finance investigations in the first three months of his second term, Clinton has been eager to prove he can work with the Republican Congress and enact centerpiece campaign proposals.

And despite grumbling from conservatives who believe the agreement cuts taxes too little and allows too much spending, Republican congressional leaders also had reason to celebrate. Like Clinton, they wanted to show skeptical voters they could get things done. And the deal embraces many of the goals — if not the exact proposals — of the platform the GOP used to capture control of Congress in 1994.

"It is the completion of the Contract With America," House Speaker Newt Gingrich told rank-and-file Republican members in a conference call Friday evening. "We feel we protected all the basic Republican values."

As they promoted the agreement, it was clear GOP leaders already were thinking ahead to defending their majorities in 1998's off-year elections.

In 1996, Democrats and organized labor spent millions of dollars accusing Republicans of trying to destroy Medicare and Social Security.

The agreement includes $115 billion in Medicare savings and, beginning in 1999, a lower inflation measure that will generate big savings in Social Security and other entitlement programs. But with Clinton's imprimatur on the deal, Republicans believe they are now insulated from such attacks and can campaign on a package that balances the budget and cuts taxes.

"I don't think it is politically very helpful to us," said Democratic pollster Mark Mellman. Although last-minute changes assuaged some liberal Democrats on policy grounds, many still believe the political impact of the deal will be a more favorable landscape for the majority Republicans next year.

Whether that is the case, however, likely will depend largely on the shape of the congressional and broader political debate beyond the budget in the coming year.

Some Democrats, such as Roy Romer, the party's general chairman, still see opportunities to put Republicans on the defensive on issues such as education and the environment.

At a Saturday meeting of the party's executive committee, Romer said Clinton "was able to keep our values in that budget" by including spending for education, health care for poor children and environmental protection.

Some Republicans likewise worry the agreement could strengthen Clinton's political standing and cause less of the so-called "six-year itch."

Armored truck funds haven't been returned

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — No one is rushing to return $500,000 in cash that vanished after an armored truck overturned in a traffic accident.

Even threats of prosecutions aren't leading anyone to step forward in west Oakland.

"People here you know, this is the ghetto. They see money, they're gonna take it, you know," Chaka Grace said Friday.

A truck from Armed Courier Service collided with a car and overturned Thursday, popping its back doors open and spilling somewhere around $500,000 in bills and coins.

Police have film of some of the people who grabbed the money because the truck had a security camera, said Armed Courier president Dan Connolly.

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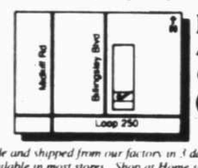

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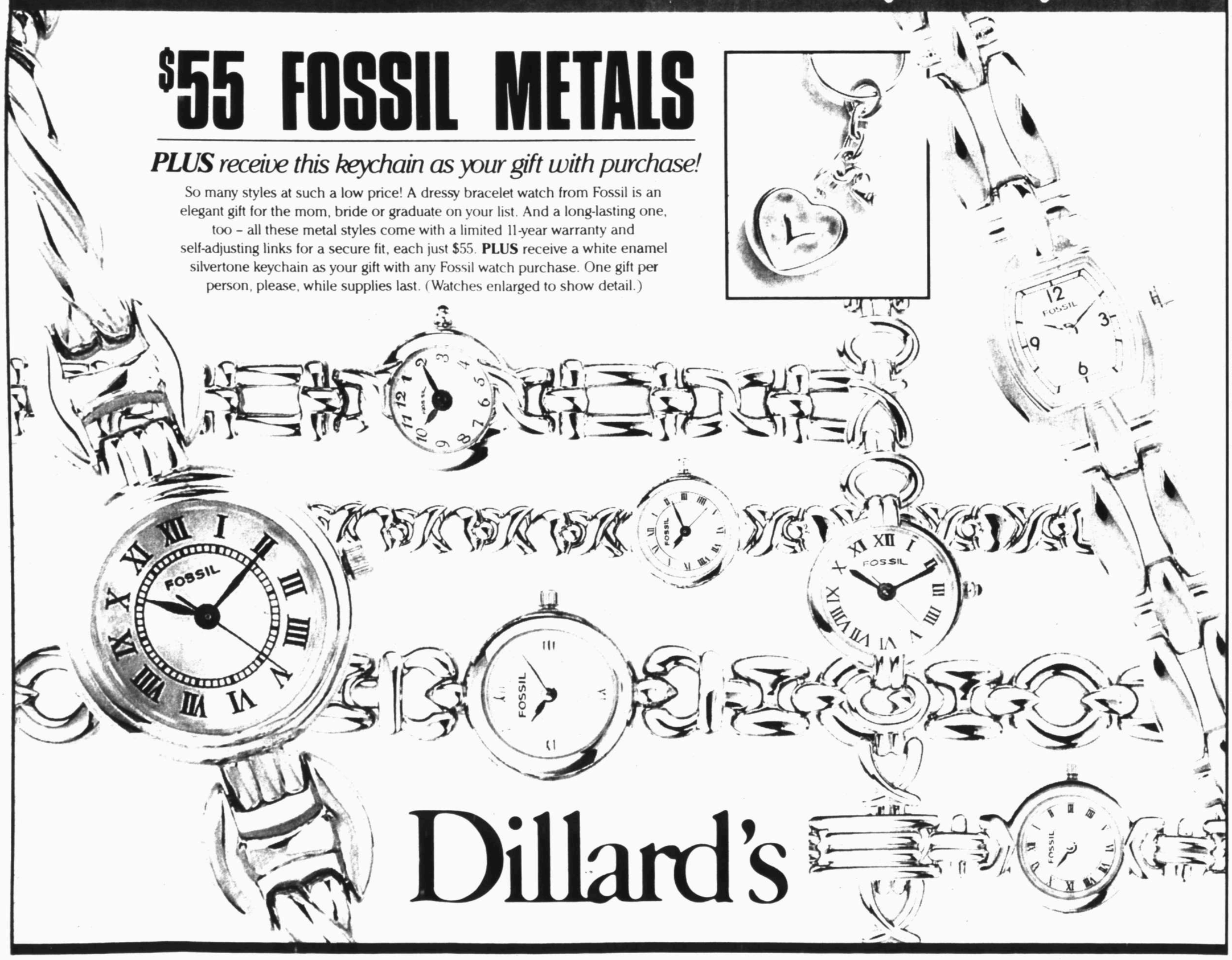

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Families still ache after ValueJet crash

By Evan Perez
Associated Press

MIAMI — Heartbroken and feeling profoundly alone amid dozens of mourners, Richard Kessler somehow found God's presence as he looked over the vastness of the Everglades where his wife perished.

Nearby, Marilyn Chamberlin searched for a reason that her only daughter, an accomplished pilot, had been taken from her. A religious woman, she feels robbed by the crash of ValuJet Flight 592, but the loss has also shaken her faith.

Paul and Susan Smith, who stood at the same memorial ceremony last summer, couldn't accept that their son died so horribly. They were determined to bring good from the May 11 tragedy that took 110 lives.

A year after the accident brought scores of strangers together, all tell of fresh wounds, easily opened by small reminders that bring memories rushing back. Mother's Day, the anniversary of the crash, promises to bring back the pain.

"It's an unrelenting, horrifying, cutting edge kind of pain. And it leaves an empty space that never gets filled," Mrs. Smith said, her voice trembling in a telephone interview from her home in Montgomery, Ala.

Aside from grief, the families all seem to share a measure of anger — at ValuJet and at SabreTech, the contractor that mishandled and mislabeled oxygen canisters investigators believe either started or fueled the fire that brought the plane down. They also blame the Federal Aviation Administration, whose shortcomings in inspecting the low-fare carrier and its contractor were bared at hearings after the crash.

A final report from the National Transportation Safety Board on what caused the jetliner to plunge into the swamp west of Miami is due in July.

The report won't heal wounds, but the families know it represents another step they must take to move on with their lives.

Paul J. "Jay" Smith III, an Air Force lieutenant stationed at Gunter Air Force Base, near his parents' home, was rushing home for Mother's Day when he boarded Flight 592 in Miami bound for Atlanta.

His father remembers their special bond. They seemed to share everything, from military careers to a passion for baseball cards — Cal Ripken Jr. was Jay's favorite.

AP Laserphoto

Two members of the salvage crew decontaminate recovered parts found Tuesday, June 4, 1996, at the crash site of ValuJet Flight 592 in the Florida Everglades.

His father, now an investment broker, had no doubt his 24-year-old son would follow him into business some day.

His mother never felt left out. He kept her up to date with Grateful Dead music and often started preparing dinner before she got home from work.

"Someday I'll be able to stand being in my kitchen," Mrs. Smith said. "I keep thinking Jay's going to pop around the corner and say, 'What's for dinner?'"

The Smiths have tried to ensure their son is not forgotten. They established a foundation in his name with money he had saved. An Air Force ROTC scholarship bears his name, as do endowments at the church he attended.

Marilyn Chamberlin also hopes something positive may come of the death of her daughter, Capt. Candalyn Kubeck, who was piloting Flight 592. Her countless letters to members of Congress, to the FAA, to the NTSB, are her way of making sure lessons are learned.

But in the year since she lost her daughter, Ms. Chamberlin, a retired interior decorator, has also lost her home to foreclosure (Ms. Kubeck used to help with living expenses) and, at times, her will to live. She says her 36-year-old son, who lives with her in Ramona, Calif., is the only reason she goes on.

"It's been pure hell — undoubtedly the worst year of my life," she says. "I've never known such depression, such grief."

Hardly a day went by without mother and daughter chatting. The night before the crash, Ms. Kubeck's 35th birthday, was no different — mother and daughter were making arrangements to meet during her stopover in Atlanta.

"My own faith in God has profoundly been shaken," Ms. Chamberlin says. "Her whole life was dedicated to God and service to man."

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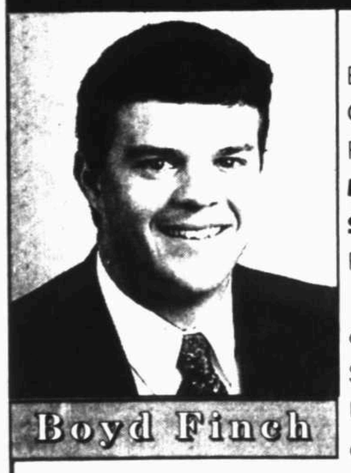

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By Mike McKesson
Associated Press

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Mexicans complain about smuggling too

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Cross-border smuggling usually means to U.S. officials the flow of illegal drugs from Mexico. Mexican officials worry about a radically different kind of illicit traffic going the other way: guns.

They're expected to complain about Mexico-bound American firearms to President Clinton and his delegation of Cabinet members during their trip to Mexico City this week for official talks.

American officials admit that illicit trafficking exists and is difficult to stop, given the massive number of vehicles that transit the border. To inspect them all is unrealistic, they say.

But as bilateral issues go, gun smuggling has lacked the high profile of such as drugs, migration and trade, but it's a subject that increasingly worries officials in Mexico.

"Our preliminary information is that most of the illegal gun trafficking from the U.S. goes to narcotics traffickers," said Mexico's ambassador to Washington, Jesus Silva Herzog.

He suspects some weaponry sent to Mexico originates in gun shops along the U.S. side of the 2,000-mile border. He said they number in the thousands.

Mexican officials determined that a gun shop in Texas was the source of the weapon used in the 1994 assassination of the ruling party's presidential candidate, Luis Donaldo Colosio. And a southern California gun dealer was found to have supplied 170 guns taken from a Tijuana-based drug gang.

U.S. officials say many disreputable border gun shops have been shut down in recent years.

Another complaint of Mexican authorities are lightly regulated U.S. "gun shows," which they describe as open-air markets for buying and selling weapons.

Mexican anxiety over gun smuggling was reinforced in March by a U.S. Customs Service raid on a California warehouse that yielded two truckloads of illegal arms. They entered the country through Long Beach port after an excursion that began in Vietnam.

The arsenal comprised disassembled grenade launchers and fully automatic M-2 carbines. U.S. investigators said it was earmarked for Mexico.

Despite such apparent lapses, American officials question the Mexican assumption that essentially all weapons that end up in criminal hands in Mexico are imported illegally from the United States.

The U.S. officials say that such weapons often are the product of legitimate transactions involving the military or the national police, then are diverted as part of an illicit scam.

Luis Garfias Magana, head of National Defense Commission in the Mexican Chamber of Deputies, said the United States is "very conscious" of the smuggling problem and is seeking ways to combat it. A U.S.-Mexican working group on arms smuggling was created in March 1996.

At the request of Mexico, the Treasury Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms has been trying to determine if almost 4,300 weapons confiscated in Mexico came from the United States.

Garfias Magana says loose U.S. weapons-control regulations are a big part of Mexico's problem. "We have a federal firearms law, while in the United States it is much easier to obtain firearms," Garfias Magana said.

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Kasparov wins game 1 against IBM's machine

■ Deep Blue resigns after Kasparov's 45th move; match lasts almost four hours.

NEW YORK (AP) — It was Man 1, Machine 0, as world chess champion Garry Kasparov won the first game of his much-anticipated rematch with IBM's Deep Blue computer Saturday.

The 34-year-old Russian captured the opener of the six-game match when the computer — which can examine an average of 200 million positions per second — resigned following Kasparov's 45th move.

Kasparov was on the verge of promoting one of his pawns to a queen, which would have put him in an unbeatable position. The match lasted just under four hours.

Kasparov, who played the white pieces and had the slight advantage of making the first move, said a conservative approach paid off.

"I kept my promise before the match that I would not play as Garry Kasparov usually plays in human events," he said. "I said I would play cautiously. I did play cautious."

Deep Blue's aggressive early moves looked more like those of the world champion than Kasparov's own, as the computer sacrificed a pawn to free a position for its rook and knight. That forced Kasparov to return to an aggressive style of play, as he sacrificed a rook for a bishop to break Deep Blue's attack.

Deep Blue erred on the 34th move by forcing an exchange of queens, which left the computer without an attack. The exchange allowed Kasparov to attack the computer's weaknesses, leading to Deep Blue's resignation.

Kasparov defeated the computer last year and says that barring human error, man will always be better than the machine. But IBM technicians said they had improved Deep Blue since the last match.

Kasparov said Game 1 gave him insight into the computer's tendencies.

"At least I found some flaws today," he said. "Obviously every game gives new information."

For Murray Campbell and the rest of the IBM team, it was time to make some adjustments.

"We have some work to do tonight," Campbell said.

The second game of the match is to be played Sunday, with subsequent games scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday and May 10 and 11. The winner takes home $700,000 of a $1.1 million purse.

Beating video sparks inquiry

ATLANTA (AP) — Police and federal authorities are investigating the police beating of a black man during last month's Freaknik, part of which was captured on videotape by a passerby.

Police said Timmie Sinclair, 27, ignored police and tried to drive through a traffic blockade April 20 during the annual spring break festival of black college students. He then allegedly attacked an officer who tried to arrest him.

The videotape, aired Wednesday by WSB-TV, shows black and white officers striking Sinclair with nightsticks and dousing him with pepper spray in a parking lot. It does not show the beginning of the dispute.

"We are thankful for the man who captured this on video and justice is all we're seeking," said Sinclair's lawyer, Albert Mitchell.

Sinclair said he was trying to get to a pharmacy to get medication for his 1-year-old daughter and another officer told him he could pass. He told the television station that he tried to make it difficult for police to arrest him.

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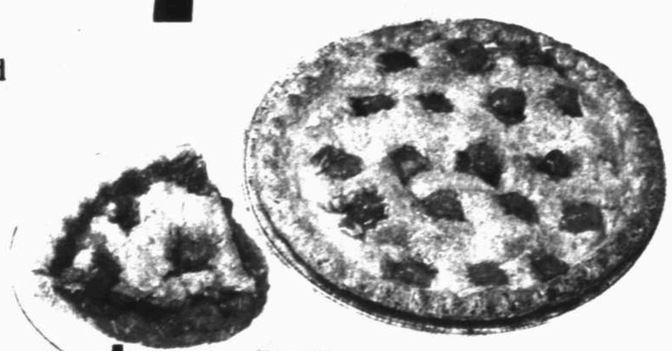

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FDR memorial a fitting tribute

Dedication Friday of the new national memorial to Franklin Delano Roosevelt was entirely fitting even though 52 years after his death Americans are still divided over some of Roosevelt's social initiatives.

Few will question that Roosevelt was a dynamic leader for America during a time that demanded visionary, dramatic leadership. It was an era of ravaging dust storms on the Great Plains, the Great Depression which had left millions of Americans out of work with no hope for the future, a time when Nazi leader Adolf Hitler was threatening Europe and carrying out a Holocaust, the Japanese were ravaging East Asia after bombing Pearl Harbor and when the United States was beginning to exert its role in world politics.

Elected as president, Roosevelt took office in 1933 and was re-elected three times. He served as chief executive until his death in 1945 — longer than any other president served.

Although he gained acclaim both domestically and internationally for his leadership, many of Roosevelt's "New Deal" programs designed to pull the United States from the depths of the Depression were highly controversial when proposed and enacted. On his request, Congress funded the Civil Works Administration (CWA) to create public works projects throughout the nation.

The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and Works Progress Administration (WPA) also helped to pull the nation out of the Great Depression although critics later noted they contributed significantly to the national debt. And there was a host of other "alphabet soup" agencies started to deal with problems confronting the nation.

Many of the programs, proposed as temporary, became permanent and led to an increasing degree of socialism in the United States.

Despite that criticism, however, it must be noted that Roosevelt, stricken with polio, was a masterful politician who led the nation through some of its darkest days.

As President Bill Clinton noted during Friday's dedication ceremony, "It was that faith in his own extraordinary potential that enabled him to guide his country from a wheelchair, and from that wheelchair ... he lifted a great people back to their feet and set America to march again toward its destiny."

For that he warrants being placed right up there with Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln.

JACK ANDERSON

Industry blames trees for dioxin level

WASHINGTON — Among the most infamous moments of Ronald Reagan's political career was the time in the early 1980s when he told Americans, with a straight face, that the scourge of acid rain may, in fact, be caused by trees.

Anderson

He was wrong, of course, yet the episode told many environmentalists all they wanted to know about Reagan's commitment to protecting America's natural resources.

But the embarrassment of that incident hasn't stopped a coalition of polluting industries from trying to peddle a similar line. Representatives of the paper and polyvinyl chloride industries are trying to convince regulators and the public that a lethal chemical called dioxin is actually produced mainly by the burning of trees during forest fires — and not by their products, as many believe.

The Environmental Protection Agency first reported in 1985 that dioxin was one of the most dangerous chemicals it had ever tested. Under pressure from industry, however, the EPA decided to reassess its report in 1991; only this fall will the long-awaited final report be released.

The report is expected to confirm the conclusions of a 1994 EPA report, which stated that "the weight of the evidence suggests concern for the impact of these chemicals on humans at near current background levels." Background levels are levels of dioxin in the general population.

Environmentalists agree that trees today do contain dioxin. But they also contend that the dioxin found in trees is the result of dioxin-producing industries. Scientists note, for example, that samples of trees from before 1930 contain only 1 to 2 percent of the amount of dioxin found in trees today. That's important, since the commercial production of chlorine — a major source of dioxin — was only beginning in 1930.

Clearly worried that the EPA report will lead to increased regulation, the industry has sponsored an "objective" study of its own — designed to show, not surprisingly, that people have little to fear from current levels of dioxin and the industries that produce the chemical.

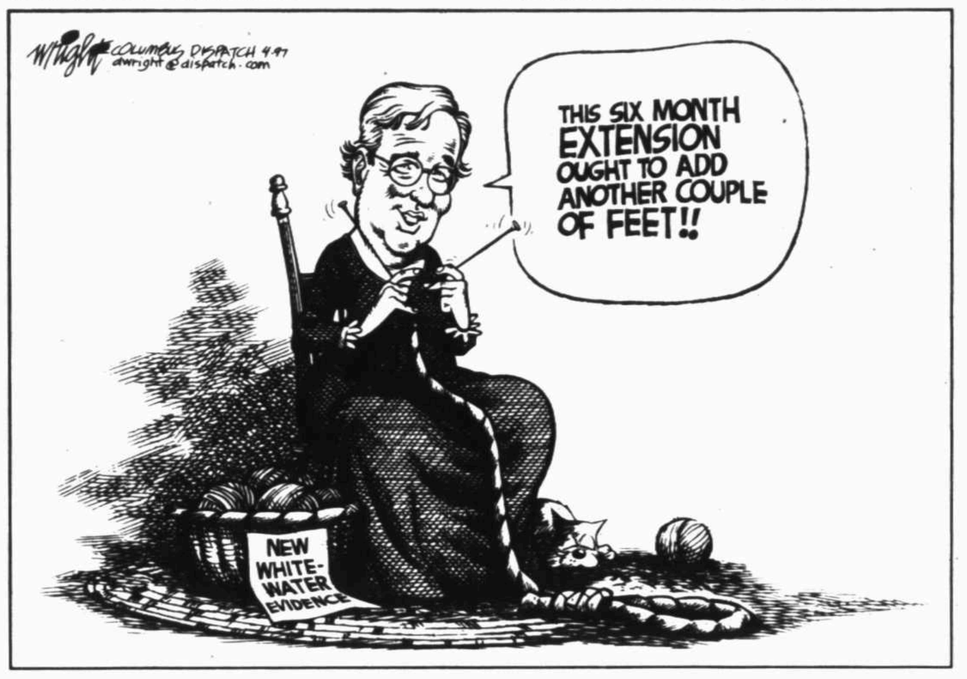
The study — known as the Rigo report — was paid for in part with $150,000 from the Vinyl Institute, whose members are among the largest dioxin producers.

The institute's executive director, Robert Burnett, has also authored a contingency plan in case the EPA doesn't share their views on dioxin. "(The) EPA will probably conclude that the incineration of chlorinated compounds is the single largest contributor to dioxin," Burnett wrote in a memo, which was reviewed by our reporter Mike Anderson.

Although dioxin-producing industries have generally resisted government attempts to regulate them, many companies have voluntarily taken steps to reduce dioxin emissions. The paper industry, for example, has spent $1 billion since the mid-1980s to reduce its dioxin output, to the point where they are now responsible for less dioxin pollution than any other dioxin-producing industry.

As a result of this type of voluntary reduction, dioxin levels are much lower today than they were 20 years ago. Yet that hasn't stopped some industry representatives from reviving the same argument that once brought ridicule upon Ronald Reagan.

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



GEORGE WILL

University of Oklahoma shaped by Boren's hand

NORMAN, Okla.—Class, today's quiz question is: Explain the relationship between the University of Oklahoma's first football coach and Vernon Parrington (1871-1929), professor of English and author of the classic "Main Currents in American Thought."

Will

Parrington was the first coach. That was before Oklahomans took football as seriously as they now do, before they discovered the connection between football and self-esteem, before they — great kidders, Oklahomans — took to talking about building a university worthy of its football team. Make that its football "program."

Parrington taught here from 1897 to 1908, the year after Oklahoma became a state and the politicians, feeling their oats, fired a slew of faculty members. Those fired were accused of playing cards, dancing and smoking cigarettes, but their real sin was being Republicans — then, as now, a hanging offense in academia.

Today the university is in the hyperactive hands of its president, David Boren, 56. Born in Washington — his father was a congressman — and educated at Yale, Oxford and the University of Oklahoma law school, Boren climbed the political ladder as a state legislator, then governor, then U.S. senator. After 16 years in the Senate, he decided it was not too late to make amends.

If an institution is the lengthening shadow of a leader, this university is increasingly the shadow cast by Boren. He is implementing scads of micro and macro measures for turning a sprawling campus into a community, and pushing the institution into the top tier of research universities.

Begin with the benches. A large university is not naturally what its name implies, a unity. Hence the neologism "multiversity," coined to describe educational conglomerates. Hence 160 $1,000 benches donated by alumni to make campus spaces enticing so some of the 25,000 students will pause and talk.

As will another Boren innovation, the historical plaques, such as the one telling the story of Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher, the African American whose successful three-year campaign to gain admittance to the law school in 1949 was an important milestone on the road to Brown v. Board of Education. Constructing historical memory is, Boren says, part of community-building for young people, many of whom come from fractured families and communities.

One way to attract a fine faculty is to have fine students, so the university uses generous scholarships to recruit National Merit and National Achievement scholars. It has more Merit scholars per capita than any other public university and is fifth among all universities in absolute numbers of Merit and Achievement scholars.

Boren has brought back 50 retired full professors to teach freshmen and sophomores. In addition, he has started an honors college that teaches outstanding students in small classes of 20 or less. That program is partially funded by a $5 million anonymous gift, part of the surge of alumni giving that had 39,000 participants last year, up from 23,000 two years ago.

Such giving is the lifeblood of public universities, which are not as much publicly funded as they once were. Seventy percent of this university's income comes from nongovernmental sources, including an endowment that now ranks 94th among all universities.

To combat the tendency of research universities to scant teaching, Boren is instituting merit pay in the form of stipends of up to $10,000 a year for four years for up to 80 "presidential professors" — about 10 percent of the faculty — selected for their classroom excellence. Furthermore, in his two years Boren also has created 36 endowed chairs and professorships.

The largest private gift to any public university this academic year was the $18 million given to the business school by Michael Price, a native New Yorker who, against his father's strenuous wishes, came to Oklahoma as an undergraduate because he was smitten with Sooner football. He even thought he could play, until he stood next to a real player.

Recently Dan Boorstin, the former Librarian of Congress, who was raised in Tulsa, spoke at a dinner celebrating the university library's acquisition of its 2,500,000th volume. The occasion was marked by a gift (from Julian Blackwell, the Oxford publisher and bookseller) of a 1693 first edition of Locke's "Some Thoughts Concerning Education."

This university increasingly resembles what it should be, a recognizable, if suitably Americanized, descendant of the medieval communities of scholars. Like a medieval city clustered in the shadow of a cathedral's spire, the university rings an imposing structure expressing community piety — the stadium, home of a football program striving (it was 3-8 last year) to be worthy of the university's academic programs.

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ANOTHER VIEW

Bill could prevent minority 'brain drain'

Some Texas legislators believe they have a way to help Texas keep more minority students going to college here, not out of state. Their plan will require budget writers' help, however.

Because of a court ruling, race can no longer be used as a factor in recruiting or admitting students to state universities. Race cannot be used in determining financial aid either.

That unfortunate ruling sent lawmakers scrambling to prevent a "brain drain" as this legislative session began. Minority applications already are down sharply at several Texas colleges. That's troubling for a state whose population soon will become a majority of minority citizens.

While not perfect, a plan from Sens. Royce West, D-Dallas, and Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, could help stop an exodus. The Texas Senate recently passed the package, which awaits House consideration. Under the plan, 50 percent of university classes in the eight Texas schools that use elective criteria would gain admission through traditional means: class standing, grade point averages and standardized test scores.

Forty percent would enter using additional factors. They include the applicant's socioeconomic background and school activities. Schools likewise could examine whether the applicant's school is "low-performing."

Also, if a student finishes in the top 10 percent of his or her high school graduating class, he or she would be automatically eligible for college admission in Texas. Some graduating classes are not very competitive. Perhaps legislators should limit this category to the top 5 percent of students, making the prize a greater honor.

The reforms in this bill use factors other than race in evaluating students. Whether they will expand minority enrollments is uncertain. But Texas must do something. That's why the Texas House should pass this bill, or fold it into a similar bill by Rep. Irma Rangel, D-Kingsville.

Budget writers also must appropriate enough financial aid to make this approach work. The proposed state budget falls short here. Sen. Bill Ratliff and Rep. Bob Junell, the top budget writers, should rectify this problem. Without adequate help, Texas universities will lose both students of color and those without the means to attend college. Both would be deplorable for a state in evolution.

— The Dallas Morning News

RUSSELL BAKER

When an icon of diversity achieves closure, it's blather

Diversity is on all lips. So is closure. So is icon. Just try to get through the day without reading or hearing about someone who is an icon, someone who is looking for closure and someone who is championing diversity.

Baker

Oh yes, it can be done if you cut the plugs off your radios and television sets and burn all newspapers and magazines as they come through the door. Only the strongest can do that. The child for whose benefit I cut the plug off the TV set in 1949 has not spoken to me since.

But we are not talking about the ingratitude of children, we are talking about blather, which is what diversity, closure and icon are. Any day now I expect to read that some icon of diversity has achieved closure, or that some icon of closure has achieved diversity, or that closure has come to the search for iconic diversity.

Why everybody suddenly started saying closure is a mystery, but that's what happened. One day, right out of the blue, everybody just suddenly started saying closure.

Persons whose children, lovers and next of kin died in the crash of TWA Flight 800 and in the Oklahoma City bombing were said by the news reporters to be seeking closure.

You sense the dust of the psychologist's couch in the air here. The death of someone you dearly love is a dreadful, dreadful thing, and not easily endured. Echoing inside the word "closure," however, is the sound of a door being slammed and sealed shut against the person whose loss creates your pain.

The mourner is trivialized by the suggestion that the sooner he gets over the death, the better. "Time to pull yourself together, put this behind you, and get on with the job of expanding the gross domestic product."

This is what I hear when the comfort of closure is discussed. And closure is always made to sound comforting. Emotionally devastated survivors need closure, we are told, until it begins to sound like a patent medicine: "The new miracle Closure, folks. Take two at bedtime and wake up with all sadness gone."

With its promise that the most heartbreaking loss need not haunt you forever afterward, closure is a cheerful word. So is diversity. Diversity is a good-person word. (Not, please notice, a good-guy word.) Good persons seek diversity in order to give every American an equal opportunity.

President Clinton boasts of the diversity of his governing circle, meaning that besides dead white males it includes live white females and Americans of African, Hispanic and Asian descent.

Diversity's purpose is to create a government as diverse as the population. Desirable or not, Clinton has failed to pull it off and ought to quit boasting that he has.

The problem with Clinton-style diversity is that it lacks diverseness. Sure, his government gives important jobs to women and persons of varied racial background and ethnic cultures.

Just as in the bad old pre-diversity era, however, it remains government by the elite, lacking the experience necessary to do many things government ought to be doing better.

Consider the huge population blocs not represented. Why no high school dropouts in this bunch of college graduates? If you've been to college, you cannot possibly know how unforgiving America can be to millions who never finish high school.

And where is the cabinet secretary who has no health insurance? Somebody there ought to know what it's like to be one of the 41 million Americans who live in terror of becoming sick.

A cabinet member who is on welfare? Sure, if you really want a government that mirrors the population. Welfare customers are a big part of America. So is the prison population, and it's getting bigger daily as states compete to see which can jug the highest percentage of drug users. How about a Secretary for Marijuana Smokers Doing 20 Years for Inhaling?

Diversity, what a fraudulently sweet-smelling word you are.

As for icon, this lovely word with its odor of incense and hint of Byzantine religious mystery is now reduced to a pretentious way for depraved language butchers to speak of computer cartoons and of entertainers and athletes once dismissed as "heroes" or "stars."

After the language is murdered, will closure be far behind?

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

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, May 4, the 124th day of 1997. There are 241 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 4, 1927, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences was founded.

On this date:

One year ago: Grindstone won the Kentucky Derby, giving trainer D. Wayne Lukas a sixth straight victory in a Triple Crown race.

LETTE

Cox should up its basic

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Mr. and Mrs. M

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By Bill Modisett

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LETTERS

Cox should clean up its basic cable

Last Saturday night I stumbled onto something that I think others should know about. I have only the most basic cable service — no box, no movie stations, etc. Between 9 p.m. and 10 p.m., meaning to punch in channel 9 on my remote, I accidentally entered 99. What appeared on my screen was pure pornography. Although the video was scrambled, there were moments of clarity during which could be seen sexual activity of the basest kind. Even more revolting was the audio that was crystal clear and more vulgar than anything I've ever heard. I thought maybe this was a one-time fluke so I turned back to the station several nights later only to find the same garbage.

I have asked several people who have basic cable if they too can access this. It appears that some can and some can't. A friend of mine and I each called Cox Cable and each received a different response. The gentleman who I spoke with said that they knew about it and were working on it but right now there was nothing they could do. Another employee told my friend that she did not know about it since the cable service only goes to channel 89. She however did say that the cable company can come to a subscriber's house and put a "trap" on the cable line to block out unwanted channels. Also, I believe that some TVs have features that will allow you to block access to unwanted channels.

Inasmuch as channels of this nature are available to those who want to pay for them, it seems a shame that they must filter through to those who don't.

Robin Hughes

We need more young men like this...

My husband and I would like to say thank you to the three gentlemen who work for Rocky'2 Plumbing. We were at the downtown post office last Thursday, and we ran out of gas in the parking lot. I went in and asked where the pay phone was. Someone was using it. So I went back to the front door and asked a few gentlemen if they had a gas can. Most of them were very rude.

So I finally asked a gentleman who was mailing letters if he had a gas can and he said yes and they went and got us gas, came back and put the gas in for us. We offered to pay them and they would not accept the money. There are very few people like this anymore. We need more like these young men. Again many thanks to them.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Ridenour and family

We must keep rest of world wondering

You carried a recent Associated Press story on the possible use of chemical weapons by Iraq during the Gulf War. For several years questions have been asked and this article helped to shed a little more light on those questions.

For several years, I quietly have told people about the strategic and national security implications that these questions create. Just after the Gulf War, I was on a temporary reserve assignment at the U.S. Army Chemical School as a doctrine writer. A captain working with me had been on temporary assignment during the war as an observer for the chemical school. He shared with me the fact that Iraq had "turned on" its chemical weapon radar units "down range" (which meant toward our forces) several times before the ground attack.

That is very significant in military terms as it signals to intelligence officers that the enemy possibly plans to use his chemical weapons soon. Just to test the radars you would turn them on toward your rear area to prevent the opposing force from being alerted or locating your radar units and targeting them. Long before the leaks about our units detecting chemicals and long before the military and CIA released some information, this single fact provided me with enough information to believe that Iraq used its chemical weapons when the other information came out.

Why would our government participate in a cover-up? Let's consider this: If we warned Iraq that if it used chemical weapons we would escalate and respond with tactical nuclear weapon strikes, then Iraq called our bluff and we blinked, how could we use that bluff again in the future with someone else? For the military to publicly admit that Iraq used chemical weapons and we failed to respond as promised would make the next poker hand more difficult to play. That is why any such confirmation ultimately would hold this country's highest level of classification and secrecy. However, there is far too much convincing evidence confirming that Iraq indeed used chemical weapons.

The new chemical weapon treaty will not keep countries like Iraq from future reliance on chemical and biological weapons, only countries like ours. Just as anti-gun laws do not keep the guns from criminals, only law-abiding citizens are affected. In my mind, our military showed proper judgment by not unleashing the terrible genie from his bottle (nuclear war). The remaining question is how has that affected our national security for the future? We can't admit to the world that we permitted Iraq to call our bluff. We must keep the rest of the table wondering.

John E. Miller
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army Reserve (Retired)

DeZavala's staff deserves recognition

Throughout the school year our students receive various awards and teachers and volunteers receive recognition, but there are personnel at DeZavala Elementary who deserve public recognition for all they do for both students and parents. Tom Revilla, the parent education coordinator does a tremendous job of organizing workshops for parents. He holds evening meetings that are both educational and interesting. Through his guest speakers he has informed parents on how we can help to improve our parenting skills. Many of our children are "at risk" and he targets these children by bringing in university educators to educate parents on how to improve our children's education skills. Revilla makes himself accessible to parents, always encouraging parents to become involved in their children's education in any way possible.

Gregory Morris, our counselor, also deserves recognition. Morris' compassion for students is clearly evident. There is not a problem that both parents and students cannot take to him. He listens to the students and encourages feedback from parents, never deliberately leaving them out of the counseling session. He strives to raise children's self-esteem, which at a young age is especially vulnerable. Our children do not live perfect lives and often bring their family situations to school and Mr. Morris takes great care to listen especially carefully to children whose lives are often disrupted by sickness and other family problems and for this we are very grateful.

Another person who deserves a round of applause is Larry Hines, our assistant principal. Hines' door is always open to parents. He listens to concerns parents have and actually attempts to address these concerns by taking action. He is a highly visible assistant principal and very active on campus. These three deserve recognition for all they do at DeZavala. It is a proven fact that children who feel good about themselves and are surrounded by caring people perform better. These staff members do more than just their job. They are striving to provide a caring and nurturing environment and for this we give many thanks.

Cruz Terango

Quote came from Bible's book of Joel

I read with wonder and amazement Myra Salcedo's article about the Midland High School students who won the State Engineering Design Contest under the tutelage of physics teacher Chuck Bell.

Whoever put the quotes on the top of the article was wrong! Isn't it a shame that our students, especially of journalism, are not required to read one of the literary masterpieces of the world, the Bible? The quote credited to John Dryden, and English poet, who lived from 1631 to 1700, truthfully comes from the book of Joel that was written more than 2,000 years ago. The full quote is from Chapter 2: 28 and reads:

"And your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your old men will dream dreams,
your young men will see visions."

While you have that Bible open, read more of the literary gems found there!

Joyce Pemberton

Those involved in ticket sales deserve thanks

Midland Neighborhood Housing Services purchased and renovated a small home at 506 W. Noble, then conducted a contest to give it away. We held a drawing on April 15 with Mayor Bobby Burns drawing the winning ticket. And the winner was Rebecca Moore, a resident of Big Spring! She had purchased $210 worth of $10 tickets. Internally we had a contest for high ticket sales by our board members and staff. Joe Perales, board member, and Cynthia Ortiz-Ramirez, staff, each won a dinner for two for having highest ticket sales. The income from the sale of tickets was $17,000.

There were many people involved in the sale of the tickets and we want to publicly thank each of them. Our sponsors were Midland Reporter-Telegram, Midland Map, Building & Home Maintenance, Community National Bank and Texas Commerce Bank. Additionally we want to thank the following for selling tickets for us: Mr. M's Grocery, Oxy USA at Claydesta, Corrales Insurance, Al's Grocery No. 2 and Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

We are delighted to have been able to provide a home for Ms. Moore and have a fund-raiser at the same time. This helps us in our mission of revitalizing deteriorating neighborhoods in Midland.

Dorothy Smith
President
Midland NHS

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HISTORICAL MARKER

Rankin clan sought the 'virgin land of great range grass' in Midland country

Editor's Note: Information for this article came from the files of the Midland County Historical Museum, interviews with Nancy Rankin McKinley, early-day newspaper accounts, and the books "The Pioneer History of Midland County, Texas 1880-1926" and "The Permian Basin: Era of Discovery."

By Bill Modisett

Finis Ewing Rankin didn't come to the Midland country specifically to get into the oil business.

He came here, as did many others, for the "virgin land of great range grass, abundance of water, herds of antelope and a variety of wild game," and became one of the "rugged men building ranches and gathering cattle."

Rankin's nephew, Professor Robert Erwin Rankin, had come to Midland several years before 1896 and was teaching school here, when on a trip back to Bell Buckle, Tenn., he told Uncle "Faze" — as Finis Ewing was called since as a child he could not pronounce "Finis" properly — of the Midland country's attractions.

On a trip to the new horizon on the Texas Plains in the winter of 1896, "Faze" Rankin "sensed the opportunity of this new land." He returned to Tennessee the following spring, sold his cattle at a public auction, and returned to his newfound home in the Lone Star State.

Rankin's wife, Liza, and two of their three children followed the next winter when the school term ended at Christmas. Their eldest child, Maud Elsie, remained in Bell Buckle to finish the school year.

Although numerous emigrants traveled west on horseback or in wagons, Liza and her two sons, Jesse Pearl and Robert Porter, made the long trip on the train, the tracks having already been extended through what was then called Midway and on westward to El Paso by December 1881.

Liza's granddaughter, Nancy Rankin McKinley of Midland, wrote years later in a biographical sketch of her grandparents, "I can remember my grandmother telling of preparing the lunches for herself and two hungry boys for the long ride to Texas. She said when they crossed the Mississippi River it was 30 miles wide."

The train brought them to the foot of the well-known Llano Estacado or Staked Plains, to the bustling cowtown called Midland. Once there, they stayed a few days with Professor Rankin since Midland County was already organized and schools were available for the children.

"Home" lay another 50 miles to the south in Upton County, which had been carved out of sprawling Tom Green County in 1887, but would not be organized until 23 years later.

Midland County, at that time, represented civilization. Upton County was part of the untamed frontier that still held much of the rest of West Texas in its grip.

"Faze" Rankin's roots extended back to Revolutionary America. In fact, his mother, Matilda Lynch, was the granddaughter of John Lynch, the youngest signer of the Declaration of Independence. And David Rankin, "Faze" Rankin's grandfather, was a man of property who had at one time owned all of Bedford County, Tennessee.

After arriving in Midland, Rankin acquired a ranch in Upton and Tom Green counties, about 50 miles south and east of Midland. According to Mrs. McKinley, "They finished living out this land and received the deed from the State of Texas in 1907 and 1908."

When in 1909 it became known that the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Railroad (KCM&O) would be built through Upton County on a route to San Angelo that would miss by about 10 miles of Upland — the town Henry Halff had started because of the new rail line — the new community known as Rankin sprang to life. "Faze" Rankin gave a portion of his ranchland to the Orient Land Company for the town site and, in addition, set aside10 acres for a public burial ground.

Upland's fall as the county seat uprooted the Upton County Courthouse, which was moved from the speculative community to Rankin, and which sounded the death knell for Upland.

With Upland out of the picture and Arthur Stillwell's KCM&O Railroad still promising a great future for the Upton County region, "Faze" and Liza Rankin began working to develop the community that bore their family name. A trader and cattleman, "Faze" Rankin was important to the development, but he wasn't the only one.

"I sometimes think my grandmother was more of a pioneer than my grandfather," noted Mrs. McKinley in her biographical sketch, "since she was much alone during this time and often hauled her own supplies from Midland which entailed an overnight stay at Upland or some ranch between here and Midland."

Mrs. Rankin also bought Rankin's first fire hydrants in Midland, hauled them to Rankin and had them installed.

F.E. Rankin died in 1916 before the start of oil-field drilling in the Upton County area gave the region a new burst of life.

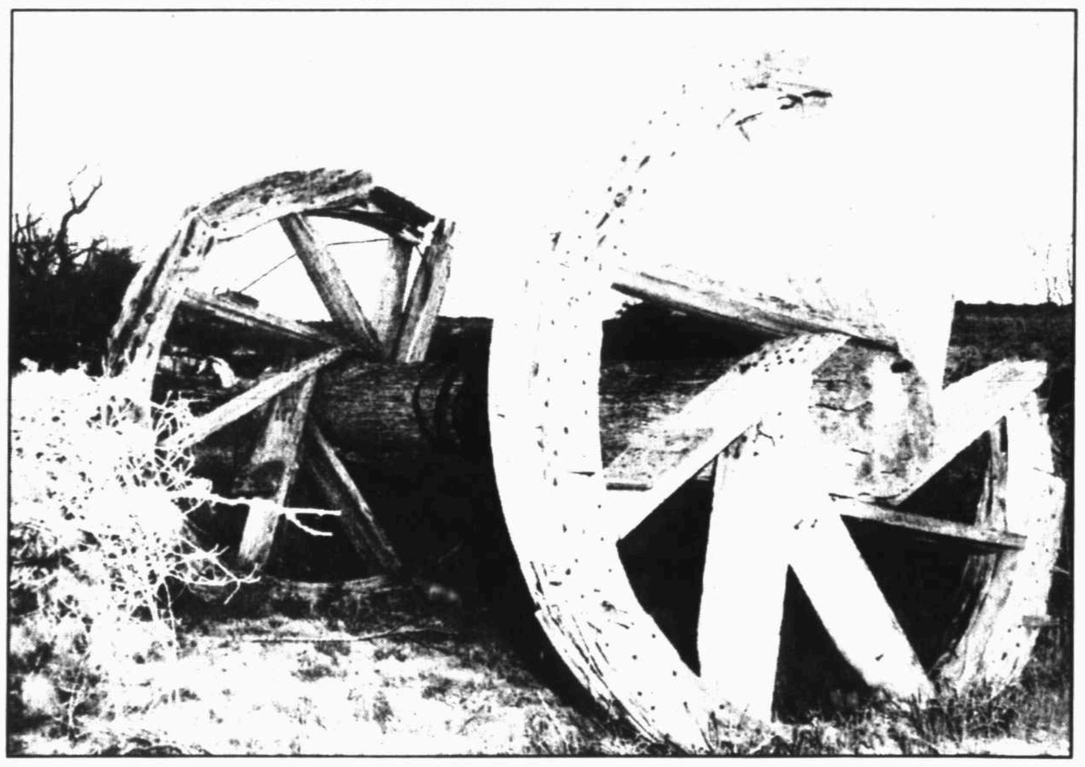
Porter Rankin, "Faze" Rankin's youngest son, cowboyed on the Rankin ranch during the early years, but was particularly intrigued with the prospect of finding oil beneath the ranchland in and around Upton County.

So in 1925, the younger Rankin moved his family to Best, the booming Reagan County oil town that sprang to life after discovery of the Big Lake oil field. Rankin drilled his first well that year.

A newspaper article from 1978 quoted Mann Rankin, one of Porter Rankin's sons, as saying, "He moved his family there and started an oil field trucking business with his brother-in-law, Bryan Estes."

The following year, however, the elder Rankin moved back to Midland and began working as an independent in the oil business.

"In about a year, he gained some oil interests in Wilbarger County and a little later in the East Texas field. Shortly after this, he gained some production in Winkler County."



Business was good until the 1929 stock market crash that marked the start of the Great Depression and also ended oil production. A newspaper article noted, "As a true independent, Porter Rankin began drilling wildcat wells, and about 1931 drilled a well near Rankin ... which was 4,006 feet deep, the deepest well drilled by an independent without company help at that time."

Although Rankin found a small amount of oil with that well in the San Andres, it was not commercial.

Beneath the "virgin land of great range grass that had drawn "Faze" Rankin to the Midland country, Porter Rankin sought — and found — black gold. He continued drilling in various fields and areas for almost 40 years — a true oil and ranching pioneer. He died on Nov. 1, 1962.

Courtesy of Midland County Historical Museum

This early-day bullwheel, above, was constructed by hand on a well site at one of Porter Rankin's drilling projects in Upton County. Rankin drilled his first well in 1925.

A young Porter Rankin, seated at left, is dressed for the range in this photo taken approximately 1910. The other cowboy is not identified.

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New federal rules about mental illness put employers in tight spot

By Helen O'Neill
Associated Press

Jane Moore trembled before the interview, her mind racing with doubts and fear: Would she get the job if she told them? Would she keep it if she didn't?

She was eminently qualified, a talented lawyer who understood the intricacies of the Americans with Disabilities Act with an intimacy that far outshone other candidates.

But how could she tell prospective employers about the voices that echo in her head, the sudden sobbing fits, the drugs that make her drowsy in the morning, the fact she might need days or weeks off for treatment? How could she announce in a job interview that she was mentally ill?

"I wanted them to know why I would be good at the job," says Moore, who still worries that her condition might one day cost her the position she secured 3 1/2 years ago. "If they didn't want to know, then I didn't want to work for them."

Today, Moore works in the affirmative action office of the University of Illinois at Chicago. She's 37 and has battled a form of schizophrenia for about 17 years. Her boss knows about her illness — the hospitalizations, the medications, the string of other jobs she's held and lost.

But the university does make allowances, giving Moore time off when she needs it, reworking her schedule to accommodate doctors' visits, allowing her the occasional half-hour just to close the door and block out the world.

The measures are relatively simple and inexpensive. They are similar to those spelled out by the federal government in a recently issued guidance statement about how employers must accommodate workers with psychiatric disabilities.

The guidance, prepared by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, emphasizes that employers do not have to lower performance expectations for workers with mental illness. But, under the Americans with Disabilities Act, they are required to make "reasonable accommodations" for workers suffering from such illnesses as depression, schizophrenia and bipolar disorder, commonly called manic depression.

"There was some feeling that you couldn't apply normal workplace rules to people with mental disabilities," says Peggy Mastroianni, associate legal counsel at the EEOC. "We are saying you can."

Employers are less sure. They agonize over the definition of "reasonable." They fret about odd behavior and the fragility of workers with mental problems. They worry they will provoke bouts of illness if they appear insensitive — and resentment among co-workers if they appear to be granting special privileges. Most of all, they worry about being legally and politically correct.

"Does accommodation mean an employee can be rude? Does it mean a CPA can ask for a leave of absence at the height of the tax season?" asks Susan Meisinger, senior vice president for the Society for Human Resource Management in Alexandria, Va., which represents personnel directors around the country.

"These are the kinds of questions we are hearing. The EEOC guidance actually provides very little guidance at all."

Advocates for the mentally ill say such questions stem from ignorance and fear. Employers have learned to accommodate workers with broken legs and cancer, they say. They can be equally tolerant of the millions of workers suffering from illnesses that are more difficult to document and discuss.

"The fact that my brain doesn't do what it's supposed to do without medication ... why should that be any worse than if I had Parkinson's disease or diabetes?" asks Lori Rivera, a public relations professional in Washington, D.C., who suffers from bipolar disorder.

Rivera, 36, was first diagnosed five years ago, after being hospitalized for severe depression. She had spent 12 hours under her desk crying inconsolably because she couldn't write a single paragraph.

Today, she understands the symptoms, knows how to control them, knows when to ask for help. Her employers juggle schedules and assignments to accommodate her.

"There is a real fear in the workplace about saying to your boss 'I have this problem,'" Rivera says. "After ending up in a psychiatric hospital, I felt an obligation to explain."

Not every company welcomes the admission. Courts around the country are littered with lawsuits from people who believe they unfairly lost their jobs after their mental illness was disclosed. They include an Internal Revenue Service worker in San Francisco, a newspaper copy editor in Houston and a security guard in Pennsylvania.

"In my opinion, many of these people would have been accommodated if they had been in wheelchairs," says Claudia Center of the Employment Law Center in San Francisco, a nonprofit organization that specializes in workplace discrimination.

But even the most sensitive employers say dealing with mentally workers on a daily basis can be daunting.

"Mental illness is always there, so you have to be on the alert," says Patricia Gill, who hired and now supervises Moore. "You worry about the law, but more than that, you worry about the employee."

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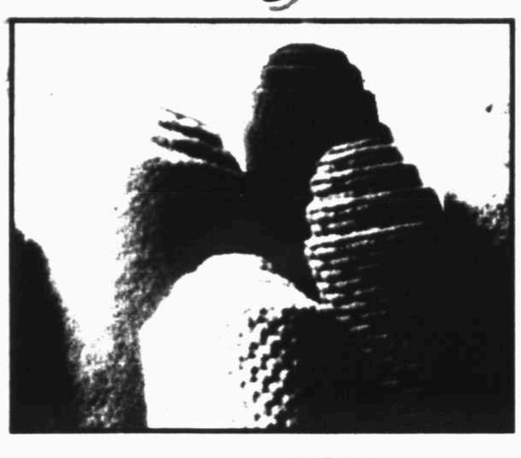

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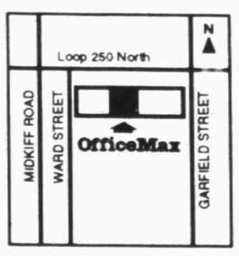

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Group meets to plan future of downtown

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

Members of Downtown Midland Inc. and representatives of other non-profit organizations gathered last week to plan for the future of Midland's downtown region.

The Strategic Planning Workshop met Thursday and Friday and allowed participants to formulate and prioritize goals and discuss potential activities to achieve those goals, explained Mike Canon, who helped present the workshop.

"We identified a number of potential projects and activities that we think the community ought to look at," Canon said.

The meeting generated a lot of ideas, which could be turned into specific programs during subsequent meetings of the Downtown Midland organization.

"Downtown is everybody's town," said Downtown Midland Executive Director Nancy Wantuck. "It is the core area that unites our community. It is the identity of the Tall City," she said.

Potential methods to augment parking in the downtown area, including the construction of parking garages, were discussed.

Ways to beautify the area and restore and augment facilities were discussed as means to make better use of the area, increase business traffic and utilize empty building space, Canon explained.

Participating in the discussions were representatives of the United Way of Midland, Arts Assembly of Midland, Midland Odessa Symphony and other sympathetic groups.

Initially, some short-range projects will be put into effect in the coming weeks and long-range plans for other eventual goals will be outlined, Canon said.

Free anxiety disorder screenings provided

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

Anxiety disorders are the most prevalent mental illness in today's high-stress society, according to area mental health professionals who are hoping to bring attention to this treatable problem.

The fourth annual National Anxiety Disorders Screening Project is planned for Wednesday at the West Texas Behavioral Health System, 3300 S. FM 1788 west of Midland International Airport Terminal.

During this one-day event, mental health professionals from Glenwood Hospital and WTBHS will be administering free screenings to anyone with questions relating to their emotional or psychological well-being.

The screening consists of a meeting with a mental health care provider and filling out a questionnaire.

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BASIN BRIEFING

You Can Soar! World Wide Flight '97 Update

Plane location: Singapore
Latitude: 1 degree 18 minutes N
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Trip statistics: 15,969 nautical miles completed/9,891 to go.

Linda Finch's next departure will be on Tuesday when she flies to Jakarta, Indonesia. The photo plane following the Electra had engine trouble and has not been following Ms. Finch since Calcutta. She and her new navigator, Fred Patterson, have been traveling without the film documentary crew since they arrived in Thailand. Patterson will be with her until they reach Darwin, Australia, when a new navigator will join her. Call Cityline at 560-2400 and enter category 3200 for the latest pilot log.

Firefighter careers

The Midand Fire Department is seeking applications for persons interested in firefighting careers. Chief Andrew Mehl has changed standards for female applicants in order to encourage women to apply. Applications and related information must be submitted by May 16. Written and physical tests are to be given May 29 and May 30. More information and applications are available at the City of Midland Personnel Office, 300 N. Loraine St.

Disaster drill

The Midland Fire Department has planned a high-rise drill 6:30 p.m. Monday at Gill's Towers, 1114 N. Big Spring St. The drill, in the vacant building, is an exercise on preparing for disasters.

Walk America

The March of Dimes WalkAmerica is to kick off 8:30 a.m. May 17 from ClayDesta Plaza parking lot.

To sign up call 570-0172.

MISD graduations

Midland Independent School District graduation ceremonies are set for May 24 at Chaparral Center. Lee High's ceremony is to be 1 p.m.; Midland High's is to be at 5 p.m. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information call 689-1038.

Storytelling

The Midland County Public Library will host an international storytelling "pajama party" from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday in the library's meeting room. Midland residents from other countries are invited to attend, tell about their native country and man an autograph table so that children can go around and get autographs.

TODAY'S AGENDA

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, 560-5240. The meetings are closed.

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

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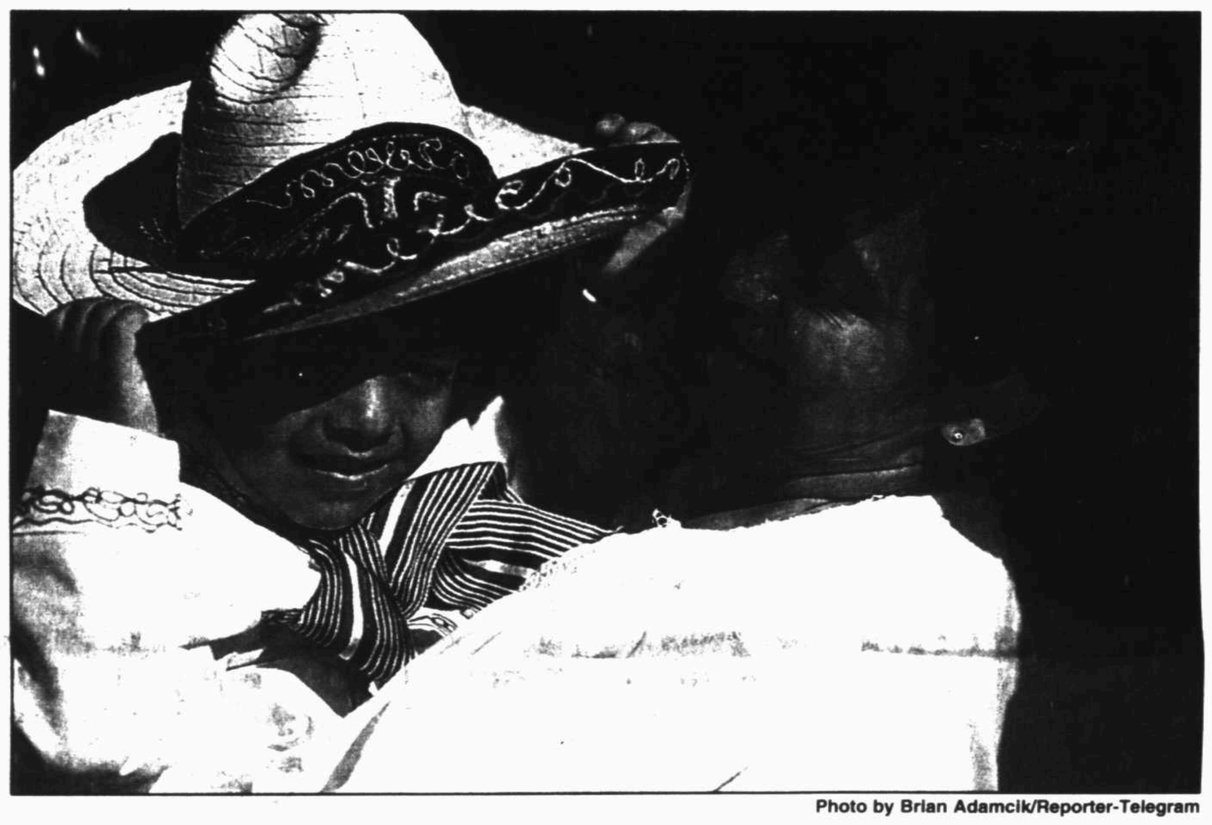

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Juana Maria Ruiz, holding her 3-year-old son Andreas Caceres, awaits the start of the annual Cinco de Mayo parade Saturday morning. Cinco de Mayo — "Fifth of May" — celebrations commemorate Mexico's victory over the French in the "Battle of Puebla" on that date in 1862.

Former Midlander is author of latest James Bond book

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Raymond Benson, born in Midland and raised in Odessa, recalls entering a new world in 1965 when his father took him to see the movie, "Goldfinger."

Benson

He was all of 9 years old at the time, but even so, his life changed.

For good.

"It opened a whole new fantasy world for me," and created a lifelong James Bond fan, said Benson of the movie series that he calls the "Star Wars" of the 1960s. "About a year later, I started reading the Ian Fleming books. They were a whole different kind of thing — the Bond of the novels was different from the Bond of the films. The books were more serious, more realistic. I really got into the books more so than the movies; I grew up a big James Bond fan."

Now, 32 years after being introduced to the world of James Bond, Benson has written the latest James Bond novel, "Zero Minus Ten," due in bookstores Monday.

He is also working on the novelization of the upcoming Bond movie "Tomorrow Never Dies" starring Pierce Brosnan as Bond and Jonathan Pryce as the villain. His work must be completed by the end of May so it can be published at Christmas when the movie premieres.

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Singer had to make it through basic training to join Jazz Ambassadors

By Georgia Temple
Staff Writer

When the Jazz Ambassadors of the U.S. Army Field Band of Washington, D.C., play Midland College's Chaparral Center May 14, the songs will be belted out by a born-and-bred Texan.

"I had some misgivings, like anybody, joining the Army, but I figured if I didn't do it, I would regret it the rest of my life," said Staff Sgt. Dana L. Rogers of Houston. "It was a have to."

A telephone call enlisted Ms. Rogers — who has performed with Frank Sinatra Jr., the Four Freshmen and the Four Aces — in "Uncle Sam's Army."

"They called me to come and audition, and I was flattered out of my wits," said the Port Arthur native. "To be in a top military band for anyone is a big honor."

The telephone call "dropped out of the sky," Ms. Rogers said. "I was just doing my thing and all of a sudden they called. It just came out of nowhere. I had no idea it was coming."

Not until the day after auditions did she discover 30 singers had vied for the position.

"I didn't know there were 30 more jazz singers in the country," she quipped.

Since childhood, music has formed the backdrop of her life.

"My father, Bill Rogers, has been musical arranger for Frank Sinatra," she said. "He conducts for him and arranges. He plays the bass trombone, and he hires the players for his tours.

"My mother, Donnie Weeks (from Diboll), is a natural-born singer. She never professionally sang, but she sang around the house. We sang in church together. I think that's where I acquired my sense of style. She has a good sense of style — an East Texas style. Everybody in the Baptist Church sings in East Texas — or twirls a baton."

Rogers

Before her enlistment, Ms. Rogers performed in Las Vegas at the Sands, Caesar's Palace, the Four Queens, and the Frontier Hotel.

In the Houston area, she performed with Barry Manilow, was a member of the Houston Grand Opera Chorus, the Houston Ballet

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GARY OTT

Five-dollar-bill brings back too many memories to be spent

The first time I heard from the woman it was four or five weeks ago.

She called me at the office.

She talked real fast and I had a hard time following what she was saying. She did say, "God bless you" and "I'm praying for you" several times, though.

Ott

That, I remember.

It felt good, mainly because she sounded like she meant it. There was nothing phony — or hypocritical — about this woman. She was, I was reasonably certain, the "real thing."

We talked for about 10 minutes.

As she told me about herself, two things became clear. She was deeply religious and she was poor.

But she didn't wallow in self-pity. She just said God would take care of everything. And that was that.

Then we moved on to other subjects.

We talked about small town living, the Minnesota writer Garrison Keillor, my recent medical setback and life in general.

She told me again that she was praying for me daily and again I said thanks.

Then just like that, the conversation ended.

As I hung up the phone, I smiled and returned to my duties.

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Two weeks pass.

A woman — short, slightly overweight and with a big smile on her face — is walking down the hall toward my desk.

"That's her."

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I don't know why I knew that, but I did. Maybe the body fit the voice. Or the smile. Or maybe God DOES work in mysterious ways.

But there she was, standing in front of me with her right hand extended. I shook it and asked her to sit down.

She did.

Our conversation in person was very similar to the one we had on the telephone.

She talked real fast and I had a difficult time following everything she said. But over and over, she said "God would take care of things" and that I was on her "full-time prayer list." This time, though, when she said these things she would look to the heavens and raise her arms.

Then she would mumble something, almost as if speaking in tongues.

I must admit her actions made me uncomfortable. I glanced around the office to see if my co-workers were watching.

Several were.

A couple were snickering; a third had a look of genuine concern on his face.

But our conversation continued.

Then it happened.

She said her car needed to be inspected and she was $2 short. She was praying for God to help her, but so far the money still wasn't there.

She wondered if I might be able to help her out.

She had no home, she casually mentioned, and for the time being that meant she was living in her car. That's why getting it inspected was so important.

Again, I had a strong feeling she was telling the truth.

There was just something about this woman that came across as sincere. Besides, I liked her.

So I peeled off a five-dollar bill from my money clip and handed it to her.

It was a ridiculously small amount, of course, but she acted as though she had just won the lottery. Tears welled up in her eyes as she looked upward and said something to God.

I cleared my throat and glanced away.

We both stood. I started to shake her hand, but she hugged me instead. It was an awkward hug, but a genuine one, nonetheless.

Before leaving, she promised to pay me back.

I said, "forget it," but she wouldn't hear of it.

As she walked back down the hall, I thought, "Well, Gary, she might have just fed you a line, but if she did, it was a good one."

Certainly one that was worth $5.

So I smiled and shook my head.

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It is now Thursday, May 1. The day's mail has been placed on my desk.

As usual, most of it will go straight into the trash can. But one envelope grabs my attention. The writing is barely legible.

I look at the upper left-hand corner.

Yeah, it is from her. She apparently now lives in a little town called Terrell. The return address just says, "General Delivery."

The envelope contains a brief note, a previously published prayer and, yes, a five dollar bill.

And again I smile and shake my head.

But this time I add a vow. That five-dollar bill will never be spent by me.

The memories it brings back are too special.

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Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

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Police Reports

Midland Police Department
Friday

Vandalism: A vehicle was vandalized at 3329 W. Wadley Ave. It was reported at 7:32 a.m.

Vandalism: Lee Thompson reported that an abandoned property at 2602 Cessna had been vandalized. The report was made at 9:23 a.m.

Burglary of a vehicle: A vehicle was burglarized and graffiti painted at 3329 W. Wadley Ave. It was reported at 9:54 a.m.

Vandalism: Windows to a vehicle were broken out at the Olive Garden restaurant, 2705 W. Loop 250. The report was made at 2:42 p.m.

Burglary of a vehicle: Burglary was attempted on a vehicle at 3201 Cimmaron. It was reported at 5:27 p.m.

Burglary of a vehicle: A gray console and change were taken from a vehicle at Strategic Abstract, 1603 N. Big Spring St. It was reported at 6:17 p.m.

Vandalism: Frank Morin reported at 6:53 p.m. that a garage at 2901 Racquet Club was vandalized.

Theft: Cecil Rounsaville reported a brown 6-foot fiddle was taken from the Midland Center. The report was made at 11:22 p.m.

Saturday

Vandalism: A rock was thrown through the window of a vehicle at 4625 Pleasant, reported Jack Hightower at 2:15 a.m.

Burglary of a residence: Mark Nicholas reported at 2:28 a.m. that a walkman and other items were taken from his residence at 3101 Bankhead Highway.

Burglary of a vehicle: A stereo system was taken from a vehicle at 4517 N. Midland Drive, reported Mary Telamantez at 7:35 a.m. Entry was made through the driver's side window.

Vandalism: Astolfo Rodriguez reported at 7:49 a.m. that his vehicle was scratched at 3609 Caldera Blvd.

Theft: Clothing and cash were taken from the West Wind Motel, 3808 W. Wall St., reported Wade McClure at 9:51 a.m.

Burglary of a vehicle: Jay Newman reported at 10:35 a.m. that a surveyor's eye level, binoculars, camera and suitcase with clothing had been taken from his vehicle at the Hampton Inn, 3904 W. Wall St.

Theft: Jack Sherman Supercenter reported at 11:33 a.m. that a ragtop from a Geo Tracker had been taken.

Stolen vehicle: A 1968 turquoise Volkswagen Beetle was reported taken between 4 p.m. Friday and 1 p.m. Saturday from 1400 W. Tennessee Ave.

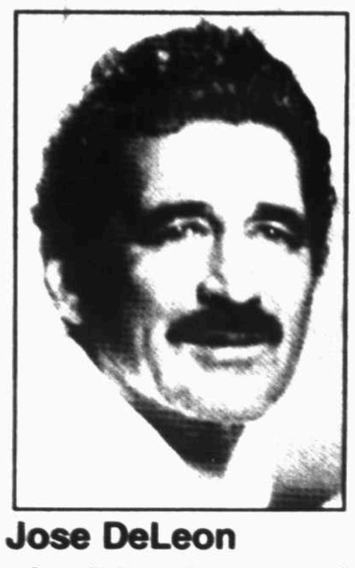
Stolen vehicle: A red 1997 Cadillac LeGrand with gold trim was reported stolen from the Berg Motor Co. lot at 3205 W. Wall St. It was reported at 3:41 p.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office
Saturday

Burglary of a vehicle: Donny McFarden reported at 10:56 a.m. that his white Ford pickup was broken into at 2700 FM 1379.

Anyone having information concerning these incidents should contact the Police Department at 685-7108 or Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS.

Obituaries



Jose DeLeon

Jose DeLeon Sr., 78, passed away Friday, May 2, 1997, at his residence. Services have been set for 2:30 p.m. Monday, May 5, at Pipkin Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery in Midland.

Mr. DeLeon was a commercial roofer for 50 years. He worked for Sheppard Roofing, Industrial Roofing and Branch Roofing. He served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army in World War II. He was a member of the Catholic Church. He was preceded in death by his wife Rebecca Mejia DeLeon; a sister, Francisca DeLeon Najera; and a son, Jose DeLeon Jr.

He is survived by seven sons, Ray, Pedro, Pablo, Louis Ray, Dwight, and Daniel DeLeon, all of Midland, and Jose DeLeon III of Iowa Park, Texas; seven daughters, Rebecca DeLeon of Midland, Ruth Venegas of Midland, Juanita Ramirez of De Soto, Texas, Debra DeLeon Gomez of Midland, Eloisa Gonzales of Midland, Maria Elva Rodriguez of Abilene, and Maria DeLeon of Midland; 54 grandchildren; 74 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Douglas Paxton

Douglas Paxton was born April 23, 1954, in Kansas City, Missouri, to Alice Jean Johnson and Glen Lee Paxton. He grew up in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and attended school there. He graduated from Midland Lee in 1972. In 1975, he enlisted in the Navy where he was an Aviation Boson's Mate. He received a master's degree in 1990 from Texas Tech University in Lubbock. He was a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Lubbock and attended Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity in Midland. He was also a member of E.S.A (Entomology Society of America) and T.P.M.A. (Texas Pest Management Association) and was a leader in the Midland County 4-H.

He was preceded in death by his father, Glen Paxton on February 14, 1985.

Survivors include his wife, Becky Paxton; a son, Drew Paxton; a daughter, Jennifer Paxton all of Midland; his mother and stepfather, Alice Jean Church and Isaac Church of Harlingen, Texas; a brother Phil Paxton of Denver, Colorado; three stepbrothers, David Church of Oak Grove, Missouri, James Church of Monroe, North Carolina, and Ben Church of Blue Springs, Missouri.

Mr. Paxton died Friday evening at a Midland Hospital.

Memorial services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Monday at Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity with Reverend Clifton Mann of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church of Lubbock, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials be directed to a charity of choice.

Inez Laidley

Inez Laidley was born January 3, 1917, in Madill, Oklahoma, and was reared there. In 1934, she moved to Ardmore, Oklahoma, and attended business college. While in Ardmore, she met Clarence Bruce Laidley. On February 13, 1936, they were married in Marietta, Oklahoma. They moved to Midland in March of 1952. Mrs. Laidley enjoyed painting and artwork. She worked for the hospital auxiliary in the past.

She is survived by her husband, Clarence Bruce Laidley of Midland; a son, Clarence Ronald Laidley of Midland; a daughter, Barbara Ann Laidley Riggan of Midland; three grandchildren, Kemp Laidley of Lubbock, Elaine Driskill of Round Rock, and Ronna Laidley of San Antonio; and one great-grandson, Kyle Driskill of Round Rock.

Mrs. Laidley died Thursday evening at a local hospital.

Funeral services have been set for 11 a.m. Monday, May 5, 1997, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Larry Ashlock, of Crestview Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

The family requests that memorials be directed to American Diabetes Association, 110 N. Marienfield St., Suite 120 Midland, Texas 79701.

Pallbearers will be Buddy Redden, Frank Driskill, James Cunningham, Bob Hanna, Herb Cavenaugh and Farrar Hodges.

Doris Hoff

Doris Hoff was born February 16, 1928 in Rochester, New York. Mrs. Hoff was a very caring and loving mother, grandmother, sister and friend. She will be greatly missed by all.

Survivors include her companion, Robert H. "Bob" Evans of Midland; three sons, James P. Hoff of Orlando, Florida, Robert J. Hoff of Rochester, New York, and Gary Hoff of San Diego, California; a daughter, Sandra Holley of Rochester, New York; two brothers, Joe Dalton of Mariposa, California, and John Dalton of Bull Head City, Arizona; a sister, Helen Bouchard of Rochester, New York; her friend, Sassy; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; dear friends, Nancy and Russ Brasser; good friends, Terry and Betsy Evans, and the ladies she quilted with.

Mrs. Hoff died Friday in a Midland hospital.

A memorial service is set for 9 a.m. Monday in Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Monsignor T.J. Murphy of St. Ann's Catholic Church officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Obituary & Death Notice policy

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

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

Deadline for both free death notices and paid obituaries is 4:30 p.m. and information must be either received from or verified by a funeral home.

HEALTH: Anxiety disorders most common mental illnesses in U.S.

(From 1B)

Common symptoms of anxiety include excessive worrying, feeling "keyed up" or restless, phobias, anxiety attacks, obsessions or compulsions, sleeplessness or being uncomfortable in social situations, according to Elaine Fletcher-Janzen, director of clinical services for WTBHS.

"Anxiety disorders are America's most common mental illness. Fortunately, these are treatable medical illnesses," Ms. Fletcher-Janzen said.

The free screenings are designed to point the way toward treatment and eventual relief for those suffering anxiety disorders.

"Therapy often involves medication or specific forms of psychotherapy," Ms. Fletcher-Janzen said. "Behavioral therapy focuses on changing specific actions and uses several techniques to decrease or stop unwanted behavior," she said.

"Cognitive-behavioral therapy teaches patients to react differently to situations and bodily sensations that trigger panic attacks and other anxiety symptoms," she explained.

Ms. Fletcher-Janzen recently co-edited the second edition of the Handbook of Clinical Child Neuropsychology and contributed a chapter to the work on pediatric brain injury rehabilitation. Dr. Cecil R. Reynolds of Texas A&M University served as co-editor of the text.

She has published a number of scholarly articles in the field of school psychology and special education. She holds an Ed.D. degree from the College of William and Mary and is a licensed professional counselor.

People attending the free screening sessions will hear a brief explanation of anxiety disorders, followed by a videotaped presentation on anxiety disorders.

The video showings are scheduled each hour from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information, call 563-1200 or 1-800-527-4901.

National Anxiety Disorders Screening Project was instituted by Freedom From Fear, a nonprofit mental health advocacy group. It is sponsored nationwide by the American Psychiatric Association, American Psychological Association, Anxiety Disorders Association of America, National Institute of Mental Health, National Mental Health Association and the Obsessive Compulsive Foundation.

Inmate missing from Plainview

PLAINVIEW, Texas (AP) — An inmate was missing from a state jail Saturday.

Justin Woodruff, serving a 2-year sentence for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle out of Potter County, disappeared Saturday morning, said David Nunnelee, public information officer for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Woodruff, 19, had been in the Formby State Jail in Plainview since Jan. 21. The jail has 940 beds for convicts with lesser felony offenses.

Woodruff was assigned to an outside work squad that turned up for work early this morning.

He was discovered missing about 9:30 a.m., although authorities aren't sure if he ever showed up for his work detail, so they're searching the prison unit.

Woodruff is 5-foot-10 inches tall and weighs about 160 pounds. He has hazel eyes and brown hair. On his lower left leg, he has a tattoo with his initials.

BOND: Benson's first effort set in Hong Kong

(From 1B)

It was that fantasy world that made him a Bond fan, said Benson, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. M.H. Benson, still live in Odessa.

"It was a fantasy world that appealed to the American heterosexual male entering adolescence," he said with a laugh. "It hit a nerve. The '60s themselves had something to do with it, being when censorship eased and movies got sexier. It was cool to have this sexy superhero, and Sean Connery, who I think is still the best of all the Bonds, was cool as hell."

He started his path to becoming the new Ian Fleming in 1981 while living in New York City and working as a theater director and composer.

"I got this wild idea to write a James Bond bedside companion," said Benson from his home in Buffalo Grove, Ill. "It was a nonfiction kind of encyclopedia about the history of James Bond and Ian Fleming, with analysis of all the books."

Published in 1984, the book caught the attention of Glidrose, a company formed by the late Ian Fleming to hold the copyrights to the James Bond novels. Fleming's literary agent, Peter Janson-Smith, chairman of Glidrose, and Benson became friends after the book was published.

After Fleming's death, Kingsley Amis replaced him as the Bond author for one novel. In 1980, John Gardner began writing the Bond novels but in 1995 decided to not to write them anymore.

"Out of the blue, Peter called me and asked if I wanted to give it a shot," Benson recalled. "They had to pick me up off the floor. I don't remember the rest of the conversation."

His first effort is set in Hong Kong 10 days before it is turned over to the Chinese by the British. Benson said Bond is sent to investigate some activities that threaten a peaceful transition and must deal with triads, a sadistic general, seductive exotic dancers and travel to Hong Kong, China, Macau, western Australia and Britain.

He said one of his goals was to write Bond in the same vein as Fleming.

"I know what the fans like because I am one," he said. "They wanted the old chauvinistic, hard-drinking, hard-gambling, hard-smoking guy, the rake. The movie people got that message with 'Goldeneye' where he's played as not so politically correct. In fact, they make 'M' a woman and she calls him a 'misogynistic dinosaur' and he is. That flaw is what makes him interesting.

"I will never be as good a writer as Ian Fleming; he's a hero of mine. But if I can please Bond fans first and the others second, that's what I'm after."

Benson, who moved to the Chicago area with his wife Randi and son Max, 8, has started his second original James Bond novel. "I just came back from a research trip to Greece and Cyprus," he said. "And part of it takes place in Austin."

Becoming the official James Bond author is the latest twist in a career that began after he graduated from Permian High School and majored in theater at the University of Texas at Austin, where he received a bachelor's degree. Interested in directing and composing, Benson became an apprentice director at Houston's Alley Theater and then moved to New York City a year later to work as a director in what he described as "off-off-" and off-Broadway plays, as well as composing music and "doing a lot of day jobs."

After his book was published in 1984, his career turned more toward writing, at about the same time he got into computer games. He designs and writes computer adventure games that he describes as more story-based with players assuming characters' roles.

In 1990 he and his family moved to Austin where he went to work as a computer game designer for Origin Systems. From there, he said, he climbed the career ladder of computer-game writing, moving to Baltimore and then the Chicago area.

He currently is on a leave of absence to work on the Bond books but is still employed by the company.

"I enjoy doing the computer games," he said, "but I think I would like the free-lance life. The thing about computer games is they're a lot like making movies; it's the same kind of collaboration — a team of artists and programmers and sound people. My part is like the screenwriter and sometimes the director. It's fun, I like doing it. It's not like I want to give it up — maybe as a 9 to 5 job — but I'll probably always have my hand in it."

As he prepares to publicize the book with radio and television interviews in New York and a book signing at a James Bond Collectors convention in New Jersey, he reflects on his good fortune.

"It's like a dream that came true that I didn't even think I was allowed to dream," he said.

Former Boy Scout leader gets 15 years in prison

DALLAS (AP) — A 42-year-old former Boy Scout leader has been sentenced to 15 years in prison for molesting two boys under his supervision.

Marshall "Benny" Tyre III must serve at least seven years of his sentence before he's eligible for parole under the terms handed down Friday by District Judge Lana McDaniel.

Tyre, who had pleaded guilty to two charges of aggravated sexual assault, had asked for probation. Prosecutors had sought a sentence of at least 50 years.

"I thought he deserved more time, but at least he didn't get the probation," Assistant District Attorney Eric Mountin said.

Tyre was arrested in November when the father of an 11-year-old reported that his son was molested on a weekend Scout campout. After the arrest, another boy came forward and said Tyre molested him four years before.

Testimony on Tyre's behalf came from the foster father of one of the boys, a former leader of the same Scout troop who has known Tyre since he was a boy.

"I can probably name a dozen kids that would be in prison, deep trouble or some kind of juvenile situation if not for Benny's intervention," Larry M. Curts said. "For having done something very wrong, the man has also done a ton of things right."

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I especially thank you now for the confidence you have shown in allowing me to serve you for yet another term. I look forward to three more years filled with growth and development in our city. I commit to you my best efforts to work for all, the citizens of Midland, as we all work together to make our city great.

God bless each of you,

Dale Brown

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AREA IN BRIEF

■ Board members greeted at meeting

Phi Delta Kappa is to host a dessert and coffee meeting 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Petroleum Club to welcome new members to the Midland Independent School District board.

The meeting is open to educators who wish to question the trustees.

Cost of the dessert is $7. Reservations must be made by 8 a.m. Monday by calling 689-1810 or 689-1460.

■ Puppets tell story of Permian Basin

Dillo and Snake and several other puppets will tell the story of the Permian Basin and the oil industry at The Petroleum Museum's Brown Bag Luncheon at 11:45 a.m. Monday.

Santa Rita Club Puppeteers will present "The Puppet Show," which features about 12 characters, said Kathy Shannon, director of education and programs. The Club's members are volunteers within the museum.

"The story is told in a humorous manner," Ms. Shannon said.

The museum will provide drinks and desserts. For more information call the museum, 683-4403

■ SPCA shelter opens thrift shop

The Midland SPCA animal shelter has opened a thrift shop at 3314 W. Illinois Ave. in order to raise needed funds for the animal shelter.

"We need an ongoing fund-raiser," said Susan Long Cronin, executive director of the society. She added that the need of the society "has increased with more and more pets being turned in to the shelter."

Anyone wanting to donate items or volunteer their time should call the SPCA at 684-7582. Pick-up is available on large items.

■ Historian Gober to be at Hastings

Historian James R. Gober is to be at Hastings 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Wednesday with the book "Cowboy Justice," the autobiography written by his grandfather, Jim Gober.

The elder Gober was sheriff of Potter County (Amarillo) — then the youngest elected sheriff in the United States. He also was a cowboy who helped establish the Frying Pan Ranch, a private detective, gambler, bar owner and rancher.

"Cowboy Justice" was edited by James Gober and historian Byron Price.

Gober, a Vietnam veteran, is to donate all royalties from the book to a rehabilitation clinic in Da Nang, Vietnam.

■ Health center breaks ground

ODESSA — Texas Tech Health Sciences Center in Odessa is hosting a groundbreaking ceremony for the Texas Tech Health Clinic at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the health sciences center, 800 W. Fourth St.

The Texas Tech Health Center will house the clinical practices of TTUHSC's School of Medicine, Nursing and Allied Health, as well as each department's administrative and academic offices. The departments include the Texas Tech Family Practice Center, Texas Tech OB/GYN Clinic, Texas Tech Internal Medicine Clinic and the Texas Tech Pediatric Clinic.

The three-story, 75,000-square-foot clinic building will be located on the 700th block of Fourth Street, adjacent to TTUHSC's Health Sciences Building. Completion of the project is scheduled for October 1998.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

Peak, Turner head for runoff in San Antonio mayoral race

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Community activist Kay Turner and City Councilman Howard Peak headed into a runoff after voting Saturday in the San Antonio mayoral election.

Incumbent Mayor Bill Thornton finished third.

With 62 percent of the precincts counted, Turner had 34 percent of the vote, and Peak had 31 percent. Thornton had 20 percent, while businesswoman Maria Elena Torralva had 12 percent and City Councilman Henry Avila had 3 percent.

The runoff is May 27.

Ms. Turner, known for years as an anti-establishment activist and for her passionate views on water, broadened her message and toned down her demeanor this election. She emphasized attention to basic services and getting rid of "insider dealing" in city government.

"I'm excited. It will be a people's victory," Ms. Turner said. "This has always been a David-and-Goliath fight."

Peak, who went about his work quietly during four years as a city councilman, drew endorsements from big-name business people after entering the mayoral race. He has a background in urban planning and has fought for protection of the Edwards Aquifer.

"I sure am gratified," Peak said. "I'll continue to run a positive campaign, trying to convince people that I'm the most qualified."

Thornton, an oral surgeon, was elected mayor in 1995 after serving as a councilman. He entered the race well-funded and with the advantage of incumbency, but the mayoral election quickly became hotly contested.

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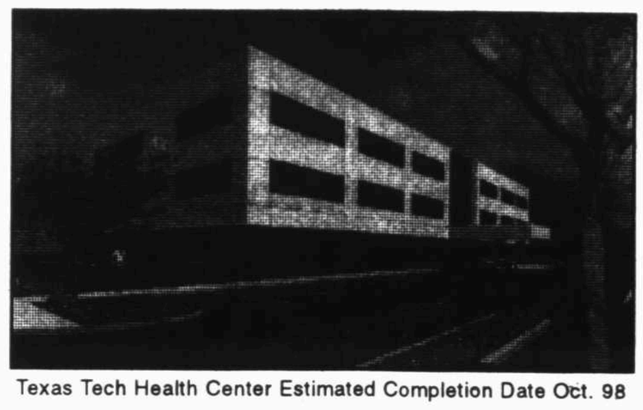

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Robert is married to Shirley and has two children, Mary Jones of Lub[illegible] and Robbie Parker of Midland and one granddaughter, Ashley Jones of Lubbock.
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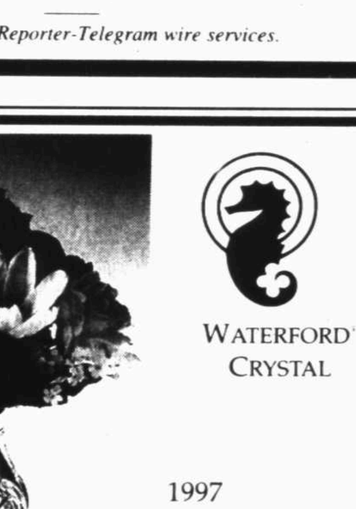

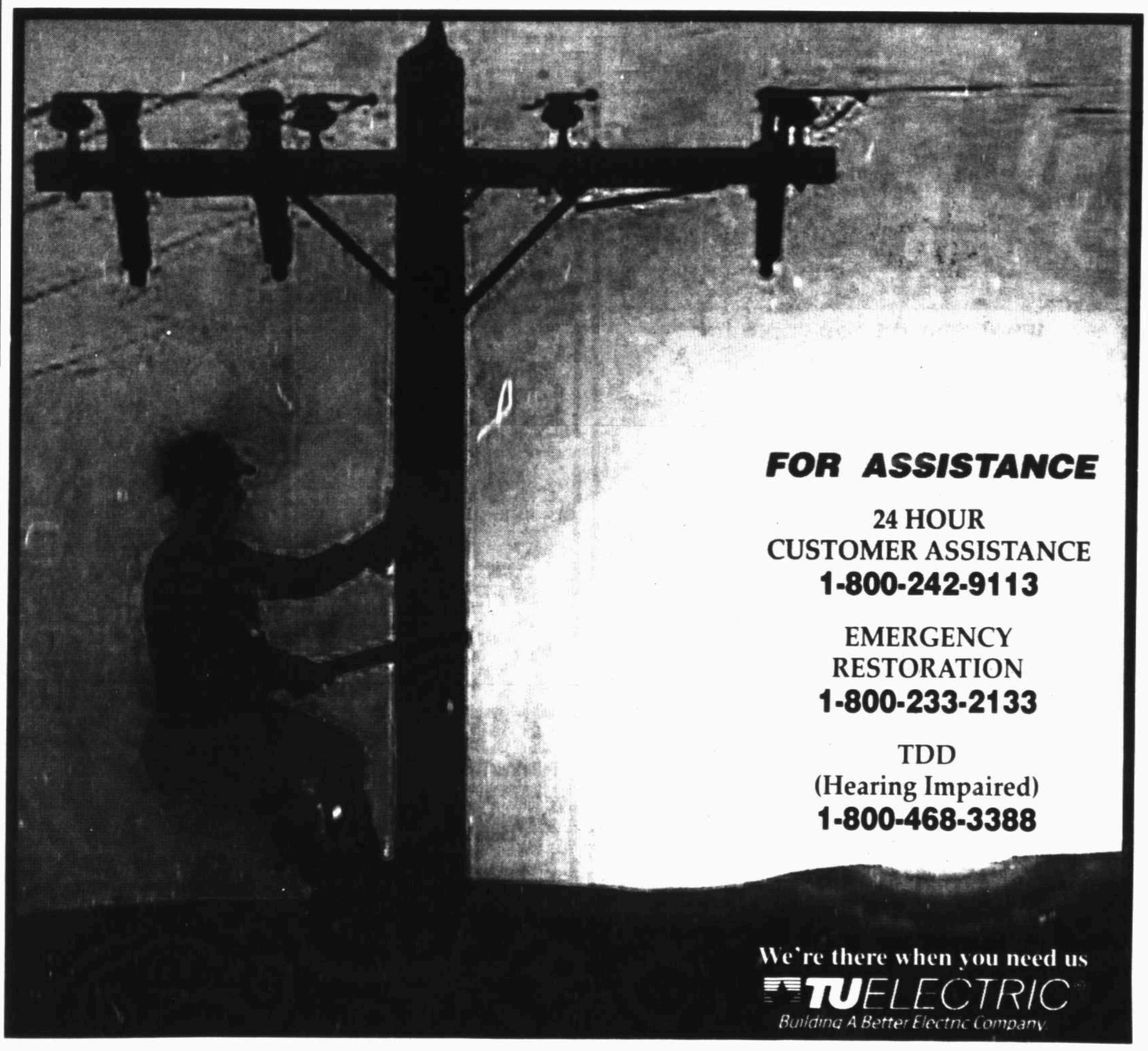

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Report: More chemical agents used in Gulf than first believed

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Declassified documents show American soldiers in the Persian Gulf War may have been exposed to far more chemical and biological agents than the government has admitted, according to a copyright report today.

The El Paso Times reported official logs kept for Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf during the war indicate at least two types of nerve gas or other poisons may have been used against the United States and allies on more than 20 occasions between Jan. 17 and March 12, 1991.

The Pentagon, which had earlier acknowledged only one incident of troops being exposed to such chemicals, did not confirm the report. Troops from the El Paso area who served in Desert Storm were in several of the areas where these exposures were reported.

Maj. Lee Ann Swieczkowski, a Department of Defense spokeswoman, said investigation of the reports was continuing. Most were recorded in the U.S. Central Command's Nuclear, Biological and Chemical logs between Jan. 17 and March 3, 1991.

El Pasoans Mike Macik and Tony Vargas, who served in areas where chemical agents were detected, both have the Gulf War Syndrome.

"There is no question that there were exposures, probably from the Scud missile attacks," Mike Macik, who was a supervisor with the 44th Evacuation Hospital, told the newspaper.

Earlier this month, the CIA conceded it did a poor job handling reports that could have warned U.S. troops against blowing up an Iraqi weapons storage site after the Persian Gulf War. The site was later found to have contained chemical weapons.

Some Gulf War veterans insist their medical ailments may be tied to exposure to poisons, possibly sarin gas, at the Khamisiyah site.

Central Command logs chronicle events in the battlefield, including a report of a U.S. pilot flying through a cloud of a suspected biological agent and a chemical attack at Al Jubayl, Saudi Arabia.

In another entry, a soldier of the 2nd Brigade 3rd Armored Division developed blisters after coming into contact March 1, 1991, with suspected Iraqi chemical munitions south of Basra in Iraq.

A memo by Col. Michael A. Dunn, dated March 5, 1991, said, "I conclude that Pfc. Fisher's skin injury was caused by exposure to a liquid mustard chemical warfare agent."

Obtained under the Freedom of Information Act, other declassified military and CIA records contained:

■ A previously secret document translating a Feb. 9, 1991, article in the Egyptian newspaper Al Hakika: "Iraqi soldiers were killed by their own biological weapons ... 50 soldiers died from sporulated anthrax (spores) exposure due to the destruction of (a) microbiological depots in the Baghdad military area that does development and production of biological weapons, following bombardment with 2,000-pound bombs from (U.S.) B-52's."

■ Reports of other places where chemical or biological agents were detected, including Riyadh, King Fahd Airport, Ad Dammam, Ar Rug, Haffa Al Batin and Tel Aviv in Israel.

"Legislatively, it has to be assumed that some U.S. troops were exposed to some kind of toxic compounds during the war," said James Tuite, director of the 1993-94 investigation into Gulf War Syndrome by the U.S. Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs.

Farris gets Scout award today

From Staff Reports

Brent Farris, son of Barry and Robin Farris, and a student at Lee Freshman High School, is to receive his Eagle Scout Award today.

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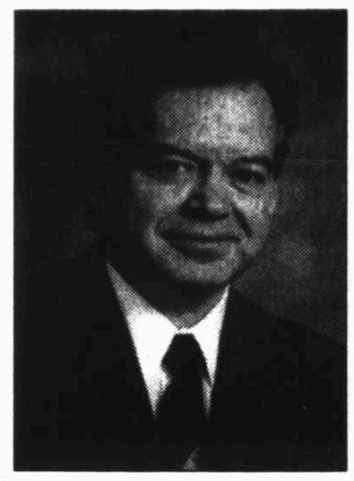

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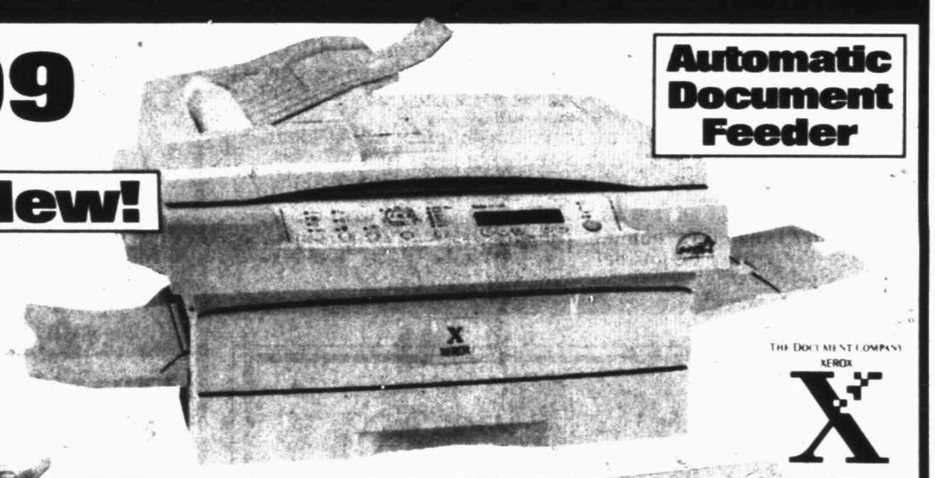

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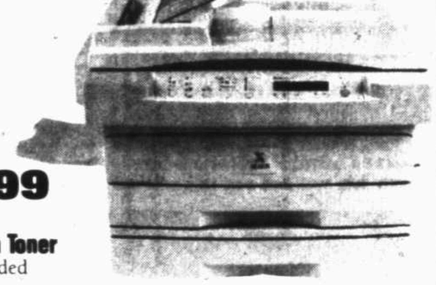

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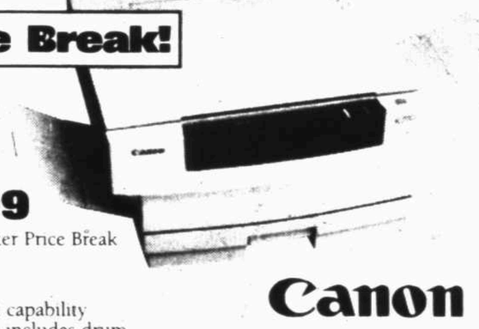

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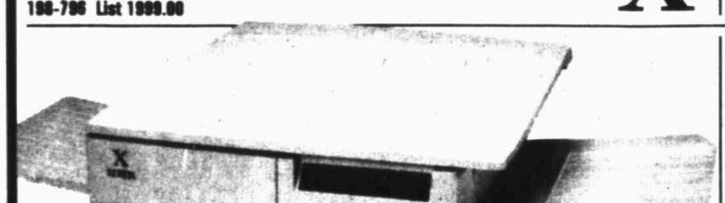

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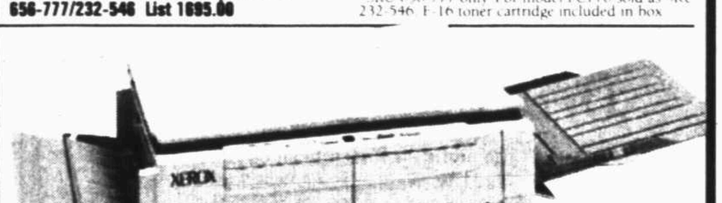

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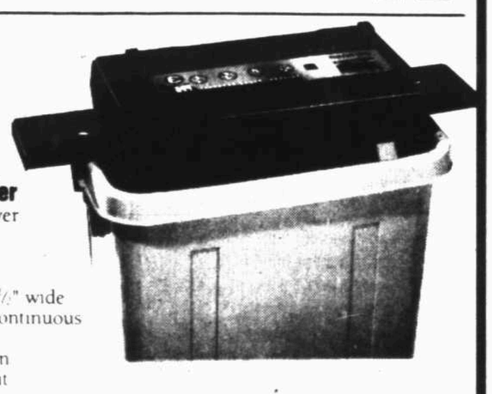

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Chorus, the variety band Kristoher, the Ritz Carlton house band Straightup, and the Gilbert Sedeno Latin Jazz Ensemble.

Hers is the voice Americans heard at the 1992 Republican National Convention singing the city of Houston's promotional theme, "Energy."

She's grateful to Shelly Berg, now president of the International Association of Jazz Educators. He's the one who gave her name to the U.S. Army. Of course, before she could join the Jazz Ambassadors, she had one little obstacle to overcome — basic training.

"It was a real struggle," Ms. Rogers recalled. "This girl had never run half a block in her life. They wanted me to run two miles, and they wanted me to do it in a certain amount of time. That was a big, big weight on my head. But I did it, and I still do. I learned to shoot. I learned to throw grenades and be soldierly, and then we shipped off to our units. Was I glad to get there."

She knows exactly what those attending the 7 p.m. May 14 concert can expect. "Highest professionalism.

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The Jazz Ambassadors — who play Big Band, swing, Dixieland, Latin, beboop, rhythm and blues, Top 40s and will be playing some Texas tunes here — perform for all ages.

"We have children, we have teen-agers, young adult — all ages," said Ms. Rogers. "What I'm most surprised about is" the number of members of the "younger generation who come up and say, 'Gosh, I had no idea this music existed. Where can I get more of it? Do you have CDs?' If you didn't grow up with this music, when you hear it live, you get blown away."

Ms. Rogers isn't the only Texan in the ensemble. Drummer Todd Harrison is also from Houston.

"We worked together in Houston for a good while," Ms. Rogers said. "He also beat out a lot of people for the job."

The support crew traveling with the band is from a rotating pool. "We have a top crew right now," Ms. Rogers said of Sgt. 1st Class Debera Long, Sgt. 1st Class Kirby Hall, Sgt. 1st Class Robbie Hoyle, and Master Sgt. Tony Sturba, the sound man who annually does sound for the International Association of Jazz Educators' annual conference. Since July 1993, Chief Warrant Officer Freddie Vinson Jr. has been the Jazz Ambassadors' director.

"They are top-notch professionals, and we are lucky to have them. If it weren't for them, we couldn't get from place to place. In the Army we do what's called road march — it's a field exercise. And if it weren't for our support crew, we'd be road marching from town to town."

Free tickets to the Midland "march," sponsored by the Reporter-Telegram and Midland College, may be picked up at Chaparral Center, 3600 N. Garfield St.; the Reporter-Telegram, 201 W. Illinois Ave.; and Stanton Drug in Stanton. Ticket holders must be seated by 6:45 p.m. Doors will be open to the public at 6:55 p.m.

The Jazz Ambassadors celebrated 20 years of touring in 1989 with two major overseas tours.

The Field Band was invited by the government of India to participate for two weeks in the eighth annual International Trade Fair in New Delhi and then toured the country for an additional two weeks. At one concert, the audience demanded four encores and chanted, "Yankee, don't go home!"

That summer, the Jazz Ambassadors participated in four prestigious jazz festivals in Europe. After performing in Nice and Vienne in France, and the North Sea Festival in The Hague, the Jazz Ambassadors became the first military band to perform on the Main Stage at the Montreaux Jazz Festival in Switzerland.

In the summer of 1992, the Jazz Ambassadors was the first group from the Field Band to tour the interior of Mexico.

"Every member of the band is a superstar," Ms. Rogers said. "It's made up of world-class talent. Every member goes through the same audition process. You could build a show around each and every one of them. They're that versatile and talented and professional."

In March 1993, the Jazz Ambassadors made a 10-day tour of Japan at the invitation of the Glenn Miller Birthplace Society. The band performed in authentic World War II uniforms.

Among the high points for Ms. Rogers was singing in Belgium in 1996. "I sang 'Bluesette' with the composer — the Grammy-Award-winning harmonica player Toots Thielemanns — I got to sing it right to him, and he was smiling the whole time.

"And singing at the Toronto jazz festival for Rob McConnell and members of his Boss Brass.

"And singing overseas for the 50th anniversary commemoration of D- Day for the European World War II veterans and citizens, which numbered over 50,000. Those are some of the most memorable."

Ms. Rogers has found the experience of being a member of the Jazz Ambassadors to be "a whole lot more than what I expected. In theory, traveling around the country and around the world seems like one thing. But then, in reality, there's just so many experiences. I couldn't relate in words the different places, the people, the artists that I've been able to perform with and meet.

"It's like every day is a new world of surprise when we're on the road traveling. When I'm old in a rocking chair, I'm going to really be glad that I did this. Otherwise, I'd be wondering about the big world that I did not see. And I have seen the world."

Prosecutors focusing on immigration, drug crimes

HOUSTON (AP) — Prosecution of immigration crime jumped 74 percent last year in South Texas, according to the annual report of the U.S. Attorney's office in charge of the area.

Statistics show the U.S. Attorney's Office in Houston prosecuted 520 cases of illegal immigration in fiscal 1996. The previous year, the office prosecuted 298 such cases.

The only other category of crime for which prosecution increased was drug crimes. It was up 13 percent from 561 cases in 1995 to 636 cases last year.

Prosecutions of violent crime such as bank robberies and weapons violations, white collar and "other" crimes all decreased, the office said in its annual report on the Southern District of Texas.

"There's more of a focus along the border, aimed at illegal immigration and drugs," U.S. Attorney Gaynelle Griffin Jones told the Houston Chronicle in Saturday's editions.

"The Department of Justice has increased resources all along the border, especially in INS (U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service) and the Border Patrol. There's more money for agents and equipment."

Her office prosecutes federal cases in the district, which includes 43 counties from the cities of Bryan-College Station and Conroe to Laredo.

Penalties for many categories of immigration crime have increased, especially if the person has been convicted of an aggravated felony by a U.S. court, said Bert Isaacs, chief of the major crimes section of the U.S. Attorney's Office.

"Congress and the public thought there were a lot of criminal aliens in the United States who were wreaking havoc," he said. "We concentrate on the guy who was a felon, someone who was convicted on a drug charge, and go after him."

In focusing on immigration cases, federal prosecutors are paying particular attention to re-entry after deportation and on harboring illegal immigrants.

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Arlen Edgar of the Abell-Hanger Foundation on Friday presented a new van to Sue Slayton with the Midland County Sheriff's Crisis Intervention Unit. The van — the first the unit has had — is to be used to transport crime victims.

Study targets prevalence of eye disease among Latinos

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — The University of Arizona and John Hopkins University will share a $3 million grant to study the prevalence of eye disease among Hispanics in the United States.

The 3-year study, the first of its kind, will examine 4,500 Hispanics, age 40 and older, in Pima and Santa Cruz counties, said Dr. Jorge Rodriguez, an assistant research professor at Arizona.

Relatively recent studies have documented the causes of visual impairment and blindness among other ethnic groups, uncovering at the same time the need for tailored diagnosis, treatment and preventative strategies.

To date, no such large-scale investigations have been conducted in the Hispanic community, said Rodriguez, who runs a private, ophthalmology practice with his wife and partner in Nogales, Mexico, just across the border from Arizona.

Available data suggest certain eye diseases — including glaucoma and diabetic retinopathy, a disease of the retina — occur more frequently in Mexican-Americans than other ethnic groups.

"People of different hereditary backgrounds have different health problems," said Dr. Robert W. Snyder, head of ophthalmology at Arizona.

The UA-Johns Hopkins team hopes to determine why and how often diabetic retinopathy, cataract, age-related degeneration, glaucoma and other conditions lead to loss of vision among Hispanics.

Preventative eye care programs have proved successful in preventing vision loss, Snyder said.

"Diabetes, for example, is a disease that has significant visual problems associated with it if it goes untreated. But if patients have regular eye care, they can prevent the majority of visual loss," Snyder said.

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Faith is a versatile and accomplished vocalist, singing a diversity of styles, giving her the ability to relate to people of various musical preferences. She is actively involved as a guest speaker for women's retreats across the country, as well as Women's Aglow, Flame, and other women's organizations. Her focus is to present practical godly principles, taught in parable form.

The Dunlaps have been guests on TBN, the 700 Club, and other TV stations across the States. In addition, they have ministered in such countries as England, Wales, Belgium, Holland, Germany and Belize, Central America.

Pastor Curt Bezinque invites you to enjoy the Dunlaps at Midland Christian Fellowship on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. The MCF theater is located across from Dennis the Menace Park, two blocks south of Wall Street on Andrews Hwy.

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Ricardo Tobias Gomez, sentenced to 20 days in Midland County Jail, 90 days driver's license suspension and a $300 fine.

Robert Samuel Spiller, sentenced to 6 months probation and a $500 fine.

David Eugene Blackledge, sentenced to 60 days in Midland County Jail, 180 days driver's license suspension and a $300 fine.

Eric Carl Trujillo, sentenced to 30 days in Midland County Jail, 90 days driver's license suspension and a $200 fine.

Leticia Galindo sentenced to 18 months probation.

Oscar Garcia, sentenced to 18 months probation and a $1,000 fine.

Ron Andre Shaw, sentenced to 72 hours in Midland County Jail, 18 months probation, 90 days driver's license suspension and a $1,000 fine.

Francisco Jabier Puente, sentenced to 18 months probation and a $1,000 fine.

Adrienne Montellano, sentenced to 10 days in Midland County Jail, 90 days drivers license suspension and a $300 fine.

James Michael Mahan, sentenced to 2 years probation and a $2,000 fine.

Janine Annette Lawson, sentenced to 2 years probation, 72 hours in Midland County Jail, 180 days driver's license suspension and a $1000 fine.

Cherlyn Louise Kay, sentenced to 6 months probation and a $350 fine.

Scott Palmer, sentenced to 6 months probation and a $300 fine.

Jackie Glenn Vaden, sentenced to 6 months probation and a $300 fine.

Gregory Joseph Rogers, sentenced to 60 days in Midland County Jail, 180 days driver's license suspension and a $700 fine.

Charles Alan Luna, sentenced to 6 months probation and a $500 fine.

Robert Lee Franklin, sentenced to 45 days in Midland County Jail and 180 days driver's license suspension.

Charles Roy Abney, sentenced 18 months probation and a $1,000 fine.

Vera Mae Brown, sentenced to 18 months probation and a $1,000 fine.

Wanda Louise McFarland, sentenced to 2 years probation and 5 days in Midland County Jail, 180 days driver's license suspension and a $2,000 fine.

P. R. Pylant, sentenced to 18 months probation and a $1,000 fine.

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Mormons celebrate religion in New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — New Orleans boasts an infamous history of crooked politicians, rich food, liquor and jazz. But along with its well-known colorful side is a lesser-known history as gateway for thousands of Mormon immigrants.

The city provided a first home, albeit inhospitable, for roughly 17,500 Mormons from 1840-1855. The families, mostly from Great Britain, had recently converted and came through the port before joining other American Mormons en route to Salt Lake City.

"They were surprised to find that Sunday wasn't treated as the Sabbath. The bars were open and they had drinking going on. They didn't have great success in making converts here," said Lamar Taft Merrill Jr., a New Orleans teacher whose own family passed through New Orleans.

Now, as Mormons around the nation celebrate the 150th anniversary of their journey to Utah to escape persecution, Mormons here celebrated the city's contribution to the religion's phenomenal growth.

Roughly 200 Mormons, mostly youths, spent a recent Saturday in the city of their religious ancestors. They took a streetcar ride, toured the French Quarter, cruised on a steamboat and listened to lectures. Church elders discussed the city's Mormon history and some spoke of their own descendants who actually passed through the port.

"You have to think about where it all started," said Brian Garcia, 17.

The New Orleans celebration, true to the city's reputation, is more of a picnic compared to what other Mormons around the country are enduring.

Some members are creeping across Midwest America in cumbersome wagon trains. Despite blisters, many are walking the journey while pushing hand carts as their ancestors did. The group is trekking from Nauvoo, Ill. — which Mormons founded as an early headquarters but fled because of hostility from neighbors — to Salt Lake City.

Like those in Nauvoo, the 19th century Mormons met hostility in New Orleans. The travelers confronted hucksters who stole their luggage and sold them phony tickets for steamboat rides up the Mississippi River.

Along with bringing in English converts, Mormons worked to recruit local members in New Orleans. But a strong Catholic church and other factors worked against their efforts.

Some residents were openly aggressive about their disapproval of Mormonism. Records say some threw eggs, broke windows and tossed the Mormons' furniture into the street to be burned.

It wasn't until 1924 that New Orleans got its first official congregation. Today the state has 24,000 members, of those 12,000 live in southern Louisiana.

Today, David L. Clawson, president of the New Orleans chapter of the church, recalls the struggles of his own great-great-grandfather, Moses Clawson, who led a ship of converts through New Orleans.

About 60 ships containing 300 passengers each traveled up to ten weeks to cross the Atlantic. The travelers, many of them poor, battled boredom, bad food, illness and other challenges.

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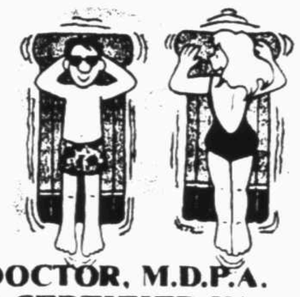

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Post-test party

Lee High senior Jeremy McPeak sang Friday at Abell Junior High School during the assembly that celebrated the recently completed TAAS test.

Family practices religion in self-imposed exile

BEDIAS, Texas (Hearst)— To their few neighbors they are a mystery. To most of the government they don't exist. To themselves they are God's elect, keeping the nation from the brink of disaster with their prayers.

They are the Prince family — five children, ages 17 to 22, their mother, grandmother, a longtime family friend and an uncle by marriage who is called simply, "Our uncle."

Cut off from society in self-imposed exile, the group lives in a pair of houses, one blue and one yellow, surrounded by a complex of sheds, workshops and travel trailers, all clustered on 5.6 acres on a county blacktop 78 miles northwest of Houston.

Here, isolated from a society the group believes is corrupted, they practice a special family religion, often referring to themselves as "we eight" and saying they live in the Kingdom of the Firstborn. (The uncle isn't counted among the eight because he is considered to be beyond them in his religious development.)

While their setup may strike folks as odd, it's hard not to find Cindy Prince or her children appealing. She is an amiable, attractive woman of 40. Her daughter and four sons are strong and well-mannered, their house and surrounding compound immaculate.

"They're weird," says one neighbor. "But I'll tell you one thing, son, they're plenty sharp. And they work all the time."

Now, as young adults, three of the kids want to join the armed forces, to earn money for the family and get to the front lines of the Lord's work. But without birth certificates, Social Security numbers or school records, Uncle Sam is turning them away.

If religious conviction led Cindy Prince and her family to this rural seclusion, more mundane matters drove them to take their story public. Their campaign to join the military has included petitions to the president, senators and other elected officials.

Sitting at a long folding table a couple of weeks ago, Cindy Prince said that Joshu, George, Freddy, Adeline and Andrew Prince are all her children, born at home in various places in Texas, Idaho and Utah. While she is ready to submit to DNA tests to prove that she is their mom, she refuses to name the children's father.

Even some of their closest neighbors know little about them. One even insisted that all five young people couldn't be siblings. "P- ple are paying them to keep their kids and straighten them out," the neighbor speculated.

As far as the government is concerned, there's no proof who the five youngest Princes are. Their births were never recorded and they appear on no school, church or medical records. Their mother never claimed them as income tax deductions or wrote their names on census records. They have no birth certificates or Social Security cards and without the supporting documentation, they are finding it impossible to get either.

A group so separated from mainstream society might conjure up the label of "cult" and visions of unwashed neo-hippies wearing tie-dyed clothes and living in old school buses.

But the Prince family steadfastly rejects such labels, and they have the clean-cut look of people accustomed to breathing country air.

ARMED FORCES NEWS

Lilley

Sam Lilley, a 1996 graduate of Lee High School, has received an appointment to attend the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. The appointment was formally presented by Col. Doug Roper, at a ceremony in Midland on April 18.

Lilley completed studies at Northwestern Preparatory School in Crestline, Calif., in the fall, and is currently attending Midland College prior to his enrollment at the Air Force Academy in June.

He is planning to major in engineering and attend pilot training upon graduation.

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Vasquez

Air Force airman **Richard Vasquez**, son of Richard and Toni Vasquez of Midland, has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

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NHL PLAYOFFS — Conference semifinals, teams TBA, 1 p.m., FOX.

AUTO RACING — ASA AC-Delco Florida 300, 1 p.m., TNN.

NASCAR Winston Cup Series, Save Mart 300, 3 p.m., ESPN.

NHRA Drag Racing, Lonestar Nationals, 4:30 p.m., TNN.

BOXING — Lightweights, Arturo Gatti (27-1-0) vs. Calvin "Silky" Groves (48-8-0), plus two six-round junior welterweight bouts TBA, 3 p.m., CBS.

Texas Scores

BASEBALL — Texas Rangers 7, Boston Red Sox 6.

Florida Marlins 9, Houston Astros 8, 13 innings.

TEXAS LEAGUE — Midland Angels 9, Wichita Wranglers 5.

PREP BASEBALL — Midland Lee 13, Amarillo High 6.

Midland Lee 12, Amarillo High 7. Lee wins series, 2-1.

PREP SOFTBALL — Midland Lee 4, L.D. Bell 0.

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SOCCER — International Soccer Tournament "Friendship Thru Soccer," 8 a.m., Hogan, Windlands, Dunigan and Ratliff Parks.

Bird mulls offer

INDIANAPOLIS — Larry Bird is considering a "great offer" to be the next coach of the Indiana Pacers but is not expected to decide whether to accept it until early next week, published reports said Saturday.

The Indianapolis Star and News and Boston newspapers reported Bird also was mulling an offer from the Boston Celtics to become either their coach or to take another position with the franchise for which he starred for 13 years as a player.

Bird, now a consultant for the Celtics, was quoted Saturday as saying if he left Boston, it would to be to join the Pacers.

"Indiana has made me a good offer — no, a great offer," Bird told The Boston Globe. "I've known the owners since college, through mutual friends, and I have great respect for Donnie Walsh. We are definitely talking, and if I decide to do something (other than remain with the Celtics in some capacity), it would definitely be there."

Bird, from French Lick, Ind., led Indiana State to the 1979 NCAA championship game.

Walsh, the Pacers president, had dinner with Bird last weekend to discuss the job offer. He said he was staying in regular contact with Bird.

"We're having ongoing discussions," Walsh said. "That's as far as I'll go."

HBP record

RICHMOND, Va. — Richmond tied an NCAA single-season record Saturday when its batters were hit by pitches six times in a 19-4 victory over Maryland, boosting their total of hit batsmen for the season to 86.

The Spiders needed only 47 games to tie the record set by Loyola Marymount in 1986, when the Lions were plunked 86 times in 65 games.

Spiders freshman Andrew Slater, hit twice Saturday, moved within three of equalling the NCAA record of 32 HBPs in a season. Steve Dombowski of Fairleigh Dickinson set that mark in just 30 games in 1979.

The Spiders have six games remaining to break the record.

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Smith hurls Lee into I-5A finals

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

ABILENE — "I'm just not perfect," is the way Midland Lee pitcher Chrystal Smith put it here at Abilene Wylie High School Saturday, but you would have a hard time convincing the batters of Hurst L.D. Bell of that fact.

LEE
Midland Lee . . .4
L.D. Bell 0

Smith tossed a third consecutive two-hitter and second consecutive shutout in the state softball playoffs to propel Lee to a 4-0 Class 5A region semifinal victory over the Lady Blue Raiders.

But let's face it. Smith was oh so close to doing oh so much better. She carried a no-hitter into the final seventh inning and went 6 1/3 innings before Bell's Crystal Sprenger broke up the no-no with a single up the middle. With two outs, Smith gave up another single to Candice Nunez, having to settle with another two-hitter, the same she had done against the El Paso teams of Bel Air and Hanks.

Smith didn't even faint. In fact, she was still smiling at the end of the game.

"You know, it happens. I'm just not perfect," Smith said. "It just feels so good to win the game. This is a team thing. When I gave up the two hits, I wasn't worried. I knew I had a great defense behind me."

Bell didn't have a runner reach base until the fourth inning when leadoff hitter reached on an error by Lee left fielder Michelle Primeaux, who saw the ball pop out of her glove. Then, Cope reached safely again in the sixth on a throwing error by Lee shortstop Jessica Garcia. Through 6 1/3 innings of work, Smith had faced only two batters over the minimum, retiring 19 of 21 Bell batters. She ended up throwing only 78 pitches and 63 were strikes. She struck out 10.

"Actually, that's too many strikes," Smith said. "You need to show the team some of your junk. I'll have to watch that."

Even with a no-hitter going, Smith needed help to save

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Rebels sweep doubleheader to get by AHS

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

LUBBOCK — In a two-day battle which featured teams spraying the baseball all over Lubbock Christian University's Chaparral Stadium, Midland Lee was the best armed.

LEE
Lee 13,12
Amarillo 6, 7

With pitching at a premium in the best-of-three series in which the Rebels trailed Amarillo High by a game entering Saturday afternoon, the obvious question for Lee if it was to win two games and advance out of the bi-district round was whether it had enough pitching to make it through. Not only did the Rebels have enough, they might have had more than enough.

Bryan Shores, who had only two starts in the past six weeks, got the call for Lee

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Angels stay hot with 9-5 victory

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

Midland Angels manager Mitch Seoane said he can never get too used to winning five-game series.

With the Angels' 9-5 victory over the Wichita Wranglers Saturday night, Midland can chalk up another series win, taking four out of five games in the recent home stand. This win marks the Halos' third in a row and eighth out their last nine ball games. The confident attitude that Seoane expresses has obviously spread throughout the team as the Angels had to hold back the Wranglers after taking a 7-0 lead.

Midland starter Jarrod Washburn began strong but then started to get into trouble in the fifth inning when he allowed a double by Anthony Medrano and a home run by Jeremy Carr to cut the Halos' lead to 7-3. After Wichita

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Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram
A San Angelo Revolution player, left, jostles for position with a Diablo player from Mexico during International Soccer Tournament action Saturday in Midland.

El Paso's Legacy dominates all foes

By Stewart Doreen
Sports Writer

The El Paso Legacy under-19 girls soccer team is leaving little doubt who the best girls' soccer team is at this weekend's International Soccer Tournament "Friendship Thru Soccer" held in Midland.

With an all-star team from Sun City that would rival any in the state, the Legacy stormed through Saturday's action with a 6-1 win over the Odessa Flames '79 and a 5-0 mauling of Roswell (N.M.) United.

Their play is a good example of the talent that the El Paso schools enjoy. It also explains why their teams have been the

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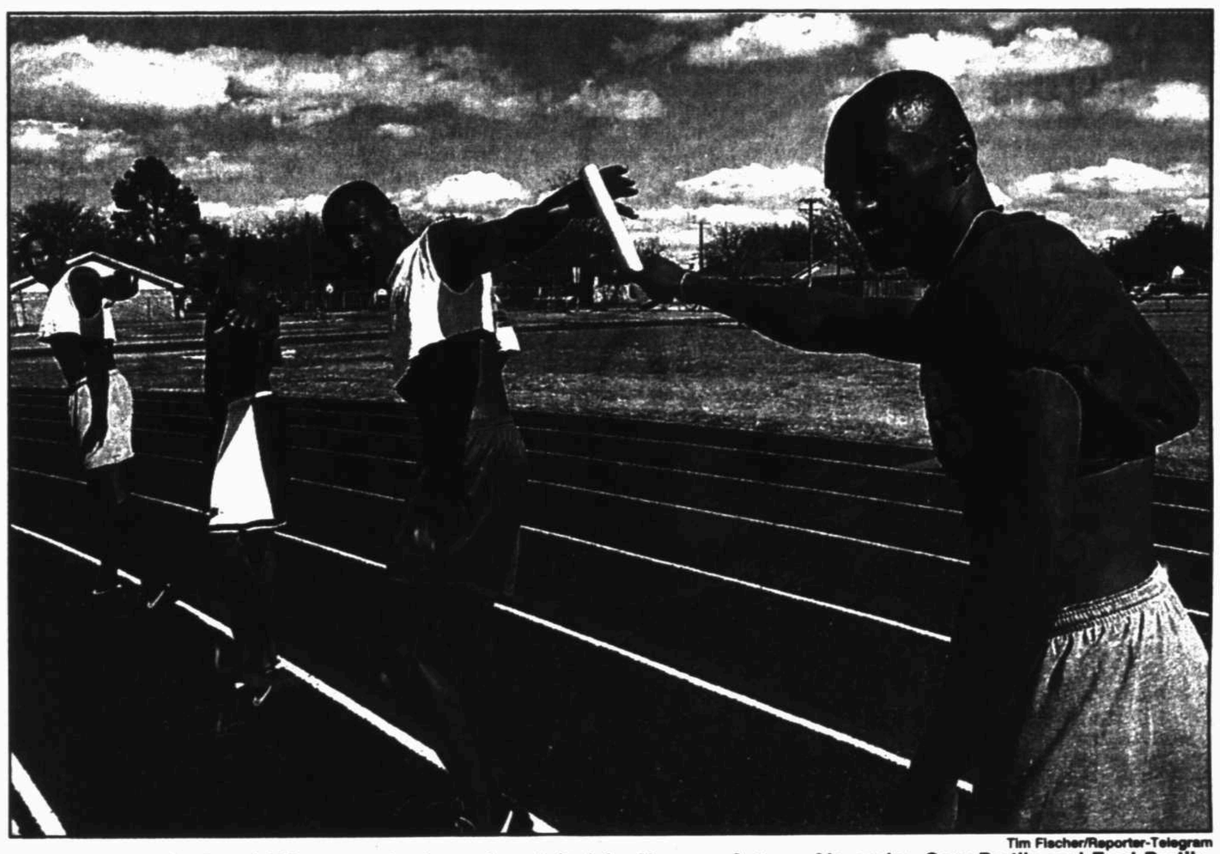

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram
The seniors on the Lee 1,600-meter relay team, from left, John Norman, Antwan Alexander, Cory Pertile and Fred Pertile, hope to end their high school careers with a state championship at the UIL Track and Field Championships Saturday in Austin.

Lee relay team looks to go out on top

By Stewart Doreen
Sports Writer

In a way it is fitting: Midland Lee's 1,600 meter relay of Fred Pertile, Cory Pertile, Antwan Alexander and John Norman will end their Lee athletic career in the last race of the UIL State Track and Field Championships.

The foursome have brought so much fame to Midland Lee — and the city of Midland, for that matter — and now, they make their farewell performance on the weekend's grandest stage.

Midland Lee coach Kelvin Ratliff is hoping it makes for great theater.

"There is nothing like it," Ratliff said of the opportunity that awaits his team. "There are 35,000-40,000 people in the stands and when you get that much noise, a lot of things can happen. There is no telling what can happen."

The foursome has anticipated this date for three years. That is when they came out to Ratliff's track as young pups ready to make their mark. Ratliff remembers that all four wanted to be quarter-milers, something he says some runners shy away from because of the work it takes to run the grueling event.

"It is a special feeling," Ratliff said. "We have never had anything more than a hurdler. We have been talking about building things around a good mile relay. They helped head the team in the right direction. They set big goals, and that

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Andrews hopes hard work pays off at state track meet

By Stewart Doreen
Sports Writer

Success was not just given to Lee's Dreyfus Andrews. Nobody handed him the ability to triple jump on a silver platter, and he doesn't expect a state title to fall in his lap now just by holding the No. 1 ranking in Class 5A.

The UIL State Track and Field Championships means many things to Dreyfus Andrews, but the common link of all his goals revolves around much how he has worked to better himself.

"I can do all things if I put the Lord first," said Andrews, referring to a verse in the book of Phillipians. "I have been using it since basketball and take it with me everywhere. It has helped me."

In a world of domineering athletes, there's Andrews, 5-foot 11, 150 pounds. Not a mountain of a man, but he has grasped the art of hop, skip and jump and taken it to new heights — or lengths in this case. No jumper from the Tall City has ever jumped 49 feet. He did that three times. And having done that three times, it is hard to think that anyone is in his zip code. And those who know him the best will point to one reason: his work ethic.

"He has paid the price," Midland Lee coach Kelvin Ratliff said. "His success is a product of hard work. He came out and watched videos to work on his jumping phases. It is a pleasure to see a kid work that hard and be successful."

Andrews' greatest success was achieved in record-breaking fashion at the Region I-5A meet, when he jumped 49-10. In the cold, wet weather on that day in Lubbock, winning should have been the order of the day, not breaking records. Still, he busted 49-10 on his first

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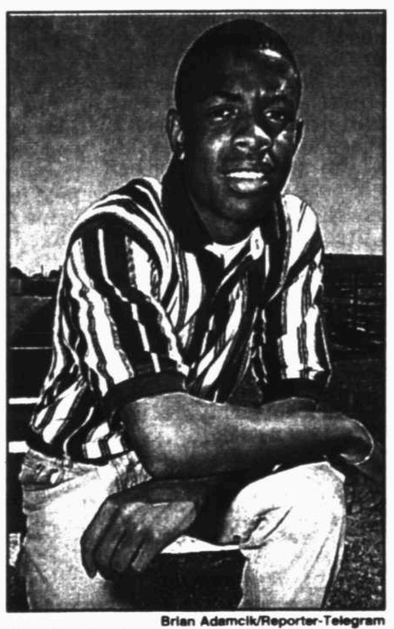

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Dreyfus Andrews, one of the top triple-jumpers in Texas, eyes a championship at the state track meet Saturday in Austin.

Silver Charm noses out Captain Bodgit

By Ed Schuyler Jr.
AP Racing Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — For trainer Bob Baffert, the second time was the charm in the Kentucky Derby — a Silver Charm.

One year after a disheartening nose loss by Cavonnier to Grindstone, the gray Silver Charm put the white-haired Baffert into the Derby winner's circle Saturday at Churchill Downs.

For a heart-stopping moment, the 44-year-old Baffert thought it was going to be 1996 all over again.

Jockey Gary Stevens put Silver Charm into the lead with an eighth of a mile to go, but favored Captain Bodgit was charging up on the outside and it appeared for a moment that he would blast by Silver Charm.

"When they came down the stretch, I thought, 'Here it comes again. It can't happen again,'" Baffert said.

Silver Charm wouldn't let it happen, keeping his gray head in front at the wire.

"In the Kentucky Derby, you don't know who is coming," said Stevens, who won his third Derby three days after being elected to racing's Hall of Fame. "All you know is that they are coming. I thought about Bob and deja vu."

Silver Charm was in striking position from the start.

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AP Laserphoto
Silver Charm, right, with jockey Gary Stevens aboard, holds off the charging Captain Bodgit, left, to win the 123rd Kentucky Derby Saturday in Louisville, Ky.

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SOFTBALL: Lee advances to I-5A final

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her shutout in the fourth. Cope reached third after the Primeaux error and Anna Glass connected on a Smith pitch to center where Marcie Villa easily made the catch, but saved the run with a shotgun throw to Nobles at home plate.

"I was just thinking that if the ball came to me, I was going to go home with it," Villa said. "You try to do everything you can to keep the run from scoring. I wasn't really thinking about the shutout, but I'm glad I was able to help Chrystal out some."

"That was the most beautiful catch and throw I've ever seen," a grateful Smith added.

With Smith mowing down the opposition in rapid fire fashion with a moving fastball, the 22-4 Lady Rebels never seemed to be in danger of losing this one after scoring a first inning run.

In the first with Adrian Nobles at third and Marcie Villa at second with two outs, freshman Jennifer Bryant grounded to third baseman Sprenger. Sprenger elected to tag Villa coming to third, but it was ruled that Nobles scored before the tag and Bryant had her fifth RBI of the playoffs.

It turned out that was all Lee would need, but the Lady Rebels struck for two runs in the fourth on an RBI single by Primeaux and an error on the same play. Marcie Villa added insurance in the seventh, scoring Garcia on a fluke double that center fielder Brooke Roselli-ni couldn't handle. Marcie Villa had three hits in the game to lead the Lee offense that had eight hits off loser Tracy Hooker. Lee had at least one hit in every inning except the sixth when they went down in order.

This was a real hurdle for Lee. The Lady Rebs' playoff run ended in the region semifinals against Keller a year ago. In 1995, when Lee won the region semifinal contest, they went to state.

Now, Lee is perched in the region finals for the second time in three years against Keller, a 3-0 winner over Abilene High Saturday in the other Region I semfinal. That game won't be played until next Friday or Saturday at a time still to be determined, but will probably be back in Abilene. The winner of the region final earns a state tournament berth and Final Four designation. Keller is the team that defeated Lee a year ago in the playoffs, 2-1. This will be a chance for Lee to gain a little revenge.

"This feels great," said Lee coach Perry Young. "There are only eight teams left playing in the state right now. This is where our road ended last year and we're past that now. One more win and we can start our run for Austin."

Midland Lee 4, L.D. Bell 0

Midland Lee	100	200	1—4	8	2
L.D. Bell	000	000	0—0	2	4

Chrystal Smith and Adrian Nobles. Tracy Hooker and Candice Nunez. W-Smith (15-3). L-Hooker (17-11). E-Stacy Poston 2. C.J. Johnson 2 (B). Michelle Primeaux, Jessica Garcia (L). 2B-Smith, Jennifer Bryant, Marcie Villa (L). 3B-Nobles (L). Sac.-Anndra Fulmer (B). RBIs-Bryant 1, Primeaux 1, M. Villa 1 (L). Team Records: Lee 22-4, Bell 20-15.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Lee's John Norman will serve double duty at the UIL Track and Field Championships Friday and Saturday in Austin. He'll compete in the 300-meter hurdles as well as the 1,600-meter relay.

REBELS: Saturday sweep moves Lee on

(From 1C)

in the second and deciding game Saturday against the Sandies and had a lot riding on his shoulders. He proved more than equal to the task, turning in the best pitching performanceof the day for either team by throwing a complete game to beat the Sandies 12-7 and help Lee advance to the Region I-5A area playoffs against El Paso Socorro.

While Shores might seem an unlikely hero, he is perhaps as good an example as any of why Lee coach Jesse Benavidez has so much confidence in his pitching staff.

"We have a very strong staff," said Shores, who surrendered only two earned runs and held hard-hitting Amarillo High scoreless over the last four innings. "We know somebody can back us up if someone stumbles."

The Rebels got in position to advance by winning Saturday's first game 13-6. Senior right-hander Mike Hale was the workhorse, throwing a high number of pitches to earn a complete-game victory — his third postseason win in four attempts. Lee scored five unearned runs in the third to take the lead for good and give Hale — not overpowering but still effective — all the cushion he needed.

Shores didn't enjoy the support Hale did, at least not early. After the top of the third, Lee trailed 7-4, having committed three errors, including one by Shores, which didn't help its cause. A repeat of Friday's 11-5 loss to the Sandies looked highly possible.

In the first inning, the Rebels could have escaped with a one-run deficit, but third baseman David Lopez booted a grounder which would have been the third out of the inning and put the Rebels in a 3-0 hole. Two more errors in the third led to four Amarillo High runs and wiped out a brief Lee lead.

"We made too many mistakes behind Shores early," Benavidez said. "Hopefully the kids will learn from their mistakes."

Whether they learned or not isn't obvious, but the Rebels (16-12-1) didn't make many more mistakes after they fell behind. Shores overcame the sloppiness of the defense, and in turn the defense gave him support.

"The fastball wasn't really on," said Shores, who nonetheless gave up only two hits and one walk over the final four innings. "I told the defense early that I was just going to try to throw strikes and they should be ready."

While the defense might have had its problems in the first three innings, the Rebels weren't having trouble scoring runs. They scored at least once in every inning of the final game. After pulling to within 7-5 in the bottom of the third, Lee took the lead for good the next inning.

Amarillo High starter and loser Brent Bullard walked two batters to open the inning, then Chad Chandler, who drove in four runs, hit a two-run double to left to tie the game. One out later, David Smith drove in Chandler with a double to give the Rebels an 8-7 lead. Smith's hit chased Bullard, and the Rebels never looked back.

"I think (the Sandies) wore down before we did," Benavidez said. "I looked over at their dugout and I think when we scored that eighth run they let down a little."

But the Rebels didn't. They added two more each in the fifth and sixth for plenty of breathing room.

The first game was hardly a triumph for artistry on either side. The first nine runs of the game were unearned, and Lee looked as if it was going to fall into another deep hole when Amarillo High scored twice off Hale in the first inning. With two outs, the Sandies put runners on with a walk and an infield single. The Rebels could have gotten out of the inning, but shortstop Matt Whitaker booted Dan Belcher's grounder off the artificial turf to allow a run to score. Blair Gibson then singled up the middle to bring home another run and make it 2-0.

In the third inning, Lee took advantage of Amarillo's largesse, thanks in part to two bad throws from Gibson at third base. The first came when Hale, leading off the inning, battled Casey Hagemeier to a full count and grounded to Gibson, whose bad throw pulled the first baseman off the bag. Chad Chandler drove in the first run with a single, and after Matt Whitaker drew a walk to put two runners on, Gibson threw away David Smith's sacrifice bunt to bring home two runs and give Lee the lead for good.

It only got worse for the Sandies. Hagemeier struck out Raymond Ibarra but catcher Travis Jones let the third strike get away and Smith scored from third. David Lopez and Blake Moravcik also drove in runs with singles.

With the lead, Hale only became tougher. He gave up 11 hits but also left 10 Amarillo High runners on base. Just as importantly, he fulfilled his role as staff workhorse.

"I definitely needed to throw a complete game," Hale said. "I needed to go as far as I could for the good of the team. If I've got that many runs ahead of me I know I can throw it up there and take my chances."

The Rebels will play District 2-5A champion El Paso Socorro in the area round. After Saturday's games, it was determined that the teams would meet in a best-of-three series starting Friday at Carlsbad, N.M. if there's a field available. If there isn't, the two teams will meet in El Paso since Socorro won the home field coin flip.

Game One
Midland Lee 13, Amarillo High 6

Lee	ab	r	h	bi	Amarillo	ab	r	h	bi
Chandlerlf	2	2	1	2	R.Jones	5	0	3	2
Whitakerss	3	2	0	0	Davissf	3	1	0	0
Smithcf	4	3	2	2	Jackson rf	4	0	0	0
Ibarrac	4	0	0	0	Posey cr	0	0	0	0
Bagwellcr	0	1	0	0	Hagemierp	3	1	1	0
Lopez3b	4	1	2	1	Belcher1b	2	0	1	0
McDonaldcr	0	1	0	0	R.Johnsnph	1	0	0	0
Purves 1b	3	1	1	0	Gibson3b	3	1	2	1
S.Jonescr	0	1	0	0	JJohnsnph	0	1	0	0
Valadezdh	3	0	0	0	Pagelf	3	0	0	0
Moravcik rf	3	1	1	1	Glass2b	4	1	2	0
Hale p	3	0	1	1	Kelly dh	3	1	1	0
Simmonscr	0	1	0	0	Irwinc	1	0	1	1
Totals	29	13	8	7	Totals	32	6	11	4
Lee						005	121	4	— 13
Amarillo						200	110	2	— 6

E — Whitaker, Chandler, Gibson, R. Jones. LOB — Lee 5, Amarillo 10. 3B — Smith 2. Gibson. SB — Chandler 3, Smith, Bagwell, R. Jones 2, Davis. CS— Simmons. S— Valadez

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Lee						
Hale, W 7-4	7	11	6	3	3	7
Amarillo						
Hagemeier,L 4-2	6	7	9	3	4	5
Stevens	0.1	0	3	3	3	0
Mueller	0.2	1	1	1	1	0

HP — by Hale (Gibson, Page), by Hagemeier (Smith), by Stevens (Hale). WP — Hale, Hagemeier2. Mueller. PB — T. Jones. T — 2:40

Game Two
Lee 12, Amarillo 7

Amarillo	ab	r	h	bi	Lee	ab	r	h	bi
R.Jones ss	4	1	1	0	Chandlerlf	2	3	2	4
Davis cf	4	1	2	0	Whitakerss	1	1	0	1
Jackson rf	3	1	0	0	Smith cf	4	0	1	1
Belcher 1b	4	1	1	0	Ibarrac	4	0	0	0
Gibson3b	4	2	1	2	Bagwellcr	0	1	0	0
Page lf	4	1	0	0	Lopez3b	1	0	0	1
Glass 2b	3	0	2	1	Powellcr	0	1	0	0
Kellydh	3	0	0	0	Crowe 1b	3	2	2	1
Irwinc	3	0	1	0	Moravcikrf	4	0	0	0
Johnson cr	0	0	0	0	S.Jonesdh	1	2	0	0
					Watson2b	2	2	2	3
Totals	32	7	8	3	Totals	22	12	7	11
Amarillo						304	000	0	— 7
Lee						221	322	x	— 12

E— Page, Irwin, Lopez, Shores, Watson. LOB— Amarillo 4, Lee 6. DP — Lee 1. 2B — Glass, Chandler, Smith. 3B— Davis, Chandler. SB — Chandler, Whitaker, S. Jones. SF — Lopez, Chandler

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Amarillo						
Bullard,L 8-6	3.1	4	8	7	6	3
Pack	1.1	2	2	2	2	0
Mueller	0.2	0	2	2	2	0
Hagemeier	0.2	1	0	0	1	0
Lee						
Shores, W 3-2	8	7	2	1	4	

WP — Pack, Shores. PB — Irwin. T —2:15

RELAY: Rebs seek glorious finale

(From 1C)

makes the other kids set big goals. To have three events at the state (including Dreyfus Andrews in the triple jump and Norman in the hurdles), I don't know how to act."

The four athletes have made their mark — not only on the track but in the minds of District 4-5A offensive coordinators on the football field. Norman, Alexander and Fred Pertile were three-year starters while Cory Pertile got his chance last year. All were all-district performers. Ratliff, Lee's defensive coordinator on the gridiron, says seeing them two years ago was a sight to behold as "some of the best licks of the first practices were put on by sophomores."

He knew from that day they were a special breed. After all the all-district, all-state, and even an all-America honor later, all four have signed with Division I schools to continue their football careers. But their high school careers will come to an end after the four laps around the Memorial Stadium track are done.

"I don't want it to be over," Ratliff said. "When you have kids like that, you want to have them every year. You know the time will come for them to move on, and they will be sorely missed. You hate to see them go, but are also glad. You know they will have positive impacts wherever they go."

For now, however, there is business to take care of while they are still wearing the Maroon and Gray. What the team would like to see materialize Saturday is their best race. Ratliff says their potential best time is somewhere around three minutes and 12 seconds — three seconds better than their season's best actual time (3:15.27). The Rebs are believers that Ratliff's words can come true and are doing everything in their power to make sure his prediction becomes fact.

"We have had 'throw-up' practices and are trying to build up to that final day," Fred Pertile said. "We are anxious to try our talent. We know we have one more time to run it."

Cory Pertile said, "It will be on. We are right on track. We have been working hard and been pushing ourselves. The atmosphere (in Austin) is incredible. There is no other feeling. You don't want to go and lose."

The appreciation for the state meet is there. Last year, they traveled down as spectators to see first hand what the hoopla was all about. Still, they have to balance what it will be like to run in front of all those people with the finality of ending their career at Lee. To do that, they figure there is no better way than to end with a state title.

"We wanted to go in football. That was the primary sport for that to happen. I wanted all of us to go," Alexander said. "There are 400 meters left to be a Lee Rebel. I will give it all I got and will have to run as fast as I can."

Norman will serve double duty on Saturday. His day will start a little earlier as he became the third Lee runner in consecutive years to qualify for the 300 hurdles. He joins Rodrick Mayfield (1995) and double-gold winner John McAfee (1996) in that elite category of Lee hurdlers. The region I-5A runner-up still thinks he can go faster — much faster. Try 35.67, the state record set by Bill Blessing in 1974

"I'm shooting to break the state record," said Norman whose best this season is 37.57 at district. "I haven't run my best race. Coach (Michael) Meeks has been working with me to run that time. If I can maintain the pace, I can break that time. I have to prove it to myself."

Norman will also anchor the mile relay, but he doesn't worry about any repercussions of having to run both races. Ratliff calls the hurdles just something to warm him up for the relay. Norman says that taking the baton for the final lap means leaving any excuses for the other teams.

"I don't want to leave high school with any regrets," Norman said. "I haven't so far and I'm going up there Friday to maintain the goal of winning a state championship. I have 700 meters to run, and I'm not backing down from the challenge.

"I'm going all out. Even if I pass out at the end, I will wake up with a victory."

The relay could also have a chance to bring home a team title if they get peak performances from everyone in each event, including Andrews in the triple jump. Ratliff would take his chances with 36-40 points. His team agrees.

"The 'Fab 5' has a chance to bring home a state championship," Norman said. "We can look back on it and say 'We did it.' And say 'we are the best class to come up.'"

Either way, it would be hard to argue otherwise.

ANGELS: Teams wraps up 8-2 stand

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crawled to within 7-5 on a two-run single by Lino Diaz in the seventh inning, Seoane brought in Anthony Chavez to close the Wranglers gates.

"Washburn gave us some good innings and he started getting bopped a little bit. We brought Chavez in, he's been doing a great job for us lately, and he got us out of a jam," Seoane said. "We've just been playing some good baseball. We've been hitting the ball when we had to hit and got good pitching. We've been able to stop the other teams from scoring late in ball games."

Washburn said that it wasn't that he got tired there in the seventh inning but that maybe he got a little to relaxed with a seven-run cushion.

"I just wasn't hitting my spots in the later innings and I got the ball up a little bit. They got two runs on that hit, but there's just nothing I can do about it but hit my spot next time," Washburn said.

Midland got to work with the lumber in the first inning with four runs on five hits. Danny Buxbaum extended his hitting streak to 13 games when he hit the first of his two doubles down the third base line to score Kevin Young, who reached on a single. Hemphill then brought in Buxbaum on a double to right to make it 2-0. Then, right fielder Jason Herrick, who has a hitting streak of his own at eight games, belted a two-run blast over the left field wall for a 4-0 lead.

The Angels added three more runs in the third inning, all courtesy of catcher Bret Hemphill's three-run home run over the right field fence. Hemphill finished the game 2-for-2 with two runs scored, three RBIs and walked twice.

"In any game you want to get off to a good start. We've been playing good at home lately and we've just been swinging the bats pretty well," Hemphill said.

After the Wranglers got within two in the seventh inning, the Angels knew it was time to respond. In just a bad outing for Wichita reliever Brian Bevil, the Angels scored two runs on just one hit. Bevil walked three batters, hit Aaron Guiel with bases loaded to score one run and threw a wild pitch to score Herrick. It wasn't the offensive showcase but it did get the job done as the Wranglers, despite their 7-19, proved to be a scary bunch.

"I give them credit," Hemphill said. "Even with their record, every game we've been in with them has been a battle. They just keep coming back and don't give up."

The Angels (16-13) now embark on a critical 10-game road trip starting with Arkansas on Monday. That road hasn't been too kind for Midland as it has compiled a 5-9 record as a visiting team.

"We've got 10 games on the road and we've got to make up some ground on (first place) San Antonio. We just have to win on the road if we expect to win the division," Hemphill said.

"I think a lot of players have confidence right now and hopefully we can take that with us on the road," Seoane said.

Angels notes: Frank Bolick was recently promoted to triple-A Vancouver. Bolick leaves Midland after a short stay with positive results. Bolick led the Texas League in RBIs (27) and is tied for the league lead in home runs (8).

Midland Angels 9, Wichita Wranglers 5

Wichita	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Carr cf	5	2	3	2	Young cf	4	1	1	1
Byington rf	5	1	2	0	Guiel lf	4	0	0	1
Mendez dh	4	0	0	2	Buxbaum 1b	5	2	2	1
L. Diaz 3b	4	0	1	0	Norton dh	3	1	0	0
Fasano c	4	1	1	1	Hemphill c	2	2	2	3
Sisco 2b	4	0	1	0	Herrick rf	4	2	2	2
McNally lf	4	0	1	0	F. Diaz 3b	3	1	1	1
Smith 1b	4	0	1	0	Harknder ss	3	0	0	0
Medrano ss	4	1	1	0	Luuloa 2b	4	0	0	0
Totals	38	5	10	5	Totals	32	9	8	8
Wichita					000	120	200—5	10	0
Midland					403	000	02x—9	8	3

E — Harknder, Diaz, Hemphill. DP — Midland. LOB — Wichita 6, Midland 6. 2B — Buxbaum (2), Hemphill, Medrano, Byington, Herrick. HR — Herrick, Hemphill, Fasano, Carr.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Wichita						
Telgheder, L 1-1	2	7	7	7	0	3
Rawitzer	4	0	0	0	2	5
Pennington	1	0	0	0	0	1
Bevil	1	1	2	0	3	1
Midland						
Washburn, W 3-3	6.2	9	5	5	0	2
Chavez	2.1	1	0	0	0	1
Freehill	1	1	0	0	0	1

HBP — Guiel by Telgheder. WP — Telgheder, Bevil. T — 2:28. A — 4,099

ANDREWS: Reb eyes jump of 51 feet

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jump and then followed with 49-6. He made a statement, although there is not much he remembers about it.

"It was cold, but something told me that it would be right," Andrews said about the jump. "I took off and my mind went blank. When I landed, it was like I woke up from a dream. That is when I heard 'Nice jump, Andrews' from coach Ratliff."

Saturday at 2 p.m. in Memorial Stadium in Austin, the mood should be right to do better, to dream another dream. That is to win the state title and to soar like never before. Andrews has a new mark in his mind, a new goal to shoot for, another barrier to cross. That is 51 feet — a distance too distant, that is elusive even in his sleep.

"I have had two dreams about (jumping 51 feet), but when it comes time to mark, I wake up," Andrews said. "I will probably be in a new atmosphere to go 51 feet. With all those people there, it might not take that much.

"I have to prove myself. I can go 51 feet if the feeling is right."

Ratliff thinks that the time is right for the senior to add another personal-best to a long list of improvements already accomplished this season. Last year, Andrews jumped 45-6 to place third at district. This season he bettered that at every meet he entered, starting with 48-5 at his first meet, 49-4 3/4 to set the Tall City Relays record, 47-6 1/2 to win district and then last week's regional record.

"I like his chances (at state)," Ratliff said. "His goal is 51 feet. That is an additional foot and two inches. I think he can do that. It is possible with him."

In his effort to be the best he can, he will also have to take a close look at what happens on Friday in the Class 4A meet. Grapevine's Jack Brewer is the only athlete in the state that can claim a longer jump than Andrews (51-4). So, if he is not pushed by anyone else at the 5A division, there will be a mark to shoot for.

"I will probably look at Brewer's mark," Andrews said. "It is like I will be competing against his mark — not him. I don't know what any of the other marks are (from around the state). But there is no doubt, I can compete against anybody."

Is Andrews being cocky? No. He is a person that looks to do the best he can in anything he does whether that may be track, basketball, football or choir. He also must work to achieve more. If not for the goal of winning a state title, then to reach the highest goal of signing his name on the dotted line for a track scholarship.

Right now, colleges are not banging down his door. He has heard from one (Illinois State University). So there is a real reason and maybe the biggest motivation to jump out of the pit in Austin. There will be coaches from all over the land, looking to get their hands on a 23-foot long jumper and 50-foot triple jumper. It is just a matter of getting someone's attention, because even with a medal, he says there will be one day that can outshine that.

"That day hasn't come yet. The brightest day will be when I sign a scholarship," Andrews says with nothing but sincerity. "With a college scholarship, that is when I know I will be there."

SOCCER: El Paso Legacy displays skill

(From 1C)

main contenders for region and state titles each for the past few years.

Included in the schools represented are Franklin and Andress, the two teams that knocked the Midland High Lady Bulldogs out of the playoffs in each of the last two years. Irvin, Montwood, Coronado, Eastwood and Hanks are some of the other home schools for Legacy's talent. the talent pool is deep and it can be a humbling experience at times even for an all-region performer and one of the leading scorers in the city over the past two years.

"It is different," said Dia Costanza, an Andress product in her first year with the team. "I have never played with a group of girls with so much talent. It makes me feel (bad) sometimes when I'm not on the same level.

"It helps improve your performance with girls of a higher caliber."

The highest caliber might be Franklin junior Nicky Thrasher. El Paso's leading high school scorer these past two seasons was a leader for the Lady Cougars, who advanced to the region final in 1997 and made it to the state tournament in 1996. On the way, she collected second-team all-state and all-region honors. She will also join many other club members by playing college soccer next season as she signed with the nationally ranked Texas A&M team Friday. The rarity with Thrasher is that she will do so after her junior year.

"The opportunity happened," Thrasher said. "It took a while to make the decision and I think I can do it. If I have the opportunity, why not? A&M is No. 6 in the nation. They have a great team."

Like Thrasher, Samantha Teague (Air Force), Christina Gutierrez (Illinois State) and Ylinana Rodriguez (UTEP) will also extend their careers to play Division I college soccer. That is a big priority with the Legacy.

"Our program is about our players wanting scholarships," Thrasher said. "(Coach) Roberto (Tucker) works with us to get to that level."

For this weekend, the goal is to play well and the Legacy have done so. They have won two and still will play Mexico's Tec De Monterrey at 10 a.m. at Hogan Park to complete the sweep. A win in the morning would mean having to beat one of the three teams again. The road could have been a tougher one, had the Midland Blast had not opted to skip this Midland Soccer Association-sponsored tournament to play in the a North Texas Soccer tournament in Dallas. Still, with the firepower on this Legacy team, who knows how much good that would have done? The Legacy players said either way this tournament is serving its purpose.

"We are doing good," Thasher said. "We are keeping the ball on the ground and getting good touches. We were hoping (for tougher competition) because we have to go to Albuquerque for the Women's State Cup in New Mexico next week. We have won it two years in a row."

Costanza said, "It is good and bad. We needed a chance to play against someone different teams. They are a new group of girls."

The unfortunate ones in this case are the group of girls who have to go against this Legacy team.

Filippini pulls off another upset at AT&T Challenge

DULUTH, Ga. (AP) — When Marcelo Filippini stopped worrying about the gusty conditions Saturday at the Atlanta Athletic Club, he moved into position for his first ATP Tour title since 1994.

Filippini, pulling off another upset in the AT&T Challenge, used a streak of 12 straight points in the third set for a 7-5, 3-6, 6-4 semifinal victory over eighth-seeded Chris Woodruff.

Filippini advanced to Sunday's final against No. 7 Jason Stoltenberg, who defeated Magnus Norman 6-4, 5-7, 6-3.

Stoltenberg is the only seeded player remaining in the tournament, which had Michael Chang and Jim Courier lose in the first round and Andre Agassi go out in the second.

Filippini, who hasn't won an event since three years ago in Italy, moved into a final for the first time since April 1996 with his 2-hour, 22-minute victory over Woodruff, the last American remaining in the tournament.

AL Boxes

RANGERS 7, RED S

BOSTON	ab	r	hbi	TEXAS
Grcprr ss	3	1	2	0 Buford d
Crdero lf	5	1	1	1 IRdrgz d
Frye dh	4	0	1	0 Greer lf
Stanley 1b	3	1	1	1 JuGnlz d
Nhring 3b	5	0	1	0 WClark
JhValtn 2b	5	2	2	0 Palmer 3
Pmbrtn rf	4	1	2	4 Simms r
Hslman c	3	0	0	0 LStvns r
Mack cf	1	0	1	0 BRipkn 2
Bragg cf	3	0	1	0 Gil ss
				Newsn p
				McLmr 2
Totals	36	6	12	6 Totals
Boston				201 030
Texas				000 410

One out when winning r
E—Pemberton (1), Gil 2
Boston 2, Texas 3. LOB—E
Texas 10. 2B—Cordero (6),
Greer (8), JuGonzalez (
JhValentin (1), BRipken (1). H
berton (1). SB—Garciapa
Greer (3). SF—IRodriguez,

Boston	IP	H	R	E
Avery	3 2-3	7	4	
Trlicek	1 1-3	2	1	
Corsi	1	1	0	
Garces	1 2-3	2	2	0
Slocumb L,0-1	2-3	2	2	2
Texas				
DOliver	4 1-3	9	6	
Santana	3	2	2	0
XHernandez	1 1-3	1	0	
Vosberg W,1-1	1-3	0	0	0

HBP—by DOliver (Mack)
er (Haselman). T—3:37. A
(48,100).

ROYALS 2, YANKE

NEW YORK	ab	r	hbi	KANSA
Raines lf	3	0	1	0 Offrmn 2
Boggs 3b	4	0	1	0 JBell ss
BeWms cf	4	1	1	0 King 1b
TMrtnz 1b	3	0	1	0 CDavis
Fielder dh	4	0	2	0 Vitiello lf
PKelly dh	0	0	0	0 Damon l
O'Neill rf	4	0	1	0 Dye rf
Jeter ss	4	0	0	1 Pquette
Duncan 2b	4	0	1	0 MiSwy c
Girardi c	3	0	0	0 TGdwin
Whiten ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	34	1	8	1 Totals
New York				000 001
Kansas City				001 001

E—Jeter (2). DP—Nev
Kansas City 1. LOB—Nev
Kansas City 6. 2B—JBell (
(4).

New York	IP	H	R	E
Pettitte L,5-1	8	6	2	
Kansas City				
Belcher W,3-3	9	8	1	

T—2:29. A—25,585 (40

BLUE JAYS 6, TWI

MINNESOTA	ab	r	hbi	TORON
Knbich 2b	4	1	2	2 Nixon cf
Becker cf	5	0	0	0 AGnzlz s
Molitor dh	4	0	0	0 Merced
GMyrs c	4	0	1	1 Carter 1
Lawton lf	4	0	1	0 Sprgue 3
RKelly rf	4	2	2	0 Samuel
Brede 1b	4	2	2	0 CDigdo
Hcking ss	3	0	0	0 Sntiago
TWalkr 3b	1	0	0	0 Brmfld lf
Coomer 3b	3	0	2	2 CGrcia 2
Meares ss	0	0	0	0
Totals	36	5	10	5 Totals
Minnesota				100 010
Toronto				010 000

Two outs when winning r
DP—Minnesota 1. LOB—Mi
Toronto 10. 2B—Lawton (1
(10), Sprague (14), CDel
SB—Knoblauch 2 (13), R
Brede (2). CS—Carter (2).
ing, AGonzalez. SF—Nixon

Minnesota	IP	H	R	E
Robertson	6	6	2	
Trombley	0	1	2	
Guardado	1-3	0	0	
Naulty	2-3	2	1	
Ritchie L,2-3	1	1	1	
Swindell	2-3	0	0	
Olson	0	0	0	
Toronto				
Guzman	4	2	1	
Spoljaric	2 2-3	3	2	
Timlin	1 1-3	2	0	
Quantrill W,4-2	1	3	1	

Robertson pitched to 1 b
7th, Trombley pitched to 2
the 7th, Ritchie pitched to
the 9th, Olson pitched to
the 9th. T—3:14. A—29,150

INDIANS 7, TIGER

DETROIT	ab	r	hbi	CLEVEL
BLHntr cf	5	1	2	1 Vizquel s
Easley 2b	4	1	0	0 TFrndz 2
Frymn 3b	4	1	1	2 Thome 1
ToCrk 1b	2	1	1	3 MaWrn 3
Hggnsn lf	4	0	0	0 Justice l
Nieves rf	3	0	0	0 Rmirez r
Tramli dh	2	0	0	0 Curtis pr
Pnde dh	1	0	0	0 JuFrco d
BJhnsn c	3	1	1	0 Giles cf
Olvares pr	0	1	0	0 SAlmr c
Csnova c	0	0	0	0
DCruz ss	2	0	0	0
JoReed 2b	1	0	0	0
Totals	31	6	5	6 Totals
Detroit				005 000
Cleveland				102 000

Two outs when winning r
E—DCruz (2), Ogea (2). DP
land 1. LOB—Detroit 5, Cle
2B—Vizquel (3). HR—To
TFernandez (2). SB—BL
(13), Vizquel (9). S—DCruz,
SF—Justice

Detroit	IP	H	R	E
Moehler	5	5	3	
JCummings	1	0	0	
Miceli	1 1-3	2	2	
MMyers	2-3	0	0	
Brocail L,0-3	2-3	3	2	2
Cleveland				
Ogea	7	4	5	
Plunk W,1-2	2	1	1	

HBP—by Moehler (Thon
Brocail. Plunk. PB—Casa
3:38. A—42,469 (42,400)

ATHLETICS 4, ORIO

OAKLAND	ab	r	hbi	BALTIM
Mshore cf	4	1	1	0 ByAdsn
Giambi lf	5	1	2	2 RAlmr 2
EnYng cf	0	0	0	0 Rboulet
Berroa dh	4	0	0	0 EDavis r
McGwr 1b	2	0	0	0 RPmro 1
Stairs rf	3	0	0	0 CRipkn 3
Spiezio 2b	4	1	1	1 Incvgla c
Brosius 3b	4	1	2	0 Surhoff l
Brnigal ss	2	0	0	0 Hoiles c
Mgdan 3b	2	0	0	0 Wbster c
Mayne c	3	0	1	1 Bordick s
Molina c	1	0	0	0
Totals	34	4	7	4 Totals
Oakland				000 010
Baltimore				000 003

LOB—Oakland 8, Balti
2B—Mashore (4), Mayne
Giambi (4), Spiezio (4). CR
Incaviglia (3). S—RAlomar,

Oakland	IP	H	R	E
Mohler	6 1-3	7	3	
ASmall W,4-0	1 2-3	1	0	
Groom	1-3	0	0	
Taylor S,6	2-3	1	0	0
Baltimore				
Mussina	6 1-3	4	2	
TeMathews	1-3	1	0	
Orosco	1-3	0	0	
ABenitez		0	0	0
Rhodes		1	0	0
RaMyers L,0-1		1	2	2

ABenitez pitched to 2 bat
8th. T—3:32. A—45,750 (4

ANGELS 3, WHITE S
First game

ANAHEIM	ab	r	hbi	CHICAG
Erstad 1b	3	0	0	1 Phillips rf
OPmro cf	0	0	0	0 Drham 2
Edmnd cf	4	0	0	0 FThms 1
Hollins 3b	4	0	0	0 Belle lf
Leyritz c	4	1	1	0 LMoutn
Salmon rf	4	0	1	0 Snopek
GAndsn lf	4	0	2	1 Baines p
EMrry dh	4	1	1	0 NMartn 3
Alicea 2b	4	1	2	0 Lewis c
Grbeck ss	1	0	0	0 Kreuter p
Howell ph	1	0	1

SPORTS SCOREBOARD

Major League Baseball

AL Boxes

RANGERS 7, RED SOX 6

BOSTON	ab	r	hbi		TEXAS	ab	r	hbi	
Grcprr ss	3	1	2	0	Buford cf	5	0	1	1
Crdero lf	5	1	1	1	IRdrgz c	4	0	1	1
Frye dh	4	0	1	0	Greer lf	4	1	3	0
Stanley 1b	3	1	1	1	JuGnlz dh	5	2	2	0
Nhring 3b	5	0	1	0	WClark 1b	3	1	1	0
JhValtn 2b	5	2	2	0	Palmer 3b	4	1	2	3
Pmbrtn rf	4	1	2	4	Simms rf	2	0	0	0
Hslman c	3	0	0	0	LStvns rf	2	0	0	0
Mack cf	1	0	1	0	BRipkn 2b	4	1	3	2
Bragg cf	3	0	1	0	Gil ss	2	1	1	0
					Newsn ph	0	0	0	0
					McLmr 2b	0	0	0	0
Totals	36	6	12	6	Totals	35	7	14	7

Boston	201	030	000	— 6
Texas	000	410	002	— 7

One out when winning run scored.
E—Pemberton (1), Gil 2 (6). DP—Boston 2, Texas 3. LOB—Boston 12, Texas 10. 2B—Cordero (6), Mack (2), Greer (8), JuGonzalez (1). 3B—JhValentin (1), BRipken (1). HR—Pemberton (1). SB—Garciaparra 2 (7), Greer (3). SF—IRodriguez, Palmer.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Boston						
Avery	3	2-3	7	4	4	2
Trlicek	1	1-3	2	1	1	0
Corsi		1	1	0	0	0
Garces	1	2-3	2	0	0	1
Slocumb L,0-1	2	3-3	2	2	2	1
Texas						
DOliver	4	1-3	9	6	6	3
Santana		3	2	0	0	2
XHernandez	1	1-3	1	0	0	2
Vosberg W,1-1	1	1-3	0	0	0	0

HBP—by DOliver (Mack), by DOliver (Haselman). T—3:37. A—43,557 (48,100).

ROYALS 2, YANKEES 1

NEW YORK	ab	r	hbi		KANSAS CITY	ab	r	hbi	
Raines lf	3	0	1	0	Offrmn 2b	4	0	1	0
Boggs 3b	4	0	1	0	JBell ss	3	0	1	1
BeWrns cf	4	1	1	0	King 1b	3	1	0	0
TMrtnz 1b	3	0	1	0	CDavis dh	3	0	1	0
Fielder dh	4	0	2	0	Vitiello lf	3	0	1	1
PKelly dh	0	0	0	0	Damon lf	1	0	0	0
O'Neill rf	4	0	1	0	Dye rf	3	0	0	0
Jeter ss	4	0	0	1	Pquette 3b	3	0	1	0
Duncan 2b	4	0	1	0	MiSwy c	3	0	0	0
Girardi c	3	0	0	0	TGdwin cf	3	1	1	0
Whiten ph	1	0	0	0					
Totals	34	1	8	1	Totals	29	2	6	2

New York	000	001	000 — 1
Kansas City	001	001	00x — 2

E—Jeter (2). DP—New York 2, Kansas City 1. LOB—New York 8, Kansas City 6. 2B—JBell (4), Vitiello (4).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York						
Pettitte L,5-1	8	6	2	1	3	3
Kansas City						
Belcher W,3-3	9	8	1	1	2	3

T—2:29. A—25,585 (40,625).

BLUE JAYS 6, TWINS 5

MINNESOTA	ab	r	hbi		TORONTO	ab	r	hbi	
Knblch 2b	4	1	2	2	Nixon cf	3	1	0	1
Becker cf	5	0	0	0	AGnzlz ss	4	1	1	1
Molitor dh	4	0	0	0	Merced rf	5	0	3	1
GMyrs c	4	0	1	1	Carter 1b	2	0	0	1
Lawton lf	4	0	1	0	Sprgue 3b	2	1	1	0
RKelly rf	4	2	2	0	Samuel dh	3	0	0	0
Brede 1b	4	2	2	0	CDlgdo dh	1	0	1	1
Hcking ss	3	0	0	0	Sntiago c	4	1	2	1
TWalkr 3b	1	0	0	0	Brmfld lf	4	1	1	0
Coomer 3b	3	0	2	2	CGrcia 2b	3	1	1	0
Meares ss	0	0	0	0					
Totals	36	5	10	5	Totals	31	6	10	6

Minnesota	100	010	102 — 5
Toronto	010	000	401 — 6

Two outs when winning run scored.
DP—Minnesota 1. LOB—Minnesota 6, Toronto 10. 2B—Lawton (11), Merced (10), Sprague (14), CDelgado (2). SB—Knoblauch 2 (13), RKelly (2), Brede (2). CS—Carter (2). S—Hocking, AGonzalez. SF—Nixon, Carter.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Minnesota						
Robertson	6	6	2	2	3	3
Trombley		0	1	2	2	1
Guardado	1	3-3	0	0	0	0
Naulty	2	3-3	2	1	1	0
Ritchie L,2-3	1	1	1	1	1	0
Swindell	2	3-3	0	0	0	1
Olson		0	0	0	2	0
Toronto						
Guzman	4	2	1	1	1	5
Spoljanc	2	2-3	3	2	2	0
Timlin	1	1-3	2	0	0	0
Quantrill W,4-2	1	3	2	2	0	0

Robertson pitched to 1 batter in the 7th. Trombley pitched to 2 batters in the 7th. Ritchie pitched to 1 batter in the 9th. Olson pitched to 2 batters in the 9th. T—3:14. A—29,150 (51,000).

INDIANS 7, TIGERS 6

DETROIT	ab	r	hbi		CLEVELAND	ab	r	hbi	
BLHntr cf	5	1	2	1	Vizquel ss	4	1	2	2
Easley 2b	4	1	0	0	TFrndz 2b	4	1	1	1
Frymn 3b	4	1	1	2	Thome 1b	4	0	0	0
ToClrk 1b	2	1	1	3	MaWrn 3b	5	2	2	1
Hggnsn lf	4	0	0	0	Justice lf	4	0	1	1
Nieves rf	3	0	0	0	Rmirez rf	4	0	1	0
Tramli dh	2	0	0	0	Curtis pr	0	1	0	0
Pride dh	1	0	0	0	JuFrco dh	2	1	1	1
BJhnsn c	3	1	1	0	Giles cf	4	1	1	0
Olvares pr	0	1	0	0	SAlmr c	4	0	1	1
Csnova c	0	0	0	0					
DCruz ss	2	0	0	0					
JoReed 2b	1	0	0	0					
Totals	31	6	5	6	Totals	35	7	10	7

Detroit	005	000	001 — 6
Cleveland	102	000	022 — 7

Two outs when winning run scored.
E—DCruz (2), Ogea (2). DP—Cleveland 1. LOB—Detroit 5, Cleveland 12. 2B—Vizquel (3). HR—ToClark (9), TFernandez (2). SB—BLHunter 2 (13), Vizquel (9). S—DCruz, SAlomar. SF—Justice.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Detroit						
Moehler	5	5	3	3	3	3
JCummings	1	0	0	0	2	0
Miceli	1	1-3	2	2	2	1
MMyers	2	3-3	0	0	0	1
Brocail L,0-3	2	3-3	2	2	1	0
Cleveland						
Ogea	7	4	5	5	4	3
Plunk W,1-2	2	1	1	1	2	3

HBP—by Moehler (Thome). WP—Brocail, Plunk. PB—Casanova. T—3:38. A—42,469 (42,400).

ATHLETICS 4, ORIOLES 3

OAKLAND	ab	r	hbi		BALTIMORE	ab	r	hbi	
Mshore cf	4	1	1	0	ByAdsn cf	4	0	1	0
Giambi lf	5	1	2	2	RAlmr 2b	3	0	1	0
EnYng cf	0	0	0	0	Rboulet pr	0	0	0	0
Berroa dh	4	0	0	0	EDavis rf	4	1	1	0
McGwr 1b	2	0	0	0	RPmro 1b	4	0	1	0
Stairs rf	3	0	0	0	CRipkn 3b	4	1	1	2
Spiezio 2b	4	1	1	1	Incvglia dh	5	1	2	1
Brosius 3b	4	1	2	0	Surhoff lf	4	0	2	0
Brnigal ss	2	0	0	0	Hoiles c	3	0	0	0
Mgdan 3b	2	0	0	0	Wbster c	0	0	0	0
Mayne c	3	0	1	1	Bordick ss	4	0	0	0
Molina c	1	0	0	0					
Totals	34	4	7	4	Totals	35	3	9	3

Oakland	000	010	102 — 4
Baltimore	000	003	000 — 3

LOB—Oakland 8, Baltimore 12. 2B—Mashore (4), Mayne (2). HR—Giambi (4), Spiezio (4), CRipken (6), Incaviglia (3). S—RAlomar.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Oakland						
Mohler	6	1-3	7	3	3	2
ASmall W,4-0	1	2-3	1	0	0	1
Groom		1-3	0	0	0	1
Taylor S,6	2	2-3		1	0	0
Baltimore						
Mussina	6	1-3	4	2	2	7
TeMathews		1-3	1	0	0	1
Orosco		1-3	0	0	0	0
ABenitez			0	0	0	2
Rhodes		1	0	0	0	0
RaMyers L,0-1	1	2	2	2	0	0

ABenitez pitched to 2 batters in the 8th. T—3:32. A—45,750 (48,079).

ANGELS 3, WHITE SOX 2
First game

ANAHEIM	ab	r	hbi		CHICAGO	ab	r	hbi	
Erstad 1b	3	0	0	1	Phillips rf	3	1	1	0
OPmro cf	0	0	0	0	Drham 2b	5	0	2	2
Edmnd cf	4	0	0	0	FThms 1b	4	0	2	0
Hollins 3b	4	0	0	0	Belle lf	5	0	1	0
Leyritz c	4	1	1	0	LMoutn dh	4	0	1	0
Salmon rf	4	0	1	0	Snopek 3b	3	0	1	0
GAndsn lf	4	0	2	1	Baines ph	0	0	0	0
EMrry dh	4	1	1	0	NMartn 3b	1	0	0	0
Alicea 2b	4	1	2	0	Lewis cf	3	0	0	0
Grbeck ss	1	0	0	0	Kreuter ph	1	1	1	0
Howell ph	1	0	1	1	Krkvce c	2	0	0	0
DiScna ss	0	0	0	0	DaMtnz ph	0	0	0	0
					OGuiln ss	4	0	2	0
Totals	33	3	8	3	Totals	35	2	11	2

Anaheim	001	000	011 — 3
Chicago	000	000	002 — 2

DP—Anaheim 1. LOB—Anaheim 5, Chicago 11. 2B—GAnderson (2), Howell (1), FThomas (6), Kreuter (2), OGuillen (4). 3B—Alicea (3). SB—OPalmeiro (1), Leyritz (1). CS—LMouton (1). S—Phillips. SF—Erstad.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Anaheim						
Watson W,1-2	7	8	0	0	1	3
PHarris	2	3-3	1	0	0	0
Holtz	1	3-3	0	0	0	0
James	2	3-3	2	2	2	0
DeLucia S,1	1	1-3	0	0	0	0
Chicago						
Baldwin L,0-4	7	6	2	2	1	6
TCastillo	1	0	0	0	0	0
Simas	1	1-3	1	1	0	1
Bertotti	2	2-3	1	0	0	0

Baldwin pitched to 2 batters in the 8th. HBP—by James (FThomas). WP—Baldwin. PB—Karkovice. T—2:45. A—N/A (44,321).

WHITE SOX 4, ANGELS 2
Second game

ANAHEIM	ab	r	hbi		CHICAGO	ab	r	hbi	
OPmro cf	4	0	1	0	Phillips rf	4	0	1	0
Alicea 2b	3	1	0	0	Drham 2b	4	2	3	3
Edmnd 1b	4	0	1	0	FThms 1b	1	0	0	0
Salmon rf	4	0	0	1	DLewis cf	1	0	0	0
GAndsn lf	4	0	0	0	Belle lf	2	0	1	1
EMrry dh	3	0	0	0	Baines dh	4	0	1	0
Howell 3b	3	1	1	1	Snopek 3b	4	0	1	0
Fbrgas c	3	0	0	0	DaMtnz cf	4	0	0	0
DiScna ss	3	0	0	0	Pena c	4	1	1	0
					OGuiln ss	3	1	1	0
Totals	31	2	3	2	Totals	31	4	9	4

Anaheim	001	000	001 — 2
Chicago	101	200	00x — 4

E—Durham (3). DP—Chicago 1. LOB—Anaheim 3, Chicago 7. 2B—Phillips (4), Durham (5). HR—Howell (2), Durham (2). SB—Durham (8). SF—Belle.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Anaheim						
DSpringer L,0-1	3	2-3	8	4	4	3
DaMay	4	1-3	1	0	0	0
Chicago						
Drabek W,2-3	7	2	1	1	0	4
TCastillo	1		0	0	0	0
RHernandez S,4	1	1	1	1	0	1

WP—Drabek 2. T—2:37. A—24,004 (44,321).

NL Boxes

MARLINS 9, ASTROS 8, 13 innings

FLORIDA	ab	r	hbi		HOUSTON	ab	r	hbi	
Cnglosi lf	3	0	1	1	Biggio 2b	7	1	3	2
Strifer p	0	0	0	0	JMoutn lf	4	2	3	0
Floyd ph	1	0	0	0	Bgwell 1b	7	1	2	2
Hutton p	0	0	0	0	DeBell cf	5	0	1	0
Wehner lf	0	0	0	0	Berry 3b	7	1	2	2
Zaun 1b	2	1	1	1	Abreu rf	5	0	1	1
Rnteria ss	6	0	0	1	Asmus c	6	2	2	0
Abbott 2b	7	2	2	1	Bogar ss	4	1	3	1
Shffield rf	6	0	2	0	Hmptn p	1	0	0	0
Alou cf	6	1	2	1	Lima p	1	0	0	0
Bonilla 3b	1	1	1	0	RSprgr p	0	0	0	0
AAnas 3b	5	1	1	0	THwrd ph	1	0	0	0
Conine 1b	4	1	0	0	Hudek p	0	0	0	0
CJhnsn c	5	1	0	1	BWgnr p	0	0	0	0
Snders p	0	0	0	0	Esebio ph	0	0	0	0
Esnnch lf	3	1	1	1	Martin p	0	0	0	0
Nen p	0	0	0	0	RMtgm ph	1	0	0	0
AFrndz ph	0	0	0	0	RGrcia p	0	0	0	0
Cook p	0	0	0	0					
LCstillo ph	1	0	0	0					
FHrdia p	0	0	0	0					
Powell p	0	0	0	0					
Totals	50	9	11	7	Totals	49	8	17	8

Florida	030	300	002 000 — 9
Houston	330	101	000 000 — 8

E—Renteria (9), Berry (3), Bogar (1). DP—Florida 3. LOB—Florida 12, Houston 12. 2B—Alou (6), Bonilla (7), Eisenreich (2), Biggio (9), JMouton (3), Bagwell (6), Abreu (6), Ausmus (7), Bogar (2). HR—Zaun (2), Abbott (2). SB—Biggio (3). CS—JMouton (3), Berry (2), Ausmus (1). S—AFernandez, Bogar, Lima. SF—Renteria.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Florida						
Saunders	3	6	6	3	1	3
Stanifer	2	2	1	1	1	0
Hutton	2	2	1	1	1	1
Nen	2	1	0	0	2	2
Cook	2	3	0	0	2	2
FHeredia W,2-0	1	3	0	0	0	2
Powell S,1	1	0	0	0	1	0
Houston						
Hampton	3	1-3	3	6	4	5
Lima	3	2-3	2	0	0	1
RSpringer		1	0	0	0	2
Hudek		1-3	2	2	2	1
BWagner	1	2-3	0	0	0	1
Martin		2	1	0	0	0
RGarcia L,2-1	1	3	1	1	0	1

FHeredia pitched to 1 batter in the 13th. Balk—Saunders. T—4:54. A—24,539 (53,821).

METS 5, CARDINALS 1

ST. LOUIS	ab	r	hbi		NEW YORK	ab	r	hbi	
DeShlds 2b	4	0	1	0	Everett cf	4	0	2	2
Clayton ss	4	0	0	0	MFrco 3b	2	0	0	0
Lnkfrd cf	4	0	0	0	Alfonzo 3b	1	0	0	0
Gant lf	3	1	1	0	Olerud 1b	4	1	2	1
BJordn rf	1	0	0	0	Hndley c	2	1	1	2
Mabry rf	4	0	2	1	Gilkey lf	4	0	0	0
DYng 1b	4	0	3	0	Kswda p	0	0	0	0
Lmpkin c	3	0	1	0	Huskey rf	4	0	0	0
Shaffer 3b	1	0	0	0	Baerga 2b	4	2	4	0
Gallego 3b	2	0	0	0	Ordnez ss	3	0	0	0
McGee ph	1	0	0	0	RReed p	2	0	0	0
Raggio p	0	0	0	0	Bieser lf	0	1	0	0
AnBens p	2	0	0	0					
Difelice c	0	0	0	0					
Gaetti 3b	1	0	0	0					
Totals	34	1	8	1	Totals	30	5	9	5

St. Louis	000	010	000 — 1
New York	000	111	20x — 5

DP—St. Louis 1. LOB—St. Louis 6, New York 6. 2B—Baerga 2 (6). 3B—Gant (2). HR—Olerud (4), Hundley (7). SB—Everett (4). CS—Everett (1). S—Ordonez.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
St. Louis						
AnBenes L,1-1	6	5	3	3	2	3
Raggio	2	4	2	2	2	0
New York						
RReed W,3-1	7	6	1	1	0	6
Kashiwada	2	2	0	0	0	1

T—2:26. A—16,248 (55,601).

ROCKIES 7, PHILLIES 3

PHILA	ab	r	hbi		COLORADO	ab	r	hbi	
Jfferies lf	4	0	1	0	EcYng 2b	3	2	2	2
Sefcik 2b	4	0	0	0	Burks cf	4	1	2	2
Rolen 3b	4	1	1	0	LWalkr rf	5	0	0	0
Daulton rf	4	0	1	0	Glrrga 1b	5	0	1	1
Parent c	3	0	0	0	Bchette lf	3	0	1	1
Lbrthal c	1	0	0	0	Dipoto p	0	0	0	0
Brogna 1b	3	2	1	0	MMunz p	0	0	0	0
Magee cf	1	0	0	0	SReed p	0	0	0	0
Mrndni ph	0	0	0	0	Castilla 3b	4	1	0	0
Stocker ss	4	0	2	2	JeReed c	2	2	1	0
Prtugal p	1	0	0	0	Weiss ss	2	1	0	0
Rffcorn p	0	0	0	0	Wright p	2	0	0	1
Mimbs p	0	0	0	0	McCkn cf	1	0	0	0
DeMay ph	1	0	0	0					
Plntnbr p	0	0	0	0					
RHrris p	0	0	0	0					
Amaro ph	1	0	0	0					
Totals	31	3	6	2	Totals	31	7	7	7

Philadelphia	010	000	110 — 3
Colorado	002	220	01x — 7

E—Sefcik (2), Castilla (3), McCracken (1). DP—Philadelphia 1, Colorado 2. LOB—Philadelphia 6, Colorado 9. 2B—Brogna (9), EcYoung 2 (10), Burks (3). SB—Morandini (8), LWalker (10).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Philadelphia						
Portugal L,0-2	3	4	2	2	3	0
Ruffcorn	1	2-3	1	4	2	6
Mimbs	1	1-3	0	0	0	1
Plantenberg	1	2-3	2	1	1	0
RHarris		1-3	0	0	0	1
Colorado						
Wright W,4-1	7		4	2	2	4
Dipoto	2		3	1	1	0
MMunoz	1		3	1	0	0
SReed	1		0	0	0	1

HBP—by SReed (Morandini). Ruffcorn. T—2:51. A—48,050 (50,200).

CUBS 2, DODGERS 1

CHICAGO	ab	r	hbi		LOS ANGELES	ab	r	hbi	
McRae cf	5	0	1	1	WGrero 2b	4	0	0	0
Sndbrg 2b	4	1	0	0	Gagne ss	3	0	0	0
MaGrc 1b	3	1	0	0	Piazza c	4	0	1	0
Sosa rf	4	0	0	0	Karros 1b	4	1	1	0
Hansen 3b	3	0	2	1	Mndesi rf	4	0	2	0
JHrndz 3b	0	0	0	0	Zeile 3b	4	0	2	1
Kschnc lf	3	1	0	0	Castro pr	0	0	0	0
Glnville lf	1	0	0	0	Ashley lf	3	0	1	0
Servais c	3	0	1	0	Kirby cf	1	0	0	0
Snchez ss	4	0	1	0	Hndsw cf	3	0	0	0
Mlhllnd p	4	0	0	0	IValdes p	2	0	0	0
Rojas p	0	0	0	0	Hall p	0	0	0	0
TAdms p	0	0	0	0	Linano ph	1	0	1	0
					Drifort p	0	0	0	0
Totals	34	2	5	2	Totals	33	1	8	1

Chicago	100	100	000 — 2
Los Angeles	000	000	001 — 1

E—Zeile 2 (6), Ashley (1). DP—Chicago 2. LOB—Chicago 8, Los Angeles 6. 2B—Servais (3), Zeile (3), Ashley (2), Linano (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago						
Mlhllnd W,2-3	8	2-3	6	1	1	1
Rojas	0	2	0	0	0	0
TAdams S,2	1-3	0	0	0	0	
Los Angeles						
IValdes L,1-4	7	2-3	5	2	0	3
Hall	1	-3	0	0	0	0
Drefort	1		0	0	0	1

Rojas pitched to 2 batters in the 9th. Balk—IValdes. T—2:38. A—44,519 (56,000).

PADRES 1, EXPOS 0

MONTREAL	ab	r	hbi		SAN DIEGO	ab	r	hbi	
Grdzln ss	2	0	0	0	QVeras 2b	4	0	0	0
Lnsing 2b	4	0	0	0	Gomez ss	4	0	0	0
RWhite cf	4	0	0	0	Gwynn rf	4	1	1	1
Segui 1b	4	0	0	0	Cmniti 3b	3	0	1	0
HRdrgz lf	4	0	0	0	CrJnes cf	3	0	1	0
Stntngo 3b	2	0	0	0	Flherty c	3	0	1	0
Hrmns p	2	0	0	0	Hndsw cf	3	0	0	0
Daal p	0	0	0	0	Hffman p	0	0	0	0
MValds p	0	0	0	0					
Orsulak ph	1	0	0	0					
Telford p	0	0	0	0					
Totals	29	0	3	0	Totals	29	1	5	1

Montreal	000	000	000 — 0
San Diego	100	000	00x — 1

E—Santangelo (1). LOB—Montreal 5, San Diego 5. 2B—Fletcher (2), Cianfrocco (1). HR—Gwynn (7). SB—Grudzielanek (6), Cianfrocco (1), Flaherty (1). CS—VGuerrero (1), CrJones (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Montreal						
Hrmns L,1-2	5	4	1	1	1	3
Daal	1	3	1	0	0	0
MValdes	1	2-3	0	0	0	2
Telford	1		0	0	0	1
San Diego						
TiWorrell W,2-3	7	2-3	3	0	0	1
Hoffman S,4	1	1-3	0	0	0	0

HBP—by TiWorrell (VGuerrero), by TiWorrell (Grudzielanek). T—2:19. A—45,424 (59,772).

REDS 3, GIANTS 1

CINCINNATI	ab	r	hbi		SAN FRAN	ab	r	hbi	
DSndrs cf	5	0	2	1	Powell cf	4	0	1	0
HMorrs 1b	3	1	1	1	RWlkns ph	1	0	0	0
Larkin ss	3	0	0	0	Vzcaino ss	4	0	0	0
LHrris rf	4	0	2	1	GHill rf	4	0	0	0
WGme lf	3	0	0	0	Bonds lf	3	0	3	0
Sierra lf	0	0	0	0	Kent 1b	4	0	0	0
Pndlton 3b	3	0	0	0	Poole p	0	0	0	0
CGdwin pr	0	0	0	0	MLewis 2b	4	1	2	1
Boone 2b	1	0	0	0	Mueller 3b	4	0	1	0
JOlver c	3	0	1	0	Jensen c	3	0	1	0
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The Seattle Sonics' Terry Cummings, left, and Hersey Hawkins battle with the Phoenix Suns Jason Kidd for the ball during the Sonics' 116-92 win Saturday in the seventh game of their first-round playoffs series. The game was played in Seattle.

Sonics dominate game 7 to put away upstart Suns

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SEATTLE — One loss away from another early playoff exit, the Sonics weren't worried.

Seattle, stung by three first-round eliminations this decade, survived a torrid third-quarter rally from the Phoenix Suns for a 116-92 victory on Saturday to win their first-round playoff series 3-2.

"I like this. We're always in this situation," Gary Payton said.

The Sonics trailed 2-1 in the series and were fighting for their playoff lives in Game 4 in overtime after the Suns' Rex Chapman hit an off-balance 3-pointer with under two seconds left to tie the game.

Seattle went on to win that game, then held off the feisty Suns to keep alive their hopes of getting back to the NBA Finals.

"We're mentally tougher because of this series," coach George Karl said.

"I saw a team that had their opportunities to break apart and didn't," he said.

The Sonics led by 22 at halftime. When Wesley Person hit a 3-pointer 23 seconds into the fourth quarter, their lead was five and it looked like they were in serious trouble.

The Sonics said they were thinking more of a return to the finals then an early vacation, like their first-round exits in 1994 and '95.

"They showed us more in that third quarter than they did by forcing us into overtime Thursday night," Shawn Kemp said.

The Sonics won't have long to celebrate. They'll play Monday and Wednesday nights in Houston against a Rockets team that handed them a 40-point loss in their final regular-season meeting last month.

"We'll need contributions from more guys," Karl said of the Houston series. "Mac (Jim McIlvaine) is going to have to play some. They present a whole different set of problems."

"People are going to write and say they're going to beat us or sweep us," Payton said. "We'll just try to steal one Monday night."

Detlef Schrempf led the Sonics with 24 points, while Kemp had 21 points and 11 rebounds. Payton had 19 and reserve guard David Wingate added 19 off the bench, including 14 in the fourth quarter.

Led by Wingate, the Sonics' bench outscored Phoenix's reserves 37-10. Wingate hit all four of his shots, including a pair of 3-pointers in the final quarter.

"He's been double-pumping and hesitating," Schrempf said of Wingate, who was 1-for-7 Thursday night. "We told him if he's open, 'Just shoot the ball.'"

Said Wingate: "I just try and be ready at all times to help the team. Tonight they needed me to shoot the ball."

Person led the Suns with 26 points, while Kevin Johnson had 20 and Jason Kidd 17.

Johnson, 31, said after the game that he still intends to retire after 10 seasons in the NBA. He averaged 16 points, but shot just 29 percent in the series.

"In the last few minutes, this crossed my mind that this was my final NBA game," Johnson said. "And that was pretty emotional."

Johnson, the Suns' leading career playoff scorer, got a pat on the head from Payton with Seattle ahead 108-89 with 2:25 to go. If he sticks to his retirement, he will leave the sport with 12,611 regular-season points in 679 games and 1,942 points in 92 playoff games.

"I'm going to sit down with Jerry (owner Jerry Colangelo), but I'm not going to change my mind," he said.

Phoenix overcame an 0-13 start to make the playoffs. When they trailed 81-76 in the opening minute of the last quarter, the Suns thought they had a chance at beating the Sonics.

The Sonics knew they'd win.

"We weren't nervous," Kemp said. "We knew they were going to make a run and not just quit."

After the Suns got within five, the Sonics got consecutive 3-pointers from Wingate and Schrempf and a 5-footer by Wingate for an 89-76 lead with 1:56 gone in the final period. They outscored Phoenix 19-7 in the first 6:13 of the fourth quarter for a 100-80 lead. The smaller Suns finally ran out of steam.

"You have to dig deep in crunch-time and make shots," Kidd said.

The Suns outscored the Sonics 17-2 in the first 3:41 of the third quarter with Person, Johnson and Rex Chapman hitting 3-pointers. Phoenix cut Seattle's lead to six points twice — 73-67 and 79-73 — before Kemp sank a pair of free throws with 34 seconds left in the period.

The Suns, who shot 40 percent in the first half, hit 12-of-23 shots in the third quarter, including 6-of-10 3-point shots. Johnson had 12 points and Kidd 10 in the period.

A 20-5 run in the final 5:03 of the first quarter gave Seattle a 63-41 lead at the half, its biggest advantage of the opening half. The Sonics did most of their damage on the inside during the run, converting nine of 10 free-throw opportunities and getting two layups.

After Manning hit a 5-foot hook, Phoenix trailed 43-36 before Seattle ran off seven straight points, including a 3-pointer by Payton. Mark Bryant of the Suns connected on a hook before the Sonics scored seven straight points.

Notes: Houston and Seattle each were 57-25 in the regular season, but the Rockets got homecourt advantage for the best-of-7 series because they won three of the four meetings. The Rockets beat the Sonics by 40 points — 113-73 — in Houston in the teams' final regular-season meeting April 13. ... The Sonics swept the Rockets 4-0 in the second round last season. ...

Johnson confirms retirement

SEATTLE (AP) — Kevin Johnson, who helped lead the Phoenix Suns into the NBA Finals in 1993, made it official on Saturday: He's retiring.

"If God changes my heart, I'll change my mind," the 31-year-old point guard said Saturday after the Suns were eliminated from the playoffs by the Seattle SuperSonics. "But I don't see that happening.

"God gave me 10 great years. I have no regrets, only highlights," Johnson added.

In the finale of an NBA career that began in Cleveland in 1987, Johnson scored 20 points, but shot only 8-for-27 as the Suns were ousted in the opening round of the playoffs for the second straight year.

Johnson, who was traded by the Cavaliers to Phoenix during his rookie season for Larry Nance and a first-round draft pick, said he planned to sit down and talk to Suns owner Jerry Colangelo.

"But I'm not going to change my mind," he said.

"It sounds as if he's made his mind up," Shawn Kemp of the Sonics said. "I expect he'll stick with it."

In his 10 seasons in Phoenix, Johnson helped the Suns get into the playoffs nine times. The highlight came in '93 when the Suns lost to Michael Jordan and the Chicago Bulls in six games.

Johnson averaged 16 points, but shot just 29 percent in the Seattle series after averaging 20.1 points and shooting 50 percent in 70 regular-season games. He was named NBA Player of the Month in April when he averaged 23.2 points.

In a game against Seattle March 26, Johnson hit a career-high six 3-pointers.

It was difficult for him to leave the court for the last time. The Suns' all-time leading playoff scorer got a pat on the head from Seattle's Gary Payton with 2:25 to go.

His mother, Georgia West, cheered wildly for her son in his final game at the Key Arena. He scored a dozen of his points in the third quarter when the Suns came back to cut a 22-point halftime deficit to six twice.

"In the last few minutes, this crossed my mind that this was my final NBA game," Johnson said. "And that was pretty emotional."

Johnson scored 12,611 regular-season points in 679 games and 1,942 points in 92 playoff games. He was a three-time All-Star and one of six players to surpass 11,500 points, 6,000 assists, 2,000 rebounds and 1,000 steals.

Johnson was hampered by injuries during the last half of his career. He missed the first 11 games of the season while recovering from hernia surgery, but was relatively healthy after that, giving the Suns hope that he would change his mind and return in 1997-98.

Rockets find another CBA-refugee gem in rookie point guard Maloney

By Michael A. Lutz
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — It wasn't supposed to be this way: Brent Price asking Matt Maloney to sign his Houston Rockets poster as the team prepared for the second round of the NBA playoffs.

Price signed a seven-year contract last July that was supposed to make him the point guard for the Rockets' star-studded lineup of Hakeem Olajuwon, Charles Barkley and Clyde Drexler.

Instead, Price had a series of injuries beginning in training camp, eventually ending his season and clearing the way for Maloney to provide the Rockets with one of the NBA's best success stories of the season.

Maloney, who played for the CBA Grand Rapids Mackers last season, was signed by Houston to provide depth. He wound up replacing Price and becoming only the fourth rookie in franchise history to start all 82 regular-season games. He was the only Rockets player not to miss a start.

"When Brent Price went down, we started putting together a list of free agents and some of our veterans came up and said this kid should get a chance at the job," coach Rudy Tomjanovich said.

"He's not going to knock you over, but you watch him and he's solid. He's not going to be horrible."

Maloney didn't blink when the playoffs started.

"I went into the playoffs thinking of it as the 83rd and 84th games of the season," he said. "I'm taking the same mental approach for this round. I just want to keep the intensity going and stay in the flow of things that will help us win."

The Rockets' recent success has included CBA players each year. Other recent CBA refugees were Sam Mack, Charles Jones and Emanuel Davis.

Maloney became one of Houston's most dangerous outside shooters during the regular season and he's in the top 10 3-point shooters in the playoffs.

He hit 12 of 21 treys for a .571 percentage during the first-round sweep of Minnesota. Overall, he hit 17 of 30 field goals (.567).

Maloney was a CBA all-rookie second teamer with the Mackers last season, averaging 12.1 points and hitting 40.5 percent of his 3-pointers. He also hzd 62 steals and a team-high 310 assists.

He stepped up to the NBA this season and hit 40.4 percent of his 3-pointers, setting club records of 154 3-pointers made and 381 attempted.

"Matt's had a great season, but now it gets harder," Barkley said. "I think Matt is fortunate to be playing on our team."

Jazz vs. Lakers: Can Mailman deliver now that Shaq is back?

By Bob Mims
Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Can the Mailman continue to deliver his best, now that Shaq is back? How stale will the Utah Jazz be from waiting a week for the Los Angeles Lakers? And just how sick is John Stockton, anyway?

Sunday, some 40 hours after Los Angeles claimed a 3-1 first-round playoff victory over Portland, the Lakers and Jazz begin a best-of-7 series to answer those questions.

"It's going to be a war. We realize that, they realize that, and they're going to come in here ready," said Karl Malone, who averaged 30.7 points and 11.3 rebounds in Utah's first-round sweep of the Los Angeles Clippers.

If it is war, Shaquille O'Neal is the Lakers' biggest gun. He's back, all 7-foot-1, 300 pounds of him, recovered from a knee injury that sidelined him for 28 games this season.

"We're not going to stop him," said Malone, who will share defensive duties on LA's main man. "We're just going to try to get in his face and make him take some tougher shots."

O'Neal's 33 points per game in the postseason is second only to Michael Jordan's 37.3 (Malone is third). The Lakers' center punctuated his return April 13 with 39 points against Utah, including a game-winning baseline jumper.

The 100-98 win was LA's only one in four tries this season against the Jazz, but that perhaps is misleading: O'Neal didn't play in Utah's 101-89 home win April 9.

"He's probably playing as well right now as he ever has," Jazz coach Jerry Sloan said. "(With O'Neal) they are bigger than we are at every position."

Well, not technically. Utah center Greg Ostertag at 7-2 is taller than O'Neal. But Sloan said you can't compare O'Neal with Ostertag, struggling at 2 points and 4.7 rebounds per game in the playoffs.

"We just hope he'll give us everything he has," Sloan said.

The Lakers' star is cautiously optimistic.

"If we can just get one of these two at Utah, we'll be in great shape," O'Neal said. "But they'll be ready for us, especially at home."

Indeed, the Jazz could call their arena "Fortress Delta Center." Utah has won a club-record 40 of 43 games at home this season, including its last 15.

Pitino intends to make decision soon

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Kentucky coach Rick Pitino plans to decide shortly whether he will stay with the Wildcats or take a coaching job in the NBA.

"Nothing will happen this weekend," he said. "Tuesday or Wednesday, something will happen."

Pitino made the comments during a book signing Friday that drew a large gathering of Wildcats fans who implored him to stay at Kentucky. Pitino repeatedly glanced up at the fans, smiled and said, "Thank you."

It was Pitino's first public appearance in the state since reports that he could make more than $40 million by coaching the Boston Celtics.

Pitino plans to meet with Kentucky athletic director C.M. Newton on Tuesday.

Newton said Kentucky was eager to extend Pitino's contract for however long the coach wanted.

Hip-hop Hawks ready for Pistons

By Paul Newberry
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA — It started before the game when Steve Smith cranked up his stereo for everyone to hear.

"Smitty had the Notorious B.I.G. playing on his jam box," Alan Henderson said. "Everybody in the locker room was getting hyped up, moving around, bouncing around."

The Hawks were a team that displayed scant emotion during a 56-victory regular season, and they looked lethargic as they fell behind 2-1 in their first-round playoff series against the Detroit Pistons.

Smith, Atlanta's leading scorer, usually listens to his stereo privately before games — more in keeping with the stodgy image of coach Lenny Wilkens — but the players were looking for a change of pace Friday night.

"The guys said, 'Smitty, turn it up loud,' " Smith said. "I looked over at Lenny and said, 'Uh, oh.' But I turned it on and he didn't say too much. So I turned it up a little louder and the guys got excited and pumped up for the game."

When one more loss would have ended the season, the Hawks were a different team in Game 4 at The Palace. Smith was shaking. Henderson was pumping his fist. The players on the bench were jumping around after every basket.

"I doubt I sat down that much through the whole second half," reserve guard Eldridge Recasner said with a grin. "That's the kind of energy we need. We're kind of a laid-back team, but at this point we need to show a lot of emotion."

With a 94-82 victory, the suddenly passionate Hawks brought the best-of-5 series back to the Omni for a deciding contest Sunday. The winner will meet the defending NBA champion Chicago Bulls in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

"We had everything in our favor," Detroit's Lindsey Hunter said. "Now we have to go back and do the same things we have done all year."

Heat seek answer for Magic's Hardaway

MIAMI (AP) — Penny Hardaway spun away from a defender and sprang into the air, off-balance but on target, swishing another 3-pointer to burn the Miami Heat.

"That was playground-type stuff you see in the movies," Heat forward P.J. Brown said. "What can you do to stop guys when they're shooting like that?"

The Heat need an answer Sunday in the deciding fifth game of their first-round playoff series with the rejuvenated Orlando Magic. One team will advance to the second round against the New York Knicks; the other team will settle for second place in the state of Florida.

The rivalry returns to Miami Arena, where the Heat won two blowouts last week. Hardaway took over when the series moved to Orlando, scoring a season-high 42 points in Game 3 and 41 in Game 4 to account for nearly half of his team's offense.

"He's been absolutely brilliant," Heat coach Pat Riley said.

Unselfishness can be a flaw in the NBA, and in the past only a reluctance to take over games separated the 25-year-old Hardaway from the league's elite players. He averaged 16 shots per game during the regular season, but in the past two games he averaged nearly 27, hitting 53 percent.

"I surprised myself with some of the shots that were going down," he said.

Hardaway has thrived since his switch to shooting guard in Game 3 when Darrell Armstrong joined the lineup at point guard.

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Jockey Gary Stevens and Silver Charm wear the signature roses in the winner's circle after winning the 123rd Kentucky Derby Saturday at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Ky.

Stevens joins select company as three-time Kentucky winner

By Harry King
AP Sports Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — What a week for Gary Stevens.

On Wednesday, he became one of the youngest riders elected to racing's Hall of Fame. On Saturday, he underlined the turf writers' vote by riding Silver Charm to a head victory over Captain Bodgit in the Kentucky Derby.

Stevens, 34, joined Isaac Murphy, Earl Sande and Angel Cordero Jr. as three-time Derby winners. Eddie Arcaro and Bill Hartack won five apiece and Bill Shoemaker won four.

"When I galloped back to the winner's circle, it was just an unbelievable feeling," Stevens said. "It gets better every time. This tops off an incredible week."

It was quite a different Derby scene two years ago. When he rode Thunder Gulch to a 2 1/4-length victory over Tejano Run, Stevens stood in the irons and pointed his whip to the sky to salute his good friend, Mark Kaufman, who had died of a heart attack a few days earlier.

Stevens, riding Silver Charm for trainer Bob Baffert, also won for D. Wayne Lukas with the filly Winning Colors in 1988 and Thunder Gulch.

Girlfriend Charlene Pineda said Stevens "had been very relaxed all week" because of Baffert. "He lives in a high-pressure industry," she said.

"For me to experience this a second and third time, it gets sweeter and sweeter," Stevens said.

Silver Charm broke sixth, but Stevens said he was determined to secure a contending position early in the race and forced his way inside of Shammy Davis.

"It was a critical point for our horse and for me," Stevens said. "Back in the San Felipe, when I hadn't ridden him, Chris (McCarron) was kind of put in that same kind of position.

"This horse is very easy to have maybe an overabundance of confidence in and he's such an intelligent horse, he turns off and turns on so quickly, he can give you a false sense of confidence," Stevens said.

"Chris found himself in that same spot and took hold of Silver Charm and he turned off the engines. And all of a sudden he found himself seven or eight lengths off the lead instead of two lengths off the lead. If I had elected to take him back out of that spot, rather than hold his position, I might find myself with no position at all turning into the backside."

Silver Charm was fourth, and off the rail, heading down the backstretch. He was a couple of lengths behind Pulpit and Free House until Jerry Bailey edged Phantom On Tour into contention inside of him. Stevens kept Bailey in behind horses and stayed outside.

Stevens hit Silver Charm three times and he went by Free House with an eighth of a mile to go.

Silver Charm was clear for a moment and threw his ears up, looking for more competition, Stevens said.

Then Captain Bodgit loomed large.

He beat a steady tattoo on Silver Charm's right flank to hold off Captain Bodgit, the favorite. "I felt like we could have gone around again and nobody was going to get by him," Stevens said.

Martin hopes pole pays off

By Anne M. Peterson
AP Sports Writer

SONOMA, Calif. — Mark Martin is on a mission, struggling to end a 1 1/2-year winless streak on the Winston Cup circuit and improve on two straight second-place finishes at Sears Point.

So far, he's off to a good start. Martin won the pole for Sunday's Save Mart Supermarkets 300 on the 2.52-mile road course in Northern California's scenic wine country.

"We knew we were coming to Sears Point and this was a good place for us, but starting up front is the best place," he said. "We started dead last last year and ran second. It probably won't help us any starting in the front, but it will sure make my job easier."

Martin has finished second at Sears Point for the past two years — three times overall — including last year's tenacious climb from a last-place start to a runner-up finish, behind winner Rusty Wallace.

"This could be the race, but of course, last year could have been it too, or the year before," he said.

Martin has not won on NASCAR's Winston Cup series since October 1995 at Charlotte. However, he has won five out of eight starts on the Busch Grand National circuit this season.

"It's been a long time since we've won a race and we may never win another one," he said. "But my race team and my cars are running as good right now as they were in '93 when we won four in a row, or '95 when we won two in a row.

"I believe it's only a matter of time before things turn around. In the meantime, things haven't been too bad. We ran fifth and third the last two races and broke an engine leading in Texas, so things have been pretty good."

Last year at Sears Point, Martin qualified his Valvoline-Cummins Ford fourth. But as the cars were fired on pit road to start the race, Martin heard a miss in the engine — a loose plug wire. NASCAR penalized the team for raising its hood on pit road, sending Martin back to a 44th place start.

"I never dreamed we could come to second last year through that field, but we did," Martin said. "It's going to be an even harder job to start up front and stay up front this year."

This year, Martin won the pole with a course record lap of 92.807 mph, breaking Terry Labonte's mark of 92.524 mph set in 1996.

It was Martin's 34th career Winston Cup pole. He also took the pole at Rockingham in February, and is the only repeat pole winner this season.

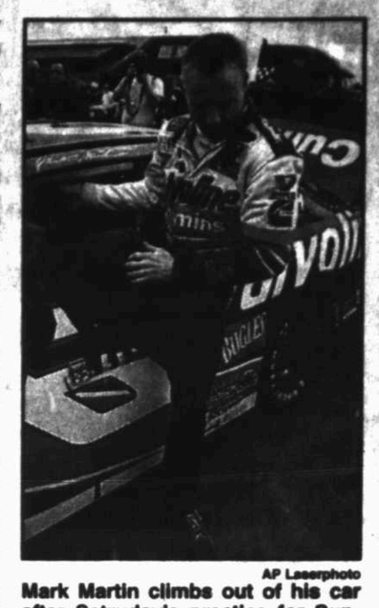
Wallace followed Martin in qualifying with a lap of 92.533 mph. Jeff Gordon was third at 92.471 mph, and Labonte fourth at 92.433 mph.

Earlier this week, Wallace said he believed Martin was the driver to beat this year.

"With all he had to deal with last year, he had a great race," Wallace said. "I expect him to work at it just as hard this year."

While Wallace expected Martin to be a tough competitor, it apparently couldn't soften the blow when Martin took the pole.

"Rusty was bummed about losing this pole," Wallace's crew chief, Robin Pemberton, said. "He worked hard on qualifying here for this year."



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Mark Martin climbs out of his car after Satruday's practice for Sunday's Save Mart 300 in Sonoma, Calif. Martin will start from the pole.

Gordon heads for Indianapolis

Associated Press

SONOMA, Calif. — Robby Gordon is headed for Indianapolis, and he couldn't be happier.

"Not to knock NASCAR, but the Indy 500 is the best race in the world," he said.

On the Winston Cup circuit, Joe Nemechek will drive the No. 40 Coors Light Chevrolet for Gordon in the rain-delayed Winston 500 at Talladega next week. Gordon will be at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway for Pole Day activities.

"I haven't lost sight that I'm a NASCAR Winston Cup driver first and foremost. I really hope people don't see us prioritizing the Indy 500 ahead of my commitment to driving in NASCAR," Gordon said. "But Felix (Team SABCO President Felix Sabates), Joe and I thought we should go ahead and take advantage of the situation and make a run for the pole."

May 10 had originally been an open date on the Winston Cup schedule. On May 25, Gordon plans to divide his time between the Indianapolis 500 and the Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte.

OFF TO TALLADEGA: John Andretti, meanwhile, is headed for Talladega.

Andretti, the only driver ever to run the Indianapolis 500 and the Coca-Cola 600 on the same day, was planning to go to Indianapolis next week for qualifying. But he had to cancel when the Winston 500 was pushed back because of rain.

"We were going. Everything was set and done," Andretti said. "My seat is there and everything. The uniforms were getting ordered and radios for the helmets and all that. It was right down to the line."

Baffert repays old debt with victory

By John Nelson
AP Sports Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Bob Baffert finally got a chance to pay off an old debt when he won the Kentucky Derby.

It was to the tune of $1 million.

"A man named Mike Pegram got me into thoroughbred racing," said Baffert, a former quarterhorse trainer who saddled Derby winner Silver Charm on Saturday. "I told him I'd need a bankroll, at least $300,000. I thought that would blow him away. He asked me, 'How about $1 million?' I said 'I'm your man.'"

That was in 1989, and Baffert said he made payment in full in the winner's circle on national television.

"I asked him how I was ever going to repay him, and he said, 'If you ever win the Kentucky Derby, mention my name,'" Baffert said.

Baffert still races horses for Pegram — in fact he had one in an earlier race Saturday at Churchill Downs — but his Derby winner was with Robert and Beverly Lewis.

"We'll be into the middle of next year before we come off this high," said Lewis, a Southern California beer distributor.

It could last even longer than that.

"When they plant me six feet under. I want my tombstone to say 'Loving husband, adoring father, and winner of the 123rd Kentucky Derby,'" Lewis said. "And if I have to come back to check it, I will."

Baffert has trained several stakes winners for the Lewises, although their most famous horses, stakes winners like Serena's Song and Preakness champion Timber Country — were sent to D. Wayne Lukas.

This one was purchased by Baffert as a 2-year-old for $85,000 for the Lewises, and it stayed with Baffert.

"I can find the runners," Baffert said. "Finding the people to put up the money is the hard part. I've made my whole career buying horses like this."

Lewis said Lukas "was one of the first men to throw his arms around me today. He said, 'I'm sorry I'm not part of the team, but I certainly respect and love each member of your team.'"

The victory was made even sweeter for the 44-year-old Baffert because of what happened last year. That's when he sent out Cavonnier to finish second by a nose to Grindstome. For a brief moment, Baffert thought he had won, and he later called it his most agonizing defeat.

AWARE: Silver proves to be Charm

(From 1C)

"You dream of how a race can set up, and so this was a dream trip," said Stevens, who was riding Silver Charm for the second time. He had first gotten on the colt for his second-place finish to Free House in the Santa Anita Derby on April 5.

"I have learned a lot about this colt since the Santa Anita Derby," Stevens said. "He lost the battle in the Santa Anita Derby but we came back and won the war today. He wouldn't even have blown out a match. That's how fit he was."

You could probably, however, have knocked Baffert over with a feather.

He called Cavonnier's Derby defeat "the toughest loss I'll ever have in my life. It was like losing a national title at the buzzer."

Now Baffert may never top this victory.

"When they hit the wire, my whole body was numb. I'll probably never experience that again unless I win the Kentucky Derby again," he said.

When Silver Charm crossed the finish line, Baffert's arms shot into the air and he waved his program, then turned and hugged 72-year-old Bob Lewis, who with his wife, Beverly, owns Silver Charm.

Captain Bodgit, who went off at 3-1 under Alex Solis, became the 18th consecutive beaten favorite. The last betting choice to win the Derby was also a gray, Spectacular Bid in 1979.

"We couldn't quite get to that horse," Gary Capuano, Captain Bodgit's trainer, said. "Alex said he ran super: He got up next to that horse and the horse just dug in a little bit more and held us off. It was a great race, no complaints."

Silver Charm's triumph came before 141,981, the fourth-largest in the 123-year history of the Derby. It also came on a cloudy, 51-degree day, the second-coldest since 1940. The coldest Derby in that span was 1957, when it was 47 degrees for Iron Liege's victory.

Silver Charm completed the 1 1/4 miles on a fast track in 2:02 2-5 under scale weight of 126 pounds and paid $10, $4.80 and $4.20. Captain Bodgit, who races with a bulging tendon in his left foreleg, was 3 1/2 lengths in front of Free House and paid $4.80 and $3.80.

Free House, who had beaten Silver Charm in two previous meetings, was ridden by David Flores and returned $5.80.

Pulpit, trying to become only the second Derby winner not to have raced as a 2-year-old, finished fourth in the 13-horse field. The only horse not to have raced at 2 and won the Derby was Apollo in 1882.

"I thought I had it won on the backside," jockey Shane Sellers said. "Then the ground just broke away from him the way the Churchill track will do. Not that that's an excuse. It just wasn't our day."

Completing the order of finish were Crypto Star, Phantom on Tour, Jack Flash, Hello, Concerto, Celtic Warrior, Crimson Classic, Shammy Davis and Deeds Not Words.

Deeds Not Words, winner of one of four career starts, was trainer D. Wayne Lukas' 32nd Derby in his 17th consecutive Derby. The trainer was severely criticized for entering the colt, who went off at 32-1, making him the second-longest shot of any of Lukas' Derby starters. He was 25 lengths behind the winner and 13 behind Shammy Davis.

It was the second time a Lukas horse has finished last in the Derby; the previous time was in 1983 with Total Departure.

Pulpit led the field around the clubhouse turn, down the backstretch and into the final turn before surrendering the lead to Free House with a quarter-mile remaining.

At the quarter pole, Silver Charm was third, a half-length behind Pulpit, while Captain Bodgit was fifth, 3 1/2 lengths off the lead. Then Stevens, who won the Derby on the filly Winning Colors in 1988 and with Thunder Gulch two years ago, sent Silver Charm into the lead at the eighth pole and on to victory, which was uncertain until the final strides.

"When they plant me six feet under," Lewis said, "I want my tombstone to say 'Loving husband, adoring father, and winner of the 123rd Kentucky Derby.' And if I have to come back to check it, I will."

For his second victory in four starts this year, Silver Charm earned $700,000 from the $1 million purse and boosted his career earnings to $1,144,130.

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Phil Blackmar of Corpus Christi chips onto the 15th green during Saturday's third round of the Shell Houston Open at The Woodlands. Blackmar shot a 5-under-par 67 and shares the lead with Kevin Sutherland at 10-under.

Tschetter rides hot putter to Sprint lead

By Doug Ferguson
AP Sports Writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Kris Tschetter found everything she needed in the home of LPGA commissioner Jim Ritts during a three-hour storm delay in the Sprint Titleholders Championship on Saturday.

Safety from the lightning and threatening clouds. Good food. Good company. And three televisions sets.

On one of them, she watched Silver Charm win the Kentucky Derby. On another she saw the Phoenix Suns make a spirited rally in the third quarter before losing to Seattle in the NBA playoffs.

And when the clouds cleared, Tschetter was off to the races.

She one-putted nine of 10 greens after the delay, making five birdies in a stretch of seven holes to take a one-stroke lead when play was suspended because of darkness.

"Linda (Ritts) was out watching and when we started walking she was going, 'Come on.' I'm not sure she was ready for us to be there for three hours," Tschetter said. "It was really perfect."

So was her putting. Along with the five birdies that got her to 14-under-par, she saved a 10-footer for par on the 16th hole just before play was suspended.

Tammie Green, at 13-under, will have a 10-foot birdie putt on the 16th when play resumes at 7:15 a.m. Sunday. Kris Monaghan was on the 17th hole at 12-under when play was suspended.

Nancy Lopez, coming off her 48th LPGA victory last week, shot a 6-under-66 with a birdie on the last hole and was at 10-under 206.

Tschetter knows her way around the LPGA International Course, having finished second in 1995 and 17th last year. She also knows that Ritts lives off the seventh green, which is where she was when play was suspended.

"Everyone else left," she said. "We were kind of standing there going, 'You know, I think we should go over here. There will be good food and good TVs. We had a very nice rain delay."

They also had a much tamer course when play resumed.

When the third round began, it looked like a round of even-par might be good enough to lead. Fierce winds swept across the course, making it more difficult to get it close to the hole on the multi-tiered greens.

Green, who started the day at 11-under, and Tschetter were plodding along with pars until play was delayed for nearly three hours — first by the threat of thunderstorms, then by a 20-minute burst of rain that made the greens soggy.

"All of a sudden it went from where par was a good score, to 'I better made some birdies,'" Tschetter said.

And she did.

Tschetter made a 4-footer for par on the seventh hole when play resumed, then one-putted the next five greens, four of them for birdie.

She got to 14 under with an 8-foot birdie putt on the par-3 14th.

"The greens were good all day," she said. "The rain may have pounded down some of the spike marks, but it didn't change the speed."

The delay also seemed to help Green. The putts that had been falling for birdies in rounds of 66-67 started sliding by the lip, and Green was in jeopardy of losing her lead when the storm clouds moved in.

She pushed her drive on No. 7 into a fairway bunker. Then with her feet planted in the sloping rough framing the sand, she hit a fairway wood from the sand that advanced the ball 40 feet into the rough.

She left her approach short, and when play resumed, chipped to 10 feet and holed the slippery putt for bogey. But after a 15-foot birdie at No. 9, the putts stopped falling and it wasn't long before Tschetter passed her.

"She is playing quite well," Green said. "She is swinging with a lot of confidence. She's got the putter rolling, as well. But I'm not counting myself out."

More rain pelted the course after play ended, and the forecast calls for clear, relatively calm conditions Sunday.

Karrie Webb won the $1.2 million Titleholders a year ago with a final-round 66, which is what it could take again this year.

"There are a lot of birdies to be made out there," Lopez said.

Among those still on the course are Kelly Robbins at 9-under, who still had the par-5 18th to play. Webb scrambled to finish and birdied the 18th to get to 8-under. Laura Davies shot a 68 and was at 7-under 209.

Blackmar, Sutherland share lead in Houston

By Michael Graczyk
Associated Press Writer

THE WOODLANDS — Phil Blackmar hopes his tough times are over.

"That's been a roller coaster ride," the 6-foot-7 former University of Texas standout said after a bogey-free 5-under-par 67 gave gave him a share of the third-round lead in the Houston Open with Kevin Sutherland.

"I can't remember which years are which. I couldn't break an egg. I couldn't play at all. I think it was '94. I made three or four cuts for the entire year and I thought I was pretty much done."

Blackmar, from nearby Corpus Christi, hasn't won a tournament since 1988. He lost his tour card in 1994 and is 96th on this year's money list with nothing better than a 20th-place finish.

On Saturday, he had consecutive birdies on his first two holes, and added another at the par-4 No. 4. After five straight pars, he birdied No. 10 by rolling in a 15-foot putt to go 9-under and picked up another stroke on the par-5 15th when he pitched within a foot of the cup.

"I've gotten really good at hanging in there and trying to find a way to get it around, which is great," he said. "I feel like I've got to grind like I'm always behind the 8-ball instead of just playing."

Sutherland, who shot a 6-under to match Blackmar at 10-under 206, said his calm demeanor helped him to his best position of the year.

"I felt extremely relaxed,' he said. "That was one of my goals. I hit some great iron shots and putted very very well. Everything kind of fell into place for me."

Sutherland, who's been to qualifying school three times, including the last two years, had just one bogey and seven birdies for his 66.

"I've been trying to make pars and I keep making birdies," he said.

Sutherland started with a birdie on the par-5 first hole and added birdies at Nos. 4 and 7 before a bogey at No. 10. But he bounced back with four birdies on the back nine, including Nos. 13 and 14 and a 20-footer on the par-3 16th hole. It's the best showing for the 32-year-old out of Fresno State since he was ninth a year ago at Hartford, his best career finish.

Jerry Kelly, another non-winner, was a stroke back after a 69, while J.P. Hayes shot a 64 to move into a tie with Scott Hoch at 209. Fred Couples, Craig Parry and Brent Geiberger were another shot back at 210.

"It would mean everything," Kelly said of a victory. "That's what we're here for, but I'm not preoccupied with it."

Sigel shoots 67 to pace field at Bruno's Memorial Classic

HOOVER, Ala. (AP) — Patient in difficult wind conditions, Jay Sigel blew past the field in the Bruno's Memorial Classic.

Sigel, a two-time U.S. Amateur champion who has two Senior PGA Tour victories since turning pro in 1993, shot a bogey-free 5-under-par 67 on Saturday to take a three-stroke lead over Bob Eastwood.

Sigel, who has five top-10 finishes in 10 starts this year, had a 9-under 135 total on the Greystone Country Club course.

"I'm delighted with my round today considering the conditions," Sigel said. "In fact, I'm very pleased with how I played. The winds were tricky again, but I played well."

Sigel took a two-stroke lead on the par-5 fifth hole, holing a 12-foot birdie putt, while first-round leader Gil Morgan drove out of bounds en route to a double bogey.

"Gil got caught in a wind gust at No. 5 and his ball went out of bounds," Sigel said. "No, I wasn't playing Gil at that point. I was just trying to pick up a shot and move closer to the lead."

Eastwood, a three-time PGA Tour winner, shot a 68.

"It was a new course today," Eastwood said. "The course was softer after the rain last night and it changed your club selection. Plus, we had some wind again. It may be different again tomorrow."

Hale Irwin, who won the Las Vegas Senior Classic last week for his fourth victory in seven 1997 starts, was four back along with Morgan. Irwin shot a 68 and Morgan had a 72.

"Everything is going the way I like it except my putting," Irwin said. "I had three, three-putts today. They weren't that difficult and I'm a little disappointed with that. If I had made some putts yesterday and today, that 5-under might have been 10-under."

The three-time U.S. Open champion, who leads the money list with $746,531, also won the MasterCard Championship, LG Championship and the PGA Seniors' Championship, along with the unofficial Senior Slam.

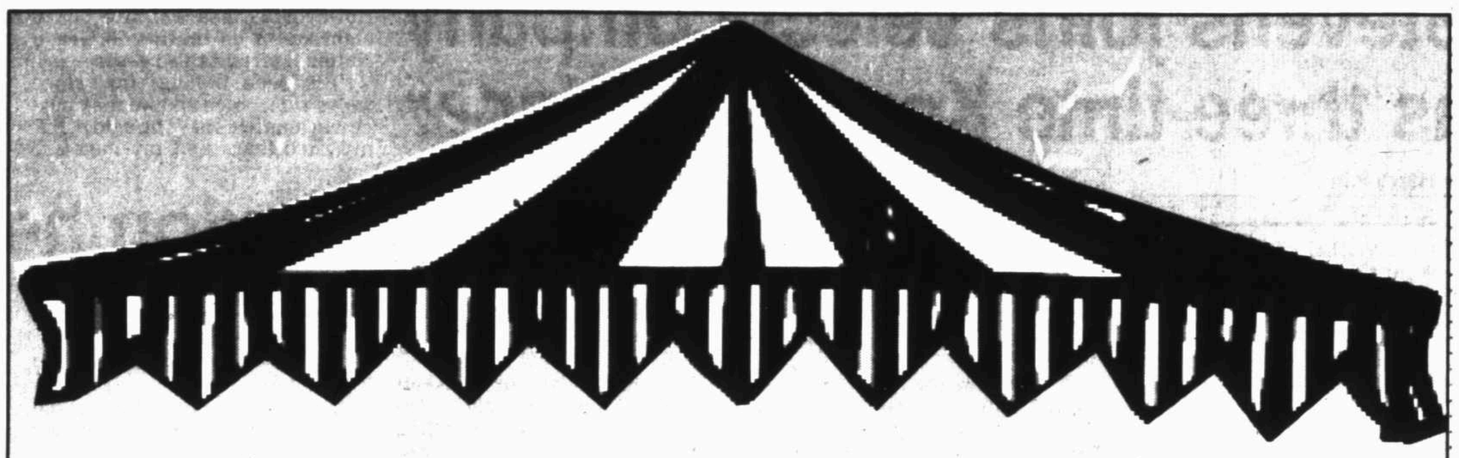
Nelson Classic nears sellout

DALLAS (AP) — The Byron Nelson Classic, likely featuring the first post-Masters appearance of PGA phenom Tiger Woods, is on the verge of selling out for the first time in its 30-year history.

Nelson officials, concerned about overcrowding at the May 15-18 tournament at the Four Seasons at Las Colinas' TPC course, said they won't print extra tickets and won't sell tickets at the gate. Once the remaining 1,500 full-tournament badges and 2,500 one-day badges are sold, sales will end.

"I'm just concerned that our good loyal customers will not have a good experience if we don't cut off ticket sales," tournament chairman Frank Houseman said Friday. "I want to make sure we don't overtax our facility."

Ticket sales already were brisk when Woods said on March 16 that he would enter. Then Woods won the Masters by a record 12 strokes last month, and interest in the Nelson went through the roof. Woods hasn't played since the Masters, boosting interest even more.



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Oilers not in awe of Avalanche

DENVER (AP) — Youngsters tend not to render sufficient respect to their elders, but the fledgling Edmonton Oilers might be guilty of being too respectful.

The Oilers, who have 10 rookies on their playoff roster, lost to the defending Stanley Cup champion Colorado Avalanche 5-1 in the opening game of their second-round series Friday night. Game 2 is Sunday night.

Both general manager Glen Sather and coach Ron Low detected elements of awe in their players' approach to playing the Avalanche in the opener.

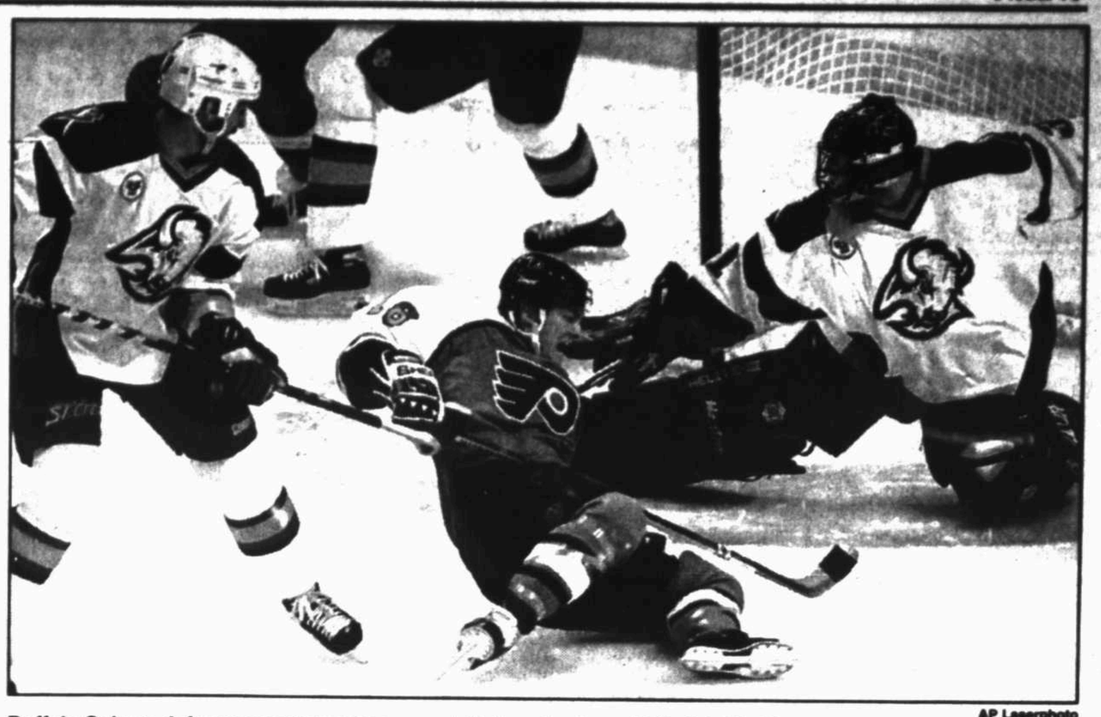
"You have to be careful about what you say to the players," Sather said Saturday. "We talked about how great Patrick Roy was and how great (Joe) Sakic and (Peter) Forsberg were and how great Colorado is all over their roster.

"You have to respect them, but you can't build them up so high in your mind that you don't give yourself a chance. You can't think they're immortal and unbeatable."

Asked if he felt his players, particularly the younger ones, were intimidated by playing the defending champions, Low said, "I would imagine them being the Stanley Cup champions leaves you a little in awe. But you know what? We were in awe of going into Dallas (in the first round), too.

"We found a way to get mad at Dallas," Low added. "Last night, I didn't see any of that. I mean, we must have taken (Dallas' Mike) Modano out in that series 150 times. And how many times did we take Joe Sakic out last night?

"I don't see much difference between the players. They're both team leaders and they're both great players. We didn't lay a body check on Joe last night. We can't do that."



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Buffalo Sabres defenseman Darryl Shannon, left, knocks down Philadelphia Flyers center Dale Hawerchuk in front of Sabres goalie Steve Shields in the first period of their Eastern Conference semifinal game Saturday at Marine Midland Arena in Buffalo, N.Y. The Flyers won, 5-3.

Flyers open with win over Sabres

By Bucky Gleason
AP Sports Writer

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Just as the Buffalo Sabres were ready to forget about Dominik Hasek's suspension, Shjon Podein reminded them with a shot between Steve Shields' pads.

Podein scored with 48 seconds left in the third period as the Philadelphia Flyers overcame a two-goal deficit to beat the Sabres 5-3 Saturday night in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference semifinals.

Podein scored the game-winner after Trent Klatt poked the puck loose behind the Buffalo net. Podein grabbed control and stuffed it past Shields as the Sabres goalie moved across the crease.

"(Klatt) did all the work behind the net," Podein said. "He held off two guys at the same time. I just kind of jammed it home."

Rod Brind'Amour tied the game midway through the third period and completed the scoring on an empty-netter with just six seconds left.

Shields, who replaced an injured Hasek in the Ottawa series and helped the Sabres outlast the upstart Senators, is playing while Hasek serves a three-game suspension for attacking a reporter last week. Shields made 42 saves and kept the Sabres in the game before Podein put them away.

"I felt like I was playing well," Shields said. "I saw the puck well. We just got caught off (guard) by our mistakes."

Game 2 is Monday night in Buffalo.

The first game had everything — scoring, heaving hitting, goalies fighting, a goal with one second left in the second period and, at the end, two exhausted teams.

The contest was stopped for about 15 minutes with 2:55 left in the second following a scuffle in front of the Philadelphia net. It ended with everyone on the ice matched up while Flyers goalie Garth Snow and Shields traded words in the Flyers' zone and punches near the Sabres' bench.

"It was definitely entertaining, and everybody enjoyed it," said Flyers forward Dale Hawerchuk, who assisted on Brind'Amour's first goal. "It had to be a heck of a game to watch. It was certainly fun to play."

Michal Grosek, Brad May and Donald Audette had Buffalo's goals. Dan Kordic and Mikael Renberg also scored for the Flyers. Snow had 29 saves.

Renberg's goal came with a second left in the middle period and kept the Flyers in the game after the Sabres had taken control.

Philadelphia was on the power play when Paul Coffey found Renberg in the middle of the Sabres' zone, and Renberg's hard slap shot bounced off Buffalo defenseman Richard Smehlik and into the net.

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Booster Clubs...

The **Midland High boys and girls Soccer Booster Club** is holding a meeting at the MHS Youth Center Thursday, May 15 at 6 p.m. followed by a hot dog supper at 7 p.m. All those wishing to play junior varsity or varsity soccer next year and their parents are invited. A meeting will be held in Conference Room A to elect officers and make plans for next year...

TCU alumni and friends are invited to attend the **Permian Basin TCU Alumni Chapter's "TCU Athletics 101"** on May 8 at Odessa County Club at 6:30 p.m. with cash reception followed by buffet dinner and program. Guest speakers are Jack Hesselbrock, associate athletics director; Mike Petersen, head women's basketball coach; and Pat Sullivan, head football coach. For more information, call Bruce Blake at 683-4275...

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A free clinic will also be offered May 10 for all residents of the Kimber-Lea neighborhood. For information call 689-2237 or 683-5360...

The Midland College Tennis Center is hosting three tennis programs a week on the weeks of June 2-6, June 23-27 and July 14-18. For information, call Lance or Toby at 687-4046...

Softball...

The **Midland A's men's softball tournament** will be held May 17-18 at Hidalgo Park. The entry fee is $110 and deadline is May 15. For more information call 697-7440...

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The **USSSA Class C-D-E Tournament** is scheduled for May 10 at the UTPB Softball Complex. Entry fee is $125 with the deadline May 8 at 7 p.m. For more information, call Fred Vestal at 550-2722 or Bruce Merritt at 367-2824...

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Lubbock USSA Hub City Youth National Invitational Tournament will be held June 6-8. The tourney is for girls and boys between 8 and under and 19 and under slo-pitch teams. The tournament is also for girls fast pitch teams betweem 10 and under and 18 and under. Entry fee is for $125 for slo pitch and $150 for fast pitch. Deadline to enter is Wednesday, June 4. Call 1-800-290-7111 for more information...

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Sign ups for the **Midland Softball Association's** adult summer league is underway through May 20. Entry fee is $250 per team. Player fees are $10 per person. Fourteen game season begins June 9. Call 683-8741, 694-5508 or 689-6978 for more information...

Golf...

McCamey Country Club will host the Charlie Shepard Memorial two-man low ball event May 17-18 for $130 per team. Parent-Child Select Shot is June 7 at 11 a.m. with 10-under 9 holes and 11-over 18 holes. $10 per person. June 21-22 is the 2-man (4-9 hole format) with 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. tee times. July 12-13 is the Couple Select Shot with 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. tee times for $70 per team. August 2-3 is the Club Championship at $25 per person for medal play. Tee time is noon for both men and women. Sept. 6-7 is the 4-man select shot with tee times at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. for $260 per team. Sept. 20 is the Ona Lee Sharp Classic (4-Lady Select) for $35 per person. Oct. 18 is the 3-person 18-hole select shot tournament for $35 with a 10 a.m. tee time. Call 1-915-652-8904 for more information...

The **Texas Tech Red Raider Club** is holding the Permian Basin Red Raider Golf Classic May 5 at The Club at Mission Dorado. The cost is $100 per person. Individual dinner tickets are available for $20. Head football coach Spike Dykes will be joined by other Tech coaches and staff participating in the event. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. Entry deadline is May 2. For more information, call Dal Watson at 570-6644 or Brad Walker at 335-5110...

Masters Golf is holding Ladies Clinics until May 29. Cost is $99 per person and includes unlimited range for 60 days and four 90-minute clinics. Call 570-4499 for details and to sign up...

The **Midland West Rotary Club** will host a scholarship golf tournament on May 9 at Hogan Park. The "Clarence Kerth Memorial is a 4-person scramble with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start and a $50 entrance fee. For information call Raymon Nicholas at 682-0958...

The **Big Spring Country Club** has released its WGA/MGA Tournament Schedule for 1997. Women's Golf Association — June 24 Cloverleaf; Aug. 9-10 Guys and Gals; May 17-18 Two Man Low Ball, June 7-8 two man 6-6-6, July 12-13 Parent-Child, Sept. 27-28 Two Man Scramble, Oct. 25-26 Two Man Scramble (combined team age of 80 & over). For additional information and tournament registration please call the Big Spring country Club Golf Shop at (915) 627-7354...

The **Martin County Country Club of Stanton** will host the following tournaments: May 17-18 3-Person Scramble; May 31-June 1 Parent-Child Tournament, June 28-29 2-Person Scramble, July 26-27 2-Person Scramble, August 23-24 4-Person Scramble, Sept. 20-21 3-Person Scramble; Oct. 18-19 Jack & Jill Scramble. For more information call 915-756-2556 or 915-756-2314...

The **Spikes and Spurs Celebrity Classic Golf Tournament,** hosted by E.J. Holub, former Texas Tech all-American and Kansas City Chief, and the West Texas Espo Center Board is scheduled for Green Tree Country Club June 1-2. The tournament benefits the Expo Center and the Midland Cerebral Palsy Center. The tournament will be a four-man scramble starting at 8 a.m. with three players grouped with a celebrity. Lamar Hunt, Hank Stram, Bum Phillips, Kathy Whitworth, Spike Dykes, Walt Garrison and Mike Singletary are some celebrities who are expected to attend. There is a $200 entry fee per player which includes a reception and breakfast and lunch. Deadline is May 23. For more information, call the West Texas Expo Center at 682-6405 or Nancy Swallow at the Chamber of Commerce at 683-3381...

A **two-person tournament** is scheduled for Hogan Park Golf Course May 18 starting at 10 a.m. The tournament will be a 27-hole format with nine holes a scramble, nine holes low ball and nine holes as an alternate shot. The entry fee is $40 a person and limited to the first 40 paid teams. All players must have an established USGA handicap. Deadline for entry is May 15 at 6 p.m. Entry forms are available at the Hogan Park golf shop...

Hogan Park Golf Course is conducting ladies clinics May 13-15 from 6-8 p.m. Clubs will be provided for anyone who needs equipment. The first two days will be devoted to the putting green and driving range stressing fundamentals. Each person will be videotaped on the driving range and give the tape for personal use. The third day will be spent on the course playing and explaining the rules. The cost is $60 per person. For more information, call 685-7360...

The **Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo Golf Tournament** is scheduled for June 19 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course. The tournament is a four-man scramble which is also open to women. Each team will consist of four players and one cowboy. The tournament will benefit the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund. For more information, call Quail Dobbs at (915) 394-4221...

The **National Association of Purchasing Managers of the Permian Basin** is holding their first tournament to benefit their scholarship program May 16 at Hogan Park Golf Course. The tournament will have a shotgun start at 1 p.m. eith a $40 per person entry fee. The event is a four-man scramble format limited to the first 36 teams. Mulligans are available at $5 each, with a limit of two per person. Send check and entry form to NAPM-PB, P.O. Box 2701, Midland, Tx., 79702. For more information, call Mark Phillips at 685-7235...

The **Retired & Senior Volunteer Program** is hosting the third annual RSVP Golf Classic, Monday, June 23, at Mission Dorado Country Club. Men and women of all ages are invited to play this ABCD Scramble with 1 p.m. shotgun start. The $85 registration fee includes green fees and carts, free range balls and light deli dinner. Many chances to win great prizes. Deadline to enter is June 16. Proceeds to benefit the Southeast After School Intergenerational Program and RSVP. Form ore information call Saul Herrera at 689-6693...

Soccer...

Texas Christian University will be the site of a **No. 1 Goalkeeper Camp and a No. 1 Striker Camp** June 1-6 or June 7-12. Camp is available for beginner, intermediate and advanced players. Call 1-800-MACHNIK or (203) 483-9839, e-mail at no1camps@snet.net or check the Website at www.no1soccercamps.com for more information...

Midland will host **Bobby Moffat's Techniques Soccer Camp** June 9-13. The camp will be divided into three sections: day camp for recreational players 6-14-years-old from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; intermediate level for older recreational and club players 6-16 from 4:30-8:30 p.m. and for goalkeepers 4:30-8:30 p.m. Whole teams are invited to attend with 10 or more players from the same team receiving a discount. For more information, call 570-4949 during the day and 697-4204 in the evenings...

The **Houston Hotshots** professional indoor soccer team is giving a clinic at the Windlands Soccer Complex June 1. The clinic consists of a three-hour instructional session with two sessions that day. Clinics are for boys and girls ages 6-15. Registration is $45 and includes a ball, t-shirt and autographed pictures. The coaching clinic consists of a two-hour session with two sessions that day. Registration is $25, with Houston coach Trevor Dawkins conducting the clinic. For more information, call Barbara Baca at 687-3251 or Isobel Barden at 563-2425...

Adult soccer sign-up is now taking place at the **Midland Soccer Association** for individuals or teams Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at 1909 W. Wall St., Suite N or mail ins welcome (call 684-5425). Monday, May 5 and Wednesday, May 7, the MSA office will be open from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. to take registrations. Women play Thursday evenings at Windlands Soccer Complex at 6:30 p.m. Play begins May 15. Men play Sundays at 5 and 7 p.m. at Hogan Soccer Complex starting June 1. Cost is $44. For more information, call the MSA office at 684-5425 or Carolyn Sheffield at 682-9090...

Running...

The annual **ECISD Run/Walk 5K,** co-sponsored by UTPB Kinesiology Club, benefiting ECISD Special Olympics, is June 7 at 8 a.m. at UTPB. The run and walk are over a 3.1 mile course with seven age divisions from 15-under to 60-over. Early entry fee is $12 per person and $15 on race day. Call 334-7172 or 334-0734 for more information...

The **Midland YMCA Corporate Cup Challenge** is 16 events over four days in April and May. The following events are available: May 4 at 1 p.m., Memorial Stadium, 4 X 100 Relay (4, min. 1 female), 1:30 p.m., May 4, Memorial Stadium, Tug of War (6 men, 6 women), 3 p.m. May 4, Memorial Stadium. Call 682-2551 for information...

The **14th annual Westwood Medical Center Run for the Arts** is scheduled for three categories May 17 starting at Centennial Plaza and finishing in downtown Midland. The divisions are the 5K road race and 5K fitness walk starting at 8:30 a.m. and a 1-mile children's fun run at 9:15 a.m. The cost for both the 5K events is $12 before May 13 and $15 afterward. The fun run is $10 before May 13 and $13 afterward. There is a special family rate of $30 before the 13th and $35 afterward. The top three finishers in each event will receive a $50 gift certificate while the children's race is non-competitive. For more information, call Mike Liebert at 685-5642 (day) or 520-2055 (night) or Christie Lammers at 694-6314...

Rugby...

The **Midland Mad Dogs Rugby Football Club** will be holding its practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. For more information call Daryl at 697-6418 or E-mail indyshome@juno.com...

Football...

The **Midland Colts of the United States Independent Football League** have one home game left, May 18 at 3 p.m. at Stanton High against the Stampede. For more information, call Curtis Conder at 686-0065...

The **Lee Rebel Football Football Camp** is June 2-6 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost is $55. For more information, call Coach Greg McClendon at 689-0537...

The **Lee Rebel Weight Training Camp** is June 16-July 3 There are two sessions from 8 a.m.-9:30 a.m. and 9:30-11 a.m. Cost is $55 and contact Coach Greg McClendon at 689-0537. The cost for both the football and weight camps is $95 total...

The **Midland Bulldog Football Camp** will run June 9-13 from 8 a.m. to noon each day. Cost of the camp is $55 for students in grades 5-9 in the fall of 1997. Registration forms are available at all MHS feeder schools. For more infornationm call MHS football coach David Browning at 689-1195...

Basketball...

The **Midland YMCA** is taking registration for Youth Summer Basketball for boys and girls in grades 3-6. Registration deadline is May 24. The fee for members is $25 and for non-members $38. For more questions, call 682-2551...

North American Youth Basketball is holding its 12th annual tournament in Longview again this year. The tournament will be held July 23-27 at Kilgore High, Tatum High and other area sites. Brackets are for boys and girls in fourth and fifth grades, sixth grade, seventh grade, eighth grade, 9th and 10th grades and 11th-12th grade categories. There will also be three-point shooting and slam dunk contests as well as clinics. The entry fee is $450 with a May 23 deadline. For more information, call the NAYB at 1-800-787-3265 or Tommy or Lance Aldridge at (903) 845-5192...

A **Boys and Girls Club Men's Basketball Tournament** is scheduled May 31-June 1. There is a $75 entry fee with first and second-place winners receiving a t-shirt. The tournament will be held at Carver Gym. For more information, call David Jones at 683-0050...

Midland College men's coach Pat Rafferty is conducting the **Midland College Basketball Camp** at the Chaparral Center in two separate sessions, June 9-12 for grades 3-8 and July 7-10 for grades 3-12. Times for the first session will be 9 a.m.-noon and for the second session 1-5 p.m. The cost of the campe is $50 in advance or $75 at the door. Early registration deadline for the June camp is June 3 while deadline for the July camp is July 2. Instruction will be provided by Rafferty, assistant coach Tommy Ramos and members of the MC team...

The **Runnin' Rebel Basketball Camp** will be conducted during two sessions this summer. There will be two sessions are June 2-5 and 9-12. Each day will have a fundmental camp for from 9 a.m.-noon for $55 and a shooting camp from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. for $50. The camps will be held at Abell Junior High and each camper will get a ball t-shirt. Call coach Jon House at 699-5528 or 689-1643 for more details...

Baseball...

Wayland Baptist University is holding tryouts for its baseball team for any interested student athlete. The camp will be held at Jaycee Park in Plainview May 30 at 7 p.m. and May 31 at 10 a.m. For more information about the camp, call head coach Brad Bass at (806) 296-4739...

Volleyball...

The **Midland High Volleyball Clinic** is scheduled May 27-30 at the Midland High gym. Instruction for grades 4-6 will be from 8-9:30 a.m. each day with a $30 fee. Grades 7-8 will run from 9:30 a.m. to noon while all incoming freshmen will go from 1-3:30 p.m. Costs for those sessions are $45. Registration forms can be picked up at Midland High. For more information, call camp director Terri McColloch at 689-1100 or 686-8471...

Fishing...

The **Sweetwater Bass Club** is holding its annual Open Tournament Saturday, May 10 from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lake Sweetwater. There is a $1,000 cash prize for first place and other cash awards based on 100 entries. The three-fish stringer entry fee is $35. The Big Bass Calcutta pays 60/40 with a $5 entry fee. Weigh-in begins at 2:45 p.m...

The second annual **Texas Fly Fishing and Outdoor Show** is scheduled for May 16-18 on the Guadalupe River in Louise Hays Park in Kerrville. Over 30 exhibitors will be displaying their goods and 40 classes, lectures and demonstrations will be given covering all levels of fly fishing along with paddling and camping activities. A three-day pass is $10 for adults and $6 for children ages 8-14. The daily cost is $5 for adults, $3 for children 8-14 and free for all children seven and under. For an advance registration package, call (210) 792-3535...

The **Bad As Bass Tournament,** an open bass fishing tournament to benefit the Midland Association for Retarded Citizens will be May 10 at Lake O.H. Ivie at the Concho Park Marina from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Entry fee is $50 per person. First place pays $1,500. Top 10 places and big bass will be paid. Set a lake record and win a bass boat, retail $20,240. Call 682-9771 for information...

Hunting...

The **West Texas Hunting Retriever Club** is holding its monthly meeting May 8. Anyone interested in hunting dogs is invited to attend. The club meets the second Thursday of every month. To find the time and place of upcoming meetings, call 563-0477...

Miscellaneous...

The **Kimber-Lea Swim and Tennis Club** is accepting registrations for the Super Summer All Sports Camps June 2-Aug. 7. Junior tennis programs will also be available for all ages and levels. To register, call 689-2237 or 683-5360...

The inaugural **West Texas Washers Championship** is scheduled for Fort Davis May 24. The double-elimination tournament will give out a $500 first prise, with second and third prizes to be determined by the number of entries. A $500 raffle and shootout is scheduled at the completion of the tournament. Entry fee is $30 per team with registration scheduled for 11 a.m. For more information, call Joe Dominguez at (915) 426-3929...

The **Midland Bulldog Fitness and Weight Training Camp** is scheduled June 16-July 3. There will be two sessions, from 8-9:30 a.m. and 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the new MHS indoor workout facility. Cost is $55 with individual instruction in weight and fitness training. For more information, call David Browning at 689-1195...

Summer Diving Program is taking place at the Mabee Aquatic Center. Diving lessons for ages 11 and under and from ages 12 to 15 is available. Classes are conducted in five two week sessions. Participants must be able to swim in deep water. Cost is $38 for ages 11 and under and $50 per person for ages 12-15. A competitive diving team for all ages is also offered. This is a year-round competitive diving team which will travel to in and out of state competitions. Participants must have coaches approval and tryouts are available. Monthly coaching fees also vary depending on the group the athlete is in...

LOCAL SPORTS

Rhoads appears in TABC contest

SAN ANTONIO — Midland Lee's Jamie Rhoads scored five points and played most of the pivotable fourth quarter for the victorious North team at the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches All-Star Game here at the Blosson Athletic Center.

Rhoads played some point guard during the game and had four rebounds, two steals and one blocked shot as the North won game 66-63. Rhoads, the District 4-5A MVP, will play her college ball at the University of Denver.

Cooper baseball survives 1st round

ABILENE — The Abilene Cooper Cougars survived the area round of the UIL baseball playoffs with a 4-3 win in Game 3 of their Region I-5A bi-district series with Lubbock Coronado.

Cooper won the first game of the series between the two teams on Friday, but fell to Coronado 3-1 in Game 2. The Cougars could muster just five hits off Coronado pitcher Jason Mann while the Mustangs had eight hits and forced the rubber game.

In Game 3, Cooper's Wayne Scoggins struck out 10 and allowed just three hits while the Cougars scored two first-inning runs to seal the series victory. Cooper had five hits in Game 3. Tech-signee Miles Durham contributed three.

Game 2
Lubbock Coronado 3, Cooper 1

Coronado	002	000	1—3	8	1
Cooper	000	001	0—1	5	0

Mann and Parchman. DePauw and Major. W-Mann (6-1). L-DePauw (7-4).

Game 3
Cooper 4, Lubbock Coronado 1

Coronado	010	000	0—1	3	3
Cooper	201	100	x—4	5	0

Fox, Martin (6) and Parchman. Scoggins and Major. W-Scoggins (3-0). L-Fox. 2B-Anderson, Durham.

AHS softball falls to Keller

STEPHENVILLE — The Abilene High softball season came to a close Saturday as the Lady Eagles fell to Keller 3-0 in a Region I-5A softball contest.

Keller's Tracey Dean was masterful, limiting the Lady Eagles to two hits and allowing no runs. Abilene High ends its season at 26-4.

Keller (28-7) had just three hits off Tech-signee Kelly Armbruster (19-4 overall), but had three sixth-inning runs to advance to the region final, where it will play Midland Lee.

Keller 3, Abilene High 0

Abilene High	000	000	0—0	2	2
Keller	000	003	x—3	3	0

Kelly Armbuster and Laura Martinez. Tracey Dean and Erin Renfro. W-Dean. L-Armbruster (19-4). 3B-K. Luedders. Records: AHS 26-4, Keller 28-7.

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Alou's 13th-inning RBI defeats Astros

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Moises Alou's two-out infield single in the 13th inning gave Florida a 9-8 victory over Houston on Saturday night, ending the Marlins' 10-game road losing streak.

With two outs, Kurt Abbott and Gary Sheffield hit consecutive singles to put runners on first and third. Alou then hit a sharp grounder to the left of third baseman Sean Berry, who knocked the ball down but had no play at first as Abbott scored the go-ahead run.

Felix Heredia (2-0) pitched a scoreless 12th for the victory. Jay Powell retired three batters in the 13th for his first save of the season.

Ramon Garcia (2-1), who gave up Alou's infield single, took the loss.

The Astros threatened in the bottom of the 13th when Jamie Mouton hit a leadoff double and Jeff Bagwell followed with a fly out that moved Mouton to third. After Derek Bell walked, Powell got Berry to hit into a game-ending double play.

Trailing 8-6, the Marlins tied it in the ninth on homers by Greg Zaun and Abbott. Both homers came off John Hudek, who had been 5-for-5 in converting save opportunities.

Craig Biggio's third hit, a run-scoring double in the fourth, put Houston up 7-6 and the Astros added a run in the sixth.

Houston took a 6-3 lead in the second inning on Biggio's RBI single and Bagwell's two-run double.

The Marlins tied it 6-6 in the fourth on an RBI double by pinch hitter Jim Eisenrich, a run-scoring single by John Cangelosi and Edgar Renteria's sacrifice fly.

Houston starter Mike Hampton lasted only 3 1-3 innings, giving up four earned runs.

Houston scored three runs in the first inning on a two-run single by Berry and an RBI double by Bob Abreu.

Mets 5, Cardinals 1

NEW YORK — Rick Reed pitched seven strong innings and Carlos Baerga went 4-for-4 Saturday, leading New York to a 5-1 win over the St. Louis Cardinals, the Mets' sixth win in seven games.

John Olerud and Todd Hundley added solo homers as the Mets improved to 14-15.

Reed (3-1) gave up one run and six hits before leaving for a pinch-hitter in the seventh. The right-hander struck out six, walked none and actually had his ERA rise from 1.03 to 1.07.

■ NL Roundup

St. Louis starter Andy Benes (1-1) allowed three runs and five hits in six innings.

Rockies 7, Phillies 3

DENVER — Jamey Wright pitched seven effective innings for his fourth win and Colorado took advantage of nine walks.

Wright (4-1) allowed four hits in seven innings, struck out four and walked four. The right-hander has won all four starts in which he has gone seven innings.

Reds 3, Giants 1

SAN FRANCISCO — Cincinnati scored three unearned runs, the first on Lenny Harris' suicide squeeze in the eighth.

John Smiley (2-5) struck out a season-high eight in seven innings to snap a personal five-game losing streak. He gave up seven hits and didn't walk a batter as the Reds won their second straight after dropping nine of 10.

Pirates 3, Braves 0

ATLANTA — Esteban Loaiza outdueled Tom Glavine in a battle of unbeaten pitchers and Pittsburgh won a season-high third straight game.

Loaiza (3-0) shut out the Braves on four hits over eight innings. Ricardo Rincon pitched the ninth for his second save.

It was the first shutout loss this season for the Braves, the National League's top hitting team.

Glavine (4-1) went eight innings, giving up one run and five hits.

Cubs 2, Dodgers 1

LOS ANGELES — Terry Mulholland pitched 8 2-3 strong innings and the Chicago Cubs parlayed three errors into a pair of unearned runs to beat the Los Angeles Dodgers.

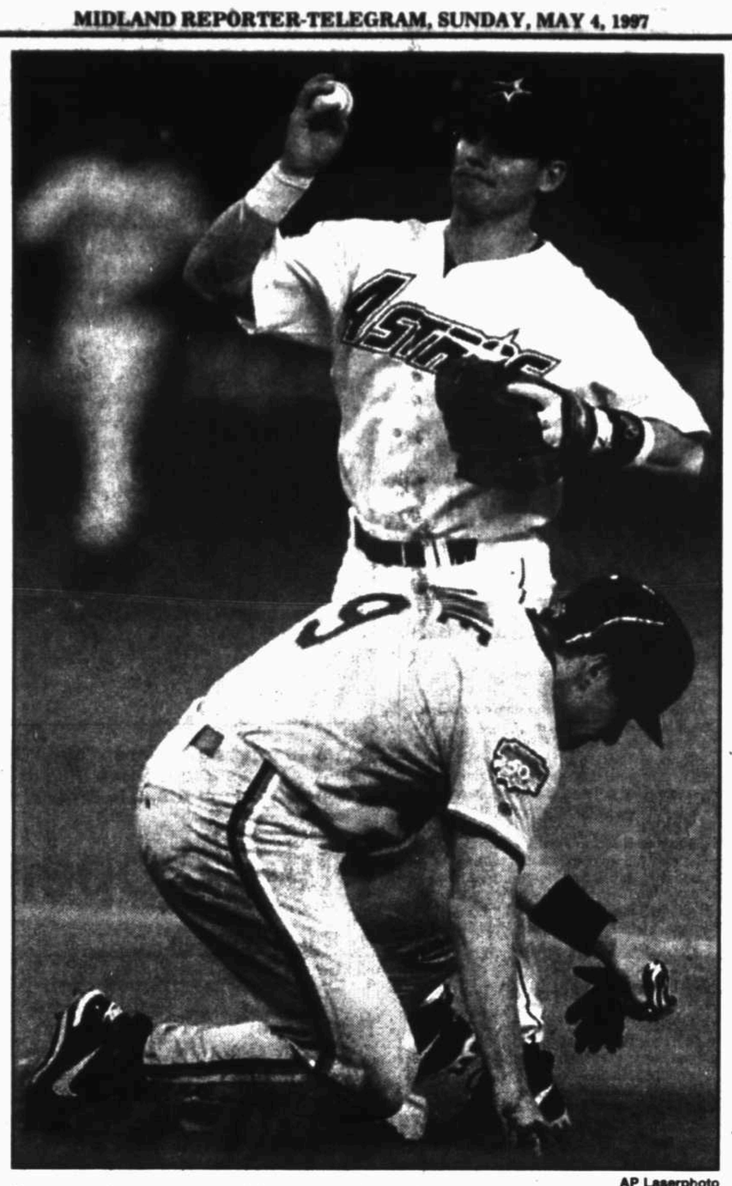
Mulholland (2-3) was replaced by Mel Rojas after giving up his sixth hit, a two-out single to Eric Karros in the ninth. Rojas then gave up consecutive singles to Raul Mondesi and Todd Zeile that cut the Cubs' lead to 2-1.

Padres 1, Expos 0

SAN DIEGO — Tim Worrell allowed three hits in 7 2-3 innings and Tony Gwynn knocked in the game's only run with a first-inning home run.

Worrell, 0-3 with a 6.16 ERA in his last four outings, retired 11 straight batters before running into trouble in the eighth inning.

Worrell (2-3) who walked a career-high seven batters in his last start at Florida, walked one and hit two batters. The right-hander struck out eight.



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Houston Astros second baseman Craig Biggio holds his throw to first after forcing out Florida Marlins' Jeff Conine at second Saturday in Houston. The Marlins won, 9-8, in the 13th inning.

Baylor defeats Oklahoma

Associated Press

WACO — Jeremy Dodson went 5-for-5 and scored three times, helping lead Baylor past Oklahoma, 12-8, in a Big 12 Conference game on Saturday.

Dodson led off the second inning with a double and scored on Chad Polk's triple. Two walks, two RBI singles and a sacrifice fly off Oklahoma starter Kevin Olsen (7-2) gave the Bears an early 5-0 lead.

Baylor improved to 31-21 for the season and 17-12 in Big 12 play. Oklahoma fell to 34-14 and 17-8.

Preston Underdown tripled in two runs in the fifth, and Eric Nelson homered. James Blair went 1-for-5, extending his hitting streak to 27 games.

■ College Baseball

Brian Shackelford, Richard Park, Casey Bookout and Jose Montenegro had two hits each for Oklahoma.

Texas 4, Nebraska 3

LINCOLN, Neb. — For the second straight game, Texas' Matt Simpson hit a key late-inning home run and Eric French came on to end a ninth-inning Nebraska rally to give the Longhorns a 4-3 Big 12 win Saturday.

On Friday, Simpson's two-run homer in the sixth inning gave Texas a 4-1 lead. Nebraska rallied to 4-3 and had the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth before French came in to end the game.

Palmer's clutch hit lifts Rangers to win

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Dean Palmer hit a two-run single with one out in the ninth inning, giving the Texas Rangers a 7-6 victory over the Boston Red Sox on Saturday night.

It was the first ninth-inning comeback victory for the Rangers since June 28, 1995. Texas had lost 106 consecutive games when trailing in the ninth.

The Rangers loaded the bases with one out in the ninth on a walk to Rusty Greer, a double by Juan Gonzalez and an intentional walk to Will Clark.

Palmer then singled up the middle off Heathcliff Slocumb (0-1) to score Greer and Gonzalez. Center fielder Darren Bragg's throw hit the mound and never got to the plate.

Ed Vosberg (1-1) got the final out in the top of the ninth for the victory.

Rudy Pemberton drove in a career-high four runs for Boston, including a three-run homer in the fifth. Pemberton, who started the 1995 season in the Rangers minor league system before he was traded to Boston, also had a run-scoring single in the third.

The Red Sox got hits from their first four batters off Darren Oliver and grabbed a 2-0 first-inning lead on Wil Cordero's RBI double and Mike Stanley's run-scoring single. In the third, John Valentin's two-out triple and Pemberton's single made it 3-0.

The Rangers rallied in the fourth off Red Sox starter Steve Avery to move in front 4-3. Bill Ripken had a two-run triple and Damon Buford drove in Ripken with a single. Ivan Rodriguez sent the Rangers ahead with a sacrifice fly to deep center field.

Boston was trailing 4-3 when Avery left the game with two outs in the fourth with a strained groin. But Pemberton got him off the hook with his three-run blast in the fifth, his first homer of the season and second of his career.

Texas narrowed the deficit to 6-5 on Palmer's sacrifice fly in the fifth.

Athletics 4, Orioles 3

BALTIMORE — Jason Giambi's two-run home run off Randy Myers with two outs in the ninth inning sent the Oakland Athletics to a win over the Orioles.

Myers (0-1) was 11-for-11 in save opportunities this season before blowing this one after getting two outs. Damon Mashore doubled and Giambi hit an 0-1 pitch over the center-field wall for his fourth homer.

Aaron Small (4-0) pitched 1 2-3 scoreless innings, Buddy Groom got one out in the ninth and Billy Taylor finished for his sixth save. Baltimore loaded the bases with two outs, before Taylor retired Pete Incaviglia on a groundout.

■ AL Roundup

Indians 7, Tigers 6

CLEVELAND — Sandy Alomar's RBI single with two outs in the ninth lifted Cleveland to its 13th straight win over Detroit.

The Tigers have lost 15 straight games at Jacobs Field, and are 1-19 at the ballpark.

Detroit looked like it might end the slide in the ninth when the Tigers took a 6-5 lead on Brian Hunter's RBI single.

But aided by a wild pitch from Doug Brocail (0-3) and a passed ball, the Indians tied it on David Justice's sacrifice fly before Alomar singled just over right fielder Melvin Nievers' glove.

Blue Jays 6, Twins 5

TORONTO — Gregg Olson walked Carlos Delgado on four pitches with the bases loaded and two outs in the ninth.

After the Twins had rallied to tie it with two runs in the ninth off winner Paul Quantrill (4-2), the Blue Jays took advantage of four walks — one intentional — off three Minnesota relievers in their half.

Angels 3, White Sox 2, 1st game

CHICAGO — Allen Watson pitched seven shutout innings as Anaheim won the opener.

Watson (1-2), who battled through injuries last year with San Francisco, gave up eight hits, struck out three and walked one.

Mike James gave up Ray Durham's two-out, two-run single in the ninth before Rich DeLucia got Albert Belle to ground out with runners at first and second for his first save.

Royals 2, Yankees 1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Tim Belcher pitched an eight-hitter for his second straight complete game as Kansas City handed Andy Pettitte his first loss this season.

Kansas City scored the tie-breaking run in the sixth, set up by shortstop Derek Jeter's fielding error, on Joe Vitiello's RBI double.

Belcher (3-3) walked two and struck out three in his 38th career complete game. The 35-year-old retired 16 hitters on groundball outs.

Pettitte (5-1) allowed six hits and one earned run. The left-hander had won six straight regular-season decisions, last losing to Toronto on Sept. 8 last season.

Congratulations Lee Lady Rebels Golf Team for winning Regionals... & now, on the way to state

Special Congratulations to these 5 ladies, who represented Lee in the Regional competition.

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Front Row (L-R): Amy Roach, Coach Phyllis Sutton, Kelly Feavel

Bottom Row (L-R): Whitney King, Krystal Mehaffey, Dawn Clohessy and Sandi Talley
Middle Row (L-R): Kelly Nicolini, Amber Meyers, Michelle Morren, Vanessa Cody & Michelle Motley.
Top Row (L-R): Amy Roach, Tawny Alonzo, Courtney Feavel, Coach Phyllis Sutton, Kelly Feavel, Christelle Taylor and DeeShea McGuire.

From The Lee Lady Rebels Golf Booster Club

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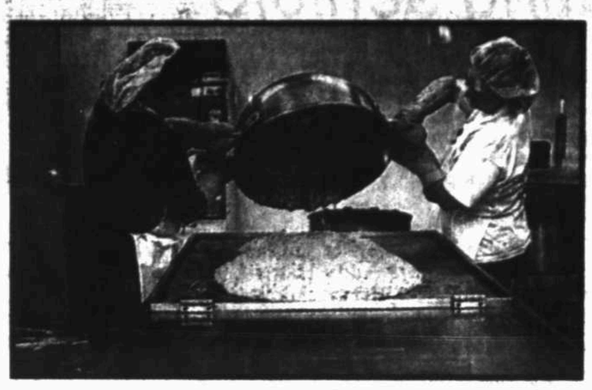
At Putt Putt Golf and Games, go carting is a popular activity. In honor of National Tourism Week, Putt Putt Golf and Games is offering a free round of golf 11 a.m.-1p.m. on May 7.
Curt Wilcott/ Reporter-Telegram

Michael Wood is fascinated with a hands-on project at the Children's Museum at the Museum of the Southwest. The public is invited to the Museum from 4-8 p.m. May 5 with no admission charge in honor of National Tourism Week.
Tim Fischer/ Reporter-Telegram

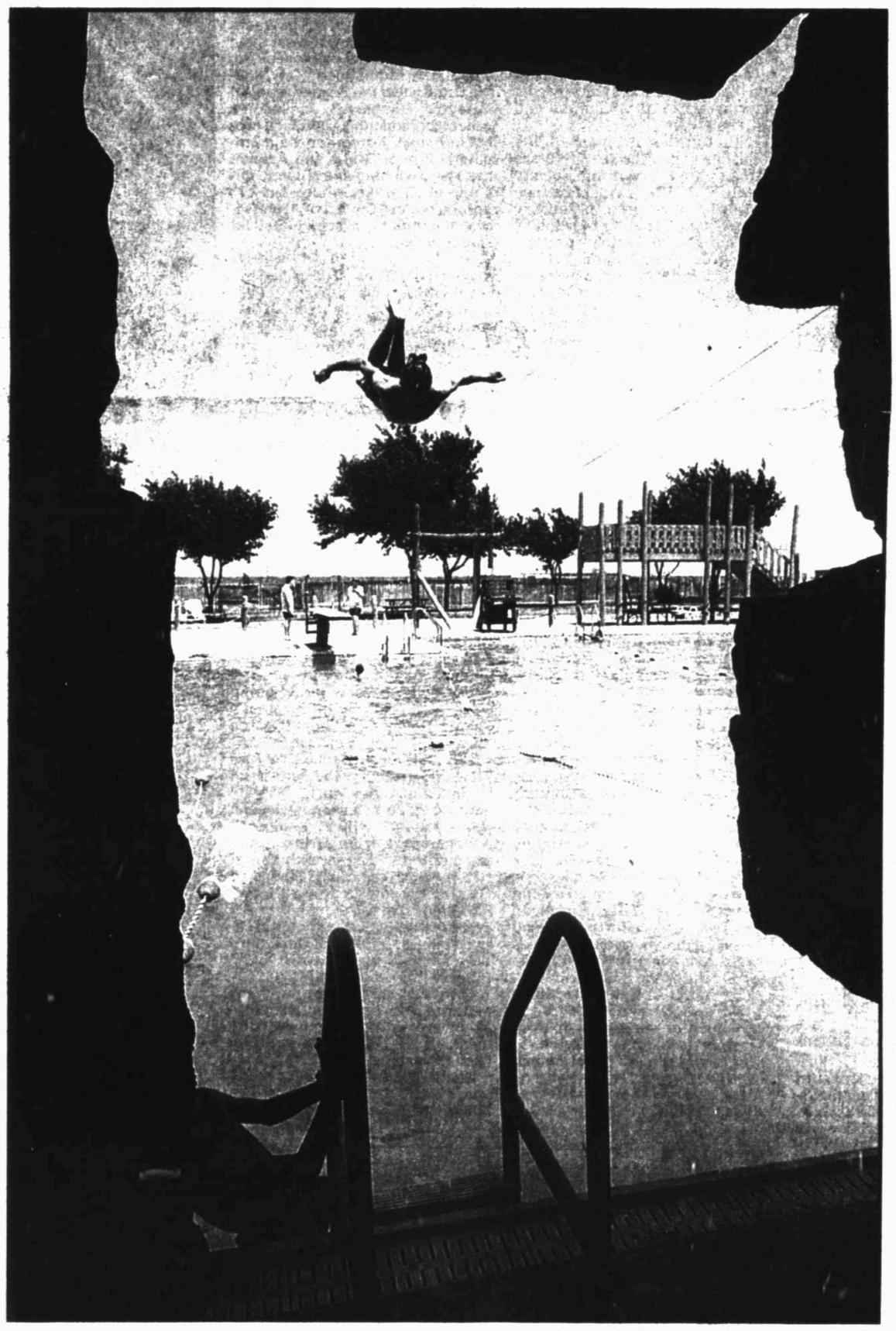


Two workers at Susie's South 40 pour a batch of candy out to be formed. Local tourists — and those who are not local — can taste the sweet confections and tour the facility 1-3 p.m. May 5 in honor of National Tourism Week. Door prizes will be given away as well.
Tim Fischer/ Reporter-Telegram

TOUR YOUR TOWN

The Dr. Petro Exhibit, above, as well as the rest of the Petroleum Museum, will be open to the public with free admission from 4-8 p.m. May 8, and Water Wonderland will offer a $7.50 admission rate from noon-2 p.m. May 10 in honor of National Tourism Week. The goal of the festivities in Midland is to encourage local people to tour their own hometown.
Curt Wilcott/ Reporter-Telegram

National Tourism week is May 5-11. It is designated to promote and enhance awareness of travel and tourism's importance to the economic, social and cultural well-being of the U.S. Annually, according to Chase's Calendar of Events, it begins the first Sunday in May. Therefore, the Midland Chamber of Commerce has set up a host of events for Midlanders to enjoy in their own town.



You know the routine — get up, go to work or school, go to the usual supermarket and shopping center and gas station, go to the usual restaurant or fast-food joint, go home, watch television and go to bed. It happens every day.

Have you ever wondered if there's more to your own hometown than this?

Midland Chamber of Commerce says there is. As part of the celebration of National Tourism Week today through Saturday, the chamber is hosting "Be A Tourist In Your Own Hometown" 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday at Centennial Plaza. Attractions and information from such local institutions as Susie's South 40, Museum of the Southwest and Children's Museum, Putt Putt Golf and Games, Confederate Air Force and American Airpower Heritage Museum, Petroleum Museum, Water Wonderland, Midessa Porcelain Doll Museum, Haley Library, Midland Angels, Midland County Public Library and Midland Community Theatre will be showcased.

But that's not all. Shura Lindgren, director of convention and visitor development for the chamber, said that in addition to the "Be A Tourist In Your Own Hometown" event, open houses of participating organizations will be hosted throughout the week-long celebration. The schedule is:

MONDAY (MAY 5)

■ Susie's South 40 on Old Lamesa Road (S. Co. Road 1180), one-half mile south of I-20 Exit 137, will have an open house 1-3 p.m. Free candy samples will be given out, tours conducted and prizes drawn for.

■ Museum of the Southwest and Children's Museum (1705 W. Missouri) and Haley Library (1805 W. Indiana) will have free admission 4-8 p.m. Student Art Exhibition, Mike Hill Exhibition and the museum's permanent collection will be on display. In the library, chuckwagons and cowboy music will be featured. Folklorico will dance 7-7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY (MAY 6)

■ Putt Putt Golf and Games, 3415 N. Loop 250 W., will offer free rounds of golf noon-4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY (MAY 7)

■ "Be A Tourist In Your Own Hometown" event 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Centennial Plaza will

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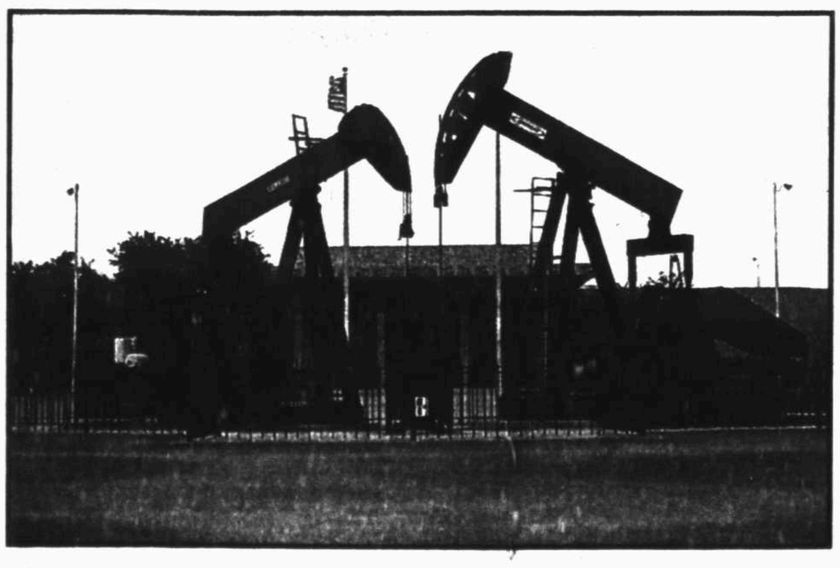

The outside of the Petroleum Museum features two pumpjacks. The Petroleum Museum is offering free admission, along with science demonstrations and an appearance by Dr. Petro 4-8 p.m. May 8 in honor of National Tourism Week.
Curt Wilcott/ Reporter-Telegram

James Merriman looks out from "Evil Dog" at the Confederate Air Force Museum. The CAF is offering free admission 9 a.m.-5 p.m. May 8, 9 and 10 in honor of National Tourism Week.
Tim Fischer/ Reporter-Telegram

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HAVE YOU HEARD?

Parents honor their graduating seniors with a weekend party

By Marilyn McKnight Harrison

To announce the engagement of their son, **Rhett McKeller**, and his fiancee, **Elise Chesley**, **Bonnie and Red McKeller** hosted a delightful party at their home last weekend.

McKnight-Harrison

Guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, desserts, punch, coffee and cappuccino at tables decorated with terra cotta pots filled with roses.

A conversation piece was the display of photographs in the entry hall of Elise and Rhett from their babyhood to the present.

Among those enjoying the party were **Elise's parents, Desiree and Harold Chesley; Stacy Baker** of Lubock, a friend of the bride-to-be; **Kay and Jim Hill, Susan and Jay Horton, Anne and Bert Johnson, Fran and Gene Schutte, Bettye and Don Jones,** and **Tamra and the Rev. Lane Boyd.**

The couple are planning a July 12 wedding at First United Methodist Church.

THE PARENTS of 27 graduating high school seniors hosted a fun party last weekend at the Party Station.

The honorees were **Tommy Johnson, Allison Johnson, Marci Holland, Kelli Martin, Sarah Ray, Russell Dunlavy, Brooke Bailey, Brie Eben, Marc Rose, Walker Moody, Jeff Ortloff, Steve Potter, Alissa Sutton, Casey Turner, Margy Brown, Hilary Essex, Katherine Geib, Jennifer Staley, Meredith Sebastian, Casey Webb, Doug Scharbauer, Rob Thornton, Tres Wallace, John Butler, Christopher Canon, Garrett Donnelly** and **Greg Henderson.**

The Masterpiece Band from Lubbock provided the music.

A feature of the decorations were the poster size enlargements of the honorees' baby pictures, which decorated the walls. Guests had a good time trying to identify the pictures of their friends.

The delicious refreshments included cookies, brownies, chips and queso, a variety of dips with vegetables and soft drinks.

THE MINUET CLUB held its spring dance recently at the Petroleum Club, with music provided by the band, Ab Faba.

Tables were decorated with lovely spring floral arrangements. The breakfast buffet featured chicken crepes, burritos, assorted pastries and fresh fruit.

The receiving line was composed of club president **Jann (Mrs. Vince) Bash** and the board of directors.

Among those seen on the dance floor were **Verna and Joe Canon, Marion and Cadell Liedtke, Melanie and Lea Crump, Mary and Barry Beck, Caroline and Perry Bolger** and **Bonnie and Orman Hubbard.**

LEE HIGH SCHOOL senior **Ryan Dodd** was honored recently with a barbecue dinner at the home of **Janice and Bobby Henry.**

Also hosting the party, which included a fun scavenger hunt, were **Christy and Jay Lacy, Becky and Freddy Haltom, Robin and John Berry, Marla and Homer Schneider, Barbara and Darrell Dunton** and **Debi and Paul Hughes.** They presented the guest of honor with a gift of luggage.

Green and gold, the colors of Ryan's chosen university, Baylor, were used to decorate.

A member of Lee's varsity soccer team, Ryan is the son of **Jan and Charlie Dodd.**

ANN BOGGS, guest speaker for the Midand Country Club Ladies Association, teased her audience's literary appetite with her multiple book review at the group's April luncheon meeting.

An avid reader and a book reviewer for the past 20 years, Ms. Boggs gave a review of what's hot and what's not in the world of books. She provided a hop, skip and a jump through a variety of books, including the ever popular classics and the new-on-the-shelf contemporaries.

Members and guests enjoyed a lunch of Cold Avocado Soup, Grilled Salmon with Tomato, Basil and Olive Oil, and Hummingbird Cake before Ms. Boggs' presentation.

Hostesses for the social hour were **Schatzie (Mrs. Charles) Tighe, Beverly (Mrs. Forrest) Muire** and **Betty (Mrs. W.H.) Gilmore.**

Among those seen in the crowd were **Norma Jean (Mrs. Bud) Boles, Jess Ann Thomason, Carolyn Winkler, Mary Elizabeth (Mr. Frank) Ittner, Linda (Mrs. Michael) Melson, Becky (Mrs. Steve) Berrones** and **Leona B. Smith.**

MIDLANDER John DeFrance, a promising young artist, held his first one-man show in his hometown last Sunday afternoon.

Approximately 115 persons turned out to meet the artist and see the exhibit of his artwork at Joe James Salon in San Miguel Square.

According to John, "The theme of the show would have to be 'The Art Buffet,' due to the seemingly random selection of art presented." He creates contemporary realism in primarily oils.

A graduate of Lee High School and Texas Tech University, John resided in Santa Fe after graduation until his recent return to Midland. He is the son of **Patti and David DeFrance.**

Some of the guests seen browsing were **Norma (Mrs. Jack) Sherman, Seree and Gary Whitlow, Michelle and Bob Robinson, Nancy (Mrs. Buddy) Anguish, Billie and Jim Ross, Carole and Stan Jacobs, Elsa Carrasco, Kandace Belew** and the artist's sister and brother-in-law, **Michele and John Matney** of El Paso.

Marilyn McKnight Harrison is social columnist for the Reporter-Telegram.

Art for everyone in spring books

By Joan Brunskill
Associated Press

How do you handle a 9-ton cat? Very, very slowly, if you are a fork-lift operator and it's your job to install a huge stone sculpture of a jaguar in an exhibition of Aztec art at the National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.

"The Nine-Ton Cat: Behind the Scenes at an Art Museum" (Houghton Mifflin, $21.95 hardback, $14.95 paperback) explains that by the time you see a glowing work of art in a gallery, a lot of people have helped set the scene.

They include electricians who check the National Gallery's 8,000 light bulbs; gardeners who water the 15,000 plants; and guards who use 800 keys to keep valuable artworks safe. Plus art conservation "doctors," curators and designers whose specialized contributions make sure the museum's cache of nearly 100,000 works look their best out there in the galleries.

The story of all this hands-on effort is told with plenty of photos in a bright, modestly priced volume. This is one for the family shelf, among the variety of new reference books.

"Doing Art Together" (Abrams, $19.95 paperback) is another, a book "for beginners of all ages and for those who would like to pick up where they left off somewhere in the past," author Muriel Silberstein-Storfer writes.

This is a very practical guide for would-be artists and teachers, for readers who want to do the hands-on stuff themselves, based on Ms. Silberstein-Storfer's parent-child workshops at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

There's no shortage of solid scholarship for those preferring armchair exploration of areas.

A clutch of five lively volumes inaugurates a new series, the "Oxford History of Art" (Oxford University Press, $35 hardback, $15.95 paperback). The publisher says the series' aim is "to clarify and illuminate its subjects by considering art in its social and cultural context."

Up to 60 titles are planned, the publisher says. The first five are "Art in China," "Art and Society in Italy 1350-1500," "Art in Europe 1700-1830," "Twentieth-Century Design" and "The Photograph."

Author Evelyn Welch's preface to the volume on Italian Renaissance art underlines the premise of the series. Its purpose is to raise questions, she says, and the information provided in response "is designed to provide a context, rather than a substitute, for our own careful observation of the works of art themselves."

A reader with an appetite for Renaissance culture might try a couple of other books that offer surveys from different perspectives.

"Art in Renaissance Italy" (Abrams, $60) by John T. Paoletti and Gary M. Radke widens the focus of Renaissance studies, looking beyond Florence and Tuscany to art in Milan, Venice and other regions of Italy, from the mid-13th century to around 1600.

Defending their choice of works to discuss, in case an omission bothers you, the authors explain, "The intention of this book is to provoke questions about approach and stylistic development, not to provide a new canon."

"Renaissance" (St. Martin's, $35) is concerned with the 15th- and 16th-century period's new attitudes as expressed by painters, sculptors and writers, in author George Holmes' interpretation.

"This book is about the picture of men and women presented by artists," Holmes writes. He says his aim is to place the Renaissance in the context of the expanding and prosperous life of the European cities, looking even further beyond Florence to northern cities such as Bruges, London and Nuremberg.

So much for the past.

"The Art of Architectural Illustration" (McGraw-Hill, $69.95) is very much of our times or even ahead, in its visionary stretch.

The book, edited by architect-illustrator Gordon Grice, is an eye-catching tour of a huge variety of buildings from skyscrapers to woodland retreats. They are depicted by 35 illustrators whom Grice calls "among the best to be found in the world today," in the book's 400 or so color reproductions.

The artists' styles range from delicate to bold, from hand-rendered watercolors, pen-and-ink drawings, oils and acrylics on canvas, to hyper-realistic computer renderings.

The book is presumably on a fast track into architectural-design libraries. But anyone who lives in or ever looks at a building could find it entertaining to wander among these dreamy projects in their ideal settings.

Many of the new art books focus on artists or special exhibitions.

Turn your eyes from the ubiquitous Picasso for a moment. Hoover vacuum cleaners, Polaroid cameras and "Trimline" phones are among everyday objects whose designer is being celebrated at the Smithsonian's Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum, in New York City.

The exhibition "Henry Dreyfuss Directing Design: The Industrial Designer and His Work, 1929-72" pays tribute to a pioneer and legend whose many other landmark designs range from Deere & Co. tractors to the elegant 20th Century Limited train, a 1930s standout.

Exhibition guest curator Russell Flinchum is also the author of the accompanying publication, "Henry Dreyfuss, Industrial Designer: The Man in the Brown Suit" (Cooper-Hewitt/Rizzoli, $55).

Both book and exhibition draw material from the Henry Dreyfuss Archive donated to the museum by the designer. The exhibition is on view through Aug. 31.

Another Smithsonian publication, "Singular Impressions: The Monotype in America" (National Museum of American Art, $60 hardback, $35 paperback), offers page after page of fine-quality illustrations of this versatile and expressive printmaking medium.

A monotype is an image in paint or ink pressed onto paper to make a unique print. Author Joann Mose refers to her long-term research on monotype, in the course of which she "was amazed to find that artists continued to find the same qualities appealing: its spontaneity, its potential for chance effects and its flexibility."

The book accompanies the exhibition of the same title, showcasing around 125 works, at the National Museum of American Art, Washington, D.C., through Aug. 3. Artists represented range from the 19th-century's William Merritt Chase to painters of today such as Jasper Johns and Eric Fischl.

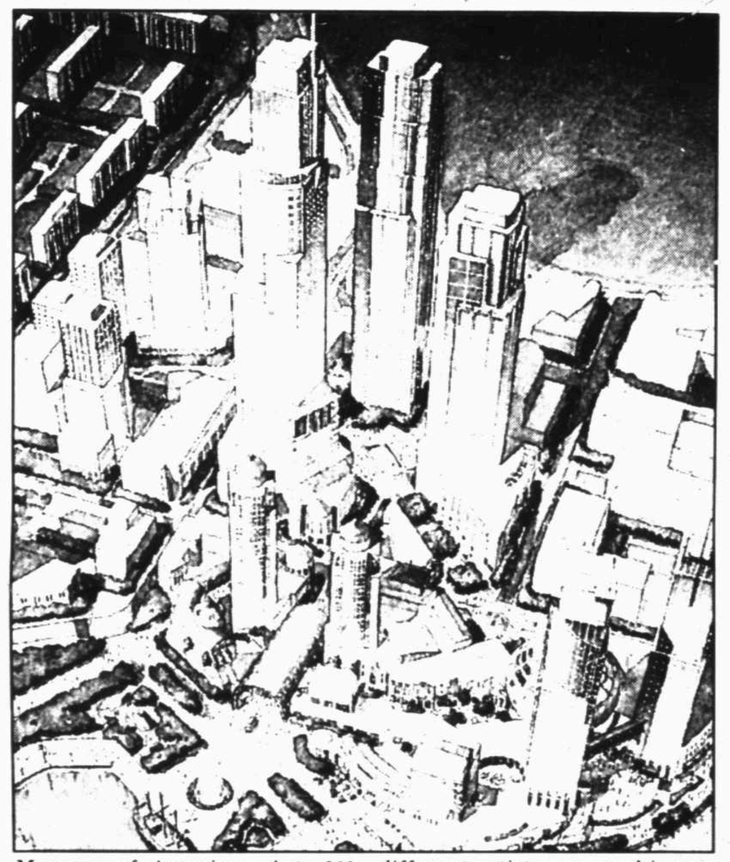
Color is the forte of three very different artists surveyed in new publications:

"Joan Mitchell" (Abrams, $60) is a study of the life and work of the American Abstract Expressionist artist who died in France in 1992. In her will she directed that Whitney Museum curator Klaus Kertess, a longtime friend, write the text for the book.

Kertess refers to what he calls the "brazen beauty" of Mitchell's work and to how "her total absorption of the lessons of Matisse and van Gogh led to a mastery of color inseparable from the movement of light and paint."

In a group of late paintings, he writes, her brush strokes move "from residual flickers of chrome yellow to ocher to brown, into the predominating shades of blue. You can almost hear the paint crackling."

The book has 120 full-color illustrations.



Art handlers move a painting (above), changing an installation at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. The story of what they, and an army of other employees do, is told in the book titled "The Nine-Ton Cat: Behind the Scenes at an Art Museum." Douglas E. Jamieson's watercolor rendering (right) of a project in Pusan, Korea, for the architectural firm of Gruen and Associates was a winning entry. Jamieson is one of 35 artists whose work is reproduced in "The Art of Architectural Illustration," a book edited by Gordon Grice.

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TOUR: Chamber plans events for Midlanders to explore their city

(From 1D)

host booths for different Midland attractions. Dr. Petro and Juice the Moose will be featured. Sonny's in the Park will serve food and refreshments. Business Expo '97 will be going on at the same time.

THURSDAY (MAY 8)

■ American Airpower Heritage Museum, at Midland International Airport, will have free admission 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

■ Petroleum Museum, 1500 West I-20, will have free admission 4-8 p.m. Dr. Petro will present a free science demonstration.

FRIDAY (MAY 9)

■ American Airpower Heritage Museum will have free admission 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

SATURDAY (MAY 10)

■ American Airpower Heritage Museum will again have free admission 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

■ Water Wonderland, between Midland and Odessa on Business 20, will have $7.50 admission noon-2 p.m.

■ Midessa Porcelain Doll Shop Doll Museum, will have free admission 1-4 p.m., and feature demonstrations and refreshments.

Ms. Lindgren said that this event was put together so that people who live in Midland will know more about local attractions and not only take advantage of them themselves, but take their out-of-town visitors to these sites as well.

"If you are aware of all the wonderful things to do that are in our hometown, you are more likely to take" out-of-town visitors to these locations, she said.

In spite of what a lot of residents think, Midland really does have a lot of visitors. Many of them are here to take advantage of the medical services, retail stores and many restaurants, Ms. Lindgren went on. And many visitors are participating in the conventions that come to town.

Ms. Lindgren provided statistics that showed, among other things, that during the 1995-96 fiscal year, the Convention and Visitors Bureau of the Midland Chamber of Commerce responded to more than 25,000 requests for information about Midland.

"Everyone understands the importance of tourism as ... an economic impact on the community," she said.

In fact, she added, according to figures from the Texas Department of Commerce, one visitor will spend an average of $104 per day in the community.

Those taking advantage of the chamber's programs this week may also want to drop by the office at 109 N. Main St., and pick up a Passport Midland. Each of these "passports" has coupons or discounts for 12 area attractions.

Ms. Lindgren pointed out that tourism is the third largest industry in the state of Texas, and that without the dollars brought into the state by visitors, "every household in Texas would have to pay an additional $615 (per year) in taxes."

But why, you may ask, would anyone want to visit Midland?

"Midland is exciting," Ms. Lindgren said. "We all live here because we love it; if we didn't, we'd leave.

"Who wouldn't want to be a tourist here?"

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AROUND TOWN

American Cancer Society's annual fund-raiser, Round Up, is planned for May 10 at Confederate Air Force Hangar. Headliner will be John Anderson. Dancing will be to the music of Daron Norwood.

Perini Ranch Caterers will provide the prime rib dinner. Silent and live auctions will be presented. Other events will include a gaming area and the "Reel Squeal" pig races.

In conjunction with this event, Round Up Of Roses, to honor loved ones who are victims or survivors of cancer, is planned. For a $50 donation to the fight against cancer, a rose with the loved one's name will be displayed during Round Up. All honorees' names will be listed on a plaque at the event; written notices of the gifts will be sent out.

For more information about Round Up, call 683-6374...

...SAMARITAN COUNSELING Center will have a one-day workshop on counseling the angry person May 20 at Odessa College. Dr. Andrew Lester of Texas Christian University's Brite Divinity School will be guest speaker. Pastors, therapists and interested lay persons are invited to attend. For more information call 563-4144...

...COMMUNITY AND Senior Services Auxiliary will have its annual business meeting and barbecue dinner 6 p.m. May 6 at Midland Senior Center at Kingsway Mall. Members are encouraged to attend and bring guests. Brisket will be served; members attending should bring salads, vegetables or desserts. New by-law changes will be voted on and officers elected. Country Line Dancers will perform. For reservations call 689-6693...

...MIDLAND SOCIETY of University Women will have its annual scholarship luncheon 11:30 a.m. May 16 at the Midland Woman's Club in Hogan Park. Scholarship recipients and their parents will be guests...

...WEST TEXAS Storytellers Guild will present a free "Pajama Party" 2-4 p.m. May 10 in the meeting room at Midland County Public Library. Children are invited to attend, with parent or guardian — and pillow and blanket — to relax and listen to "Around the World Stories." Space is limited; for reservations call 699-7820...

...MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY Association is seeking applications from volunteers who wish to work for a week as counselors at the MDA summer camp in Happy. Each volunteer will work as a companion to a camper, child or teenager, during the camp session planned for June 1-6. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old and able to lift a chid.

MDA is a national voluntary health agency dedicated to finding treatments and cures for 40 neuromuscular diseases affecting more than a million Americans. For more information or to volunteer call (806) 793-5632 or 1-800-572-1717...

...AMERICAN ASSOCIATION of Retired Persons, Midland chapter #256, will meet 6:30 p.m. May 5 at Midland Senior Center in Kingsway Mall. Pot luck supper will be served. After a short business meeting, cards and dominoes will be played. Persons aged 50 and older who would like more information may call 684-8419 or 697-1212...

...PETROLEUM MUSEUM'S Brown Bag Luncheon, scheduled for 11:45 a.m. May 5 in the museum's auditorium, will feature Dillo and Snake and several other puppets telling the story of the Permian Basin and the oil industry. Santa Rita Club Puppeteers will present "The Puppet Show," featuring about 12 characters. The club's members are volunteers for the museum. The museum will provide drinks and desserts. For more information call 683-4403...

...LA LECHE League of Midland will meet 7:30 p.m. May 6 at Grace Presbyterian Church, 2810 N. Garfield in Midland. Topic will be "Advantages of Breast Feeding to Mother and Baby." For more information call 694-2018...

...TWO CAREGIVERS support groups will meet May 6 at Allison Cancer Center. Brown-bag lunch group will meet at noon, and the evening group will meet at 7 p.m. Meetings are an open format discussion led by Angela Peterson, social worker. Anyone who is involved in the care of someone with cancer or other serious illness is invited to attend. For more information call 686-6606...

Maybe 'good old days' didn't really exist

By Cecelia Goodnow
Hearst News Service

Stephanie Coontz, who studies the history of American families, was riding to the airport one day when her taxi driver started railing against the welfare system.

Always eager to take the public pulse, Coontz probed deeper and found the driver had good reason to feel resentful. The driver said she had worked for the same company for 29 years — six days a week, often 13 hours a day. Yet she had no pension and no medical benefits. She worried about her daughter, who was divorced and struggling.

Someone, it seemed, had stolen the American Dream.

Behind the angry rhetoric, Coontz found a beleaguered woman trying to make sense of an intensely stressful and competitive era of social change. Multiply her by 263 million and you've got an American society desperate for quick fixes and, Coontz believes, easy prey for family-values hucksters with quack social remedies.

If only people respected marriage ...

If only mom stayed home with the kids ...

If only people believed in an honest day's work ...

If only people took responsibility ...

If only ...

If only it were that easy.

Coontz, a historian at The Evergreen State College in Olympia, Wash., hopes to inject fact and perspective into a national debate often characterized by hype and emotion.

IN HER NEW book, "The Way We Really Are: Coming to Terms With America's Changing Families" (Basic Books, 238 pages, $23), Coontz frames the issues of divorce, welfare, crime and working couples in terms of historical analysis, new sociological research and interviews with families of all types.

Her conclusion: We're living through a period of social, cultural and economic change every bit as wrenching as the Industrial Revolution of the early 19th century.

No wonder people feel anxious and unsettled.

But Coontz says there's no going back. Instead of trying to force people to reclaim "traditional" family values, we must adapt our social institutions to fit the changing times. The new pro-family culture might include, say, flex time at work, paid leaves for caregivers and clearer roles and expectations around divorce and stepparenting.

Society will have to work out the details, but Coontz says the sooner we get on with the process, the sooner we can regain a sense of stability.

"If I told you what a family-friendly society would look like," she said, "it would be no more accurate than my telling you what I wanted to be when I was 7. I'm a product of all the old patterns, too. I'd like to just get people to ask the right questions."

She added that moralizing and one-size-fits-all solutions have no place in complex family issues such as divorce. "It's just too complicated to play God."

Coontz achieved national recognition five years ago with her book "The Way We Never Were: American Families and the Nostalgia Trap," which debunked comfortable notions about life in the "good old days" of the 1950s. The book went to press just as Dan Quayle was taking aim at TV's Murphy Brown for having a sitcom baby out of wedlock.

For the next four months, as the public clashed over family values, Coontz averaged three radio talk shows a day and several television appearances a month. As new issues came up — from no-fault divorce to concerns over AWOL fathers — Coontz testified before Congress and appeared on "Oprah," "Crossfire" and other national shows. As she tells it, "I was quoted by Newsweek and misquoted by the National Enquirer."

HER ACADEMIC insights struck a chord with everyday people, who corralled her at PTA meetings, sent her e-mail and wrote heartfelt letters about their concerns for the future. Now that we know how we never were, people asked, what's next?

Again, history provides some clues. "You have to look at: Where have families come from, how have they actually behaved in the past?" Coontz said. "What changes seem really, really deep and won't go away?

"You can't come up with either social policies to help families, or individual help, unless you understand these broader social forces."

Coontz said learning history can be as useful in sorting out family issues as undergoing counseling — and a lot more enlightening than political platitudes.

"When I listen to the political discourse in this country, I get discouraged," she said, "because I think it's at a very low level. But I have been so impressed with the hunger that I see — at the grassroots level — to be treated like adults. People are very capable of handling and understanding these complex issues."

To illustrate how simplistic the national dialog has become, Coontz ran a computer search of newspaper articles from March 1993 through January 1995. She found 263 articles blaming more than 20 crises — such as teen drug use, unemployment, America's declining international competitiveness, federal budget deficits and individual narcissism — on the "collapse of family values" or the decline of two-parent families.

WHILE POLITICIANS describe family styles solely in terms of individual morality, Coontz says personal decisions are shaped by broader cultural and economic realities.

Divorce, for instance, is twice as likely among parents living in poverty, and divorce rates climb among affluent couples who experience job loss. One researcher calculates that each 1 percent rise in unemployment results in 10,000 extra divorces.

Likewise, Coontz notes, people who are laid off are almost six times more likely to engage in violent behavior than people with jobs, regardless of whether they had a prior history of, say, psychiatric disorder or alcohol abuse.

The same pattern showed up in a 1989 study of 350 white families in rural Iowa. Researchers found a link between declining income, unstable work or family debt and significantly higher levels of aggression in middle-school children two years later.

But the connection between cultural and personal stresses isn't always obvious, even to those involved.

Coontz writes of two therapists who were working with a family wracked by hostility, with constant battles between father and son. Until the therapists pointed it out, the family didn't make the connection between their personal rage and the fact that the father — along with hundreds of coworkers — had been fired from his job without notice.

To expand the picture even further, Coontz says our own era is but one of many historic periods of upheaval. We mourn the decline of the male breadwinner; early 19th-century Americans mourned the decline of the farm economy that gave rise to the male breadwinner.

Consider the parallels between then and now.

By 1830, as the factory age took hold, alcoholism rose to historic highs. Gangs sprang up in poverty-stricken sections of cities, with frequent bloody clashes between the Bowery Boys and the Dead Rabbits of New York. Anxious citizens sought comfort in religious revivals and scapegoated Catholics, Masons, bankers and foreigners. There were 16 urban riots in 1834, and 37 the following year.

As society changed, so did family life. Coontz says leisurely family dinners and holiday get-togethers developed amid concerns that men's outside work was making them strangers to the family — and to soothe men's anxiety that their domestic authority was being undercut by their absence.

THAT KIND OF puts things in perspective. Not only is our current angst predictable, it's proceeding right on schedule, according to research on the stages of cultural and social transformation.

We've already passed stage one — a rise in individual and family stress, as the old ways are toppled without new customs and expectations to replace them. In this stage, most people don't realize they're facing irreversible social change, so they tend to think "if we just tried harder, we could get back to the way things used to be."

Stage two, where we are today, is marked by public debate and cultural struggle. Tired of feeling inadequate for failing to preserve the old ways, people conclude that someone else has been undoing their efforts. Scapegoating flourishes.

Only later, when people begin to understand why change is occurring and what parts are irreversible, do they begin to adapt to new realities. At that point, society stabilizes.

None of this is easy.

"As a historian, I have tremendous confidence in people's ability to solve problems," Coontz said. "But as a historian, I know there's a lot of resistance to rethinking institutions."

Yet the movement must be forward, not backward. "There's no way to go back," Coontz said. "This is where both the liberals and the conservatives are refusing to look reality square in the eye."

Hot issues: Way things really are

By Cecelia Goodnow
Hearst News Service

Some issues outlined by Stephanie Coontz, author of "The Way We Really Are: Coming to Terms with American's Changing Families.'

TEENS

There's no evidence that most teens are any more irresponsible or destructive than teens were in the past, but they lack something that many older men grew up with: meaningful work with adult mentors.

Apprenticeships, summer jobs in their parents' workplace and community service are possible remedies.

Instead, teenagers complain of being shoved out of the mainstream by adults who ostracize and exclude them. Curfews, school uniforms and attempts to ban teens from public places are bound to backfire.

"These are containment policies," Coontz said. "This is what you do to occupied countries. We shouldn't be doing that to our kids. That's part of our denial that this is a larger community problem."

SOCIAL SUPPORT

Corporate and government support for families has steadily eroded, putting a greater financial and emotional burden on families.

"Never before in American history have we expected parents to do so much for their children, on their own," Coontz says.

Urging a return to 1950s-style families makes no sense, she adds, without a return to the economic climate of the '50s, which included the GI Bill, a livable wage, affordable housing, higher corporate income taxes and a corporate culture that valued workplace stability.

MARRIAGE

Marriage isn't dying, but it won't be the pivotal institution it once was.

"Women and men simply need each other economically less than in the past," Coontz said. "You will never again be able to reconstruct marriage on the old basis, where there is no (other) option."

But people are still taking the plunge. In 1867 there were 9.6 marriages per 1,000 people. A hundred years later there were 9.7.

Meanwhile, the proportion of women who remain single all their lives is lower today than at the turn of the century, and fewer women feel they must forgo marriage in order to accomplish anything else in life.

"I think the reason (gay marriage) has become such a hot-button issue," Coontz added, "is because marriage is no longer the central institution of our lives. A productive question is, 'How do we redefine marriage in today's world?'"

DIVORCE

Divorce isn't a new phenomenon in America and it isn't always the worst possible outcome for a rocky marriage.

"America had the highest divorce rate in the world going back to 1889," Coontz said. "We have a culture that has a problem sustaining long-term commitments."

Coontz acknowledges that divorce can be devastating and agrees couples should try to work things out. But she said studies show that children generally do worse in "intact" families filled with conflict than in divorced or never-married families. Higher wages and fairer child support could minimize some of the worst effects of divorce, such as single-parent poverty.

"We're never going to shove the divorce rate back to what it was in the 1950s," Coontz said. "To save more marriages than we're currently saving, we have to come up with new value systems and new supports."

UNWED MOTHERHOOD

Don't blame the libertine '60s for the rise in unwed pregnancies. The fastest increase took place between 1940 and 1958, when the rate tripled from 7.1 births per 1,000 unmarried women to 21.2 births.

The rate of unwed motherhood is rising worldwide and exceeds 20 percent in places as diverse as South Africa and northern Europe. Reasons include more economic independence, less social control over personal life and a decline in birth rates among married couples, which makes unwed births a bigger proportion of the total.

In the United States, poverty and social deprivation feed the trend. One researcher says the correlation is so strong that, from 1969 to 1993, the teen birth rate could be calculated with 90 percent accuracy from the previous decade's child poverty rate.

CRIME

Barbara Dafoe Whitehead of the Institute for American Values, who in 1993 wrote an Atlantic Monthly cover story titled "Dan Quayle Was Right," has said that more than 70 percent of all juveniles in state reform institutions come from fatherless homes.

But Coontz says the evidence isn't so clearcut. According to a 1993 report by the National Academy of Sciences, "personal and neighborhood income are the strongest predictors of violent crime."

"If single parenthood 'caused' crime and violence," Coontz argues, "then Sweden and Denmark ought to have higher rates than the United States, instead of rates that are dramatically lower."

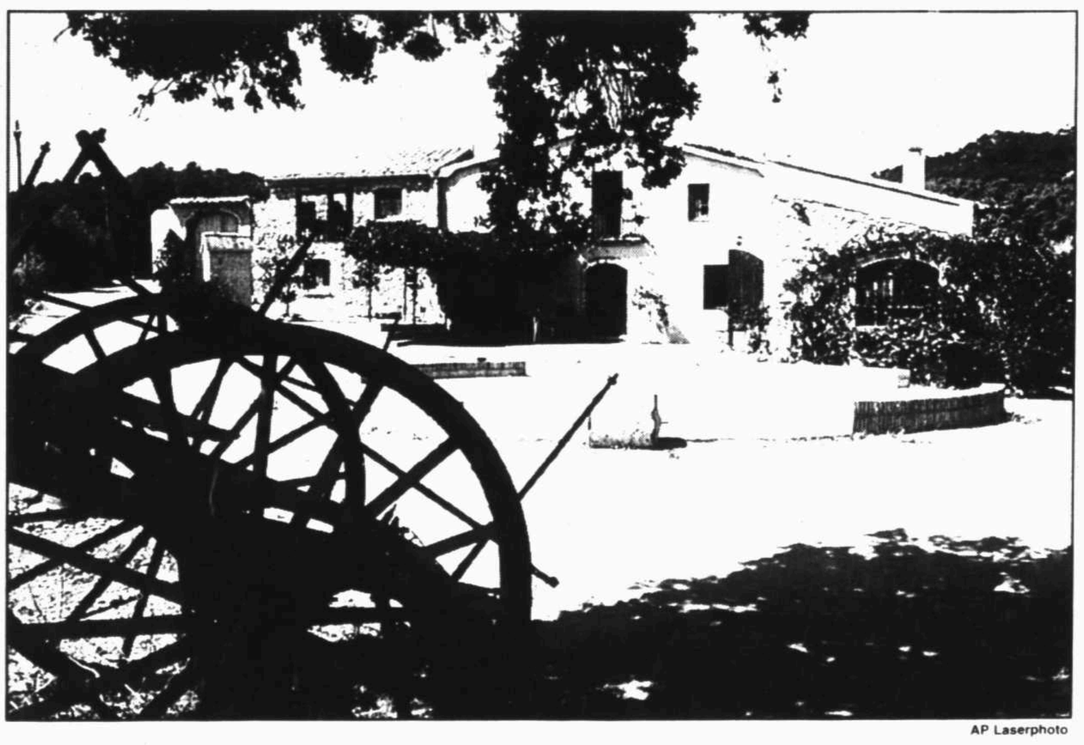
WELFARE

Complaining about welfare is sometimes the only way people can convey their legitimate concerns about the growing gap between work and reward in America. Just don't confuse these people with the facts.

Nearly half of Americans think welfare accounts for 20 to 50 percent of the federal budget, when in fact welfare programs total only 5 percent of federal spending. Three-fourths of welfare recipients get off the dole within two years, and half get off within a year, but a shortage of stable jobs often drives them back. Contrary to myth, out-of-wedlock birth rates have historically been lowest in states with the highest welfare benefits.

"The real dirty little secret about welfare," Coontz says, "is that it's cheaper to write checks than to invest in creating jobs. Welfare serves as a safety valve for an economy that cannot handle full employment."

Because of the oversupply of workers, she adds, even if we could move every welfare recipient into full-time jobs, the ironic effect would be to depress wages for all low-income workers.



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This farmhouse near Torrelles de Foix, about 35 miles southeast of Barcelona, is one of more than 2,000 country inns and bed-and-breakfasts catering to tourists sampling Spain's life in the slow lane.

Catalonia offers visitors view of life in the slow lane

By Richard Schweid

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — Spain is the world's No. 3 vacation destination, behind France and the United States, with millions of tourists flocking to its beaches and cities each year. But increasingly, tourists are discovering Spain's countryside.

And a new industry is cropping up to cater to these pilgrims to the pastures, with more than 2,000 inns and farmhouses offering a sampling of life in the slow lane.

The Catalonia region of northeast Spain is one of the most popular areas, with more than 500 inns and 350 farmhouses used as lodgings for tourists.

"To stay in a farmhouse that's a century or two old, in a village where the surroundings are medieval, is a splendid way to see Catalonia," said Ramon Orpinell i Vilarroig, president of Turisverd, an association of rural tourism providers.

Rural Catalonia accommodated more than 170,000 visitors last year in lodgings that range from luxurious to spare. But almost invariably, they are clean and well-kept.

Some are working farms, where the hosts tend to their chores and the animals wander about, an attraction for younger children. Hiking trails and bike and horse rentals are often close by.

For food, most of the inns and farmhouses operate on a half-pension plan, which includes breakfast and dinner. A full-pension plan offers three meals a day.

Front-desk clerks at major hotels in Spanish cities often speak English and other languages. Tourists hitting the countryside who speak neither Spanish nor Catalan may find a language barrier. However, Orpinell says knowing a few words and making some gestures should suffice.

For more information, telephone the Spanish National Tourist Office in New York, (212) 759-8822. In Spain, telephone the Spanish Tourism Institute at (34-1) 411-6011 and Turisverd at (34-3) 412-6984.

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ENGAGEMENTS

HERBERT-WALKER

Jane Marie Herbert and Mark Albert Walker, both of Midland, are planning to be married 7 p.m. May 30 at St. Stephen's Catholic Church in Midland. Parents of the bride-elect are Tom and Kathy Herbert of Kings Park, N.Y. The future bridegroom is the son of Dale Walker of Big Spring and Amelia Erwin of Midland.

Miss Herbert is a 1989 graduate of Kings Park Senior High School, a 1993 graduate of the University of New York at Geneseo and a 1996 graduate of Sul Ross State University. She is employed with Midland Independent School District. Her fiance graduated from Big Spring High School in 1985 and from Angelo State University in 1990. He is employed with West Texas Gas.

Jane Marie Herbert and Mark Albert Walker

SMITH-SANDERS

Former Midlanders Janice and Larry Smith of Flower Mound announce the engagement of their daughter, Jana Spring Smith, to Jimmy Lee Sanders of Midland, son of Lynn Sanders of Midland. The wedding is planned for June 14 at Crestview Baptist Church.

Miss Smith is a 1996 graduate of Lee High School and a student at Midland College, where she is studying computer science. Her fiance graduated from Greenwood High School in 1993 and from MC in 1995.

Jana Spring Smith and Jimmy Lee Sanders

HENDERSON-EARLS

Renee Henderson and Richard Earls, both of Odessa, are planning to be married 7 p.m. May 17 at First Christian Church of Odessa. Parents of the bride-to-be are Tommy and Barbara Henderson of Odessa. The future bridegroom is the son of Suzanne Taylor of Marble Falls and the late Clarke Earls.

Miss Henderson is a graduate of Texas Tech University. She is director of community relations at Medical Center. Her fiance attended Odessa College and graduated from Texas A&M University. He is employed with Physician Sales and Service.

Renee Henderson and Richard Earls

THORSON-SCHORRE

Bobbie Jean Thorson of Estes Park, Colo., and Albert Wilford Schorre III of Midland are planning to be married June 7 at United Methodist Church of Estes Park. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Dwight and Jean Thorson of Estes Park. Parents of the future bridegroom are Al and Elizabeth Schorre of Midland and Estes Park.

Miss Thorson attended Cisco Junior College and West Texas A&M University. She is an accounting assistant with Estes Park Lumber Company. Her fiance graduated from Cisco Junior College with a degree in ranch management and attended John Tarleton University. He is a farm and ranch real estate broker with American Connection in Fort Collins, Colo.

Bobbi Jean Thorson and Albert Wilford Schorre III

McPHERSON-HURST

Former Midlanders Mr. and Mrs. Gale McPherson of Indonesia announce the engagement of their daughter, Sarah Louise, to Kyle John Hurst, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Hurst of Ohio. The wedding is planned for May 25 at Miller Memorial Chapel at Baylor University in Waco.

Miss McPherson is a 1995 graduate of Lee High School and a student at Baylor University. Her fiance graduated from Hamilton (Ohio) High School in 1992 and is scheduled to graduate from Baylor in December.

Sarah Louise McPherson and Kyle John Hurst

CHANDLER-DENSON

Jaclyn Laurel Chandler and Michael Shane Denson, both of Stanton, are planning to be married 7:30 p.m. June 21 at First Baptist Church of Stanton. The bride-elect is the daughter of David and Marjorie Chandler of Stanton. Parents of the future bridegroom are Rick and Elaine Denson of Midland.

Miss Chandler graduated from Stanton High School and is a student at Midland College. Her fiance graduated from Midland High School and plans to graduate from Howard College in May. He is employed with Martin County Sheriff's Office.

Jaclyn Laurel Chandler and Michael Shane Denson

GARCIA-BARCIO

Michelle Garcia of Houston will become the bride of Bernard Theodore Barcio, also of Houston, 11 a.m. June 14 at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Houston. Parents of the bride-elect are Miguel and Martha Garcia of Midland. The future bridegroom is the son of Joseph and Elizabeth Barcio of Oshkosh, Wis.

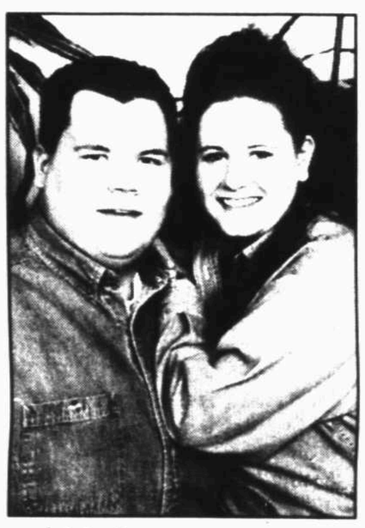
Miss Garcia earned a bachelor of arts degree in biology and French from Rice University in 1995. She is a medical student at the University of Texas Houston Medical School and plans to earn her medical degree in 1999. Her fiance is a 1993 graduate of Rice University, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering and a bachelor of arts degree in computer science. He earned a master of science degree in electrical engineering from the University of Texas at Austin in 1994. He is employed with Modulus Technologies Inc.

Michelle Garcia and Bernard Theodore Barcio

MARKS-JACKSON

Former Midlander Julie Caroline Marks of Grapevine will become the bride of Rocky Chance Jackson of Irving 6:30 p.m. July 19 at Crestview Baptist Church in Midland. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Ken and Marylea Marks of Midland. Parents of the future bridegroom are Randy and Neva Jackson of Coppell.

Miss Marks is a 1990 graduate of Lee High School and a 1994 graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, where she earned a bachelor of behavioral science degree in speech/language pathology. She is a graduate student at Texas Woman's University. She is employed with Keller Independent School District. Her fiance graduated from Irving MacArthur High School in 1992 and the University of North Texas in 1995, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice. He is employed with Humphrey and Associaties in Dallas.



Julie Caroline Marks and Rocky Chance Jackson

HAAS-JEFFCOAT

Lesley Haas and Steven Jeffcoat, both of Irving, are planning a 2:30 p.m. July 26 wedding at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Midland. Parents of the bride-elect are Frank and Betty Haas of El Paso. The future bridegroom is the son of Leon and Patricia Jeffcoat of Midland.

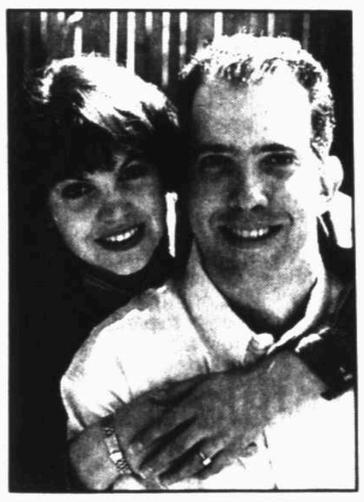
Miss Haas is a 1992 graduate of Coronado High School in El Paso and a 1996 graduate of Texas Tech University, where she earned a bachelor of business administration degree in accounting. She is employed with Arthur Andersen LLP. Her fiance graduated from Midland High School in 1991 and from Texas Tech in 1996 with a bachelor of business administration degree in accounting and a master of science degree in accounting-taxation. He is employed with Coopers & Lybrand LLP.

Lesley Haas and Steven Jeffcoat

McDONALD-RAY

Sandy McDonald of San Antonio and Andrew Parker Ray of Midland are planning a 2 p.m. June 21 wedding at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in San Antonio. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Sue Carol McDonald and William McDonald of San Antonio. Parents of the future bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Smith Ray of Midland.

Miss McDonald earned a bachelor of arts degree and a bachelor of arts degree in interior design from the University of the Incarnate Word. She is employed with Fabrics and Fanfare Inc. Her fiance is a graduate of Trinity University in San Antonio, where he earned a bachelor of science degree. He earned a master of business administration degree from the University of Hartford in Hartford, Conn., and a juris doctor degree from St. Mary's University in San Antonio. He is a member of Alpha Psi Omega and Phi Delta Phi. He plans to be employed with Stubbeman, McRae, Sealy, Laughlin and Browder Inc.



Sandy McDonald and Andrew Parker Ray

DANFORD-HALL

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick J. Danford of Enfield, Conn., announce the engagement of their daughter, Carrie R. Danford of Enfield, to Patrick B. Hall of Stanton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick I. Hall of Stanton. The wedding is planned for Aug. 9 at St. Martha's Catholic Church in Enfield.

Miss Danford earned a bachelor of science degree in mental health and human services, and a bachelor of arts degree in theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville in Ohio. She is employed with Lubbock Regional Center for Mental Health and Mental Retardation. Her fiance earned a bachelor of arts degree in communications from Franciscan University of Steubenville in Ohio. He is a graduate student at Texas Tech University in Lubbock and is employed with News Channel 11 in Lubbock.

Carrie R. Danford and Patrick B. Hall

LIFESTYLE POLICIES

Information for Sunday pages must be in the Lifestyle Department office by 5 p.m. the preceding Monday. For publication in a weekday paper, we must receive the information by noon two days before the information is to be published. For example, an item for Wednesday's paper must be received by noon Monday.

Engagement announcements must appear at least two weeks before the wedding date. Wedding announcements must appear within six weeks of the event. Anniversary announcements — 25th or higher — must be published within six weeks of the anniversary date or celebration.

Announcements of pageant winners will only be published for teenage pageants and older. Photographs will be published only of winners, not runners-up or contestants. These announcements will be published on a space available basis.

All articles must be submitted in writing. Forms for weddings, engagements and anniversaries, only published Sundays, are available in the Lifestyle office. All materials must include the signature and telephone number of the person submitting them.

Photographs may be submitted with wedding and engagement announcements, and with anniversary announcements of 50 years or more, but are not required.

A portrait of the bride-elect or of the future bride and bridegroom together may be submitted with engagement announcements.

Portrait photographs of the bride only or photos of the wedding couple may be submitted with wedding announcements.

A different photo must be submitted for engagement and wedding announcements. Anniversary photos should be current.

Photos should be vertical, black and white, glossy finish, studio portraits. Color pictures may be submitted, but quality reproduction cannot be assured. Snapshots generally are not acceptable and Polaroid shots are not accepted.

The MRT reserves the right to deny publication of any photo due to quality or content.

Photos can be picked up in the Lifestyle Department after publication, or a self-addressed, stamped envelope can be enclosed for the photo to be returned by mail.

There is no charge for publication of photographs and articles.

New York Landmark Conservancy is tidying up landmark facades

By Elaine Louie
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — As the experts at the New York Landmarks Conservancy know better than anyone, sometimes houses need more than vacuums to keep them tidy. Bricks crumble, stones disintegrate and facades become filthy.

For serious spring cleaning (and repairing), the group has come out with a second edition of its "Historic Building Facades: The Manual for Maintenance and Rehabilitation" (John Wiley & Sons, $29.95); revised and updated, it should be in bookstores by mid-May.

"About two million buildings — roughly a third of the buildings in New York City — are of the type that are discussed in this book," said Mark Weber, the technical services director at the Conservancy. Caring for and restoring facades of stone, brick, terra cotta, concrete, cast iron and wood are among the topics.

The original manual was published in 1984, five years after a pedestrian in Manhattan was struck and killed by a piece of falling masonry. As frightened owners started removing cornices, balconies and gargoyles, the Conservancy saw the architectural heritage of the city disappearing. The manual helped people maintain the architecture, safely.

While not exactly a do-it-yourself manual, the book is crammed full of things the owner (or tempted buyer) of a vintage property needs to know and understand. "Caulks and Sealants" may not sound like everyone's idea of a page turner, but if your facade is leaking, it just might hit the spot. Chapters on cleaning methods will help properties show their best face to the world.

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WEDDINGS

CARRASCO-PUENTE

Mrs. David James Puente

St. Joseph Catholic Church was the setting for the 4 p.m. April 26 wedding of Mary Jane Carrasco and David James Puente, both of San Antonio. The Rev. Eugene Michael, OFM, officiated.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Ruben R. Carrasco Jr. of Midland. The bridegroom is the son of Irenio Puente Sr. and Marina Villagran of San Antonio.

Katherine Montoya of Midland was maid of honor. Junior bridesmaids were Doralinda Carrasco of Midland, sister of the bride, and Marissa Prieto of San Antonio. Bridesmaids were Roxane Montes, Denise Campos, Julissa Cantu, Corrissa Prieto and Alice Vasquez, all of San Antonio.

Irenio Puente Jr. of San Antonio served as best man. Groomsmen were Jesus Higareda, Adrian Rodriguez, Tony Vasquez, Gregory Rodriguez and Juan Vasquez of San Antonio. Ushers were Hector Prieto of San Antonio and Rudy R. Carrasco of Midland, both uncles of the bride. Ring bearers were David James Puente II, son of the couple, and Irenio Puente III, the couple's nephew, both of San Antonio.

After a wedding trip to Tahiti, the couple lives in San Antonio.

MIDDLETON-DOUGLAS

Mrs. Scott Kristian Douglas

Crestview Baptist Church was the setting for the 6 p.m. May 3 wedding of Keri Denise Middleton of Grapevine and Scott Kristian Douglas of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada. The Rev. Larry Ashlock officiated.

Parents of the bride are Phil Middleton and Becky and Dave Lindemood of Midland. The bridegroom is the son of Barbara Hrycuik of Moose Jaw and Jim Hrycuik of Fernie, British Columbia, Canada.

Amber Middleton of Austin was maid of honor for her sister. Bridesmaids were Jessica Lindemood of Midland, sister of the bride, and Jennifer Walden of Vernon.

Don Anderson of Moose Jaw was best man. Groomsmen were Mark Brinks of Balboa Island, Calif., and John Neese of Abilene. Ushers were Joe Lindemood of Midland, brother of the bride, and Tim McCarry and Robbie Thomas of Abilene. Blake Rucker of Round Rock was ring bearer.

The couple also was attended by Tom Messer of Richmond.

The bride earned a bachelor of behavior science degree from Hardin-Simmons University in 1996. She is head girls soccer coach and biology teacher at Fossil Ridge High School in Keller. Her husband earned a bachelor of behavior science degree from Hardin-Simmons in 1994. He is field manager of a professional minor league "AA" baseball team.

After a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple will live in Moose Jaw.

ARCHER-McCARTHY

Mrs. Edward Michael McCarthy

DALLAS — Oak Lawn United Methodist Church was the setting for the 2 p.m. May 3 wedding of Rebecca Eleanor Archer and Edward Michael McCarthy, both of Galveston. The Rev. Katherine Lyle officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Richard Archer of Amarillo. Parents of the bridegroom are Babe McCarthy of Midland and the late Jeremiah F. McCarthy.

Estelle Schaeffer of Amarillo was matron of honor for her sister. Bridesmaids were Ruthie Andrew and Rachel Andrew of Amarillo, the bride's nieces; Judy Cohen of New York City; Karin Dent of Indianapolis; and Celee Morris of Dallas. Bridesmatrons were Elizabeth Andrew of Amarillo, sister of the bride, and Jenny Moore of Brownwood. Audrey Archer of Amarillo, niece of the bride, was flower girl.

Tony McCarthy of Midland and Noel McCarthy of Sommerville served their brother as best men. Groomsmen were Phillip Allison and Richard Archer, brother of the bride, both of Dallas; Richard Biggs of Amarillo, nephew of the bride; Jason Derr of Houston; and Martin Miller of Wilmington, Del. Ushers were Brian Vogt of Houston and Branch Archer of Amarillo, brother of the bride. Mark Allison of Austin, nephew of the bride, was ring bearer.

After a wedding trip to Little Dix Bay, Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands, the couple will live in Galveston.

STRINGER-HARRIS

Mr. and Mrs. Shawn Collins Harris

Mandi Kilene Stringer of Midland became the bride of Shawn Collins Harris of Odessa 7 p.m. March 22 at North A Street Church of Christ in Midland. Colquitt Nash officiated.

Parents of the bride are Jimmy and Faye Stringer of Midland. The bridegroom is the son of Linda Harris and Don Harris, both of Odessa.

Lisa Welch of Midland was maid of honor. Bridesmatrons were Chris Galindo of Odessa and D'Ann Conway of Killeen. Autumn Stringer of Lubbock was flower girl.

Jeremy Conway of Killeen served as best man. Groomsmen were Travis Bond and Shawn Moore of Midland. Ushers were Keenan Stringer, brother of the bride, and Brandon Adams, both of Midland. Logan Stringer of Lubbock was ring bearer.

The bride is a graduate of Greenwood High School and a former student at Midland College. Her husband graduated from Permian High School and attended Odessa College. He is serving in the U.S. Army.

After a honeymoon at Galveston Island and AstroWorld, the couple lives in Killeen.

ALLISON-BOWLIN

Mrs. Kendall Lee Bowlin

DALLAS — Hotel St. Germain in Dallas was the setting for the May 3 wedding of Karen Rose Allison of Dallas and Kendall Lee Bowlin of Sherman Oaks, Calif. Dr. Raymond Parker of Woodville officiated.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Allison Jr. of Woodville. Her grandparents are Esther Timm of Lyons, Neb., and the late Edward Timm, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Allison Sr. of Woodville. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Bowlin of Midland, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Rush Neff of Colorado City and Lela Bowlin of Loraine and the late Ben Bowlin.

Cynthia Catherine Allison of Dallas was maid of honor for her sister. Bridesmaids were Ashley Elizabeth Allison and Christina Louise Allison of Woodville, sisters of the bride.

Mike Young of Houston served as best man. Groomsmen were Curt Henderson of Midland and Kenny Raissifar of Addison. Kevin Bowlin, brother of the bridegroom, was usher. William Tyler Allison of Woodville was ring bearer.

After a wedding trip to San Francisco and Carmel, Calif., the couple will live in Sherman Oaks.

Specific ideas lead to healthier life

N.Y. Times News Service

ATLANTA — People who offer advice on planning your life usually suggest getting specific and setting concrete goals you can measure.

So, resolving just to be healthier in the new year won't measure up. Instead, resolve to change an unhealthy behavior you know you engage in. We all have them — from indulging in high-fat desserts too often to not exercising the minimum three days a week that we know we should.

The American Medical Association each year offers some specific resolutions, aimed at illness or injury prevention, for a healthier year ahead: Put kids in the back seat, and buckle them in. It's the safest place in the car for them.

Put out the cigar. Cigars can cause cancer of the larynx, mouth, esophagus and lungs.

Put an emergency first-aid kit in a convenient place in your home, car, recreational vehicle and office.

Take a close look at your health insurance policy, or ask your employee benefits department what health care coverage you have. If it's not adequate, better to find out now than in an emergency.

Put a priority on your health. Make sure you maintain a reasonable weight, exercise and eat more fruits and vegetables. And indulge only occasionally in a high-fat dessert.

WHISKEY SOUR

Drinking expensive, single-malt Scotch whisky is quite chic these days, but what you might be paying for is higher concentrations of a cancer-causing chemical. A letter from Dutch researchers published in the British medical journal The Lancet said single-malt Scotch contains higher levels of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons than bourbon or Irish whiskey.

They checked 18 brands of whiskey to reach their conclusions. The letter said the higher concentrations of the chemical come from the peat that produces the smooth, smoky taste of single malts. The Scotch Whisky Association called the study "an irresponsible piece of sensationalism."

Stella McCartney sings her own tune at Chloe

By Amy M. Spindler
N.Y. Times News Service

When Bernard Arnault, the chairman of LVMH Moet Hennessy-Louis Vuitton, chose two young British designers to head up Christian Dior and Givenchy, the French Establishment could be a bit blithe. Arnault is press hungry, shows off his power, thrives on doing the unthinkable.

But when yet another big luxury goods house, the Vendome Group, put Stella McCartney, 25 and British, in charge of its Chloe collection, it seemed like more than one man's eccentricities. It seemed like a trend.

How will the French Establishment rationalize it this time?

There is no doubt that it is the age, more than the nationality, that is hitting a nerve.

When the usually composed Karl Lagerfeld, being replaced at Chloe, sniped at the fresh young woman who will take his post, it was a bit like the Beatles sniping at Oasis.

"I think they should have taken a big name," Lagerfeld said to Women's Wear Daily. "They did — but in music, not fashion. Let's hope she is as gifted as her father."

MS. McCARTHNEY'S father is, of course, Paul McCartney, and her mother is Linda McCartney, who bought some of Lagerfeld's Chloe pieces in the 1970s and stored them in a trunk. It was as if the clothes were waiting for Ms. McCartney, whose first fashion memory is of stomping around in the gold platform boots her mother wore to the premiere of "Easy Rider," to reclaim them.

"What's funny about Chloe is I grew up knowing it on that level," Ms. McCartney said. "Friends of my parents have called and have been so over the moon and proud because when they were growing up it was a hot label. My generation has no idea of that. It's not doing that at the moment."

In Ms. McCartney, Chloe has found a designer who seems to have the passion and the steely nerve for the uneasy position of taking over from Lagerfeld, who presided over the hottest years of Chloe, from 1965 to 1983, and then was rehired by Mounir Moufarrige in 1992, with less success.

The Independent of London underlined the age issue this week: "While Karl Lagerfeld prides himself on how up-to-date he is with MTV, Stella McCartney doesn't need to watch it — she lives it anyway."

PUTTING DESIGNERS with so little experience in creative control of such big corporations seems a heavy proposition. Ms. McCartney's name clearly gave her a short-cut in the publicity-driven fashion world, but she was not the only 20-something designer interviewed; Antonio Berardi was as well.

"If they went for the name thing, what they also get with Stella McCartney is a good designer," said Elizabeth Tilberis, the editor of Harper's Bazaar, who once hired Ms. McCartney as an intern at British Vogue. "Someone young, but who has loved fashion since she was little. Linda never took part in fashion. At the end of the Beatles heyday and beginning of Wings, when I was in London, she wasn't in that scene. So she didn't get it from Linda. It came from someplace all her own."

AS A STUDENT AT Central St. Martin's College of Art and Design, the fashion school that also produced John Galliano, now at Dior, and Alexander McQueen, at Givenchy, she asked her close friends from the London scene — Kate Moss, Yasmin Le Bon and Naomi Campbell — to model her graduation collection. Her parents and Twiggy were in the front row. Marlon Brando crying "Stella" in "A Streetcar Named Desire" was on the soundtrack, along with a song her father wrote for the occasion, "Stella Mayday."

The resulting hype in 1995 upstaged the shows of all her fellow graduates, and had made her lose some sleep beforehand.

"Coming from my background, I don't want to be punished for it," she said. "If I say no to that kind of thing, I'm being punished. I don't think people should have the upper hand on what I want to do. I'm not trying to shove it into people's faces. But there's a certain amount of people controlling your life, and at the end of the day, you do what you want if you don't offend too many people."

At the idea that she might be relieved to close the house with her father's last name and hide behind the Chloe label, Ms. McCartney said: "I think it's actually worse. Until now, I was in control of what I was doing; little shows, taking it slowly, choose who I want to see the collection. Now, they'll all be there, people I'd never have shown my clothes to. I think people are going to be ready to shoot me down."

THOSE PEOPLE will find a fairly unsinkable target. When she felt she wasn't learning enough at St. Martin's, she apprenticed herself out to a tailor to learn Savile Row suit making. Compulsive visits to the flea market inspired the lace-trimmed slip dresses that are the core of her house's style, and an important part of the Chloe look as well. Despite her father's estimated worth of $600 million, she financed her first collection by selling her St. Martin's work.

And she has a good brain for marketing, as even the student show proved. "My mind does work like that," she said. "I'm very much like, 'STELLA!' " she said, doing the Brando wail, "or use your initials." Her initials are S.N.M., and the sadomasochistic wordplay has been embroidered on her shirts.

"I'm not going to try to entertain the world's press, if they're all expecting some kind of freak-show event," she said. Her first Chloe show will be in October. "But then my marketing mind says, let's do it outside at the Eiffel Tower with helicopters," she added.

Last week, Ms. McCartney was on the front page of every newspaper in London, making Moufarrige, the man who hired her, look like a genius to rival Arnault. At least he seems to have taken a page from Arnault's book.

"I've never seen Mr. Arnault's book, so I don't know how many pages are in it," Moufarrige, the president of Chloe, said. "Our main priority in getting Stella in was for her talent to get the product. If that's helped by publicity and media excitement, we're privileged, but in the end of the day, what helps is selling the product."

IT WAS MS. McMARTHNEY herself who suggested to Moufarrige that she take the top job. She was approached originally to design a younger, second line for the company. "They thought, 'She'll be great for the young thing,' " she said. "And I said, 'I'll do the old thing.' Hopefully, we'll do the young thing and the old thing."

Which has made her the Peggy Lipton figure in a trio that might just become a sartorial Mod Squad.

"I'm so surprised to be linked with McQueen and Galliano," Ms. McCartney said. "They're the two dudes, aren't they?"

McQueen senses a bond: he sent her flowers and went out with her the night after the announcement, to offer her words of advice.

She has been part of a revolutionary first-time collection before. When she was 15, she worked for a summer in the studio of Patou, when Christian Lacroix was producing his first collection, a fairy tale beginning that ended with Arnault financing him in his own house.

"Unfortunately, it had a bit of fur in it," Ms. McCartney said of that collection, something she does take from her vegetarian mother.

Until now, it's just been Ms. McCartney and Phoebe Philo, who will have the title of first design assistant at Chloe, in the Notting Hill studio above Ms. Philo's house, where they have tripped their way through the land mines of the industry.

"People are always ringing up, and we don't know who they are," Ms. Philo said. "Sometimes it's bad, and sometimes it's cool, because we treat them as equals. No hierarchy malarkey."

There will certainly be plenty of hierarchy malarkey at Chloe.

"They seem very aware that it's going to be Stella McCartney for Chloe, not Stella McCartney trying to keep everyone happy at Chloe," Ms. McCartney said. "I wouldn't have closed down my own thing if I didn't believe that. And I wouldn't have taken the job if I thought I was going to be restricted. I think about the customer because I'm a girl."

Girl, of course, is the operative word.

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Study: Babies' brains stimulated by talk

By Sandra Blakeslee
N.Y. Times News Service

In a recent White House conference on early child development, one of the findings Hillary Clinton and others attending heard from scientists is that the neurological foundations for rational thinking, problem solving and general reasoning appear to be largely established by age 1 — long before babies show any signs of knowing an abstraction from a pacifier.

Furthermore, new studies are showing that spoken language has an astonishing impact on an infant's brain development. In fact, some researchers say the number of words an infant hears each day is the single most important predictor of later intelligence, school success and social competence. There is one catch — the words have to come from an attentive, engaged human being. As far as anyone has been able to determine, radio and television do not work.

"We now know that neural connections are formed very early in life and that the infant's brain is literally waiting for experiences to determine how connections are made," said Dr. Patricia Kuhl, a neuroscientist at the University of Washington in Seattle and a key speaker at the conference. "We didn't realize until very recently how early this process begins," she said in a telephone interview. "For example, infants have learned the sounds of their native language by the age of six months."

THIS RELATIVELY new view of infant brain development, supported by many scientists, has obvious political and social implications. It suggests that infants and babies need not only a loving, but talkative and articulate caretaker, and that a more verbal family will increase an infant's chances for success. It challenges some deeply held beliefs — that infants will thrive intellectually if they are simply given lots of love and that efforts to purposely influence the cognitive development of babies are harmful.

If the period from birth to 3 is crucial, parents may assume a more critical role in a child's intellectual development than teachers, which is sure to provoke new debates about parental responsibility, said Dr. Irving Lazar, professor of special education and resident scholar at Center for Research in Human Development at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn. And it offers another reason to provide stimulating, high quality daycare for infants whose primary caretakers work, which is unavoidably expensive.

The idea that early experience shapes human potential is not new, said Dr. Harry Chugani, a pediatric neurologist at Wayne State University in Detroit and one of the scientists whose research has shed light on critical periods in child brain development. What is new is the extent of the research in the field known as cognitive neuroscience and the resulting synthesis of findings on the influence of both nature and nurture. Before birth, it appears that genes predominantly direct how the brain establishes basic wiring patterns. Neurons grow and travel into distinct neighborhoods, waiting further instructions.

AFTER BIRTH, it seems that environmental factors predominate. A recent study found that mice exposed to an enriched environment have more brain cells than mice raised in less intellectually stimulating conditions. In humans, the inflowing stream of sights, sounds, noises, smells, touches — and most important, language and eye contact — literally makes the brain take shape.

Experience in the first year of life lays the basis for networks of neurons that enable us to be smart, creative and adaptable in all the years that follow, said Dr. Esther Thelen, a neurobiologist at Indiana University in Bloomington.

The brain is a self-organizing system, Dr. Thelen said, whose many parts co-operate to produce coherent behavior. There is no master program pulling it together but rather the parts self-organize. "What we know about these systems is that they are very sensitive to initial conditions," Dr. Thelen said. "Where you are now depends on where you've been."

The implication for infant development is clear. Given the explosive growth and self-organizing capacity of the brain in the first year of life, the experiences an infant has during this period are the conditions that set the stage for everything that follows.

In later life, what make us smart and creative and adaptable are networks of neurons which support our ability to use abstractions from one memory to help form new ideas and solve problems, said Dr. Charles Stevens, a neurobiologist at the Salk Institute in La Jolla, Calif. Smarter people may have a greater number of neural networks that are more intricately woven together, a process that starts in the first year.

The complexity of the synaptic web laid down early may be the physical basis of what we call general intelligence, said Lazar at Vanderbilt. The more complex that set of interconnections, the brighter the child is likely to be since there are more ways to sort, file and access experiences.

OF COURSE, brain development "happens" in stimulating and dull environments. Virtually all babies learn to sit up, crawl, walk, talk, eat independently and make transactions with others, said Dr. Steve Petersen, a neurologist at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. Such skills are not at risk except in rare circumstances of sensory and social deprivation, like being locked in a closet for the first few years of life.

Subject to tremendous variability within the normal range of environments are the abilities to perceive, conceptualize, understand, reason, associate and judge. The ability to function in a technologically complex society like ours does not simply "happen."

One implication of the new knowledge about infant brain development is that intervention programs like Headstart may be too little, too late, Lazar said. If educators hope to make a big difference, he said, they will need programs for children from birth to 3.

Dr. Bettye Caldwell, a professor of pediatrics and an expert in child development at the University of Arkansas in Little Rock, who supports the importance of early stimulation, said that in early childhood education there is a strong bias against planned intellectual stimulation. Teachers of very young children are taught to follow "developmentally appropriate practices," she said, which means that the child chooses what he or she wants to do. The teacher is a responder and not a stimulator.

ASKED ABOUT the bias Dr. Caldwell described, Matthew Melmed, executive director of Zero to Three, a research and training organization for early childhood development in Washington, D.C., said that knowing how much stimulation is too much or too little, especially for infants, is "a really tricky question. It's a dilemma parents and educators face every day," he said.

In a poll released recently, Zero to Three found that 87 percent of parents think that the more stimulation a baby receives the better off the baby is, Melmed said. "Many parents have the concept that a baby is something you fill up with information and that's not good," he said. "We are concerned that many parents are going to take this new information about brain research and rush to do more things with their babies, more activities, forgetting that it's not the activities that are important. The most important thing is connecting with the baby and creating an emotional bond."

There is some danger of overstimulating an infant, said Dr. William Staso, a school psychologist from Orcutt, Calif., who has written a book called "What Stimulation Your Baby Needs to Become Smart." Some people think that any interaction with very young children that involves their intelligence must also involve pushing them to excel, he said. But the "curriculum" that most benefits young babies is simply common sense, Staso said. It does not involve teaching several languages or numerical concepts but rather carrying out an ongoing dialogue with adult speech. Vocabulary words are a magnet for a child's thinking and reasoning skills.

Keep conversation age-appropriate

N.Y. Times News Service

Dr. William Staso, an expert in neurological development, suggests that different kinds of stimulation should be emphasized at different ages. At all stages, parental interaction and a conversational dialogue with the child are important. Here are some examples:

First month: A low level of stimulation reduces stress and increases the infant's wakefulness and alertness. The brain essentially shuts down the system when there is overstimulation from competing sources. When talking to an infant, filter out distracting noises.

Months 1 to 3: Light/dark contours, such as high-contrast pictures or objects, foster development in neural networks that encode vision. The brain also starts to discriminate among acoustic patterns of language, such as intonation, lilt and pitch. Speaking to the infant, especially in an animated voice, aids this process.

Months 3 to 5: The infant relies primarily on vision to acquire information. Make available increasingly complex designs that correspond to real objects in the baby's environment; motion also attracts attention. A large-scale picture of a fork, moved across the field of vision, offers more stimulation than just an actual fork.

Months 6 to 7: The infant becomes alert to relationships such as cause and effect, and the location and the functions of objects. Demonstrate and talk about situations, such as how the turning of a doorknob leads to the opening of a door.

Months 7 to 8: The brain is oriented to make associations between sounds and some meaningful activity or object. For example, parents can emphasize in conversation that the sound of water running in the bathroom signals a bath, or that a doorbell means a visitor.

Months 9 to 12: Learning adds up to a new level of awareness of the environment and increased interest in exploration; sensory and motor skills coordinate in a more mature fashion.

Months 13 to 18: The brain establishes accelerated and more complex associations, especially if the toddler experiments directly with objects. A rich environment will help the toddler make such associations, understand sequences, differentiate between objects and reason about them.

Rules take guesswork out of dress decisions

By Julie Hatfield
N.Y. Times News Service

It used to be when you got a party invitation, the rules of what to wear were strict and easy to follow. From business wear to black tie, everything went by the book (usually, Amy Vanderbilt's).

But the spring/summer party invitations are rolling in, and it's clear that today's dress requirements are odd and ambiguous. The current batch includes, for example, "casual," "festive business attire," and "creative black tie."

What is a partygoer to make of this? Here is a glossary of the most common dress dictates:

■ **CASUAL**. This is one of the vaguest instructions found on an invitation. According to Peggy Post, magazine etiquette columnist and author of the new book "Etiquette," (HarperCollins), how you define "casual' depends on whether you're in a city, the country, or suburbs, as well as on the occasion and your friends. In the city, it could be a business suit or sport coat and tie for a man and a pantsuit or skirt or slacks for a woman, "says Post, grandaughter-in-law of famed etiquette arbiter Emily Post. "It's fine, by the way, to call and ask the person who sent the invitation what casual means, if you're stumped."

■ **INFORMAL**. This is almost interchangeable with "casual," except it sounds dressier. To register the difference, a man might throw a tie on with his sport coat, and a woman might substitute a skirt for slacks, while keeping flat shoes on.

■ **BUSINESS ATTIRE**. When the party begins right after work, you obviously must wear what you wore to the office. Anything you wore to work is acceptable, providing you didn't spill your lunch on your shirt or tear a hole in your skirt during the day.

■ **FANCY DRESS**. For a woman, a cocktail dress is right. A man might wear his best suit, but not a tuxedo. A tuxedo is reserved for "black tie."

■ **FESTIVE BUSINESS ATTIRE**. Talk about nebulous: Does the host expect a female guest to wear a suit with a lace bra underneath? A male to wear a suit with an ascot or party hat? The Boston Lyric Opera asked for this dress at its April Corporate Night at the Opera benefit. "We wanted an alternative to black tie because it's too difficult to do that on weekday evenings," says Patricia Wanty, who is on the BLO staff. "What we meant was for the women, a sequined top or a satin jacket or ruffles, lace, and big baubles. For the men, bow ties, colorful ties, or your Christmas party suit, dressier than your everyday business suit." Horace "Hod" Levine, former chairman of the board of the Lyric Opera, likes to add his horned viking hat to his festive business attire.

■ **WEAR WHITE**: The perpetrators of the party want a color theme, so it would be good of you to play along with this. And, once you're all in the room together, it does look nice and makes for great photos.

■ **BLACK TIE** (also known as "formal"). These rules, thankfully, are still rigid. For men, it means specific formal clothes — a dinner jacket, nowadays commonly called a tuxedo (although it is technically somewhat different in style), a black jacket, white formal shirt, black bow tie, and a cummerbund. For women, "black tie" used to mean a floor-length dress. In most regions, according to the Amy Vanderbilt Complete Book of Etiquette rewritten and updated by Nancy Tuckerman and Nancy Dunnan, it now means "a dress or attractive evening suit of any length or style, including tuxedo pants, fancy culottes or pajama-style trousers."

■ **BLACK TIE OPTIONAL**. It means the party givers would like you to wear black tie but they won't push you. We don't know of a man who, upon seeing the "optional" on the invitation, doesn't decide to leave all the fuss of his black tie attire at home and go with the suit.

■ **GATSBY BALL**. The Great Gatsby Society will throw its 18th Great Gatsby Ball in Newport on July 12, and the invitation calls for "roaring twenties or formal attire." You can go crazy with the Charleston dress and white linen suits for men, or just cop out with formal attire.

■ **CREATIVE BLACK TIE**. Men, this is your chance to bring out all those strange bow ties that you've stuck at the back of your closet. If you haven't already thrown them out, wear the tie with naked women or the peonies, or your school colors, on it. Women, wear what you would have ordinarily worn for black tie or a vintage costumy dress that's too wild for normal black tie events.

■ **WHITE TIE**. Not only must men wear a white bow tie, but they must add a white pique waistcoat and black tailcoat to their black pants, black patent shoes and stiff wing-collar shirt. It's such a rare occurrence for some men that they'll rent the paraphernalia. For women, pull out all the stops, including a long gown, gloves, your best jewelry, the works.

■ **WHITE TIE AND DECORATIONS**. Men, don't add crepe paper or colored lights to your outfit, but do add any decorations from a foreign government or the military, such as the French Legion of Honor, to your ensemble. Yes, women who have been honored can add the decorations to their gown, usually by way of a ribbon slung across their chests Miss America-style.

■ **BUBBLY ATTIRE**. Peggy Post recalled seeing an invitation for a New York Christmas party with this dictate. "I assume it means something sparkly," she says.

Tara Evonne Young

Stephanie J. Stansell

Debutante Ball winners named

Staff Reports

Midland Federation of Black Women's Clubs' 34th annual Debutante's Ball, themed "And Still I Rise," was presented April 26 at Midland Center.

Tara Evonne Young, sponsored by Black Image, was named first place winner in the financial category. Runners-up were Tavarrah Nicole Russell, second place, and Tori Lynn Borens, third place. Both were sponsored by Rainbows.

Stephanie J. Stansell, sponsored by Black Image, won first place in the talent category. Runners-up were Ms. Borens, second place, and Ms. Young, third place.

Midland woman wins state office

Staff Reports

Rosenell Meissner of Midland has been elected president of the Texas Department, Reserve Officers Association of the United States Ladies (ROAL), auxiliary of the Reserve Officers Association (ROA).

The nomination letter was presented by Antoinette Hobokan, president of the Houston club. Election of officers was conducted at the Texas Department convention last month in El Paso.

National ROAL president-elect Rosemary Nagle of Stephenville installed Mrs. Meissner and other new officers: Shirley Hunt of Dallas, first vice president; Bementa Ingalls of Dallas, second vice president; Mary Lou Gouch of Fort Worth, treasurer; Elaine Lynn of San Antonio, secretary; Christine Judson of Corpus Christi, chaplain; and Ms. Hoboken of Houston, parliamentarian.

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SEEDS FOR THOUGHT

Gardening time is here — maybe?

By Deborah A. Benge Frost

West Texas weather is wild and wooly, but it's been downright crazy of late. With respect to gardening, we don't know if we're coming or going. Since we can't get a weather guarantee, we must still bet on the averages.

Let's take a look at some timely (I hope) yard and garden tips:

Benge Frost

TREES

Freeze-damaged trees are beginning to push some green buds and leaf out again. Patience and time will reveal the condition of pecan, mulberry, Chinese pistache and other trees.

Normal care and some nitrogen fertilizer can help plants recover. If you fertilized heavily in late winter or spring, fertilizing again won't be necessary; but if you didn't, it could be helpful in the trees' recovery process.

Be conservative — using a heavy application of nitrogen fertilizer will only stress an already-stressed plant. Add one-half to one pound of fertilizer per inch of trunk diameter. Estimate the trunk's diameter at a 3-foot height from the soil line. Broadcast the fertilizer under the tree canopy and dripline. Follow with a good irrigation.

Water trees on a normal schedule rather than keeping soils flooded, which will only further weaken the tree.

Pecan trees can be sprayed with a foliar application of zinc once every two weeks for at least three times. Don't delay these sprays. It is only the new growth that can take up and utilize zinc.

Be patient. Don't be in a hurry to prune. Wait and see.

GARDENS

Hopefully, everyone replaced their freeze-damaged tomatoes soon after the late freeze; if not, do so as soon as possible. Peppers can be planted right now. There are many great types and varieties of peppers, and as a whole, they do well here.

This is a month to be planting lots of warm-season vegetables. Soil temperatures are lagging, but warmer weather should be right around the corner.

Cucumbers, squash, melons and watermelons can be planted now, as can bush beans, pinto beans, sweet corn, eggplant, blackeyed (Southern) peas, sweet potatoes and radishes.

It's still a little early to mulch any warm-season vegetables. Instead, wait until the soil temperatures have warmed up and plants are growing vigorously.

Cool-season vegetables are another story. Onions, broccoli, carrots, cabbage, lettuce and any of the other "like-it-cool" vegetables would benefit from a generous mulch layer to develop under, if you haven't already put one down.

COLOR

The conditions are still good for establishing color, but the weather is bound to turn hot any day, so get color in while conditions are best.

There are exceptions. Some color plants like it hot and don't mind being planted in hotter weather, such as firebush, periwinkles, caladiums, globe amaranth and zinnias.

A wonderful little zinnia that falls into this category is *Zinnia angustifolia (Z. linearis).* Much smaller than the larger garden zinnias commonly grown in the area, this miniature forms a 12x12-inch mound of brilliant color, in white, bright orange and/or gold.

Two new cultivars — 'Crystal White' and 'Star Gold' — have been introduced. The white looks a lot like a favorite flowering perennial native called Plains black-foot daisy. These make great front border, dry garden or container plants, and bloom all summer long.

This is the most heat-tolerant of zinnias. Once established, these little plants love sun and heat. Planted too early in cool, wet conditions, and they don't do well.

Find bedding plants in local nurseries or look for the seed in catalogues. What a perfect plant for West Texas gardens!

Pansies can be kept blooming until summer heat takes its toll by side dressing with some nitrogen. Bloodmeal or any other nitrogen will keep them healthy and blooming. Deadheading is helpful if you can keep up with them.

Speaking of pansies, do they seem to be laying down on the job? Take a close look at the lower stems. If feeding holes and girdling are evident, see if there are any insects or other critters around. It could be that sowbugs, commonly called pillbugs, are the culprits.

For years entomologists have said sowbugs do no significant harm to plants other than strawberries — they merely feed on decaying organic matter. I have to admit that I've repeated the same story many times. But after many inspections of collapsing pansies, I now see sowbugs are to blame. You've probably known this all along, right?

I've seen the same damage on coleus and wax leaf begonia, and the bugs probably feed on other succulent stemmed plants too.

Now that I know this "harmless" crustacean does more than just feed on decaying organic matter, I'll be more observant to see how big a problem really is. If you find you've got a significant problem, try using carbaryl (Sevin) insecticide.

Just a few tidbits of horticultural information that may answer some of your questions — hope it helps.

For more information call Midland or Ector County Extension office.

Deborah Benge Frost is the extension horticulture agent for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Midland and Ector Counties.

Book Review Unit to meet

Staff Reports

Book Review Unit of Midland Woman's Club will meet May 5 at the clubhouse in Hogan Park. Social time will be 11:30 a.m. with luncheon to be served at noon.

Carol Scott of Big Spring will review "Outlaws in Petticoats and Other Notorious Texas Women," by Gail Drago and Ann Ruff.

Mrs. Scott earned bachelor's and master's degrees in speech and education from Baylor University. She has taught elementary school in Waco, Pecos and Arlington, and is currently teaching business and professional speaking at Howard College.

Carol Scott

Study finds media give narrow view of women

By Maureen Downey
N.Y. Times News Service

A new analysis of media portrayals of women and girls offers some encouraging news: More female characters come across as independent and smart. The downside is that women still care more about their romances than their resumes.

The Reflections of Girls in the Media report, released Wednesday by the Kaiser Family Foundation and Children Now, examined television, music videos, movies, commercials, teen magazines and print advertisements that target girls. The findings showed that representations of women and girls vary little across the range of media.

"That means it's not as simple as not letting your daughter watch television," says Lois Salisbury, president of the Oakland, Calif.-based Children Now advocacy organization.

"She is still going to see movies. And if she doesn't go to movies, she is going to see music videos or read teen magazines," Salisbury says. "She is going to get the same message, some of it good, but some of it limiting."

Among the limitations is the short shrift the media give to the role of career and work in women's lives.

"What we need is a better reflection of the complexity of life in general," says Matt James, senior vice president of the Kaiser Family Foundation. "That means the media needs to show more men involved in raising kids and in relationships and more women in careers. We need to see a balance of work, family, career, love and relationships."

Among the key findings of the Reflections of Girls in the Media study:

■ In television and movies, male characters are more likely to be shown on the job or talking about work than females. Women were more likely to be talking about romance and dating.

■ In teen magazines, one in three articles was on dating, while 12 percent discussed school or careers. Another third focused on appearance, as did half the ads featured in the magazines.

■ Women's looks provoke a great deal of comment in movies, TV and commercials, while the appearances of men and boys are seldom mentioned.

■ Fewer women and girls are represented in media than men and boys, with the exception of teen magazines that target female readers. Females were least visible in music videos and movies.

■ Women in TV shows and especially in movies are shown using their intelligence and acting independently. TV, movies and teen magazines also stress self-reliance.

Maureen Downey writes for The Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

Kara Bostic

Local models win in Dallas competition

Staff Reports

Kara Bostic, 14, of Midland, recently won a first place trophy in the television commercial junior category of the MB Model and Talent Expo in Dallas. She is the daughter of Bert and Heather Bostic.

Miss Bostic is a student at P.S. Images Modeling & Talent Center of Midland.

Other students winning awards include Jessica Fair of Odessa, 11, second place in singing and monologue for kids 4-11, and Jamie Franks of Crane, 20, a first place for adult runway.

Bronze medals were awarded to India Day, 10 , Zack Day, 8, of Odessa, and Megan Long, 3, of Midland.

Other local students who competed included Jennifer Warren, 17, of Midland, and Allison Foster, 16 of Hobbs, N.M. These students competed with approximately 300 competitors from Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas.

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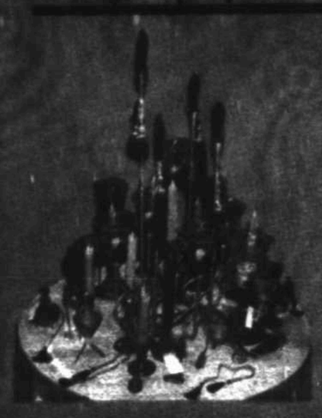
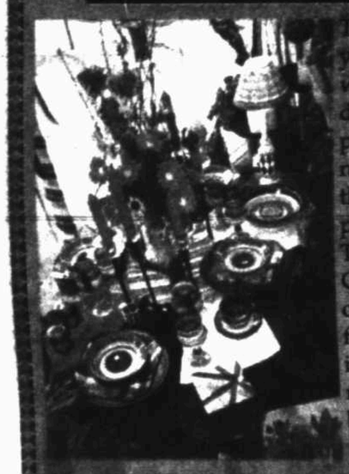


Even with candles unlit, this classically styled collection of candelabras will illuminate any coffee table, formal dining area or large entry hall. Add a touch of graceful elegance by including a table runner, decorative pillow, tassel or other designer accessories. This is just one idea of many selections Mother's Day you'll find at Expressions, 3201 North Big Spring in Midland.

Home Sweet Home

What makes your Mother feel at home? A luxurious bath made even more so by Camille Beckman bubble bath or other Beckman products? Expressions also has a fine collection of silver and costume jewelry that would bring a smile to any mom's face. Mom might prefer to accessorize her table, bedroom or bath with a pretty piece of aluminum for any occasion; but some moms just like the aroma of scented candles or potpourri throughout the home.

The Spice of Life



They say variety is the spice of life; you can really set a festive table with the variety in this unique dinnerware collection. Since each pieces is carefully hand painted, no two are exactly alike, although they follow color and design patterns to blend together nicely. This is part of the design from Color Collection. There is a variety of brightly painted designs, perfect for any occasion. The set also includes napkin holders, place mats and other accessories. Stop by Expressions and see how you can make Mom's day special.

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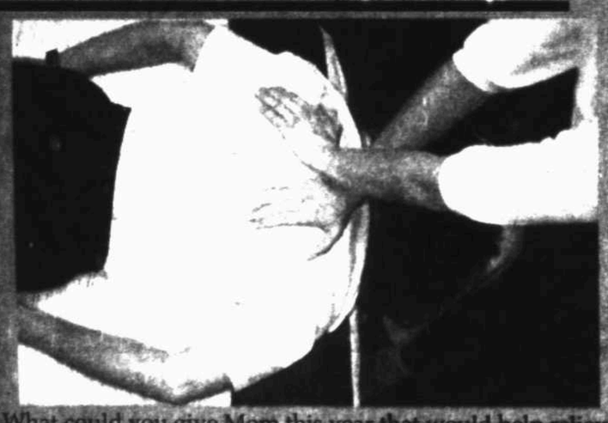

What could you give Mom this year that would help relieve stress and tension, chronic pain or migraines? A gift certificate for therapeutic massage from **Specialized Fitness** at Loop 250 and Garfield, next to Red Lobster, could be the most personally gratifying gift you could give. Therapeutic massage is prescribed by doctors and chiropractors for many conditions. At Specialized Fitness, Mom will be in the good hands of Registered Massage Therapists. That's certain to rub her the right way.

SPECIALIZED FITNESS

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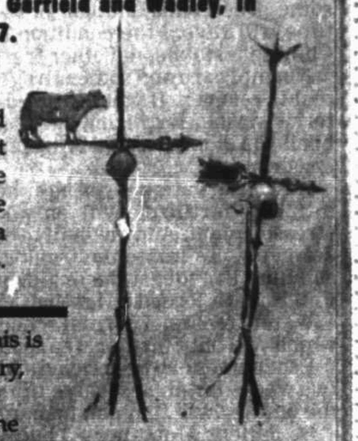
Memories for Mother's Day

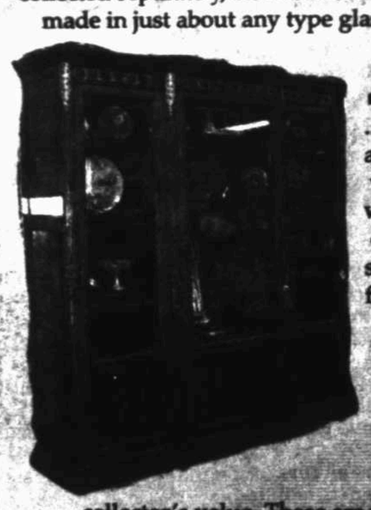
A quiet stroll through the collection of shops that is Antiques Etc. evokes memories of a different age; when quality craftsmanship was simply expected, and pride of workmanship meant everything to the maker.

Wouldn't Mom be thrilled with a wonderful reminder of those simple times? With such a variety of shops focusing on different time frames and genres, you're sure to find the perfect gift for Mom. Stop in and see for yourself at Garfield and Wadley, in the Plaza Oaks Shopping Center, next to Furr's. The phone number is 682-9257.

There's electricity in the air



Until the 1930s, people installed lightening rods like these to protect farm buildings from lightening-caused fire. Now folks collect these pieces of America's past because they attract admiring attention. The most popular are those with figures on the weathervane arrow, such as this cow. Individual parts can be collected separately, such as the tops, weathervane figure arrow, glass balls or rods. The glass balls were made in just about any type glass available in that time. **A. W. Designs** specializes in early Americana furniture and other items.



In this case...

....would fit books, whatnots or anything else that can be displayed. This is a room-size French walnut bookcase built around the turn of the century, which Mom could build a whole decor around. Its sturdiness and size would richly define any room it graces. Its elegantly beveled glass in the doors allow objects on the shelves to display themselves handsomely. Its shelves are adjustable, and the entire piece breaks down into flat pieces for easy transportation. **Mar Van** has offered largely American oak furniture for 10 years.

Next of Kin

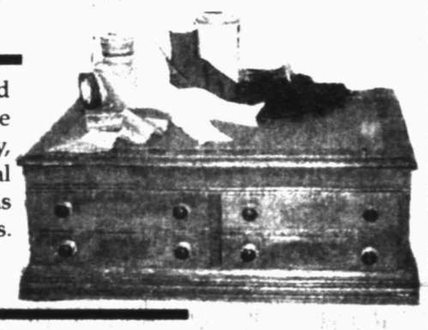
Did your mom grow up in the 1950s or early 60s? Does she still have a treasured childhood Barbie hidden away? **Frazee's Barbie Attic** has over 100 mint condition in-box Barbies with tremendous collector's value. These are part of the Fashion Classic Series, which Mattel began in 1987, to take advantage of Barbie's status as a cultural icon. The pictured Soda Fountain Sweetheart was inspired by a 1907 Coke ad. Frazee's other location has vintage, collectible and antique china, crystal and books.

A Royal Card

Before there was e-mail, there were calling cards (delivered in person). This delicately crafted, intricately hand-painted water nymph was designed to grace the entryway and receive those cards, or to hold gloves or other items. Needless to say, this type of piece would have been found only in homes of wealth and influence in its day. Royal Dux, a Bohemian company, offered these porcelain console figures from 1900-1918.

Joanna's also carries glass crystal, china, depression glass and fiesta ware.

A Stitch in Time



This sturdy oak thread cabinet was where general stores kept their thread, sewing needles and notions. It would also have been used as a receipt desk. Since needles were handmade in those days, they were very expensive. Therefore, stores had them under tight watch. Even today, Mom could store thread and notions or other small odds and ends in this still-functional cabinet. **The Sometimes Boutique** specializes in eclectic textiles, needleworks, childrens' items and collectible paper items.

Mother's Daughters

Taos area painter Robert Daughters has been known for years for his stylized work and bold brush strokes. This rendering of a pueblo village from his early period is sure to delight any mom who collects or appreciates the best of Southwestern art. **Ten Square Gallery** focuses on original art by other Taos artists including Don Salhi and Paul Milosevich, as well as Picasso lithographs. They have antique and vintage furniture with a contemporary treatment, as well as a collection of fine art glass.

Hello, Dolly!

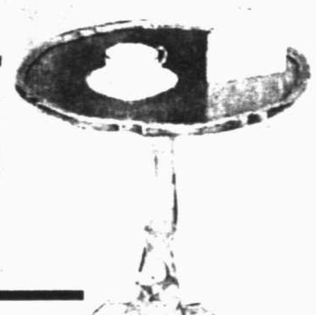
For most girls of any age, their earliest and fondest memories may be of a favorite doll, now long departed. That may explain the many "grown up girls" who enjoy collecting vintage dolls like this very rare mid-19th century Ludwig Greiner offering from Philadelphia. Her head and breastplate is papier mache, while her eyes are glass, her body is cloth and her hands and feet are leather.

Doll House has a wide selection of other antique and vintage dolls and toys, plus costume jewelry.

Baubles, Bangles, Collectibles

Ever since former First Mom Barbara Bush admitted to wearing faux pearls, costume jewelry has gained new acceptance. Perhaps surprisingly, it has been considered collectible since the 1920s. Tied closely to the movie industry (hence the name 'costume') collectible quality jewelry has its own flair and elegance. **Vintage Impressions** has an extensive collection of costume jewelry, and has shipped to customers in Japan, Spain and other international destinations. A suggestion: see if Mom can tell it's a costume piece when she opens it.

A Mouse in the House!

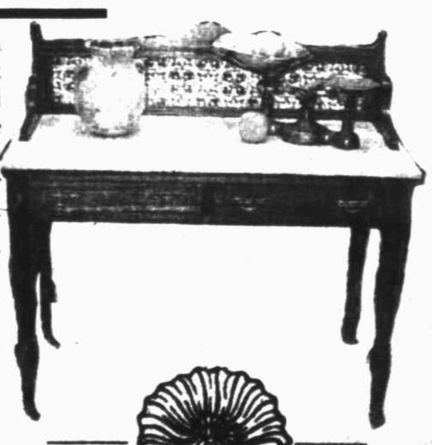


This mouse is okay, though, even with Mom. Clinging fast to the pedestal of this custom carved Philippine mahogany tea table, she's one of the Beatrix Potter characters featured by designer Charles Knorr. The elegantly hand-painted table with 18 carat gold trim would the perfect addition to a living room or hallway. This is typical of the unique offerings from **Tranche de Vie** (Slice of Life). The cheese slice on the table is actually a storage box for jewelry or whatnots.

Country Charm

The simplicity of the late Victorian kitchen cabinet will surely please Mom's fancy. Its country blue color over the original grain painting gives it a quiet, unaffected country charm. It's the perfect finishing touch to any country kitchen decor, a style which is gaining greatly renewed popularity. This piece is typical of the eclectic style of **Saturday**, which has collected a varied gathering of furniture offerings during their 14 years in business.

It's Marbelous, Dahling!



This marble top washstand was hand carved from solid walnut in about 1875 in England. The intricate blue pattern in the tile on the back of the stand is known as transferware, and gives added value as well as beauty to the piece. **Motif** offers a variety of continental furniture produced before the turn of the century. They also deal in collector's quality oriental rugs and exotic accessories gathered from the far corners of the world.

Fit for a Queen

This royally appointed sofa table is in the Jacobean style of the 1920s, which itself was a revival of the Elizabethan era in England. Its unique arrangement of five legs allows the table to double as a small writing desk. The table's elegance is further enhanced by its deep walnut finish.

In this view, the table is adorned by a variety of reproduction Staffordshire Dogs. **Somewhere in Time** also carries a variety of new and vintage linens, plus a large selection of new and old blue-and-white china.

Antiques Etc.

MIDLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT UPDATE

New Covered Parking To Open Soon

Construction of Midland International Airport's new terminal facility is kicking into full gear. If your travels have taken you to the airport over the past few months, you are already aware of the changes going on at the facility. The look of our airport is rapidly changing during this transition period.

At this time, contractors are working on the new covered parking structure. They have already constructed the support columns. The next step is getting the steel roof structure installed. Before all this could take place, the subsurface work and excavation was completed. The excavation proved to be explosive for workers on the scene, as dynamite was used during the blasting of the new basement/mechanical area.

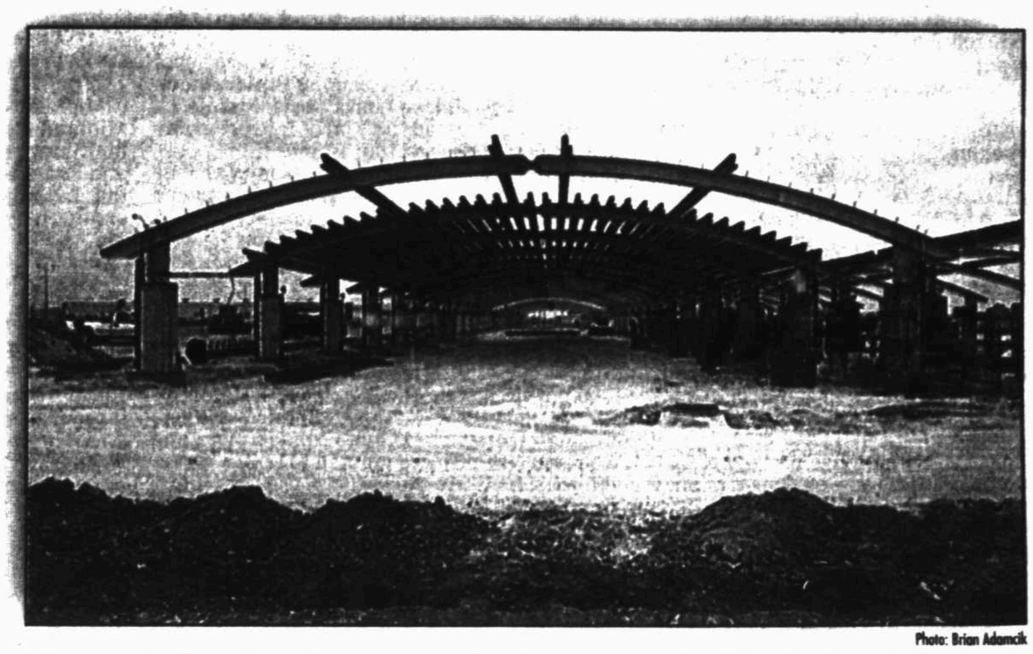
The subsurface work included primary mechanical systems for the airport. The majority of the site improvements are now in place. They include sanitation, water lines, storm sewer lines and the permanent electrical power supply.

It was essential to complete these projects in the earlier stages of the construction. Paving of the new structure will begin in May.

The new parking garage will be open for customer use early this summer. The new parking facility will have an additional 100 parking spaces. In all, close to 300 spaces will be available in the new covered structure.

The parking garage is a short distance from the existing terminal. Of course the City will continue to operate free shuttle service between parking and terminal.

City officials say the airport terminal project is proceeding very well. Everything is on schedule and falls within the original budget established. The new terminal facility is expected to open in January 1999.



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The support columns have been constructed on the new covered parking structure at the airport.

Border Airport Benefits All Travelers

Midland International Airport is rising to new heights when it comes to international trade. Just last year, January 10, 1996, airport officials began seeking designation for Midland International to be declared a border airport by the U.S. Customs Service.

Notice of the proposed designation was published in the Federal Register for public comment last December. More than 50 letters of support were submitted from the region, with no opposition expressed. The airport is awaiting official designation.

Designation as a border airport means that private aircraft carrying U.S. citizens would be able to fly directly from Mexico without the special permission now required from Customs.

In addition to seeing an increase in border air traffic, the City anticipates a jump in business transactions with Mexico. It will be easier and more economical for companies in the Permian Basin to do business with Mexico.

Midland International is a logical choice for a port of entry. The major airports at El Paso and Laredo were already very busy with customs traffic.

The border entry status comes at no additional cost to the City. Midland International airport is already equipped to handle these operations.

City officials believe the next step is to seek approval to allow processing of foreigners flying into Midland on private aircraft. The particular project is more complicated and requires approval of both the U.S. Immigration and Agriculture Departments.

Midland International Airport serving as a border entry proves to be an economic benefit and traveling convenience to the people who use the airport.

It is just another step in Midland International's development as a major air facility.

DID YOU KNOW?

THERE ARE 300 PARKING SPACES IN THE NEW COVERED PARKING AREA.

Construction Time Line

Midland International Airport
GATEWAY TO THE WORLD

NOVEMBER 1996 - SUMMER 1997
Demolition of existing covered parking
Construction of new covered parking

NOVEMBER 1996 - JANUARY 1999
New terminal construction

JANUARY 1999 - NOVEMBER 1999
Demolition of old terminal
Completion of aircraft ramps and concrete apron

TRAVELERS WILL BEGIN USING THE NEW TERMINAL IN JANUARY OF 1999!

Club News

GWYN GARDENERS

Gwyn Gardeners met at Westwood Medical Center for a tour of the hospital, guided by Lou Brown. Fae Smith presided. Nominating committee of Marvel Sayers, Francis Terry and Virginia Berry presented the following slate of new officers: Dianne Dinsmoor, president; Modelle McCright, first vice president; Sally Stella, second vice president; Dorothy Mathews, secretary; Mary Ann Phares, treasurer; and Ms. Smith, parliamentarian. Backyard party was discussed.

COL. THEUNIS DEY CHAPTER, BSP

Col. Theunis Dey chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, met in the home of Mrs. Archie Farr. Mrs. James Ritchie was co-hostess. Mrs. Vance Hendricks presided, and reported on the Texas State DAR conference, which was attended by Mrs. Hendricks, Mrs. Fred Gist, Barbara Culver Clack and Mrs. Merwin Haag. Florene Miller Watson of Borger gave a program on her "Experience as a WASP in World War II."

MIDLAND PALETTE CLUB

Midland Palette Club met at the Art Center with Plyna Nesbitt presiding. Lula Belle Klingler introduced La Wanda Calton of Taos, N.M., who demonstrated painting landscapes. Vernie Jarmon and Shirley Hayes were hostesses for the 40 members and guests who attended. After the meeting, a three-day workshop was begun.

MIDLAND ZETA TAU ALPHA ALUMNAE CHAPTER

Midland Zeta Tau Alpha alumnae chapter had a luncheon meeting in the home of Laura Scott with 17members attending. Co-hostess was Paula Duncan. Jane Garlitz presided. Jeni Wood led a discussion of the upcoming Zeta Centennial State Day. New officers were elected. The "Don't Be a Fool, Do Breast Self-Examinations" event was reviewed and rush was discussed.

IRIS SOCIETY

Joella Olson of Midland won Queen of Show rosette and top honors with her iris variety, "Struttin High," at the 10th anniversary Iris Show hosted by the Permian Basin Iris Society at the Holiday Inn Express in Odessa. Ms. Olson also won silver award for the most blue ribbons won by a single individual. Debbie Strauss of Midland won the bronze award for second-most blue ribbons won by a single individual.

Section winners for best iris in section were Janice Patterson of Odessa for the best Dykes Award Winner; H.K. Hull of Odessa for the best historical (1960 or older) iris; Ryan Carnes of Odessa for best youth entry; and Anthony Lange of Norton of for best seedling.

Co-chairman of the iris show were Ms. Patterson and Ann Carnes of Seminole. Judges were Billy Corbett of Alene Arnold of Amarillo.

The show was accredited by the American Iris Society and conducted according to its regulations. Judging was based on overall beauty, cultural perfection, condition and grooming, and conformance to schedule.

ALTRUSA

Altrusa International Club met at Ranchland Hills Country Club with Linda K. Smith presiding. Mary Alice Tidwell led the Pledge of Allegiance and club invocation. Francine Weaver reported on new additions to Windlands Park. New plaque for the club's area will be a memorial for Loleta Guffey. Caroline Keisling discussed financial assistance given to students. Committee chairmen announced by Ms. Weaver are: Terri Farris, communications; Betty Gildon, finance; Suzanne Butler, membership; and Kathleen Wurtz, service/projects. Ms. Wurtz discussed the Vial of Life program. Connie Roe discussed the "Babies Into Books" program. Literacy committee was in charge of the program and Mary Gillam introduced Patrick Dearen, Midland author, who gave a program on the historic Pecos River.

PRECEPTOR NU PHI CHAPTER, BSP

Preceptor Nu Phi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Beverlye Bristow. Also attending were Margo Hill, Karyn Wood, Karen Hopkins, JoAnn Cambron, Paula Millhollon, Natalie Eustace, Sandra Hayes, Marinell Glidewell, Diane Grenvik and Jane Weldon. New officers elected are: Ms. Grenvik, president; Ms. Hayes, vice president; Ms. Wood, secretary; Ms. Hopkins, treasurer; and Ms. Weldon, city council representative.

Founder's Day and Girl of the Year were discussed. Ms. Grenvik collected items for donating to Permian Basin Center for Battered Women and Their Children. Ms. Millhollon read from the Book of Beta Sigma Phi on legacy memberships. Ms. Glidewell won the hostess gift.

TEJAS GARDEN CLUB

Tejas Garden Club met in the home of Jacki Simmers. Co-hostesses were Betty Wallace and Gettie Ingram. Program on "Herbs and Herb Gardens" was presented by Tonya Carroll. Herbal tea samples were distributed.

DAUGHTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS

Aaron Estes chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, met in the home of Mrs. James E. Henry. Carolyn Sowell presided and distributed credentials to members attending the state convention. They are Miss Sowell, Mrs. Clyde Williams, Mrs. Alton Don Lilly, Mrs. George Anderson, Mrs. John McKinley and Mrs. Charlie Welch. Mrs. Max Perry gave her report on the Alamo committee. Mrs. Lilly announced that Mrs. Leonard Cotten and Mrs. Donald Troy are two new members. Mrs. Williams outlined the route to Texas Premier Floral, where members caravaned to hear Geneva White give a program on that establishment.

MIDLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Midland County Historical Society met at Midland County Historical Museum. Nancy McKinley presided, and introduced Teddye Lou and Francis Stickney, who gave a program on the LaSalle Shipwreck Project. They also arranged an Indian artifact exhibit in the museum.

MIDLAND DOWNTOWN LION TAMERS

Midland Downtown Lion Tamers met at Ranchland Hills Country Club with 18 members attending. Three guests introduced were Mary Maude Hickman, Sharon Smith and Margaret Rhea. Kathryn Scott presided. Phyllis Stine led the pledge and prayer. Mary Lou Cassidy gave a book review on "A Tribute To Erma Bombeck." Also attending were Pearl Barker, Alice Cole, Sue Fitzgerald, Venita Gaston, Ruth Hoff, Hazel Horn, Elsie Hugly, Evelyn Minear, Glenda Morrow, Dilly Nance, Frances Oekerman, Mary Ellen Reagan, Annie Rose Shock, Ruth Shrader, Lolly Van Pelt and Phyllis Gonzales.

Bridge Winners

The following are bridge winners for April 15-20.

TUESDAY
1. Dixie Gifford, Jerry Crooker
2. Betty Sheeler, Jerry Williamson
3. Mary Hammond, Linda Jerman

WEDNESDAY
1. Flo Curry, Betty Reeves
2. Richard Grady, Bob Baker
3. Becky Kinsey, Gloria Crites

THURSDAY
1. Carolyn Hancock, Dottie Fox
2. Marian Sims, Marian Ochs
3. Betty Marlow, Dorothy Lloyd
4. Mildred Stuart, Helen Owen

NON-LIFE MASTER:
1. Jayne and Fred Kester
2. Linda and Wayne Rector
3. Martha Poss, Peggy Jackson

FRIDAY
1. Elle Kerr, Betty Sheeler
2. Gloria Crites, Flo Curry
3. Frances Mills, Janet Stoltz
4. Charles Grimes, Kathryn Gesell

SATURDAY
1. Sue Gardiner, Becky Kinsey
2. Linda Jerman, Jerry Crooker
3. Betty Reeves, Gloria Crites
4. Leonora Slusher, Marie Morris

SUNDAY
1. and 2. Tie: Becky and Lyle Kinsey, Gloria Crites, Bob Baker
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Babies star in video, made just for them

By Terry Lee Goodrich
N.Y. Times News Service

Sharon Prestwood started with a syncopated version of "Jesus Loves Me." She threw in a cartoon cherub named Puddin'.

Then the Euless woman and her husband, Merle Prestwood, got down to the real business: 10 infants in bright outfits. Against a backdrop of balloons, the little ones shook rattles, played with puppets, ate crackers, crawled and rolled over -- all while making burbling baby sounds.

The result, originally aimed at helping the Prestonwoods' granddaughter develop mentally and emotionally after a premature birth, is "Baby See Baby Do." Child therapists and parents give the 30-minute high ratings for helping other youngsters progress.

The Prestwoods' granddaughter, Alexis Ann Barker, died a year ago, at 10 months of age — before the video was completed. She suffered from an unidentified syndrome that caused underdeveloped lungs and a heart defect, and she died of sudden infant death syndrome.

"Lexy never got to see this," said Sharon Prestwood, an accountant. "But I thought it might work for other babies. I wanted to do this to help, kind of like Lexy was born for something — a reason."

She wanted to help babies develop by reacting to and imitating other babies. She also wanted to give new mothers a glimpse of normal behavior, she said.

The idea for the video, dedicated to Lexy's memory, came to Sharon Prestwood mind as she watched Lexy's fascination with fish in an aquarium. Lexy was also delighted whenever she watched her 2-year-old cousin play.

"Because she was premature, her digestive system had to work harder, and she spent so much time sleeping," Prestwood said. "I felt like we were playing catch-up, and I was constantly looking for things to stimulate her."

She checked into videos on the market, but none sparked Lexy's interest. Prestonwood decided to make her own.

Her fervor was contagious. Her husband, an American Airlines maintenance instructor, began getting ideas by reading neurobiologists' research into brain development.

"I found out that the more experiences the better in that first two-year window of opportunity," Merle Prestwood said. "That's when the brain sets the blueprint for what you can learn. Every time you see, hear or smell, it fires more brain neurons and builds pathways."

The couple rounded up babies of friends and relatives to star in the video, and a Dallas company provided animation for Sharon Prestwood's drawing of Puddin'.

Relatives provided sound effects for a toy motorcycle and a cow puppet; Sharon Prestwood did a baby-talk voice-over for Puddin'. Then it was lights, action and camera, as the Prestwoods hired two professional cameramen at $750 a day to film babies in separate episodes.

Therapists and parents who have watched children's reactions to the video are impressed.

"It seemed like everything else on the market was either cartoons or Barney — very limited," said Fort Worth, administrative secretary Lushane Eldridge, who bought "Baby See Baby Baby Do" for daughter Chloe, 2. "Whatever the babies in this video do, she (Chloe) wants to do.

"The video isn't long enough to encourage her to be a couch potato — but it's long enough for me to unload the dishwasher."

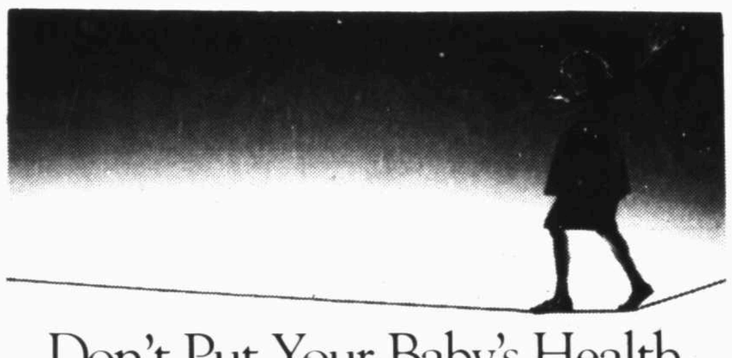
Mimicking the video is less risky for tykes than imitating cartoons, Eldridge said. "My little nephew, who's 3, was watching Wile E. Coyote jump off the cliff. He climbed on the coffee table, jumped off and had to get stitches in his head."

Another fan is waitress Dawn Whiting of Watauga, who says buying the video was "money well-spent" on daughter Kyli Miller, 18 months. "With Disney things, it's not long before she's off and doing something else," Whiting said. "But this, with the bright colors, moving from child to child and each different activity, kept her attention.

"When the cow (puppet) mooed, she said 'moo' and then got a little cow that she has. When one little baby played with beads, she went and found her necklaces and bracelets from Christmas."

A postscript: Not all went smoothly in the filming. "There were a lot of scenes that didn't work — like the baby that got mad at a toy and bit it," Merle Prestwood said with a grin. "So we added a bloopers bit at the end."

"Baby See Baby Do" is $19.95. For information, contact Lexy Productions, Box 210069, Bedford, Texas, 76095. Part of the proceeds will go toward research on birth defects and sudden infant death syndrome.



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Motel designed to attract timid terns

By Matthew Fordahl
Associated Press

CHULA VISTA, Calif. — The least tern, a bird that is quickly spooked and easily killed, will be able to find refuge on a barren patch of land bordered by a power plant, freeways and an industrial harbor.

The site seems an unlikely spot for the least tern, a tiny bird with such poor defenses that it quickly landed on the endangered species list. But it's one of the few Southern California areas where the birds can nest in peace.

Biologists have worked for weeks on grading, placing decoys and making other improvements on the 25-acre preserve. Now that the tern "motel" is ready, the questions remains: Will they come?

"It's like throwing a party and not knowing if anyone will show up," said Jeff Opdycke, conservation manager for the San Diego Zoological Society.

For the first time, the zoological society is working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to improve the San Diego Port District site, which was constructed in the 1940s from slurry dredged out of San Diego Bay.

Despite noise from the nearby freeway interchange and longshoremen working on the harbor, the fenced-off acres should offer an ideal nesting spot for the birds, Opdycke said.

Researchers cut down tall bushes, so predators will not have an advantage. And traffic is strictly limited to official vehicles, although other intrusions are possible.

"They are so uniquely sensitive to certain types of impacts that one-time events can cause a failure of an entire colony," said Brian Collins, a wildlife biologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

"If, for instance, a dog gets in over the weekend, the adults will just up and leave," he said.

Last year, only 28 nests were found on the site, which is part of the Sweetwater National Wildlife Refuge in Chula Vista, a southern San Diego suburb. But only a handful of fledglings survived, Collins said.

Both Opdycke and Collins hope their efforts will pay off with more baby birds this year, although their success won't be known until the flocks arrive over the next few weeks.

Still, the birds, which grow no taller than 10 inches, will be difficult to track because radio transmitters are too big for them and they tend to fly around to different nesting areas.

They usually leave by September, although nobody knows where they spend the winter months because their population has been too small to track, Collins said.

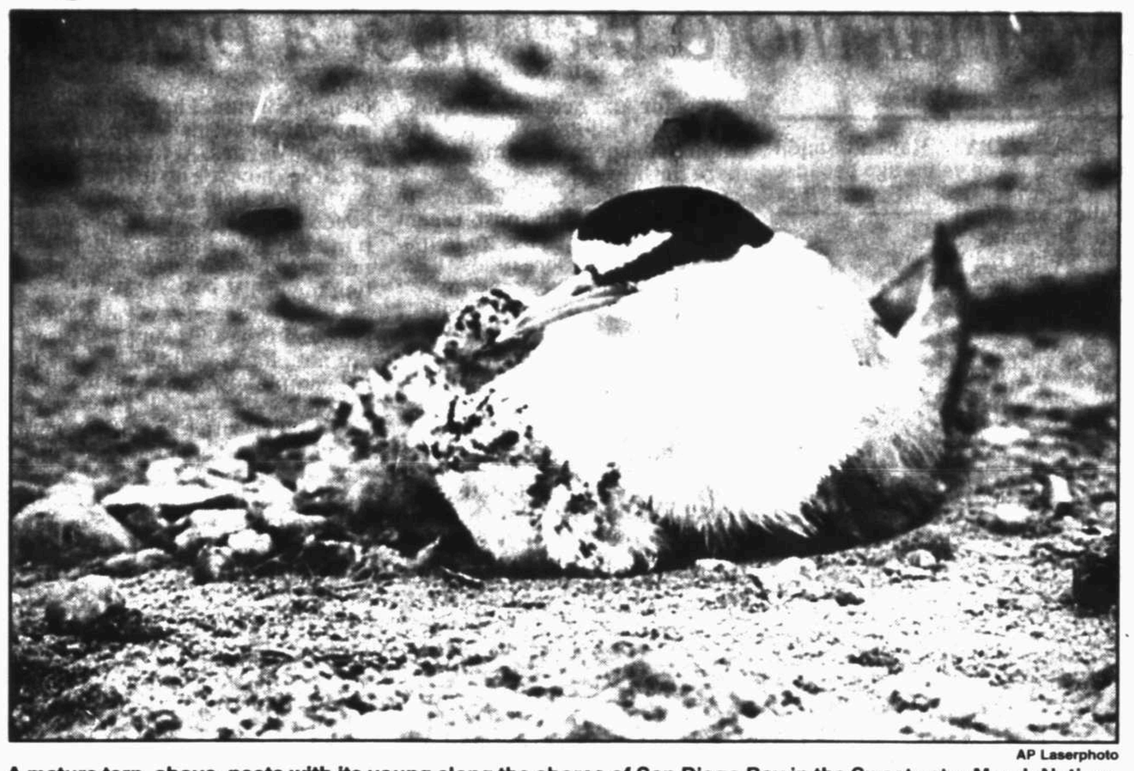
California least terns once lived abundantly along the Pacific coastline of what would become Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego counties. But growth shattered their world.

Dogs and people stepped on eggs, which are kept in dirt nests. Their feathers became popular hat decorations. Fledglings tended to hide in tire tracks. And they were gobbled up by a long list of predators, including owls.

By the early 1970s, only 300 nesting pairs could be found in their natural habitat along the Southern California and Mexican coast. Conservation efforts, however, have increased that number to about 3,000 — roughly half in San Diego County, Collins said.

"It's a lot like introducing a predator to a penguin colony. They're on the ground. The nests are there, and the chicks are vulnerable," Opdycke said. "And they can't do much about it."

"It's a rough life."



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A mature tern, above, nests with its young along the shores of San Diego Bay in the Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge in Chula Vista. The least tern, an easily spooked bird, is on endangered lists.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist Brian Collins, left, searches for terns at the Sweetwater Marsh National Wildlife Refuge on the shores of San Diego Bay. Biologists hope the refuge will offer some protection to nesting tern.

AP Laserphoto

'It's like throwing a party and not knowing if anyone will show up.'

— Jeff Opdycke,
San Diego Zoological Society

Health insurance policies help pet owners defray expenses

N.Y. Times News Service

FORT WORTH — Buffy has had her share of medical problems. In 13 years, she's had her oversized palate shortened, a kidney operation and a root canal. Insurance paid 80 percent of the cost for each procedure.

But Buffy isn't in junior high school. She is a 13-year-old Pekingese.

The cost of medical care for dogs and cats is soaring as treatment for animals reaches the sophistication of human medicine. For many, household pets are like family. And, like humans, pets are living longer.

So, like humans, pets can have their own health insurance, too.

"I believe in this," said Faye Lowe, Buffy's owner and an Irving resident. "We don't have any children, and she takes the place of a child for us. When she's sick, we take her right to the doctor. I would pay for it some way" even if the dog weren't insured.

Buffy would have received the medical care whether she was insured or not, Lowe said. But when a pet is so ill that veterinary bills run into the thousands of dollars and there is only a slim chance for recovery, pet owners must decide whether to treat or to euthanize.

PET INSURANCE can make the decision easier.

Lowe and her husband, Raymond, were living in San Diego when they insured Buffy, then 6 months old, with Veterinary Pet Insurance, based in Anaheim, Calif. Founded in 1980, the company is the country's only independent pet insurance firm. It offers major-medical coverage in 38 states, including Texas. Nationwide it insures 75,000 animals — 63,750 dogs, the rest cats, said Linda Flores, a company spokeswoman. Insured pets make up only a fraction of the estimated 124 million cats and dogs in American homes. Millions of fish, birds and other small animals don't qualify for most pet insurance.

Insurance for a puppy or kitten can range from $98 to $318 annually, depending on the level of coverage desired. Veterinary Pet's annual premiums for dogs and cats age 1 to 8 range from $109 to $320. The cost of Buffy's major-medical insurance is $250 a year through Veterinary Pet.

The company's deductible is $40 per incident. A policy does not pay for routine care, such as vaccinations and heartworm prevention, or for illnesses that existed before coverage was purchased.

Depending on the policy, a pet is covered for $1,000 per injury or illness, with a maximum of $5,000 per policy. The highest level of coverage offered by Veterinary Pet reimburses $4,000 per incident and $12,000 over the life of the policy. The company does not sell life insurance for pets.

Many veterinarians like the concept of animal insurance. The company promotes its service as an alternative to euthanasia when owners of sick or gravely injured pets otherwise face spending hundreds and sometimes thousands of dollars on treatment that may fail.

Treatment for common ailments can run into the hundreds of dollars. For example, care for a puppy diagnosed with parvovirus can run $500 in the first three days. Surgery to remove a dog's bladder stone ranges from $400 to $600. And a male cat with a clogged urethra would require treatment costing $200 to $500, said Roger Cummings of Eastern Hills Animal Hospital.

Judging from the scarcity of insured dogs and cats, most people are willing to gamble that their pets will stay healthy.

"People bank on their animals not getting seriously ill or injured," said Hulen Animal Clinic office manager Carol Carroll. "When it does, they sit there and say, 'I wish I had pet insurance.'"

Health insurance helps owners pay for the highest quality — and very often, the most expensive — care, said Cummings.

"The issue we get into a lot of times is there's so many levels of medical care you can provide," Cummings said. "A lot of people cannot afford that optimal care ... to try to get the disease under control."

In the early 1980s, veterinarian Randy Langerhans, chief of staff at Ridgmar West Animal Hospital, considered going into the pet insurance business.

HE DECIDED against it because pet owners are reluctant to pay the premiums, he said. He has found that people who have trouble paying for extensive treatment would also have difficulty paying for premiums and routine pet care — such as vaccinations and heartworm prevention.

A family often can buy another animal for a fraction of the cost of treating the sick or injured one, Langerhans said.

Annoying calls can be reduced

By Patricia Wen
N.Y. Times News Service

If you are plagued by mysterious hang-up calls, there are several ways to fight back.

To trace a call, when someone hangs up on the other line, you hang up, too. Then pick up the phone and dial star-57. Stay on the line, and a voice will tell you if the call was traceable. Telemarketers' computers are generally not traceable.

If the call was traceable, a voice will tell you that (without giving you the phone number) and record its finding. If the call is traced, you will be charged $3.25. If it is not traced, there is no charge.

To pursue the identity of the caller, you must call your local police department and ask them to file a complaint in your name. The police will give you a file number, which you give to Nynex's annoyance call bureau. Then, each time you get the annoying call, hangup and dial star-57.

Within a 30-day period, if the phone company traces three calls to the same phone number, it will tell police, who will notify you. For more information about this option, call Nynex's annoyance call bureau at (800) 640-2043.

You can also buy a caller ID box, which displays the phone number (and sometimes the name) of each caller, unless the number is blocked. Most electronic stores that sell telephone equipment offer this box, which costs between $20 and $100. The box is used in conjunction with Nynex's caller ID service, which costs between $4.95 and $5.95 a month. Some Nynex promotions offer the box for free.

You can also call star 6-9 after the hang-up, which automatically dials the phone number of the last caller. This costs 50 cents for each successful activation and maximum monthly charge is $4.50. If you want unlimited monthly use, it costs $2.25 a month.

Another strategy is to to reduce the number of telemarketing firms that call you. You can do it three ways:

- By federal law, when a telemarketer calls, you can tell them you want to be removed from their list. If they call you back, they face penalties in small claims court.
- Write the Telephone Preference Service, Direct Marketing Association, PO Box 9014, Farmingdale, N.Y. 11735-9014. Give them your name, address, and phone number with area code.
- Nynex keeps an autodialers' exclusion list, which businesses are expected to check (but only a few businesses seem to check).

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Parents should speak softly to gain attention of children

By Carolyn Poirot
N.Y. Times News Service

Ever notice that as children get older, parents seem to yell more?

Increased frustration and the absence of skills to deal with each new discipline problem will all too often culminate in anger, even though most parents know that yelling is far less effective than speaking softly.

"We know better, but application is tough," says Madelyn Swift of Southlake, Texas, a popular parenting consultant. Swift admits that her sons, now almost 17 and 19, have sometimes pushed her over the brink of anger.

"I wish that I could always be calm, but I cannot," she says. "I have dealt with a lot of kids, and none of them could push my buttons like my own kids."

Concerned that most parents have little or no preparation for the most important job of their lives, Swift has presented several hundred seminars throughout the United States, Canada and New Zealand and has written a book, "Discipline for Life! — One Step at a Time," to teach skills necessary to gain children's cooperation without losing your mind.

"Kids come without instructions. We get only on-the-job training," Swift says. "Just think how much more training and education we have to prepare us for our other jobs than we have to prepare us to be mothers. We all feel so guilty when we get angry. But if you have kids, you will get angry at them at some time.

"We need to learn how to be angry without being disrespectful and destroying self-esteem."

Swift was a school psychologist and diagnostic learning consultant in Ohio and northern Ontario before moving to Southlake 12 years ago. Relying on that background, along with humor and personal experiences, Swift shows parents and educators how to build self-esteem in children while teaching them that they are responsible for their actions and for what happens to them and others as a result of those choices.

"Sometimes we try to be so nice. 'So nice' doesn't really belong in discipline," Swift says. "We be nice, we be nice, we be nice; then we kill them. We can't do that.

"Nice is gentle and sweet — 'Will you please pick up your toys?' The problem is, 'please' implies one can say no. If 'no' is not an option, 'please' is not the word we want. We might better say, 'It would be helpful if you would pick up your toys now.' Kids want to be helpful."

ALL CHILDREN have two basic needs: to feel lovable and to feel capable, Swift says.

"We all need to know, 'I am lovable. I have value because I exist' and, 'I am capable. I can handle myself and my environment.' It is of utmost importance that we teach all of our children that they have within themselves the capacity to solve problems. They may need help occasionally, but support and ideas are radically different from rescue."

HOWEVER, SHE WARNS against overuse of affirmation for doing something right or good, pointing out that children should be told and shown that they are loved for themselves.

She recommends the use of loving greetings at every opportunity: "I missed you; I'm so glad to see you; I'm glad you're home," rather than, "What did you make on your test today?" or "Did you eat all your lunch?"

"We need to tell them we're crazy about them; greet them like we are just thrilled to see them," she says. "You don't want the child to feel his self-worth depends on what he does."

Self-esteem is based on existence, accomplishment and mistakes, Swift says.

"Mistakes provide opportunities for quick, dramatic increases in self-esteem. When we conquer our mistakes and make things right, it feels wonderful."

To emphasize more basic self-worth, Swift recommends celebrations rather than rewards.

"I would never take all the good things away, but more and more they don't depend upon performance. They depend on existence, self. I tell teachers to give out stickers and stars as each child walks through the door — not just when they do well on a paper. Or, if you give out stickers, let all the kids pick one and put on their own — all of them, everyone who wants one. They reward themselves. They celebrate just for the sake of celebrating, not because they did the work best, or even right, or even did it. The ones who most need a little boost in self-esteem sometimes get it the least."

Swift also recommends language such as, "The rule is, he who makes the mess cleans it up," rather than "Clean up your mess." It is harder to argue with a rule, she points out. If it is the rule rather than the adult that requires a certain behavior, arguments will generally be fewer, especially with young children.

She tells of breaking up arguments among siblings by putting them on opposite ends of a sofa and telling them they cannot get up until they give each other permission.

"The primary victim, usually the younger child, says, 'You'll never get up.' He's never had the power before, and he thinks, 'I can keep you here forever.' But then he comes around to the realization that he must stay there with the other child. Gradually, compromises are made, and they begin agreeing with each other's conditions.

"It's fun to watch," she said.

DEAR ABBY

Mother more than just a biological parent

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: "Randall" and I divorced three years ago because of his infidelities. (We have one child – a son – who is now 7 years old.) Randall married the last of the women with whom he was involved during our marriage, and now he has instructed our son to call her "Mom."

Van Buren

When I confronted Randall about this, he denied that it was his idea. When I casually asked my son who encouraged him to call her "Mom," he replied, "Daddy did."

The latest absurdity is that Randall now refers to ME (when talking to our son) as "your biological mother." The boy lives with me, and I am the one who takes care of him on a daily basis and gets him to school, where I am a teacher. I read to him at night, take him to the doctor and dentist, and make sure he is well-groomed, fed and clothed properly. I am always there for him.

I have considered talking to Randall about this most recent label he is trying to assign to me, but he would be more likely to listen to someone other than myself regarding the possible damage and confusion to our son that could result from this behavior. — MORE THAN A BIOLOGICAL MOM

DEAR MORE: Most experts agree that what the child calls the stepparent should be left up to the child. Forcing a child to use a name or title with which he or she is uncomfortable will only breed resentment and anger.

Insist that your ex-husband sit down with you and your son and explain that you are his "Mom" and his second wife is his stepmom, and he (your son) should choose a name to call her. Then check with her to be sure it's acceptable.

DEAR ABBY: Since moving to central Florida, I have run into an unusual practice — multi-host cocktail parties. At first it was two or three; now it's up to five. These parties are held at a local club or condo rec room from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. All five names and phone numbers are listed on the invitation for R.S.V.P.

I have attended several of these parties in the past, but because I am not close to all the hosts, I'm not completely comfortable doing so.

Should I write a thank-you note to each host, or just one to be passed around?

I entertain at home with no time limit on my parties. Am I obligated to reciprocate to all five hosts, or just the one I "think" invited me?

In essence, the whole concept of multi-host cocktail parties leaves me with mixed emotions. Your opinion and comments will be greatly appreciated. — CURIOUS IN CENTRAL FLORIDA

DEAR CURIOUS: It is not necessary to write a thank-you note to all of the hosts.

Write only to the person you know, and that you THINK invited you. However, in order to be sure, ask if he or she was responsible for your invitation.

You do not have to reciprocate the hospitality of all of the hosts, only those who invited you.

I see nothing wrong with multi-host cocktail parties.

They provide an opportunity to have a good time, and possibly make some new friends.

You need not feel uncomfortable. You would not have been invited had you not been wanted.

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Abigail Van Buren's column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

Sellers should see home through buyers' eyes

Associated Press

BOUND BROOK, N.J. — Selling a house can be tough in today's market.

Homeowners should look at their place objectively, through a buyer's eyes, to analyze its "plus-and-minus" factors.

Kenneth T. Austin, chairman of HouseMaster, a national home inspection company, offers this advice:

■ Outward appearance: First impressions are powerful.

Avoid dirty, peeling paint, broken doorbells, unkempt lawn, loose bricks, dirty windows and other signs of an "unloved" house. Inside, remove clutter from rooms, closets and stairways.

■ Plumbing problems: Ceiling stains, bathrooms with loose tiles, mildew or crunchy floors are turnoffs to house hunters. Also wet, damp basements are symptomatic of a water penetration problem.

■ Dingy kitchens: Dirty appliances, worn countertops, stained sinks, poor flooring or bad lighting all create a bad impression.

Also keep indoor temperatures warm or cool, in season. You don't want to give the impression your house is not well-ventilated, or drafty.

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As you've searched for a Mother's Day gift, have you been to Ivy Cottage? Located at 3101 North Big Spring, they have a wide array of wonderful gifts. Whatever your mom's taste, you need to visit this place. If she appreciates indoor or outdoor decorative items, enjoys fond memories or is a bird-lover, you'll see below how you can please her. Since Mom is a real treasure, make this a Mother's Day she'll always treasure; they'll be glad to help you at the Ivy Cottage. They offer gift certificates and free gift wrapping.

Priceless Memories
Do you still have the photo of Mom the day you surprised her with a birthday party? How about the one of you in your first Christmas pageant costume? Take that box full of photos and turn them into a scrapbook of memories for Mom; or get the supplies and work on it with her. Ivy Cottage has a huge selection of jazzy, acid-free background paper and adhesives, which help photos look great longer. They also have stickers, fancy hole punches and lots of other ways to make a really neat scrapbook.

"My Mommy"
The Austin Sculpture Gallery at The Ivy Cottage has over 100 sculptures that offer affordable art for home and office decor. Many express Mother's love and cherished memories of childhood. This is the unique gift that will be loved every day by that special mom, grandmother, aunt or wife. For over 44 years, Austin Sculpture has been at the forefront of accessible works of art, amassing works ranging from today's most popular artists to treasures of the past. Each sculpture is handmade from Durastone and finished in many beautiful patinas.

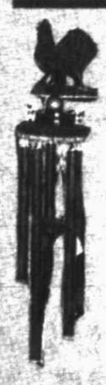
A Fortune in Fragrance
Ahhh, how the richly joyful aroma of scented candles enlivens the atmosphere of any home. No wonder they call it Aromatherapy! The Ivy Cottage lays claim to having the largest selection of fragranced candles in Midland. Mom's favorite scent and color are sure to be here; or, you could introduce her to a magical new fragrance. Choose from candles by Root, Yankee, Aspen Bay, Aunt Bees and Crystal Springs. They also have candle accessories such as holders, candle rings and more.

A Queen's Ransom

Lady Primrose bathing luxuries are truly fit for a queen! Developed for the Lanesborough Hotel near Buckingham Palace, Lady Primrose's formulations include honey, royal jelly and other time-tested natural elements with restorative agents and gentle, pleasing fragrances. In Ivy Cottage's bath corner you'll find other bath luxuries Mom can pamper herself with such as Ahava Dead Sea Treatments from Israel, Caswell-Massey, Upper Canada, Camille Beckman, Beauty Bath with Rose Briar and Flow Barron bath accessories. Wouldn't Mom love to be pampered?

Garden Treasures
Step lightly, now. Stepping stones and yard stakes like these will add the perfect decorative touch to nature's artistry in any garden or patio. Bring the music of songbirds closer to Mom with a bird feeder or bird house from Ivy Cottage. They're here in unique shapes and sizes. There are hummingbird feeders and nectar to attract these most delicate of aerial wonders. Since Mother's Day arrives in the warmth of West Texas springtime, it's a perfect time to help Mom add to her enjoyment of the outdoors.

It's a Breeze



Help Mom chime in to the music of spring with the whimsical fancy of wind chimes like these from Yancy. There are also chimes by Whispering Winds, Carson, J. W. Stannard and New Creative Enterprises. Spring breezes can add to the garden and patio decor other ways, too. Ivy Cottage has brightly colored flags and wind socks that come to life when they catch the breeze hanging from trees, porches or patios. There are more varieties of attractive bird houses in this area as well.

Home or Office
Unusual. Unique. Different. Could we say, "For the Mom who has everything?" This carefully crafted, hand-carved ironwood buffalo from Arizona is typical of the decorative items for home or office that you don't see just anywhere. You'll be amazed at the selection of leather, bronze and wooden animals you'll find at Ivy Cottage. You'll also see decorative pillows, lamps, prints and bookends. And a collection of wonderfully rustic pine furniture has just arrived.

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25th anniversary

Midland College 1972-1997

BRIEFLY

Trey Morris (right) was the winner of the "Anatomy Olympics," sponsored by the MC biology department. Brenda Anthony (left) place third, and Brenda Kirwan placed second in the competition.

Cheerleader tryouts

Tryouts for the 1997-98 All-star Cheerleading Squad will be 6 p.m., Wednesday, May 28 at Midland College. The squad is made up of girls and guys in the ninth through 12 grades.

A mandatory orientation session will be 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 7 in the P.E. building. For more information call 685-4701.

Alzheimer's conference

"Alzheimer's Disease: Treatment and Management for the Health Care Professional and the Family," presented by Midland College and the Alzheimer's Association, will be May 6 and 7 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites.

Conference topics include AD research, diagnosis, appropriate uses of medications and strategies to deal with behavioral problems. Call 685-4518 for information.

McCormick Gallery show

The Spring Student Art Show is now on display in McCormick Gallery of the Allison Fine Arts Building through May 4.

McCormick Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

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Abell-Hanger honors students

Scholars receive praise for academic, volunteer efforts at ceremony

"Caring and sharing is how a person's worth is ultimately measured," was the message that Bob Irelan, regional manager for Conoco, Inc. Mid-continent region, had for students inducted into the Abell-Hanger Society.

More than 130 Midland College students were honored for their academic and community service achievements during a "Celebration of Volunteerism" at the college's fourth Abell-Hanger Induction ceremony Tuesday, April 29.

Irelan, who participates in a number of volunteer activites, was the guest speaker at the induction ceremony. He urged students to "lend a hand—reach out and touch a life."

The students inducted into the society passed at least 24 semester-credit hours with a minimum 2.0 grade point average and completed at least 40 hours of volunteer service They each received a specially designed emerald and gold pin and a certificate.

Also, 10 Midland College students were named winners of the Abell-Hanger essay contest. The students received $500 scholarships for their winning essays about their community service experience.

Daciana Bushman, Wesley Graham, Asif Rafeek, Alex Saenz and Anita Samaniego were winners of the fall essay contest.

Joshua Bias, Blake Dyer, Robert Hendricks, Debi Oknefski and Kattie Wassenberg were winners of the spring essay contest.

Connie Glover, executive director of Community and Senior Services also spoke to the students about the value of their volunteer efforts to the community.

Abell-Hanger Board of Trustees Members Lester Van Pelt, James Trott and Charles Younger, MD, participated in the ceremony with Abell-Hanger Foundation President Arlen Edgar and Executive Director David Smith.

Beginning in 1986, the Abell-Hanger Foundation made education possible for many individuals who do not have the financial resources to take advantage of post-secondary education by offering to pay up to $598,000 for tuition and books at Midland College for the 910 June graduates of Midland's three high schools. Since then, the Foundation has continued to provide scholarships to more than 4,200 deserving area graduates.

In 1993, the foundation announced that it would require volunteer efforts for those who received the Abell-Hanger scholarship. Since then Midland College students have completed more than 45,000 volunteer hours with more than 60 community agencies.

New inductees into the Abell-Hanger Society are: Keri Abbey, Aaron Adrian, Misty Aldridge, Joshua Aldrin, Franklin Awbrey, Nathan Awbrey, Jeremy Barnett, James Barrett, Amanda Barron, Thomas Beasley, Mike Beggs, Paul Benson, Joshua Bias, Carrie Bolton, Joshua Bradshaw, Trevor Brasel, Joann Brito, Jack Bryant, Rebecca Buchanan, Wayne Cagle, Jensel Chavez, Crystal Clelland, Robert Cochran, Lisa Connally, Jesus Corrales, Robin Dulin, Blake Dyer, Kristy Engeldahl and Kelly Erl;

> "Lend a hand—reach out and touch a life."
>
> —Bob Irelan
> Community volunteer

Also, Ana Estorga, Lindsay Evans, Jerrad Foster, Carrie Geltmeyer, Stephanie Gentry, Joseph Gilliam, Jose Gomez, Kimberly Gould, Wesley Graham, Clarissa Gray, Tracy Green, Heath Grizzle, Lupita Guebara, Alyssa Hamil, Chris Hansen, Lindsay Hansen, Tanna Harkins, Robert Hendricks, Cory Hillis, Karis Hodges, Karel Holstein and Valarie Homola;

Also, Kevin Hubbard, Robert Hunt, Curtis Joiner, Christopher Jones, Danielle Kelly, Kristin Kennedy, Ryan King, Edgar Kleinhans, Matthew Knottek, Melissa Lacy, Edmundo Laing, Michael Lattibeaudiere, Kimberly Laughner, Tanner Low, Deanne Lujan, Mikolas Manulik, Andrea Martin, Jared Martin, Ricky Matheson and Christopher Matlock.

Also, Jana McKenzie, Elisha McPeek, Angel Medina, Eddie Melendez, Austin Miller, Jeremy Mobley, Everett Moreland, William Mullins, Thomas Munoz, Kristina Odom, Debi Oknefski, Sara Parker, Rhiannon Patton, Shea Payne, Melissa Pertile, Melissa Ponce, Brian Powell, Ramona Pramedass, Dawn Puthoff, Michelle Ray, Tiffany Reich, Melinda Riojas, Wilson Roberts, Louis Robinson, Alex Saenz, Reynaldo Salcido, Jessica Sambrano, Michael Sanchez, Duryn Sandberg, Michael Sawyer, Nathan Schneider, Jennifer Sherrod, Scott Shoemaker and Aaron Smith;

Also, Michelle Smith, Heather Stegall, Staci Stevenson, Jami Stewart, Poetrell Stewart, Christopher Strange, Geoffrey Stratton, Sean Svoboda, Michael Terry, Lisa Thane, Joni Thomas, Landon Turnbow, Joel Turner, Diana Valencia, Mykal Van Stavern, Shelly Veretto, Lisa Wachsmann, David Wade, Amber Waisner, Carrie Walker, Kelly Wallis, Shelonda Washington, Jeremy Wheeler, Lisa Wiggleton, Joe Williams, Ryan Wilson, Sandy Wilson, Abigail York and John Younger.

Sophomores honored for their second year of participation are: Ronnie Adams, Rhianna Balsam, Everett Bishop, Stephanie Black, Elizabeth Carrasco, Alison Chandler, Leslie Clardy, Jeanna Cuny, Casey Davis, Wendy Decker, Arculana Dominguez, Regina Dowdy, Kelley Finley, Gilberto Garcia and Angela Garrett;

Also, Kizzy Graves, Cathe Henderson, Zane Honeyfield, Jessica Hunt, William JohnsonPhilip King, Ruth Koss, Jalisa Lane, Shelle Mayberry, Rhonda Mebane, Sarah Morgan, Monica Munoz-Lake, Timothy Myers, Cassie Oney, Rosalinda Peña, Nicole Phillips, Laura Powell, Amee Pullen, Asif Rafeek, Monica Ramirez, Sylvia Sanders, Tom Schwend, Bobbie Scott, Jessica Smith, Skylyn St. John, Richard Stone, Michael Swanson, Kristy Uranga, Eva Vigil, Kattie Wassenberg, Tiffany White and Terrie Whitehead.

Fall, summer, interim registration continues

Registration continues for Interim, Summer I & II and Fall classes at Midland College.

Summer I class instruction begins June 3. Summer II class instruction begin July 10.

Spring Interim, May 12-29, is a quick way to earn college credit. Classes last four hours each day, Monday through Thursday, for the three-week session. The fall semester begins Sept. 2.

Students may register by telephone or in person at the Student Services office. For more information about courses, testing or counseling at Midland College, call 685-4501.

For more information about scholarships, call 685-4733.

Continued ed sets computer, HIV courses

The following Continuing Education classes begin the week of May 12.

Golf Basics will be 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, May 13 through May 22. Susan Holland is the instructor and the fee is $75.

Medication Aide—Continuing Education will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, May 17. Cindy Moon is the instructor and the fee is $30.

CPR Health Care Provider will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 17. Gary Roberts is the instructor and the fee is $30.

Medic First Aid & CPR in Spanish will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 17. Alfred Berosa is the instructor.

HIV in the Permian Basin will be 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Friday, May 16. Sarana M. Savage is the instructor and the fee is $50.

Quickbooks will be 6-9 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 1-6 p.m. Sunday, May 9-11. Robbie Campbell is the instructor and the fee is $79.

For more information about **Defensive Driving** courses, call 685-4518 or 560-2400, ext. 2806.

For information about Midland College Continuing Education classes, call 685-4518.

ELISE COOMBES

Phi Theta Kappa inducts new members; Kids' College sets registration

Phi Theta Kappa, the only internationally acclaimed honor society serving institutions that offer associate degree programs, inducted 49 new members from Midland College.

The society is recognized by the American Association of Community Colleges as the official society for two-year colleges.

Phi Theta Kappa was designed to recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students. To achieve this, the organization provides opportunity for the development of leadership and service.

New members participating in the spring induction April 17 were: Cheryl Becker, Joshua Bias, Rebecca Buchanan, Anthony Cappadonna, Alison Chandler, Jaclyn Chandler, Christy Clark, Jurline Cockerham, Sherrie Counts, Jennifer Dodd, Tangee Feazell and Jody Finley;

Also, Terry Forrest, Jena Graves, Tracy Green, Ricardo Hernandez, Susanne Hinterlong, Odis Holiman, Lena Hoss, Alexandra Houston, Melissa Lacy, Mercy Lawson-Doe, Kathy Marshall, Mike McClellan and Debi Oknefski;

Also, Dennis Ondeng, Cassie Oney, Rhiannon Patton, Ramona Pramedass, Asif Rafeek, Lisa Ray, ViCindy Riggs, Michelle Salgado, Margaret Schmidt, Amy Smith, Jacqueline Smith, Kendra Sorey, Heather Stegall, Jayme Swain, Catherine Taylor, Mark Teel II, Sandra Thomas, Barbara Thompson, Candice Voake, Cara Ward, Hugh White III, Michelle Whitfield, Ryan Wilson and Sylvia Wilson.

A 3.5 grade point average with 12 cumulative hours is necessary for membership. Members are then required to maintain a 3.0 grade point average.

Phi Theta Kappa officers are Diane Browne, president and Jan McArthur, vice-president. Advisors are Aline Collins and Chloice Shofner.

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The Midland College Continuing Education Department is planning a summer full of fun children's courses designed to chase away the summer blues.

Kids' College is a summer enrichment program for students who will be completing the first through sixth grades.

Two sessions of Kids' College will be offered. The first session runs June 16-26. Session II runs July 21-31. Registration will be 2-7 p.m., Wednesday May 14. All classes are scheduled for afternoons, Monday through Thursday.

For more information, call 685-4508.

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MAKING THE GRADE

Greenwood High School junior Laura Lynn Barkowsky recently competed in two journalism events at the state University Interscholastic League competition in Austin. She qualifed for both first place in editorial and third place in feature writing at the regional UIL competition. Her teacher is and sponsor is Barbara Cherry.

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Midland City Council PTA awards scholarships in the amount of $1,400 for the purpose of encouraging and supporting students in their decision to enter the field of education. This year recipients of the scholarship are Miranda Wauson of Lee High School and Talitha Belcher of Midland High School.

Miranda, daughter of Kathy Alexander, is a member of the National Honor Society, has been active in track, volleyball, and band. She has been listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students, has participated in Academic Decathlon in which she was a state qualifier. Mairanda is an academic letterman and has been active in her church and in community service. She plans to attend Southwest Texas State University and pursue a Bilingual certification in Education.

Talitha, daughter of Marion Griffith, is the captain of MHS basketball team, where she has earned All District titles her junior and senior years. She is also a member of the varsity volleyball and track teams. Talitha is a member of the PALS organization, S.O.U.L. Club and Senior Girls. She has been honored in Negro Business and Professional Women's Club. Talitha plans to attend McMurry University.

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The Midland Downtown Lion's Club has announced Lindsay Page and Deborah Landreth as their Junior Lions of the week.

Lindsay, daughter of John and Sherry Page of Midland attends Lee High School. Her honors and activities include, National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Texas Scholar, All-American Scholar, National History and Government Award, Who's Who Among American High School Students, 4-year Academic Letterman, 4-year Honor Roll and numerous others. Lindsay plans to attend Texas A&M and major in Genetics.

Deborah, daughter of Robert and Donna Landreth of Midland attends Midland High School. Her honors and activities include, Varsity Basketball, M.O.A.S. Student Council, D-FY-IT, JV Volleyball, National Honor Society, 4-year Academic Letters, Texas Scholars, Who's Who Among American High School Students and numerous others. Deborah plans to attend Baylor University and Major in Business.

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The Midland Rotary Club has announced Treg Manning and Heidi Moore as their Students of the Week.

Treg, son of Tom and Donna Manning of Midland attends Midland High School. His honors and activities include National Honor Society, 3 Year Academic Letter, Presidential Academic Fitness Award, Texas Scholar, JV Basketball, D-FY-IT and several others. He plans to attend Texas A&M or the University of Texas and major in Architecture.

Heidi, daughter of Charles and Betty Moore of Midland, attends Midland High School. Her honors and activities include National Honor Society, 3 yr. varsity letterman for soccer, All-district, Varsity soccer team-Sr Captain, Science Club, NASA Project, Texas Scholars and numerous others. She plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin or Stephen F. Austin and major in Chemistry.

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Amilcar "Mickey" Rubio, son of Agustin and Ruth Rubio, and a senior at Lee High School, was honored by the Midland Gem and Mineral Society as the recipient of their annual scholarship award, given at the Midland Math and Science Boosters Award Banquet. The scholarship is for $1,000

He is active in the National Honor Society, Art Club, Texas Scholars, Genesis Christian Church, as instrumentalist for a local gospel music group and local volleyball and basketball leagues. He has received the Westside Optimist Youth Appreciation Award, Texas Tech University Scholastic, Art and Writing Awards, Reflections Cultural Arts District 18 PTA Visual Arts State Award, statewide winner of T-shirt design, Who's Who Among American High School Students and perfect attendance during all four years of high school.

Rubio will begin his study in the field of aerodynamics at Midland College with a minor in art.

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Allegra LeGrande,daughter of Greg LeGrande and Sylvia Drew, is a senior at Lee High School, has been selected to be a recipient of the Texaco Foundation Scholarship Award for 1997. She is ranked 5th in her class and has been accepted at Rice University in Houston, where she will study Biomedical Engineering this fall.

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The Hardin-Simmons University Art Department announced the winners at the reception of its annual HSU Student Art Competition on Thursday, April 24, consisting this year of artworks juried by McMurry Art Department chair, Kathie Walker-Millar.

Third Place 2-D: Awarded to **Vanessa Mathews,** a studio art junior form Midland, for her oil painting, "Inner Child." Vanessa also received a special juror's merit award honorable mention on some additional artwork she submitted.

The student work continues on display in the Ira M. Taylor Memorial Art Gallery, Frost Center for the Visual Arts until May 2. The public is invited. Regular gallery hours are 12 noon-5p.m.

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The following University of Texas at Austin students from Midland received University Honors for the fall semester 1996. Amitabh Agrawal, Anurag Agrawal, Eric Allmon, Erin Appbacon, David Bash, Gary Fitting, Jennifer Gentry, Ross Hunter, Heather Johnson, Kathryn Jones, Kelli Jones, Kath Kang, Angela Lea, Michael Reese, Jeanne Robinson, Carol Smead, Erin Stanton, Hugh Yu Teng, Jason Traxel, Virginia Vernon, Jamie Washam.

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Graduating senior **Debbie Kuntz** of Midland, received the Most Outstanding Communication Student Award at Azusa Pacific University in California. One of 29 seniors honored for excellence in their respective majors, Kuntz was acknowledged at APU's senior recognition chapel on April 23.

Azusa Pacific is a comprehensive interdenominational Christian liberal arts institution.

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The Midland Rotary Club announced **Marty Kang** as their student of the week.

Kang daughter of Joe and Sue Kang of Midland attends Robert E. Lee High School. Her honors and activities include Speech and Debate Team, Latin Club, Academic Decathlon, Literary Magazine, U.I.L. Readywriting Team, Presidential Academic Fitness, Academic Letters, Texas Scholars, Who's who Among American High School Students and numerous others.

Rubio

Belcher

Kang

Landreth

Manning

Moore

Page

Wauson

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Lee High School student **Joshua Sherman** earned third place as Veterinary Assistant at the State Health Occupations Students of America Leadership Conference recently in Houston. Sherman won first place at Area IV before advancing to state level. He will now advance to National HOSA in Anaheim, California, June 17-22, 1997. Students who are enrolled in a health occupations class are eligible for membership in the local, state and national HOSA organizations.

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Students at Anson Jones Elementary recently completed a Math Challenge from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Each student asked adults to pledge a specific amount for each math problem they successfully completed from the math skills booklet containing approximately 200 questions. The students raised a total of $847.90. Students who turned in $35 or more received an official Cystic Fibrosis Foundation T-shirt.

Two students raised over $100 each. These students were second-grader Christina Lopez and fourth-grader Alicia Webb.

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The 1996 REBELEE was judged to be among the best in the Theme and Design category.

MISD announces junior high honor roll for 5th six weeks

Midland Independent School District announced the junior high school honor roll for the fifth six-weeks.

ABELL 7TH GRADE: Edward Behm, Joshua Bronstad, Candice Carney, Cecilia Castillo, Brian Chenault, Luke Connally, Steve Coulon, Monica Diaz, Catherine Domingo, Emily Dunham, Anne Edelbrock, Kristen Fulton, Cody Grasmick, Amanda Hill, Audra Hocutt, Claire Howard, Ryan Huddleston, Cory Jensen, Kristin Kahlich, Jacobe Kendrick, Clay Lamb, Steven Loveless, Cynthia Madrid, Marissa Marchioni, Ashley McClure, Allison McLane, Jennifer Milam, Megan Mitchell, Kristen O'Donnell, Morgan Pinter, Keith Putman, Aftab Qazi, Weslee Reeves, Judith Sanders, Kathryn Schaefer, Melanie Sewell, Sarah Shryock, Alicia Taylor, Angela Urtado, Lilien Vo, Jeff Watts.

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States move to deliver on Clinton's education standards plan

By Dina Temple-Raston
N.Y. Times News Service

WASHINGTON, (Bloomberg) — President Bill Clinton, trying to forge a balanced budget agreement with Congress, says he's willing to delay some of his cherished education proposals. It's not much of a concession, though, because some states are boosting school standards and testing on their own, and Republicans themselves support tax breaks for college.

"We are trying to get as many of our education programs adopted on the state level as possible," said Clinton domestic policy adviser Bruce Reed. "It is a dual track. We're pushing for it in the budget negotiations too, but if states adopt them in the meantime that's fine with us."

It's a familiar game plan for Reed, who helped orchestrate the administration's state-by-state campaign to overhaul welfare last year. Then, Clinton, who rejected two earlier Republican welfare overhaul measures as harsh, signed a third bill over objections from some of his fellow Democrats.

That's because welfare overhaul was already underway, with states launching their own experiments in weaning people off public aid. By the time Clinton signed the welfare legislation last August, the administration had given the green light to 40 states, and about 75 percent of Americans on welfare were in one of those experimental programs.

This time, Clinton's counting on grassroots support to provide momentum for one of his own longtime goals: conditioning promotion of fourth- and eighth-graders on passing tests for minimum reading and math skills, and expanding opportunities for college education. Early this year he announced a $51 billion package of educational initiatives that included these plans among others.

Clinton has a selling job to do in the Republican-led Congress. He's pitched his plan to the Maryland legislature, and this month about 240 high-tech chief executives endorsed Clinton's plan for nationwide education standards.

States accounting for about 20 percent of the nation's students already are on board. Maryland, California, Michigan and North Carolina said they'll institute standards testing for fourth- and eighth-graders regardless of whether Congress adopts Clinton's proposals.

It's a step toward remedying what many businesspeople say is a problem: young people who don't know basic math and other subjects. "We've had to teach statistics and other math internally just because we aren't getting people who can pass muster. That's pathetic. And it needs to change," said T.J. Rodgers, CEO of Cypress Semiconductors in San Jose, California.

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— Stanley Collender, who watches the budget process for Burson Marstellar in Washington

Experts report similar evidence. A Pacific Research Institute for Public Policy report in February showed California's public school students failing in record numbers even though the state government spending on education was at record levels.

"Virtually all the indicators in this study paint a picture of a public school system that is not even close to preparing students for the 21st Century's technology age," said Lance Izumi, author and co-director of the institute's center for education.

The study advocates a Clintonesque mix of more choice in schooling, charter schools, contracting out some administrative tasks to run a school and requiring more content in the classroom.

Clinton aide Reed wouldn't predict how many more states would sign on between now and the next school year. He did say that Clinton intends to renew his grassroots push and speak to the state legislatures in coming months.

"It's obvious the administration is replaying what worked so well with welfare reform," said Kim Wallace, political economist at Lehman Brothers is Washington. "Clinton can say that he's compromising with Republicans by delaying his education plan when in fact out in the country the program is starting to take hold."

Other parts of the administration's education agenda —specifically tuition tax credits — will be harder to deliver without federal help, Reed said.

The administration is advocating, for example, a tax credit of as much as $1,500 per student to defray the costs of tuition, as much as $10,000 in deductions for families who send their kids to private universities and expansion of federal Pell Grants for low and middle income students.

"The president might be able to get states to shoulder the burden of national standards but they can't afford the scholarships and Pell Grants are a federal program. So he can't completely work around Congress," said Stanley Collender, who watches the budget process for Burson Marstellar in Washington. "But this is a start."

Clinton has started a campaign to get individual states to follow the state of Georgia's lead. More than 200,000 Georgians have taken advantage of a scholarship program there, financed through a state lottery, that makes it easier for students to attend state universities and colleges.

Ultimately, analysts said, Republicans will have trouble rejecting Clinton's education program completely because education reform is popular with voters. Republicans themselves offered a plan to spend $7 billion over seven years for tax

relief for parents of college-bound students.

"Clinton can say that he's willing to delay his education program knowing that Republicans won't take the political hit to kill it off completely," said Wallace. "It's a savvy strategy and it could work."

Marijuana use among elementary students drops

By Pauline Arrillaga
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Marijuana use among elementary school students in Texas has decreased over the last two years but remains almost twice as high as four years ago, according to a new survey.

In addition, fewer elementary students are smoking cigarettes and drinking alcohol than in 1994, according to the survey by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and the Texas A&M Public Policy Research Institute.

The study, released Tuesday, is based on the responses of 68,239 students in fourth through sixth grade in 70 school districts across the state. In all, there are about 887,000 fourth, fifth and sixth-graders in Texas.

The survey found that from 1994 to 1996, the percentage of students who said they had smoked marijuana at least once decreased from 5.6 percent to 4 percent.

However, the rate is more than double the 1.7 percent of students who said they had tried marijuana in 1992.

"It's depressing news," said Texas Education Agency spokeswoman Debbie Graves Ratcliffe. "The survey does make it seem that drug experimentation is occurring at younger and younger ages. It's definitely a concern to educators."

Despite the decrease in lifetime marijuana usage, the percentage of students who said they had used marijuana during the immediate past school year rose from 1.9 percent in 1994 to 2.7 percent last year. In 1992, 1 percent of students said they had smoked pot in the previous school year.

Marijuana use was highest among sixth-graders, with 7.3 percent saying they had smoked pot at least once. That's a decrease from the 1994 percentage of 8.8 percent but an increase from 3.4 percent in 1992.

That compares with 2.9 percent of fifth-graders who said they had smoked pot at least once, down from 4.6 percent two years ago, and 1.7 percent of fourth-graders, down from 3.5 percent in 1992.

"These findings clearly show that the risk of trying and using illegal drugs begins to escalate as early as the sixth grade," said Richard Spence, assistant deputy of the measurements division at TCADA.

"While some younger students try drugs and alcohol, the sixth grade is a real turning point. We must redouble our prevention efforts among younger students to interrupt this cycle."

Marijuana was the least used substance by elementary students in 1996. Alcohol was most popular, with 30 percent of students saying they had consumed alcohol at least once, down from 32.6 percent in 1994.

Seventeen percent of students said they had smoked cigarettes, down from 18.9 percent two years ago, while 9.8 percent said they had used inhalants.

The percentage of students using inhalants did not change over the last two years.

Several new projects that aim to prevent drug and alcohol abuse among young people are under way across the state, officials said.

At the governor's request, a coalition of education, health and criminal justice experts has been created to develop a statewide initiative to keep children from experimenting with illegal drugs.

In addition, TCADA this year is implementing test projects in 11 Texas communities that target youth drug use through life-skills training and family intervention.

The State Board of Education also is revisiting drug prevention efforts in its proposed curriculum rewrite, scheduled to be considered in May.

Proposals include instructing kindergartners about tobacco, alcohol and drugs and requiring them to name harmful effects of those products. Sixth-graders would be expected to analyze the use of prescription and nonprescription medications and examine the social influences that affect drug abuse.

SCHOOL MENUS

MIDLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Monday -Breakfast: Waffle and syrup, or assorted cereals, buttered toast, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Tamales and chili or chicken spaghetti, whole kernal corn, cole slaw, french bread, milk.

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Wednesday - Breakfast: Scrambled egg, ham stix, or assorted cereals, buttered toast, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chicken nuggets or corn dog, tator tots, tossed salad, hot roll ,milk.

Thursday - Breakfast: Breakfast on a stick, or assorted cereals, buttered toast, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Beef enchiladas or nacho grande, seasoned pinto beans, spanish rice, lettuce and tomatoes, cornbread , milk.

Friday -Breakfast: Breakfast taco, or assorted cereal, buttered toast, fruit juice, milk. Lunch: Chilie dog or grilled chicken pattie on bun, french fries, lettuce and tomato, milk.

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Wednesday -Breakfast: Bacon and eggs, biscuits and jelly, orange juice, milk Lunch: Chicken fried steak, buttered potatoes w/ gravy, english peas, hot rolls, mixed fruit, milk.

Thursday -Breakfast: Poptarts, cereal, apple juice, milk. Lunch: Hamburgers, french fries, hamburger salad w/ pickles, ranger cookies, milk.

Friday -SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Student athletes would have to meet academic standards under bill

AUSTIN (AP) — University football players would have to match the grade point average of their fellow students to get state-funded athletic scholarships under a bill that has won preliminary House approval.

No statewide academic standards currently exist for students who get athletic scholarships, according to a bill analysis.

Rep. Ron Wilson, the bill's sponsor, said Tuesday that means student athletes can be treated as "meat on the hoof" and cheated of a proper education.

"They entice them in with all kinds of promises of fame and fortune, they get them at the university and then only one out of 10 of them graduates after five years," said Wilson, D-Houston.

"What happened to the other nine? They fall by the wayside. A lot of them are probably sitting on the side of the road with cans in their hands, will work for food."

There was no debate on Wilson's bill, which requires another House vote to be forwarded to the Senate for consideration.

"We're still analyzing the bill and its impact," said Monty Jones, a spokesman for the University of Texas System.

Wilson's bill would apply to students who will be awarded state-funded scholarships, grants or other financial assistance based on them being student athletes, including football players and those who play other sports.

It would allow such financial aid only if an entering freshman's high school GPA is equal to or greater than the average high school GPA of all entering freshman students in the preceding academic year.

If the student was not a freshman, the cumulative college-level GPA would have to be equal to or greater than the average of all undergraduates enrolled at the institution the previous academic year.

The student would have to continue to meet the requirement for each year in which financial aid is received. The measure would take effect Sept. 1 and would apply only to scholarships or financial aid awarded after that date.

Wilson said a federal court ruling that has stopped consideration of race in financial aid and admissions has focused attention on the education of all students.

"One of the glaring disparities in our system of higher education has been our commitment to educate those who commit themselves to athletic pursuits," he said.

"The system doesn't really care about them," Wilson said. "They want to use them ... but yet they don't give a flip about the individuals that they're using up."

Wilson said he doesn't know how many student athletes currently meet his bill's requirements. "Those records are privileged. Nobody knows except the universities."

The athletic scholarship bill is HB2010.

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EDUCATION IN BRIEF

Trinity School will honor retiring Head of School Margaret L. Simmons for her years of service this month.

The "All School Tribute to Peggy Simmons" will be conducted in Beal gymnasium 7 p.m. May 12. The tribute will include student musical performances and a "Faux Wine and Cheese Whiz" art presentation and reception in the upper school building.

Trinity has designated May 13 at Peggy Simmons Day. The celebration will begin with an all-school picnic on the campus grounds. Trinity's board of trustees will host a dinner honoring Mrs. Simmons 7 p.m. at Midland Country Club. Parents and teachers of all current students are invited to attend. Mrs. Simmons has served as head of school since 1985. She and her husband, Dr. Charles Simmons, will continue to live in Midland following her retirement.

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Armando Pillado and Donald Rowley of Midland Independent School District's Maintenance and Electronics Department were awarded the National Fire Protection Association certificate for completion of the National Electrical Code Seminar held in Houston. Pillado and Rowley participated in the seminar as part of the District's program for safety in all wiring and are familiar with the National Electrical Code for existing equipment and how to interact with contractors on new projects.

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Ronnie Elmore, from Goddard Junior High School, has been named Outstanding Assistant Principal in Region 18.

Ronnie Elmore was selected for the award by other assistant principals in the region and is to be recognized at the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals (TASSP) Summer Workshop in Austin, June 11-13.

Principals and assistant principals nominated at both the high school and junior high school levels have been members of TASSP for at least three years, actively pursue excellence in their schools and take steps to keep themselves current in educational philosophy and techniques.

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EDUCATION

Do school drug prevention programs work?

Researchers point out drug use escalating among teens

By DEB RIECHMANN
Associated Press Writer

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Some schools are in such disarray that even the best drug prevention and safety programs can have little impact, researchers concluded in a bleak assessment of the social order in today's educational system.

Rising teen-age drug use prompted about two dozen researchers and educators to meet recently to determine what kind of programs help keep schools safe and drug-free and which ones are a waste of money.

"We're concerned that a number of the programs being used in schools don't work. It's like a minestrone soup of programs — program du jour," said Gerald N. Tirozzi, assistant secretary of elementary and secondary education at the Education Department. "We really need to come to grips with what works and what doesn't work."

Denise Gottfredson, professor at the University of Maryland's criminology department, said research shows that successful programs for reducing delinquency, for example, often involve a school-wide effort, redefine acceptable student behavior and clarify school rules.

They involve teaching students social skills that not only tell them how to say "no" to drugs, but help them identify potential dangerous situations and ways to get out of them without ruining their social lives, Gottfredson said.

Counseling programs, especially ones that don't incorporate social skills instruction, don't work, she said. But even the good drug and violence prevention programs don't work that well, and often don't work in schools where they're needed most, she added.

Troubled schools sometimes cannot implement these programs because they have burned-out personnel, lack competent leaders and have poor attendance among staff and students, she said.

"It's not that they wouldn't work, but that there is less a chance of implementation," Gottfredson said.

The Clinton administration has acknowledged that it needs to do more to get across its anti-drug message to America's youth. A study released in December by the Department of Health and Human Services found that a trend of increasing drug use among teen-agers begun in the early 1990s is continuing. The study said nearly one in 20 of high school seniors surveyed said they smoke marijuana daily.

In his State of the Union address to Congress recently President Clinton acknowledged the battle against social disorder that school administrators are waging nationwide.

"Character education must be taught in our schools," Clinton said. "We must teach our children to be good citizens. And we must continue to promote order and discipline, supporting communities that introduce school uniforms, impose curfews, enforce truancy laws, remove disruptive students from the classroom and have zero tolerance for guns and drugs."

Since 1987, more than $5 billion has been appropriated for drug and violence prevention programs under the Education Department's Safe and Drug-Free schools and communities program.

The authorizing statute, however, now is so flexible that districts may be using the money to support activities that are the most popular, the easiest to implement, but not necessarily the most effective, officials said.

"There is no way to tell them what kind of program they should do," said Bill Modzeleski, director of the department's Safe and Drug-Free Schools program. "(But) there is an ongoing concern that we need to do better with the dollars we have."

Those at the meeting worked on guidelines to help states and schools spend their safe and drug-free school money.

The guidelines suggest that school districts:

- Tailor the programs to the community.
- Design activities to meet measurable goals.
- Stop programs that don't work and implement ones that researchers can prove help reduce drug use, violence or disruptive behavior.
- Avoid using the money for one-time events.

Greenwood High School student Randie Jones, foreground and Laurie Broome, top, as well as other freshman at Greenwood, sitting, left to right, Lacie Wells, Dana Stanley, Laura Franks, and Lacy Swango, work on decorations for their Drug Free Youth in Texas (D-FY-IT) bulletin board. GHS students were named Most Active by the local D-FY-IT organization.

GHS students honored for prevention efforts

By Myra Lee Salcedo
Staff Writer

GREENWOOD — You can talk about drug prevention all you want, but putting those words to action is what makes the difference, according to students at Greenwood High School. Awarded the Most Active local Drug-Free Youth in Texas (D-FY-IT) title, the students said they take their roles as examples for younger students seriously.

"You can't just tell younger students: 'You can have fun without drugs.' You have to show them you are having fun. They have to see it," said GHS cheerleader and junior Melea Wells.

Miss Wells said children "really look up to the high school students. They think it's cool to be in high school. One of our main things is to be a role model to younger children."

Another function of the GHS D-FY-IT is to get out into the community and perform community service, said the group's president, GHS sophomore Brianna Hale. "We had a float in the Christmas parade, Red Ribbon (Just Say No to Drugs) rallies, posters, meetings, a bulletin board, and had things about stopping smoking and cancer awareness," she said. "We don't just read about drug prevention. We get out and do things."

"These students do a lot of things, including attending leadership training camps," said GHS nurse and D-FY-IT sponsor Gail Peterson. "Of our 286 middle school and high school students, we have about 38 percent participation in D-FY-IT."

Joining the organization requires an initial drug screening for students. Then random drug checks are conducted monthly in Greenwood secondary schools. Students are issued identification cards that give them rewards for being in the program, such as discounts in restaurants and stores.

"The merchants offering rewards keep students motivated," Ms. Peterson said, noting merchants have also helped to pay for students to attend D-FY-IT training camps.

GHS students go beyond speaking out against drugs and alcohol. They also try to discourage smoking and using tobacco products.

"One student's grandmother has cancer. She (the grandmother) is a smoker, and students are seeing an example of what can happen," said GHS freshman Lacy Swango.

The students said even a small rural community of 10,000 like Greenwood is not immune to drug and alcohol problems. "But we can do something about it here. At our school everyone is involved," Miss Swango said.

"Not only that. We are unified," Miss Hale added.

"We aren't in D-FY-IT just because it looks good on a resume," Miss Wells said. "People here really care about people and we really care about them not using drugs."

Several GHS students said they are "ready and willing" to spread the word about their drug-free commitment. "The GHS cheerleaders, even if we are not cheering, are willing to come to community events," Miss Wells said.

Persons interested in having the GHS cheerleaders participate in events may call 685-7809 during business hours on weekdays.

Bilingual teachers in short supply, hot demand in Texas schools

'It's a national crisis of sorts. And from where I come from, a national response is in order.'

—Michael Guerrero, Assistant professor UT Austin

AP LaserPhoto

Dallas fourth-grade student Sergio Gomez, above, shows off the ladybug he made. It includes a poem written in Spanish. Fellow fourth-grade students Betzabe Ortiz, right, and Teresita Guzman, (sitting left to right), work on an art project at John F. Kennedy Learning Center in Dallas. Teachers bilingual in English and Spanish — which the students are in need of — are in demand by various school districts in Texas.

By Terry Wallace
Associated Press

DALLAS — Clarita Rivera's topic for the day: the caliente weather de primavera outside la ventana.

With an adroit blend of English and Spanish like that heard in many Texas families, she draws her fourth-graders into a bilingual discussion of the warm spring weather outside the window.

She's something in short supply and tall demand — a certified bilingual elementary school teacher.

With enrollments of immigrant children, mostly from Mexico, mushrooming in Texas and other states, school districts are not only fighting over existing bilingual teaching talent, they're cultivating their own.

Some of Ms. Rivera's students, having been in bilingual classes for two years, throw out English words on command. Others hang back, new to the experience and to the language.

All are 9- and 10-year-olds whose English fluency is limited at best. Their knowledge of Spanish grammar also is lacking because of limited formal schooling in their former homeland.

THAT COMPLICATES the task of teaching them English, Ms. Rivera said.

For example, consider 9-year-old Daniel Olivares.

"He's brand new, (but) he's just jumped from one year to the next, into this incredible gap of proficiency, because he was so good at Spanish. It was so easy for him to transfer all of this into English," Ms. Rivera said, watching over her students at Dallas' John F. Kennedy Learning Center.

The grades 4-7 public school in the Old East Dallas neighborhood has an enrollment of 780, 75 percent of it Hispanic.

"And those that are so proficient in Spanish are the ones that make the transition a lot easier into English," she said. "The ones that are not as good with their language in Spanish, they have more difficulty acquiring English."

IN 1995-96, the most recent figures available from the Texas Education Agency, 11.3 percent of all students in the state's public schools were in bilingual education programs. The vast majority were Spanish-speaking.

That was a 6.3 percent increase from the previous school year, when 10.8 percent of the state's public school students were in bilingual programs.

To teach them that year, Texas had 16,724 bilingual teachers — almost one for every 25 English-deficient students. But 25 percent of those teachers were not certified as bilingual teachers, according to the most recent figures from the State Board for Education Certification.

The Dallas Independent School District is gaining 5,000 Hispanic students each year. Of the current enrollment of 154,985, 45.5 percent is Hispanic.

By 2000, the district projects an enrollment of 178,970; 56 percent of it Hispanic.Hispanic enrollment in the Houston Independent School District is increasing at almost the same rate.

"We grew from about 25,000 limited-English-proficiency students about seven years ago to about 59,000. Of those, 58,000 are Hispanic," said Jose Hernandez, HISD's assistant superintendent for special programs.

THE RESULT is quite a scramble for bilingual teachers.

"What we've decided is that we cannot continue to battle with Los Angeles, New York, Florida and the Southwest for the same bilingual teachers," said DISD superintendent Yvonne Gonzalez.

Houston offers an annual $3,000 bonus for certified bilingual teachers; Dallas offers that, plus a one-time $1,000 bonus up front.

School systems are trying to develop their own bilingual teachers.

"We look at our paraprofessional teacher assistants, many of whom are Hispanic, and have started programs where we will actually pay some college tuition for them to complete their degrees and then become teachers in the system," Ms. Gonzalez said.

THEY TEACH children who not only face linguistic barriers and sometimes-uncertain scholastic backgrounds, but also an occasionally profound culture shock.

Ms. Rivera remembers when one of her newest students would cry all day. Only when she got him to talk about his fears, and the other students shared how they overcame theirs, did the student become more comfortable.

"Another child came in, and he did not speak — at all. He did not respond, not in Spanish or English. He was just real depressed looking," Ms. Rivera recalled.

His mother told Ms. Rivera that he had been depressed since they left their small ranchera community in rural Mexico. "In Mexico, he was not like that," the mother told Ms. Rivera.

"But he came from a rural setting," Ms. Rivera said. "He came from a place that had 30 inhabitants."

Dallas, a city of more than 1 million people, in a metropolitan area of almost 3 million people, came as a shock to him.

"He's afraid of all those cars, the buildings, the vastness of things, the way things are so fast for him. He didn't want to eat at home. He'd want to hide to eat. Really shocked," she said.

But he has adapted to big-city life, she said. "Now, he has much more to say," Ms. Rivera said. "But it takes time."

The state has a don't-ask-don't-tell policy toward teaching immigrant children, regardless of whether they are in the country legally. It regards assuring all children an education as a state duty and a state interest.

However, neither the TEA nor the certification board could provide projections for how many certified bilingual teachers will be needed in the coming years to teach the skyrocketing number of immigrant students.

Texas is not alone in its shortage of bilingual teachers, said Michael Guerrero, assistant professor of multi-lingual studies at the University of Texas at Austin."It's a national crisis of sorts," he said. "And from where I come from, a national response is in order."

CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS

At right, David and Nick Whiteside acquire a festive spirit at the 1996 Celebration of the Arts. Face (and arm) painting will again be offered in the children's area this year at the 14th annual COA, set for May 16-18. Below, Norelle Lohman kisses Buster Ball during the 1996 Celebration of the Arts. Buster Ball will again be attending the 1997 event. In text, Vicky Hailey is chairman of the Experience the Arts area at this year's Celebration of the Arts. Below right, Culinary artist James Price of Main Events and Catering is captured serving Sister regina at the 1996 Celebration of the Arts Preview Party. Price will return for this year's preview, set for Friday, May 16, at Centennial Plaza and Midland Center. At bottom right, a youth's thoughtful look is cast upon a performance on the Centennial Plaza stage.

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Children of all ages can be musicians, dancers or actors when this year's Celebration of the Arts offers the chance to "Experience the Arts."

"Children can come in and actually play an instrument and dance on the stage with a costume and theatrical makeup," said Robin Eiland, COA co-chair with Berry Simpson. "We're also going to have six pottery wheels. People can sit down and try to throw a pot — with some assistance."

The annual event, set for May 16-18 at Centennial Plaza and Midland Center, is sponsored by the Arts Assembly of Midland.

"The Experience the Arts area is new but in some ways our emphasis has always been for people to come and learn more about the arts," said Linda Bond, Arts Assembly director. "And this is a hands-on way to do that."

The 14th annual COA features booths filled with works by 70 artists from throughout the Southwest. This year all of the artists will be located inside Midland Center.

"We wanted to give the people who make their living by art a Celebration without any worry about weather," Ms. Bond said. "Because of that, many of the things that we used to do inside will be outside on the grounds.

"The performances that are inside will be very quiet. For instance, a flamenco guitarist. And the performances that used to be on the Midland Center stage will be on a stage in front of Midland Center outside."

All of the outside stages will be covered.

"We're just trying to make it really convenient for people to

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Country star John Anderson to headline Roundup '97

Roundup '97 goes to the movies Saturday when the American Cancer Society presents "The Reel West" at the Confederate Air Force Hangar at Midland International Airport.

"Our decorations chairman, Annie Patrick, has actually built movie sets," said Susan Harmon, chairman of the annual event. "It will be fun following that movie theme."

Headlining the event will be country star John Anderson.

"I think that's going to be a nice change of pace to some of the young country that we've been doing," said Liz Young, entertainment chairman. "John's a CMA Horizon award winner. His single 'Swingin'" was the CMA Single of the Year (1983). It shows how long he's been doing what he's doing."

More recently, Ms. Young said, "He was the Academy of Country Music's Career Achievement Award winner (1994), and in 1996, he won a Grammy for 'Amazing Grace — A Country Salute to Gospel.'"

Anderson is credited with repopularizing traditional country through such hits as "Swingin'," "Wild and Blue," "I'm Just An Old Chunk Of Coal" and "Black Sheep." His 1992 chart-topper, "Seminole Wind," has become a statement of environmental concern.

"His biggest hit recently was 'Seminole Wind,' which has gone double platinum — an awesome achievement for a country artist," Ms. Young said. "He has a total of seven No. 1 records to his tribute and 23 top 10 records, so his talent has just proved itself by people wanting to hear his music and buying his records."

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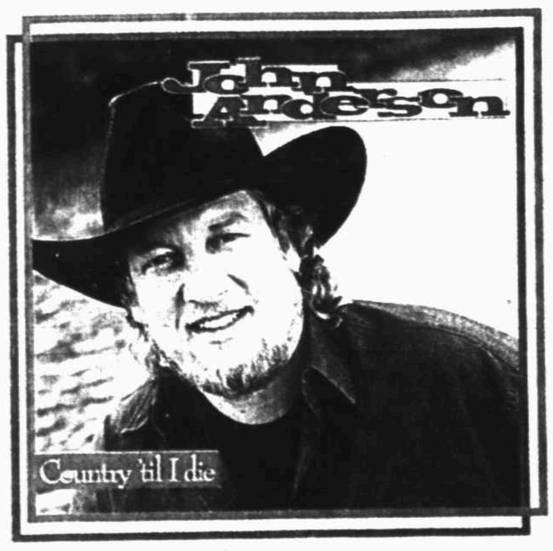

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Joyce Nichols Lewis

"ALL'S FARE"
By CHARLES WOODARD

ACROSS

1 Admiral William or running back Billy
5 Menlo Park monogram
8 Red or structure start
13 A red wine
15 Actor Ray
19 Group conventions
20 Laid-back
22 Play necessities
23 Stolen jewelry?
24 Mecca trekkers: Var.
26 Daisy —
27 "— girl!"
28 Abound
30 Ye — Shoppe
31 Sale caveat
32 Mil. decoration
33 Tower of London guards
37 Gomer Pyle
39 Vikings' rival
40 Something superlative: Slang
41 — chef: kitchen assistant
42 Vulgar
43 Cromwell bugbear
45 Easy win
46 Connive
48 Seinfeld, for one
49 Saudi states
53 Charles Lamb
54 Maugham novel
56 — roll
57 See 58 Across
58 A way to ride, with 57 Across
59 At ease
60 Impediment
61 "— what you can do ...": JFK
62 Tummy
66 Virtuous
67 Simon Templar
69 Swiss mathematician
70 Makes merry
72 Average
73 Native Israelis
75 Actor Pitt et al.
76 Parisian's phone greeting
77 Castle feature
78 It doesn't pay
79 Customer
81 Horse feathers!
83 Govt. agency
86 Tach reading
87 Trickery
89 Shucks!
90 Dear, Italian style
91 Before, to Browning
92 Island off Spain
95 Musical master from Bonn
98 "— Grows in Brooklyn"
100 Gangster's warning
102 Masterminds
103 Old fogy
104 Pavarotti and pals
105 Norse writings
106 G. Nasser dream
107 Lanchester of "Murder by Death"

DOWN

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2 Dies —
3 Desert formation
4 Race officials
5 Twitch
6 Astringent
7 Sailors' saint
8 Little monkeys
9 Part of Scand.
10 A through Z
11 Fixes
12 Evaluate
13 Water fowl
14 Numbers game
15 The Louvre, e.g.
16 Swallows up
17 Actress Carter et al.
18 Historic Scott
20 Neighbor of Niger
21 Musical symbols
25 Hombres, more formally
29 Pompadour
31 Constrictor
33 Smile broadly
34 Let out
35 Table covering
36 Author Jong
38 Stick out like — thumb
39 Stroke of luck
42 Cowardly
43 Prodded
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45 Anger
46 Hebrew month: Var.
47 Disagree
48 Gem weights
50 Brewing grain
51 Finnish lake
52 See 102 Across
54 Normandy city
55 Certain sneakers
58 Hat part
60 One of a suit
62 Nobleman
63 Early modern jazz
64 Hearing related
65 Scheduled
68 Parts of pumps
70 Author Ambler
71 Kind of excuse or duck
74 Units of electric current
75 Girl who has less fun?
76 Put on notice
78 Proofreader's mark
79 Goalie's area
80 Light or night start
81 Island greeting
82 Virologist Albert
83 Show partiality to
84 Gets ready, for short
85 Pros' opposites
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90 Hot chocolate
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99 Time period
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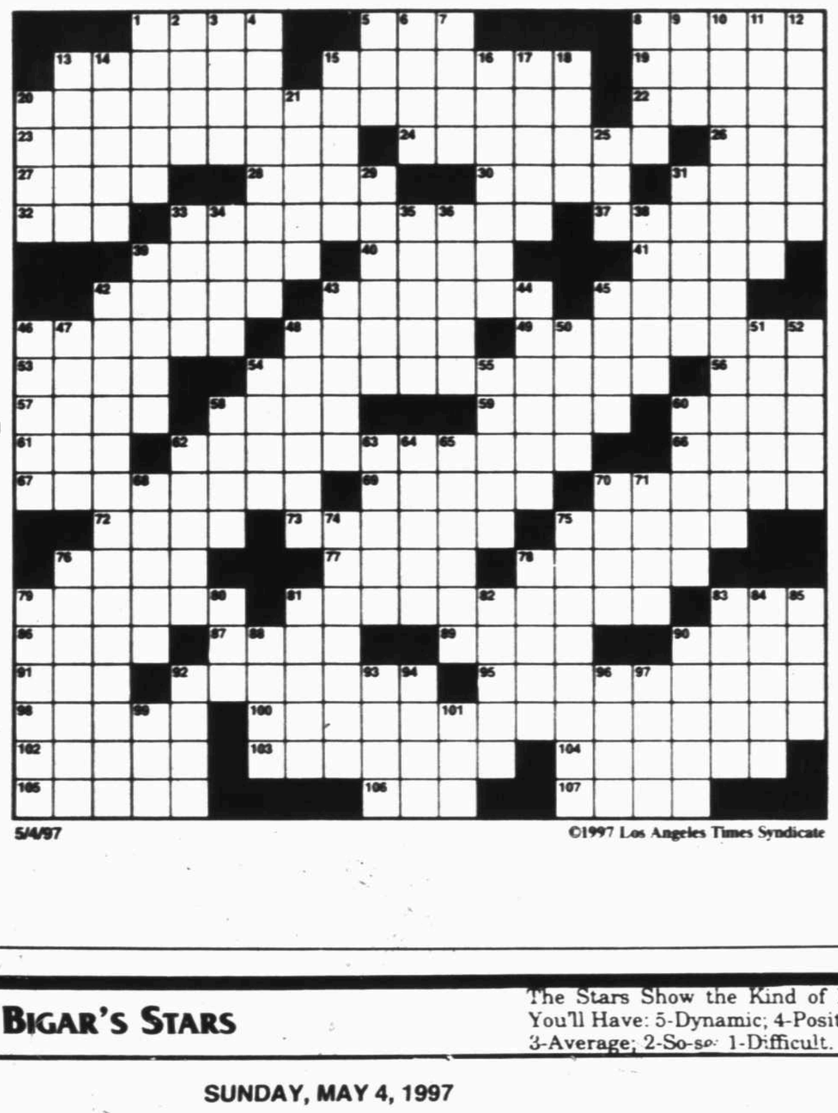

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 1997

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ You have been mulling over options. There are several directions you could take. You are likely to reach a conclusion. Share this decision with loved ones. Get together with friends; there is cause to celebrate. The unexpected plays in. Tonight: Your smile melts barriers.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You know certain things, yet are unsure of yourself. Trust your judgment, and go for what is important to you. Your imagination is fertile; share ideas. Brainstorm with a buddy. You are amazed at what you cook up. Tonight: No one needs to know what you are doing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You get what you want, though it lands in your lap unexpectedly. Your sense of humor helps others relax. Emphasize teamwork. You are a natural leader. Take advantage of the moment. Tonight: Friendly chats go late.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Take responsibility. Visit with an older relative. A partner surprises you with his supportive attitude. You accomplish a lot. Your sense of humor endears you to others. A lot of money circulates. Tonight: Head out and about.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You are delighted by friends' unpredictable ways. You feel cared about. Organize a day trip. A change of scenery will be good for you. In another setting, you might be able to share insights that otherwise make you uncomfortable. Tonight: Try a new restaurant.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Everyone needs quiet time with a special friend. Accommodate your emotional needs. One-to-one relating renews the liaison between you and another. Begin a project together. Be open to another point of view. Tonight: Be discreet!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Just when you wanted to toss your hands in the air, a difficult partner makes a surprising confession. A child's behavior, either bad or good, triggers conversations. Work with the unexpected, and develop even better listening skills. Tonight: Join friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ This is a good day to tackle a home project. You get a lot done, yet can also relax. You are unusually organized. Move beyond the obvious. Doing something together makes a relationship better, even if there is some work involved. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Your naughty side emerges, even if you are trying to be good! The child in you needs an outlet. You will be happier if you let another lure you into doing what he wants. Let others express their creativity. Tonight: The party goes on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Loved ones are your highest priority; you need to honor them. Given time, a younger family member will open up and need your support. Discussions help transform a moneymaking idea into reality. Consider pricing a new item for the home. Tonight: Order in.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Reach out and touch base with loved ones. You enjoy socializing. Visiting provokes new ideas. Return calls, and make plans. You have been missing out on a lot. There is no time like the present for fun, swapping jokes and catching up on history. Tonight: You feel good.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Yes, it is OK to finally check out that major purchase you have been thinking about. Honor instincts. Even if you have a whimsical, offbeat idea, it might be right. You feel good with a commitment you make after researching. Tonight: It's your treat.

GOREN BRIDGE

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PROTECT THOSE ENTRIES

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ A Q 8
♡ A J 7 6 3
◇ K 8 4
♣ 8 2

WEST
♠ 7 4 3 2
♡ 9 8
◇ Q 9 7 3
♣ 9 7 6

EAST
♠ K J 10 6
♡ Q 10 5 2
◇ J 5 2
♣ 4 3

SOUTH
♠ 9 5
♡ K 4
◇ A 10 6
♣ A K Q J 10 5

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	1♡	Pass
2◇	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♣	Pass	4◇	Pass
4♡	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Seven of ♠

The simple finesse has an almost magnetic attraction for most players. Consider this example.

North-South bid well to reach six clubs. In the modern style, a reverse bid is a one-round force, so South was quite safe in rebidding two diamonds — North had to bid again. Over three no trump, four clubs was a slam try. North first took a diamond preference, then cue-bid the ace of spades when South showed a control in hearts. South wasted no time in bidding six clubs.

West led the seven of spades, and declarer did not even pause for thought before taking the finesse. East's king won, and the jack of spades return forced out the ace. Declarer drew trumps, and was faced with a diamond loser. Taking the heart finesse or trying to establish the suit with a ruff were the only options and, since both lines were destined to fail, so did the slam.

Declarer should have spurned the spade finesse to protect dummy's entry for later use. A low spade should have been played from dummy at trick one. East can win cheaply, but cannot return a spade into the major tenace. Suppose East shifts to a diamond. Declarer wins in hand, draws three rounds of trumps, discarding a diamond from the table, then starts on hearts.

When both defenders follow to the king and ace of hearts, the foresight at trick one delivers the contract. Declarer ruffs a heart, returns to dummy with the king of diamonds and ruffs another heart, setting up the jack for a diamond discard. The ace of spades is still on the board as an entry to the long heart.

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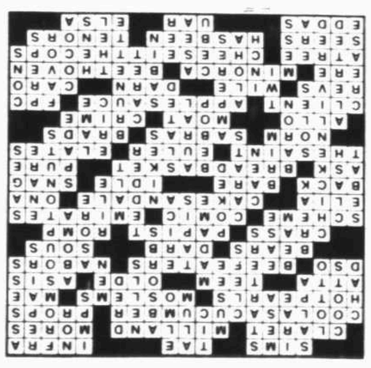

MIDLAND MARQUEE

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SUNDAY, MAY 4

American Airpower Heritage Museum: EXHIBITION: The American Airpower Heritage Museum is internationally recognized for its collection of authentic World War II artifacts and memorabilia. The museum currently has five permanent exhibits, highlighting five different phases of World War II, in the main gallery and two permanent exhibits in the hanger. Take an on-line tour of the museum at http://www.avdigest.com/aahm/aahm.html, 9600 Wright Dr., Midland International Airport, Hours: Mon.-Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 12-5pm, call 563-1000, Admission charged. Group and student discounts available with prior reservation.

Film Series: "Lest We Forget - A Video Journey Through World War II," Free showing every other Saturday at 1pm, moderated by a museum docent and free refreshments.

First Presbyterian Church: CONCERT: Brahms Requiem, 3pm, performed by the Sanctuary Choir, Gregorey Pysh, conductor; Janet Menzie, soprano; Joe Dan Harper, baritone; members of the Midland-Odessa Symphony will accompany, 800 W. Texas, call 684-7821, Free.

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: 1705 W. Missouri, Tues.-Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 2-5pm, call 683-2882.

Gallery 1114: EXHIBITION: Eleventh Open Show, through May 4, EXHIBITION: Contemporary Watercolor Show, May 10 through June 15, 1114 N. Big Spring, Thurs.-Sun. 1-5pm, 682-9303, Free.

McCormick Gallery, Midland College: 3600 N. Garfield, Mon.-Thurs. 8am-10pm, Fri. 8am-5pm, Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 1-5pm, call 685-4556, Free.

Midland Community Theatre: COMEDY: Larry's Favorite Chocolate Cake, Davis Theatre II, 2pm, call 682-4111, Admission charged.

Museum of the Southwest: EXHIBITION: Student Art Festival, 35th annual exhibition of art works created by students in Midland County public & private schools, through May 11, EXHIBITION: Texas Realists: Contemporary Artists, Drawings by Mike Hill, through May, EXHIBITION: Under Starry Skies: Defining the Southwest, permanent collection; EXHIBITION: "The Search or Ancient Plainsmen: An Archaeological Experience, ongoing; EXHIBITION: The Collection, ongoing, 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: SUNDAY RIG TOURS: tours of the modern drilling rig, 2:30-4:30, 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.

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The Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin: EXHIBITION: LíAncien Regime: French Paintings from the Sarah Campbell Blaffer Foundation Collections, through May 30, 4909 E. University, Odessa, Tues-Sat., 10am-5pm, Sun. 2-5pm, call 550-3811, Free.

University of Texas of the Permian Basin: EXHIBITION: Junior/Senior Exhibit, through May 18, 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, MAY 5

Nita Stewart Haley Memorial Library: Mon.-Fri.,9am-5pm, 1805 W. Indiana, call 682-5785, Free.

TUESDAY, MAY 6

Presidential Museum: EXHIBITION: The French Connection: Negotiations Leading Up To the Louisiana Purchase, through July 19, Tues. - Sat. 10am-5pm, 622 N. Lee, Odessa, call 1-332-7123, Admission charged.

THURSDAY, MAY 8

Midland Community Theatre: COMEDY: Larry's Favorite Chocolate Cake, Davis Theatre II, 8pm, call 682-4111, Admission charged.

FRIDAY, MAY 9

Midland Community Theatre: COMEDY: Larry's Favorite Chocolate Cake, Davis Theatre II, 8pm, call 682-4111, Admission charged.

SATURDAY, MAY 10

American Cancer Society: BENEFIT, Roundup 97: 7-1pm, Call 683-6374, Admission charged.

Hispanic Cultural Center of Midland: MOTHERíS DAY CELEBRATION: Ballet Folklorico Dancers, Centennial Plaza, 4-6pm, call 683-3381, Free.

Midland Community Theatre: COMEDY: Larryís Favorite Chocolate Cake, Davis Theatre II, 8pm, call 682-4111, Admission charged.

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.

Guitarist to give free workshop

SAN ANGELO — Doyle Dykes, a Tennessee-based acoustic guitarist, will give a free acoustic guitar workshop and mini-concert from 7 to 9 p.m. May 12 at The River Club, 800 W. Avenue D, here. The event is a presentation of Osborne's Music & Lesson Center.

The workshop and mini-concert is for the intermediate to advanced player and will cover fingerpicking and chiming techniques, "tricks 'n' licks," alternate tunings, and Dykes's unique "right-hand dynamics."

Chet Atkins has said of Dykes, "Doyle is one of the finest fingerpicking guitarists around. I sincerely admire him as a person and as a musician."

In June of 1996, Dykes performed with his daughter, Holly, on the televised (TNN) portion of the long-running Grand Ole Opry Live concert program, which emanates from an auditorium on the grounds of the Opryland theme park in Nashville. Country-music veteran and Opry fixture Porter Waggoner interviewed Dykes on-air during the "Opry Backstage" show that preceded the main event.

In August of 1996, during TNN's week-long tribute to "Guitar Men," Dykes performed on Prime Time Country. The following night he joined guitar legends Duane Eddy and Chet Atkins and Opry pickers Jimmy Capps, Leon Rhodes, and Spider Wilson on an installation of "Grand Ole Opry Live" hosted by banjo whiz Mike Snider. He has since performed on the show several times and has an pen invitation to play the Opry whenever his schedule allows.

A Bobby Taylor travel guitar will be given away at the San Angelo event. For more information call Osborne's Music & Lesson Center, 1-915-947-0031. Reservations are recommended.

ANNUAL: COA invites Midlanders to experience the arts

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come and spend the day," Ms. Bond said.

Also new this year is the Cafe of the Nations, a big outdoor tent where people can sit in the shade to dine on cuisine that Texans have come to expect at outdoor events.

"We'll have 16 food booths with everything from turkey legs to fried corn and funnel cakes — all the festival foods," Ms. Eiland laughed and asked jokingly, "Festival? Is that a food group?"

In recent years, the event has opened with a free, family concert. That also has been changed this year.

"We have moved the Thursday night concert at Midland College to Sunday (May 18) at Centennial Plaza," Ms. Bond said. "We're bringing Bonnie Phipps and the Elastic Band (from Denver) with the blessing of the Beal family, who has supported this for years.

"We feel it would add to the family atmosphere on Celebration grounds. The Beal family has made a commitment to letting us have a free concert every year. So, in addition to moving it, we've made it free on Sunday afternoon."

COA hours Sunday, May 18, are noon to 5 p.m. At 3:30 p.m. May 18, COA will stop charging admission. The free family concert begins at 4 p.m.

"We're hoping that people will come right on after church, eat at one of the 16 food vendors, enjoy things like the Experience the Arts area, and stay for the free family concert," Ms. Bond said. "We've even arranged for a lot of the different churches to send performers right after church on Sunday so it might be a glorious day."

COA's festival days begin May 17 with an 8:30 a.m. Westwood Medical Center Run for the Arts. The event also includes a one-mile fun run.

Gates open at Centennial Plaza at 10 a.m. and close at 6 p.m., an hour before the street concert featuring The Marshall Tucker Band begins.

"I'm looking forward to the Marshall Tucker Band because they were popular when I was in high school and college," Ms. Eiland said. "It brings back lots of old memories when I hear their songs."

Tickets to the street concert, which is sponsored by Coors/Miller and NewsWest 9, are $10 in advance at Blockbuster Video and $12 at the gate. Opening for The Marshall Tucker Band will be Jerry Dugan and West-Wind.

Tickets to COA May 17 and 18 are $3 for adults, $2 for seniors, and $1 for children. The Tejano Outlaws will perform on the Texas Street stage from 2 to 4 p.m. May 17. Admission to this concert is included in the gate admission that day.

In addition, the festival also includes a children's activity area.

"That's a tent where children can do art projects," said Ms. Eiland, who was chairman of this area in 1996. "I love to see them create things on their own and see how proud they are when they leave the children's area with their creations. I think it's great for their self- esteem."

A Preview Party set for 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. May 16 opens the event. Those attending will have the opportunity to meet Charlotte Seay, the 1997 Celebration of the Arts Distinguished Artist, dine on food prepared by some of the Permian Basin's best culinary artists, and enjoy music by bagpiper Patrick Regan, flamenco guitarist Ruben Soberanes, and Andean Nation, an Incan pipe band.

"People can come to the preview party and be the first to experience the arts," Ms. Eiland said.

Admission to the preview party is $35 a person. For ticket information call the Arts Assembly, 687-1149.

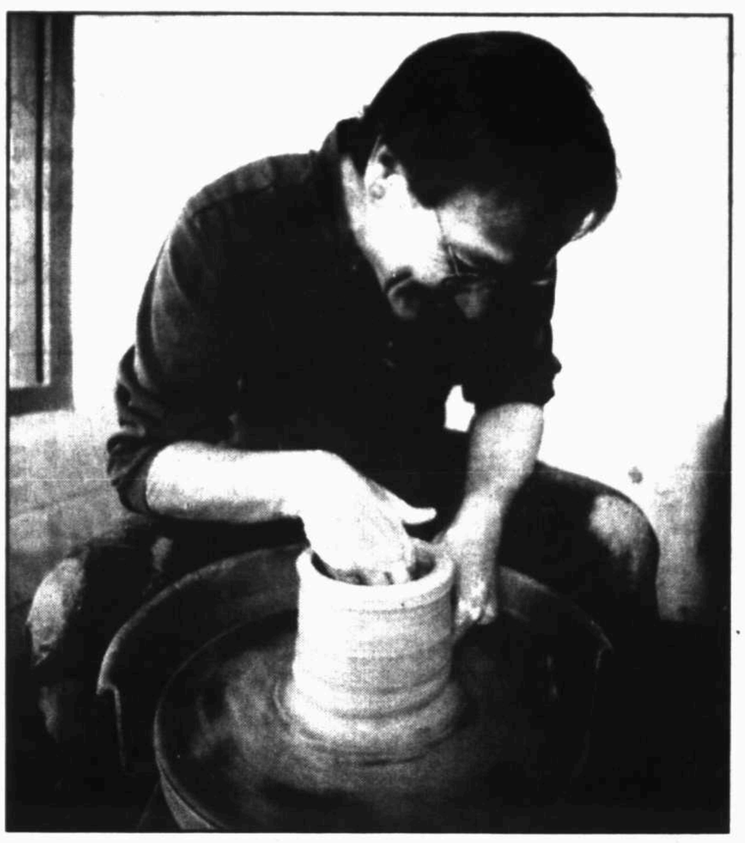
"The preview party is my favorite party of the year," Ms. Eiland said. "It's outdoors, casual, and a great place to mingle and visit."

Last year, the Arts Assembly, Midland's umbrella organization for the arts, gave grants to 23 local, nonprofit arts organizations. The grants, totaling $46,000, were made possible through Celebration of the Arts and the hotel/motel tax, Ms. Bond said.

"That's $10,000 more than we had given the year before," she said. "We'd like to be able to support even more projects this year.

"All the organizations that get a grant from us are required to either give a demonstration or perform during the Celebration of the Arts. We feel like it's an opportunity for the arts community to show area residents how much there is to do here."

Georgia Temple is the Arts & Entertainment writer for the Reporter-Telegram.



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Above, Carolyn Watts finds a new friend at the 1996 Celebration of the Arts. Puppets capture children of all ages and will be found again at the 1997 celebration of the Arts. At left, Peter Himmelberg will help others with a hands-on experience at one of six pottery wheels that form part of the 1997 Celebration of the Arts' Experience the Arts area.

EVENT: Anderson to perform at Roundup

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Anderson followed "Seminole Wind" with three albums, which spawned such hits as "Money in the Bank," "I Fell In The Water," "I Wish I Could Have Been There," "Country 'Til I Die," "Bend It Until It Breaks" and "Mississippi Moon."

"He's a promoter's dream," Ms. Young said. "He's true to his country roots, and he's loved by the traditional, loyal country music fan, and yet thrills today's hot, young country audience."

Currently, Anderson is recording his first album for Mercury Records. His producer is Keith Stegall, who also produces Alan Jackson. His 20th album will be released in the summer.

"Everything that I've looked at points to really good possibilities for the show," Ms. Young said. "I know he's going to work hard and do a great job for us."

Also on the program will be dancing to the music of Daron Norwood, who is originally from Tahoka.

"Dance bands are not usually bands that have their own records that have been played on the radio — they play other people's songs," said Ms. Young. "Daron Norwood's had a certain amount of success on his own. He's had some records that have been on the charts on country radio. So this is going to be a special dance band, and he will open and close for John Anderson."

The evening includes a prime rib dinner catered by Perini Ranch Caterers; silent and live auctions; a gaming area; and the Reel Squeal Pig Races.

"The pig races are going to be a big highlight for us," Ms. Harmon. "They were a great success last year."

For Roundup ticket information call the Midland Chapter of the American Cancer Society, 683-6374. The event also features the Round Up of Roses, an honorarium and memorial donation program that is ongoing. This year's Roundup is in memory of Donna Manning.

"Cancer can hit anyone," Ms. Harmon said. "She was fine this time last year. She was diagnosed with cancer in December and died in January, and she was 47 years old."

Money raised through Roundup goes for patient services, education and research. Only 2 percent of the funds raised are used for administration.

The cause drew Ms. Harmon to volunteering her time and energy to the event.

"Both my parents died of cancer," said Ms. Harmon, who had worked on Roundup for four years before serving as this year's chairman. "I needed to be chairman — to do that for my parents."

It also influenced Ms. Young's decision to work as a volunteer for the annual fund-raiser since 1991.

"The whole point to working on this as a volunteer is to raise money so we can ease the pain and suffering of those who are going through the disease themselves or are watching a loved one," Ms. Young said.

Publicity chairman Laurie Johnson also cited the relevancy of the cause as among the reasons she is a volunteer for the event.

"I think that the American Cancer Society is very instrumental in the care that we are able to provide in Midland, Texas, for our victims of cancer; therefore, I think it's important that we support them in their efforts," said Ms. Johnson, public relations director for Memorial Hospital and Medical Center.

"We get to see patients that have cancer and are being treated for cancer on a regular basis," Ms. Johnson said. "So I get the opportunity to see how important it is to work with the cancer society that does research, provides education for our patients and transportation, as well as a number of other necessary services for the patients here at the hospital."

Ms. Johnson finds that Roundup "benefits a very worthy cause" and "is a fabulous party.

"It's jam-packed from the minute you get there to the minute you leave, and it's a lot of fun," Ms. Johnson said. "When you leave, you've gotten your money's worth."

Georgia Temple is the Arts & Entertainment writer for the Reporter-Telegram.

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Meals-on-Wheels proven beneficial for one Midland woman

When the knock came on the door, Pearl Moore smiled and went to answer it. Standing there, with a hot meal in his hand, was a relative. Volunteer Marvin Moore unknowingly had picked a Meals-on-Wheels route that served his great-aunt. Her smile widened and the two chatted for a few seconds before he left for his next stop. "I'll see you Aunt Pearl," he called out.

Mrs. Moore took the two sacks and placed them on her kitchen table. The menu that day was jello with fruit, a roll, beef tips with rice, mixed vegetables and chiffon pie.

"I'm glad to see him working for Meals-on-Wheels," commented Mrs. Moore. "It doesn't make me feel so bad to take it."

The hot meals delivered to her door each weekday by Meals-on-Wheels drivers "are keeping me alive," said the petite woman who birthed 13 children.

Her eyes sparkle and the smile lights up the spotless living room. She walks gracefully and her memory is sharp. But quivering hands keep the 89-year-old woman from cooking.

"My family had to get me on this so I'd eat. They were afraid I'd get burned when I was cooking."

The shaking hands and head make it difficult for this Illinois native to do many of the things she enjoyed -- such as cooking, cleaning, reading and crocheting. "We've taken her to different doctors and there's nothing they can do," said a daughter, Lela Cornett. "She just has to live with it."

And while her children ensure that Mrs. Moore has what she needs and her home is spotless, they couldn't be sure she was eating a good meal every day. That's when Meals on Wheels was contacted.

"I work every day and it was hard to come home and try to cook a meal and get it to her," said the only child who lives in Midland. "Meals-on-Wheels has been a definite help and it takes the worry off my mind.

"Life has not been easy for Mother," Mrs. Cornett said. "She used to cook on a wood cookstove and would heat the iron on the stove. If Mother didn't shake, she'd be in good shape."

Today, a dog named Rusty keeps her company in the house, and a cat stands guard outside the door. Each day she reads three to four chapters of the Bible and studies her Sunday School lesson. Occasionally, she reads other books people bring her.

"I don't watch much television -- there's too much trash on it. I just can't watch junk," she said with a laugh.

On Sundays, she attends First Church of the Nazarene. "People at church come up to me and say, 'Granny, I've just got to have a hug.' Oh, I've got lots of friends," said Mrs. Moore with a smile.

Pulling out a container of yarn attached to a partly-finished potholder, she pointed out her favorite pastime. Said her daughter, "I hope everyone who gets one of her potholders realizes it's a work of love. It takes two days for her to make one."

Looking at the meal on her table, Mrs. Moore remarked of the drivers, "The people are so sweet. They've been so good to me. Yesterday morning, I was shaking so bad the driver put the food in the kitchen for me."

Before her relative got back in the car for his next stop, the other volunteer driver called out, "Hiya sweetie, howya doin.' "

And Mrs. Moore just waved and gave him a warm smile.

The Faces of Meals-on-Wheels Volunteers

Ranging in age from 2 to 88, this army of volunteers comes from all walks of life and rolls past the window each day at Community and Senior Services. They pick up the food and their assignment and within 90 minutes all have returned -- with empty containers and a filled spirit.

Meanwhile, 400 elderly and/or handicapped people in Midland have received a hot, nutritious meal -- the only meal of the day for some. And this army of Meals-on-Wheels volunteers has made the program a success. The faces of these volunteers reflect the innocence of young children learning about volunteerism with their parents, the determination of adults wanting to make a difference in someone's life, and the maturity in wrinkled smiles of seniors wanting to give something of themselves back to the community.

It wasn't an immediate bonding experience for Kori Rogers, who had helped her mother, Renee, deliver meals on several occasions. But after going with her mother several times on Saturdays, the 10 year old has decided Meals-on-Wheels is "sorta fun." In the language of a pre-adolescent, this is a high mark of approval for Meals-on-Wheels.

"Our church switched to a Saturday route after people I talked with said they worked during the week and couldn't deliver meals," said Mrs. Rogers, who coordinated the driving schedule at St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church. "Kori had gone with me some and seemed to enjoy doing this. After we switched to a Saturday route, she started bringing a friend and that made it more interesting. I drive the car and they deliver the meals.

"A couple of clients really like to see Kori and her friend," Mrs. Rogers added.

"They ask us stuff," said Kori. "There's one who asks me about my brother. And there's one woman who gives us candy."

Delivering the meals is better than staying home with her older brother and it's "sorta fun. Yea, other kids might want to do it on Saturday," Kori added.

Volunteer Holly Hughes was taught about volunteerism by her mother, who took her daughter along when she delivered meals. Today, Mrs. Hughes takes along her 5-year-old daughter Katie.

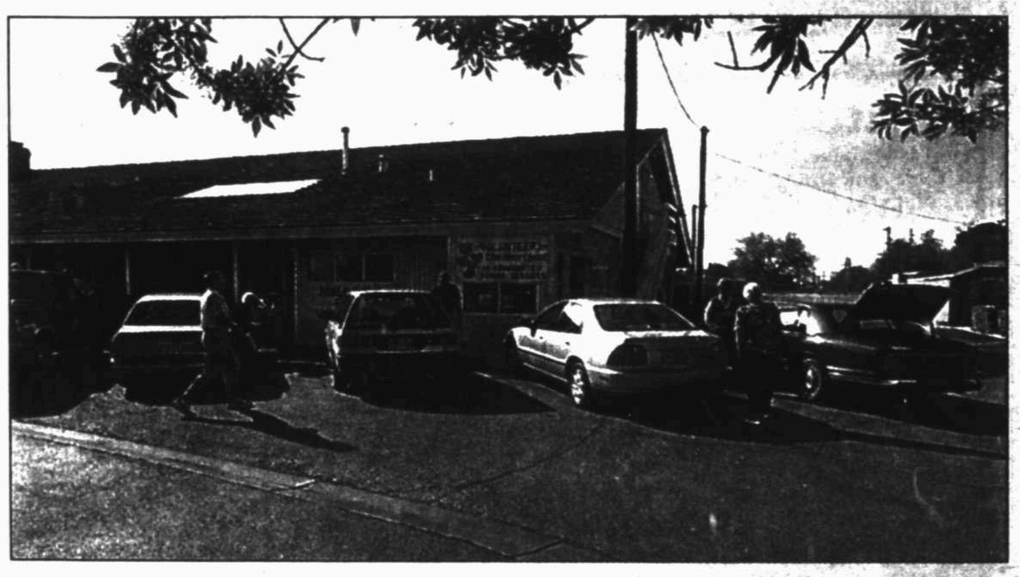
"Katie asked me this morning how old she was when she started doing Meals-on-Wheels. I said she was about 2. She remembers everyone's house. Katie helps carry the food to the door," Mrs. Hughes said.

Driving a route once a month "takes very little time," she said. "And it's a very rewarding thing to do. I say 'hello' and smile and ask 'how's your day' to about 20 people. I may be the only contact in these people's lives that day."

As she waited recently in the parking lot to pick up her route's meals, Mrs. Hughes noticed the traffic jam of cars. "There is a Herculean effort every day to deliver these meals. And when you're done with the route, they (CSS employees) are interested in finding out about your people. It's a true monitoring service."

Guy Jamieson remembers the early days of Meals-on-Wheels, dating back to its beginnings the early 1970's. As members of First Christian Church, Jamieson and wife Mary began delivering meals not long after the program began.

"We just like to do volunteer work," said the 78-year-old retiree. "We saw a need we could help with. It doesn't take much time. And the majority of individuals are very appreciative of it. It makes a difference in their lives."



Each day, over 50 volunteers gather at the Fuhrman Center kitchen to deliver almost 400 meals.

Volunteers who deliver Meals-on-Wheels come in all ages, according to Jan Faulk, CSS volunteer coordinator. "Our oldest driver is 88, and several others are also octogenarians. We even have some 2- and 3-year-olds who go with their mothers."

While the volunteers do it to answer a need, their hours are translated into money for Meals-on-Wheels. Executive Director Connie Glover said some federal programs count the volunteer hours "as money to leverage the public dollars. It means more federal dollars coming to Midland to help more people. The Meals-on-Wheels program is successful because it is a cost effective public-private partnership that unites the community to meet the needs of its older citizens."

In 1996, more than 1,200 volunteers contributed over 18,000 hours of service, valued at about $100,000 to CSS' elderly nutrition programs.

These volunteers who deliver the meals put Midland in a unique standing, according to Ms. Glover. Some cities have to pay people to get the meals delivered. "Chicago provides 15,000 meals a day, and all meals are delivered by paid drivers. They can't find volunteers to deliver the meals.

"We're lucky in Midland to have a strong volunteer response to the program," she added.

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New kitchen needed for Community and Senior Services

In the wide open spaces of West Texas, there is nothing spacious about the kitchen at Community and Senior Services.

Five mornings each week, employees and volunteers at 3301 Sinclair rub elbows while packing meals, other volunteers bump into each other while picking up the red and blue carriers and still others wait patiently in a line of cars for their turn in the narrow room.

Nine years after remodeling the kitchen to take over the Meals-on-Wheels program, Community and Senior Services board and staff have realized they are out of room. Out of room in terms of space, but also at capacity in terms of how many meals can be prepared.

Plans call for a new building that would house a 2,500 square foot commercial kitchen along with renovations to the main office building. Additions also would be made to the parking lot and a new access would be built for Meals-on-Wheels drivers. This project, according to CSS Executive Director Connie Glover, should take the agency well into the years that Baby Boomers begin to need their services, or another 18 to 20 years.

Estimated cost of the construction project is $392,000. Numerous West Texas foundations have earmarked money for it, but another $100,000 is needed before the first shovelful of dirt can be turned.

"Now we're relying on the community to finish the funding," said Ms. Glover. "If we're to continue providing services at the level we are now, we have to have a new kitchen. You can have all the resources in the world, but if you don't have the facilities you can't do the work. We have to get all the hot meals prepared, packaged and delivered by a certain time. We're at our limit."

Board member and Meals driver Elizabeth Locker, pointed out the new building and renovations will save money in the long run. "They will have storage space to put all their supplies and will be able to buy in bulk. They can't do that now."

Ms. Glover concurred, noting that due to the lack of storage space, they must purchase food and other nutrition program supplies in small orders several times a week.

When CSS began cooking for Meals-on-Wheels in 1988, the agency served 72,000 meals. In 1996, the figure had doubled to 146,000, according to Ms. Glover. "We took a big growth spurt in 1991 when the Southeast Senior Center was built. Otherwise, we've had a 5 percent growth each year."

Each weekday 600-675 meals are prepared in the kitchen. Of that number, 400 go to individuals through the Meals on Wheels program. The remaining meals are delivered by van to Midland Senior Center, Southest Senior Center and the senior program at Casa de Amigos.

The current kitchen has a capacity to prepare 650 meals, which will be reached by the end of this year if the program experiences another 5 percent growth. "The present kitchen is a remodeled garage/carport with low ceilings and heating and cooling is very inefficient," said Ms. Glover. "With a staff of six, assisted by five to six volunteers, space is very limited."

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-Connie Glover

The delivery pickup area of 100 square feet doesn't allow for more than one or two persons at a time. Each of the 27 Meals-on-Wheels routes requires two volunteers and two large food containers. With all the meals being picked up at the same time, the small room gets smaller quickly. "The overcrowding in this area results in confusion for many of the new volunteers and frustration for all volunteers," said Ms. Glover.

This also means 27 vehicles are lined up at the only entrance/exit to CSS between 10:15 and 10:30 a.m. The proposed entrance/exit to the new kitchen building would decrease traffic congestion at the only entrance off Midkiff Road, she noted.

The building program would include remodeling the old kitchen into offices, turning other offices into a handicapped-accessible conference room, and purchasing computer equipment for the youth and adult literacy programs at Southeast Senior Center.

The need for meals and other services will increase. "We promote Midland as a retirement community, and the number of seniors here will continue to grow," said past board president Dr. Eileen Piwetz. "That new kitchen will allow us to prepare 2 1/2 times more meals than we currently serve."

"The first of the 76 million Baby Boomers will turn 65 in 2011, and by the year 2030, 22% of our population will be over the age of 65," said Ms. Glover. "We must be prepared for this age boom."

Meals-on-Wheels has been proven to be a cost effective service, she added. "The average cost of our meal is $3.59; the national average is $4.50. Of that $3.59 cost, we receive $2 in tax dollars. That $2 investment may very well keep a person out of a nursing home" where the average per day cost is $67. Medicaid pays approximately $52 per day for the nursing home in Texas. Meanwhile, the Meals-on-Wheels program allows seniors to stay in their own home and maintain their dignity, she said.

"It's $2 per day versus $52 per day in tax dollars."

Community and Senior Services isn't an agency that just serves people on the receiving end, pointed out Dr. Piwetz. "We are giving back through the Retired Senior and Volunteer Program which matches senior volunteers with local nonprofit organizations. For example, several seniors sewed costumes for the "Wizard of Oz" production at Midland Community Theatre."

"I think it (Meals-on-Wheels) is one of the wonderful things that's happened to our community," added Ms. Locker.

Looking at how far they have come in raising money for the project, Ms. Glover believes the remainder is not an impossible dream. "Anything can be accomplished if you just have vision and a belief you can make a difference. If you have vision, you can make things happen."

In Ms. Glover's mind, that "anything" would be a kitchen with wide open spaces.

For more information about contributing to the CSS Building Project, contact Ms. Glover at 689-6693.

Services Offered by Community & Senior Services

Initiated as an outreach project of First Christian Church in the early 1970's, Community & Senior Services works to improve the quality of life of Midlanders by providing a variety of services which helps them maintain health, independence and dignity as they grow older. Services include:

- **Meals-on-Wheels:** A hot nutritious meal is delivered Monday through Friday to elderly, disabled and homebound people who qualify for the service.
- **Share-a-Meal:** Hot meals are delivered on weekends to clients who have no other access to nutritious meals.
- **Senior Center Meals:** A hot nutritious meal is served at 11:15 a.m. on weekdays at Midland Senior Center, Southeast Senior Center and Casa de Amigos.
- **Senior Centers:** Midland Senior Center and Southeast Senior Center are operated by CSS. These centers offer a place where seniors can meet and participate in activities such as sewing, rock polishing, playing pool or bridge, discussing current events or listening to medical advice that could be helpful.
- **Friendly Visitor Program:** Volunteers regularly visit a lonely, elderly person and offer the warmth of their companionship.
- **Telephone Reassurance:** CSS staff and volunteers give participants a friendly call each day to check on them. The clients get a friendly conversation and a listening ear.
- **Handyman Service:** Volunteers assist with minor home repairs for low-income elderly homeowners. Projects range from building wheelchair ramps to repairing broken windows.
- **Grocery Express:** Volunteers go to the grocery store for homebound seniors.
- **Retired and Senior Volunteer Program:** RSVP provides community service opportunities for seniors 55 and older. Each volunteer is matched to the opportunity according to skills and interests. RSVP volunteers also work with the Partnership for Youth Development program which targets at-risk youth in southeast Midland.
- **Midland Parker Place:** CSS is a co-sponsor of this new elderly housing project in east Midland. CSS also provides activity programs at Hillcrest Manor and Langtry Village.
- **Senior HelpLine:** Callers can obtain information about services, community resources and programs for seniors through a statewide toll-free number. 1-800-491-4636.
- **Partnership in Youth Development:** In partnership with other nonprofit organizations, and senior volunteers, CSS offers a variety of after school activities targeting at-risk children in Southest Midland.

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Farewell concert

The Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale will say goodbye to the Everest Quartet in a free farewell concert at 8 p.m. Thursday in the Wagner & Brown Auditorium, Midland College campus.

This special performance is an opportunity for area residents to experience the music of the Everest Quartet once more and to wish the members of the quartet well. There will be a reception following the concert.

The Everest Quartet — violinist Stephen Rose, violinist Jeanne Preucil Rose, violist Joan DerHovsepian and cellist Brant Taylor — formed in 1992 while pursuing graduate degrees from The Eastman School of Music. The quartet won second place at the prestigious 5th Banff International String Quartet Competition in 1995 and was awarded a two-year fellowship to The Aspen Center for Advanced String Quartet Studies in Aspen, Colo.

The quartet has been the resident string quartet of the MOSC for the last three years and the members have shared their love of music with the youth of the area through private lessons and many educational concerts.

"The Everest Quartet would like to express their gratitude for the support received during their tenure at the Midland-Odessa Symphony and Chorale and are looking forward to presenting this farewell concert as a way of saying 'thank you' with their music," said a release from the symphony office.

Pupet show set

Dillo and Snake and several other puppets will tell the story of the Permian Basin and the oil industry at The Petroleum Museum's Brown Bag Luncheon at 11:45 a.m. Monday in the facility's auditorium, 1500 Interstate 20 West.

Santa Rita Club Puppeteers will present "The Puppet Show" that features about 12 characters, said Kathy Shannon, director of education and programs. The Club's members are volunteers within the museum.

Dillo — representing an armadillo — and Snake — a rattlesnake — portray the main characters as they watch Folsom man and woman and then Indian man and woman roam the Permian Basin. These are followed by Spanish explorers Cabeza de Vaca and Coronado, a Calvary soldier, a cowboy and, finally, a petroleum engineer and geologist.

"The story is told in a humorous manner," Ms. Shannon said.

The museum will provide drinks and desserts. For more information call the museum, 683-4403.

Society to meet

ODESSA — The Permian Basin Poetry Society will meet at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Presidential Museum, 622 N. Lee St.

Karen Pape, an English instructor at Midland College, will lead a critiquing session. Members are asked to bring 15 to 20 copies of one of their poems they would like to have critiqued. For more information call 520-4679.

Reception set

"Charting New Territory" opens at Gallery 1114 with a 7 to 10 p.m. reception Saturday honoring the artist, J. Catherine Clare of Dallas.

The artist's water media works deal with maps of the earth's forces; magnetic, weather, and ocean currents. She said she believes her paintings replicate the spirit of these larger events and forces.

Ms. Clare received her Masters of Fine Arts from Texas Womens University and is currently working toward a degree in counseling and art therapy.

The show is part of Midland's Watercolor Celebration and can be seen through June 15.

The Open Show at the gallery, 1114 N. Big Spring St., closes Sunday

Gallery 1114 is a cooperative center for modern and contemporary art. Gallery hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday.

Work accepted

IRVING — Midlanders Ann Elise McCoy and Helen Gilmore Pogue had work accepted in the Irving Art Association's 1997 Texas and Neighbors Art Competition, on display at the Irving Center for the Arts through May 23.

The judge for the five-state juried show was Bob Gerbract of Pinole, Calif. He is a signature member of the Pastel Society of America and was named pastel teacher of the year in 1993 by the American Artist Magazine. Gerbract selected the show of 100 paintings from 729 slides.

Ms. McCoy's work is a watercolor entitled "Morning Light on Patio." Ms. McCoy's work is on display locally at Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.

Ms. Pogue's work in the Irving show is an oil painting entitled "Reverence for Light, San Patricio, N.M." This month, Ms. Pogue's works are on display locally in the Garden Room of Midland Country Club.

Both of the Midland artists will have gallery booths at the 14th annual Celebration of the Arts, set for May 16-18.

Casa Mañana musical

When Alice falls into the rabbit hole, she stumbles into a wondrous world of unusual characters and delightful situations in the whimsical musical "Alice in Wonderland" at Casa Mañana Children's Playhouse continuing May 9-17. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and 2 p.m. on Saturdays. Tickets are $6.25 and are available by calling 817-332-CASA.

Class taught

Midland freelance writer Mary Frances Beverley will teach the first of her summer classes "Write Your Memories" beginning June 7 at the Midland County Historical Museum located next to the Midland County Public Library, downtown.

The classes will meet from 10 a.m. to noon.

Participants will share such common life experiences as family mealtimes, vacations and traditions; memorable houses they lived in, unforgettable places, life as young parents, the fun they had — dating, first cars, movie idols, favorite radio programs; school days, important national and world events of their lifetimes, and personal accomplishments.

"These are the memories that will be cherished by their children, grandchildren, and all who come after them," said Ms. Beverley. "Such a written record will also be a partial history of this century. Not only will it tell what we did but what we thought, felt, enjoyed, and valued. Genealogy tells where you came from; a written record of your life will tell who you were."

The $45 fee covers numerous handouts that will stimulate writing between class sessions. They include a special outline for military veterans to describe their wartime experiences.

Ms. Beverley will also give tips on writing effectively and will show how to compile memories into several book forms.

The classes will meet for four Saturdays June 7-28. Enrollment is limited. To preregister call 684-6122.

Collection shown

The Nita Stewart Haley Memorial Library and History Center, 1805 W. Indiana Ave., is exhibiting its permanent collection by prominent Western artists through June 2.

Those artists include Tom Ryan, Charlie Dye, Veryl Goodnight, and Joe Beeler. Additionally, a variety of rare books, historical papers, and memorabilia of Texas and the Southwest are housed at the library.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information call 682-5785.

Watercolor month

Mayor Bobby Burns declared in a proclamation May as watercolor month in honor of the Texas Watercolor Society's 48th annual National Exhibition to be held May 17 at the Museum of the Southwest. This is the first time for the exhibition to be held outside San Antonio.

The Midland Arts Association, the host organization, is in final preparations for the show.

Reservations are being taken for the opening reception and gala dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. May 17 at the Museum.

Laura Bush, First Lady of Texas, will present the awards at the reception. Immediately following the awards presentation by Mrs. Bush, invited guests will be served dinner in a tent on the museum grounds. The keynote speaker for this event will be M. Stephen Doherty, editor in chief of "American Artist & Watercolor" publications of New York.

The opening and awards reception is open to the public, however, the dinner, at $40 per person, is by invitation and reservation.

More than $15,000 in awards and merchandise have been donated for this event. Noted juror, Katherine Chang Liu of Los Angeles, Calif., visited Midland in February and chose the paintings to be awarded these prizes.

For dinner invitations call 570-1880. Due to limited seating, reservations will be made from response cards on a first come, first serve basis.

The show is co-sponsored by the Texas Watercolor Society, Midland Arts Association and the Museum of the Southwest. It is partially funded by the Arts Assembly of Midland and the Texas Commission on the Arts.

Awards presented

ODESSA — Odessa College recently presented awards totaling $5,500 to art students from Odessa College, Odessa High School, and Permian High School.

Nancy Henderson was named Outstanding Odessa College Art Student for 1997 and received a cash award of $200.

Winners were selected by OC art faculty members and awards were presented by Dr. Vance Gipson, president of OC, during an April 24 reception for the 1997 Odessa College Art Students' Exhibition. The exhibit includes drawings, paintings, sculpture, and mixed-media work created by OC students. The exhibit is on display at OC in the Learning Resources Center's Options gallery through Friday.

Workshop set

LITTLE ROCK — Heifer Project International, a nonprofit development organization which works to alleviate hunger and poverty around the world, is offering a Watercolor Workshop May 12-16 at the Heifer Project International Conference Center, Perryville, Ark.

A percentage of proceeds from the workshop will benefit Heifer Project International.

The second annual Watercolor Workshop will be taught by Texas artist Jane Peterson. Her education includes Texas Women's University, the University of Houston, and Corpus Christi University. She has taught art in Texas public schools and currently teaches in

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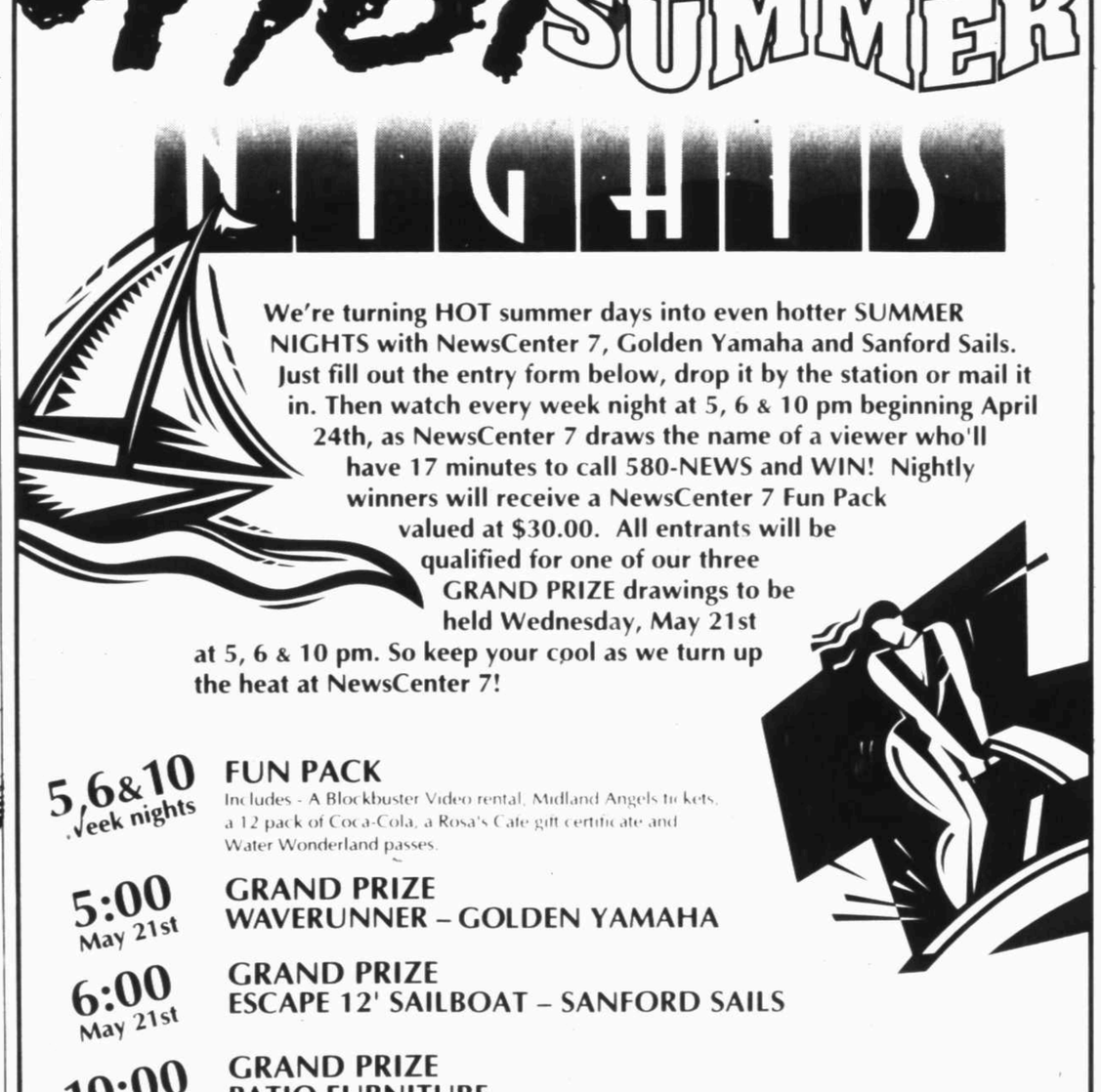

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ENTERTAINMENT IN BRIEF

(From 6F)

her home community, Wimberly. She has exhibited in several one-person shows and has studied with numerous artists including Midland artist Betty Lynch.

All levels of artistic ability are encouraged to attend. For more information call 1-501-889-5124 or 1-800-422-0474.

Performance set

"Requiem" by Johannes Brahms will be performed at 3 p.m. today at First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave.

The church's Sanctuary Choir, soprano Janet Menzie, baritone Joe Dan Harper, and members of the Midland-Odessa Symphony will performed under the baton of Gregory Pysh, minister of music. The public is invited to attend.

Menzie

Harper

Harper, a native of Midland and a 1992 graduate of Lee High School, sang with the First Presbyterian Church choir while he was in high school. A 1996 graduate of Southern Methodist University, he holds a bachelor's degree in vocal performance.

Currently, Harper is pursuing a Masters degree at the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston. His most recent operatic role was "Tobia Mill" in NEC's production of Rossini's Marriage Contract.

In the fall, he was a winner of the Vocal Concerto Competition at NEC. He was a recipient of the Thomas Hayward Memorial Award at SMU. Midland Opera Theater, the Midland chapter of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, the Haggar Foundation and the Cowden Foundation have all given him scholarships.

Ms. Menzie received her bachelor of arts degree, magna cum laude, with a major in music from Central College, Pella, Iowa. She holds a Master of Music in vocal arts from the University of Southern California where she studied with Margaret Schaper and was coached by Gwendolyn Koldofsky and Herta Glatz. She was a featured singer with the Southern California Chamber Singers.

No admission will be charged and child care will be available for children kindergarten age and younger.

Evensong planned

An Easter evensong celebrating the resurrection in word and music will be presented by the combined music ministries of Trinity Presbyterian Church and the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity at 7 p.m. today at Trinity Presbyterian, 2800 W. Louisiana Ave.

The service will be based on the traditional Anglican evensong format, and will feature special choral music, handbell selections, and congregational hymns. Conducting and performing as organist will be Randy Stevens, director of music and organist at Trinity Presbyterian, and Darryl Knapp, organist and choirmaster at Holy Trinity.

Ensembles participating in the musical portion of the service include Trinity Presbyterian's Chancel Choir and Trinity Ringers, and Holy Trinity's Adult Choristers and Adult Handbell Choir. Special guest musicians will be the Lone Star Brass Quintet and Sharon Hickox, percussion.

As part of the service, the combined choirs along with brass and organ will perform Five Mystical Songs by well-known English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams. The songs are composed to familiar poems by George Herbert. The work was first performed in 1911 at Worcester Cathedral, and was conducted by Vaughan Williams.

David Morrow of Holy Trinity and Ron Whittaker of Trinity Presbyterian will be featured as baritone soloists.

Other choral works to be presented include "Draw us in the Spirit's tether" by Harold W. Friedell and "Hark, Ten Thousand Harps and Voices" by Craig Courtney for choir, organ, brass, handbells and percussion. "Pastoral on Forest Green" by Dale Wood for handbells and organ will be played by the combined handbell choirs.

A nursery will be provided. A reception will follow the evensong.

Expo to be held

ODESSA — The seventh annual West Texas Arts and Crafts Expo will be held Saturday and May 11 at Ector County Coliseum.

Exhibitors from throughout the Southwest will fill the main arena and west annex with original art and handcrafted items.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. May 11.

Mel Prather is the organizer of the two-day event.

Paintings displayed

The gallery at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave., is filled with watercolor paintings by seven contemporary Midland artists.

This is the first of the exhibitions to be shown during Midland's Watercolor Month observances.

On stage now is the theater's production of "Larry's Favorite Chocolate Cake." The paintings will remain through June 8 and the closing of "Woman in Black."

Artists whose works are included are Betty Lynch, Roger Canter, Dorothy Baird, Herb Cooper, Lavoe Peeler, Ann Elise McCoy, and Mary Lou King.

Exhibit displayed

The exhibition "Brain Teasers" is on display through June 1 at the Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum, located in the Museum of the Southwest complex, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

The exhibit is a "mind-bending" collection of 20 puzzles ranging from giant jigsaws to rope tricks. One of the puzzles has yet to be solved.

The hands-on exhibit is sponsored in part by the Institute of Pain Management and the Junior League of Midland. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information call the museum 683-2882 or 570-7770.

Exhibition remains

ODESSA — On display at the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University is the exhibition "French Painting of the Ancien Regime," from the Sarah Campbell Blaffer Foundation of Houston.

This exhibition, which remains through May 30, is the museum's offering for the "French Connection" arts collaborative coordinated by the Odessa Cultural Council.

The exhibition features around 40 paintings representative of the development of French painting through the 18th century. The earliest works include several illuminated manuscripts from the early 15th century. Other works are portraits, still-lifes, landscapes and genre paintings of various French masters.

For more information call 550-3811. Public viewing hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Workshop set

The Midland College Department of Fine Arts is sponsoring a five-day monotype workshop featuring Kathleen Kuchar.

The workshop welcomes all artists, beginner through advanced, wanting to explore this printmaking technique.

Ms. Kuchar was the Kansas Governor's artist for 1993 and is professor of art at Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kansas, where she has taught painting and design since 1967. Her work has been seen in many national print and water media exhibitions and competitions.

The workshop is set for May 19-23 in the Allison Fine Arts Building. Cost per participant is $150. Space is limited. For more information call Carol Bailey, 685-4652, or Susan Randle, 685-2506.

Works displayed

ODESSA — A showing of works by "Advanced Art Students" is on display through May 18 in the Third Floor Gallery at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

The show is sponsored by the UTPB Program Board and includes works by junior and senior art students.

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 552-2285 or 552-2806.

Free party set

The West Texas Storytellers Guild is presenting a free "Pajama Party" May 10 in honor of Celebration of the Arts.

All children are invited to attend with a parent or guardian. Bring a pillow and blanket and listen to "Around the World Stories" from 2 to 4 p.m. Space is limited. Phone Mother Goose, 699-7820, for reservations.

Jazz party set

ODESSA — The Odessa Jazz Association presents "All That Jazz," its 31st jazz party, May 14-17 at Odessa Country Club.

Musicians who will be performing include Harry Allen, Hake Hanna, Jack Lesberg, John Allred, Randy Sandke, Ray Sherman, Ed Polcer, Allan Vache, Bucky Pizzarelli, Bob Haggart, Joe Ascione, Dan Barrett, Ralph Sutton and Jim Galloway.

The Graham Brothers Entertainment, Inc., is this year's corporate sponsor.

Tickets are $150 per seat and include all four nights. To pay by mail writer Odessa Jazz Society, P.O. Box 7016, Odessa, Texas 79760, or call, 1-915-367-7241, Ext. 61.

Drawings shown

An exhibition of drawings by Mike Hill, the second segment of the "Texas Realists: Contemporary Artists" exhibition series at the Museum of the Southwest, closes Sunday in the museum's Here and Now Gallery, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

The artist was born in Dallas and received a bachelor of fine arts in graphic design from the University of North Texas in 1986. He has exhibited in many group and juried shows and his works are in private and institutional collections.

The "Texas Realists: Contemporary Artists" series introduces Texas artists working in the realist style to West Texas audiences. The next artist to be featured is Kermit Oliver. His work is to be shown May 17-June 29.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information call 683-2882 or 570-7770.

Live entertainment

ODESSA — Chelsea Street Pub and Grill, located in the Music City Mall here, features live entertainment beginning at 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Those attending are asked to use the outside entrance after mall hours.

Upcoming performances include Reed Boyd May 5-10; David Trout May 12-17; Karaoke May 19-20; The Arrival May 21-24; and Rocky Richardson, May 26-31.

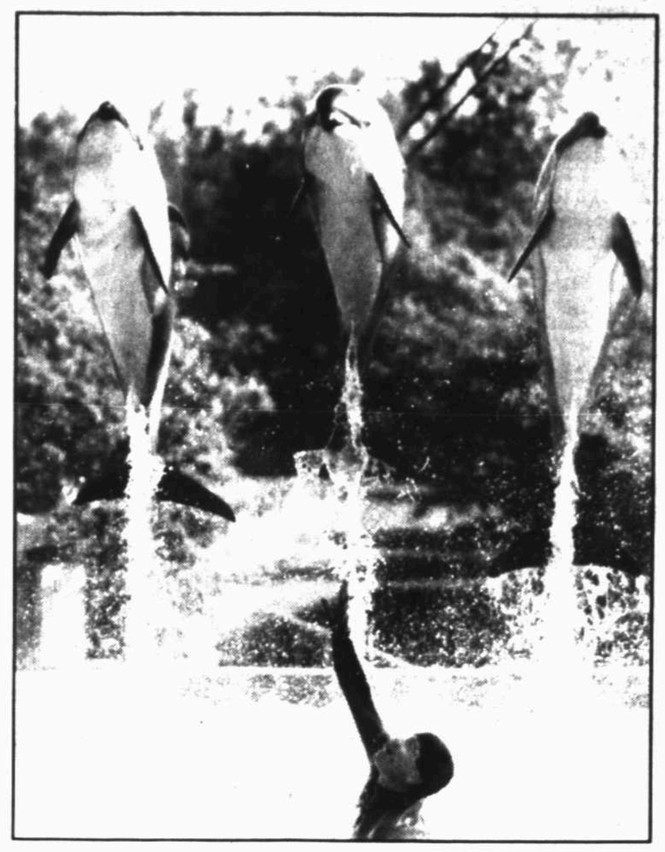
For more information call Chelsea's at 1-915-368-0949.

Finalist named

ODESSA — Odessa College student Oscar Valdez, a photography major and lab assistant in the photography program, has placed as a finalist in the Photographer's Forum 17th annual College Photography Contest.

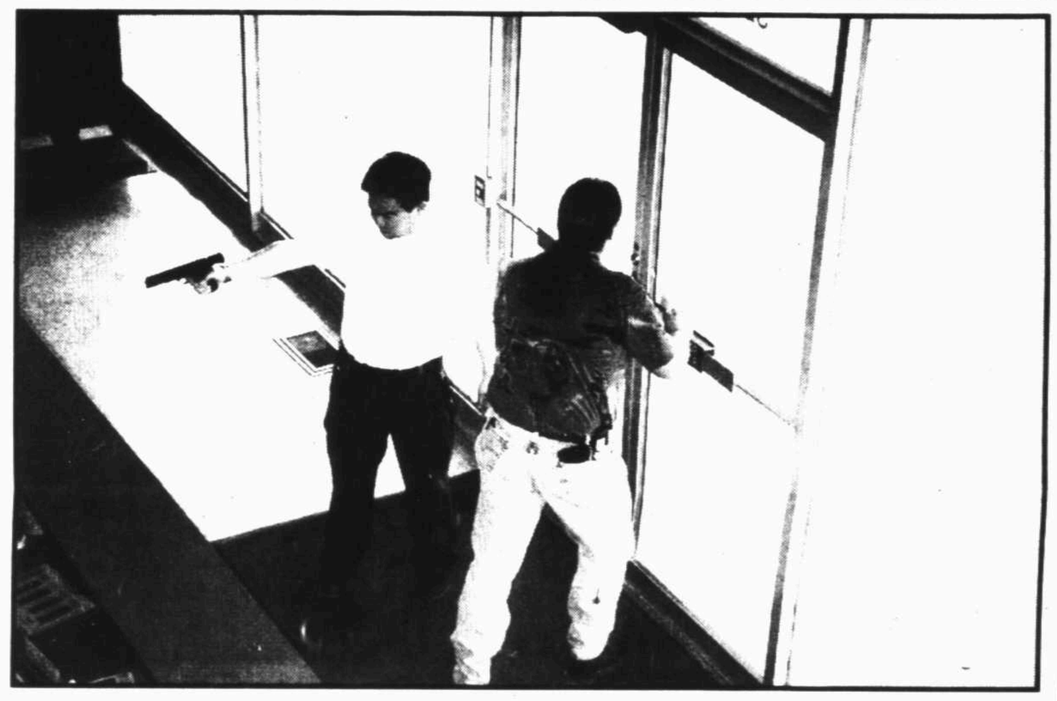
More than 19,500 entries were submitted from students in the United States and Canada.

A winner of an honorable mention, Valdez's work will be published in the Best of College Photography Annual 1997 and is under consideration for publication in Photographer's Forum's elite Portfolio section.



New shows at Sea World

Two new shows for the 1997 season at Sea World of Texas in San Antonio offer lots of high-flying excitement. "X-Stream Wheels," shown above, showcases phenomenal feats on bikes, skateboards and in-line skates. At left, "Symphony of the Sea" features the incredible acrobatics of Pacific white-sided dolphins and the smooth moves of beluga (white) whales. For more information about Sea World of Texas call 210-523-3611.



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MHCC NewsLine

MIDLAND HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

From The Director

With all the celebrations taking place this Cinco De Mayo weekend, the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is taking this opportune time to launch the beginning of a new relationship between the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (MHCC) and the Midland Reporter-Telegram. This Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Newsline page represents the inaugural edition of what will be our monthly newsletter.

MHCC has always strived to keep our membership informed of our activities within the community by providing a monthly newsletter. By utilizing the Midland Reporter-Telegram as a means of providing information, we will now be able to reach the entire community. This first edition will be a report on our activities over the last few months. I hope that the community enjoys our MHCC Newsline page and we look forward to communicating with you on months to come.

David Diaz

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Private hospital care has been available in Midland since 1964. With the completion of Westwood Medical Center in October of 1995, that option took a quantum leap. Westwood is now the newest and fastest growing hospital in the Permian Basin.

THE BIRTHPLACE AT WESTWOOD

Conveniently located at 4214 Andrews Highway between Midland Drive and McDonald Street, the medical center facility includes a Medical Office Building, medically related retail space, and a 101-bed hospital. Based on a vision of the future for healthcare delivery, Westwood is designed to meet your healthcare needs now and in the 21st century. Visitors frequenlty remark that the medical center reminds them more of a hotel than a hospital. In fact, Westwood Medical Center was featured in the July/August 1996 edition of Texas Architect Magazine.

The hospital's facility include: PromptCare, a 24-hour minor illness and injury center; The Birthplace, a self-contained center for childbirth on the second floor; Intensive Care; Inpatient Medical and Surgical units; a board array of Outpatient Diagnostic Services; Same Day Surgery; and, Home Health Services. Our "Hospital" provides overnight hotel-like accomodations at a nominal cost.

More than 175 area physicians, representing over 30 specialties, have medical staff privilages at Westwood. The hospital is accredited by the Joint Commision on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations and is certified to provide services for Medicare and Medicaid.

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Clients include: West Texas Geological Society; Centers for Children and Families; Basin Detox System Inc., Midland Safety and Health, Sales and Service; UTPB; Manuel's Tortilla Factory; ECISD, and many more.

For all your printing needs contact Associated Arts printing at (915) 687-4609.

MHCC MID-YEAR REPORT

DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE

In recent months, MHCC International Trade Specialist, Fernando De La Rosa and Chihuahua Chamber of Commerce officials developed a plan that would increase the interaction between Midland based business, and business based in Chihuahua. A concerted effort between the two sister chambers resulted in the launching of a campaign of international business expositions. The first, Bridges to "LA ENTRADA," was held at the Midland Center and hosted by the MHCC in February. Twenty exhibitors from Chihuahua were matched with over 40 business counter parts during the first two days of matchmaking sessions. The third day, which was open to the public, was succesful as well.

A reciprocal visit to Chihuahua is scheduled for May of 1997. At that time Midland based companies will have the opportunity to visit Chihuahua City and promote their goods and services with the help of the MHCC and the Chihuahua Chamber of Commerce. Based on the interest and success that these initial expos are able to generate, the market will be expanded to include other Mexican states including Durango and Sinaloa. Any and all who are interested in participating in the Chihuahua visit should contact Fernando De La Rosa at the chamber office at 682-2960.

If your business or organization requires assistance in the area of international trade, contact Fernando De La Rosa at the chamber office, 682-2960.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The economic development committee is conducting a series of meetings with the purpose of providing a forum for Lamesa Rd. merchants to contribute their input regarding the future development of Lamesa Rd. A panel consisting of MHCC representatives, city officials, builders, developers and corporate representatives will be onhand to field questions.

The first of these meetings was held in January of 1997 and the second is tentatively scheduled for June. For more details contact the chamber office at 682-2960 or committee chair Jerry Morales at 683-2194.

The never ending search for more efficient means of disseminating information has led the MHCC to the information super highway. The MHCC is proud to announce the selection of PowerNet, a locally owned and operated business, as the chamber's future internet service provider. The MHCC web site is presently under construction and information over the internet is forthcoming. MHCC members will benefit in a number of ways including increased access to chamber information, discounted subscriptions to the internet and access to PowerNet sponsored seminars.

CONVENTION AND TOURISM

The Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Midland Soccer Association is hosting the IV Annual International Soccer Tournament *"Friendship Thru Soccer"* this Cinco de Mayo weekend at Hogan, Windlands, Sidwell, Dunnigan and Ratliff Parks.

Soccer has grown in popularity within the national and international soccer arena. This year there will be over 100 boys and girls team competing in the tournament. Teams travel from all over Texas to have the oppotunity to compete against more than 30 teams from the country of Mexico. Teams representing Mexico are traveling from Mexico City, State of Guanajuato, Coahuila, and Chihuahua to name a few. Ages of players range from ages 11 to 19 years old. No other tournament brings the quality and quantity of Mexican teams in West Texas. Teams representing Texas are traveling from Amarillo, El Paso, Abilene, Lubbock, Arlington, Dallas and Midland/Odessa to name a few. Other states include teams from New Mexico and Oklahoma.

The City of Midland will host approximately 1300 Mexican Nationals, including players, coaches, family members and friends.

EDUCATION

In response to the ever increasing dropout rate problem, the education committee is proposing to step up efforts to direct additional resources to students at risk. Step Up To Success and mentor support are among the programs to be implemented.

The MHCC remains committed to higher education. In the past the education committee, with help from the Women's Department, has created opportunities in higher education that may not have otherwise existed. However, due to the gravity of the dropout rate problem, the strategy must be such that students can be positively influenced at a young and impressionable age.

An endeavor of this magnitude requires much in the way of support from the community and the time for volunteers and advisers to come forward is now.

The education committee meets on the third Monday of every month and is asking for your support. Please contact the chamber office at 682-2960 or committee chair Adela Quiroz at 571-3134.

ALL MALE FASHION SHOW BENEFITS EDUCATION

The Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Women's Department Annual ALL MALE FASHION SHOW continues to be the centerpiece of the Women's Department scholarship fund raisers. This year's Tenth Annual Show, "DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER," proved to be the most successful show to date.

A record number 39 models, including feature recording artist Ruben Ramos, took to the fashion runway and hammed it up to a packed house on February 15th at the Midland Center.

The latest in fashionable apparel was provided by: Dillard's, JC Penney Co., Oshman's, Trendy T's, Adventure Sports, Beall's, Luskey's, and Janee's Evening Wear and Tuxedos. Net proceeds raised from this years event are in excess of $10,000 of which 100% is earmarked for scholarship awards.

The MHCC would once again like to thank all who contributed to the success of this event and acknowledge those who gave their time and money and helped make this the most successful event to date.

STEP UP TO SUCCESS

is a unique program which utilizes the identification of at risk students at the sixth grade level and matches those students with positive role models and mentors. This year's program has been scheduled for September 6th, 1997 from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM at Midland College.

MISD BILINGUAL DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

members Jim Rodriquez and Adela Quiroz wish to inform the membership and other interested parties that there is now in the chamber's possession an informational Bilingual/English as a Second Language video available to any individual or organizations interested in learning more about the subject.

PARTNERS IN EDUCATION allows MHCC volunteers to contribute 30-60 minutes per week to neighborhood elementary schools and participate with a reading development program on a one to one basis. Partners in Education is always in need of volunteers so please call Rachel today at 682-2960.

PARKER PLACE

In response to the need and demand for affordable housing, the Midland Hispanic Chamber in conjunction with Community and Senior Services brought to fruition a $1.9 million HUD Project Section 202, funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The housing development, now known as Parker Place, provides affordable housing for the elderly. The one bedroom units are available to qualified applicants ages 62 and over, with an annual income not exceeding $12,450.00 for one tenant, or $14,250.00 for couples.

On March 31,1997, Parker Place residents officially began moving in and qualified applicants are encouraged to continue applying. The Midland Housing Authority is presently accepting and reviewing applications for residency and can be contacted at 570-6694.

The Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Community and Senior Services are proud to have had the opportunity to help make Parker Place a reality and are committed to continue improving the quality of life for all Midlanders.

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A coiled tubing operation underway near Midland. The rig count for the Basin improves.
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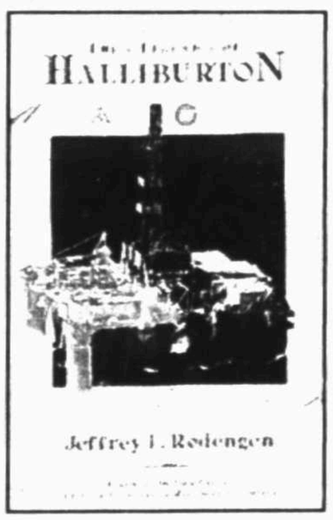
MEETING

The reservoir study group will be holding its second annual mini-course on May 8 at 11:30 a.m.The meeting will be held at the American Legion Hall. The guest speaker will be Easton Wren and his speech will be titled "Seismic Basics: A Drink from a Fire Hydrant." For more information and reservations call 915-686-7329



The Halliburton story is told in a new book that lays out the facts in the plain truth.
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PBGS Exploration Meeting

File Photo

A 3D seismic crew makes its way across the vastness of West Texas. The focus of the 1997 PBGS Exploration Meeting will focus on how the role of 3D seismic and how it continues to impact exploration and development.

Meeting to focus on 3D seismic

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

The continuing growth of 3D seismic in the Permian Basin and onshore U.S. will be the focus of the the Annual Exploration Meeting of the Permian Basin Geophysical Society set for May 16.

Included in the one-day meeting to be held at the Center for Energy and Economic Diversification are nine sessions designed to keep Permian Basin geophyscists on the leading edge of the seismic industry, says Ray Tobias, President PBGS.

Tobias says the meeting will focus on the industry's standard 3D, which continues to offer "many opportunities to better understand and improve in data acquisition, processing, and interpretation."

Tobias said the Permian Basin was the testing ground for much of the new technology such as 4D and 3C, and noted that geophyscists who work in the Basin are at the forefront of new techniques and ideas.

The Exploration meeting will be preceded on Thursday night by a barbecue at Midland's VFW Post 4149, with the meeting beginning with a 7 a.m. breakfast.

Reservoir analysis will be a highlight the sessions. Among the session topics to be presented on reservoirs are: 3D Seismic in Field development, presented by Dennis Neff of Phillips Petroleum; Detection of Hydrocarbons with Lithostratigraphy, with F.J. Hilterman of Geophysical Development Corp. as speaker. Dr. Amos Nur of Stanford University will deliver a presentation Rock Physics and 4D Seismic for Improved Oil Recovery, and Cynthia Kalkomey from Mobil's E&P Technical Center will speak on the Use of Seismic Attributes as Predictors of Reservoir Properties and Potential Risk and Dynamic Reservoir Characterization.

Other sessions are: Computer Mapping of Overthrust, Using 3D Techniques to be presented by Karen Hoffman and Paul White of Dynamic Graphics Inc., and 2D and 3D Seismic Detection of Ismay Algal Mounds, Southern Paradox Basin, will be the topic for Claudia Rebne and Beth McBride of Legacy Energy Corp. Robert Withers and Dennis Corrigan with Arco Exploration and Production Technology will discuss Fracture Mapping from Azimuthal Velocity Analysis, using 3D Surface Seismic, and Richard Randall with Paradigm Geophysical will deliver a paper called Imaging the Subtle Trap: Prestack Depth Migration in the Permian Basin.

Huntsman might acquire Rexene

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

One week after dedication of a massive expansion at its Odessa complex, Rexene Corp. has announced that it is pondering an offer by Huntsman Corp. to acquire the company.

As a result of the offer, Rexene postponed its special meeting of stockholders from April 30 to May 22 in order to give Huntsman due diligence information and to provide stockholders an opportunity to evaluate the offer.

Huntsman announced last week that it wanted to buy Rexene for a cash price of $16 per share. Rexene said it had entered into a confidentiality agreement with Huntsman on the acquisition.

Richard C. Perry and Stephen C. Swid, outside Rexene directors, who beneficially own 5.6 percent of

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Key Energy's net income up 184 percent

By Staff

Key Energy Group, Inc., with extensive operations in the Permian Basin, has reported high utilization of equipment and record earnings for the third quarter of fiscal year 1997.

Net income for the oilfield service company was up 184%, to $2.3 million, or 19 cents per share, from $827,000, or 12 cents per share in the same quarter a year earlier.

For the nine months ended March 31, 1997, net income increased 156%, to $5.9 million, or 51 cents per share, from $2.3 million, or 33 cents per share in the same period a year earlier. Earnings per share grew despite an increase in average shares outstanding of 81% and 68% in the three and nine month periods ended March 31, 1997, respectively, from the corresponding previous year periods.

Revenues in the quarter increased 193%, to $42.0 million, compared to $14.3 million in the same quarter a year earlier. For the nine months ended March 31, 1997, revenues increased 181%, to $109.7 million, compared to $39.1 million

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Tax break for ethanol under renewed attack

By: Peggy Roberson

Opponents of the federal tax break to ethanol producers believe they have a better chance of killing it this year, largely because Bob Dole is no longer Senate majority leader. Dole, the veteran Republican lawmaker from Kansas, and other members of Congress from corn-growing states, blocked efforts to end the excise tax exemption in 1996, before Dole resigned to run for president.

House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer (R-Texas), declaring that the ethanol tax benefit "amounts to highway robbery," said he would try to attach a rider (HR 161) to the tax bill that would phase out the tax benefit over two years.

Ethanol, an alcohol fuel that is distilled principally from corn, became a popular additive to boost the octane level of gasoline when smog darkened the skies above several big cities in the late 1970s causing a phase-out of leaded gasoline. Ethanol is an oxygenate, meaning it has a high oxygen content, burns more completely and pollutes less.

Ethanol is much more expensive than gasoline to make. Since 1978, government supports have helped create a market for ethanol, and U.S. ethanol production has grown from 10 million gallons in 1978 to 1.25 billion gallons in 1995.

Archer also introduced legislation in the last session that would have ended provisions in the Energy Tax Act of 1978 that exempted ethanol-blended fuels from federal excise taxes which, he says, have resulted in an estimated $7.1 billion loss to the Highway Trust Fund between 1979 and 1995 with little improvement to the environment and no significant curtailment of oil imports. Archer, however, chose not to spend political capital on the effort when Dole, a strong ethanol supporter, signaled he was ready to block its consideration, sources said. President Clinton also threatened to veto any bill that would end the tax exemption.

Rep. Philip English (R-Pa) this year is chief sponsor for the measure providing for the two-year phase-out of the tax break and Rep. Ken Bentsen (D-Texas) has introduced a similar measure (HR 587) which would end the incentive immediately.

English said that most of the tax incentive, which he calls "corporate welfare," goes to agribusiness giant Archer Daniels Midland (ADM), which accounts for 50 percent of ethanol production, while two other companies, Cargill and Williams Energy Group, account for about 15 percent of the total.

The special tax incentive to encourage ethanol production has cost his home state of Pennsylvania an estimated $30.8 million in highway tax revenues in 1995 and $308 million since 1983, English said.

The federal tax, earmarked for the Highway Trust Fund, is 18.4 cents a gallon on gasoline and 13 cents a gallon of gasoline mixed with at least 10 percent ethanol.

Archer has the support of key House committee chairman, including Reps. Bob Livingston (R-La.) and Bud Shuster (R-Pa.) for incorporating HR 161 in the tax bill. He cited a March 6 General Accounting Office report (GA0/GGD-97-41) titled "Tax Policy: Effects of the Alcohol Fuels Tax Incentives" as support for his claim that ethanol's tax break is a bad deal for most Americans.

GAO reported that 95 percent of U.S. ethanol production is derived from corn and that ethanol accounts for less than 1 percent of the total transportation fuels consumed in this country. It competes with MTBE (methyl tertiary butyl ether) as an additive to reformulated gasoline, which accounts for about 3 percent of total transportation fuels.

MTBE is a petroleum byproduct produced near Archer's Houston district. Both MTBE and ethanol meet 1990 Clean Air Act standards for reducing pollutants in urban areas and MTBE is apparently less expensive to manufacture, GAO said.

The use of corn for ethanol may benefit some farmers by raising prices of corn and other grains, but it could drive up the cost of feed for livestock production and the cost of food for consumers, the report states.

Tax incentives for ethanol probably have had little effect on the environment, GAO concluded, because it represents a small portion of fuel used; ethanol production creates polluting emissions; MTBE and other substitutes are cleaner burning; and, during certain times of the year in some areas, ethanol produces greater polluting emissions than gasoline.

Ethanol is used primarily in Midwestern states. Because there is little air pollution in those states, its use is not required there and it would probably disappear as an additive if the tax incentive were removed, the GAO report stated.

Ethanol supporters are counting on the Clinton administration to thwart the attempted repeal of the tax incentive. They are encouraged by the fact that President Clinton opposed a reduction in the tax exemption in October 1995, and the administration's fiscal year 1998 budget for the Department of Energy includes $30 million for ethanol production research.

Ethanol advocates also have an ally in House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) who joined Clinton in 1995 in opposing the incentive reduction.

In the Senate, Midwestern members led by Sen. Tom Harkin, the ranking Democrat on the Agriculture Committee, and Minority Leader Tom Daschle of North Dakota served notice they will counter the drive to repeal ethanol's tax break.

In a letter to Archer, Harkin said, "Big Oil backers have tried to exterminate ethanol in the past. I'm working with other pro-ethanol senators to make sure that common sense prevails once again."

Harkin said the new GAO report, requested by Archer, ignored previous GAO reports that cited benefits from the ethanol tax incentive, such as the reduction in oil imports and environmental protection.

Harkin also quoted a Northwestern University report to the Midwestern Governors Association in February, by economics professor Michael Evans, "hat estimates the ethanol industry this year will increase net farm income more than $4.5 billion, increase employment by 192,000 jobs, improve America's trade balance by $2 billion, add more than $450 million to state tax receipts and "have a net positive impact on our federal budget of $3.6 billion."

COMPANY NEWS

Mobil on target for offshore project

FAIRFAX, Va.— Mobil Corp. has reported that eight months after starting production offshore Equatorial Guinea, the company is on schedule to achieve its year-end target production rate of 80,000 barrels of oil per day (BPD). The Zafiro field is currently producing at approximately 46,000 BPD, well ahead of the planned level of 40,000 BPD for this time. Eight wells are now producing in Zafiro, and Mobil expects to bring a further seven on stream offshore Equatorial Guinea before the end of the year.

Kelly Oil & Gas reports discovery

HOUSTON — Kelly Oil & Gas Corp. and Williams Production - Gulf Coast Company, L.P., a division of Williams Energy Group, announced that they have made an indicated discovery on the CL&F No. 48-1 prospect in Terrebonne Parish in south Louisiana. Analysis of open hole logs indicates more than thirty feet of hydrocarbon bearing sand ("pay") with calculated porosity in excess of 30% in two geo-pressured primary objectives.

Exxon finals Malaysia discovery

IRVING — Exxon Corp. announced that its affiliate, Esso Production Malaysia Inc. (EPMI), together with its co-venturer, PETRONAS Carigali Sdn. Bhd., has made an oil discovery on Block PM-9, located approximately 130 miles (200 kilometers) northeast of Kerteh, off the east coast of Peninsular Malaysia, in the South China Sea in a water depth of 210 feet (64 meters).

Hondo delays testing of Colombian Well

HOUSTON— Hondo Oil & Gas Co. has concluded that testing of its No. 6 well in Colombia would be delayed for reasons related to the mechanical completion of the well. An investigation of the completion results reveals that approximately one-half of the perforating guns did not fire. Therefore, a significant portion of the La Paz formation was never opened for testing. The well will now be prepared for a new completion and tested.

Enron signs Poland power agreement

HOUSTON— Enron International Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Enron Corp. has announced that its subsidiary, Elektrocieplownia Nowa Sarzyna Sp. z.o.o (ENS), has signed a power purchase agreement for the 116 megawatt, natural gas-fired combined heat and power plant in Nowa Sarzyna, Poland. The 20 year deal was signed with the Polish Power Grid Company.

Harken Energy begins drilling prospect

DALLAS — Harken Energy Corp. has begun drilling operations on the Torcaz 3 well on the Rio Negro prospect. Marlin Drilling Company, a subsidiary of Pride International of Houston, has been contracted to drill the well. The Torcaz 3 well is expected to reach a depth of approximately 8,000 feet and will take approximately 30 days to drill and an additional 30 days to test and evaluate. The well should test two oil-prone zones prevalent in the Middle Magdalena Basin: the Mugrosa and Esmeraldas formations.

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in the same period a year earlier.

"We are pleased with our continued success in our existing operations, as well as our ability to quickly and successfully integrate our recent acquisitions. During the last two quarters we have announced and/or completed sixteen acquisitions for approximately $79 million, which include 187 well service rigs, four liquids hauling and transport companies, a logging and perforating company, an air drilling operation, a well-head equipment rental business and a fishing tool business," said Francis D. John, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer. "In the last quarter of the fiscal year, we expect continued strong growth in revenues, earnings and cash flow, stemming mainly from strong, full quarter contributions from most of these acquisitions and higher utilization - in addition to additional strategic acquisitions."

The company's pretax earnings are sheltered by income tax deductions such as net operating loss carry forward and intangible oil and gas drilling costs. As a result, the company is required to report income tax expense at applicable federal, state and other statutory rates, although a major portion of the expense is deferred. The company will continue to benefit from these deductions in the foreseeable future.

Boom again?

DALLAS — Like many independent oilmen, Leonard Bryans shied away from drilling new wells for years because of low oil prices. But after watching crude soar to $25 a barrel, the Dallas-based operator decided in December that it was time to get back in the exploration business.

Nearly six months later, Bryans has given up on trying to get a hot West Texas prospect drilled. He was going to have to wait several months to get a rig, then pay contractors more than double what it cost him to drill a well in the same area eight years ago.

"I've decided to put it on the shelf until either the price of oil goes up or the price of drilling goes down," he said.

At least Bryans can get his hands on a rig. Some of his colleagues can't.

As oilmen around Texas are discovering these days, the offshore drilling boom of the last year has moved onshore with a vengeance. A surge in rig demand has sent onshore drilling costs soaring by 20 percent or more in the last several months, and it's creating shortages in everything from rigs and pipe to experienced labor.

"I can't think of anything that isn't in tight supply right now," said Scott Gill, vice president of research for Simmons & Co. International, an energy investment banking and consulting firm in Houston. "Crews are in short supply, and drill pipe and rig rates are going up because they're in demand, and there's not that excess capacity that we once had."

Higher oil and natural gas prices over the last year are responsible for this wave of onshore exploration activity, which has swamped drilling companies with more work than they've seen since the early 1980s.

In sheer size, the current surge in drilling is nothing like the boom back then.

But last week, there were 889 rigs drilling wells onshore or in shallow coastal waters of the United States — 17 percent more than the 757 rigs at work a year ago. Typically, the number of working land rigs drops

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Valero to acquire Basis

SAN ANTONIO — Valero Energy Corp. has signed a definitive agreement to acquire Basis Petroleum, Inc. a wholly owned subsidiary of Salomon Inc. The acquisition process remains on schedule and Valero expects to complete the purchase of Basis on May 1 of this year. The primary assets of Basis include three refineries with total throughput capacity in excess of 300,000 barrels per day (BPD) and an extensive wholesale marketing business. The three refineries are comprised of a 160,000 BPD facility in Texas City, Texas; an 85,000 BPD facility in Houston, Texas; and a 65,000 BPD facility in Krotz Springs, Louisiana. After acquiring Basis, Valero will own and operate four refineries with total throughput capacity of about 500,000 BPD, making it one of the largest independent refining companies in the U.S.

Pursuant to terms of the transaction originally announced on March 17, Valero will acquire the stock of Basis for $285 million, plus approximately $200 million for inventories and other working capital to be acquired in the transaction. The purchase price will consist of Valero common stock having a fair market value of approximately $120 million, with the remainder to be paid in cash. In addition, Salomon will receive payments in any of the next ten years if the average refining margin during any of such years improves above a specified level. Any payments under this earn-out arrangement will not exceed $35 million in any year or $200 million in the aggregate.

REXENE: Acquisition been rumored

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Rexene common stock, have indicated that they will not stand in the way of a transaction that would provide stockholders with a $16 cash price.

The buy-out comes on the heels of a dedication last week of Rexene's new polyethylene plant at Odessa. Officials said the new 220 million pound rated polyethylene facility at Odessa gives Rexene new worldwide markets for linear, low-density polyethylene, while insuring a long term employment outlook for the area. Andrew J. Smith, Rexene Chairman and CEO, said the expansions at Odessa were exceeding all expectations for quality and quantity.

While the company has been under the gun in recent years from environmental lawsuits, the plant has now received honors for its hazardous waste production. "It will add another 70 permanent jobs, and contribute $72.2 million to the local economy," said Neil McDonald, who estimated that amount of capital infusion into the economy could create another 530 jobs. He also pointed out that over 1,000 temporary construction workers have had a $239.2 million impact on the economy.

An acquisition of Rexene had been rumored for the past several month.

Giant refining, marketing company created

SAN ANTONIO and DENVER — When it is completed sometime this summer, the Ultramar Diamond Shamrock Corp acquisition of Total Petroleum will create one of the largest refining and marketing companies in North America.

The new company will have a refining capacity of approximately 650,000 barrels per day (BPD), a network of 6,381 branded outlets in 19 states and six Canadian provinces, 5,679 miles of crude oil and refined products pipelines, and over 23,000 employees.

The agreement which was announced April 15, calls for Ultramar Diamond Shamrock Corp. to issue 0.322 of its shares for each outstanding share of Total Petroleum stock, in a transaction worth approximately $811 million, including the assumption by Ultramar Diamond Shamrock of $414 million of Total Petroleum debt.

Total S.A., the holder of 55.5% of Total Petroleum's shares, has agreed to vote those shares in favor of the transaction. The parties expect the transaction to close this summer.

Ultramar Diamond Shamrock Corporation Chairman and CEO Roger Hemminghaus commented, "The acquisition of Total Petroleum, with its refining and distribution system and high-quality gasoline and convenience store outlets, is another step in our plans to strategically grow refining, supply and marketing. We think that Total Petroleum is an excellent operational and geographical fit and will build shareholder value, increasing our earnings and cash flow."

"This is a very positive development for our company," said Total Petroleum Chairman of the Board and Total S.A. Executive V.P. and President of Refining and Marketing Jean-Paul Vettier. "The significant synergies between the two companies will create a company of notable strength and logistical advantage. I truly believe that this alliance will benefit all Total Petroleum shareholders as we look forward to the continued success of the expanded company."

"Ultramar Diamond Shamrock Corporation is a leader in refining and marketing," commented Total Petroleum President and CEO Gary Jones. "Our two companies share a culture that places emphasis on producing high quality products and the highest standards of service and value to our customers. This agreement is not only good for our shareholders, it clearly recognizes the value of our assets and operations and the contributions our employees have made to building that value over the years."

Annual savings and synergies related to the transaction are projected to be at least $50 million, which includes the company's plan to consolidate administration into San Antonio, Texas. In addition, Ultramar Diamond Shamrock intends to operate the facilities of Total Petroleum with two million barrels less crude oil, feedstock and refined product inventories.

Hemminghaus noted that the significant presence of Total Petroleum in the Rocky Mountain and Mid-Continent states fits well with Ultramar Diamond Shamrock's refining and marketing operations in the Southwest. "This latest acquisition significantly adds to our company's considerable strengths in refining and marketing and creates new opportunities for continued strategic expansion," he said.

The addition of Total Petroleum's 2,127 branded outlets, 560 of which are company-owned and operated, will significantly increase the company's retail presence. Ultramar Diamond Shamrock currently has a network of 4,254 outlets in the Southwestern U.S. and Northeastern Canada, with 1,724 of these company-owned and operated. The majority of Ultramar Diamond Shamrock's outlets are branded as "Diamond Shamrock," "Ultramar," or "Beacon." The company plans to rebrand Total Petroleum's units in Texas, Colorado, and Oklahoma as "Diamond Shamrock" and maintain the "Total" name in remaining markets. Ultramar Diamond Shamrock also has a large and growing home heating oil business in eastern Canada and New England and a growing petrochemicals business.

"Total Petroleum operates first-class convenience stores with high merchandise volumes and growing fast food sales that complement our stores," said Hemminghaus. "By leveraging both our companies' considerable strengths in merchandising, fast foods, credit card, and fuels marketing under one company, we will create new opportunities for cost savings and operating synergies, while offering more convenient locations and better service and value to our customers."

The acquisition will increase Ultramar Diamond Shamrock's refining production capacity by approximately 150,000 BPD, with the addition of Total Petroleum's refineries in Alma, Michigan, Ardmore, Oklahoma, and Denver, Colorado. Ultramar Diamond Shamrock currently owns and operates four modern and highly efficient refineries with a combined throughput capacity of 500,000 BPD. Two of Ultramar Diamond Shamrock's refineries are located in Texas, with one each in California and Quebec. Once the acquisition is complete, Ultramar Diamond Shamrock will increase the efficiency and operating reliability of the acquired refineries and integrate them into the company's crude oil and petroleum products system.

Ultramar Diamond Shamrock's refineries are linked to its key retail and wholesale markets through a supply distribution network of 4,543 miles of crude oil and refined products pipelines. The acquisition of Total Petroleum's 1,136 miles of pipeline and 11 terminals will enhance the company's supply network, according to Hemminghaus.

Ultramar Diamond Shamrock Corporation, with approximately $10.2 billion in annual revenues, is one of the largest refining and marketing companies in North America, with four refineries and marketing operations in the Southwestern United States and Eastern Canada. The corporation, headquartered in San Antonio, Texas, employs 17,000 people and has growing petrochemicals, home heating oil, and convenience store merchandising businesses. Ultramar Diamond Shamrock shares are listed on the New York and Montreal stock exchanges under the trading symbol UDS.

Total Petroleum is a refiner and marketer of petroleum products with refineries in Colorado, Oklahoma, and Michigan, and marketing activities in the central United States. Headquartered in Denver, the Company employs 6,400 people. Total Petroleum shares are listed on the American, Toronto, Montreal, and Pacific stock exchanges under the symbol TPN. Approximately 55% of its common shares are owned by Total S.A., a leading international oil and gas company headquartered in France, with shares listed on the Paris, London, and New York stock exchanges.

JOHN PAUL PITTS

Entrepreneur Earle P. Halliburton was nobody's fool

Almond Perkins? New Method Oil Cementing Co.? Ring a bell? How about Earle P. Halliburton? Now the bell rings.

Almond Perkins — not Earle Halliburton was the inventor of oil well cementing, and New Method Cementing Co. was the original name for Halliburton's cementing company.

PITTS

Many tales have been spun about corporations and their humble beginnings, but few can match the rags to riches saga of a multi-billion dollar corp. (Halliburton Corp.), built from the back of a borrowed wagon with a "borrowed" idea.

Acknowledged as the father of oil well cementing, a busted Earle Halliburton lived in a one room shack at Wilson, Oklahoma and literally started his business by trading the use of his outhouse for the use of a wagon and team. He bought hoes, built a mixing box, and with a few sacks of cement was in the oil well cementing business — thanks to a patent he borrowed from his former boss Almond Perkins and his company Perkins Oil Well Cementing Co. of California.

"Don't tell me I can't do something because I might infringe upon someone's patent, I started in business infringing," Halliburton once said.

The story of Earle Halliburton's, patent jumping and rapid rise to fame and fortune is recounted in a new book, The Legend of Halliburton. Available from Write Stuff Syndicates of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. and written by Jeffrey Rodengen, a two-time Pulitzer prize nominee and author of 23 books, the book paints an honest and colorful picture of how one man and one company made it very big in the early oilpatch.

Halliburton, a drifter of sorts was a truck driver, for Perkins Oil Well Cementing Co., which owned the patent to the process for mixing cement in a slurry and pumping it down the pipe and up the backside of the casing. Halliburton often quarreled with his boss about the "right" way to cement and oilwell. Irritated at the unsolicited advice, Almond Perkins finally fired him.

"The two best things to happen to me," Halliburton is quoted in the book, "was when I was hired by Almond Perkins and when I was fired by him."

While Perkins and may have had the original idea for oil well cementing, it was the brash Halliburton who moved to Wilson, Oklahoma and perfected the new technology, and made it into a worldwide service.

Halliburton's first refinement was the Jet Mixer. Mixing cement by hand in a hopper was slow. It was a monumental task to mix enough cement fast enough to pump it down the casing before it hardened. Halliburton's solution was the jet mixer that required workers only empty cement sacks into a hopper. A jet stream of water took care of the rest. When cutting and emptying cement bags became to slow, Halliburton invented the Halliburton sack cutter, which allowed workers to add cement almost as fast as they could lift a bag.

A year after doing his first cement job in 1919, the New Method Cement Co., (the name for Halliburton's new company) had three trucks and had cemented 500 wells. That was enough to get the attention of Almond Perkins.

In 1922, Perkins patent lawyer showed up in Duncan, Oklahoma and told Halliburton that his old boss would no longer tolerate infringement upon his patent. As so often happens in the oilpatch the deal was settled out of court. Halliburton was given an exclusive license for the Perkins method of oil well cementing for the mid-continent area, while Perkins was given an exclusive license for the Jet Mixer in California and surrounding states.

Later Halliburton would vigorously defend both the Jet Mixer patent and the Perkins patents, often to the point of violence. When two blacksmiths at Guthrie, Oklahoma build their own version of the Jet Mixer, and Halliburton went to investigate, he was threatened by a gang of roughnecks, and had to bring his own muscle to town to resolve the conflict.

The most volatile legal battle over a patent he bought from John Simmons for $15,000. It was the Simmons drill stem tester. When he found others marketing the concept, Halliburton went to court. Among those testing the patent were E.C. Johnson. It would be a decade long legal battle that would end with a judge declaring the Halliburton-Simmons patent invalid.

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BOOM: Rigs, crew getting scarce

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between December and April. This year, it has gone up, and the rig count for U.S. natural gas drilling is at an all-time high.

"People are saying that if you don't have a rig now, you might not be able to get your well drilled this year," Dallas oilman Jim Gibbs said.

For oil and gas producers facing deadlines on drilling prospects, the demand for rigs has spawned some desperate offers. A Texas producer who is facing a May 12 deadline to drill on one of his leases has offered $100,000 to anyone who would release a rig for his well, said one drilling contractor. Others are offering smaller bonuses and premiums.

"I'd sure like to put another rig to work if I could get the crew, but we don't have the hands," said Ray Herring, owner of E&H Drilling Co. in Graham. "We've got people calling every day, wanting to have wells drilled. We tell them we'll put them on the list."

At Patterson Energy Co., a Snyder-based firm that drills wells all over Texas, workers are trying to piece together another seven rigs to add to the 54 the company already has running nonstop, president Cloyce Talbott said. Patterson is spending $7.5 million to refurbish nine idle rigs altogether.

"I never dreamed I would see business this good again in my lifetime," Talbott said. "Right now, we're booked probably 60 to 90 days out, and that's a long time in the onshore drilling business. We're busier right now than we were in 1981."

For the last decade, the industry has lived off the surpluses of skilled labor and equipment left over by the bust. Gradually, though, the out-of-work drillers and crew hands have drifted off to other industries, and the piles of usable pipe and rigs stacked along highways around Texas have been picked over.

Mike Mullen, a Dallas-based entrepreneur who began buying and selling mothballed rigs and parts in the 1980s, has seen his business explode in the last year. He had been selling an average of about 10 rigs a year. But in the last year, he's sold 30. Big land rigs that were selling for $2.5 million a year ago are selling for about $5 million today.

"We put together three land rigs out of pieces and sold those for top dollar. We've sold pretty much all our inventory," Mullen said. "The market is so tight that guys are asking you to sell them the pieces and they'll put the rigs together. It's phenomenal."

Now that the drilling surge has outstripped excess supplies of labor and equipment, people are scrambling to find resources to meet this demand," said Gill, the Simmons executive.

Graham, for instance, the seat of Young County, was the operating base for 28 drilling rigs in the early 1980s. Today, Herring's two rigs are all that remain.

Bud Hill, a leading Graham oil producer, was one of those who bailed out of the drilling business during the bust. By 1988, drilling rates had fallen to $6 from $10 a foot, and Hill was losing $1.50 a foot on every well he drilled. He sold his rig, and the buyer shipped it off to New Mexico. Now, Hill has been waiting since November to get a well drilled.

Herring himself had six rigs running during the boom. As oil prices fell and drilling demand dried up, he laid off one crew after another until only one was left. In response to rising demand in December, he put into service another rig and three four-person crews working around the clock.

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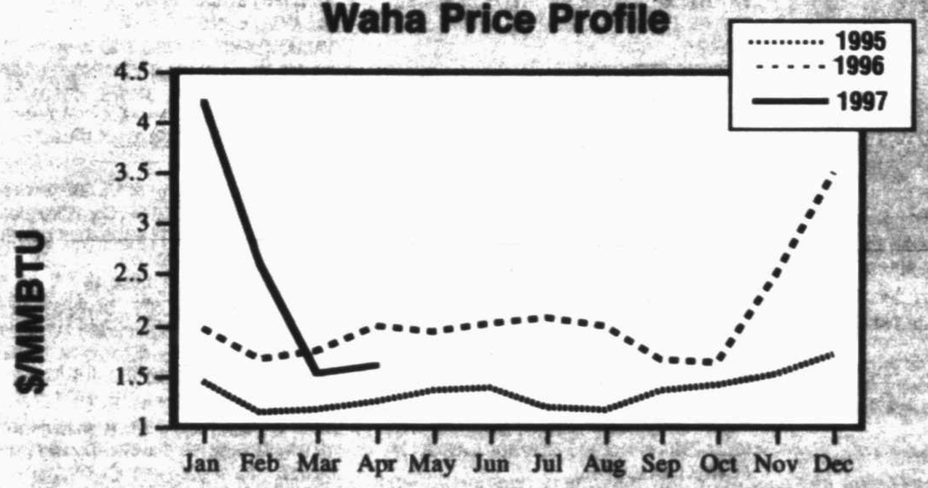
Spot Gas Price Comparison

Waha Price Profile



* Waha is a major natural gas collection header for the Permian Basin located in Pecos County

Courtesy Robert K. Anderson Companies

Waha Averages

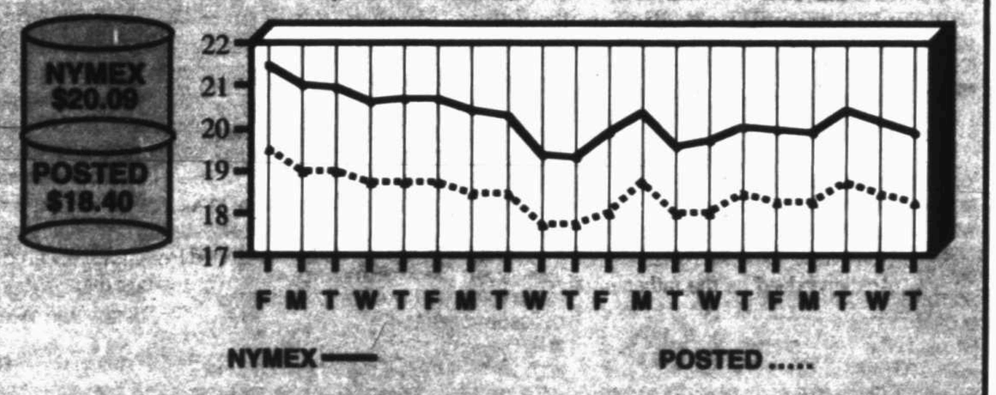
This Month	Last Month
$1.60	$1.52

Current Spot Prices

- **Mid Continent** (Arkoma) **$1.74**
- **Gulf Coast** (Louisiana) **$1.85**
- **Rocky Mountain** (Wyoming) **$1.43**

Crude Oil Prices

This Week's Average:



Current Posted Prices

Amoco*	$19.75	Exxon	$19.50	Phillips*	$18.50
Arco	18.50	Fina*	N/A	Scurlock	
Basis*	18.50	Koch*	18.50	Permian*	18.25
Chevron	19.25	Marathon*	18.25	Shell*	18.25
Citgo*	N/A	Mobil*	18.75	Sun*	18.50
Conoco	N/A	Navajo*	18.50	Texaco	18.50
E.O.T.T.	18.250	Navajo#	19.75	Unocal	19.50

LUFKIN RIG ACTIVITY PROFILE

Rig Count

	This Wk.	Last Wk.	YearAgo
USA Land	760	734	617
USA Offshore	126	121	99
Canada	323	395	196
U.S. Directional	191	195	161
U.S. Horizontal	78	72	54
U.S. Gas	514	517	425
U.S. Oil	400	366	296

Information last update 3/27/97

Texas RRC Dist.

	This Wk.	Last Wk.
Offshore	22	22
Inl. Water	01	01
District 1	02	05
District 2	07	07
District 3	53	54
District 4	57	54
District 5	27	27
District 6	32	29
District 7B	06	06
District 7C	40	45
District 8	51	47
District 8A	24	23
District 9	08	08
District 10	20	20
Total-Texas	*350*	*348*

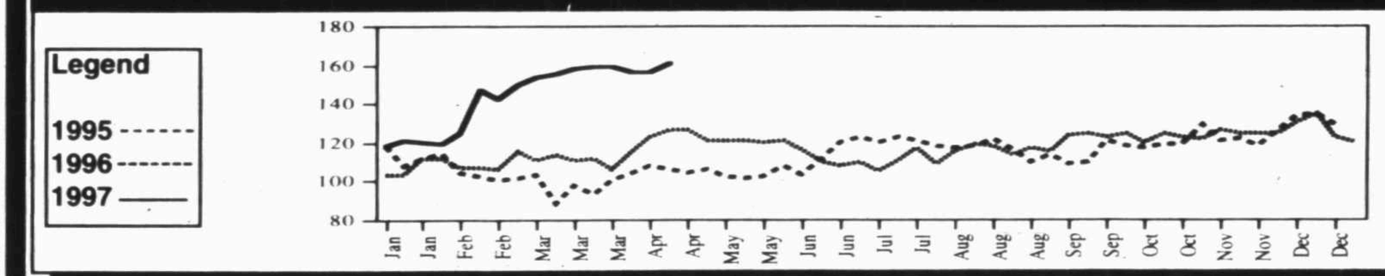
Information last update 3/27/97

Rig Count Data provided by Baker Hughes, Inc.

Permian Basin

TEXAS DIST. #7C					
Coke	01	El Paso	00	Floyd	00
Concho	00	Glasscock	04	Gaines	05
Crockett	13	Howard	04	Garza	02
Irion	01	Hudspeth	00	Hale	00
Kimble	00	Jeff Davis	00	Hockley	03
McCullough	00	Loving	00	Kent	01
Menard	00	Martin	03	King	01
Reagan	02	Midland	12	Lamb	00
Runnels	00	Mitchell	00	Lubbock	01
Schliecher	00	Pecos	03	Lynn	00
Sutton	01	Presidio	00	Motley	00
Terrell	08	Reeves	03	Scurry	00
Tom Green	00	Sterling	02	Terry	03
Upton	08	Ward	06	Yoakum	01
DIST. #8		Winkler	06	*TEXAS TOTAL*	*108*
Andrews	06	DIST. #8A		NEW MEXICO	
Brewster	00	Bailey	00	Chaves	00
Crane	03	Borden	00	Eddy	20
Culberson	00	Cochran	00	Lea	28
Ector	02	Cottle	00	Roosevelt	00
		Crosby	00		
		Dawson	04	*N.M. TOTAL*	*48*

Permian Basin Rig Count Profile



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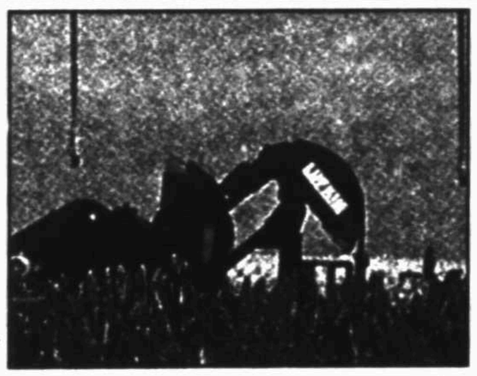

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MALLON OIL CO
■ MALLON 16 STATE #2
WILDCAT BLACK RIVER WEST DEL - WP; 24S-26E-16; c nw nw, 660 fnl 660 fwl EL: 3443 GR. Obj: 5500 (Delaware). NL: 04/23/97. API# 30-015-29538. ID# T-483741

LEA COUNTY

YATES PETROLEUM CORP
■ BRUNSON AQK STATE COM #1
WILDCAT MISS - WP; 16S-35E-10; se sw ne, 2260 fnl 1795 fel EL: 4003 GR. Obj: 12700 (Mississippian). NL: 04/21/97. API# 30-025-33931. ID# T-483657
SOUTHWEST ROYALTIES INC
■ GRAMA RIDGE 35 STATE #1
WILDCAT WOLF - RE-ENTRY WP; 21S-33E-35; 2nw ne se, 2310 fsl 990 fel Summary Original Drill: Oper: ENRON OIL & GAS CO Field: WILDCAT DEV.EL: 3693 KB.TD: 16450.P&A on 11/12/87.PRESENT OPERATIONS: EL: 3666 GR. Obj: 13150 (Wolfcamp).NL: 07/30/87. API# 30-025-29991. ID# T-413390

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CONCHO COUNTY

BOWERMAN ENERGY CO
■ CAFFEY ARMOR #1
WILDCAT- W; E M CAFFEY #2 sur, A-1696, 467 fsl 820 fel of sur, and lse. 624.51 acre lse. 7 mi W of Eden. EL: 2128 GR. Obj: 4000 test.NL: 04/17/97. ID# T-483597
ULTRA OIL & GAS INC
■ PRICE M #1
WILDCAT- W; T & N O RY CO sur blk 72 sec 165, A-9, 1500 fsl 1000 fwl of sec, and lse. 679.59 acre lse. 9 mi SW of Eden. EL: 2231 GR. Obj: 2100 test.NL: 04/22/97. Permit# 461156. API# 42-095-31760. ID# T-483694

MENARD COUNTY

DANIEL EXPL INC
■ NICHOLS J #3A
WILDCAT- W; THOMAS GREEN #1 sur, A-1354 4530 fsl 750 fel of sur, 467 fnl 1485 fel of lse. 40 acre lse. 11.5 mi NW of Menard. Obj: 3999 test.NL: 04/22/97. Permit# 461243. API# 42-327-30825. ID# T-483693

REAGAN COUNTY

MIDLAND RES OPER CO INC
■ COPE 34 #1
WILDCAT- W; T C RY CO sur blk A sec 34, A-101, 467 fsl 467 fwl of sec, and lse. 680 acre lse. (A-101 originally known as T D Dickson) 27 mi NE of Big Lake. EL: 2472 GR. Obj: 9700 test.NL: 04/18/97. Permit# 461122. API# 42-383-34756. ID# T-483645

CONCHO COUNTY

SULLIVAN HOLLIS R INC
■ BECK - B #4202
WILDCAT- WG; H & T C RY CO sur blk 9 sec 42, A-1097, 600 fsl 1200 fel of sec, and lse. 320 acre lse. (A-1097 originally known as T M Linam) 8.5 mi SE of Vick. EL: 2004 GR. Obj: 4500 test.NL: 01/21/97. Permit# 457486. API# 42-095-31744. ID# T-481278.Contr: Win Tex. Spud: 02/06/97.TD: 4350 on 02/17/97.PB: 3761.Compl: on 03/10/97.GAS (Last Info: 04/22/97)PZone: 3538-3550 (lwr Harkey) IP: (lwr Harkey 3538-3550) CAOF 1480 MCFGPD -- F 0.1 BOPD grav 42; 826 MCFGPD grav .699 on 14/64 ck, no wtr; FTP 713, SITP 1325, BHSIP 1472, BHT 119 F @ 3545, SLOPE 1.000 Four Point: 915 MCFGPD on 16/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 610, BHP 896; 826 MCFGPD on 14/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 713, BHP 937; 689 MCFGPD on 12/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 815, BHP 1036; 527 MCFGPD on10/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 895, BHP 1102

CROCKETT COUNTY

ECHO PRODUCTION INC
■ UNIVERSITY LAND 39-6 #1
WILDCAT- WD; UNIVERSITY LAND sur blk 39 sec 6, 890 fsl 1980 fel of sec, and lse. 343.15 acre lse. 25 mi NE of Ozona. EL: 2563 GR. Obj: 8500 test.NL: 12/27/96. Permit# 456276. API# 42-105-37499. ID# T-480777.Spud: 03/07/97.TD: 8193.P&A on 03/29/97 (Last Info: 04/22/97)

MCCULLOCH COUNTY

DAUBERT OIL & GAS CO
■ PRICE 1357 #1
WILDCAT- WD; J C PETER #1357 sur, A-1103, 100 fnl 1400 fel of sur, 4140 fr mid el 2540 fr E'ly mid sl of lse. 3998 acre lse. 3 mi N of Melvin. EL: 1886 GR. Obj: 2000 test.NL: 01/31/97. Permit# 457840. API# 42-307-31030. ID# T-481517.Spud: 01/30/97.TD: 1850.P&A on 02/07/97.(Last Info: 04/19/97)

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PECOS COUNTY

ATAPCO
■ PECOS COUNTY - WID 3 #2
WILDCAT- W; H & G N RY CO sur blk 9 sec 11, 2730 fsl 900 fwl of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. 6 mi SW of Imperial. Obj: 3500 test.NL: 04/21/97. ID# T-483665
COSTILLA ENERGY INC
■ WILSON RANCH 52 - A #1
WILDCAT- W; G C & S F RY CO sur blk 194 sec 52, A-6838, 719 fnl 1066 fel of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. (A-6838 originally known as S M Stewart) 10 mi NW of Iraan. EL: 2477 GR. Obj: 9000 test.NL: 04/23/97. Permit# 461337. API# 42-371-36707. ID# T-483732
GLOSSOP ROBERT L
■ NUTT 16A #1
WILDCAT- RE-ENTRY WD; T & S T L RY CO sur blk 125 sec 16, A-6504, 375 fnl 2406 fel of sec, 375 fnl 230 fwl of lse. 160 acre lse. (Rule 37 exception granted) (A-6504 originally known as Maxino Alvares) 12 mi W'LY of Bakersfield. Summary Original Drill: Oper: FAIRWAY OIL & GAS CO Well: NUTT J L

REEVES COUNTY

BURLINGTON RES O&G CO
■ INTERSTATE #1
WILDCAT- W; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk 71 sec 33, A-3097, 2445 fnl 1132 fel of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. (A-3097 originally known as N M Tucker) 4 mi SW of Toyah. EL: 3050 GR. Obj: 11500 test.NL: 04/23/97. ID# T-483729
BURLINGTON RES O&G CO
■ KEYMASTER #1
WILDCAT- W; T & P RY CO sur blk 56 twp 7 sec 5, A-185, 677 fsl 2210 fwl of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. 6.8 mi SW of Toyah. EL: 3104 GR. Obj: 11200 test.NL: 04/23/97. ID# T-483727
SONAT EXPL INC MIDLAND
■ FULLER - E #1
WILDCAT- PLUG BACK WP; H E FULLER sur blk 55 twp 5 sec 48, A-5834, 1980 fsl 660 fel of sec, and lse. 640 acrelse. 15 mi NW of Pecos. Summary Original Drill: Field: TOYAH (DEVONIAN).TD: 12850.Compl: on 05/27/84 GASPZone: 12600-12620 (Devonian) IP: (Devonian 12600-12620) F 990 MCFGPD grav .64; no oil; 10 BWPD; FTP 598,SITP 4380, BHSIP 5594, SLOPE 0.949 PRESENT OPERATIONS: EL: 2822 GR. Obj: 12977 test.NL: 03/21/95. Permit# 433915. API# 42-389-00175. ID# T-467120

HOWARD COUNTY

VISTA RESOURCES INC
■ TAYLOR #1
WILDCAT- WO; T & P RY CO sur blk 34 twp 3N sec 36, A-1410, 1921 fsl 1543 fel of sec, 725 fnl 1100 fwl of lse. 160 acre lse. 4.5 mi SE of Ackerly. EL: 2728 GR. Obj: 9800 test.NL: 12/03/96. Permit# 455813. API# 42-227-35091. ID# T-480240.Contr: Patterson #1. Spud: 01/11/97.TD: 9840 on 02/05/97.PB: 9463.Compl: on 02/27/97 OIL (Last Info: 04/19/97)PZone: 9210-9224 (Canyon) IP: (Canyon 9210-9224) F 150 BOPD grav 39; 150 MCFGPD on 10/64 ck; 10 BWPD;FTP 395

WARD COUNTY

R K PETROLEUM CORP
■ SITTON EST 44 #2
WILDCAT- RE-ENTRY WD; H & T C RY CO sur blk 34 sec 44, A-831. 1964 fnwl 1946 fswl of sec, 676 fsl 694 fel of lse. 160 acre lse. (A-831 originally known as H L Johnson) 10 mi SE of Pyote. PRESENT OPERATIONS: EL: 2520 GR. Obj: 10700 test.NL: 01/06/97. Permit# 456966. API# 42-475-30811. ID# T-480984.Resume: 01/07/97.TD: 12766.D&A on 04/22/97.(Last Info: 04/22/97)

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HOCKLEY COUNTY

MIDLAND RES OPER CO INC
■ BRYAN - MRI ET AL #1
WILDCAT- W; BAYLOR COUNTY SCHOOL LAND sur, 835 fnl 470 fwl of lab 6 lge 31 of sur, and lse. 177.12 acre lse. 6 mi SE of Levelland. EL: 3534 GR. Obj: 10600 test.NL: 04/21/97. ID# T-483662
MIDLAND RES OPER CO INC
■ BYAN - MRI ET AL #1
WILDCAT- W; BAYLOR COUNTY SCHOOL LAND sur, A-3, 835 fnl 470 fwl of sur, 835 fnl 470 fwl of lab 31 lge 6 of sur, and lse. 177.12 acre lse. 6 mi SE of Levelland. EL: 3534 GR. Obj: 10600 test.NL: 04/22/97. Permit# 461121. API# 42-219-36332. ID# T-483673

DEVELOPMENT WELLS

Southeast New Mexico

CHAVES COUNTY

YATES PETROLEUM CORP
■ THORPE - MI FEDERAL #16
PECOS SLOPE ABO - D; 7S-25E-3; c ne nw, 660 fnl 1980 fwl, 34 mi NE of Roswell. EL: 3750 GR. Obj: 4150 (Abo). NL: 04/23/97. API# 30-005-03129. ID# T-483750
YYATES PETROLEUM CORP
■ QUINCY #17
ACME SE SA - D; 8S-27E-12; se se sw, 330 fsl 2310 fwl Obj: (San Andres). NL: 04/17/97. API# 30-005-63079. ID# T-483614
YATES DRLG CO
■ STONEFLY STATE #1
CHAVES SE QU - D; 12S-31E-24; nw nw nw, 330 fnl 330 fwl EL: 4416 GR. Obj: 3100 (Queen). NL: 04/18/97. API# 30-005-21148. ID# T-483650

EDDY COUNTY

OXY U S A INC
■ OXY KNIGHT FEDERAL #1
UND LOGAN DRAW MORROW - D; 17S-27E-21; n/2 ne se, 2230 fsl 660 fel, 6 mi SE of Artesia. EL: 3482 GR. Obj: 9550 (Morrow). NL: 04/23/97. ID# T-483758
DEVON ENERGY CORP
■ TURNER - B #136
GRAYBURG JACKSON - D; 17S-31E-20; se ne se, 1521 fsl 146 fel EL: 3753 GR. Obj: 4200 (Jackson). NL: 04/23/97. ID# T-483757
DEVON ENERGY CORP
■ TURNER - B #135
GRAYBURG JACKSON - D; 17S-31E-20; ne ne se, 2650 fnl 85 fel EL: 3738 GR. Obj: 4200 (Jackson). NL: 04/23/97. ID# T-483756

INTERCOAST OIL & GAS CO
■ EMPIRE - A FEDERAL #2
TURKEY TRACK NORTH MORROW - D; 18S-29E-27; sw ne ne, 990 fnl 990 fel, 5 mi SW of Loco Hills. EL: 3456 GR. Obj: 11450 (Morrow). NL: 04/17/97. ID# T-483607
PENWELL ENERGY INC
■ LONETREE 13 STATE #2
CARLSBAD EAST BONE SPR - D; 21S-27E-13; c sw nw, 1980 fnl 660 fwl EL: 3173 GR. Obj: 8000 (Bone Spring). NL: 04/23/97. API# 30-015-29533. ID# T-483747
LOUIS-DREYFUS NATRL GAS
■ SHEEP DRAW 28 FEDERAL #12
HAPPY VALLEY DEL - D; 22S-26E-28; ne sw nw, 1650 fnl 990 fwl, 4 mi SW of Carlsbad. EL: 3289 GR. Obj: 5000 (Delaware). NL: 04/23/97. API# 30-015-29531. ID# T-4837498
PENWELL ENERGY INC
■ HACKBERRY 31 STATE #1
HAPPY VALLEY MORROW - D; 22S-26E-31; c se ne, 1980 fnl 660 fel EL: 3374 GR. Obj: 12000 (Morrow). NL: 04/23/97. API# 30-015-29522. ID# T-483739
PENWELL ENERGY INC
■ FH 29 FEDERAL - D #1
DARK CANYON DEL - D; 23S-26E-29; c ne ne, 660 fnl 660 fel, 7 mi SW of Carlsbad. EL: 3369 GR. Obj: 5500 (Delaware). NL: 04/17/97. ID# T-483606
ARCO PERMIAN
■ BARCLAY STATE #3
LIVINGSTON RIDGE DEL - D; 23S-31E-2; c se ne, 1980 fnl 660 fel EL: 3444 GR. Obj: 8600 (Delaware). NL: 04/23/97. API# 30-015-29527. ID# T-483734

LEA COUNTY

TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
■ VACUUM NORTH ABO WEST UNIT #28
VACUUM NORTH ABO - HORIZONTAL D; 17S-34E-28; w/2 ne se, 1980 fsl 760 fel BHLoc: PROPOSED: 660 fsl 1980 fel c sw se; (TVD: 8910) EL: 4033 GR. Obj: 10730 (Abo).NL: 04/18/97. API# 30-025-33926. ID# T-483655
PHILLIPS PETROLEUM CO
■ SANTA FE #136
VACUUM DRKD - D; 17S-35E-33; sw sw nw, 2175 fnl 336 fwl, 7654 mi 08.800 of 653125.900. EL: 3948 GR. Obj: 9500 (Drinkard). NL: 04/21/97. API# 30-025-33928. ID# T-483656
PAULSON RAND OIL CO INC
■ SUMMERS NEAL #2
KNOWLES SOUTH DEV - D; 17S-39E-18; sw sw ne, 2040 fnl 2040 fel EL: 3655 GR. Obj: 12300 (Devonian). NL: 04/18/97. API# 30-025-33925. ID# T-483653
PENWELL ENERGY INC
■ CORBIN WEST 19 FEDERAL #6
CORBIN SOUTH BONE SPR - D; 18S-33E-19; nw sw sw, 990 fsl 330 fwl, 35 mi E of Hobbs. EL: 3787 GR. Obj: 10150 (Bone Spring). NL: 04/17/97. ID# T-483604
BURLESON LEWIS B INC
■ ORCUTT H T - NCT-H #2
SKAGGS DRKD - D; 20S-37E-11; sw ne nw, 990 fnl 1800 fwl EL: 3608 GR. Obj: 6950 (Drinkard). NL: 04/18/97. API# 30-025-21867. ID# T-483651
CONOCO INC
■ HARDY 36 STATE #15
HARDY SIMPSON ELLEN - D; 20S-37E-36; n/2 se sw, 990 fsl 1980 fwl EL: 3489 GR. Obj: 10340 (Mckee). NL: 04/18/97. API# 30-025-33924. ID# T-483652
STEVENS & TULL INC
■ KYTE #5
WARREN EAST DK ABO - D; 20S-38E-23; c sw ne, 1980 fnl 1980 fel EL: 3570 GR. Obj: 7950 (Abo). NL: 04/18/97. API# 30-025-33927. ID# T-483654
PENWELL ENERGY INC
■ DIAMOND TAIL 23 FEDERAL #1
DIAMOND TAIL BONE SPR - D; 23S-32E-23; c ne se, 1980 fsl 660 fel, 30 mi SW of Eunice. EL: 3710 GR. Obj: 10350 (Bone Spring). NL: 04/22/97. API# 30-025-33932. ID# T-483710

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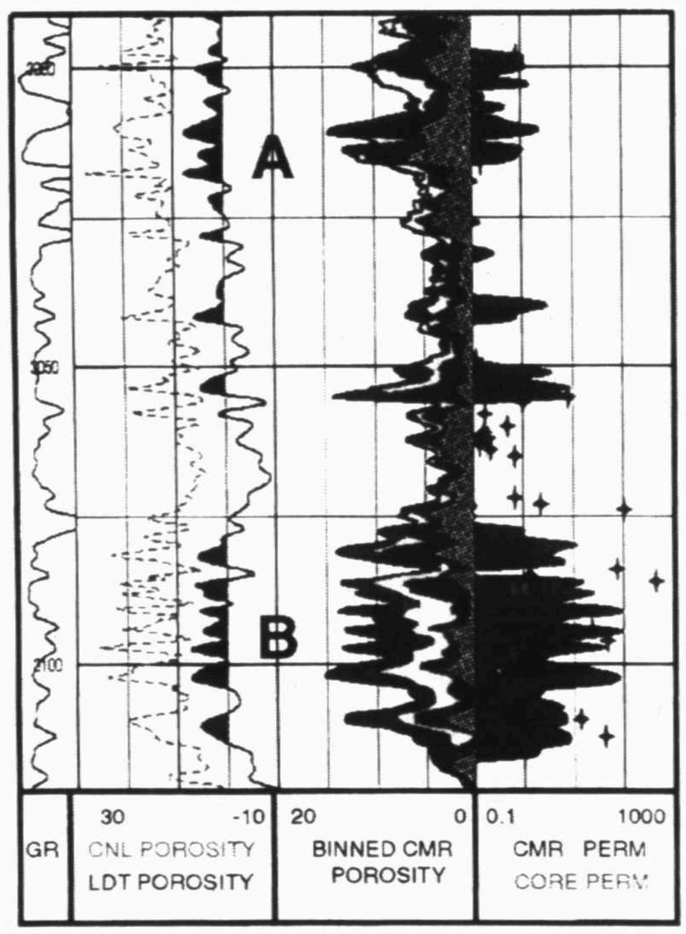

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Methodology: Evaluate section using CMR, Platform Express and full core analysis.
Results: The CNL/LDT/GR log suggests that there are 2 similar productive intervals (A & B). CMR perm shows the porosity in Zone A to be tight (<1 md) and this is confirmed by core data. Zone B has visible vugs on both the FMI images and the whole core, which agrees with the CMR perm (> 10 md). On a followup well Zone A was not cored since it was assumed to be tight. FMI and CMR were run and, without the aid of core data, showed that the quality of Zone A improved (k>10md.)

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PENWELL ENERGY INC
■ CORBIN WEST 19 FEDERAL #4
CORBIN SOUTH WOLF - DO; 18S-33E-19; sw se nw, 2173 fnl 1787 fwl, 32 mi W of Hobbs. EL: 3812 GR. Obj: 11350 (Wolfcamp). NL: 07/11/96. API# 30-025-33510. ID# T-476842.Spud: 12/09/96.TD: 11350 on 01/13/97.PB: 11195.Compl: on 03/14/97 OIL (Last Info: 04/19/97)PZone: 11078-11085 (Wolfcamp) IP: (Wollcamp 11078-11085) P 208 BOPD; 200 MCFGPD; 29 BWPD
ENRON OIL & GAS CO
■ GREENBACK STATE #3
FOWLER EAST ELLEN - DO; 24S-38E-17; ne nw se, 2311 fsl 1654 fel EL: 3222 GR. Obj: 12000 (Ellenburger). NL: 01/23/97. API# 30-025-33788. ID# T-481382.Contr: McVay #10. Spud: 01/30/97 Mud drlg. TD: 11756 on 02/25/97 in Ellenburger.PB: 11709.Compl: on 03/17/97 OIL (Last Info: 04/19/97)PZone: 11630-11756 (Ellenburger) IP: (Ellenburger 11630-11756) P 291 BOPD grav 40.0; 120 MCFGPD; 19 BWPD

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COKE COUNTY

ORYX ENERGY CO
■ I A B UNIT #414
I A B (MENIELLE PENNSYLVANIAN)- SP: H & T C RY CO sur blk 1A sec 471, A-398, 1783 fnl 1144 fwl of sec, 7164 fnl 3546 fel of unit. 8243.6 acre unit. 8 mi NW of Robert Lee. EL: 1955 GR. Obj: 6500 (Menielle Pennsylvanian) NL: 08/14/95. Permit# 438797. API# 42-081-31696. ID# T-470158.Contr: Bandera. Spud: 02/18/97.TD: 6250 on 03/03/97.PB: 6202 IW on 04/04/97 (Last Info: 04/22/97)

CROCKETT COUNTY

SONAT EXPL INC MIDLAND
■ BAGGETT - C #5
HUNT-BAGGETT (STRAWN)- DG; G C & S F RY CO sur blk F sec 27, A-2393, 1500 fsl 1150 fel of sec. and lse 654 acre lse. 11 mi SSE of Ozona. EL: 2246 GR. Obj: 10000 test.NL: 12/06/96. Permit# 456025. API# 42-105-37489. ID# T-480332.Contr: Patterson #39. Spud: 01/27/97 Mud drlg. TD: 9629 on 02/07/97 in Strawn.PB: 9551 Compl: on 03/23/97 GAS (Last Info: 04/22/97)PZone: 9154-9383 (Strawn) IP: (Strawn 9154-9383) CAOF 5103 MCFGPD – F 2892 MCFGPD grav .661 on 16/64ck, 11 BWPD. FTP 2013, SITP 3113, BHSIP 3988, SLOPE 1.000 One Point: 2892 MCFGPD on 16/64 ck in 4320 min, FTP 2013, BHP 2625
SONAT EXPL INC MIDLAND
■ BAGGETT E G 28 #2
HUNT-BAGGETT- WP: G C & S F RY CO sur blk F sec 28, A-4698, 1900 fsl 800 fwl of sec. and lse. 640 acre lse (A-4698 originally known as J H Ray) 11.3 mi SSE of Ozona. EL: 2186 GR. Obj: 10000 test.NL: 08/15/95. Permit# 460606. API# 42-105-37640. ID# T-470180.ABND LOC on 04/17/97.(Last Info: 04/21/97)
TAMARACK PETR CO INC
■ SUTTON #1410
OZONA (CANYON SS)- DG; T C RY CO sur blk R sec 14, A-5149, 660 fsl 1760 fwl of sec. and lse. 2880 acre lse. (A-5149 originally known as C C Montgomery) 17 mi SW of Ozona. EL: 2403 GR. Obj: 6800 (Canyon ss) NL: 12/31/96. Permit# 456723. API# 42-105-37519. ID# T-480830.Contr: Patterson. Spud: 02/06/97.TD: 6525 on 02/12/97.PB: 6471.Compl: on 03/25/97.GAS (Last Info: 04/22/97)PZone: 6030-6354 (Canyon ss) gross interval IP: (Canyon ss 6030-6354) CAOF 1355 MCFGPD – F 14 BCPD grav 65.5, 1065 MCFGPD grav .720 on 14/64 ck, no wtr, FTP 864, SITP 1523, SICP 975, BHSIP 1876, BHT 179 F @ 6192, SLOPE 0.500 Four Point: 421 MCFGPD on 6/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 1440, BHP 1785; 698 MCFGPD on 8/64 ck in 60 min,FTP 1332, BHP 1658; 855 MCFGPD on 10/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 1218, BHP1516; 1065 MCFGPD on 14/64 ck in 120 min, FTP 864, BHP 1160
TAMARACK PETR CO INC
■ SUTTON #1509
OZONA (CANYON SS)- DG; T C RY CO sur blk R sec 15, A-2985, 2173 fsl 660 fwl of sec, 7453 fsl 660 fwl of lse. 2880 acre lse. 17 mi SW of Ozona. EL: 2378 GR. Obj: 6800 (Canyon ss).NL: 01/07/97. Permit# 457003. API# 42-105-37527. ID# T-480998.Contr: Patterson. Spud: 02/15/97.TD: 6450 on 02/21/97.PB: 6398.Compl: on 03/24/97 GAS (Last Info: 04/21/97)PZone: 5931-6304 (Canyon ss) IP: (Canyon ss 5931-6304) CAOF 717 MCFGPD – F 3.26 BCPD grav 64.4; 656 MCFGPD grav .735 on 12/64 ck; no wtr; FTP 577, SITP 1434, SICP 615, BHSIP 1749, BHT 178 F @ 6118, SLOPE 0.500 Four Point: 330 MCFGPD on 6/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 1292, BHP 1602; 378 MCFGPD on 8/64 ck in 60 min,FTP 1184, BHP 1473; 640 MCFGPD on 10/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 967, BHP 1188; 656 MCFGPD on 12/64 ck in 120 min, FTP 577, BHP 705
THOMPSON J CLEO
■ HENDERSON 27 #1
HUNT-BAGGETT WEST (STRAWN)- HORIZONTAL DG; H E & W T RY CO sur blk ST sec 27, A-4301, 467 fsl 1975 fel of sec, 467 fsl 660 fwl of lse. 320 acre lse. 12 mi SW of Ozona. BHLoc: PROPOSED: 2116 fnl 1764 fel of sec. 27 – 2116 fnl 871 fwl of lse. ACTUAL @ 11640 MD: 2391 N 16 W of surf loc. (TVD: 9094) – KOP: 9152 – Survey ran by Radius Inc. EL: 2509 GR. Obj: 10000 (Strawn).NL: 12/09/96. Permit# 455822. API# 42-105-37481-00. ID# T-480364.Contr: Clint Hurt. Spud: 02/08/97.TD: 11686 on 03/23/97 in Strawn.Compl: on 04/03/97 GAS (Last Info: 04/22/97)PZone: 9282-11686 (Strawn) IP: (Strawn 9282-11686) CAOF 6400 MCFGPD – F 3119 MCFGPD grav .597 on 16/64 ck; no oil, 1.00 BWPD. FTP 2055, SITP 2848, SICP 2130, BHSIP 3462, BHT 219 F @ 9086, SLOPE 0.932 Four Point: 1200 MCFGPD on 10/64 ckin 60 min, FTP 2645, BHP 3240; 1810 MCFGPD on 12/64 ck in 60 min, FTP2480, BHP 3039; 2369 MCFGPD on 14/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 2295, BHP 2833; 3119 MCFGPD on 16/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 2055, BHP 2558
UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES
■ COATES DOLLYE 69 #4
OZONA (CANYON SS)- DG; L MUZQUEZ sur blk MM sec 69, A-5075, 400 fnl 1937 fel of sec, 400 fnl 578 fwl of lse. 449.8 acre lse. (A-5075 originally known as J M Cunningham) (Rule 37 exception granted) 22.1 mi SW of Ozona. EL: 2428 GR. Obj: 7600 (Canyon ss).NL: 08/27/96. Permit# 451880. API# 42-105-37384. ID# T-477845.Contr: Wes Tex #10. Spud: 10/07/96.TD: 7321 on 10/12/96.PB: 7289.Compl: on 03/31/97 GAS (Last Info: 04/22/97)PZone: 6774-6922 (Canyon ss) IP: (Canyon ss 6774-6922) CAOF 801 MCFGPD – F 14 BCPD grav 68.1, 738 MCFGPD grav .705 on 16/64 ck; 18 BWPD; FTP 437, SITP 1765, BHSIP 2199, BHT 184 F @ 6848, SLOPE 1.000
UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES
■ MONTGOMERY-STATE C C - Z #3
OZONA (CANYON SS)- DG; C C MONTGOMERY sur blk Z sec 1, A-5528, 1690 fsl 660 fel of sec, 181 fsl 660 fel of lse. 40 acre lse. 15.7 mi SW of Ozona. EL: 2436 GR. Obj: 6900 (Canyon ss) NL: 03/11/96. Permit# 445526. API# 42-105-37221. ID# T-474215.Contr: Wes Tex #10. Spud: 04/04/96.TD: 6900 on 04/12/96.PB: 6774.Compl: on 02/04/97 GAS (Last Info: 04/22/97)PZone: 6464-6746 (Canyon ss)
IP: (Canyon ss 6464-6746) CAOF 183 MCFGPD – F 143 MCFGPD grav .775 on 10/64 ck; no oil; no wtr; FTP 206, SITP 1115, BHSIP 1373, BHT 180 F @ 6605, SLOPE 1.000 One Point: 143 MCFGPD on 10/64 ck in 4320 min, FTP 206, BHP 645
UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES
■ PIERCE J S - 16N #2
OZONA (CANYON SS)- DG; T & S T L RY CO sur blk SL

COMPLETIONS/8

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COMPLETIONS

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sec 16, A-5330, 1977 fnl 1300 fwl of sec, 660 fsl 1300 fwl of lse. 320 acre lse. (A-5330 originally known as J L Murray) 20.7 mi SW of Ozona. EL: 2450 GR. Obj: 7600 (Canyon ss).NL: 10/25/96. Permit# 454249. API# 42-105-37437. ID# T-479313.Contr: Wes Tex #1. Spud: 12/22/96.TD: 7121 on 12/29/96.PB: 7055.Compl: on 03/16/97 GAS (Last Info: 04/19/97)PZone: 6322-6868 (Canyon ss) gross interval IP: (Canyon ss 6322-6868) CAOF 169 MCFGPD – F 0.93 BCPD grav 76.5; 122 MCFGPD grav .724 on 16/64 ck; 0.84 BWPD; FTP 278, SITP 1525, BHSIP 1870, BHT 180 F @ 6598, SLOPE 1.000 One Point: 122 MCFGPD on 16/64 ck in 4320 min, FTP 278, BHP 986

UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES

■ PIERCE J S - 16S #3

OZONA (CANYON SS)- DG; T & S T L RY CO sur blk SL sec 16, A-5330, 2481 fsl 1903 fel of sec, 154 fnl 1903 fel of lse. 320 acre lse. (A-5330 originally known as J L Murray) (Rule 37 exception granted) 20.4 mi SW of Ozona. EL: 2440 GR. Obj: 7600 (Canyon ss).NL: 10/25/96. Permit# 454503. API# 42-105-37441. ID# T-479314.Contr: Wes Tex #1. Spud: 12/15/96.TD: 7130 on 12/20/96.PB: 7010.Compl: on 03/21/97 GAS (Last Info: 04/22/97)PZone: 6588-6959 (Canyon ss) gross interval IP: (Canyon ss 6588-6959) CAOF 69 MCFGPD – F 45 MCFGPD grav .738 on 15/64 ck; no oil; 0.28 BWPD; FTP 274, SITP 1165, BHSIP 1419, BHT 182 F @ 6772, SLOPE 1.000 One Point: 45 MCFGPD on 15/64 ck in 4320 min, FTP 274, BHP 839

UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES

■ WARREN W K FOUNDATION 24 #11

OZONA (CANYON SS)- DG; T & S T L RY CO sur blk MM sec 24, A-5418, 2414 fsl 2138 fel of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. (A-5418 originally known as Lon Sapp) 29.3 mi SW of Ozona. EL: 2316 GR. Obj: 7600 (Canyon ss).NL: 02/05/97. Permit# 458182. API# 42-105-37562. ID# T-481654.Contr: Wes Tex #1. Spud: 02/08/97.TD: 7205 on 02/12/97.PB: 7132.Compl: on 03/15/97 GAS (Last Info: 04/22/97)PZone: 6292-6924 (Canyon ss) IP: (Canyon ss 6292-6924) CAOF 188 MCFGPD – F 168 MCFGPD grav .690 on 16/64 ck; no oil; 6.44 BWPD; FTP 256, SITP 1265, BHSIP 1540, BHT 180 F @ 6608, SLOPE 1.000 One Point: 168 MCFGPD on 16/64 ck in 4320 min, FTP 256, BHP 505

UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES

■ ZIPP RANCH 34 #11

OZONA (CANYON SS)- DG; T & S T L RY CO sur blk MM sec 34, A-5280, 1300 fsl 1200 fwl of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. (A-5280 originally known as Ernest Zips) 23.8 mi SW of Ozona. EL: 2429 GR. Obj: 7600 (Canyon ss).NL: 11/25/96. Permit# 455095. API# 42-105-37450. ID# T-480099.Contr: Wes Tex. Spud: 01/09/97.TD: 7328 on 01/15/97.PB: 7229.Compl: on 03/25/97 GAS (Last Info: 04/22/97)PZone: 6746-7174 (Canyon ss) gross interval IP: (Canyon ss 6746-7174) CAOF 129 MCFGPD – F 1.02 BCPD grav 61.2; 125 MCFGPD grav .710 on 28/64 ck; 9.25 BWPD; FTP 166, SITP 2035, SICP 399, BHSIP 2519, BHT 185 F @ 6960, SLOPE 1.000 One Point: 125 MCFGPD on 28/64 ck in 4320 min, FTP 166, BHP 474

UNION PACIFIC RESOURCES

■ ZIPP RANCH 34 #13

OZONA (CANYON SS)- DG; T & S T L RY CO sur blk MM sec 34, A-5280, 392 fnl 1000 fel of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. (A-5280 originally known as Edward Zips) (Rule 37 exception granted) 22.9 mi SW of Ozona. EL: 2213 GR. Obj: 7600 (Canyon ss).NL: 12/20/96. Permit# 455094. API# 42-105-37449. ID# T-480673.Contr: Wes Tex #7. Spud: 01/21/97.TD: 7328 on 01/25/97.PB: 7276.Compl: on 04/01/97 GAS (Last Info: 04/22/97)PZone: 6540-6952 (Canyon ss) IP: (Canyon ss 6540-6952) CAOF 179 MCFGPD – F 114 MCFGPD grav .720 on 47/64 ck; no oil; 0.13 BWPD; FTP 203, SITP 1115, BHSIP 1346, BHT 182 F @ 6746, SLOPE 1.000 One Point: 114 MCFGPD on 47/64 ck in 4320 min, FTP 203, BHP 812

IRION COUNTY

ANADARIKO PETROLEUM CORP

■ SUGG 15 #1501

KETCHUM MOUNTAIN (CLEAR FORK)- DD; H & T C RY CO sur blk 14 sec 15, A-362, 560 fnl 760 fel of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. 14 mi W of Mertzon. EL: 2604 GR. Obj: 5000 (Clear Fork).NL: 12/31/96. Permit# 456645. API# 42-235-33609. ID# T 480816.Contr: Cleere Drlg #4. Spud: 04/01/97 Mud drlg. TD: 4850 on 04/07/97 in Clear Fork.P&A on 04/08/97.(Last Info: 04/17/97)Core: None DST: None Logs: 04/07/97 Schlumberger.

ANADARIKO PETROLEUM CORP

■ SUGG 27 #2701

KETCHUM MOUNTAIN (CLEAR FORK)- D; H & T C RY CO sur blk 14 sec 27, A-368, 660 fnl 660 fel of sec, and lse. 1600 acre lse. 18 mi W of Mertzon. EL: 2534 GR. Obj: 4250 (Clear Fork).NL: 02/22/95. Permit# 433158. API# 42-235-33336. ID# T 466606.ABND LOC on 02/21/97.(Last Info: 04/17/97)

ANADARIKO PETROLEUM CORP

■ SUGG 3 #306

KETCHUM MOUNTAIN (CLEAR FORK)- DD; H & T C RY CO sur blk 14 sec 3, A-356, 2130 fnl 1980 fwl of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. 12.1 mi W of Mertzon. EL: 2505 GR. Obj: 4700 (Clear Fork).NL: 10/15/96. Permit# 453862. API# 42-235-33572. ID# T-478972.Contr: F W A Drlg #44. Spud: 03/18/97 Mud drlg. TD: 3950 on 03/26/97 in Clear Fork.P&A on 03/28/97.(Last Info: 04/17/97)Core: None DST: None Logs: 03/27/97 Schlumberger.

COLLINS & WARE INC

■ MASTER OF SPARKS #1

HONDO PIPELINE (FUSSELMAN)- PLUG BACK DO; T & P RY CO sur blk 1 sec 61, A-616, 1828 fnl 1549 fwl of sec, 1472 fsl 868 fwl of lse. 160 acre lse. 15 mi NNW of Barnhart. Summary Original Drlt: Field: HONDO PIPELINE (ELLENBURGER).TD: 9550 in Ellenburger.Compl: on 07/08/96 OILPZone: 9416-9426 (Ellenburger) IP: (Ellenburger 9416-9426) P 169 BOPD grav 42.5; 15 MCFGPD; 96 BWPD **MEADCO PROPERTIES & C&K**

■ U T 3064 #2

ANDREW A (CANYON SS)- DO; H & T C RY CO sur blk 28 sec 3064, 788 fsl 1237 fel of sec, and lse. 344.54 acre lse. 23.5 mi NE of Barnhart. EL: 2375 KB. Obj: 7550 (Canyon ss).NL: 02/21/97. Permit# 459169. API# 42-235-33639. ID# T-482088.Contr: Cleere #5. Spud: 03/06/97.TD: 7529 on 03/20/97 in Canyon.PB: 6599.Compl: on 04/04/97 OIL (Last Info: 04/22/97)PZone: 6521-6618 (Canyon ss) gross interval IP: (Canyon ss 6521-6618) F 118 BOPD grav 40; 200 MCFGPD on 18/64 ck; 8 BWPD; FTP 1300

MENARD COUNTY

QUINTX EXPL INC

■ WHITEHEAD #100

MENARD NE- WPD; A B & M #35 sur, A-38, 1350 fnl 350 fel of sur, 1350 fnl 4975 fwl of lse. 15360 acre lse. 9 mi N of Menard. Obj: 1750 test.NL: 12/23/96. Permit# 456393. API# 42-327-30817. ID# T-480708.Spud: 01/29/97.TD: 1700.P&A on 02/12/97.(Last Info: 04/19/97)

REAGAN COUNTY

HUGOTON ENERGY CORP

■ ROCKER - B #102

SPRABERRY TREND AREA- DO; T & P RY CO sur blk 1 sec 76, A-698, 660 fsl 660 fel of sec, and lse. 320 acre lse. (A-698 originally known as J P Watkins) 15 mi NE of Big Lake. EL: 2468 GR. Obj: 6875 test.NL: 11/05/96. Permit# 454612. API# 42-383-34634. ID# T-479599.Contr: Cleere. Spud: 01/10/97.TD: 6890 on 01/24/97.PB: 6843.Compl: on 03/16/97 OIL (Last Info: 04/22/97)PZone: 5771-6774 (Spraberry/Dean) gross interval IP: (Spraberry/Dean 5771-6774) P 28 BOPD grav 40.3; 117 MCFGPD; 83 BLWPD

HUGOTON ENERGY CORP

■ ROCKER - B1 #113

SPRABERRY TREND AREA- DO; T & P RY CO sur blk 1 sec 77, A-509, 660 fsl 660 fel of sec, and lse. 483.4875 acre lse. 15 mi SE of Big Lake. EL: 2452 GR. Obj: 7300 test.NL: 01/14/97. Permit# 457129. API# 42-383-34695. ID# T-481182.Contr: Cleere. Spud: 01/25/97.TD: 6850 on 02/06/97.PB: 6808.Compl: on 03/05/97 OIL (Last Info: 04/22/97)PZone: 5141-6698 (Spraberry/Dean) gross interval IP: (Spraberry/Dean 5141-6698) P 46 BOPD grav 40.3; 85 MCFGPD; 67 BLWPD

HUGOTON ENERGY CORP

■ ROCKER - B1 #116

SPRABERRY TREND AREA- DO; T & P RY CO sur blk 1 sec 77, A-509, 660 fsl 1980 fwl of sec, and lse. 483.4875 acre lse. 15 mi SE of Big Lake. EL: 2475 GR. Obj: 7300 test.NL: 01/22/97. Permit# 457296. API# 42-383-34700. ID# T-481316.Contr: Patterson #34. Spud: 01/29/97.TD: 6850 on 02/15/97.PB: 6808.Compl: on 03/29/97 OIL (Last Info: 04/22/97)PZone: 5208-6759 (Spraberry/Jo Mill/Dean) gross interval IP: (Spraberry/Jo Mill/Dean 5208-6759) P 34 BOPD grav 40.3; 117 MCFGPD; 134BLWPD **MARINER ENERGY INC**

■ SAU MARINER 21-4 #4

SPRABERRY TREND AREA- DO; L & S V RY CO sur blk B sec 21, A-293, 1980 fnl 660 fwl of sec, and lse. 80 acre lse. 35 mi NW of Big Lake. EL: 2670 GR. Obj: 8200 test.NL: 12/06/96. Permit# 455624. API# 42-383-34657. ID# T-480335.Contr: Clint Hurt. Spud: 02/19/97.TD: 8126 on 03/03/97.Compl: on 04/12/97 OIL (Last Info: 04/22/97)PZone: 6526-8039 (Spraberry/Dean) gross interval IP: (Spraberry/Dean 6526-8039) P 17 BOPD grav 41; 25 MCFGPD; 86 BWPD

ODESSA EXPL INC

■ RICKER 36 #1

SPRABERRY TREND AREA- DO; L & S V RY CO sur blk A sec 36, A-125, 660 fsl 660 fel of sec, and lse. 80 acre lse. A-125 originally known as H B Earnest) 22 mi N of Big Lake. Obj: 8900 test.NL: 12/31/96. Permit# 456810. API# 42-383-34682. ID# T-480858.Contr: F W A #8. Spud: 02/09/97.TD: 8250 on 02/20/97 in Wolfcamp.Compl: on 04/12/97 OIL (Last Info: 04/23/97)PZone: 6059-7964 (Spraberry/Dean/Wolfcamp) gross interval IP: (Spraberry/Dean/Wolfcamp 6059-7964) 56 BOPD; 90 MCFGPD; 73 wtr

ODESSA EXPL INC

■ RICKER 38 #1

SPRABERRY TREND AREA- DO; L & S V RY CO sur blk A sec 38, A-124, 1980 fnl 660 fel of sec, 660 fsl 660 fel of lse. 80 acre lse. A-124 originally known as H B Earnest) 22 mi N of Big Lake. Obj: 8900 test.NL: 12/31/96. Permit# 456808. API# 42-383-34680. ID# T-480862.Contr: F W A #9. Spud: 02/01/97.TD: 8210 on 02/14/97 in Wolfcamp.Compl: on 03/19/97 OIL (Last Info: 04/23/97)PZone: 6083-8001 (Spraberry/Dean/Wolfcamp) gross interval IP: (Spraberry/Dean/Wolfcamp 6083-8001) 64 BOPD; 98 MCFGPD; 92 wtr

ODESSA EXPL INC

■ RICKER 45 #1

SPRABERRY TREND AREA- DO; L & S V RY CO sur blk A sec 45, A-282, 1980 fsl 660 fwl of sec, 660 fnl 660 fwl of lse. 80 acre lse. 10.5 mi ENE of Stiles. EL: 2661 GR. Obj: 8900 test.NL: 12/31/96. Permit# 456809. API# 42-383-34681. ID# T-480860.Contr: FWA #9. Spud: 01/17/97.TD: 8210 on 01/31/97 in Wolfcamp.PB: 8098.Compl: on 03/14/97 OIL (Last Info: 04/23/97)PZone: 6082-7985 (Spraberry/Dean/Wolfcamp) gross interval IP: (Spraberry/Dean/Wolfcamp 6082-7985) P 53 BOPD grav 39.0; 65 MCFGPD; 124BWPD

PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP

■ MERCHANT #1602N

SPRABERRY TREND AREA- DO; L & S V RY CO sur blk B sec 4, A-966, 660 fnl 1230 fwl of sec, 3404 fnl 1230 fwl of unit. 22080 acre unit. (Located in tract 16) (A-966 originally known as H C Ford) 16 mi NW of Stiles. EL: 2697 KB. Obj: 8300 test.NL: 11/21/96. Permit# 455481. API# 42-383-34648. ID# T 480048.Contr: Hurt #10. Spud: 12/02/96 Mud drlg. TD: 8300 on 12/15/96.PB: 8224.Compl: on 04/01/97 OIL (Last Info: 04/22/97)PZone: 6638-8208 (Spraberry/Dean) gross interval IP: (Spraberry/Dean 6638-8208) P 54 BOPD grav 39.9; 34 MCFGPD; 86 BWPD

PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP

■ MERCHANT UNIT #3221N

SPRABERRY TREND AREA- DO; L & S V RY CO sur blk B sec 14, A-757, 807 fsl 1816 fel of sec, 16758 fsl 15019 fel of unit. 22080 acre unit. (A-757 originally known as W J Cutbirth) 10 mi NW of Stiles. EL: 2682 KB. Obj: 8100 test.NL: 12/31/96. Permit# 456527. API# 42-383-34675. ID# T-480919.Contr: Hurt #10. Spud: 01/01/97 Mud drlg. TD: 8120 on 01/16/97 in Spraberry.PB:

COMPLETIONS/12

HALLIBURTON PRO"/IDES SOLUTIONS

Case History #613

EMI ™ HELPS LEAD TO A SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF DEEP ELLENBURGER WELL

TYPE OF JOB: **Open Hole Logging with EMI™**

LOCATION OF JOB: **Lea Co., NM**

CUSTOMER CHALLENGE:

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DETAILS OF JOB:

County:	Lea
Well Depth:	11,834 ft.
BHST:	171° F
Formation:	Ellenburger
Services Used:	SDL-DSN-CSNG-LSS-EMI-RSCT

RESULTS:

Using the EMI, the upper section proved to be tight and non-productive, which was very unique to this area. On the lower section, the EMI images helped to explain the tight section and clearly define the secondary porosity. The Rotary Sidewall Core analysis showed that oil was present in the lower section. This combination led to a successful completion of the well.

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CUSTOMER TESTIMONIAL: Customer said that using EMI and RSCT on the Lower Ellenburger Formation helped to prove that the lower section truly had secondary porosity and was productive.

UNIQUENESS OF JOB:

The EMI and RSCT's were run along with a full suite of conventional logs to enhance a difficult interpretation problem.

FUTURE WORK:

Subsequent to this completion, 3D seismic was run in this area proving up to six additional locations. EMI and RSCT will be run on these wells and are also being used in similar wells in other fields.

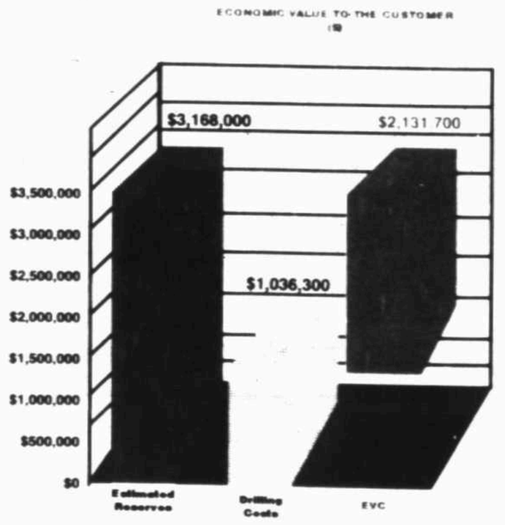
INFORMATION TO DETERMINE ECONOMIC VALUE TO THE CUSTOMER

COST ANALYSIS

Estimated Reserves:	
220,000 bbl of oil @$18/bbl	$3,960,000.00
80% NRI to Customer	$3,168,000.00
Drilling and Completion Cost:	
Drilling	$793,000.00
Completion	$243,300.00
Total Cost:	$1,036,300.00

BENEFIT ANALYSIS

ECONOMIC VALUE TO THE CUSTOMER = $2,131,700.00



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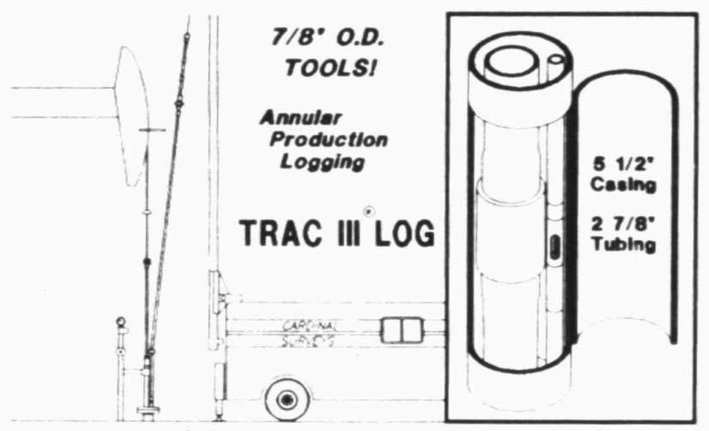

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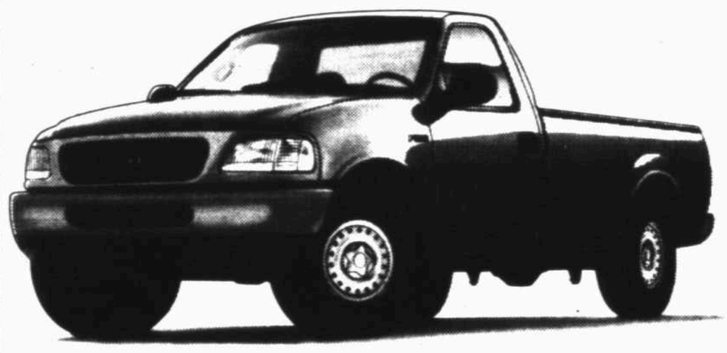

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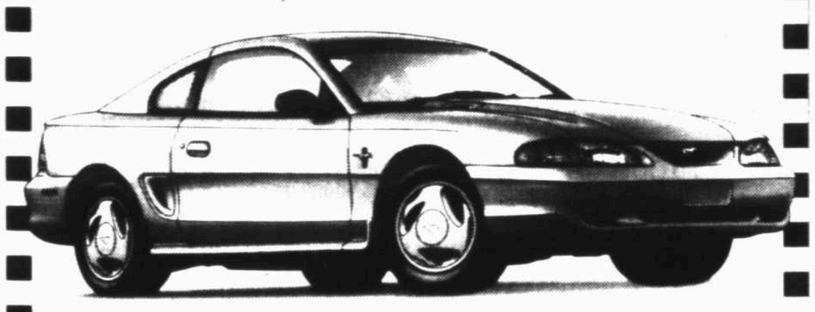

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SPRABERRY TREND AREA- DO; H & O B RY CO sur blk A sec 12, A-250, 660 fsl 1980 fwl of sec, 13931 fsl 3326 fel of unit. 22080 acre unit. (Located in tract 39) (A-250 originally known as P H Lain) 14 mi NW of Stiles. EL: 2691 KB. Obj: 8000 test.NIL: 01/03/97. Permit# 456917. API# 42-383-34686. ID# T-480959.Contr: Hurt #12. Spud: 01/11/97 Mud drlg. TD: 8001 on 01/27/97.PB: 7930.Compl: on 04/01/97 OIL (Last Info: 04/22/97)PZone: 6298-7897 (Spraberry/Dean) gross interval IP: (Spraberry/Dean 6298-7897) P 30 BOPD grav 39.9; 50 MCFGPD; 100 BWPD

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04/11/97 OIL (Last Info: 04/19/97)PZone: 6858-8440 (Spraberry/Dean) gross interval IP: (Spraberry/Dean 6858-8440) P 44 BOPD grav 39.9; 33 MCFGPD; 160 BWPD

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■ HILL-MAYER EDWIN S JR - F #4

SAWYER (STRAWN)- DG; G C & S F RY CO sur blk D ssc 13, A-110, 1300 fnl 2640 fwl of sec. 1276 fsl 613 fwl of lse. 120 acre lse. (Rule 37 exception granted) 11.7 mi NW of Sonora. EL: 2353 GR. Obj: 8150 (Strawn).NIL:

02/04/97. Permit# 458020. API# 42-435-34672. ID# T-481612.Contr: Patterson Drlg #42. Spud: 02/28/97 Air drlg. TD: 8150 on 03/09/97 in Strawn.PB: 8086.Compl: on 04/14/97 GAS - DG; G C & S F RY CO sur blk D sec 50,

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(4) Proposed Wells (4) Prospects.
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GAINES COUNTY, TEXAS *A+/RR*
(3) Active Wells.
Belize Or Seminole SW Field.
DEVONIAN Formation.
Proven Strawn Reserves BeHind Pipe.
(2) Additional Drilling Locations.
14% NonOperated WI & 75-76% NRI.
Current Production: ~460 BOPD.
Avg Monthly Cash Flow: ~$31,000/MN.
3-D Seismic & Engineering Available.
Includes A ~2-4% ORRI On (2) Wells.
PP 1070RR - PACKAGE AVAILABLE.

IRION CO., TX ROYALTY *RR*
(6) Active Wells. Ella Sugg Field.
WOLFCAMP Formation. 7-8,000 Ft.
Drilled Late 70's. Stable Decline.
5-12% Overriding Royalty For Sale.
Current Production: ~700 MCFD.
Avg Monthly Cash Flow: $800 /MN.
No Depth Restrictions.
RR 3464

IRION CO., TEXAS WELLS *C+/DV*
(3) Active Wells.
Sprayberry Trend Area. 521 Acres.
SPRAYBERRY DEAN Formation. 6,500 Ft.
(2) Infill Locations. (1) OffSet.
Potential In Clearfork & San Angelo.
40% NonOperated WI & 30% NRI.
Current Prod.: 15 BOPD & 40 MCFD.
Avg Monthly Cash Flow: $3,700 /MN.
PP 1065DV

PECOS CO., GAS RESERVES *A+/DV*
(8) Wells: (6) Active (2) New Wells.
Rio Caballos & Bitterweed Field.
CABALLOS. 6,000 Ft. Long Life Gas.
Additional Development Potential.
(2) New Wells Came On-Line Dec 1996.
~9-62% NonOperated WI & ~21-48% NRI.
8/8ths Prod.: 8 BOPD & 8.5 MMCFD.
8/8ths Monthly Cash Flow: $80,000/MN.
Data Room Presentation - Houston.
Various Well Logs Available For Review.
PP 0970DV - PACKAGE AVAILABLE.

WEST TEXAS

PECOS CO., TX RE-ENTRY *DV/RE*
One Proposed Exploratory Well.
Delaware Basin. (9) Leased Sections.
1st Obj.: ELLENBURGER. 19,700 Ft.
2nd Obj.: Devonian, Penn & Delw Mtn.
30-Mi. Dual Swath Seismic & SubSurface.
100% OPERATED WI & 75% NRI.
(9) Additional Development Locations.
1st ReEntry/ Deepening Existing Well.
Est. Resv: 60 BCF/Well & 540 BCF/Proj.
DHC: $1,870,000 Compl: $531,000.
DV 3479RE - PRINCIPALS ONLY!

PERMIAN BASIN NON-OPERATED *B+*
(25) Wells. (19) Active (6) Shut-In.
Proved Undeveloped Potential Exists In
Low Risk Waterflood Proj. Crane Co., TX.
6-25% NonOperated WI For Sale.
Current NET Prod.: 21 BOPD & 75 MCFD.
Avg Monthly Cash Flow: ~$14,000/MN.
Est PDP Reserves: 80 MBO & 150 MMCF.
Est PUD Reserves: 134 MBO.
PP 1136

REEVES COUNTY, TEXAS *S*
One Active Well.
Orla, Southeast Field. 40 Acres.
DELAWARE Formation. 3,570 Ft.
Well Was Completed March 1992.
~81% OPERATED WI & ~65% NRI.
Current Prod.: ~8 BOPD & 9 MCFD.
Approx NET Prod.: 5.5 BOPD & 6 MCFD.
PP 0980

SUTTON COUNTY, TEXAS *C*
(8) Wells: (4) Active (3) SI (1) SWD.
Interstate Field.
STRAWN & CANYON. 4,500 Ft.
Well Completed In 1980.
100% OPERATED WI & 77% NRI.
Current Production: 200 MCFD.
PP 1014

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DEVELOPMENT WELLS

(From 11)

PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP
■ ROCKER B #6GG
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D; T & P RY CO sur blk 1 sec 139, A-625, 110 fsl 10 fwl of sec, 5430 fsl 5330 fwl of lse. 11496.06 acre lse. 11 mi NW of Barnhart. EL: 2562 GR. Obj: 6680 test.NL: 04/23/97. ID# T-483717

RUNNELS COUNTY

WALSH RESOURCES INC
■ WERNER #1
GHG (DOG BEND LS)- PLUG BACK D; E T RY CO #157 sur, A-162, 600 fnl 467 fwl of sur, and lse. 160 acre lse. 7.5 mi NE of Ballinger. Summary Original Drill: Field: BYERS (GARDNER).EL: 1821 KB.TD: 3950.Compl: on 06/21/96 GASPZone: 3837-3843 (Gardner) IP: (Gardner 3837-3843) CAOF 373 MCFGPD – F 331 MCFGPD grav .700 on 20/64 clc; no oil; no wtr; FTP 255, SITP 1250, BHSIP 1469, BHT 128 F @ 3840, SLOPE 1.000 Four Point: 331 MCFGPD on 20/64 ck in 120 min, FTP 255, BHP491; 288 MCFGPD on 16/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 340, BHP 637; 255 MCFGPD on 14/64 ck in 60 min, FTP 400, BHP 713; 234 MCFGPD on 12/64 ck in 60 min,FTP 505, BHP 848 – RETEST (Gardner 3837-3843 10/14/96) F 12 BOPD; 155 MCFGPD on 12/64 ck; no wtr; FTP 300 PRESENT OPERATIONS: EL: 1810 GR. Obj: 3501 (Dog Bend ls).NL: 04/19/96. Permit# 460950. API# 42-399-34442. ID# T-475130

SCHLEICHER COUNTY

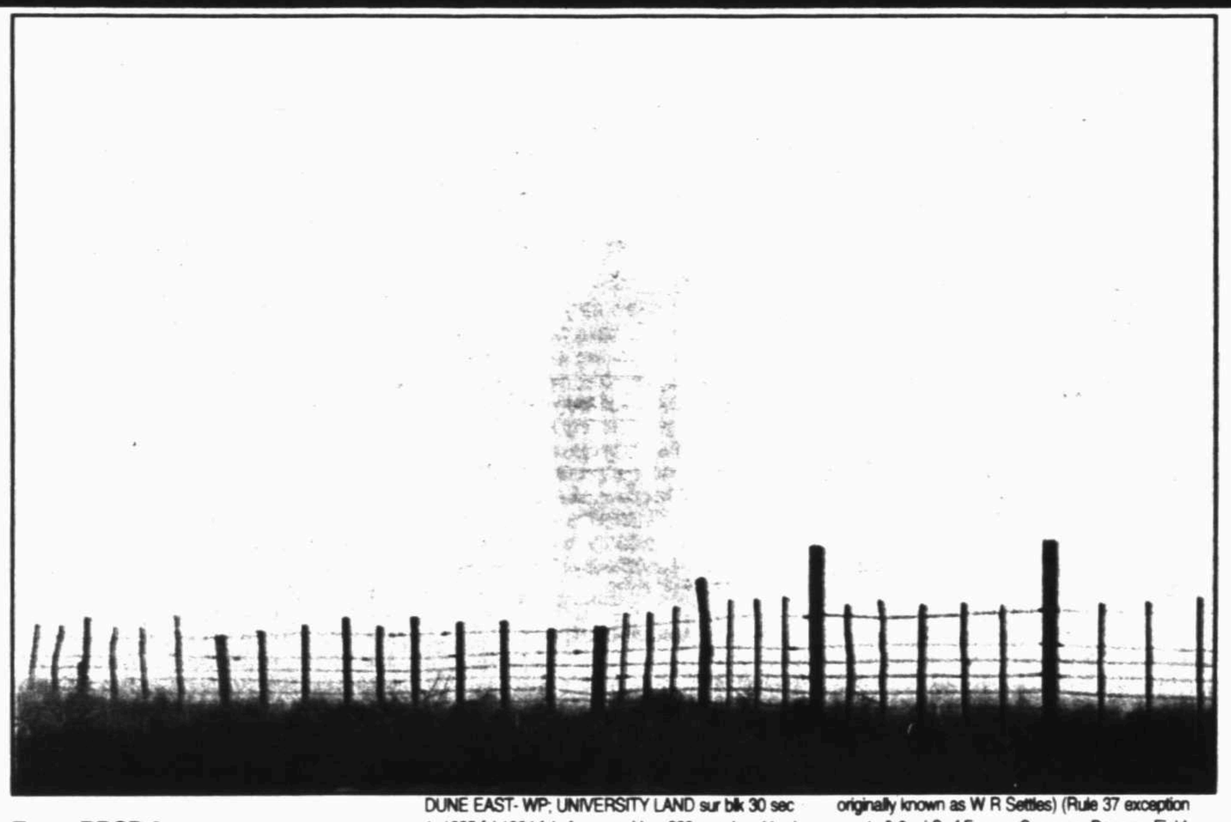
TIDAL PETROLEUM INC
■ TREADWELL #2
CAMAR NORTH- WP; J F WILHELM #312 sur, A-664, 600 fsl 3200 fwl of sur, 467 fnl 467 fel of lse. 40 acre lse. 50 mi ENE of Eldorado. Obj: 4500 test.NL: 04/18/97. ID# T-483617

TOM GREEN COUNTY

B & R OPERATING LLC
■ RATHBONE #1609A
MCINTIRE (SAN ANGELO)- D; H & T C RY CO sur blk 20 sec 9, 1020 fsl 1465 fel of sec, and lse. 1080 acre lse. 4.8 mi SW of Knickerbocker. EL: 2354 GR. Obj: 1200 (San Angelo).NL: 04/22/97. ID# T-483695

UPTON COUNTY

MOBIL PRODUCING TX & NM
■ PEGASUS FIELD UNIT #3
PEGASUS (DEVONIAN)- PLUG BACK D; T & P RY CO sur blk 41 twp 4S sec 48, A-1432, 660 fnl 660 fwl of sec, 4695 fsl 5940 fwl of lse. 11811.186 acre lse. (A-1432 originally known as J L Jarboe) 18.5 mi SE of Odessa. Summary Original Drill: Field: PEGASUS (ELLENBURGER).PRESENT OPERATIONS. Obj: 12600 (Devonian).NL: 04/18/97. Permit# 460981. API# 42-461-03283. ID# T-483616
MOBIL PRODUCING TX & NM
■ PEGASUS FIELD UNIT 3 #4205
PEGASUS (DEVONIAN)- PLUG BACK D; T & P RY CO sur blk 41 twp 4S sec 48, 660 fnl 660 fwl of sec, 4695 fsl 5940 fwl of unit. 11811.185 acre unit. 18.5 mi SE of Odessa. PRESENT OPERATIONS. Obj: 12600 (Devonian).NL: 04/23/97. API# 42-461-03283. ID# T-48371



Ghost of prices past

A pumpjack wrapped in an early morning fog creates a ghostly oilpatch image near Odessa. The image is representative of lower fading margins in the oil industry. According to sources, rates for mnost well service companies have improved in recent months, and additional increases are expected in the coming weeks, as demand intensifies.

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ANDREWS COUNTY

COSTILLA ENERGY INC
■ MABEE COSTILLA 24 - F #1
MABEE NORTH- WP; G & M M B & A sur blk 39 twp 2N sec 24, A-300, 1852 fnl 2011 fwl of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. 24 mi N of Midland. EL: 2965 GR. Obj: 13800 test.NL: 04/23/97. Permit# 461338. API# 42-003-38199. ID# T-483755
CROSS TIMBERS OPERG CO
■ UNIVERSITY 9 - C #6
BLOCK 9 (DEVONIAN)- D; UNIVERSITY LAND sur blk 9 sec 15, 500 fnl 1000 fwl of sec, and lse. 160 acre lse. 12 mi SW of Andrews. EL: 3173 GR. Obj: 10700 (Devonian).NL: 04/18/97. ID# T-483640
TEXLAND JMC JOINT VENTUR
■ SCARBOROUGH UNIT #1126
FULLERTON (SAN ANDRES)- D; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk A-31 sec 11, 860 fnl 1780 fel of sec, and unit. 1120 acre unit. 22 mi NW of Andrews. EL: 3385 GR. Obj: 4900 (San Andres).NL: 04/21/97. ID# T-483659
W T G EXPL INC
■ UNIVERSITY 45 #2
TRIPLE-N- WP; UNIVERSITY LAND sur blk 9 sec 45. 760 fnl 660 fwl of sec, and lse. 159.23 acre lse. 18 mi S'LY of Andrews. EL: 3131 GR. Obj: 9000 test.NL: 04/18/97. ID# T-483639

CRANE COUNTY

COSTILLA ENERGY INC
■ UNIVERSITY 1 - J #1
DUNE EAST- WP; UNIVERSITY LAND sur blk 30 sec 1, 1335 fsl 1924 fel of sec, and lse. 320 acre lse. 11 mi N of Crane. Obj: 9500 test.NL: 04/23/97. Permit# 461336. API# 42-103-34511. ID# T-483720

ECTOR COUNTY

PHILLIPS PETROLEUM CO
■ GOLDSMITH ANDECTOR UNIT #V15
GOLDMSITH (CLEAR FORK)- PLUG BACK D; T & P RY CO sur blk 44 twp 1N sec 17, 1881 fsl 660 fel of sec, and lse. 8760 acre lse. 4 mi NW of Goldsmith. PRESENT OPERATIONS: Obj: 5600 (Clear Fork).NL: 04/18/97. API# 42-135-08794. ID# T-483646

HOWARD COUNTY

MILTEX OIL CO
■ POWELL - 26 #2
HUTTA SOUTH (WOLFCAMP)- D; T & P RY CO sur blk 31 twp 1S sec 26, A-1325, 2109 fnl 599 fel of sec, 541 fsl 599 fel of lse. 160 acre lse. 5 mi S of Coahoma. EL: 2267 GR. Obj: 7900 (Wolfcamp).NL: 04/21/97. ID# T-483661
ORYX ENERGY CO
■ SETTLES - D #5
HOWARD-GLASSCOCK- DEEPEN D; W & N W RY CO sur blk 29 sec 158, A-1552, 990 fnl 1700 fwl of sec. 330 fsl 380 fwl of lse. 50 acre lse. (W & N W Ry Co originally known as W R Settles) (Rule 37 exception granted) 2 mi S of Forsan. Summary Deepen: Field: HOWARD-GLASSCOCK (SAN ANDRES).CANCELLED on 06/01/96.PRESENT OPERATIONS: Obj: 2800 test.NL: 05/04/94. API# 42-227-01543. ID# T-460789

LOVING COUNTY

GOTHIC ENERGY CORP
■ RICHMOND FEE - D46 #6
PINAL DOME- WP; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk 76 sec 46, A-1120, 1980 fnl 1980 fwl of sec, 660 fsl 1980 fwl of lse. 320 acre lse. (A-1120 originally known as W D Johnson) 14 mi NE of Mentone. Obj: 7350 test.NL: 04/17/97. Permit# 460844. API# 42-301-31078. ID# T-483613
JOHNSON TOM E
■ JOHNSON W D - A #3
DIMMIT NE (DELAWARE SS)- PLUG BACK D; T & P RY CO sur blk 53 twp 2 sec 44, A-1083, 1980 fnl 1980 fwl of sec, 678 fsl 1980 fwl of lse. 327 acre lse. (A-1083 originally known as W D Johnson) 5 mi NE of Mentone. PRESENT OPERATIONS: EL: 2825 GR. Obj: 4643 (Delaware ss).NL: 04/22/97. API# 42-301-30523. ID# T-483702

MIDLAND COUNTY

ARCO PERMIAN
■ TIPPETT 12 #1
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- PLUG BACK D; T & P RY CO sur blk 41 twp 4S sec 12, 1980 fnl 1980 fel of sec, 660 fsl 660 fel of lse. 160 acre lse. 21 mi SW of Midland. Summary Original Drill: Field: PEGASUS (PENNSYLVANIAN).PRESENT OPERATIONS: Obj: 7600 test.NL: 04/18/97. API# 42-329-31577. ID# T-483644
PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP
■ PRESTON SPRABERRY UNIT #2804A
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D; T & P RY CO sur blk 37 twp 4S sec 27, 660 fnl 1975 fwl of sec, 660 fnl 660 fel of lse. (Located in tract 28) 17038 acre lse. 12.5 mi S of Spraberry. EL: 2698 GR. Obj: 8770 test.NL: 04/23/97. ID# T-483723
PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP
■ SHACKELFORD SPRABERRY UNIT #162A
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D; T & P RY CO sur blk 37 twp 3S sec 27, 660 fsl 660 fel of sec, 4626 fnl 660 fel of unit. (Located in tract 1) 28731 acre unit. (Rule 38 exception applied for) 12.5 mi S of Spraberry. EL: 2656 GR. Obj: 8800 test.NL: 04/18/97 ID# T-483628
PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP
■ SHACKELFORD SPRABERRY UNIT #6114A
SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D; T & P RY CO sur blk 37 twp 4S sec 9, 1980 fsl 660 fwl of sec, 1980 fsl 9874 fel of unit. (Located in tract 61) 28731 acre unit.

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(Strawn).NL: 02/11/97. Permit# 458228. API# 42-435-34680. ID#
T-481797.Contr: Patterson Drlg #42. Spud: 03/24/97 Air drlg. TD: 8250 on 03/30/97 in Strawn.PB: 8104.Compl: on 04/11/97 GAS (Last Info: 04/17/97)PZone: 7576-7642 (upr Strawn) IP: (upr Strawn 7576-7642) F 1696 MCFGPD on 16/64 ck; no oil; 27 BLWPD; FCP1350

LOUIS-DREYFUS NATRL GAS

■ REED 101 #12

SAWYER (CANYON)- DG; H E & W T RY CO sur blk C sec 101, A-430, 1600 fnl 148 fwl of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. (Rule 37 exception granted) 4.25 mi S of Sonora. EL: 2262 GR. Obj: 6550 (Canyon).NL: 10/25/96. Permit# 454170. API# 42-435-34638. ID# T-479312.Contr: Patterson. Spud: 12/03/96.TD: 6427 on 12/08/96.PB: 5950.Compl: on 03/26/97 GAS (Last Info: 04/22/97)PZone: 5004-5552 (Canyon) IP: (Canyon 5004-5552) CAOF 350 MCFGPD – F 269 MCFGPD grav .702 on 22/64 ck; no oil; no wtr; FTP 98, SITP 325, SICP 163, BHSIP 378, BHT 160 F @ 5278, SLOPE 1.000 One Point: 269 MCFGPD on 22/64 ck in 4320 min, FTP 98, BHP 182

LOUIS-DREYFUS NATRL GAS

■ WILSON DUKE #1773

SHURLEY RANCH (CANYON)- DG; H E & W T RY CO sur blk C sec 177, A-468, 1800 fnl 2350 fwl of sec, 8755 fsl 9380 fwl of unit. 14537.3 acre unit. 13 mi SW of Snora. EL: 2055 GR. Obj: 8900 (Strawn).NL: 02/21/97. Permit# 458741. API# 42-435-34684. ID# T-482099.Contr: Wes Tex. Spud: 03/23/97 Air drlg. TD: 8900 on 03/31/97 in Strawn.PB: 6000.Compl: on 04/19/97 GAS (Last Info: 04/22/97)PZone: 5180-5374 (upr Canyon ss) gross interval IP: (upr Canyon ss 5180-5374) F 205 MCFGPD on 16/64 ck; no oil; 4 BWPD; FTP170, SICP 280

TERRELL COUNTY

CONOCO INC

■ CREEK RANCH 1 #2

DEER CANYON (PENNSYLVANIAN)- DG; C C S D & R G N G RY CO sur blk 2 sec 1, A-146, 350 fnl 950 fel of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. (Rule 37 exception granted) 22 mi SW of Sheffield. EL: 2750 GR. Obj: 14000 test.NL: 10/31/96. Permit# 454554. API# 42-443-30694. ID# T-479483.Contr: Nabors #24. Spud: 12/01/96.TD: 12350 on 01/14/97.PB: 12233.Compl: on 03/31/97 GAS (Last Info: 04/19/97)PZone: 11084-11298 (Pennsylvanian ss) IP: (Pennsylvanian ss 11084-11298) CAOF 2702 MCFGPD – F 90 BCPD grav 56.5;2103 MCFGPD grav .666 on 18/64 ck, 5 BWPD; FTP 1565, SITP 3815, SICP 1800, BHSIP 5209, BHT 185 F @ 11191, SLOPE 1.000 One Point: 2103 MCFGPDon 18/64 ck in 4320 min, FTP 1565, BHP 2454

CONOCO INC

■ UNIVERSITY 4 #4

DEER CANYON- WPD; UNIVERSITY LANDS sur blk 36 sec 4. 1300 fsl 900 fel of sec. and lse. 640 acre lse. 20 mi SW of Sheffield. EL: 2730 GR. Obj: 14000 test.NL: 12/05/96. Permit# 455973. API# 42-443-30703. ID# T-480298.Contr: Nabors #715. Spud: 01/02/97 Mud drlg. TD: 12115 on 02/12/97 D&A on 04/17/97 (Last Info: 04/21/97)

UPTON COUNTY

ARCO PERMIAN

■ DAVIDSON 38 #3

SPRABERRY TREND AREA- DO; T & P RY CO sur blk 40 twp 4S sec 38, A-1518, 1980 fsl 660 fwl of sec. and lse. 640 acre lse. (A-1518 orginally known as T Windham) 30 mi NNW of Rankin. EL: 2831 GR. Obj: 10600 test.NL: 08/30/96. Permit# 452253. API# 42-461-33679. ID# T-477968.Contr: J S M #6. Spud: 09/17/96.TD: 10150 on 10/02/96.PB: 10062.Compl: on 11/27/96.OIL (Last Info: 04/23/97)PZone: 7853-9920 (Spraberry/Wolfcamp) gross interval IP: (Spraberry/Wolfcamp 7853-9920) P 52 BOPD grav 40.2; 35 MCFGPD; 124 BWPD

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■ MCELROY RANCH 117 #12

SPRABERRY TREND AREA- PLUG BACK DO; C C S D & R G N G RY CO sur blk D sec 117, A-69, 1980 fnl 660 fwl of sec, 660 fsl 660 fwl of lse. 160 acre lse. 20 mi NW of Rankin. Summary Orginal Drill: Field: WILSHIRE (CONSOLIDATED) Compl: GASCasing: 8 5/8 @ 2858 – 5 1/2 @ 11,697 PRESENT OPERATIONS: EL: 2843 GR. Obj: 7235 test.NL: 02/07/97. Permit# 458240. API# 42-461-10587. ID# T-481728.Resume: 02/05/97 TD: 11697 PB: 10754 Recomp: on 03/29/97 OIL (Last Info: 04/21/97)PZone: 7730-9180 gross interval IP: (7730-9180) P 54 BOPD grav 40.2; 53 MCFGPD; 83 BWPD **ARCO PERMIAN**

■ WINDHAM R S 118 #22

SPRABERRY TREND AREA- PLUG BACK DO; C C S D & R G N G RY CO sur blk D sec 118, A-968, 1950 fnl 1950 fwl of sec, 690 fsl 690 fel of lse. 160 acre lse. (A-968 orginally known as J E Smiley) 19 mi NW of Rankin. Summary Orginal Drill: Field: WILSHIRE (PENNSYLVANIAN) Compl: OILCasing: 13 3/8 @ 302 – 9 5/8 @ 4834 – 7 @ 12,332 – 4 1/2 @ 9352-10,023 PRESENT OPERATIONS: EL: 2841 GR. Obj: 7140 test.NL: 02/07/97. Permit# 458241. API# 42-461-01950. ID# T-481729.Resume: 02/05/97 TD: 12449 PB: 9330 Recomp: on 04/02/97 OIL (Last Info: 04/21/97)PZone: 7655-9155 gross interval IP: (7655-9155) P 43 BOPD grav 40.2; 110 MCFGPD; 15 BWPD

CHEVRON U S A INC

■ ADAMC BEND UNIT #C44D

ADAMC (BEND)- PLUG BACK DO; C C S D & R G N G RY CO sur blk F sec 183, 2321 fsl 660 fwl of sec, 2321 fsl 4620 fel of unit. 3840 acre unit. 4 mi E of Crane. Summary Original Drill: Field: ADAMC (DEVONIAN).EL: 2578 GR.Compl: OILCasing: 11 3/4 @ 795 w/475 – 8 5/8 @ 6286 w/1550 – 5 1/2 @ 10,984 w/1650 PRESENT OPERATIONS: EL: 2600 KB. Obj: 8850 (Bend).NL: 04/15/97. API# 42-461-32355. ID# T-483557.Resume: 10/09/92.TD: 10984.PB: 9980.Recomp: on 05/19/95 OIL (Last Info: 04/21/97)PZone: 8897-8930 (Bend) IP: (Bend 8897-8930) F 1 BOPD grav 43.0; 20 MCFGPD on 25/64 ck; no wtr; FTP50, SICP 320 Logs: GR. Tops: L/T Devonian 10000.

CHEVRON U S A INC

■ MCELROY J T CONS #1051

MCELROY- HORIZONTAL SP; C C S D & R G N G RY CO sur blk F sec 199, A-1333, 675 fsl 1930 fel of sec, 675 fsel 1930 fnel of lse. 15362 acre lse. (Rule 37 exception granted) 2 mi E of Crane. BHLoc: PROPOSED: 240 fsl 900 fel of sec. 199 – 240 fsel 900 fnel of lse – Top of PZone: 655 fsl 1890 fel of sec and lse. ACTUAL @ 3606 MD: 146 S 1005 E of surf loc. (TVD: 2692) – KOP: 2527. PROJECTED @ TD: 151 S 1041 E of surf loc. 259 fsl 874 fel of sec. 199 (TVD: 2695) – Survey ran by Baker Hughes Inteq. EL: 2577 KB. Obj: 4500 test.NL: 10/31/96. Permit# 454562. API# 42-461-32249-01. ID# T-479491.Contr: Capstar #9. Spud: 10/27/96 Mud drlg. TD: 3643 on 11/17/96 in San Andres.IW on 11/24/96.(Last Info: 04/23/97)

MOBIL PRODUCING TX & NM

■ PEGASUS SPRABERRY UNIT #5104

PEGASUS (SPRABERRY)- DO; T & P RY CO sur blk 40 twp 5S sec 6, A-1433, 1980 fnl 1980 fel of sec, 8672 fsl 1980 fel of unit. 11680 acre unit. (Located in tract 51) (A-1433 originally known as Frank E Miller) 27 mi NW of Rankin. EL: 2850 GR. Obj: 8800 (Spraberry).NL: 12/27/96. Permit# 456806. API# 42-461-33708. ID# T-480755.Contr: FWA #8. Spud: 01/26/97.TD: 8730 on 02/07/97.PB: 8650.Compl: on 03/30/97 OIL (Last Info: 04/22/97)PZone: 7689-8534 (Spraberry) gross interval IP: (Spraberry/Dean 7689-8534) P 32 BOPD grav 36.9; 40 MCFGPD; 72 BWPD **SLEDGE H G INC**

■ HOLLY #9

AMACKER-TIPPETT SW (WOLFCAMP)- DD; THOMAS C JONES #99 sur, A-291, 1501 fsl 2049 fwl of sur, and lse. 880 acre lse. 12.5 mi NW of Rankin. EL: 2740 GR. Obj: 9200 (Wolfcamp).NL: 02/19/97. Permit# 458999. API# 42-461-33744. ID# T-481975.Spud: 03/03/97.TD: 9200 P&A on 03/30/97.(Last Info: 04/19/97)

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CRANE COUNTY

PENINZOIL EXPL & PROD CO

■ TEXAS CONSOLIDATED 1 #H14H

UNIVERSITY WADDELL (DEVONIAN)- PLUG BACK DO; UNIVERSITY LAND sur blk 31 sec 3, 490 fnl 710 fel of sec, 490 fnl 1930 fwl of lse. 320 acre lse. 12 mi NW of Crane. Summary Orginal Drill: Field: UNIVERSITY WADDELL (CONNELL) Compl: OILCasing: 11 3/4 @ 880 w/475 – 8 5/8 @ 4400 w/1400 – 5 1/2 @ 10,730 w/1550 PRESENT OPERATIONS: Obj: 10502 (Waddell ss).NL: 04/24/96. Permit# 447417. API# 42-103-33662. ID# T-475189.Resume: 02/21/97.TD: 10730.PB: 10580.Recomp: on 03/04/97 OIL (Last Info: 04/17/97)PZone: 8505-9196 (Devonian) IP: (Devonian 8505-9196) F 46 BOPD; 65 MCFGPD on 22/64 ck; 143 BWPD; FTP 55T

ECTOR COUNTY

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP

■ GOLDSMITH-CUMMINS DEEP UNIT #228

GOLDSMITH (CLEAR FORK)- SP; T & P RY CO sur blk 45 twp 1N sec 33, A-350, 1320 fnl 2635 fwl of sec. 1332 fsl 4 fel of unit. 6059 acre unit. 4.8 mi NW of Goldsmith. EL: 3208 GR. Obj: 6500 (Clear Fork).NL: 03/31/95. Permit# 434416. API# 42-135-37060. ID# T-467414.ABND LOC on 04/03/97.(Last Info: 04/17/97)

MARTIN COUNTY

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■ WHEELER NORMA #1

HILL RANCH (MISSISSIPPIAN)- PLUG BACK DO; T & P RY CO sur blk 34 twp 2N sec 5, 2070 fnl 2100 fel of sec, 609 fsl 235 fwl of lse. 71.75 acre lse. (Rule 37 exception granted) 18 mi N of Stanton. Geomap: 4-20N-14W Summary Original Drill: Oper: AMERADA HESS CORP Field: HILL RANCH (FUSSELMAN).EL: 2645 KB.TD: 10685 in Fusselman.Compl: on 05/20/93 OIL.PZone: 10677-10685 (Fusselman) IP: (Fusselman 10677-10685) P 34 BOPD grav 41.1; 1 MCFGPD; 85 BWPD

ODESSA EXPL INC

■ FOLKNER A F #2

BREEDLOVE (SPRABERRY)- RE-ENTRY DO; BORDEN COUNTY SCHOOL LAND sur, A-593, 660 fnl 1980 fel of lab 6 lge 262 of sur, 660 fnwl 1980 fnel of lse. 190.5 acre lse. 16 mi NW of Tarzan. Summary Original Drill: Oper: WALTER O&G INTL LLC Field: WILDCAT.TD: 8432 in Spraberry.P&A on 12/20/96.Casing: 8 5/8 @ 1730 w/660 PRESENT OPERATIONS: EL: 2909 GR. Obj: 8432 (Spraberry).NL: 10/31/96. Permit# 457965. API# 42-317-34060. ID# T-479482.Contr: Yale E Key. Resume: 02/13/97.TD: 8432 on 02/18/97.PB: 8349.Recomp: on 04/03/97 OIL (Last Info: 04/23/97)PZone: 8338-8348 (Spraberry) IP: (Spraberry 8338-8348) P 35 BOPD grav 39.8; 10 MCFGPD; 140 BWPD

MIDLAND COUNTY

ARCO PERMIAN

■ DAVIDSON 24 #2

SPRABERRY TREND AREA- DO; T & P RY CO sur blk 40 twp 4S sec 24, A-1135, 1980 fsl 660 fwl of sec, and lse. 640 acre lse. (A-1135 originally known as W B Moore) 21 mi S of Midland. EL: 2764 GR. Obj: 10600 test.NL: 12/31/96. Permit# 456536. API# 42-329-33633. ID# T-480901.Contr: J S M #76. Spud: 01/22/97.TD: 10150 on 02/07/97.PB: 10070.Compl: on 04/02/97 OIL (Last Info: 04/17/97)PZone: 7860-9870 (Spraberry/Wolfcamp) gross interval IP: (Spraberry/Dean 7860-9870) P 36 BOPD grav 40.2; 40 MCFGPD; 139 BWPD

ARCO PERMIAN

■ DAVIDSON 27 #3

SPRABERRY TREND AREA- DO; T & P RY CO sur blk 40 twp 4S sec 27, A-306, 1980 fsl 1980 fel of sec, 1980 fsl 660 fwl of lse. 480 acre lse. 27 mi SSW of Midland. EL: 2809 GR. Obj: 10500 (Pennsylvanian).NL: 04/26/96. Permit# 447221. API# 42-329-33458. ID# T-475258.Contr: J S M #76. Spud: 07/11/96.TD: 10230 on 07/28/96.PB: 10184.Compl: on 11/19/96 OIL (Last Info: 04/23/97)PZone: 7870-9940 (Spraberry/Wolfcamp) gross interval IP: (Spraberry/Wolfcamp 7870-9940) P 42 BOPD grav 40.2; 70 MCFGPD; 93 BWPD

ARCO PERMIAN

■ DAVIDSON R A B #2

SPRABERRY TREND AREA- DO; T & P RY CO sur blk 40 twp 4S sec 27, A-306, 660 fsl 1980 fwl of sec, 1980 fnl 660 fel of lse. 480 acre lse. 25 mi SW of Midland. EL: 2809 GR. Obj: 10300 test.NL: 09/06/96. Permit# 452299. API# 42-329-33552. ID# T-478083.Contr: J S M #8. Spud: 09/01/96 Mud drlg. TD: 10150 on 09/16/96 in Spraberry.PB: 10106.Compl: on 11/03/96 OIL (Last Info: 04/23/97)PZone: 7850-9920 (Spraberry/Wolfcamp) gross interval IP: (Spraberry/Wolfcamp 7850-9920) P 51 BOPD grav 40.2; 65 MCFGPD; 159 BWPD

TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC

■ MIDLAND - AV FEE #4

SPRABERRY TREND AREA- DO; T & P RY CO sur blk 38 twp 4S sec 7, A-171, 1980 fsl 660 fwl of sec. 1322 fnl 660 fwl of lse. 599.95 acre lse. 20 mi SE of Midland. EL: 2740 KB. Obj: 9260 test.NL: 10/28/96. Permit# 454419. API# 42-329-33611. ID# T-479392.Contr: FWA #6. Spud: 12/06/96.TD: 9260 on 12/25/96.PB: 9200.Compl: on 04/08/97 OIL (Last Info: 04/23/97)PZone: 7687-9079 (Permian) gross interval IP: (Permian 7687-9079) P 60 BOPD; 39 MCFGPD; 72 BWPD

MITCHELL COUNTY

ALLEGRO OPERATING INC

■ WOMACK MARY - A #18

COLEMAN RANCH NORTH (CLEAR FORK)- DO; H & T C RY CO sur blk 97 sec 60, A-1500, 990 fnl 1065 fel of sec, and lse. 156.12 acre lse. (A-1500 originally known as W I Beasley) 1 mi E of Cuthbert. EL: 2203 GR. Obj: 3300 (Clear Fork).NL: 11/25/96. Permit# 455693. API# 42-335-33906. ID# T-480109.Contr: Krescent. Spud: 03/04/97.TD: 3350 on 03/25/97.PB: 3300.Compl: on 04/04/97 OIL (Last Info: 04/19/97)PZone: 3154-3210 (Clear Fork) IP: (Clear Fork 3154-3210) P 5 BOPD grav 23; no gas; 45 BWPD

ALLEGRO OPERATING INC

■ WOMACK MARY - A #20

COLEMAN RANCH NORTH (CLEAR FORK)- DO; H & T C RY CO sur blk 97 sec 60, A-1500, 1590 fnl 1116 fel of sec, 908 fsl 1116 fel off lse. 156.12 acre lse. (A-1500 originally known as W I Beasley) 1 mi E of Cuthbert. EL: 2198 GR. Obj: 3300 (Clear Fork).NL: 11/25/96. Permit# 455691. API# 42-335-33904. ID# T-480111.Spud: 02/13/97.TD: 3350 on 03/09/97.PB: 3300.Compl: on 04/04/97 OIL (Last Info: 04/22/97)PZone: 3056-3264 (Clear Fork) IP: (Clear Fork 3056-3264) P 15 BOPD grav 23; no gas; 45 BWPD

ALLEGRO OPERATING INC

■ WOMACK MARY - A #21

COLEMAN RANCH NORTH (CLEAR FORK)- DO; H & T C RY CO sur blk 97 sec 60, A-1500, 2190 fnl 1138 fel of sec, 308 fsl 1138 fel of lse. 156.12 acre lse. (A-1500 originally known as W I Beasley) 1 mi E of Cuthbert. EL: 2194 GR. Obj: 3300 (Clear Fork).NL: 11/25/96. Permit# 455690. API# 42-335-33903. ID# T-480112.Contr: Krescent. Spud: 02/19/97.TD: 3350 on 03/12/97.PB: 3315.Compl: on 04/04/97 OIL (Last Info: 04/19/97)PZone: 3142-3204 (Clear Fork) IP: (Clear Fork 3142-3204) P 10 BOPD grav 23; no gas; 45 BWPD

FINA OIL & CHEMICAL CO

■ WESTBROOK SOUTHEAST UNIT #344W

WESTBROOK- SP; T & P RY CO sur blk 28 twp 1N sec 28, A-1541, 2650 fwl 2050 fnwl of sec, and lse. 4700 acre lse. (A-1541 originally known as E C Morrison) 3 mi NW of Westbrook. EL: 2129 KB. Obj: 3300 test.NL: 01/30/96. Permit# 444098. API# 42-335-33784. ID# T-473354.Contr: Riley #1. Spud: 03/11/96 Mud drlg. TD: 3170 on 03/17/96.PB: 3140.IW on 05/23/96 (Last Info: 04/23/97)

PECOS COUNTY

FORTE ENERGY CORP

■ SMITH MYRON A - C #1

APCO-WARNER WEST (WICHITA-ALBANY)- PLUG BACK DG; H & G N RY CO sur blk 10 sec 59, A-498, 1980 fsnl 1980 fsel of sec. 660 fnwl 660 fnel of lse. 40 acre lse. 12 mi SE of Imperial. Summary Orginal Drill: Field: APCO-WARNER WEST (ELLENBURGER) Compl: OILCasing: 13 3/8 @ 453 w/450 – 8 5/8 @ 2742 w/375 – 5 1/2 @ 4940 w/425 PRESENT OPERATIONS: EL: 2507 GR. Obj: 4825 test.NL: 01/14/97. Permit# 457284. API# 42-371-32649. ID# T-481194.Resume: 01/20/97.TD: 4941.PB: 4825.Recomp: on 02/12/97 GAS (Last Info: 04/19/97)PZone: 4498-4657 (Wichita-Albany) IP: (Wichita-Albany 4498-4657) CAOF 1666 MCFGPD – F 2 BOPD grav 35; 779 MCFGPD grav .70 on 10/64 ck; 2 BWPD;

WARD COUNTY

PITTENCRIEFF AMERICA INC

■ THORNTON #6

RHONDA WALKER (CANYON 5900)- REPERMIT DO; H & T C RY CO sur blk 34 sec 108, A-705, 1395 fnwl 1418 fswl of sec, and lse. 300 acre lse. (A-705 originally known as T S Williamson) 4 mi S of Pyote. Summary Original Drill: Field: RHODA WALKER (CANYON 5900).ABND LOC on 07/13/95.PRESENT OPERATIONS: EL: 2618 GR. Obj: 6900 (Canyon 5900).NL: 07/16/93. Permit# 413818. API# 42-475-34171. ID# T-455403.Contr: Wes Tex #12. Resume: 03/06/97.TD: 6863 on 03/22/97 in Cherry Canyon.Recomp: on 04/22/97 OIL (Last Info: 04/22/97)PZone: 6472-6542 (Cherry Canyon) gross interval IP: (Cherry Canyon 6472-6542) P 20 BOPD grav 39; 100 MCFGPD; 213 BWPD

WINKLER COUNTY

POGO PRODUCING CO

■ UNIVERSITY 20-11 #1

BLOCK 20- RECOMPLETION WPO; UNIVERSITY LAND sur blk 20 sec 11, 467 fsl 467 fwl of sec, and lse. 320 acre lse. 15 mi SW of Kermit. Summary Original Drill: Field: BLOCK 20 (WOLFCAMP).Compl: on 04/22/96 OILPZone: 11660-11692 (Wolfcamp) IP: (Wolfcamp 11660-11692) F 107 BOPD grav 43.6; 152 MCFGPD on 12/64 ck; 117 BWPD; FTP 550

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COCHRAN COUNTY

PARKER & PARSLEY WPI

■ MASTEN F O - D #15

LEVELLAND- SP; ARMSTRONG COUNTY SCHOOL LAND sur, A-106, 50 fnl 1392 fel of lab 6 lge 133 of sur, and lse. 355.4 acre lse. 8 mi SW of Lehman. EL: 3832 GR. Obj: 5100 test.NL: 11/14/96. Permit# 454636. API# 42-079-32898. ID# T-479889.Contr: B R W. Spud: 12/15/96.TD: 5002.PB: 4995.IW on 12/22/96 (Last Info: 04/23/97)

DAWSON COUNTY

HENRY PETROLEUM INC

■ ACKERLY EAST DEAN UNIT #106

ACKERLY (DEAN SS)- DO; T & P RY CO sur blk 34 twp 4N sec 44, A-554, 300 fsl 1000 fwl of sec, 2947 fsl 646 fel of lse. 4789.00 acre lse. (A-554 originally known as W H

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(Rule 38 exception applied for) 10.15 mi S of Spraberry. EL: 2716 GR. Obj: 8850 test.NL: 04/18/97. ID# T-483632

PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP

■ SHACKELFORD SPRABERRY UNIT #6609A

SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D; T & P RY CO sur blk 38 twp 4S sec 12. 1980 fnl 1980 fel of sec. 3304 fsl 15905 fwl of unit. (Located in tract 66) 28731 acre unit. (Rule 38 exception applied for) 11.14 mi S of Spraberry. EL: 2747 GR. Obj: 8950 test.NL: 04/18/97. ID# T-483631

PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP

■ SHACKELFORD SPRABERRY UNIT #6827A

SPRABERRY TREND AREA- D; T & P RY CO sur blk 38 twp 4S sec 11. 1980 fnl 1980 fwl of sec. 13887 fsl 10104 fwl of unit. (Located in tract 68) 28731 acre unit. (Rule 38 exception applied for) 11.75 mi S of Spraberry. EL: 2755 GR. Obj: 9050 test.NL: 04/18/97. ID# T-483630

TITAN RESOURCES INC

■ SHACKELFORD-PECK #1

AZALEA- WP; T & P RY CO sur blk 37 twp 3S sec 41. 660 fnl 1660 fel of sec. and lse. 320 acre lse. 7 mi S of Spraberry. EL: 2620 GR. Obj: 11600 test.NL: 04/18/97. ID# T-483624

MITCHELL COUNTY

MERIT ENERGY CORP

■ COLEMAN RANCH UNIT #1419

COLEMAN RANCH- D; H & T C RY CO sur blk 26 sec 5. 750 fnl 1050 fwl of sec. 3950 fsl 2400 fel of lse. 1700 acre lse. (Located in Cuthbert Vacancy Strip) 2 mi W of Cuthbert. EL: 2240 GR. Obj: 3500 test.NL: 04/23/97. ID# T-483721

PECOS COUNTY

B C OPERATING INC

■ POLLARD CLEARFORK UNIT #605

BROWN & THORP (CLEAR FORK)- D; H & G N RY CO sur blk 11 sec 49. A-552. 1651 fr N'ly nl 2314 fel of lse. 379.1 acre lse. (Rule 37 exception granted) 2 mi SW of Girvin. EL: 2349 GR. Obj: 3300 (Clear Fork) NL: 04/22/97. API# 42-371-36704. ID# T-483677

MARATHON OIL CO

■ YATES FIELD UNIT #59F07

YATES- HORIZONTAL D; G C & S F RY CO sur blk 194 sec 37. A-5420. 1522 fsl 2531 fwl of sec. 14884 fsl 2531 fwl of lse. 26423 acre lse. (A-5420 originally known as John Monroe) 5.1 mi SW of Iraan. BHLoc PROPOSED: 2585 fnl 973 fwl of JOHN MONROE sec 37 -- 16138 fsl 973 fwl of unit -- N 88 deg 50'14" W 973 ft from closest point of Yates unit line -- 2000 ft from surf loc. Obj: 1522 test.NL: 04/18/97. Permit# 461030. API# 42-371-04448-01. ID# T-483618

REEVES COUNTY

CHEVRON U S A INC

■ HARRY L ET AL #3

WORSHAM-BAYER- RECOMPLETION WP; H & G N RY CO sur blk 6 sec 49. 1570 fsl 2310 fel of sec. and lse. 640 acre lse. 10 mi SE of Barstow. PRESENT OPERATIONS. Obj: 17154 test.NL: 04/21/97. API# 42-389-10234. ID# T-483664

STERLING COUNTY

ATROPOS PRODUCTION CORP

■ MCENTIRE 33 #7

CONGER (PENNSYLVANIAN)- D; H & T C RY CO sur blk 23 sec 33. 660 fnl 2300 fwl of sec. and lse. 640 acre lse. 12 mi NW of Sterling City. EL: 2667 GR. Obj: 8000 (Pennsylvanian) NL: 04/17/97. ID# T-483602

ATROPOS PRODUCTION CORP

■ WILKINSON 14 #2

CONGER (PENNSYLVANIAN)- D; H & T C RY CO sur blk 23 sec 14. 660 fnl 1200 fwl of sec. and lse. 495.7875 acre lse. 12 mi NW of Sterling City. EL: 2538 GR. Obj: 8000 (Pennsylvanian) NL: 04/17/97. ID# T-483599

I P PETROLEUM CO INC

■ BAILEY 12 #5S

SUGG RANCH- PLUG BACK WP; G C & S F RY CO sur blk A sec 12. A-1150. 1010 fnl 660 fel of sec. and lse. 640 acre lse. 15 mi SW of Sterling City. Geomap 2-13N-10W Summary Orginal Drill: Well: BAILEY 12 #5 Field: SUGG RANCH (CANYON) TD: 7955 Compl on 07/08/90 OILPZone: 7624-7843 (Canyon) IP: F 90 BOPD grav 46.2; 510 MCFGPD on 11/64 ck; 29 BWPD; FTP 550; CP 960 PRESENT OPERATIONS EL: 2527 GR. Obj: 7600 test.NL: 05/10/90. API# 42-431-32117. ID# T-432918

WARD COUNTY

CHEVRON U S A INC

■ ESTES E W #142A

WARD-ESTES NORTH- DEEPEN D; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk B-19 sec 28. 178 fnl 4310 fwl of sec. 3082 fnl 4310 fwl of lse. 2552.8 acre lse. 7 mi SE of Wickett. PRESENT OPERATIONS. Obj: 3300 test.NL: 04/23/97. API# 42-475-05232. ID# T-483762. **CHEVRON U S A INC**

■ ESTES E W #224

WARD-ESTES NORTH- D; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk B-19 sec 28. 1440 fnl 3750 fwl of sec. 2470 fsl 3750 fwl of lse. 2552.8 acre lse. 7 mi SE of Wickett. Obj: 224 test.NL: 04/23/97. API# 42-475-30282. ID# T-483733

WINKLER COUNTY

LARIO OIL & GAS CO

■ UNIVERSITY - 32 #2

WAR-WINK- WP; UNIVERSITY LAND sur blk 21 sec 32. 1980 fsl 660 fel of sec. and lse. 320 acre lse. 6 mi SW of Wink. EL: 2769 GR. Obj: 8100 test.NL: 04/21/97. ID# T-483668

PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP

■ BRADISH - CRUM UNIT #1

KEYSTONE (SAN ANDRES)- PLUG BACK D; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk B-2 sec 4. 70 fsl 1323 fel of sec. 259 fnl 662 fwl of lse. 20 acre lse. 8 mi NE of Kermit. Summary Orginal Drill: Field: KEYSTONE (HOLT) EL: 2979 KB TD: 5175 Compl: on 12/26/96 OILPZone: 5001-5009 (Holt) IP: (Holt 5001-5009) P 15 BOPD; 7 MCFGPD; 94 BWPD PRESENT OPERATIONS. EL: 2966 GR. Obj: 4600 (San Andres) NL: 09/24/96. API# 42-495-32583. ID# T-478470

PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP

■ CRUM M E UNIT #7

KEYSTONE (SAN ANDRES)- PLUG BACK D; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk B-2 sec 7. A-1145. 1220 fnl 1 fel of sec. 229 fnl 659 fwl of lse. 20 acre lse. (A-1145 originally known as W A Priest) (Rule 37 exception granted) 7 mi NE of Kermit. Summary Orginal Drill: Field: KEYSTONE (HOLT) EL: 2987 KB TD: 5150 Compl: on 01/30/96 OILPZone: 4828-5051 (Holt) gross interval IP: PROD TEST (Holt 4828-5051 01/25/96) F 78 BO; 48 BW -- PROD TEST (Holt 4828-5051 01/26/96) F 72 BOPD on 17/64 ck; 16 BWPD -- PROD TEST (Holt 4828-5051 01/27/96) F 48 BOPD; 70 MCFGPD on 16/64 ck; 24 BWPD; FTP 100 -- gas volume est -- PROD TEST (Holt 4828-5051 01/28/96) F 75 BOPD; 70 MCFGPD on 16/64 ck; 30 BWPD; -- gas volume est -- PROD TEST (Holt 4828-5051 01/29/96) F 50 BOPD; 70 MCFGPD on 17/64 ck; 57 BWPD; FTP 100 -- gas volume est -- (Holt 4828-5051) F 77 BOPD; 70 MCFGPD on 16/64 ck; 29 BWPD; FTP 150 PRESENT OPERATIONS. EL: 2974 GR. Obj: 4600 (San Andres) NL: 06/20/95. API# 42-495-32481. ID# T-469071

PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP

■ TAYLOR - A WADDELL #1

KEYSTONE (SAN ANDRES)- PLUG BACK D; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk B-2 sec 8. 70 fsl 1427 fwl of sec. 260 fnl 763 fwl of lse. 60 acre lse. (Rule 37 exception granted) 8 mi NE of Kermit. Summary Orginal Drill: Field: KEYSTONE (HOLT) EL: 2988 KB TD: 5250 Compl: on 08/06/96 OILPZone: 5003-5071 (Holt) IP: (Holt 5003-5071) P 52 BOPD; 20 MCFGPD; 62 BWPD PRESENT OPERATIONS. EL: 2975 GR. Obj: 4600 (San Andres) NL: 05/16/96. API# 42-495-32531. ID# T-475690

PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP

■ TAYLOR - A WADDELL #2

KEYSTONE (SAN ANDRES)- PLUG BACK D; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk B-2 sec 8. 70 fsl 2654 fwl of sec. 260 fnl 1990 fwl of lse. 60 acre lse. (Rule 37 exception granted) 8 mi NE of Kermit. Summary Orginal Drill: Field: KEYSTONE (HOLT) EL: 2974 KB TD: 5300 Compl: on 07/27/96 OILPZone: 5022-5075 (Holt) IP: (Holt 5022-5075) F 56 BOPD; 62 MCFGPD on 15/64 ck; 10 BWPD; FTP 150 PRESENT OPERATIONS. EL: 2961 GR. Obj: 4600 (San Andres) NL: 05/16/96. API# 42-495-32530. ID# T-475689

PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP

■ TAYLOR - A WARD UNIT #1

KEYSTONE (SAN ANDRES)- PLUG BACK D; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk B-2 sec 8. 70 fsl 100 fel of sec. 260 fnl 563 fwl of lse. 20 acre lse. 8 mi NE of Kermit. Summary Orginal Drill: Field: KEYSTONE (HOLT) TD: 5500 Compl: on 11/08/96 OILPZone: 5156-5212 (Holt) gross interval IP: (Holt 5156-5212) P 50 BOPD; 50 MCFGPD; 23 BWPD PRESENT OPERATIONS. EL: 2975 GR. Obj: 4600 (San Andres) NL: 08/28/96. API# 42-495-32573. ID# T-477901

PARKER & PARSLEY DEV LP

■ TAYLOR-MOSS UNIT #3

KEYSTONE (SAN ANDRES)- PLUG BACK D; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk B-2 sec 8. A-1239. 2592 fnl 1327 fel of sec. 50 fsl 1327 fel of lse. 60.36 acre lse. (Rule 37 exception granted) 8 mi NE of Kermit. Summary Orginal Drill: Oper: PARKER & PARSLEY DEV CO Well: TAYLOR MACK - B #8 Field: KEYSTONE (HOLT) EL: 2978 KB TD: 5300 Compl: on 05/16/95 OILPZone: 5060-5152 (Holt) IP: (Holt 5060-5152) F 58 BOPD; 28 MCFGPD on 22/64 ck; 4 BWPD; FTP 130 PRESENT OPERATIONS. EL: 2973 GR. Obj: 4600 (San Andres) NL: 01/13/95. API# 42-495-32467. ID# T-465691

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BORDEN COUNTY

TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC

■ JO-MILL UNIT #8312

JO-MILL (SPRABERRY)- D; T & P RY CO sur blk 33 twp 4N sec 46. 600 fnl 2660 fwl of sec. 2002 fsl 2979 fel of unit. 19782 acre unit. 18 mi SW of Gail. EL: 2665 GR. Obj: 8500 (Spraberry) NL: 04/21/97. ID# T-483663

GAINES COUNTY

APACHE CORP

■ BICE SARAH E - A & C #13

ADAIR- SP; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk C-31 sec 9. A-1323. 2630 fnl 1300 fel of sec. and lse. 320 acre lse. (A-1323 originally known as Alvin Groves) 16.5 mi E of Seagraves. EL: 3188 GR. Obj: 5000 test.NL: 04/22/97. ID# T-483700

PETROLEUM TECHNICAL SERV

■ MOOERS #4

TEX-MEX SE (WICHITA ALBANY)- D; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk A-12 sec 23. 1980 fsl 660 fwl of sec. 660 fnl 660 fwl of lse. 320 acre lse. 23 mi SW of Seminole. EL: 3514 GR. Obj: 7800 (Wichita Albany) NL: 04/18/97. ID# T-483643

SAMEDAN OIL CORP

■ ROBERTSON SOUTH CENTRAL UNIT #103

ROBERTSON NORTH (CLEAR FORK 7100)- D; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk A-24 sec 20. 1010 fnl 1750 fel of sec. 1010 fnl 3070 fel of unit. 1600 acre unit. 8 mi SW of Seminole. EL: 3317 GR. Obj: 7250 (Clear fork 7100) NL: 04/21/97. ID# T-483666

TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC

■ MILLS B D #1

HARRIS- RE-ENTRY SP; PUBLIC SCHOOL LAND sur blk A-21 sec 24. A-1206. 467 fnl 2050 fel of sec. 467 fnl 591 fwl of lse. 80 acre lse. (A-1206 originally known as W H Morrow) 6.8 mi SW of Seminole. Summary Orginal Drill: Oper: OSBORN HEIRS CO Field: FLANAGAN EL: 308 KB TD: 13480 P&A on 02/10/93 PRESENT OPERATIONS. EL: 3289 GR. Obj: 13480 test.NL: 11/10/92. API# 42-165-34530. ID# T-450742

HOCKLEY COUNTY

ALTURA ENERGY LTD

■ LEVELLAND SOUTHEAST UNIT #353

LEVELLAND- D; RAINS COUNTY SCHOOL LAND sur. A-179. 700 fnl 1275 fel of lab 10 lge 43 of sur. 3600 fnl 3974 fwl of unit. 5800 acre unit. 5.5 mi SW of Levelland. EL: 3579 GR. Obj: 5000 test.NL: 04/22/97. Permit# 460986. API# 42-219-36330. ID# T-483680

ALTURA ENERGY LTD

■ LEVELLAND SOUTHEAST UNIT #354

LEVELLAND- D; RAINS COUNTY SCHOOL LAND sur. A-180. 145 fnl 1036 fwl of lab 6 lge 44 of sur. 3045 fnl 6281 fwl of unit. 5800 acre unit. 5 mi SW of Levelland. EL: 3586 GR. Obj: 5000 test.NL: 04/22/97. Permit# 460985. API# 42-219-36329. ID# T-483682

KING COUNTY

MEDDERS OIL CO INC - FORKS 1-#1B - BALT (TANNEHILL)- D; SOMERVELL COUNTY SCHOOL LAND sur. A-284. 1340 fsl 156 fwl of lge 1 of sur. 1340 fsl 2484 fwl of lse. 320 acre lse. 12 mi W of Guthrie. EL: 1944 GR. Obj: 4200 (Tannehill) NL: 04/18/97. ID# T-483636 (4245 Kemp Blvd #904. Wichita Falls, TX 76308-2830 - 817/692-6626)

LUBBOCK COUNTY

THOMAS RESOURCES CORP

■ BROADVIEW WEST UNIT - WSW #1 - BROADVIEW WEST- SP; E L & R R RY CO sur blk JS sec 30. 95 fnl 2059 fwl of sec. 2735 fnl 3221 fel of lse. 880 acre lse. 6 mi NW of Lubbock. EL: 3298 GR. Obj: 2000 test.NL: 04/23/97. ID# T-483725

YOAKUM COUNTY

ALTURA ENERGY LTD

■ DENVER UNIT #3859

WASSON- D; J S WEBER sur blk D sec 867. A-489. 1362 fnl 780 fwl of sec. 6643 fnl 9784 fel of unit. 27848 acre unit. (A-489 originally known as J H Gibson) 1.5 mi NE of Denver City. EL: 3563 GR. Obj: 5500 test.NL: 04/22/97. Permit# 460982. API# 42-501-34222. ID# T-483675

ALTURA ENERGY LTD

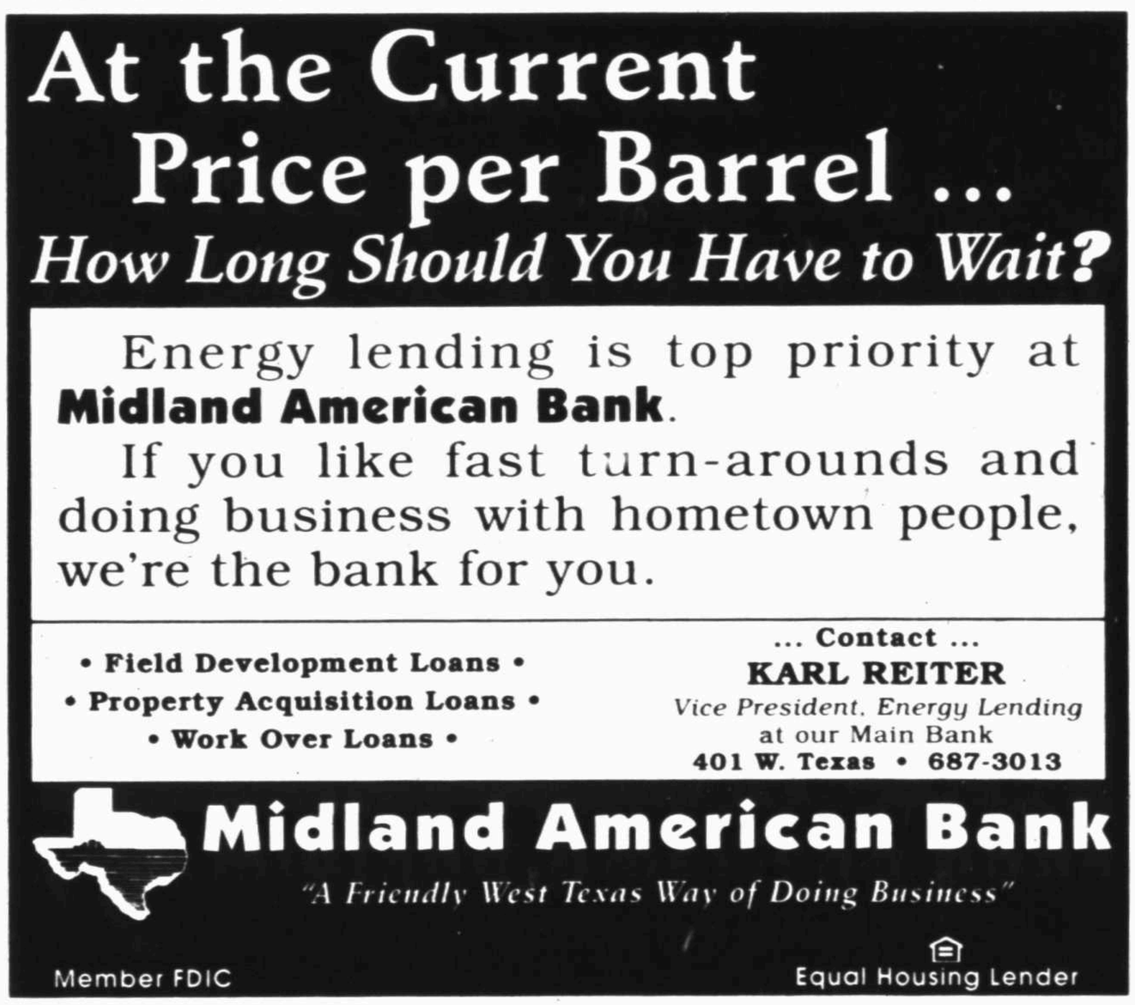
■ DENVER UNIT #3861

WASSON- D; J S WEBBER sur blk D sec 867. A-489. 1325 fnl 2625 fwl of sec. 6606 fnl 7939 fel of unit. 27848 acre unit. (A-489 originally known as John H Gibson) 1.5 mi NE of Denver City. EL: 3549 GR. Obj: 5500 test.NL: 04/22/97. Permit# 460983. API# 42-501-34221. ID# T-483676

READ & STEVENS INC

■ RUSHING H E #1

SPIVEY- WP; JOHN H GIBSON sur blk D sec 255. A-105. 2179 fsl 1928 fwl of sec. and lse. 164.96 acre lse. 7 mi NE of Plains. EL: 3644 GR. Obj: 14000 test.NL: 04/21/97. ID# T-483658



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Garlin) 3 mi NW of Ackerly. EL: 2818 GR. Obj: 8800 (Dean ss).NL: 12/03/96. Permit# 455791. API# 42-115-32942. ID# T-480235.Contr: FWA #3. Spud: 01/30/97.TD: 8755 on 02/11/97 in Dean.Compl: on 03/25/97 OIL (Last Info: 04/22/97)PZone: 8556-8611 (Dean) IP: (Dean 8556-8611) P 17 BOPD; 7 MCFGPD; 18 BWPD

DICKENS COUNTY

EASTERN ENERGY CORP
■ SCOTT - A UNIT #1
NAVIGATOR (TANNEHILL B)- DO; H & G N RY CO sur blk 1 sec 194, A-621, 850 fsl 120 fel of sec, 190 fsl 780 fel of unit. 40 acre unit. (A-621 originally known as E M Dickey) (Rule 37 exception granted) 9 mi SE of Spur. EL: 2195 KB. Obj: 4800 (Tannehill B).NL: 03/04/97. Permit# 459253. API# 42-125-30634. ID# T-482394.Contr: Ringo #3. Spud: 03/25/97.TD: 4560 on 04/03/97.PB: 4516.Compl: on 04/10/97 OIL (Last Info: 04/19/97)PZone: 4418-4454 (Tannehill B) gross interval IP: (Tannehill B 4418-4454) P 117 BOPD grav 37; GTSTM; no wtr
EASTERN ENERGY CORP
■ SCOTT - B UNIT #1
NAVIGATOR (TANNEHILL B)- DD; H & G N RY CO sur blk 1 sec 194, A-621, 850 fsl 1650 fel of sec, 190 fsl 330 fel of unit. 40 acre unit. (A-621 originally known as E M Dickey) (Rule 37 exception granted) 9 mi SE of Spur. EL: 2162 GR. Obj: 4700 (Tannehill B).NL: 03/19/97. Permit# 459810. API# 42-125-30637. ID# T-482874.Contr: Ringo #3. Spud: 03/17/97 Mud drlg. TD: 4550.P&A on 03/25/97.(Last Info: 04/22/97)

GAINES COUNTY

FASKEN OIL & RANCH LTD
■ BREEDING 198 #1
THREE-O-THREE (SAN ANDRES)- DO; W T RY CO sur blk G sec 198, A-802, 1860 fnl 1945 fwl of sec, 792 fsl 699 fel of lse. 160 acre lse. (A-802 originally known as G C Parker) 3.25 mi N of Seminole. EL: 3339 GR. Obj: 6000 (San Andres).NL: 03/12/97. Permit# 459795. API# 42-165-35147. ID# T-482670.Contr: Rod Ric #3. Spud: 03/15/97.TD: 5798 on 03/25/97.PB: 5746.Compl: on 04/07/97 OIL (Last Info: 04/17/97)PZone: 5270-5316 (San Andres) gross interval IP: (San Andres 5270-5316) F 65 BOPD grav 33.8; 42 MCFGPD on 20/64 ck; no wtr; FTP 35

KING COUNTY

PRIMROSE OPERATING CO
■ BATEMAN TRUST EST ACCT 1 #97
BATEMAN RANCH (C ZONE)- DO; JOHN RECTOR sur blk A sec 118, A-377, 3600 fnl 1000 fwl of sec, 3860 fsl 1000 fwl of lse. 2436 acre lse. 11 mi E of Guthrie. EL: 1729 GR. Obj: 6000 (Strawn C).NL: 11/12/96. Permit# 454834. API# 42-269-32243. ID# T-479773.Contr: Patterson. Spud: 12/07/96.TD: 5512 on 12/22/96.PB: 5476.Compl: on 01/13/97 OIL (Last Info: 04/23/97)PZone: 5360-5368 (Strawn C) IP: (Strawn C 5360-5368) P 96 BOPD grav 36.0; 1 MCFGPD; 49 BWPD

LUBBOCK COUNTY

TEXLAND RECTOR & SCHUMAC
■ CITY OF LUBBOCK UNIT #47-4
EDMISSON (CLEAR FORK)- DO; T T RY CO sur blk D-4 sec 1, A-277, 2637 fnl 2080 fel of sec, 5277 fnl 1443 fel of lse. 4347 acre lse. (Located within Lubbock City limits) 33383 mi 5.2311 of 015135.726. EL: 3224 GR. Obj: 5500 (Clear Fork).NL: 08/23/96. Permit# 451803. API# 42-303-31322. ID# T 477793.Contr: Stelzer #2. Spud: 11/14/96.TD: 5322 on 11/26/96.PB: 5288.Compl: on 12/28/96 OIL (Last Info: 04/19/97)PZone: 5114-5271 (Clear Fork) IP: (Clear Fork 5114-5271) P 39 BOPD grav 25.1; GTSTM; 4 BWPD

SCURRY COUNTY

VISTA RESOURCES INC
■ HARDEE - B #5R
SHARON RIDGE (1700)- DO; KIRKLAND & FIELDS #31 sur, A-507, 330 fnl 900 fel of lot 6 C A O Keefe Subdivision of sur, and lse. 128 acre lse. (Rule 37 exception granted) 4 mi SE of Ira. EL: 2168 GR. Obj: 1900 (San Andres 1700).NL: 11/27/96. Permit# 455799. API# 42-415-33511. ID# T-480195.Contr: Hack #7. Spud: 03/17/97.TD: 1750 on 03/20/97.PB: 1720.Compl: on 04/04/97 OIL (Last Info: 04/23/97)PZone: 1630-1672 (San Andres) gross interval IP: (San Andres 1630-1672) P 7 BOPD grav 28; GTSTM; 45 BWPD

YOAKUM COUNTY

COLLINS & WARE INC
■ PLAINS UNIT #1305
BRAHANEY- DO; JOHN H GIBSON sur blk D sec 392, A-739, 91 fnl 1318 fwl of sec, 2547 fsl 3959 fwl of lse. 3731 acre lse. (A-739 originally known as G W Nelson) (Rule 37 exception granted) 2 mi NW of Plains. EL: 3673 GR. Obj: 5400 test.NL: 12/31/96. Permit# 456516. API# 42-501-34190. ID# T-480896.Contr: B R W #2. Spud: 03/22/97 Mud drlg. TD: 5425 on 03/28/97.PB: 5365.Compl: on 04/07/97 OIL (Last Info: 04/22/97)PZone: 5215-5280 (San Andres) gross interval IP: (San Andres 5215-5280) P 91 BOPD grav 34; GTSTM; 53 BWPD
COLLINS & WARE INC
■ PLAINS UNIT #1405
BRAHANEY- DO; JOHN H GIBSON sur blk D sec 392, A-739, 92 fnl 2635 fwl of sec, 3863 fsl 5276 fwl of lse. 3731 acre lse. (Rule 37 exception granted) (A-739 originally known as G W Nelson) 2 mi NW of Plains. EL: 3669 GR. Obj: 5400 test.NL: 12/31/96. Permit# 456517. API# 42-501-34191. ID# T-480895.Contr: B R W #2. Spud: 03/29/97 Mud drlg. TD: 5396 on 04/04/97.PB: 5341.Compl: on 04/19/97 OIL (Last Info: 04/22/97)PZone: 5207-5270 (San Andres) gross interval IP: (San Andres 5207-5270) P 20 BOPD; no gas; 29 BWPD
COLLINS & WARE INC
■ PLAINS UNIT #1810
BRAHANEY- DO; JOHN H GIBSON sur blk D sec 391, A-330, 2622 fnl 98 fwl of sec, 5284 fsl 4058 fwl of lse. 3731 acre lse. (Rule 37 exception granted) 1.3 mi NW of Plains. EL: 3658 GR. Obj: 5400 test.NL: 12/31/96. Permit# 456519. API# 42-501-34193. ID# T-480897.Contr: B R W #2. Spud: 03/14/97 Mud drlg. TD: 5439 on 03/20/97 in San Andres.PB: 5382.Compl: on 04/05/97 OIL (Last Info: 04/22/97)PZone: 5232-5305 (San Andres) gross interval IP: (San Andres 5232-5305) P 51 BOPD; no gas; 112 BWPD
PENWELL ENERGY INC
■ BLAIR #1
SABLE (MISSISSIPPIAN)- DO; J W DUKE sur blk G sec 306, A-1310, 692 fnl 693 fwl of sec, and lse. 80 acre lse. (A-1310 originally known as John H Gibson) 6 mi NW of Plains. EL: 3725 GR. Obj: 11700 test.NL: 09/16/96. Permit# 452673. API# 42-501-34173. ID# T-478253.Contr: Hondo #3. Spud: 11/05/96.TD: 11519 on 01/11/97.PB: 11470.Compl: on 03/08/97 OIL (Last Info: 04/19/97)PZone: 10976-10998 (lwr Mississippian) IP: (lwr Mississippian 10976-10998) P 203 BOPD grav 38.0; 50 MCFGPD; 65 BWPD

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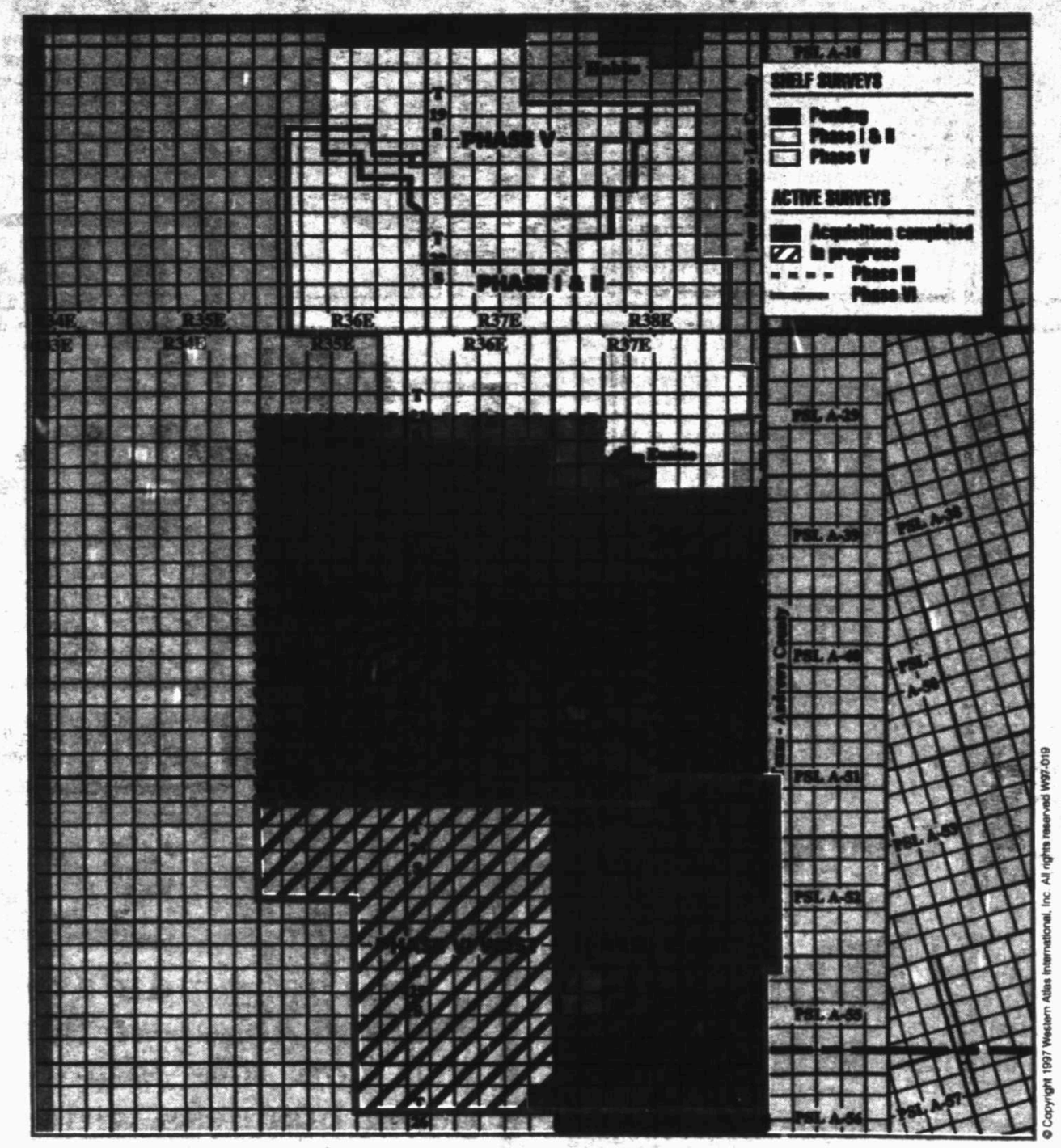

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Businesses gear up for expo

■ Annual trade show is set for May 7 at Midland Center.

Business Expo 97 — Midland's Business-to-Business Trade Show — takes place from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, at Midland Center.

"Our theme this year is 'Buy the Basin,'" said Dolores Higginbotham, volunteer event chair. "We're encouraging people to come see the goods and services available here locally."

More than 70 businesses will offer free displays of products and services available in the Permian Basin. Up to 1,000 people are expected to attend.

In addition to the trade show, a business after-hours mixer is scheduled from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the exhibit hall.

"This entire event is free to the public, and we invite business people age 18 and older to attend," Ms. Higginbotham said.

Sponsors to date include Southwestern Bell, Southwestern Bell Yellow Pages, Southwestern Bell Wireless, Cox Communications, The Polk Co., Qualified Printers and Arco Permian.

The annual event is hosted by the Small Business Council of the Midland Chamber of Commerce.

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Photo by Bruce Partain

Jason Hogue of FastSigns prepares a display for Business Expo 97, set for May 7 at Midland Center.

EXPO 97

WHAT: Business Expo 97 - An entire exhibit hall filled with local businesses' innovative products and services.
WHEN: Wednesday, May 7, 1997 - 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
WHERE: Midland Center: 105 N. Main St.
COST: FREE to the public, 18 and older.
HOST: The Midland Chamber of Commerce.
SPONSORS: Southwestern Bell, Southwestern Bell Yellow Pages, Southwestern Bell Wireless, Cox Communications, The Polk Company, Qualified Printers and Arco Permian.
WHY: To mark Small Business Week, May 4-10.
THEME: Buy the Basin, a program to keep dollars circulating in local economy.

'Sky's the Limit' for volunteers during membership drive

The Chamber recently wrapped up its 1997 membership drive, which carried the theme "Operation Sky's the Limit."

Congratulations to the businesses, organizations and individuals who stepped forward to become part of the Midland Chamber.

Thanks to co-chairs Patsy Welmaker and Bobby Burns for exceeding our goal by 20 percent.

Thanks also to all the volunteers and their employers who gave of their valuable time and energy to make this possible.

And thanks to our drive sponsors: The Confederate Air Force, Conoco, Community National Bank, the Midland Reporter-Telegram, NewsWest 9, Holiday Inn, Pipkin Funeral Home, Southwest Airlines and Southwestern Bell

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EXPO: Trade show offers food, fun

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Exhibits will include companies offering advertising, Internet access, financial assistance, health care, office supplies and products, computers, office machines, drug-screening services, signs, transportation services, retirement planning, receivables collections, cosmetics, telecommunications, staffing services, accounting, entertainment facilities, ice cream, cookies and oil-field gas compressors.

For a person who has buying authority for their company, this trade show is a must.

"It's a time-efficient, low-pressure way for consumers of business products and services to scan the Permian Basin marketplace," Ms. Higginbotham said.

"The Business Expo 97 trade show format means the attendee controls the contact with the vendor and can make the best use of his or her time."

This is the 12th consecutive year the trade show has been held.

"More than 1,000 people attended last year," Ms. Higginbotham said. "We could easily pass that total this year. The atmosphere is friendly and uncrowded" in the 12,500-square-foot carpeted Midland Center exhibit hall.

The first 100 attendees of Business Expo 97 will receive an Eisenhower dollar, just for being an early bird.

Throughout the day, attendees who visit every booth will be eligible for a $200 drawing.

Between $5,000 and $10,000 in exhibitor door prizes will also be given away throughout the day.

"Be sure to bring lots of business cards," said Chamber representative Bruce Partain.

"That's the quickest way to register at the booths."

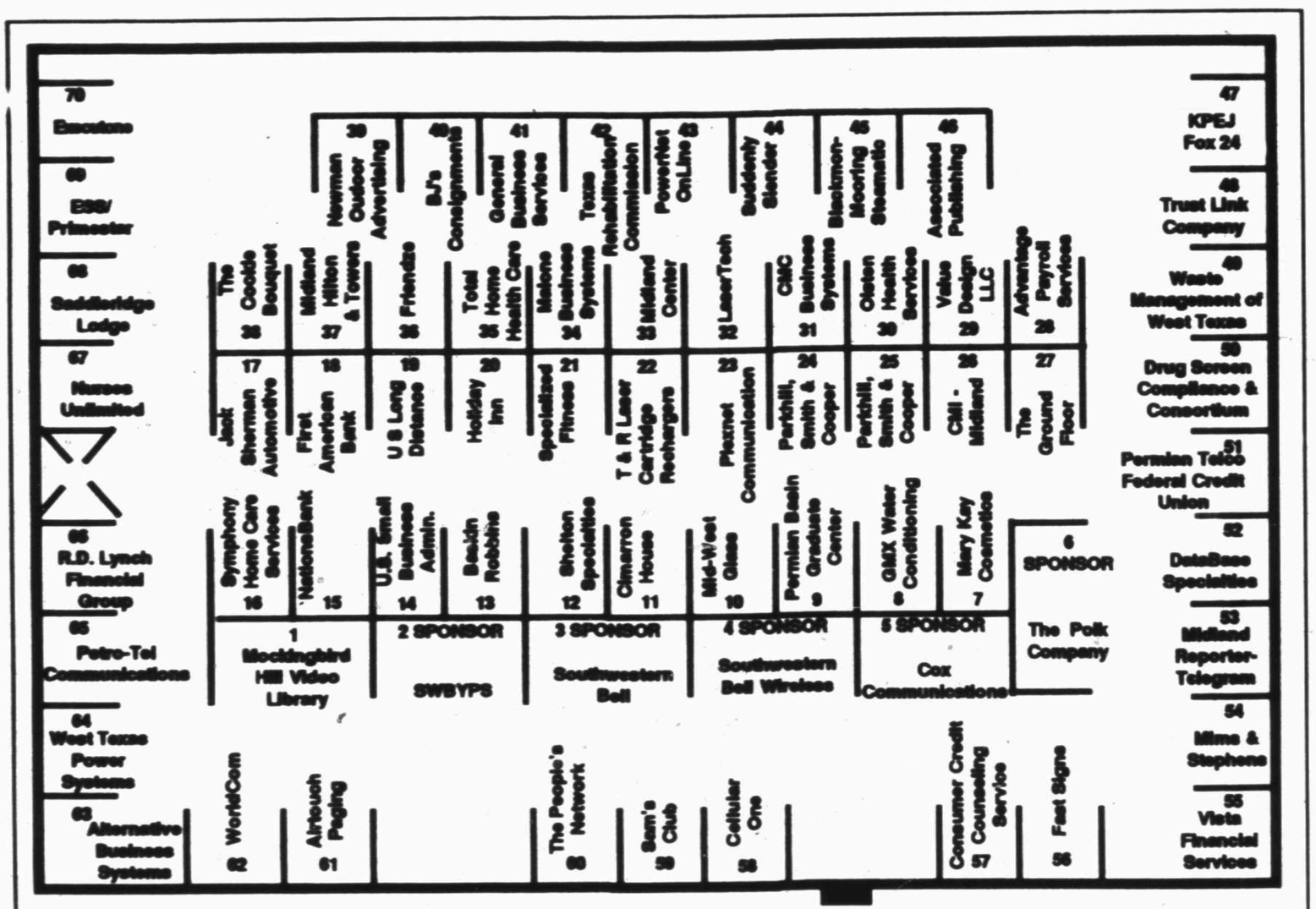
Partain said invitations and tickets had been mailed to Chamber members, but the general public is "more than welcome and encouraged to attend. Drop by for a few minutes or stay all day," Partain said.

Free small business mini-seminars coordinated by UTPB Small Business Development Center will again be offered at Business Expo 97, including "Starting Your Business," scheduled from 10:30-11:55 a.m. and "Marketing Your Business" from 12:05-1:30 p.m.

As a finale to the trade show, a free business networking mixer is scheduled for 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Guests are again invited to trade business cards, visit with old acquaintances, make new contacts and continue visiting the exhibit booths. Hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks will be served, and a cash bar will be available.

Expo schedule is as follows:

- **Tuesday, May 6**
  - — News conference, 2:45 p.m.
  - — Meet the Buyers Reception, 5-6 p.m.
- **Wednesday, May 7**
  - — Ribbon cutting, 9:45 a.m.
  - — Doors open, 10 a.m.
  - — Door prize drawings, 10:30 a.m., noon, 2, 4 and 6 pm
  - — After-hours Mixer, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
  - — Booth awards, 6:15 p.m.
  - — Expo closes, 6:30 p.m



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Expo 97 is sponsored by:

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Expo 97 is a Chamber networking event. No city tax dollars are used for this or any other membership event.

The economy

New home construction shows marked changes

By Kevin Skipper

New home construction in Midland changed remarkably over the past 15 years.

Table 1 shows permits for new home construction between 1982-96 in Midland, according to data supplied by the city of Midland. During that time, the city permitted a total of 9,521, homes. or an average of 635 a year. Permits peaked for the period in 1982 with 4,371 granted.

Between 1982-86, the city granted an average 1,432 permits each year . The average number of permits declined to 210 annually during the 1987-91 time period.

Permits rose to 262 a year during the five years between 1992-96.

Table 2 shows year-over-year (i.e., change from previous year) percentage changes in total (i.e. non-type specific) residential construction.

The pattern is an unpredictable one. Between 1995-96, permits for new construction increased 26 percent, which is remarkable growth on top of a 23 percent growth rate the year before.

Table 3 shows the percentage distribution of permits by type of structure. During 1982-83, multi-family structures comprised well over one-half of all homes constructed. After that time, most, if not all, new construction consisted of single family homes. Of all the new homes built during the past 15 years, single family homes comprised better than eight-out-of-10, 85.4 percent. Multi-family units comprised about 12 percent; "other" (mainly mobile homes) comprised just over 2 percent.

City figures indicate that construction of single-family homes grew in relative importance over three five-year time periods. Between 1982-86, an average 63.5 percent of new home construction consisted of single-family units. By 1987-91, 99.1 percent of all new construction consisted of this type. After 1991, single-family structures dropped slightly, but continued to comprise the bulk of construction.

Aggregate home valuations (i.e., value of all homes constructed) peaked in 1982 (Table 4). Between 1982-96, an average $35.9 million of new home construction occurred in Midland each year; 1996 was slightly below that overall average — $28.5 million.

Valuations increased three years in a row between 1994-96.

Between 1982-86, valuations averaged $59.0 million a year (Table 5). This figure declined dramatically between 1987-91, $23.6 million, but recovered modestly to $25.2 million between 1991-95.

Midland experienced gyrating housing construction activity during the past 15 years.

However, during the most recent past, our housing market experienced a significant recovery that could sustain itself for at least several more years.

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Kevin Skipper is president and chief economist of Desert Analytic, a Midland-based economic, demographic, geographic and survey research company.

Table 1: Residential permits

Year	Total	Single Family	Multi-Family	Other
1982	4,371	1,232	3,045	94
1983	1,708	692	1,012	4
1984	450	382	64	4
1985	472	355	117	0
1986	161	143	18	0
1987	200	198	0	2
1988	207	207	0	0
1989	203	196	5	2
1990	216	216	0	0
1991	223	223	0	0
1992	177	177	0	0
1993	274	274	0	0
1994	227	227	0	0
1995	280	242	12	26
1996	352	288	0	64
Total	9,521	5,052	4,273	196
Average Per Year	635	337	285	13

Table 2: Year-over-year percentage change in total residential construction

Year	Change
1982	20
1983	-61
1984	-74
1985	5
1986	-66
1987	24
1988	4
1989	-2
1990	6
1991	3
1992	-21
1993	55
1994	-17
1995	23
1996	26

Table 3: Percentage distribution of residential permits by type of structure

Year	Single Family	Multi-Family	Other
1982	28.2	69.7	2.1
1983	40.5	59.3	0.2
1984	84.9	14.2	0.9
1985	75.2	24.7	0.1
1986	88.8	11.1	0.0
1987	99.0	0.0	1.0
1988	100.0	0.0	0.0
1989	96.6	2.5	0.9
1990	100.0	0.0	0.0
1991	100.0	0.0	0.0
1992	100.0	0.0	0.0
1993	100.0	0.0	0.0
1994	100.0	0.0	0.0
1995	86.4	4.3	9.3
1996	81.8	0.0	18.2
Average Per Year	85.4	12.4	2.2

Table 4: Valuation of total residential construction

Year	Valuation ($Million)
1982	145.3
1983	66.9
1984	32.3
1985	35.2
1986	15.4
1987	22.0
1988	20.6
1989	21.1
1990	22.7
1991	31.5
1992	18.0
1993	29.5
1994	24.7
1995	25.3
1996	28.5
Total	539.0
Average Per Year	35.9

Table 5: Average annual residential valuations by time period.

Time Period	Valuation ($Million)
1982-86	59.0
1987-91	23.6
1992-96	25.2

DRIVE: Chamber signs about 200 new members

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Here are some of the drive statistics:
New regular memberships sold: 146
New gold memberships sold: 33
Current members upgrading to gold: 23

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Three volunteers — Shelby Concotelli, Debbie Bergen and Miriam Jones — sold more than half of the memberships and upgrades during the drive.

The top 10 volunteer sellers and the number of new members or upgrades each brought in are: Shelby Concotelli of M-Squad (44), Debbie Bergen of the President's Club (41), Miriam Jones of M-Squad (30), Rhonda Medellin of Community National Bank (8), Jeff Hansard of Midland American Bank (8), Karl Reiter of Midland American Bank (6), Bill Milner of Midland American Bank (6), Terry Phillips of the Board of Directors (6) and Lecia Lopez of Kelly Services (5).

Here are the team totals for the 1997 Chamber membership drive:

Team	New Members/ Upgrades
M-Squad	77
President's Club	44
Midland American Bank	23
Community National Bank	14
Board of Directors	13
TU Electric	9
Community Concerts	4
Kelly Services	6
Sam's Club	5
MRT	2
ARCO Permian	2
First American Bank	2
United Way	1

CAF museum receives accreditation honor

By Marvin Wynn

Congratulations are in order for the American Airpower Heritage Museum (AAHM) at the Confederate Air Force headquarters for the superior accomplishment in achieving accreditation by the American Museum Association (AMA).

The award was presented by Ed Able, president and CEO of AMA, when he visited Midland to participate in the Texas Museum Association's 1997 annual meeting, which attracted more than 500 delegates to our city for four days and three nights in mid-April.

Tammy O'Bannion and her hard-working staff also deserve congratulations for their dedication, over a 13-year period, to the process of achieving this significant recognition for the museum.

To put things in perspective as to how significant this accomplishment really is, it should be noted that AAHM joins the Museum of the Southwest in Midland as the only accredited museums in this part of Texas and two of only 38 museums in Texas to be so recognized. In fact, they are part of a prestigious group of only 750 out of a total of 8,000 museums nationally to receive AMA accreditation.

Accreditation of AAHM and the Museum of the Southwest gives Midland some new "bragging rights." Only two other Texas cities — Corpus Christi and Waco — outside of the major metropolitan areas of Dallas-Forth Worth, Houston, San Antonio and El Paso have two accredited museums within their limits. Many of the other accredited museums are part of major institutions of higher learning, which Midland does not have.

Attractions such as these two fine museums, the Petroleum Museum and many, many other cultural and entertainment facilities play a major role in helping attract conferences, conventions, business meetings, military reunions, sporting events and other visitor events to Midland. The Texas Museum Association is typical of the prestigious groups that we can and do attract.

Visitors from outside the city attending these events bring outside dollars into our local economy that directly or indirectly benefit every business and individual in our community.

May 5-10 is national tourism week. The attractions committee of the Midland Chamber Convention & Visitors Bureau will celebrate this event on May 7 with "Be a tourist in your own home town" displays to be set up in Centennial Plaza during the noon hour.

Wynn

The Texas Department of Commerce estimates that 45 percent of Midland's visitors are friends and family. That means almost all of us are hosts to "mini-conventions" at various times during the year. Knowledge of our local attractions will not only open new horizons for your personal and family pleasure, it will help you become a better host for out of town friends and family.

Two personal experiences illustrate how the theme "being a tourist in your own home town" can become relevant. The most recent experience was April 10 when I attended the news conference at the AAHM on their accreditation. Bob Rice, executive director of the CAF, took me on a quick tour of the museum to show me recent additions and updates. I had not visited the museum since Airsho 96 last October. I was astonished to see so many improvements in just six months.

The second experience was several months ago when I had weekend visitors in town and took them to the Petroleum Museum on a Saturday morning. Although I had visited this fine facility several times previously, I experienced it from a new perspective as a tour guide for out-of-town visitors and I thoroughly enjoyed it. First, it helped me explain something about the oil and gas industry to some individuals who live in Tulsa, a city also built by oil, which still benefits from that heritage as does Midland. Secondly, it made me proud to show off such a quality attraction in our community.

When that same couple visited again more recently, we spent Sunday afternoon at the Museum of the Southwest viewing the Ansel Adams exhibit. I can't wait for their next visit so I can show them the newly accredited AAHM.

Marvin Wynn is Chamber president/CEO.

1997 Networking Breakfast Schedule		
Date	Special event/theme	Event format
May 13	Spotlight on African-American Businesses	Exhibits
June 17	How to sell to non-profit agencies	Exhibits & panelists
July 22	Transportation	Exhibits & panelists Aviation, trucking, rail
Aug. 26	Running a Successful Home-based Business	Exhibits & panelists
Sept. 16	Spotlight on Woman-owned Businesses	Exhibits
Oct. 21	How to Sell to the State & Federal Government	Panel (& possible workshop
Nov. 18	Financing a business	Speaker or panelists

Networking Breakfast is set for May 13

About 55 people attended the April 13 Networking Breakfast, "Travel and Tourism."

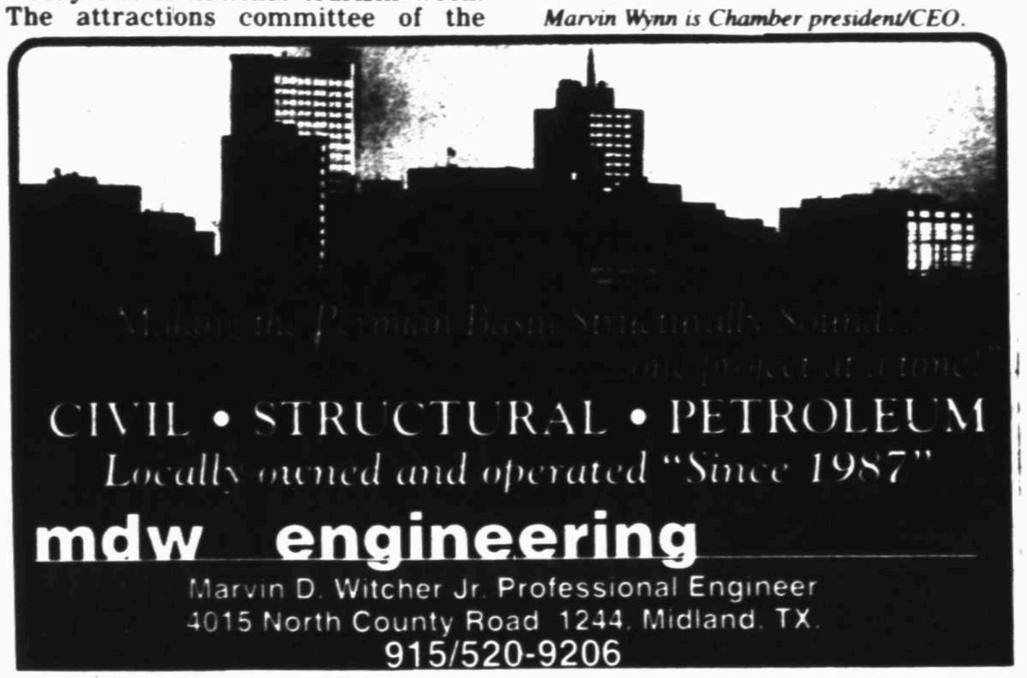
The CVB's Nancy Swallow and Shura Lindgren presented information and a video on the economic value of tourism to the community. Several exhibitors shared displays with the group.

Up next: Spotlight on African-American Businesses, set for 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 13 at the Midland College Roadrunner Room. Contact Ralph Smith, 684-4100, to set up a display.

The networking breakfasts run from 7:30-9 a.m. All Networking Breakfasts take place in the Roadrunner Room of the Scharbauer Student Center. Cost is $5 for breakfast.

The breakfast meeting allows each person 30 seconds to tell the group about their business, as well as opportunities to meet purchasers before and after the meeting.

If your company is trying to participate in minority procurement, this is a major thrust of the networking breakfasts. Call Bruce Partain, 683-3381 for more information.



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'Fam' trips

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Do you wish you were more familiar with Midland?

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The Midland Chamber Convention and Visitors Bureau has held several fam trips this spring.

"'Fam' is short for familiarization," said Linda Brown, convention services manager for the CVB.

"It is important for everyone in Midland's visitor industry to know their community, especially the attractions and facilities that our visitors want to know about," she said.

"For instance, if I work at a hotel or a gasoline station, I will meet a lot of people who are traveling through town. They'll ask me where to eat, what there is to do in town for fun and how to get to major attractions, such as the museums or an Angels ball game. If I haven't been to those places, I'll have a hard time answering questions, and the visitor leaves disappointed, or worse, lost. And Midland stands to lose visitor dollars."

The first CVB fam trip took three days.

"We started with our own staff, visiting attractions the first two days and hotel/motel properties the third," Ms. Brown said.

A one-day fam trip was held for industry workers in late April.

"Our goal is to hold several of these fam trips per year," Ms. Brown said. "Anyone in the visitor industry may give me a call or write to me at the Chamber and I'll try to include them."

President's Club

Bergen is Top Achiever again

Bergen

Nine members of the President's Club were successful participants in the Chamber's Membership Drive in March. Leading the way was none other than Debbie Bergen, this month's Top Achiever.

Accounting for the President's Club is slightly different than for our membership drive, so totals here are not the same as the drive totals.

Ms. Bergen sold 23 new memberships and four upgrades to gold membership status. She assisted one current member with a renewal.

Mim Jones of Michael's Flowers sold 14 new memberships and Shelby Concotelli of Ranchland Apartments sold 12 new memberships and one upgrade. Francine Weaver, volunteer extraordinaire, TU Electric's Sara St. Clair and Terry Phillips of Internet Global each sold three new memberships. Phillips also sold a gold upgrade. Rose Harvell of Sam's Club sold two new memberships. Liz Harrell of Community National Bank and Lecia Lopez of Kelly Services each sold a new membership.

President's Club volunteers spend several hours a month calling on new member prospects as well as current members who are 60 days or more past due. The Chamber invites these volunteers to a monthly luncheon where they share information on new businesses opening in Midland.

For more information about the President's Club, call Jane Inskeep or Bruce Partain, 683-3381.

'Be a tourist is your own town'

National Tourism Week will be celebrated May 4-10 in Midland.

"As part of the push to heighten awareness of the economic value of tourism to Midland, the Midland Chamber's Attractions Committee is planning many activities," said Shura Lindgren, director of visitor development for the Chamber.

Open houses, entertainment and free admissions at Midland attractions are planned.

In conjunction with Business Expo 97, "Be a Tourist in Your Own Hometown" takes place 11 a.m.-1 p.m. May 7 at Centennial Plaza. Local attractions, cultural and arts organizations and special-events planners will be in the plaza with displays, entertainment and information.

Refreshments and lunch will be available. There is no admission.

May 5, Monday

Susie's South Forty Confections
1-3 p.m.
Candy samples, tours, door prizes

Museum of the Southwest, Haley Library and Children's Museum
4-8 p.m.
Student Art Exhibition
Mike Hill exhibition
Library - Chuckwagon, music
Permanent collection
Folklorico - dance 7-7:30 p.m.

May 6, Tuesday

Putt Putt
12 - 4 p.m.
Free round of golf

May 7, Wednesday

Various Midland attractions will set up booths at Centennial Plaza for "Be a Tourist in Your own Hometown," in conjunction with Business Expo 97.
11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Mascots Dr. Petro and Juice the Moose featured
Sonny's in the Park will serve food

May 8, Thursday

American Airpower Heritage Museum
9 a.m - 5 p.m.
Free admission

Petroleum Museum
4-8 p.m.
Dr. Petro, Science demonstration
Free admission

May 9, Friday

Amer. Airpower Heritage Museum
9 a.m - 5 p.m.
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May 10, Saturday

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Ribbon-cuttings calendar

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Joint Chamber mixer

Approximately 300 people attended the April 10 joint mixer between the Midland Chamber of Commerce and the Midland Hispanic Chamber. The event — "Fajitas After Hours" — included a performance by Ballet Folklorico de Midland. Thanks to sponsors Cox Communications, the Party Station, Albertson's, TU Electric, Qualified Printers, Southwestern Bell Telephone, Gerardo's Casita and One Nite Stand Mobile DJ Services.

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NAFTA-related topics to be theme of joint luncheon

"Trade Opportunities with Mexico" and other NAFTA-related topics is the theme for a joint luncheon conference to be hosted by the Midland/Odessa Transportation Alliance (MOTRAN), the Midland Chamber, the Odessa Chamber and the UTPB Center for Energy and Economic Diversification (CEED).

Lori Taylor, senior economist for the Federal Reserve Bank in Dallas, is to speak at the meeting, which is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 20, at the CEED, Highway 191 at FM 1788.

For luncheon reservations, call the CEED, 563-2033.

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West Texas Expo Center

Celebrities to play in golf tournament for benefit of equine facility

The West Texas Expo Center, a local non-profit corporation, will host a Celebrity Golf Tournament June 1-2 at the Green Tree Country Club.

The tournament jointly benefits the West Texas Expo Center and The Midland Cerebral Palsy Center's hippotherapy program. Proceeds will give a financial boost to the center's riding program for the disabled, and help Expo Center organizers to raise funds to build a multi-use facility.

The event kicks off with a "meet-the-celebrities" party Sunday, June 1, at the Green Tree Country Club.

Live music, dancing, a celebrity roast and a Calcutta are part of the evening's plans.

Monday's golf tournament will be a four-man scramble with a shotgun start that groups three players with each celebrity.

"We are receiving daily commitments to the tournament, and, to date, have confirmed Lamar Hunt, Hank Stram, Bum Phillips, Kathy Whitworth, Spike Dykes, Walt Garrison and Mike Singletary to name just a few," said spokeswoman Meg Farrington.

The Midland Cerebral Palsy Center is a non-profit outpatient facility serving orthopedically and neurologically disabled children from Midland and 19 surrounding West Texas counties. The Hippotherapy Program uses the horse as a therapeutic method to develop motor function. Some of these children learn the necessary independent riding skills to compete in playdays and other competitions.

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— Meg Farrington,
West Texas Expo Center spokeswoman

The West Texas Expo Center plans to donate use of the facility to the CP Center so it can expand its programs to include more children, establish a winter program, offer indoor activities and playday competition with peers.

The center will invite similar type programs from the area, region and state for workshops, demonstrations and competitions for the disabled.

"The Midland-Odessa area is in great need of a fine facility that will house family-oriented and youth activities for our community to enjoy as both spectators and participants," Ms. Farrington said.

The West Texas Expo Center is to be located between Midland and Odessa, convenient to Interstate 20, the airport and local retailers. Through a lease-purchase agreement with the city of Midland, a 127-acre tract of land has been acquired. The tract is located on the north service road of I-20 just west of Loop 250.

Phase 1 of construction calls for indoor and outdoor arenas, a pavilion, a museum and 400 horse stalls. The center will be tailored for a variety of family-oriented events, including horse and livestock shows, rodeos, fairs, educational seminars, trade and craft shows, art exhibits, car shows and concerts.

Included in the main building will be the Western Heritage Museum, which will house a comprehensive collection of artifacts from various pioneer ranching families to preserve and promote the area's western and ranching heritage.

Additionally, local youth groups such as the Boy Scouts, FFA, 4-H Clubs and horse clubs will be able to use the facility for their programs.

The economic gains from an attraction such as this could be tremendous; similar facilities in other towns have had a significant effect on the local economy. Proceeds from the operation of The West Texas Expo Center will directly benefit Permian Basin charities.

For information on tournament play or sponsorship, please contact The West Texas Expo Center, 915-682-6405, or Nancy Swallow at the Midland Chamber at the Midland Chamber of Commerce, 915-683-3381.

Tenth annual ranch rodeo is scheduled for June 13-15

For the 10th year, the Midland County Exhibit Building and Arena on East Highway 80 will be filled to capacity with cowboys, ranchers and city folks during the annual Western Heritage Celebration, Ranch Rodeo Bit and Spur Show and Chuck Wagon Cook-Off June 13-15.

The week officially kicks off Sunday, June 8, with an old-time outdoor church service and box lunch at the Brown Dorsey Medallion home at 213 N. Weatherford St.

On Friday night, June 13, the events at the Midland County Exhibit arena feature cowboy music and poetry around the campfire.

Outstanding artists such as R.W. Hampton, Trudy Fair, Doug Davis and Jeff Gore are to present traditional western songs and stories seasoned with humor.

Saturday, June 14 will be filled with fun events including the Bit and Spur Show and a Chuck Wagon Cook-Off in a setting complete with historic wagons and camps. Ranch cooks will compete for bragging rights as well as plaques and prizes. A limited number of lunch tickets will be available on Saturday.

Ranch rodeo competition begins at 6 p.m. Saturday, June 14, with grand entry and introduction of area ranches. Ten ranches will showcase working cowboy skills followed by scoring and tabulation to select the best ranch team for 1997. The popular children's rodeo is to be open to all area youth.

Sunday, June 15, 4-H youth and their families will host an omelette breakfast followed by a cowboy church service led by Leonard Cotten. A youth playday rodeo begins at noon Saturday.

Proceeds from the Midland Ranch Rodeo benefit Midland County 4-H and Future Farmers of America Youth.

Board members expect this 10th-year celebration to be the biggest and best yet. To sponsor an event, team or chuck wagon, or to volunteer, call the Midland County Extension office at 687-1351.

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CVB: Special events

May

Cinco de Mayo Futbol Festival
May 2 - 4
Hogan Park
682-2960

Dirty Ernie's Barbecue & Chili Blowout
May 2 - 3
Midland Chamber of Commerce M-Squad fund-raising event
American Legion Building
683-2375 or 570-4268

Expo 97
May7
Midland Chamber business-to-business trade show
Midland Center, 10 am - 6:30 pm
683-3381

Celebration of the Arts
May 16-18
Preview Party - May 16 6:30 - 9 pm
May 17: Run for the Arts - 8 am
Festival - 10 am - 6 pm
Street Concert 7 pm-midnight
May 18: Festival - noon - 5 pm
Concert 2:30 pm
Midland Center & Centennial Plaza
687- 1149

March of Dimes five-mile walk
May 17
ClayD"esta Plaza
Registration 8 am; walk 9 am
570-0172

Texas Watercolor Society
May 17 - June 29
48th National Exhibition
Museum of the Southwest
570-1880

"Women in Black"
May 30 - June 14
Cole Theatre, 8 pm
682-4111

June

Summer in the City
June 5 - July 31
Thursdays 7:30 - 9 pm
Centennial Plaza
687- 1149

"Beauty & the Beast"
June 6, 7 pm
Midland Center
570-5012

Summer Sunday Lawn Concerts
June 8 - August 10
Museum of the Southwest,
7:45 - 8:45 pm
683-2882

10th Annual Midland Ranch Rodeo and Western Heritage Celebration
June 14- 15
Working cowboy ranch rodeo
chuck wagon cook-off, cowboy music & poetry, dance, bit & spur show
Midland County Exhibit Building
682-5785

CVB: Convention outlook

The Midland Chamber Convention and Visitors Bureau assists many groups visiting Midland. Number in parentheses indicate estimated attendance.

May

West Texas Funeral Directors (250)
May 7

June

5th Missile Battalion 517th Artillery (150)
June 20-22

Texas Association of Financial & Tax Specialists
June 26-29

July

CAF Summer Staff
July 1

Texas Crime Prevention Association (150)
July 15-19

Mary Ellen College Alumni (100)
July 18-20

Texas Railroad Commission (50)
July 22-23

Bill Kent receives Walton award

Bill Kent, president/owner of Westcon/Kent Oil Inc., recently received the Sam Walton Business Leader Award, sponsored by the Wal-Mart Foundation.

Kent

Kent was selected to receive the award by the Midland Chamber of Commerce, which received a $500 grant in his name.

"Wal-Mart established the Sam Walton Business Leader Award to recognize local business people who best exemplify the principles Sam Walton, its late founder," said David Glass, president and CEO of Wal-Mart Stores Inc.

"The Sam Walton Business Leader Award is our way of celebrating outstanding local business men and women, and showing our pride in our local business communities," he said.

Kent was one of more than 720 business people in Wal-Mart communities around the country who were selected by their local chambers of commerce to receive the award. Participating chambers received a total of more than $360,000 in grants from the Wal-Mart Foundation as part of the awards program.

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CVB: Sporting events

The Midland Chamber Convention and Visitors Bureau assists many sporting events visiting Midland.

May

Cinco de Mayo Soccer Tournament
May 2-4
Dunagan, Hogan and Windlands soccer fields
684-5425

Stadium Sports Softball Tournament
May 3-4
Bill Williams Complex
683-8741

Midland Angels Baseball
Christensen Stadium
683-4251
7 pm, Sunday 6 pm

May 16-20
Angels vs. Arkansas Travelers

May 21-25
Angels vs. Jackson Generals

Midland In-Line Hockey Invitational Tournament
May 24 - 26
Midland County Exhibit Building
520-2425

Girls Fast Pitch Memorial Day Weekend Tournament (under 18, 16, 14 & 12)
May30 & June 1
Bill Williams Complex
683-8741

June

Celebrity Golf Tournament to benefit the West Texas Expo Center/Cerbral Palsy Center
June 1 - 2
Green Tree Country Club
682-6405

Men's "B" Slow Pitch National Qualifier/June Classic (men & women)
June 6 - 8
Bill Williams Complex
683-8741

Junior Olympic Girls 12 & Under Fast Pitch National Qualifier
June 13- 15
Bill Williams Complex
683-8741

10th Annual Midland Ranch Rodeo & Western Heritage Celebration
June 14- 15
Midland County Exhibit Building
682-5785

Second Permian Basin Softball Tournament
June 20 - 22
MUGS Complex
520-8912

Silver Bullets vs. Permian Basin All-Stars
hosted by the Midland Angels
June 21 (tentative) Christensen Stadium
682-4251

West Texas Open
Tennis Association of Midland
June 21 - 22
Various tennis facilities
682-9636

Mens Open Round Robin Softball Tournament
June 21 - 22
Bill Williams Complex
683-8741

Midland Angels Baseball
Christensen Stadium
683-4251

June 9-14
Angels vs. San Antonio Missions
7pm

June 15-20
Angels vs. El Paso diablos
7 pm, Sunday 6 pm

June 27 - July 2
Angels vs. Wichita Wranglers
7 pm, Sunday 6 pm

July

Midland Angels Baseball
Christensen Stadium
683-4251

July 4
Concert & Fireworks

July 17 - 22
Angels vs. Tulsa Drillers
7 pm, Sunday 6 pm

July 23 - 28
Angels vs. Shreveport Captains
7 pm, Sunday 6 pm

July 31 - August 4
Angels vs. Wichita Wranglers
7 pm, Sunday 6 pm

West Texas Championship Swim Meet
July 18 - 20
Doug Russell Pool
684-7755

Cactus & Crude 150 Bike Tour to benefit Multiple Sclerosis
July 19 - 20
Permian Basin Bicycle Assn. - David Hamm
699-1718

Junior Olympic Girls 12 & Under Fast Pitch Regional A & B
July 25 - 27
Bill Williams Complex
683-8741

Chamber meetings calendar

May

7 Business Expo 97 ..... 10 am-6:30 p.m.
Midland Center
9 President's Club ..... 11:30 am
13 Networking Breakfast ..... 7:30 am
Midland College road Runner Room
Scharbauer Student Center
13 Executive Committee ..... 11:30 am
13 M-Squad Guidelines ..... 4 pm
Conference room downstairs
20 NAFTA luncheon ..... 11:30 am
CEED
20 Sports Committee ..... 4 pm
26 Holiday
27 Leadership Midland Alumni ..... noon
27 Membership Services ..... 4 pm
28 Board of Directors ..... 3 pm

June

2 Leadership Midland Curriculum Committee ..... 11:45 am
5 President's Club ..... 11:30 am
5 Government Affairs ..... 4 pm
9 Executive Committee ..... 11:30 am
9 M-Squad Guidelines ..... 4 pm
12 Leadership Midland Graduation Banquet
time and location to be announced
17 Sports Committee ..... 4 pm
20 NAFTA Conference Luncheon ..... 11:30 am
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22 Retreat at Midland College ..... 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
24 Leadership Midland Alumni ..... noon
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