

ENTERTAINMENT

Bold and brassy

It's a busy season for members of the Lone Star Brass Quintet. Lucky for the group, they all enjoy spending time together./1E



SPORTS

Heisman winner

Texas tailback Ricky Williams was nearly overwhelmed by his runaway Heisman Trophy victory./1C

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A.M. BRIEFING

TODAY
Mostly sunny with a high near 58. Weather on 4A



AP photo
Frances Bell, state chairman of the South Carolina Council of Conservative Citizens, holds a sign stating her feelings about impeachment and a U.S. flag during an "Impeach Clinton" rally held Saturday in Columbia, S.C.

4th article passed

WASHINGTON — The House Judiciary Committee on Saturday approved a fourth and final article of impeachment against President Clinton, submitting his case to the full House for its verdict. A Democratic call for the lesser punishment of censure was rejected. By a vote of 21-16, the committee accused the president of abuse of power, saying he had "given perjurious, false and misleading" answers to some of the 81 questions the panel recently asked about his relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

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Gov. Chiles dead

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.— Gov. Lawton Chiles, 68, a folksy Southern Democrat dubbed "Walkin' Lawton" for criscrossing the state on foot in his first U.S. Senate campaign, died Saturday. Chiles, who was found next to his cycling machine in the governor's mansion gymnasium, died of an apparent heart attack, said his chief of staff.

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Tony Bennett and Sunday morning: Get the French toast ready.

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Rebels headed for state finals

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

ABILENE — "You can't win a state championship unless you get there, and we just got there!"

Those were the words of Midland Lee head football coach John Parchman after his Rebels dropped Richardson Lake Highlands, 42-21, here at Shotwell Stadium Saturday night to earn a Class 5A Small School state championship berth.

Lee will go against defending state champion Katy next Saturday at Texas Stadium in Irving.

And getting to this point was only half the fun. Lee has won five consecutive state playoff games, but none of them had the feeling of this one. It was like clearing the final hurdle in a track race, knowing that there was only a sprint left to the finish line. The major work had been done.

■ Game coverage/1C

"This is why you coach 27 years," Parchman said of gaining his first state finals berth as a coach. "This is why you work at all. Everyone will go bonkers this next week."

"This just shows that all our hard work paid off," said Lee defensive lineman Sammy Hall.

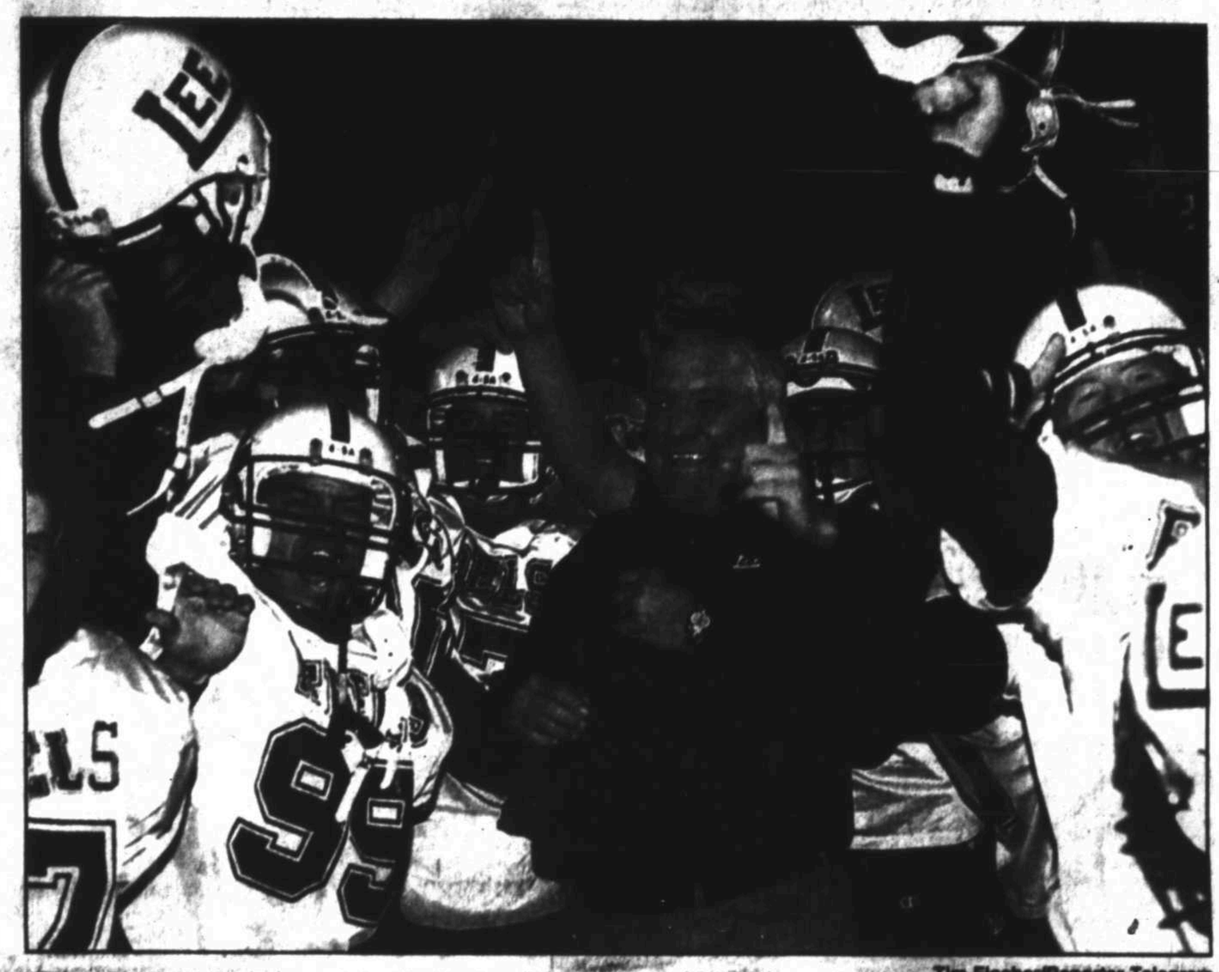
Defensive back Derrick Walker said, "This is the best feeling of my life. We knew we had a good game plan going in, but I think knowing that the next step was state, that helped us more than anything."

Wingback Eric Clodfelter, another senior, said, "This is really exciting. I told you last Thursday we were going to state. We aren't stopping until we have one more."

Lee had a couple of major scares along the way as far as next week is concerned. Linebacker Bobby Subia injured a leg and his status is unknown for next week.

Also, fullback Clint McNutt had to be helped off the field with what looked like a bad knee injury. But he came back into the game with what he

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram
Midland Lee head football coach John Parchman celebrates with his players following a 42-21 victory against Richardson Lake Highlands that won the Rebels a spot in the state championship.

On time and under budget, new airport terminal to open in January

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

After two years of construction, the new terminal complex at the Midland International Airport soon will become operational.

The Midland City Council will tour the new facility on Tuesday. Earlier that day at its only December meeting, the council will discuss official actions related to the switch over from the old terminal building to the new one, said Glen Hackler, deputy city manager.

The actual change from operations at the old terminal to the new terminal will take place on Jan. 22, Hackler said.

"It looks wonderful. They finished all of the carpet in the lobby area, and most of the seating is in place," said Hackler, who has been instrumental in providing administrative oversight during the long construction process.

"As of Tuesday, it will be what contractors call 'substantially complete,'" Hackler said.

Only the food and retail areas will require further finishing, with those areas expected to be completed by the end of the first week in January, he said.

Final construction is still ongoing at the 157,000-square-foot building, which includes five passenger loading gates and two gates for use by commuter aircraft passengers.

The new terminal design includes a business area with fax and copy machines along with other telecommunications gear.

The terminal also will feature a sports bar, business club, central food court and gift shops, city officials said.

All of these areas will be located beyond the security checkpoints, allowing travelers easy access between these facilities and the gates.

When this changeover takes place, travelers no longer will be forced to struggle around the new terminal to get to the old terminal.

Since early in the summer, those using the airport were forced to park in front of the new terminal, either in the new covered parking or the expanse of parking lot beyond — and either walk around the

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Stanton museum marks 20 years of sharing history of area settlers

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

STANTON — The past is in repose. Yet, it is alive, rich in memories and imagination ... and in museums across the land.

In the Martin County Historical Museum, now celebrating its 20th anniversary, there is much to ponder.

There, in the back, is an old, darkened, wooden bench that has rested many an anxious soul.

"That was called the mourners bench," said June Reid. For years, it served farmers, ranchers, and all sorts of folks waiting to visit with the bank president.

"It was right outside of Jim Tom's door at the First National Bank," Mrs. Reid said. "The people just kind of called it that because they would sit there and wait to see if he was going to let them have some money."

Mrs. Reid, a museum volunteer nowadays, was "the moving light" along with others including Ruby Haggard and Mary Prudie Brown, in getting the 2,000-artifact museum established in December of 1978, Martin County Judge Bob Deavenport recalled. "The founders of the museum took on a big project, and they saw it through to a successful conclusion. Of course, a museum is an on-

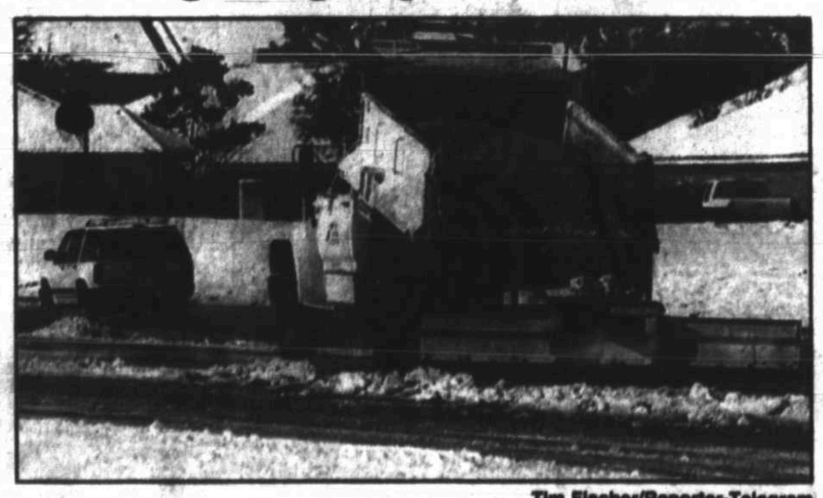
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Volunteer June Reid stands beside some of the articles on display at the Martin County Historical Museum. The museum is celebrating its 20th anniversary.

Brian Adamcik
Reporter-Telegram

Clearing things up



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram
Midland road crews continued work Saturday morning to clear ice and snow on Loop 250. The loop was closed late Friday night through the morning hours Saturday. Much of the snow had melted by late Saturday afternoon.

Bikers raise kids' spirits 'Sky High' by bringing batch of holiday gifts

By Richard Acosta
Staff Writer

Dashing through the snow is not usually done on a motorcycle.

However, Saturday afternoon a group of local bikers braved the cold and the snow to make the holiday season extra nice for a special group of kids with their annual "Toy Run" to the High Sky Children's Ranch.

The bikers ride out to High Sky with toys for the kids. In addition, the kids usually get a ride on the bikes. But due to Saturday's weather conditions they were unable to ride this year, High Sky officials said.

The motorcycle clubs on hand for this year's run were the Blue Knights, Christian Bikers Association, T-Twisters, the Midland HOG chapter and the Goat Wing Road Riders Association (GWRRA).

Keitha Kiselwick, of the West Texas Fellowship Freedom Riders chapter of the Christian Bikers Association, said this was the third year for her club to do the toy run.

"For years the HOG chapter did this," Ms. Kiselwick said. "They had to disband for a while and we got the call and have been doing it ever since."

Bringing the children toys is not all the groups set out to do, Ms. Kiselwick said.

"The gifts are just part of the reason we come out here," she noted. "We hope by us coming out here it shows the kids that we care for them."

Ms. Kiselwick said the event would not have been possible if it weren't for the other motorcycle clubs.

"Without all the other groups that came out with us this would not have been a good turnout," Ms. Kiselwick said. "We have 16 bikes and I think that is good considering the snow."

Brenda Hancock, also a member of the

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Clinton begins diplomatic mission to save Mideast peace accord

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — As the impeachment drama unfolded back home, President Clinton opened a tough diplomatic mission Saturday aimed at rescuing the Wye River peace accords from unraveling amid violence, political turmoil and mistrust.

The difficulty of Clinton's three-day visit was quickly underscored as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu accused the Palestinians led by Yasser Arafat of failing to meet their obligations under the Wye agreement.

Netanyahu said the Palestinians must fulfill the pact "with deeds and not only with promises that all too often prove empty. It must be honestly said, Mr. President, that in the last few weeks our partners have not kept these commitments and have reverted to past practices."

In reply, Clinton said peacemaking has opened historic opportunities to Israel "but each step forward has been tempered with pain and understandable feelings of ambivalence" over questions about whether agreements are being fully implemented.

He said the United States shares Israel's concerns about security. "At the same time," he said, "we believe that for two peoples who are fated to share this land, peace is not simply an option among many but the only choice that can avert still more years of bloodshed apprehension and sorrow. That is why I'm here."

A trumpet fanfare and military honor guard greeted Clinton and his wife, Hillary, at Ben Gurion International Airport, bathed in floodlights for the near-midnight arrival.

Netanyahu and members of his Cabinet — many of whom have expressed irritation or opposition to Clinton's visit — welcomed him with smiles and handshakes.

About two hours before Air Force One landed, the House Judiciary Committee approved a fourth article of impeachment against Clinton. The full House will decide his fate next week.

In the official U.S. delegation on the trip were two senators and 11 House members, including two moderate Republicans uncommitted on how they will vote: Reps. Rick Lazio of New York and Jon Fox of Pennsylvania.

Lazio, who took the trip at the request of House Speaker Newt Gingrich, said it was "up to (Clinton) to raise the issue if he wants to speak to me." He said "it's not too late" for Clinton to deal with the reality of his actions "but it's very late in the game."

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said it was important for the world to know that Clinton is still running things and foreign policy is not crippled.

"The presence of Republicans on this trip is very important," Specter told reporters. "We respect the president. ... We want to work with him as long as he is the president and we will continue to work with him on this and many other issues."

Clinton's uncertain future is shared by Netanyahu, who is fighting for his political survival as parliament prepares for a no confidence vote within two weeks. His shaky coalition began to weaken after he signed the Wye River accord Oct. 23 agreeing to turn over territory in the West Bank to the Palestinians in return for an end to anti-Israeli violence.

Netanyahu has vowed to stop further troop withdrawals until the violence ends. There also is bitter disagreement over procedures for revoking passages in the Palestinian charter calling for Israel's destruction.

Clinton's three-day visit to the Holy Land is a diplomatic balancing act aimed at winning new commitments from both sides to carry out their obligations under the Wye agreement. His wife, Hillary, and their daughter, Chelsea, accompanied him.

The president will spend today in Jerusalem, meeting with Netanyahu and delivering a speech emphasizing America's strong ties to Israel and an enduring commitment to its security. National Security Adviser Sandy Berger said Clinton would argue that the Wye accord promotes both peace and security for Israel.

On Monday, the president will fly to the Palestinian-run Gaza Strip. Welcomed by Arafat with the trappings of a state visit, Clinton's stop is seen as a boost for dreams of Palestinian statehood. The president will address the Palestinian National Council and other organizations after their affirmation of a decision to revoke the anti-Israeli provisions of the Palestinian charter.

On Tuesday, Clinton is scheduled to visit Manger Square in Bethlehem, the Palestinian-controlled West Bank town where tradition says Jesus was born. The first family will tour the Church of the Nativity and the president will light a Christmas tree.

His last stop will be at Masada, a hilltop fortress that is a powerful symbol of Jewish resolve. Under siege by an army of 15,000 Romans, a small group of Jews chose mass suicide rather than surrender.

Mexican volcano spits column of ash 2 miles high

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The Popocatepetl volcano near Mexico City spit a column of ash 2 1/2 miles into the air Saturday, and light ash showers were reported in some villages near the flanks of the peak.

The 18,000-foot volcano has been rumbling and spitting ash and glowing rocks for several weeks, with 50 small exhalations of ash and rocks recorded Thursday.

Residents near the northern flank of the volcano reported a light showering of ash Saturday, the government news agency Notimex reported.

The National Center for the Prevention of Disasters said the ash doesn't represent a risk for inhabitants.

The Popocatepetl Volcano, whose name means "smoking mountain" in the Aztec Indian language, is just 50 miles southeast of Mexico City and 300,000 people live on its slopes. It has been active since 1994 and regularly emits gas and steam.

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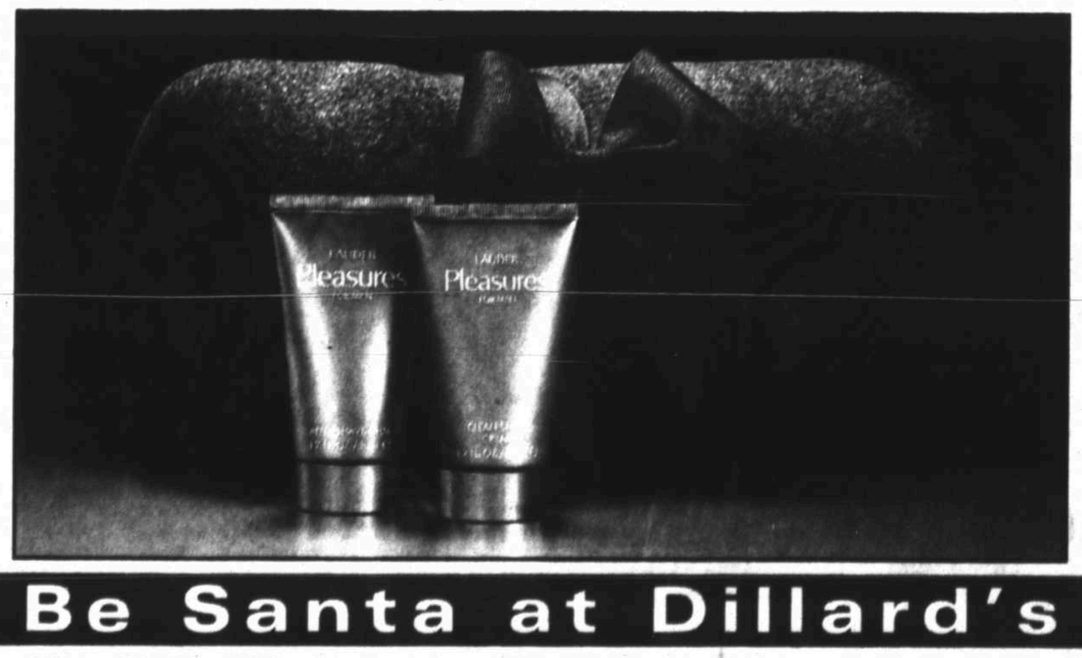
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Thai police recover 100 bodies, stop search at site of jet crash

SURAT THANI, Thailand (AP) — Using bare hands and bulldozers to sift through the waters of a flooded rubber plantation, rescue workers recovered the bodies of 100 people who died in the crash of a Thai Airways jetliner before suspending their search Saturday.

Forty-five survivors of flight TG261, including 12 foreign passengers, were sent to local hospitals in Surat Thani, a fishing port and travel hub for vacation resorts 330 miles southwest of Bangkok.

One passenger was still missing and presumed dead, police and airline officials said.

Police said many of the bodies were burned beyond recognition and could not be identified. The nationalities of 13 foreign victims were not released Saturday.

Investigators began looking into the cause of Friday's crash as survivors recounted the flight's chaotic final moments. Police said the black box, or flight recorder, was recovered early Saturday.

Flight attendant Akradej Pudemha said that as the plane shook violently on its third attempt to land in a heavy storm, some passengers began to panic.

"People started screaming. I told them to calm down, but some were out of control," he said. "They wouldn't stay in their seats. They were thrown around by the shaking of the plane and luggage was flying everywhere."

The flight attendant, who helped rescue 10 passengers, said most of the survivors were seated at the front of the aircraft.

The Airbus A310-200 plunged into the swamp at around 6:45 p.m., about 760 yards from the runway, then burst into flames.

Of the 25 foreigners aboard, 12 survived. Among the survivors were three Australians, three Japanese, three Germans, two Israelis and one Briton.

Many of the dead were believed to have drowned in the frigid waist-high swamp water while trapped in the wreckage.

Police said at least five children were among the survivors.

Relatives coming to claim bodies on Saturday broke into tears at the crowded, confused passenger terminal. Coffins were lined up at the airport terminal waiting to be transported to Bangkok.

Meanwhile, more than 500 rescue workers and volunteers worked under a steady rain and trudged through the chilly waters searching for bodies and possible survivors.

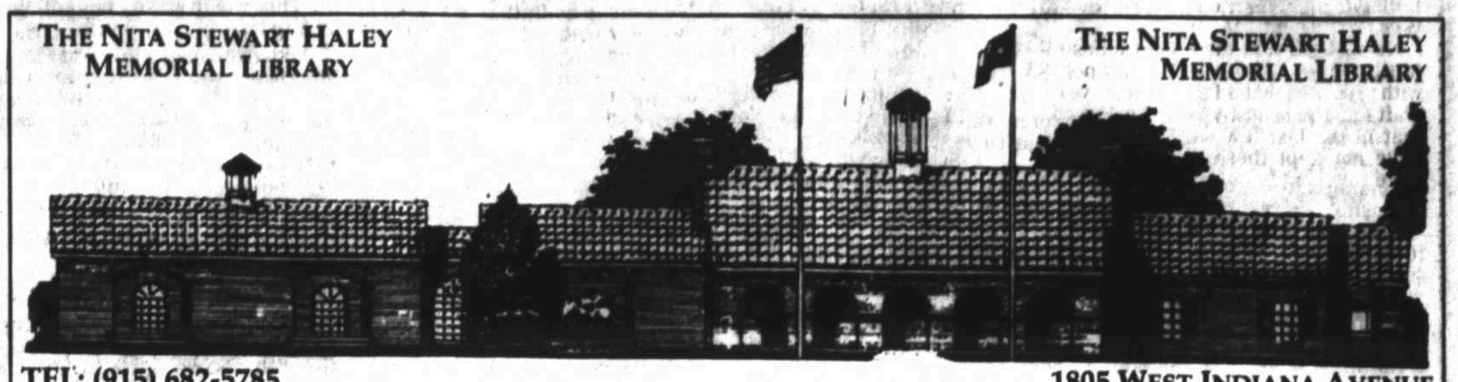
Some used special equipment to cut through what remained of the jet's fuselage to get to more victims.

Ambulances were unable to reach the crash site, leaving four-wheel-drive vehicles to navigate the mud. Still, officials said the water may have cushioned the aircraft's impact.

Airbus announced from its headquarters in Toulouse, France, that it would send five specialists to assist Thai authorities in their investigation.

Airbus said the plane was delivered in April 1986 and had accumulated 23,000 flight hours.

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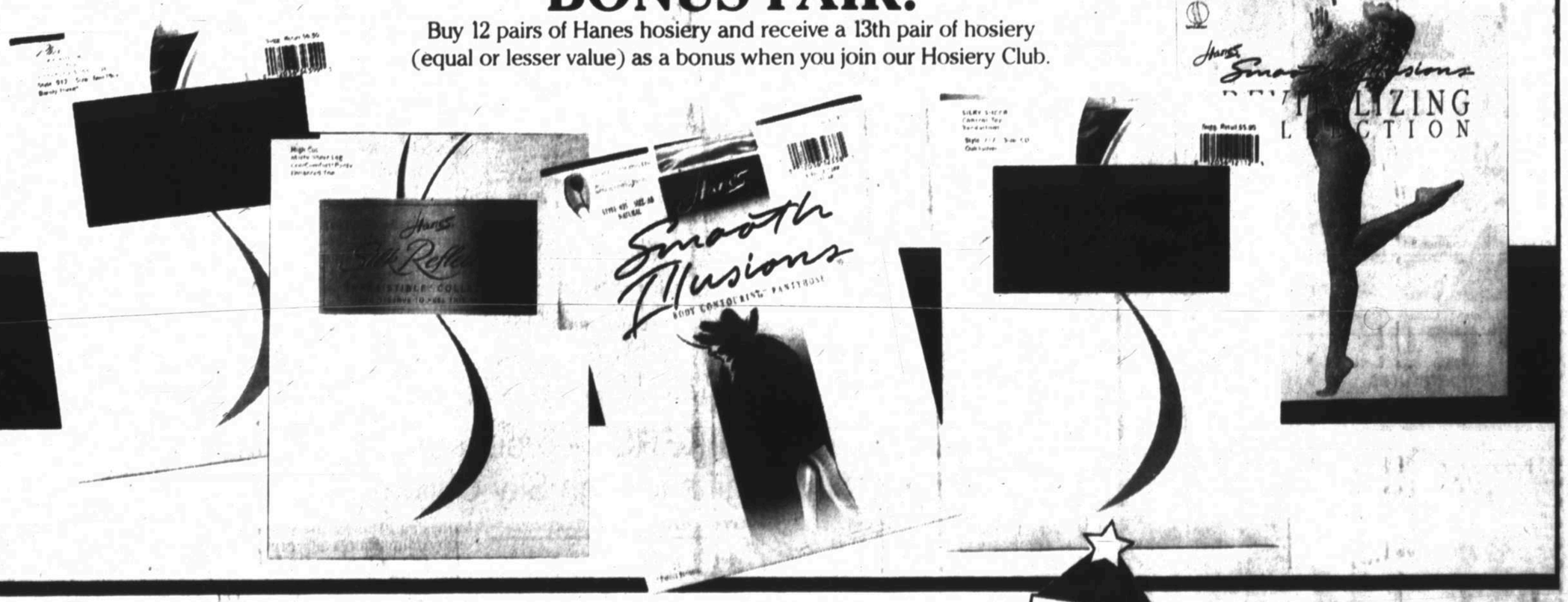


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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly sunny	Sunny	Mostly cloudy
High 58	High 65	High 64
Low 30	Low 33	Low 37

Today's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies and warmer temperatures with a high in the mid-50s to near 60 with winds blowing from the northwest at 5-15 mph.

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

Monday's forecast calls for sunny skies with a high in the mid-60s.

After an overnight low of 19, Saturday's high reached 41, compared to the record high for that date of 80 set in 1995. The record low was 10 set in 1989.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Saturday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Friday	0.50 in.
Total for month	0.56 in.
Total for year	5.12 in.
Normal year to date	14.62 in.

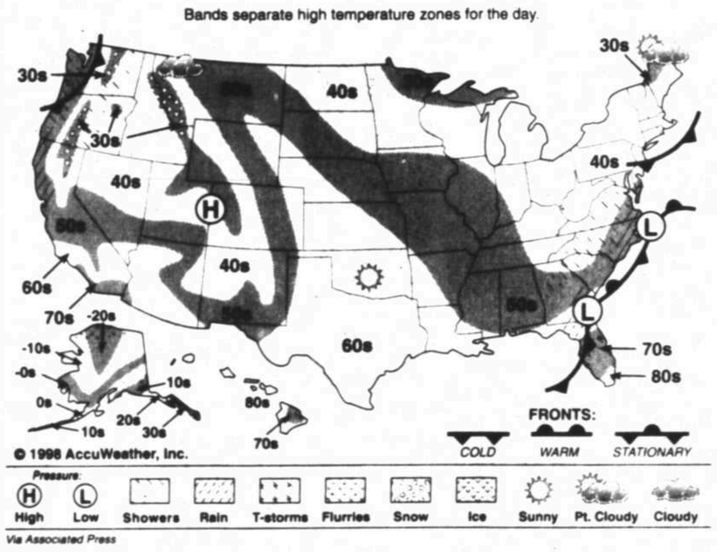
Yesterday's temperatures

High	41
low	19
Normal high	59
Normal low	31

Sunrise ... 7:40 a.m. **Sunset** ... 5:46 p.m.

National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Sunday, Dec. 13.



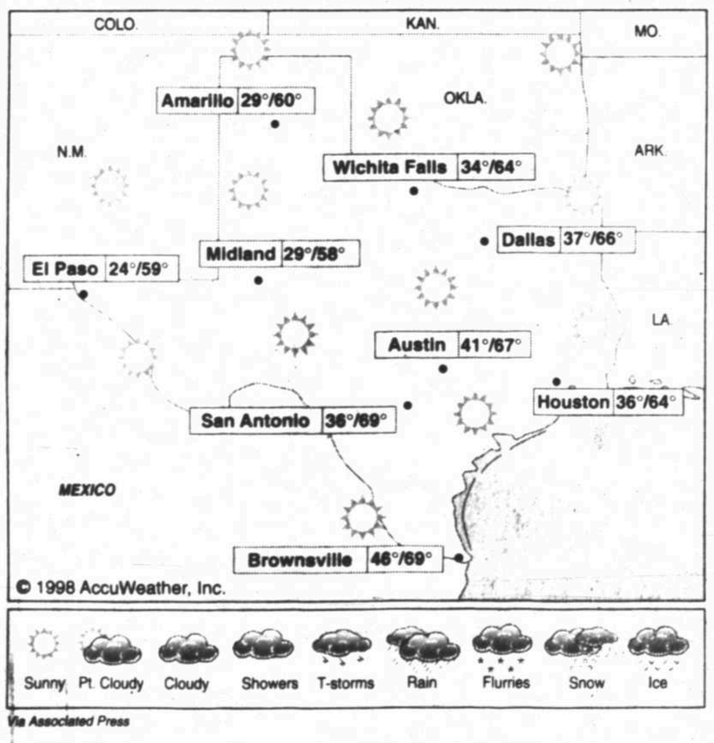
Via Associated Press

United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:00 p.m. EST.

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albany,N.Y.	42	20	cdy	
Albuquerque	47	22	clr	
Anchorage	17	13	cdy	
Asheville	47	43	.03	rn
Atlanta	51	49	.03	rn
Atlantic City	49	23	rn	
Baltimore	47	28	rn	
Billings	49	32	clr	
Birmingham	59	49	.36	cdy
Bismarck	42	19	clr	
Boise	43	31	cdy	
Boston	45	29	cdy	
Buffalo	46	33	cdy	
Burlington,Vt	44	21	cdy	
Casper	48	30	clr	
Charleston,S.C.	67	49	.06	rn
Charleston,W.Va.	45	30	.10	rn
Charlotte,N.C.	52	47	.03	rn
Cheyenne	42	20	clr	
Chicago	48	31	cdy	
Cincinnati	45	36	cdy	
Cleveland	47	30	clr	
Columbia,S.C.	55	49	rn	
Columbus,Ohio	45	32	cdy	
Concord,N.H.	44	19	clr	
Dayton	45	31	cdy	
Denver	50	19	clr	
Des Moines	50	28	cdy	
Detroit	47	24	clr	
Duluth	48	29	clr	
Evansville	45	38	.03	cdy
Fairbanks	-7	-12	.02	sn
Fargo	46	24	clr	
Flagstaff	50	12	clr	
Grand Rapids	47	32	clr	
Great Falls	51	40	clr	
Greensboro,N.C.	46	44	.10	rn
Hartford Spgfld	45	23	cdy	
Helena	48	27	cdy	
Honolulu	81	72	clr	
Indianapolis	48	33	cdy	
Jackson,Miss.	59	49	.60	cdy
Jacksonville	70	56	.04	rn
Juneau	40	38	.15	sn
Kansas City	51	26	cdy	
Las Vegas	61	35	clr	
Little Rock	45	41	.18	cdy
Los Angeles	77	48	clr	
Louisville	48	42	.06	rn
Memphis	49	42	.57	cdy
Miami Beach	81	75	.14	rn
Milwaukee	47	32	cdy	
Mpls-St Paul	47	20	clr	
Nashville	45	42	1.24	cdy
New Orleans	73	67	.22	cdy
New York City	47	37	cdy	
Norfolk,Va.	51	46	rn	
North Platte	55	16	clr	
Oklahoma City	53	38	clr	
Omaha	52	25	clr	
Orlando	83	67	rn	
Philadelphia	47	29	rn	
Phoenix	70	41	clr	
Pittsburgh	43	28	cdy	
Portland,Maine	42	17	clr	
Portland,Ore.	55	49	.39	rn
Providence	45	24	cdy	
Raleigh-Durham	52	44	rn	
Rapid City	57	22	clr	
Reno	53	25	cdy	
Richmond	47	34	rn	
Sacramento	56	35	rn	
St Louis	47	29	cdy	
Salt Lake City	37	20	cdy	
San Diego	71	45	clr	
San Francisco	54	43	rn	
San Juan,P.R.	84	75	.31	cdy
Santa Fe	51	13	clr	
St Ste Marie	45	31	clr	
Seattle	56	47	.83	rn
Shreveport	47	42	.34	cdy

State forecast



Via Associated Press

Texas temperatures

Highest temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 18 hours and precipitation for 24 hours ending at 6 p.m. CST:

	Hi	Lo	Pcp.
Abilene	53	29	0.20
Alice	80	39	
Amarillo	53	24	
Arlington	53	40	0.60
Austin Bergstrom	58	42	
Austin Mueller	58	42	
Beaumont	50	46	0.29
Brownsville	63	44	
Burnet	55	37	
Childress	58	29	
College Station	47	43	0.07
Conroe	47	44	0.05
Corpus Christi	59	44	0.01
Corsicana	49	42	0.32
Cotulla	62	37	
Dalhart	57	23	
Dallas Love Field	52	40	1.12
Del Rio	62	34	
Denton	52	38	0.80
DFW Airport	52	40	0.64
El Paso	52	23	
Fort Stockton	52	29	
Fort Worth Alliance	53	40	0.49
Fort Worth Meacham	53	40	0.39
Galveston	49	47	0.38
Harlingen	62	42	
Hondo	61	33	
Houston Hobby	48	46	0.11
Houston Intrctnl	48	46	0.18
Huntsville	46	43	0.56
Junction	57	33	
Kingsville	M	M	
Laredo	61	39	
Longview	46	41	0.14
Lubbock	55	23	
Lufkin	48	43	0.16
Marfa	48	16	
McAllen	64	43	
McKinney	50	40	0.98
Mineral Wells	46	32	0.07
Navy Corpus	59	47	
New Braunfels	58	39	
Palacios	51	45	
Paris	43	39	
Rockport	59	45	
San Angelo	54	31	
San Antonio	60	38	
Shreveport, La.	47	42	0.34
Terrell	47	41	0.56
Texarkana, Ark.	46	41	0.36
Tyler	44	40	0.16
Victoria	56	44	
Waco	53	41	0.13
Wichita Falls	55	34	0.78

LEE: This year's team first to win 14 games in a season

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thinks is some spiritual help.

"I had my knee still planted when I got hit and I felt the knee pop. I went to the sidelines and it stopped hurting. (Trainer) Hondo (Schneider) checked it out and said I could go back in.

"I was never really concerned about being out for next week because my grandfather (Kirby Hyden) was watching out for me. I lost my grandfather the week of the game with (El Paso) Franklin. I'm wearing an ankle band in memory of him and I just knew he wouldn't let me get hurt one week before state."

The band McNutt wears reads, "For My Paw Paw FKN."

This is the second time Lee has landed a state finals berth, but none of these kids even remember the days of 1983. As far as they are concerned, this is a first.

"This is the best feeling you can have," said senior defensive back J.R. Norman. "It means all your dreams came true. All your goals were accomplished. Everything you had to go through and all the prices you had to pay were worth it. This would have been a tough one to lose."

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— senior defensive back J.R. Norman

Added defensive lineman Kevin Borrego, "No one understands how hard we worked for this. We started every practice of every day thinking state championship. If you say it long enough, then you will believe it. If you believe it, then you can accomplish it."

Lee also had a couple of visitors at the game. Former Rebels John Norman (Texas Tech) and Josh Norman (Oklahoma) were at the game to watch younger brother Joe play and both were on the field after the game for a little back slapping.

"I don't even play for this team," John said, "but I'm behind them all the way. They're having a great season."

Josh added, "I'm ecstatic for them. I'm telling you that they are going to win it all. Just tell my brother (Joe) to let me borrow that state ring for one week when they do win it."

Lee defensive end Trey Atwater said, "Counting chickens? They just hatched."

"I'm kind of shocked," said defensive end Ryan Wright. "I don't know how I feel right now, but we're going to the big dance. To be part of the class that made it happen is a great feeling."

Some of the Lee assistant coaches were a bit giddy after the game.

"We did a lot better than we did in Vietnam, we won this one," said Lee assistant coach Dennis Bryant, a Vietnam veteran.

Lee assistant Danny Neighbors said, "I know this is an oxymoron, but I'm glad to be working next week. There are only two sets of Class 5A coaches still working this week."

And now all that is left is one more 600-mile trip to Texas Stadium breaking the 5,000-mile mark traveled this year. One more trip, this one under the TV lights (Cable 43, Fox Sports Net) at 12:08 p.m. Saturday.

The 1998 Rebels just became the most successful team in Lee football history. No Rebel team previous to this one had ever won 14 games in a single season. One more win and they can say the two big words for the first time.

"STATE CHAMPIONS"

MUSEUM: Idea first came up at Old Settlers' Reunion in 60s

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going process."

Just outside the edifice is the old wooden Eclipse windmill, now past its workhorse days, taking on each day leisurely and seemingly without a care.

Just inside, there is a rack full of white and black wide-brimmed Western hats once worn by old-time ranchers and farmers such as Glenn Brunson, E.M. Massey, Grady Cross, and Bill Howell.

Exhibits in chronological order delineate the history of the land and the community. Indians roamed the plains along with buffaloes and mustangs before Roman Catholic Carmelite monks followed the Texas & Pacific Railway Company lines to a station house named Grelton in 1881. The place was renamed Marienfeld (Field of Mary), and the settlers built a monastery and church (Saint Joseph Catholic Church), and established a Catholic farming-ranching settlement.

The drought of the mid-1880s drove out many of the early Catholic settlers. Protestants moved in and, in 1890, changed the community's name to Stanton, some say due to the influence of a Yankee schoolteacher. Edwin M. Stanton was Abraham Lincoln's secretary of war and, during Reconstruction's early years, sympathized with the South, Mrs. Reid said.

The lineup of artifacts in the museum and under the adjoining shed takes in arrowheads, spurs, pistols, saddles, harnesses, telegraph key, rosary beads, cotton scales and sack, milk cans, gravity-flow gasoline pump, old fire truck, chuck wagon, planters and cultivators, mechanical typewriters and posting machines, blacksmith's shop, school days and war memorabilia, a wind-up Edison phonograph player displaying the record "It Ain't Gonna Rain No Mo'," and tomes of court records penned in ink and dating to the 1880s' Marienfeld.

"We are a model county museum," said Mrs. Brown, who serves on the museum board. "You aren't educated unless you know about the past. That has always been a thing with me. We need to know and study history. It gives you responsibility and respect for the past."

The museum had its beginnings in a Martin County Old Settlers' Reunion in the 1960s when folks brought their artifacts to town and displayed them in an empty downtown building in this farming-ranching community of about 2,700 people.

"It was full of stuff — everything imaginable," Mrs. Reid said. "That told us that they wanted a museum," which became a project of the Martin County Historical Commission. Later, in the 1970s, selected relics were housed in the old 1908 rock jail before community funds, a Mabee Foundation grant, and federal funds financed the $100,000 museum building.

Old-timers bearing such surnames as Peters, Mott, Kelly, Hazlewood, Houston, and Renfro were "so proud of this (museum)," Mrs. Reid said.

Memorabilia reflect about a score of rural schools in cotton and cattle country at mid-century and earlier: Badgett, Brown, Courtney, Flower Grove, Goldsmith, Independence, Lenorah, Loyola, Merrick, Moore's Hill, Pleasant Valley, Tarzan (South Plains), Three Leagues, Valley View, Woodard, and Wolcott. Faded, too, are the old Sisters of Mercy Academy, which closed following a 1938 tornado, and the old Stanton Colored School, which succumbed to integration.

Today, there are two school systems in the county at Stanton and at Grady to the north.

A section of the museum salutes veterans, including those of World Wars I and II, and displays photographs of young men now grown old and in the grave.

Behind a glass case is a penned note, perhaps a copy, dated April 1918 at Windsor Castle and signed by royalty in the King George lineage. The poignant words are the substance of history and purpose:

"Soldiers of the United States: The people of the British Isles welcome you on your way to take your stand beside the Armies of many Nations now fighting in the Old World the great battle for human freedom.

"The Allies will gain new heart and spirit in your company. I wish that I could shake the hand of each one of you and bid you Godspeed on your mission."

Health care providers recruited in effort to stop domestic violence

By Stephanie Elizondo Griest
Associated Press

AUSTIN — It is a familiar statistic: More and more families nationwide are torn apart by domestic violence with each succeeding year. In Texas alone, families were marred by violence a reported 181,773 times in 1997 — up 300 incidents from 1996.

"You would think that with all of the changes in law over the past 20 years, we would see a decrease in domestic violence, but we haven't," said Pam Willhoite, program director of the Texas Council on Family Violence.

"With all of our new shelter services, the demand has gone up," she said.

And according to Ms. Willhoite and other participants at this weekend's Ninth International Nursing Conference on Ending Violence Against Women, it will stay that way until domestic violence is fully recognized as a health issue by health care providers.

"Every woman who comes in for a health care assessment should be asked about her cholesterol and her blood pressure, and then how things are going on at home," said Susan Hadley, founder of WomanKind, an intervention program in Minneapolis, Minn.

"If a health care provider diagnosed me as having diabetes or high cholesterol, they wouldn't fix it, they would just refer me to somewhere else. Why can't they do that with domestic violence?" she asked.

Conference speaker Rachel Rodriguez said nurses started probing issues of domestic violence as early as the 1970s, but they met with a resistance that still lingers.

"Health care providers were resistant... because they didn't think they could do anything about it," said Ms. Rodriguez, director of the Family Violence Research Network in San Antonio.

But over the past few years, protocol has changed and now more emergency rooms are screening patients for domestic violence, she said. And the screening works.

"Just by simply asking a question, you can break the silence," said Nancy Himes, a family violence nurse liaison for Sinai Hospital in Baltimore, Md. She said her hospital identifies about 500 victims a year through routine screenings and refers them to services for help.

Programs 'are cropping up nationwide to teach health care workers to view domestic violence as a health issue.

Earlier this year, Texas was one of 10 states chosen to participate in the National Health Initiative on Domestic Violence to teach health care providers how to recognize signs of abuse. Intervention training will begin in the spring.

The conference also addressed issues of domestic violence in groups not traditionally targeted: migrant workers.

According to statistics published by the Migrant Clinicians Network of Austin, domestic violence affects some 20 percent of female migrant workers — a rate significantly above the national average. Ms. Rodriguez attributed the high rate to the migrants' lack of resources.

"If they have migrated north, they may not know the language or the geography, or they are too far away from shelters," Ms. Rodriguez said. "Culture also has an influence. Leaving the relationship is simply not an option for migrant women, and if they do get a divorce, they are viewed as easy because they are alone."

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TERMINAL: Building tours to be given Tuesday

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large building under construction or take a shuttle that was provided to help ease this transition, according to Ken Day, director of airports for the city.

While access to the new terminal building will be much easier, all flights will be restricted to only three gates at the south end of the terminal.

This will allow jets and other aircraft access to one end of the new terminal building while the older terminal building is being torn down.

In place of the old terminal building and the section of LaForce Boulevard that ran in front of the old building, concrete aprons will be poured.

These concrete aprons will allow aircraft to approach the remaining gates of the new terminal building, making the new terminal fully operational.

Those interested in touring the new terminal complex should meet in the covered parking area at 3:45 p.m. Tuesday.

It is expected to take about a year for this last phase of the construction, city staff said.

The $32 million terminal complex is being funded with bonds issued in July of 1996.

These bonds were issued by the city in the amount of $21 million at 5.77 percent interest, said Tina Sanders-Jauz, public information officer for the city of Midland.

The remainder of the cost of construction was funded with federal dollars through the Federal Aviation Administration.

All of the city's debt related to the airport will be paid off over the next 30 years by the passenger facility charge that is part of each landing and departure ticket at MAF.

Construction has been running slightly ahead of schedule and slightly under budget, with city officials expecting to return about $200,000 to the airport reserve fund from savings over the past two years, Ms. Sanders-Jauz said.

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Lotto Texas

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

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

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BIKERS: A group annually brings gifts to High Sky Children's Ranch

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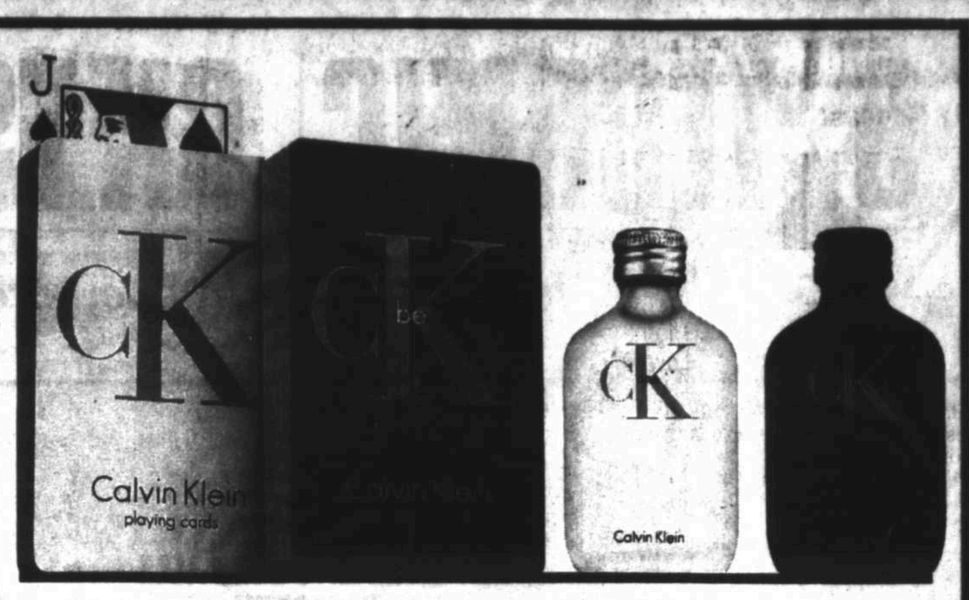
West Texas Fellowship Freedom Riders chapter of the Christian Bikers Association, said the club likes coming out to see the children.

"This is one of the activities our club members really like to do," she said. "We feel like we make a difference for people not only at Christmas but all the time. We enjoy doing this for the kids and we enjoy doing things as a group. It is just one of the ways the Lord has blessed us."

One of the young people at High Sky said she appreciated the bikers taking the time to come out for the annual visit.

"It is nice of them to come," the child said. "They decided to spend this time with us when they could have been somewhere else."

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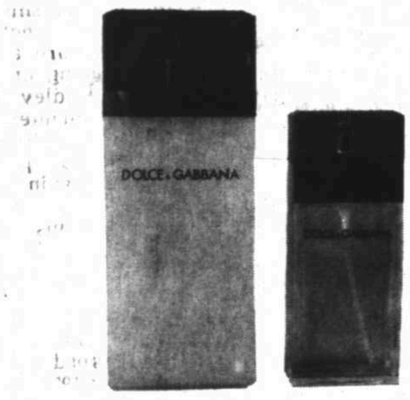
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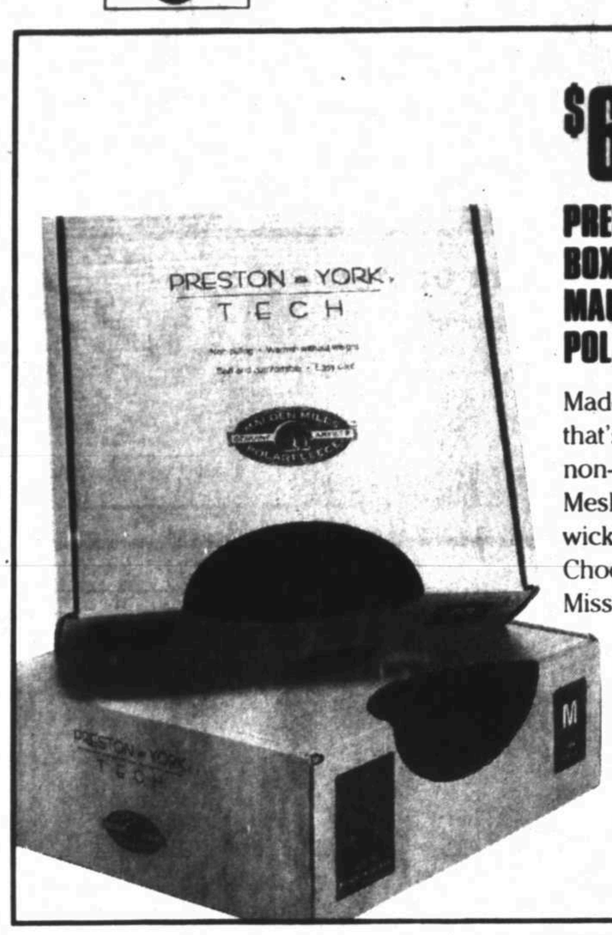
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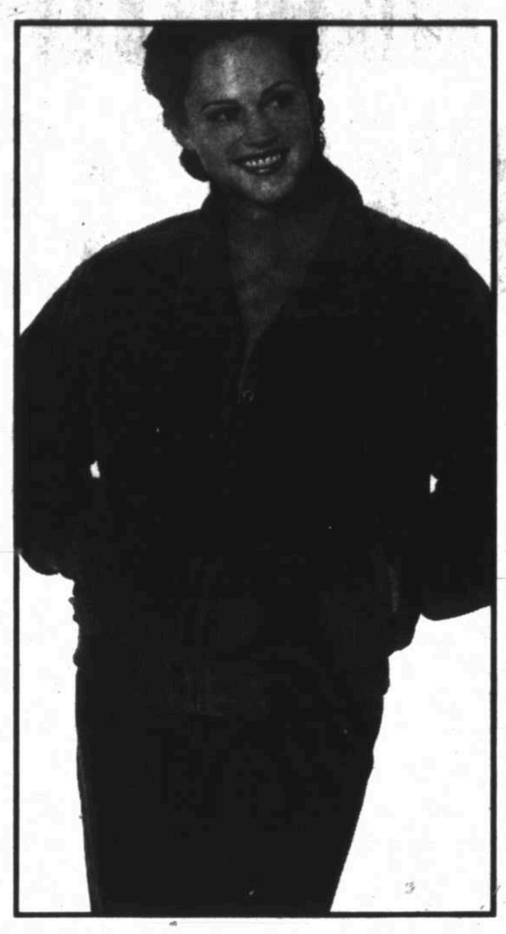


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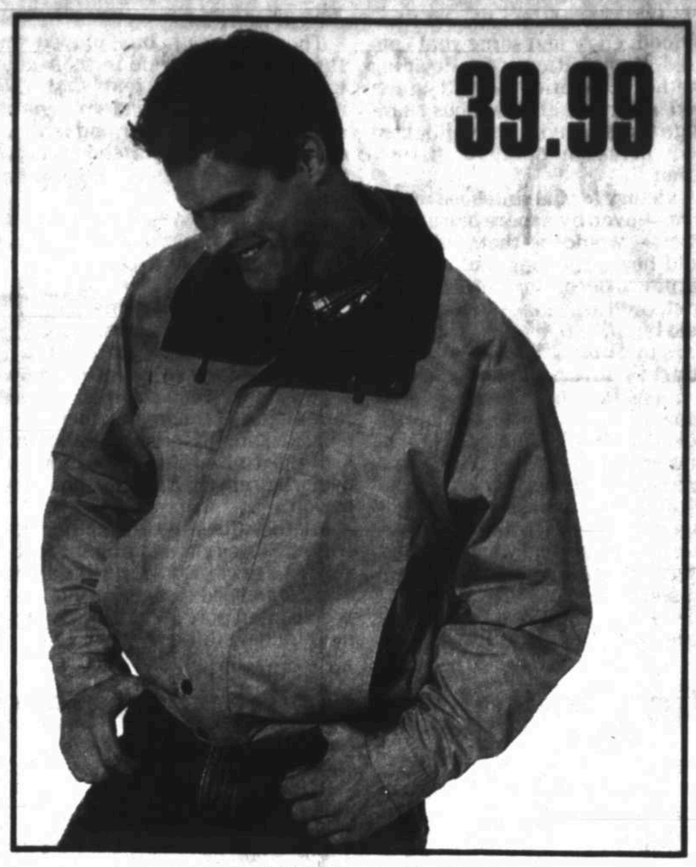
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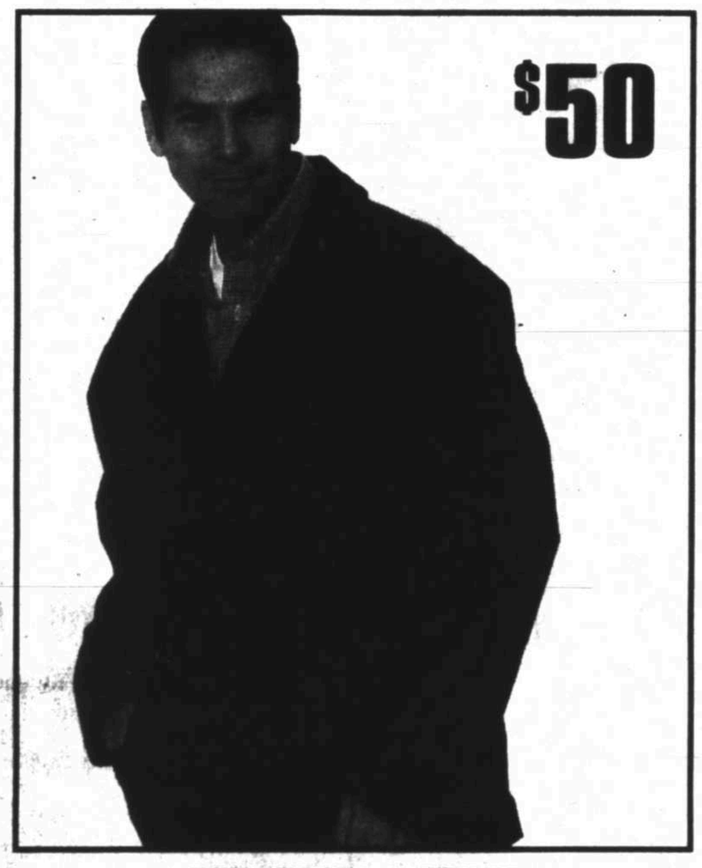
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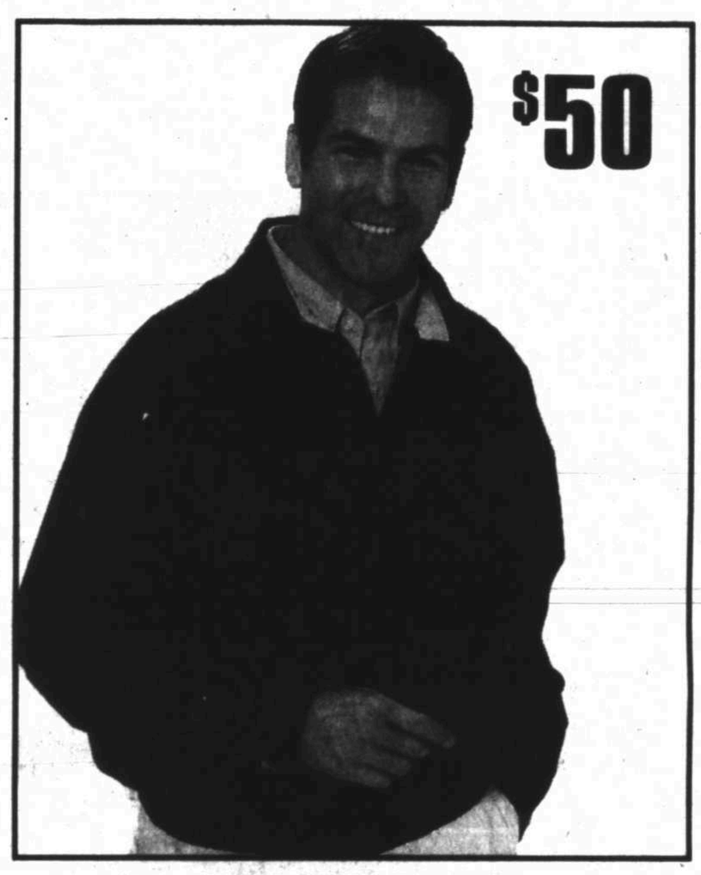
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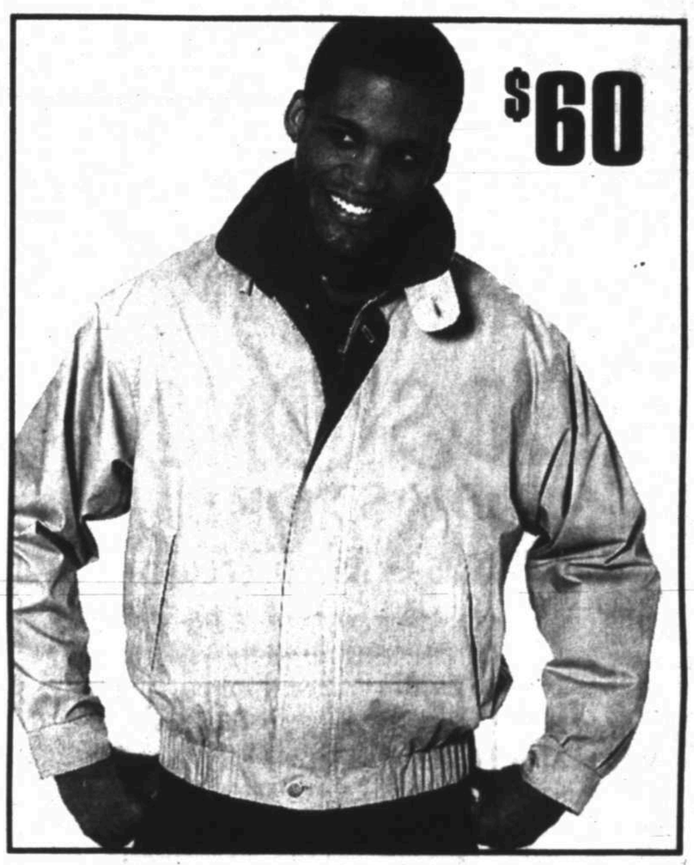
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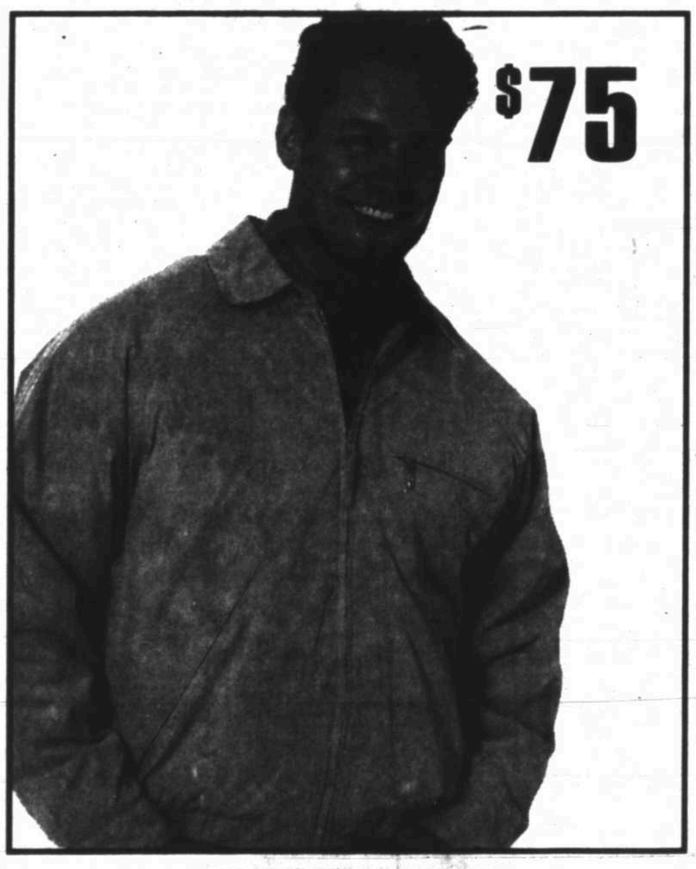
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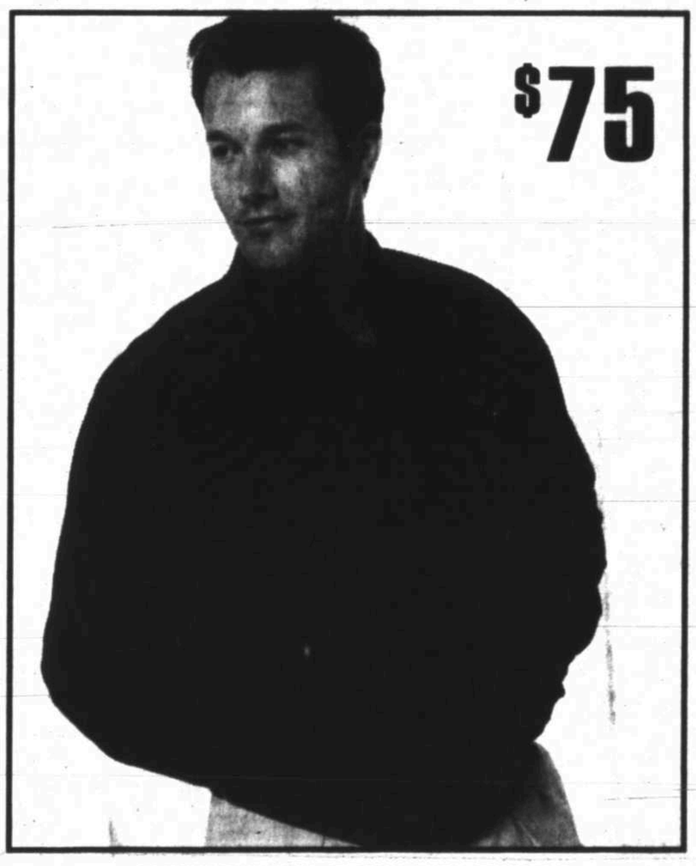
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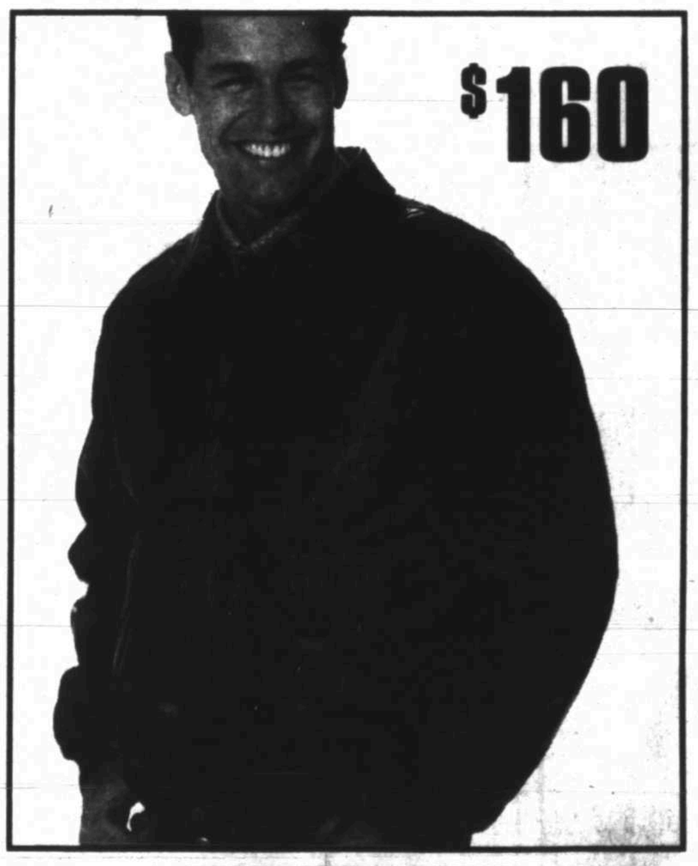
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Statehood neck and neck with commonwealth status in Puerto Rico vote

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Divided, edgy and somewhat confused, Puerto Ricans are deciding whether to petition for U.S. statehood after an acrimonious campaign that, if anything, highlighted their pride in being a distinct nation.

A victory for the statehood movement — even by a mere plurality of votes — would be their first and could begin the long and arduous journey to becoming the 51st state. A defeat, the second in five years, could bury the movement for many years to come.

Last-minute polls showed a photo finish between statehood and "none of the above," the option backed by the movement that supports keeping the current "commonwealth" status.

Statehood, whose supporters staged the most visible and energetic campaign, and which appears to have the more determined voters, had been ahead in most polls to date. Gov. Pedro Rossello, who has made statehood his crusade, predicted "a big triumph."

The opposition has played on Puerto Ricans' pride in their culture — and their fear that the melodies of Spanish and rhythms of salsa might be further and irrevocably crushed in a statehood stampede of fast food, MTV and imposed English.

For Congress, which has ultimate authority over Puerto Rico's status, the vote poses some serious questions.

If Puerto Rico became the first U.S. state to have a homogeneous Spanish-speaking population with a distinct Hispanic identity, how would that affect a Union whose face already is changing, including a burgeoning Hispanic population? Will the United States remain an overwhelmingly English-speaking nation?

Another question is whether the United States should fully incorporate a territory so ambivalent about statehood that getting half the people to support the idea is a mammoth undertaking.

Although it could theoretically bring on permanent and jarring changes, the referendum has not caught fire with the public.

Under the Puerto Rican commonwealth devised in 1952, the island has many of the rights of a U.S. state and some of the characteristics of a country.

Its 3.8 million people are U.S. citizens and serve in the military, which maintains a strategic presence on the island. But they don't pay federal taxes or vote for president or Congress.

Critically, Puerto Ricans have their own Olympic team and other symbols of sovereignty that satisfy their immense patriotism.

With a bewildering array of five options on the ballot — all written in legalese and lacking as much as a heading — it seemed unlikely that statehood — "Option 3" — could get the 51 percent majority that many say is needed for Congress to take notice.

Rossello had hoped that Congress would authorize a statehood process in 1998, the centennial of U.S. rule in Puerto Rico.

A bill calling for a binding referendum process allowing Puerto Ricans to choose among statehood, commonwealth and independence passed the House by a single vote in March. But it stalled in the Senate, partly due to Republican concerns that a Puerto Rican state would send mostly Democrats to the Hill.

Rossello called Sunday's nonbinding referendum anyway. Banking on support from President Clinton, he was expected to use even a plurality for statehood to urge Congress to act.

Rossello's strategy, aides say, is to have Congress devise a binding referendum between only statehood and independence. With many people fearful their prosperity could vanish with independence, statehood would then gain the huge majority Americans expect in return for the honor, the reasoning goes. Polls indeed show such a vote would heavily favor statehood.

A poll published in The San Juan Star on Friday found statehood ahead of "None of the above," 48 percent to 46 percent. But a poll in El Nuevo Dia found "none of the above" ahead for the first time, 48 percent to 45 percent. In both cases the difference was less than the margin of error.

The remainder is split between independence, "free association" — independence with treaty ties — and a commonwealth definition opposed by commonwealthers because of a dispute over wording.

San Juan Mayor Sila Calderon, the darling of the pro-commonwealth Popular Democratic Party, has been predicting a last-minute rush by the undecided to "none of the above."

Pisans hold their breath as work begins on leaning tower

PISA, Italy (AP) — After nearly a decade of delays, work has begun to ensure that the famed Leaning Tower of Pisa does not topple over.

But residents whose livelihoods depend on the hordes of tourists who flock to Pisa for a view of the tower are holding their breath — hoping nothing will go wrong to jeopardize their future.

"After all these years of study upon study, I just hope they have chosen the best procedure," Fabio Magagnini, a taxi driver, said Saturday. "Around town everyone is saying, 'Let's hope they don't make it fall.' "

According to an ambitious — and risky — plan, the 12th-century tower will be straightened by a half-degree, enough to stabilize it but not enough for the naked eye to detect.

If the project succeeds, as the international committee that devised the plan predicts, tourists might soon be allowed to again make the dizzying climb up the tower's spiral staircase.

Visits to the interior of the tower were banned in 1990 for fear the monument could collapse.

The first phase of the project, meant to safeguard the tower for centuries to come, foresees the attachment of two sets of steel "suspenders."

On Saturday, a huge crane raised a 2-inch thick and 340-foot long cable above the tower. Workers attached it to a giant hook fixed to the third of the tower's eight stories of arches, about 85 feet above the ground.

The cables are anchored to giant winches dug into the ground about 100 yards from the tower.

John Burland, a professor of soil mechanics in London and member of the project's committee, said the suspenders are a precaution to steady the tower in case it unexpectedly teetered.

Once the cables are in place, which should be just before Christmas, workers will start gradually removing about 8 inches of soil from underneath the tower to allow it to settle better and lean less. It now leans 6 degrees — 13 feet off the perpendicular.

If the digging threatens to make the tower wobbly, the suspenders would be pulled tight to hold it. However, Burland said the chances of that happening were virtually nil.

The entire project is expected to take from seven to nine months.

If all goes well, both the suspenders and the 9.3 tons of iron slabs now attached to the tower to counter its lean will be removed.

But what if things don't go well and the tower topples?

"If we did nothing that would happen," Burland said. "The worst we could do is do nothing."

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Mexico's Caribbean coastline becomes for foreigners only

By Mark Stevenson
Associated Press

CANCUN, Mexico — To get to the 1,000-year-old Temple of the Scorpion on the clear blue Caribbean Sea, an ordinary Mexican has to find one of the rare public access paths to the beach and hike about a mile.

A foreign tourist need only step out of one of the luxury hotels that surround the temple.

Needless to say, almost all visitors are foreign. On a recent afternoon, the only Mexican at the temple was groundskeeper Eduardo Hernandez, who was repairing a drainage ditch.

"Nobody comes here," he said. "There's no access. They (the hotels) don't let you walk through their property."

Mexicans are increasingly being cut off from their own Caribbean coast. This year, the Quintana Roo state government sold off 2.6 miles of the last 3 miles of public beaches to hotel developers, or concessioned them off to theme park operators who charge prices few Mexicans can pay.

Along the 80 miles of sand that stretch between Cancun and Tulum, an area known as the Mayan Riviera, there are perhaps two public beaches. On the rest, private owners are building, or hoping to build, exclusive luxury hotels.

Of the 550-mile Caribbean coast down to Belize, almost every inch is privately owned, in large part by foreigners.

Perhaps the most open part is Cancun itself — where the Temple of the Scorpion stands. Although most hotels have security guards who keep undesirables from crossing their property to get to the beach, a half-dozen small, unkempt public access paths squeeze between the resorts.

"You can go through the hotels if you're a blue-eyed gringo, but the darker-skinned you are the less chance they will let you through," said Araceli Dominguez, a member of a local ecologist group.

Even environmentally sensitive areas are being sold off. Sixty miles south of Cancun, Spanish hotel developer Grupo Sol Melia this year bought the sea-turtle nesting ground at Xcacel beach. The beach was a regular stop for schoolchildren on field trips.

"People used to bring their kids and camp behind the beach during nesting season," said Ivan Granados, a 21-year-old biologist working at the turtle protection camp there. "This year, almost nobody came."

Sol Melia has blocked off the access road and begun cutting palm trees, but its executives refused to say what kind of hotel they plan to build.

Jose Luis Perez Quintal, the government official who oversaw the land sales, didn't flinch as he said what Xcacel and the surrounding coast will become: "An exclusive zone for people with high incomes."

Critics accuse the government officials of selling out their nation.

"It appears there is nothing they won't sell to private investors," said Greenpeace Mexico activist Juan Carlos Cantu.

Added opposition-party activist Tulio Arroyo: "They think land is under-used if there's no restaurant on it."

Gov. Mario Villanueva knows Mexicans face discrimination on their own coast. As mayor of Cancun in the early 1990s, he temporarily closed a discotheque and a beach resort for denying entry to Mexicans.

He conceded there are problems with the development, but defended the state's privatization plan.

Construction worker Jaime Rubio, for one, would have used one. He traveled with his wife and three children from the western city of Guadalajara, but couldn't afford the $39-a-person entry fee to X-Caret — a mostly fabricated amusement park with snorkeling and swimming activities in a jungle setting. It would have cost half a month's wages.

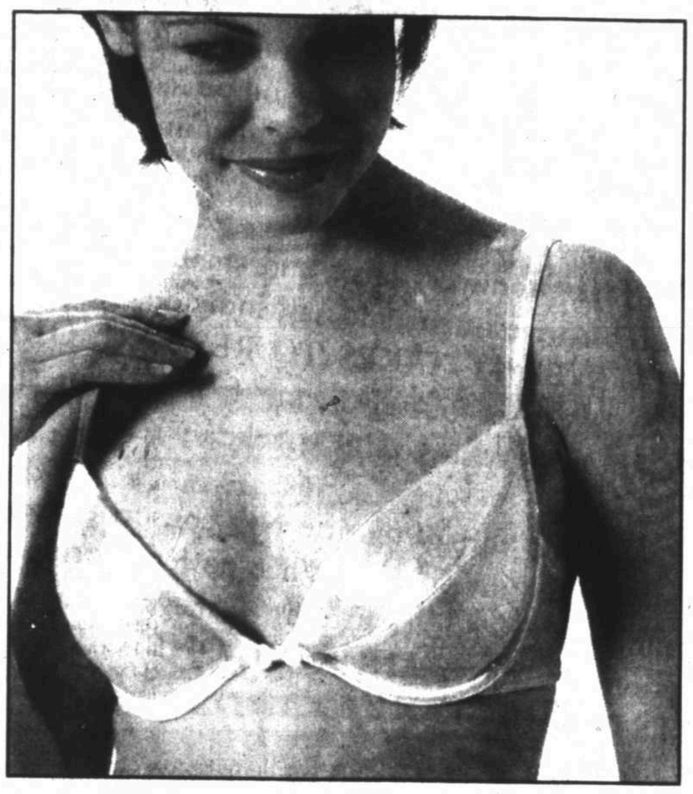
"For Mexicans, this place is no longer accessible," he said. "The dollar rules here."

Two other former government-run beaches were concessioned off to the X-Caret operators recently.

Environmentalists say the development is destroying the coastline. A strict zoning law introduced in 1994 was supposed to limit hotels along the Mayan Riviera to low-rise ecotourism projects. That law has been largely ignored.

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How bad do things have to get before producers large and small, majors as well as independents, look at their profitability and non-existent return on investment and say, individually, **"THIS NO LONGER MAKES SENSE. WE ARE GOING TO DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO RESTORE OUR BUSINESS TO A REASONABLE LEVEL OF PROFITABILITY.** We owe it to ourselves, our families, our stockholders to take whatever action is necessary to make a respectable profit. Our very survival is at stake."

NO government, including our own; **NO** foreign entity; **NO** consortium of countries, has the right to deny us a reasonable profit and a reasonable return on investment. When powers outside our control are determined to put us out of business; when our own government turns a deaf ear to us, we have but one choice if we are to survive, and that is to unite and exercise whatever options we have. **AND THE ONE OPTION EVERY COMPANY HAS IS TO SIGNIFICANTLY CURTAIL ITS PRODUCTION.**

Domestically, we produce 6.3 million barrels of crude oil per day. Shutting in 1/3 of that production should result in a dramatic increase in the price of oil in a relatively short period of time. At current prices, fully 25% of our domestic production is probably unprofitable - maybe more.

Independent producers should be shutting in production. Shareholders of publicly owned companies - whether it be Exxon, Texaco, Apache, whomever - should be calling and writing management, showing up at board and annual meetings, and demanding to know why their company is giving away its assets, and what **specific, meaningful** actions are being taken to improve the price it receives for its oil. **WHY HAS YOUR COMPANY SIMPLY NOT SHUT-IN A SIGNIFICANT PERCENTAGE OF ITS PRODUCTION - AND NOT JUST THE UNPROFITABLE PART, BUT THE MARGINALLY PROFITABLE PORTION AND MORE? AT THIS POINT WHAT IS THERE TO LOSE?** Perhaps, by doing so, your company will encourage others to look at their bottom lines and reach the same conclusion.

This is nothing more than economic reality, determined one company at a time - the same way it was determined in February 1992, when individual natural gas producers decided, "Enough is Enough!" and shut in significant percentages of their production, with the result that the wellhead price of natural gas increased substantially over a period of just a few months.

Is it reasonable to sit back, do nothing, and hope that other key world producers bail us out again by cutting their production? How about a serious initiative on our part for a change? Is it possible that OPEC and other producing countries might join **us?**

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House panel OKs 4th article of impeachment, rejects censure

By Mark Helm
Hearst News Service

WASHINGTON — The House Judiciary Committee on Saturday approved a fourth article of impeachment against President Clinton and rejected Democratic-led efforts to substitute a softer censure resolution.

The committee's final action sets the stage for the historic vote by the full House later this week on four articles of impeachment against the president, marking only the second time in U.S. history that a president has faced such a constitutional punishment.

If a majority of the House approves one or more articles of impeachment, the Senate would then conduct a trial and vote whether to convict the president. A conviction, which requires a two-thirds vote of the 100 senators, would automatically expel Clinton from office.

The absence of the censure alternative brings maximum pressure on House members who believe Clinton should be punished to vote for the articles of impeachment.

The committee votes approving the fourth article of impeachment and rejecting the censure alternative were largely along party lines.

Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., the senior Democrat on the committee and a steadfast defender of the president, said he hoped outgoing House Speaker Newt Gingrich of Georgia or Speaker-elect Bob Livingston of Louisiana would allow the full House to take up the censure option.

"My hope is that the Republican leadership will allow us to fashion a way out of this," he said.

In Louisiana, Livingston told reporters, "Frankly we haven't decided yet."

In rejecting the move to censure Clinton, Republicans on the Judiciary Committee argued that the Constitution did not allow such a step. They also argued that a censure would not adequately punish Clinton for his alleged wrongdoing.

"Censure is a constitutional copout," said Rep. Bob Barr, R-Ga., a leader in the impeachment drive. Rep. Bob Goodlatte, R-Va., said the president would immediately begin undermining a censure by "sending out his spin doctors" to attack it.

"This is exactly what the president wants," he said.

Rep. Marty Meehan, D-Mass., rejected the idea that the president would "laugh off" a censure, saying it would be a "scarlet letter" on the legacy of Clinton's presidency.

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"No American history textbook will fail to mention what the president did and what we thought of it," he said.

Democrats also contended opinion polls show that a majority of the American people favor censure over impeachment.

Conyers said the American public only now is becoming aware that Clinton is close to being impeached.

"I believe a lot of Americans are finding out that the Republican move to remove the president is not only wrong but real," he said.

The defeated censure resolution accused Clinton of violating the trust of the American people; failing to uphold his presidential oath; making "false statements concerning his reprehensible conduct" with a subordinate; and "wrongly" delaying the discovery of the truth.

The censure resolution also would have required the president to sign it to "acknowledge the censure and condemnation."

Clinton, who invited Congress to censure him on Friday, was on a journey to the Middle East.

Earlier in the day, the committee voted 21-16 to approve a fourth article of impeachment that accused the president of abuse of power in connection with written answers he recently submitted to Congress in response to 81 written questions about his relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

Before approving the article, members of the committee narrowed it by removing language condemning the president for asserting executive privilege in trying to prevent testimony sought by Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr and for lying to the American people and his Cabinet.

"He was simply uttering a privilege that is accorded him," said Rep. George Gekas, R-Pa., who proposed making the changes to the article. "We ought to give the benefit of the doubt to the president."

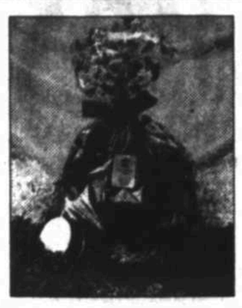
Most Democratic committee members approved the narrowing, although they continued to oppose the remaining allegation that Clinton lied to Congress when he answered the 81 questions submitted by the committee.

Many Republicans, both inside and outside the committee, have voiced anger over Clinton's answers to those questions, claiming they showed that the president was continuing to cover up his misconduct.

Committee Chairman Henry Hyde of Illinois called Clinton's evasive answers to the questions "an assault on the Congress."

But Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., said even the limited accusation of abuse of power was "absolutely indefensible" and that the 81 questions were written to "trap" Clinton into admitting he committed perjury.

Rep. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., praised the committee for limiting the charge. He said Congress "could go down the list of every president from George Washington to the present and impeach everyone of them" if lying were an impeachable offense.



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In radio speech, president announces $2.4 billion for farmers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly $2.4 billion in emergency aid is headed to farmers still reeling from a year of flood, drought, crop disease and collapsing Asian markets.

President Clinton used his weekly radio address Saturday to detail how the aid, included in a $7 billion farm aid package passed by Congress, will be disbursed.

About $400 million will be used to provide incentives — discounts of up to 35 percent — for farmers to buy more and better crop insurance.

"Far too many farmers don't have crop insurance at all, or only buy the bare minimum — not enough to withstand a really devastating year," Clinton said in his speech, taped Friday.

The remaining $2 billion will go to farmers with losses from such causes as floods and crop disease. Nearly $3 billion in aid for farmers hurt by low grain prices already has been distributed.

"America's farmers are the backbone of our economy and the lifeblood of our land," the president said. "We can't afford to let them fail."

Sign up for the money will begin in two months and farmers will be limited to $80,000 in direct aid or $80,000 in crop insurance incentives.

Farmers are eligible for either single-year losses for the 1998 year or multiyear losses for any three or more years between 1994 and 1998.

All crops, whether insured and uninsured, are eligible for the single-year payments. The multiyear provisions, however, cover only insured crops and non-insurable crops.

For farmers with losses in 1998 only, insured crops will be compensated at a rate of 65 percent of the crop insurance market price. Farmers with losses of uninsured crops will be compensated at a 60 percent rate and must agree to buy crop insurance for the 1999 and 2000 crop years.

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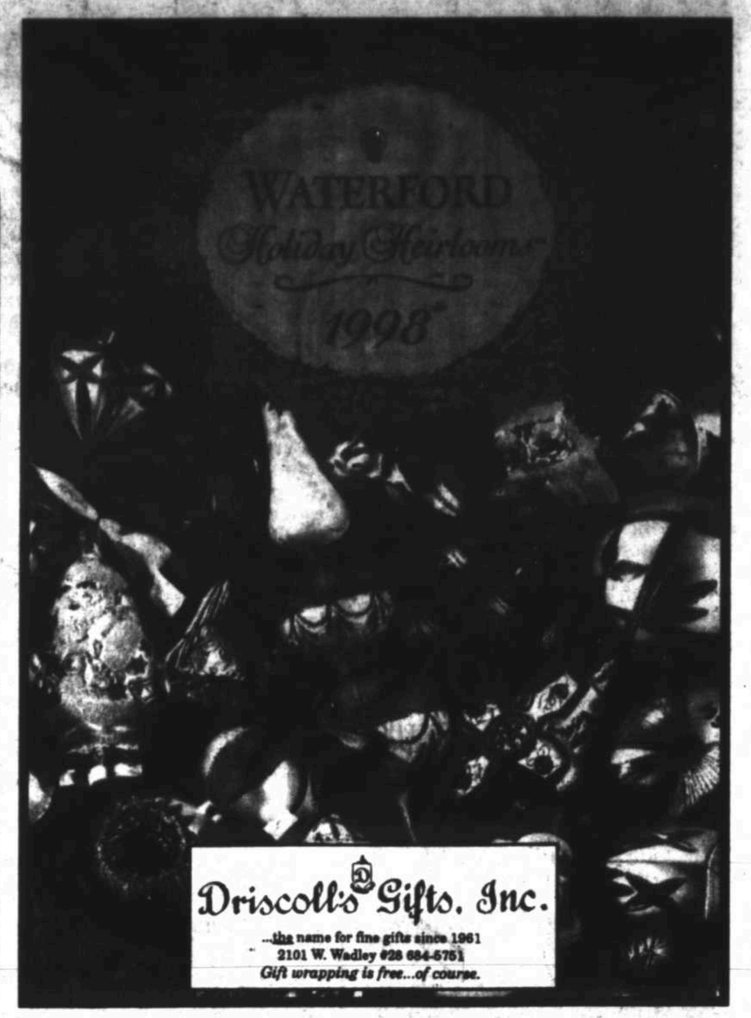
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Florida Gov. Lawton Chiles dies at 68 of apparent heart attack

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Gov. Lawton Chiles, a folksy Southern Democrat dubbed "Walkin' Lawton" for crisscrossing the state on foot in his first U.S. Senate campaign, died Saturday. He was 68.

Chiles, who was found next to his cycling machine in the governor's mansion gymnasium, died of an apparent heart attack, said Linda Shelley, his chief of staff.

Chiles was scheduled to leave office next month, to be succeeded by Republican Jeb Bush. Lt. Gov. Buddy MacKay, who lost to Bush last month, will complete Chiles' term.

"Lawton never forgot the thousands of ordinary citizens he met as he walked the highways and back roads of his state whom he served so well," President Clinton said in Jerusalem. "And they will never forget him."

The House Judiciary Committee, which approved a fourth article of impeachment against Clinton on Saturday, took a break to observe a moment of silence to honor Chiles.

"Governor Chiles was, I think, in most Floridians' eyes the epitome of a fine and decent man, a throwback to the age when partisanship didn't play the role it plays. ... This man rose above party," said Rep. Robert Wexler, a Florida Democrat and member of the Judiciary Committee.

Another committee member from Florida, Republican Rep. Charles Canady, choked back tears as he spoke of Chiles. "He was a good man, he was a dedicated public servant. ... I had the utmost respect for him."

Flags were lowered to half-staff at all state office buildings in honor Chiles, the first Florida governor to die in office since Daniel McCarty in 1953.

Chiles wielded political power for almost 40 years, including 18 as a U.S. senator and eight more as governor. The one-time state legislator championed health care reform and closed borders and unsuccessfully sought tax reform while governor.

He became a power broker as chairman of the U.S. Senate Budget Committee, uniting fellow Democrats against the MX missile program and Reagan administration budget proposals. He quit the Senate over congressional gridlock before the phrase became a popular political excuse.

Chiles first won the governor's office in 1990 over Republican Gov. Bob Martinez. He scored his most impressive and hardest-fought election victory in 1994, when he stood alone in statehouse races among large-state Democratic incumbents against a Republican tide, defeating presidential son Jeb Bush in the closest governor's race in Florida history.

"Governor Chiles once said 'I didn't come here to stay, I came to make a difference,' " Bush said. "He has made a difference, and his mark on history is as deep as his commitment and love for the people of Florida."

In the old Democratic style, Chiles survived on a voting coalition of blacks, retirees and the moderate middle-class throughout his career, even in the ascendancy of Republicans.

When it appeared his 1994 re-election effort was doomed with weeks left in the campaign, Chiles reached back to his roots and dubbed himself the "he-coon." The Southern reference to the oldest, wisest raccoon in the pack played off Bush's status as a political novice with a plastic image.

Chiles repeatedly capitalized on populist sentiment with his length-of-the-state walk in 1970, his self-imposed $100 limit on campaign contributions in the 1990 governor's race and an early attack on the breadth of government agencies and their regulations.

As an unknown state legislator from Polk County, Chiles became "Walkin' Lawton" by walking more than 1,000 miles from the Panhandle to south Florida in three months. Chiles made well-publicized walks in his subsequent campaigns.

In one of his few political setbacks, he was unable to unseat Robert Byrd as Senate minority leader in 1984.

The Lakeland native served as an Army artillery officer in the Korean War and received his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Florida.

He is survived by his wife, Rhea, and four adult children.

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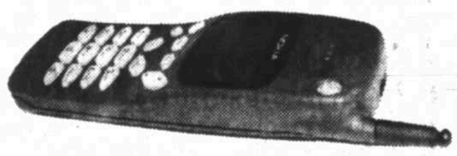
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Administration prepares new child care spending proposal; money to come from tobacco industry

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration will try again next year to get child care money that Congress so far has rejected. But Republicans are cool to the expected $20 billion proposal to aid working poor and middle class families, along with renewed plans for the money to come from the tobacco industry.

"We're not going to just drop the subject," said Bruce Reed, Clinton's domestic policy adviser.

Last year, the president asked Congress for nearly $22 billion for child care over five years. Much of the money was tied to revenue from a massive tobacco settlement bill, but neither proposal advanced far on Capitol Hill.

The administration is now preparing to propose another large-scale program, and the five-year request will again be in the $20 billion range, according to two administration officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"The State of the Union will say something like, 'In the closing days of Congress we got a lot done, but there's more to do: tobacco, child care, the patients' bill of rights," said one of the officials.

The White House has yet to make final decisions on its budget request for 2000, but officials note child care is a top priority of first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Still, there's no indication that Congress is any more interested in substantial new child care spending this year than last. And there's no guarantee that child care will be Clinton's priority when the budget is ultimately negotiated. Other issues, like education, topped his list this year and were funded.

Like last year, the administration will propose beefing up grants to states, which use the money to subsidize child care bills for the working poor and for families coming off of welfare.

While Congress increased child care spending for welfare families in 1996, the administration and state officials complain there isn't enough to serve working poor families who were never on welfare.

The federal money also would expand tax breaks for working families, thus allowing more well-off parents to qualify for existing tax credits and offering bigger credits to those who now qualify.

The administration kicked off its drive a year ago with a White House conference highlighting the twin problems of child care costs and quality. A flurry of legislation followed.

But the only thing Congress ever debated was whether to add tax breaks for parents who sacrifice a second income by staying home with children.

And Republicans insisted that any money available be used for general tax cuts, allowing families to use it how they see fit.

The Clinton initiative also was hurt by its connection to tobacco money and the perception that states didn't need the money, an administration official said.

Postal Service braces for mail storm

WASHINGTON (AP) — Neither rain nor sleet nor blizzard of Christmas mail will stay the U.S. Postal Service from its appointed rounds.

The busiest day for the postal service is Monday, when more than 21 million customers are expected to visit post offices to mail more than 280 million stamped cards and letters.

The total mail volume for this year's holiday season, from Thanksgiving through Christmas, is expected to reach 16.7 billion pieces, a jump of 3 percent over last year, said the service's retail Vice President Pam Gibert.

The Postal Service is extending hours at many post offices, delivering packages on Sundays and accepting credit and debit cards.

Gibert suggested the following tips to avoid getting caught in the crunch.

- Mailing at one of thousands of post offices around the country with extended hours, including on weekends.
- Sending packages by Priority Mail, beginning Monday.
- Using guaranteed overnight Express Mail for packages mailed after Dec. 21 to ensure delivery on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.
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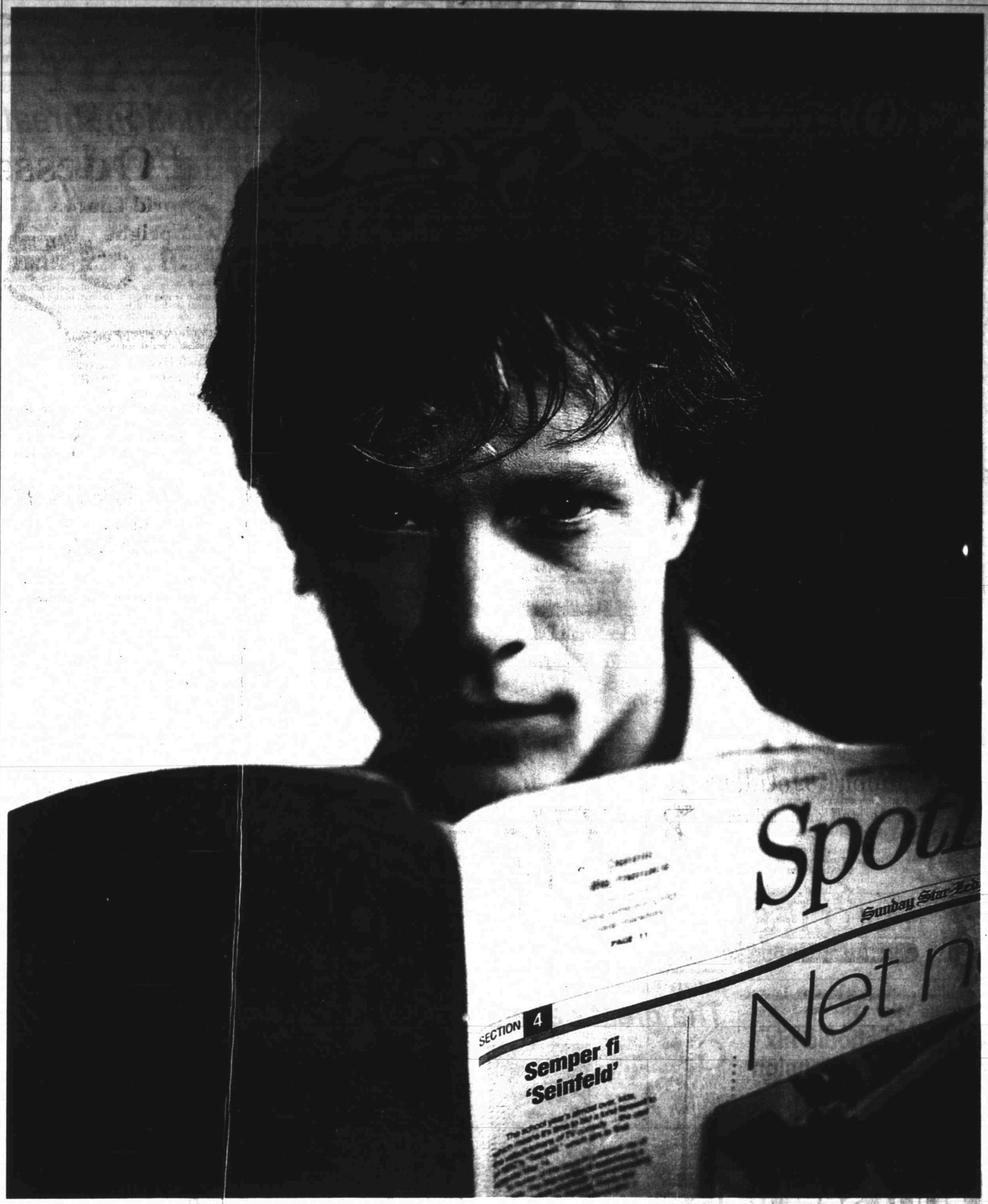
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GPM, home sales are silver lining in Midland future

By any standard we have seen, the year 1998 has had more than its share of bad news for Midland. But as they say, every dark cloud has a silver lining.

That is what we detected in a couple of announcements in recent days. One was notification that Midland will become the new home of the West Texas and New Mexico regional headquarters for GPM Gas Corp. The other was a report that despite the low oil and gas prices experienced this year, the Midland housing market remains robust with construction of new homes continuing at a healthy clip, although slightly behind 1997 levels. Realtors attribute the strong sales to continued low interest rates.

Those are both positive signs that Midland's economy is doing remarkably well despite all of the strikes against it. If retail sales remain strong through the Christmas season, Midland's economy might be stronger than anyone would have suspected at the start of 1999.

Midland still has a lot going for it, which is a great reason to push aside those holiday blues and enjoy the Christmas season.

Midland still has a lot going for it, which is a great reason to push aside those holiday blues and enjoy the Christmas season. Just read the words of Gil Glinsmann, GPM's New Mexico regional manager, and Kay McDonald, president of the Permian Basin Board of Realtors.

Glinsmann remarked of GPM's move from Odessa to Midland, "Nine out of 10 of our producers in the Permian Basin and in the southeastern region of New Mexico have offices in Midland, so this will allow our producers more convenient access to our offices."

While the move may not be pleasing to Odessa officials, GPM is attempting to serve its producers. That's great. Glinsmann obviously has a clear-eyed view of GPM's future.

Mrs. McDonald looked at Midland's housing market and said, "Interest rates are the best in about 20 years from what I've heard. We've got the best-priced housing in the state. People moving into Midland are thrilled." And that is a good sign for Midland's future.

Those are not gloom and doom reports. Those are upbeat, forward-thinking comments.

ANOTHER VIEW

Congress should nix health care expansion

The Clinton administration has apparently found another excuse for expanding Medicare and Medicaid, even though the funding perplexities of those already-gargantuan programs are far from resolved — and even though the excuse does not quite add up.

According to a published report, the administration's concern is for those disabled people who cease receiving Social Security and some other compensatory payments when they go back to work. ...

To be sure, however, there are problems here. Even though they may have recovered sufficiently to resume their careers, some people may be reluctant to do so and thereby give up the benefits. And if they were to take on jobs, some people who are still ill might not be able to secure affordable health insurance.

But ways exist to address these issues other than heaping mounds of Medicare and Medicaid money on them, and the administration's proposed solution is one more step down the wrong road. Incrementally, piece by piece, by expanding government programs and further controlling private health insurance, the administration has been doing what it failed to do in 1994 in one fell swoop. It is gradually moving the country to the expensive chaos of nationalized health care. Congress should just say no.

— The Morning News
Florence, S.C.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Dec. 13, the 347th day of 1998. There are 18 days left in the year. The Jewish "Feast of Lights," Hanukkah, begins at sunset.

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In 1642, Dutch navigator Abel Tasman arrived in present-day New Zealand.

In 1769, Dartmouth College, in New Hampshire, received its charter.

In 1862, Union forces suffered a major defeat from Confederate forces at the Battle of Fredericksburg.

In 1918, President Wilson arrived in France, becoming the first chief executive to visit Europe while in office.

JACK ANDERSON

Shevardnadze weathers assassination threats

TBILISI, Georgia — In this 1,500-year-old city, whose name means "warm" for its ancient sulfur springs, the temperature is just right for many of the citizens — but way too hot for others, like President Eduard Shevardnadze.


Anderson

Somebody has been trying to assassinate the president, and no one knows for sure who is responsible. He has enemies aplenty, and the nefarious, hidden hand of the Russian military seems to be orchestrating an anti-Shevardnadze campaign. But solid proof is wanting.

Shevardnadze is the highly respected former foreign minister of the Soviet Union. He resigned that post on principle, after Mikhail Gorbachev and Kremlin hard-liners put the brakes on perestroika.

He was proved correct in the end, for within months of his resignation those same hard-liners mounted a coup against the vacillating Gorbachev. The coup was defeated, but cost Gorbachev his presidency and paved the way for the final dissolution of the Soviet Union.

By that time, in late 1991, Shevardnadze was back here in his beloved Tbilisi, capital of a new country that was trying to shake two centuries of Russian control.

Leading the revolt against such control for years — and when it was particularly dangerous to do so — was Zviad Gamsakhurdia, son of Georgia's most respected writer.

The new nation tapped Gamsakhurdia as its first elected president, but the romance quickly fizzled. Personal eccentricities, and a nasty dictatorial streak quickly cost him many supporters. Civil war broke out in 1992, but most of it was confined to a mile-long avenue that houses the Parliament and other government buildings.

Out of the gunfire emerged a new president, Shevardnadze. "We wished this would have happened another way," explains a presidential adviser to our associate Dale Van Atta. "But it was necessary to restore stability to our country."

Shevardnadze did impose some stability. But he could do little to prevent separatist ethnic enclaves like Abkhazia from becoming de facto independent states — particularly since, according to our intelligence sources, the Russian military is covertly assisting these groups in unsettling the Georgian government.

"Russia does not want Georgia getting any closer to the U.S. or the West," a Western diplomat told us here. "Look at what happened last October, just when Western companies were about to sign a pipeline deal here."

He is referring to a limited uprising by several army officers who persuaded — or misled — about a dozen tank crews east of Tbilisi to start driving their tanks to the capital.

The one-day rebellion ended after Shevardnadze made a national television broadcast, and it was clear to the young army soldiers that this was not a normal exercise, but was being viewed as traitorous mutiny. The leaders were arrested and jailed.

Shevardnadze's ouster was clearly their goal, and their allegiance was given to the late Gamsakhurdia, whom they believe was unconstitutionally removed from office.

Sometimes the efforts of these enemies are more surgical. In 1995, diehard Gamsakhurdia supporters tried to assassinate Shevardnadze with a car bomb. The alleged mastermind, Igor Giorgadze, lives in Russia now, where he is closely guarded and colludes with the Russian Defense Ministry.

He and other Gamsakhurdia followers are also believed to be behind last February's anti-tank grenade and automatic-rifle attack on Shevardnadze's armored Mercedes-Benz. One bullet nearly pierced the glass beside the president's head, but he survived, miraculously unharmed.

Such events have understandably made Western companies a bit anxious about Georgia's stability. The West has pushed for construction of a pipeline delivering Caspian oil to travel through Georgia and Armenia, but the Russians are trying to make sure it only goes through their own country.

Ironically, Russia's Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov, who grew up in this city, fears the effect that an oil pipeline — and economic independence — would have on his native country. Primakov wants Georgia — and most of the rest of the former Soviet client states — to be "re-integrated" with Russia.

But despite Russia's efforts to stir up trouble in Georgia, the capital city and much of the country is quiet and peaceful. That's the way its hospitable people like it.

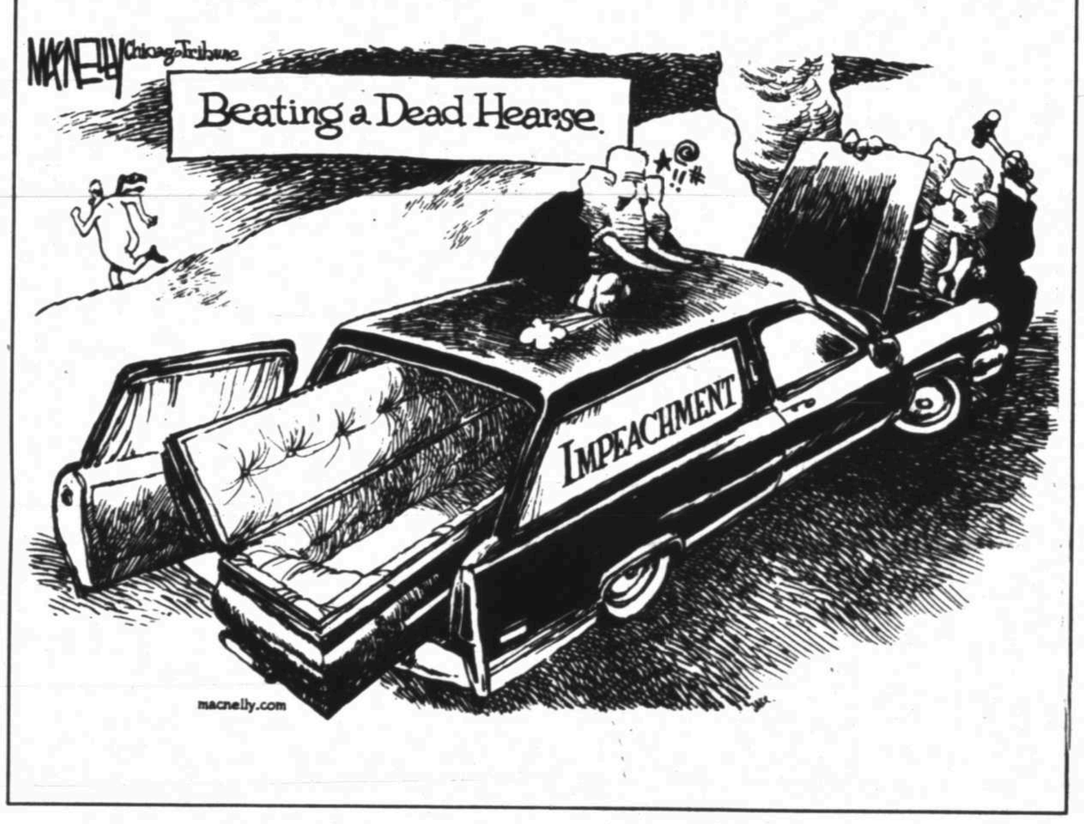
Perhaps the single most remarkable evidence of Georgia's general good nature can be seen in its year-long national celebration commemorating 2,600 years of Georgian-Jewish relations. Alone among countries in most of Asia and much of Europe, there has been no mass persecution of Jews for two and a half millennia.

"Anti-Semitism never existed here," says Givi Gambashidze of the Georgian-Jewish Association.

And that, in many ways, tells the story of this republic and its people. Throughout history, Jews have often been the scapegoats in tough times. If you want to take the measure of a society's tolerance, their treatment of Jews is a good place to start.

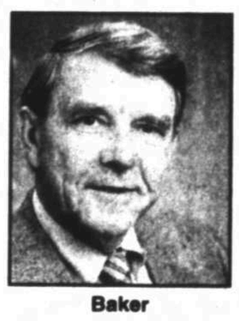
If only Shevardnadze were being given the same respect.

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RUSSELL BAKER

The great debate keeps rattling on


Baker

Greatest Nation on God's Green Earth (Statesmanship Dept.):

"He did." "He didn't."

"He did too." "He did not."

"Did too, too, too." "Did not, not, not."

"It's impeachable." "Unimpeachable."

"Impeachable." "Unimpeachable."

"Impeacha." "Unimpeacha."

"Peacha." "Unpeacha."

"Imp, imp, imp." "Un, un, un, it's only about sex."

"About lies under oath." "Sex."

"Lies under oath." "Sex, sex, sex, sex, sex."

"Oath, oath, oathady-oath." "Sexady-sex, sexady-sex."

"Oathady-oath." "Exady-ex."

"Starr got the goods." "Got no Whitewater goods."

"Got the Monica goods." "Got no Filegate goods."

"Got Monica, Monica, Monica goods." "Got no Travelgate goods."

"Monica goods, Monica goods." "Don't make him impeachable."

"Yes, they make him impeachable." "No they don't."

"Yes they do." "No they don't."

"Yes they do." "Don't."

"Do." "Unimpeachable, that's what he is."

"Impeachable is what he is." "How about Linda Tripp, deceiver of pals?"

"How about Paula?" "Paula Jones?"

"You think John Paula Jones? Of course Paula Jones." "Tool of vast right-wing conspiracy."

"No such thing." "Impeachment is a plot of right-wing conspiracy."

"No it's not." "Yes it is."

"'Tain't neither." "'Tis too."

"That's Hillary talk." "Hillary good."

"Hillary not so good." "Hillary tops."

"Hillary cunning, crafty." "Henry Hyde craftier and cunninger."

"America has no finer public servant." "He's Henery the Sly, he is."

"He is Henery the trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent. As chairman of a committee with a majority of decent, clean-living Republicans he is struggling against vicious, underhanded Democratic apologists for an insufferable president to serve decency and the Founding Fathers." "No he isn't."

"Yes he is." "Isn't."

"Is." "Henery's the one ought to be impeached."

"It's Hillary ought to be impeached." "Starr and Linda Tripp are parasites on the public payroll."

"James Carville is a parasite on whatever payroll he's on." "What's more, the public is sick and tired of the whole thing."

"Polls showing a sick-and-tired public cannot be permitted to stay Congress from the swift completion of its harsh and cruel duty." "Of course they can."

"No they can't." "Yes they can, can, can."

"They can't." "They can too."

"Can't." "Especially since whatever he did is unimpeachable."

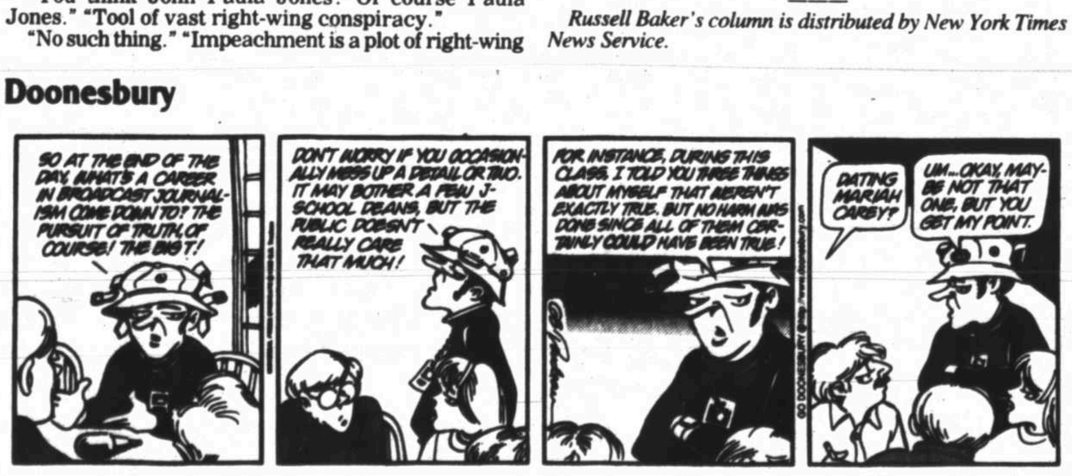
"Impeachable." "Unimpeachable."

"Oathady-oath." "Sexady-sex, sexady-sex."

And so the Greatest Nation on God's Green Earth marches onward to ever greater greatness.

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GEORGE WILL

Lee appointment foreshadowed Clinton's troubles

"I have done my best to work with the United States Senate in an entirely constitutional way. But we had to get somebody into the Civil Rights Division."

— President Clinton, Dec. 15, 1997

WASHINGTON — A year has passed since President Clinton accompanied his appointment of Bill Lann Lee as assistant attorney general for civil rights — as "acting" assistant attorney general in perpetuity — with that breezy acknowledgment: The appointment was not "entirely constitutional."


Will

This year the nation has become used to the mincing language by which Clinton describes his lawlessness. However, it is worth remembering that even last December there was nothing memorable about that day.

There was no indignation about Clinton's offhand admission that he considers respect for the law, including the Constitution and his oath of office, as merely optional. There was virtual silence from the Senate, silence that, 12 months later, has special pertinence. The Senate, which soon may be a jury judging Clinton's illegalities, was — is — fully complicit in the lawlessness of the Lee appointment.

Indeed, the Senate is the most culpable party. The Framers counted on the constitutional order being preserved not just, or even primarily, or perhaps even significantly, by the virtue of the political class. Rather, the Framers counted on countervailing rivalries and jealousies within that class.

They assumed the system of separation of powers would be preserved by each institution's prickly vigilance in defense of its prerogatives. Which is why Justice Joseph Story said "no serious abuse of power can take place without the cooperation of two coordinate branches of the government."

Instead, in a disregard of law more lastingly significant than Clinton's criminality, the Senate acquiesced like so many sheep — well, sheep with a capacity to stamp their little hooves and pout — in the erasure of a power central to the constitutional system of checks and balances, its power to advise and consent to presidential appointees.

On July 21, 1997, Clinton submitted Lee's nomination to the Senate. Lee's expansive interpretations of civil rights laws were unacceptable to the Judiciary Committee. On Nov. 13, 1997, the Senate adjourned without the committee having voted on the nomination. Lee's supporters had blocked a vote to avoid a formal nonrecommendation to the full Senate.

Clinton could then have given Lee a recess appointment, but it would have expired at the end of the next congressional session. Instead, in a series of maneuvers that were as nimble as they were dishonest — does this remind you of Clinton's grand jury testimony? — Clinton placed Lee in office. He did so despite the fact that the Vacancies Act, the only law that empowers presidents to appoint temporary attorneys general, prohibits Lee from serving even a single day.

The Senate's refusal to insist upon its rights regarding Lee is just one more reason for rank-and-file Republicans to wonder why they are Republicans, and why they should care deeply about keeping the Senate Republican. It also is a reason for all Americans to recognize the seamlessness of recent events.

Last Dec. 15 was a busy day for Clinton, who, when not "entirely" respecting the Constitution, was receiving from Paula Jones' lawyers a request for documents "related to communications between the President and Monica Lewinsky." This was the first discovery request to mention Lewinsky's name.

Sixteen days before this low, dishonest year dawned, Clinton, in the Lee case, cheekily announced his contempt for law. This was before his glandular life reduced him to exercising that contempt in defense of his endless adolescence. Those who say his sex-related perjuries are "private" matters should consider: His low crimes of the last year flow from the same character displayed in his public behavior regarding Lee.

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LETTERS

During Christmas holidays, try to remember reason for the season

During this Christmas season, I would like to remind all to remember the meaning of Christmas and the spirit of giving.

Think back over this past year about the lives you have touched, the lives you have ruined, the hurts you personally may have caused to others you know, or have known in the past — perhaps a past associate, friend, employee, or family member. And, during this holiday season of good will, ask God for forgiveness for the personal destructions and hurts you have caused others and pray that God forgives you and that the same ill-faiths that you have caused others do not befall you or your loved ones.

I personally would like to wish all a wonderful Christmas, and to those of you who have done terrible wrongs to another this year — try to live with your conscience ask for forgiveness and remember the season with a reason. Live in peace and harmony with each other. God is watching us and he will remember.

I have personally gone through a lot of personal losses and traumas this past year and would like to say thank you to all my friends and family who have helped me. I am glad that I am alive. Remember the season. Think of the reason! Merry Christmas.

Lisa Wilkes-Richardson

Charter school story needs unbiased facts instead of MISD opinions

In the recent two-part series on Midland Advantage Charter School, we learned that MISD officials are critical of this new public education option. The children of Midland will be better served if MISD would show more support of other educational institutions, and not merely see them as competition to be criticized and feared.

In the coming months, many Midland parents will have to decide whether the new school would be a better educational choice for their children. It would be helpful for the newspaper to present unbiased facts instead of the opinions of MISD administrators.

Please continue the series by presenting more factual information about Midland Advantage Charter School.

Robert G. Volkmann

Midlanders should be proud to call city home

I am a junior journalism major at Angelo State University in San Angelo and a native Midlander. After living in Midland for more than 17 years, I was amazed at a recent article by Myra Salcedo on how Midland "grows" on you.

I was born and raised in Midland. I am a 1996 MHS graduate and know the feeling that comes with following Friday night football and a late night trip to Bennigan's. Never in my life did I think that I would miss being in Midland, but after living here in Angelo for only 3 months, I will admit that I've never been so homesick.

The article struck a special place that somehow makes me look forward to moving back after I graduate. Ms. Salcedo talked of an unusual airport experience. I have had a similar encounter. On a flight from Midland to Albuquerque, I sat next to an older woman named Lauren whom I did not know. She lived in El Paso and was a textbook dealer for MISD. We chatted awhile and she said that she felt confident that I was of somewhat of a "sane mind" (as she put it) because I was from Midland. What a relief to know that total strangers hold our town and its citizens in such high regard when they don't even live here.

When returning to Midland last summer following a trip to Washington, D.C., I overheard the flight attendants chit-chatting. They were looking forward to staying the night in Midland because they enjoyed going to "that Jazz restaurant." WOW!!! Three individuals from somewhere northeast fly across the nation daily for a living. It's overwhelming to think that the reward at the end of their day is a few drinks at this cool little pub — in Midland, Texas of all places. I'm proud to call Midland home. I read the Reporter-Telegram's online edition daily.

None-the-less, just thought I'd thank the Reporter-Telegram and Ms. Salcedo for the article and what it hopefully accomplished — for all Midlanders.

Neal Wilmes

Supporters at Lee football playoff games give 'oldie' new hope

I made the trip to the Lee football game in Dallas on the bus that had been organized by Bonnie Atwater, (mother of Trey #42). I wish to thank her for the time and effort she spent before and during the trip that gave those of us who couldn't or wouldn't have been able to have an opportunity to see the Rebels win yet another one.

I would like to tell all the people of Midland how proud they can be of the backers of this fine group of young men and women. Their support both in Dallas and in San Angelo was unbelievable, both in number and attitude.

We hear everyday about young people today who are not what us "oldies" think they should be. As a retired teacher, it really scares me they are confronted with so many negatives. I came away from Dallas with new hope that all is not lost. I sat next to a young couple who I sit behind at home games. In front of us was a young woman who was with her father. She was an avid Lee fan and a Lee alum, outwardly excited at the team's performance as we all were. She not only was extremely attractive but polite, friendly and intelligently conversive. It became apparent she and her father had a great relationship and love for each other. I discovered her name is Reagan Hughes ... Miss Texas 1997.

If memory serves me correctly, she was in Midland this year, visited schools, and at the time was criticized by some for not having dressed according to the MISD dress code. May I state, for her to represent herself, her parents, her school and her city as she obviously has done and is doing, that she is what most of us wish young people would become. In talking with her father after the game, it was obvious her strength and attitudes come from a loving and Christian family.

God speed to her and to the fine young men representing Midland so well.

Thanks again, Midland, for being such great fans. Go Rebs!

Pat Brabham

Home-field advantage for Midland team at Ratliff Stadium says it all

Well we got some TV coverage on the stadium by Big 2. Hooray for them!

Even more important, I hope the people of Midland have noticed this important fact. If the Lee Rebels were going to have home-field advantage for the semi-final game against Lake Highlands, the home field was to be Ratliff Stadium in Odessa and not the old dinosaur Midland Memorial! I believe that says it all. Thank you Coach Parchman!

Gary Day

SPEAKING OUT

Public school system has lost its way

By Rosalind K. Haley



A resident of Midland since the mid-1970s, Rosalind K. Haley formerly was a member of the Chatham County Board of Education in Savannah, Ga. She is a native of New York City and grew up there and in Savannah.

For the first time in decades, student enrollment has decreased at Midland Independent School District (MISD), according to an article in the Midland Reporter-Telegram of Nov. 20, 1998. The reasons are complex ... possibly the substantial growth of private education...of Christian schools ... of home schools.

Midland Christian School grew by 17 percent and now tops 1,000 students with 100 on the waiting list. Texas public schools base their funding formula on daily average attendance; so, this becomes a serious loss to MISD.

"A charter school is opening its doors to controversies" according to an article in the Nov. 27 Reporter-Telegram. This headline condemns the charter school before the door is even open! But, controversies are beneficial if the facts are honestly reported. There apparently is a real demand. Parents are concerned and aware that their children have been dumbed-down/brainwashed through American public education as reported by several prominent educators.

Whenever any state-run business or operation becomes noncompetitive, it is rarely benevolent, almost always dictatorial. Charter schools are essentially nontraditional public schools, state funded and tuition-free. Competition is the lifeblood of America. Who will best learn to read or write an essay, or do mathematics without a calculator?

The Washington Times of Nov. 16 reports this front page headline: "Top Court Upholds School Vouchers." The Supreme Court on Nov. 9, allowed Wisconsin to continue using state funds to pay for poor children to attend private and religious schools. Pete Hutchison, general counsel for the pro-voucher Landmark Legal Foundation, said the court's action removes the last hurdle for Milwaukee's most disadvantaged children to reach the lifeline of quality education.

"The Supreme Court's action ... sends the signal that programs like the Milwaukee choice plan are legal ... This year alone the Milwaukee public schools will lose 25 million in taxpayer dollars to the coffers of private and religious schools."

To be eligible for vouchers up to $4,900, families must live in Milwaukee, home to some of the state's worst public schools and most disadvantaged students. A single can earn no more than $14,000 annually, family of four no more than $26,000. Here is how it works:

The state sends the voucher check directly to the private school, but the parent must sign it. The state then cuts the city's public school budget by the same amount for each student who transfers out of the system.

This year, 7,500 students are using vouchers to pay tuition at Milwaukee's 81 religious and 31 nonsectarian schools that qualify.

Clint Bolick of the Institute for Justice, a Washington-based law firm, is defending voucher programs in six states, predicting the action will have far-reaching implications. "It'll fuel other school choice legislation around the country and will be a useful precedent," he said.

Is bad education that critical in America?

The Wall Street Journal of Nov. 9 had a front page lead article that stated: "About 30 percent of first-time college students take remedial courses because they can't read, write or do math adequately ... and it's rising." That is one of almost every three students.

New York Mayor Rudolph Guiliani proposed that City University of New York get out of the remedial business...that 80 percent of incoming students need remedial help! It's time to force public schools to properly teach.

In Georgia, 20 percent of state university freshmen take remedial courses. California State University hopes to cut their 50 percent remedial students down to 10 percent. This national scandal should eventually force public schools to teach reading, writing and arithmetic.

"I think we should change the standards so we give the kids a real high school diploma," said Herman Badillo, former Bronx president and trustee of City University of New York.

When America was first settled and the Mayflower dropped anchor, no one set foot on Plymouth Rock for two days. Gov. Bradford and those aboard offered thanks to God Almighty for their safe journey and dedicated their future to God's greater honor and glory. There were several fine teachers among this small band of determined, courageous intellectuals, whose main teaching tool was the Holy Bible. The Pilgrims taught morals, ethics and the Ten Commandments.

Today, with the results of America's NONEDUCATION SYSTEM, we are developing welfare parasites and bums. The public school education system is due intense scrutiny. They have lost their way.

Are they listening?

HISTORICAL MARKER

Hardin lived by the gun, found God, started a law practice, then died by the gun

Editor's Note: Information for this article came from the Midland County Historical Museum, Nita Stewart Haley Memorial Library, the books "Jeff Milton, A Good Man With a Gun," "George Scarborough, The Life and Death of a Lawman on the Closing Frontier," "The Handbook of Texas," "The Life of John Wesley Hardin" published in "Frontier Times" magazine and early-day newspaper accounts.

By Bill Modisett

It was the killing of a deputy sheriff at Comanche that landed John Wesley Hardin in prison. That result might actually have saved him had he not already set in motion the evil that would eventually take his life.

The killing of the deputy wasn't his first. In fact, by the fall of 1868, Hardin had killed four men and he was only 15 years old. He was getting a reputation for having a "hot gun."

But Hardin lived in tumultuous days when the Texas frontier was grudgingly giving way to encroaching civilization.

As James Hatch of San Antonio, an acquaintance of Hardin, noted in the June 1924 issue of "Frontier Times" magazine, Hardin "killed many men, it is true, but he killed them because they hunted him as they would have hunted a wild and dangerous animal. He killed them knowing that if he did not kill they would kill him, and self-defense is the first law of nature."

Hardin's reputation kept following him around.

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In his autobiography, Hardin said that in May of 1874 he was in Comanche County where his brother, Joe Hardin, and cousin, Aleck Barrickman, lived when he heard "that Charles Webb, the deputy sheriff from Brown County, had come over to Comanche with fifteen men to kill me and capture Jim Taylor for the reward. I also heard that he had said that John Karnes, the sheriff of Comanche, was no man or sheriff because he allowed a set of murderers to stay around him, headed by the notorious John Wesley Hardin ...."

Webb also had "arrested a whole cow camp a short time before and had treated a man whom he called John Wesley Hardin most cruelly, telling him he was afraid of his own name and jabbed him in the side with a gun, knowing positively that I was not in the country at that time."

Then, added Hardin, had he been in the country "I would have taught him a lesson sooner."

A short time later Hardin was in Comanche talking with Dave Karnes when he met Deputy Charles Webb. "I asked him what he had in his hand behind his back and he showed a cigar."

Then Hardin said, "Mr. Webb, we were just going to take a drink or a cigar; won't you join us?"

Webb replied, "Certainly."

"As I turned around to go in the north door, I heard someone say, 'Look out, Jack.' It was Bud Dixon, and as I turned around I saw Charles Webb drawing his pistol. He was in the act of presenting it when I jumped to one side, drew my pistol and fired.

"In the meantime Webb had fired, hitting me in the left side, cutting the length of it, inflicting an ugly and painful wound. My aim was good and a bullet hole in the left cheek did the work. He fell against the wall and fired a second shot, which went into the air.

"In the meantime, my friends, Jim Taylor and Bud Dixon, seeing that Webb had taken the drop on me and had shot me, pulled their pistols and fired on him as he was falling, not knowing that I had killed him. Each shot him in the side and breast," wrote Hardin.

The crowd that had gathered then turned against Hardin, crying out "Hardin has killed Charley Webb; let us hang him."

The Comanche County sheriff, John Karnes, a friend of Hardin, then walked up and asked, "Who did this work?"

"I told him I had done it," Hardin later wrote, "and would surrender to him if he would protect me from the mob. I handed him my pistol to show my good faith."

Later Hardin noted, "I was willing to surrender, but the sheriff said he could not protect me; that the mob was too strong and Charley Webb had been their leader. He advised me to stay around until the excitement died down and then come in and surrender. So I went to some mountains about four miles off and next day my brother and some friends came out to see me and my party and by them I sent back the horses we had gotten out of town on and two pistols we had found in the saddle pockets."

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John Wesley Hardin later learned how a mob of 150 men had "in the dead hours of midnight, come into the town of Comanche, had thrown ropes around the necks of Joe, Bud and Tom and had led them, bareheaded and barefooted, through the streets and out to some post oaks nearby, where they hung them until they were dead."

The death of his relatives at the hands of a lynch mob in June 1874 ensured that Hardin would always have an uncontrollable fear of mobs. So he made the decision to leave Texas as a wanted man.

Hardin wrote, "I was now about to leave, not because I was an outlaw, but because mob law had become supreme in Texas, as the hanging of my relatives and friends amply proved. I went to Brenham after my loving wife, who was as true to me as the magnet to the steel, met all my friends once more and settled all my business there preparatory to leaving the country."

Even as he was leaving Texas, Hardin swore "over my brother's grave ... to avenge my brother's death ... While I write this, I say from the deepest depths of my heart that my desire for revenge is not satisfied, and if I live another year, I promise my friends and my God to make another of my brother's murderers bite the dust. Just as long as I can find one of them and know for certain that he participated in the murder of my brother, just that and nothing more, right there, be the consequences what they may, I propose to take life."

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Hardin fled to Florida to escape the heat, but was tracked down by Texas Ranger John B. Armstrong. According to an Associated Press article by Robert E. Ford, "Armstrong traced Wes to that state and found out he and some fellow criminals would be on a train.

"Armstrong set up an ambush, but the other officers discreetly disappeared.

"So here was Armstrong, his gun drawn, walking down the aisle of the train taking on Hardin and four associates.

"Armstrong killed one, knocked out Hardin with a blow to the head that left him unconscious for two hours, and arrested the three remaining outlaws," Ford wrote.

John Wesley Hardin was returned to Texas, tried for the killing of Deputy Charley Webb and sentenced to 25 years in prison.

Then fate intervened once again.

In his article James Hatch wrote, "He made friends with the penitentiary warden and other prison officials, and proved himself a model prisoner."

Hardin, who after his marriage had been strongly influenced by his wife, "professed religion and opened a Bible class among the convicts.

"Sometime after he began serving his sentence a number of desperate convicts planned to overpower the guards and escape, and because of his friendliness to the prison officials Hardin was kept in ignorance of the plot. The plan was to overpower and kill a certain number of the guards, capture the arsenal, then arm and liberate all long-term prisoners. And but for John Wesley Hardin the plan would have been a complete success. As soon as the rush started the convicts seized guns and began shooting down guards and were rapidly gaining flight when the warden rushed to Hardin's cell and asked him if he would help put down the insurrection. He told the warden to arm him and he would do all he could."

The warden did so and when Hardin confronted the convicts and began shooting with deadly aim, the convicts began to weaken and Hardin and the guards regained control of the prison.

Hatch wrote, "When all were safely locked up Hardin surrendered his borrowed gun to the warden and asked to be conducted back to his own cell. Thus he became the hero of the Huntsville penitentiary. The newspapers published accounts of his heroic assistance in suppressing the uprising and many visitors were given permits to interview him."

Not long after the uprising, Hardin was pardoned by Gov. James S. Hogg in 1893. During his time in prison, Hardin had been studying the law and "shortly after he received his pardon and was released from the penitentiary Hardin was admitted to the bar...."

He and his wife moved to El Paso and Hardin opened a law practice.

It seemed that John Wesley Hardin had set a new course for his life. But his reputation as a gunman was still following him.

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An adage asserts that those who live by the gun die by the gun. John Wesley Hardin was a gunman who had put more than 40 men in their graves. More than one person wanted him dead.

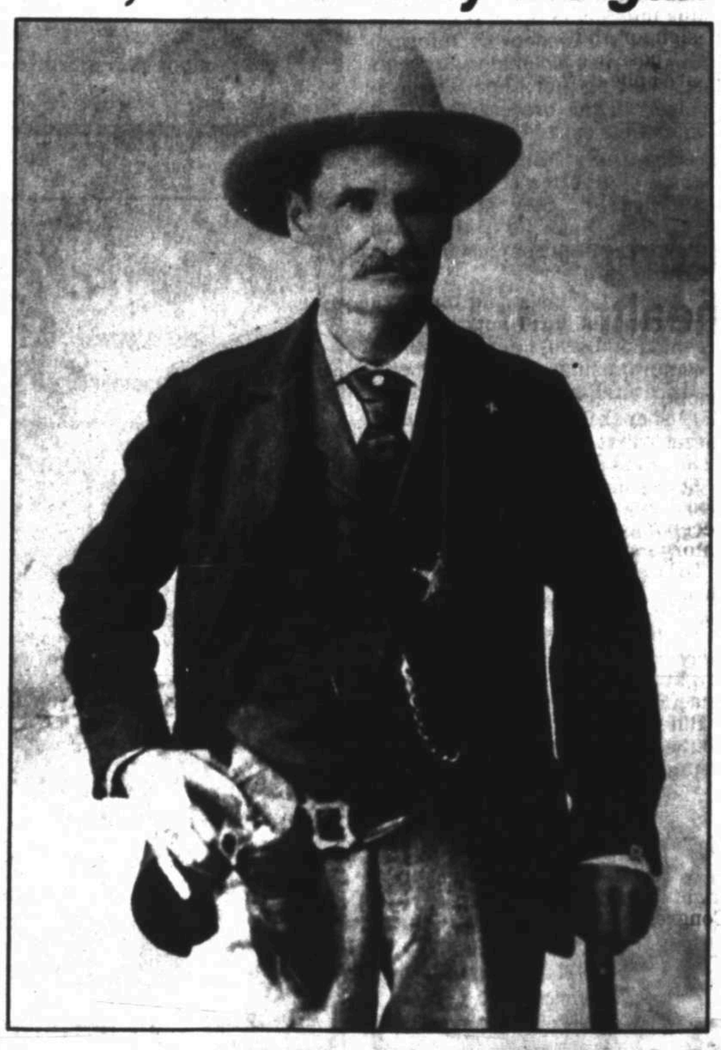


Photo courtesy Nita Stewart Haley Memorial Library

"Scandalous" John Selman shot John Wesley Hardin in the back of the head at the Acme Saloon in El Paso in 1895. Hardin lived by the gun and died by the gun.

Historian J. Evetts Haley wrote in his biography of Jeff Milton that on Aug. 19, 1895, Wes Hardin was in the Acme Saloon "rolling dice with the tender, Henry Brown, for a quarter a throw. Hardin shook first and tossed the ivories out.

"'Four sixes to beat,' he said, as Brown picked up the dice.

"Just then the carefully elusive figure of Old John Selman eased in at the swinging doors behind him and cut loose with his .45. Hardin slid to the floor while Selman still pumped in the lead."

John Wesley Hardin was dead, shot in the back of the head.

"Scandalous" John Selman, a controversial figure in his own right, was acquitted on a plea of self-defense in the killing of Hardin.

Less than a year later, Selman was shot to death in El Paso by U.S. Marshal George Scarborough.

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Smoke hoods catch on as air travel survival gear

Associated Press

On hands and knees in the smoke-filled cabin of the Boeing 737, David H. Koch knew he had to get out. As fast as he could.

"I stood up and put my head in the smoke, and started coughing violently," Koch recalls. "I could feel the smoke starting to overcome me."

His USAir flight had hit a commuter plane while landing at Los Angeles International Airport, and the burning craft pinned below was generating thick, black smoke.

Seeing a sliver of light, Koch went for it. He was lucky; it was an exit. Twenty of the 23 fatalities on Koch's flight were attributed to smoke inhalation.

Koch believes most of the victims would have survived if they'd had smoke hoods, loose-fitting bags that are pulled over the head and provide clean air to breathe.

They can be had for the price of a good hat — and they've gained a following in recent years.

One hood manufacturer saw sales through an in-flight catalog double this year, to 3,000. The Air Force bought 8,200 smoke hoods for transport aircraft this year, bringing its total to 34,200. Companies such as McDonald's Corp., General Electric Co. and Seagram Co. have purchased them for corporate jets.

The simplest smoke hoods are translucent bags fitted with filters at mouth level and made of advanced materials able to withstand hundreds of degrees of heat. The filter clears toxins from smoke, including deadly carbon monoxide. More elaborate hoods provide their own oxygen.

Federal regulators have declined to require smoke hoods on airliners, but some travelers are making their own choices.

"I carry one in my briefcase now," says Koch, executive vice president of oil and gas producer Koch Industries, the nation's second-largest private company. The 1991 collision and fire made him a believer.

Whether to install smoke hoods on commercial aircraft has been an off-and-on issue for about 30 years. The chief concern of the Federal Aviation Administration, the agency responsible for U.S. air safety, is that passengers taking time to don the hoods would be slower to evacuate a burning plane.

"What you want to do is get people out of the airplane as quickly as possible," says Peggy Gilligan, the FAA's deputy associate administrator for regulation and certification. Smoke hoods, she says, might give passengers a "false sense of protection."

Smoke-hood proponents dispute that contention.

"The bottom line is money," says Mary Schiavo, an air safety advocate and former inspector general of the Department of Transportation, which oversees the FAA. "We don't have them because of the money on the part of the airlines."

Five years ago, the FAA rejected a proposal that it mandate smoke hoods on all commercial airliners. The proposal, initially introduced in 1987, was firmly opposed by the Air Transport Association of America, a trade group representing U.S. airlines. In denying the request, the FAA cited an ATA analysis that put the cost to buy and install the hoods industrywide at $127.7 million.

Ms. Schiavo says that number is probably a fair estimate, even today. But as safety improvements go, she adds, it's "not that much."

The airline industry is spending $400 million for onboard computer systems to warn pilots when they fly too close to the ground or high mountains. The bill to install fire detection and suppression systems in airtight cargo holds, a result of the 1996 ValuJet crash into the Florida Everglades, is $360 million.

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David A. Fuscus, an ATA spokesman, says the airline industry's record "shows pretty strongly that we're willing to spend money and do spend money all the time for aviation safety."

The group's main objection to smoke hoods, he says, remains the concern about increased evacuation time.

Advocates of smoke hoods, however, say exposure to the smoke itself — blinding and toxic — presents a huge hindrance to escape.

John Beardmore survived a fire that started in the left engine of a British Airtours 737 as it was taking off from Manchester, England, in 1985.

The jet was gaining speed when flames broke out. With smoke pouring into the cabin, the plane veered right onto a taxiway and finally stopped. Passengers pushed toward the exits. Beardmore, forced to inhale the sooty air, felt his legs weaken.

"As I took that second breath, my knees gave way," he recalls in a telephone interview from Cheshire, England. "I hit the floor and it was very, very fortunate that I collapsed near the front portside door and could see a little bit of light at floor level. On my hands and knees I crawled to it."

Forty-eight of the 55 Airtours fatalities absorbed more than enough smoke-related gases to "induce incapacitation," according to a House of Commons report.

Smoke hoods today can be had for as little as $69.95. Brookdale International Systems Inc. of Vancouver, British Columbia, makes a model at that price packaged in a container the size of a soda can.

Another manufacturer, Essex PB&R Corp. of Edwardsville, Ill., offers a unit for $159.50 in a pouch the size of a paperback book.

Essex also makes more advanced models that carry oxygen, although passengers may not take them on commercial airliners because of the risk of flammability.

For airliners, Brookdale has developed a prototype smoke hood that attaches to the overhead oxygen system and drops down as needed. It can be unclipped from the oxygen when evacuation is imminent, still protecting the passenger with a filter.

Ms. Schiavo, the former inspector general, carries smoke hoods when she travels with her husband, 4-year-old daughter and 2-year-old son.

When she flies alone, she takes two: "If I pulled one out and put it on, I'd feel guilty about the guy or gal sitting next to me."

U.S. agency acknowledges references to Princess Diana

WASHINGTON (AP) — Documents compiled by the National Security Agency over many years name the late Princess Diana on 1,056 pages, intelligence officials said Saturday.

But they said those references are casual and incidental and that she was never a target of U.S. intelligence efforts.

"It's what we would call incidental mentions," said an official of the National Security Council who commented on condition of anonymity. "This is just a famous person."

The fact that NSA agents picked up mentions of Diana in its international electronic monitoring was disclosed last week when the agency denied an Internet news service's Freedom of Information Act request for any intercepts mentioning her, but acknowledged in the process that such intercepts existed.

The Daily Mirror in London said: "America's spy chiefs admitted ... they snooped on Princess Diana for years - and learned some of her most intimate love secrets."

Agency officials said the facts are not that lurid but that they could not disclose details without compromising sources and methods of intelligence collection.

"There may be classified documents that mention Lady Diana," the intelligence official said. "But intelligence officers did not target her. It's all just a matter of her name being mentioned here and there. People attending her funeral would be a good example."

The high page count of Diana listings "can be extremely misleading," the official asserted.

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President's options dwindle as House impeachment vote nears

By Ron Fournier
Associated Press

■ News analysis

WASHINGTON — Now that President Clinton has suggested "censure and rebuke" as a punishment, his few remaining escape routes are risky or grim. He may have unwittingly put himself one step closer to impeachment.

"I don't see any way out of this," Roger Davidson, University of Maryland political science professor, said Saturday as the House Judiciary Committee approved a fourth and final article of impeachment. "He's just watching the train speeding down the tracks toward him."

Clinton's advisers struggled to plot his next move, as the president began a four-day diplomatic mission to the Middle East.

One option is to offer more concessions to Republicans, particularly the two dozen or so moderates who hold Clinton's fate in their hands. Few wavering lawmakers were moved by the president's Rose Garden address Friday, in which he apologized for his conduct and said he would accept congressional censure.

To their dismay, Clinton stubbornly refused to give any ground on charges that he lied under oath. The closest he came was a weak third-person reference: "It's hard to hear yourself called deceitful and manipulative," he said.

Many Republicans insist Clinton must come clean to avoid impeachment.

Rep. Rick Lazio, R-N.Y., one of two undecided Republicans touring the Middle East with Clinton, said aboard Air Force One that "it would be an important statement" if Clinton admitted to lying.

"He has had numerous opportunities to confront the reality of what he has done and missed those opportunities. It's not too late, but it's very late in the game," Lazio said.

Yet few members of the president's inner circle are willing to predict he will to go so far. A confession would increase Clinton's exposure to criminal charges after leaving office, and would not stop GOP demands for more concessions, they say.

"The only thing he hasn't done is plead guilty to a crime. If he does that, they'll say he should be impeached because he pleaded guilty to a crime," said Lanny Davis, a former White House special counsel and informal adviser.

Davis said he wished Clinton had canceled the Middle East trip "to wage this battle himself."

He suggests the president should attack House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, making the conservative nicknamed "The Hammer" a lightening rod for anti-impeachment sentiment. In past political battles, the party's target was outgoing House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

"I hope the president starts to fight," Davis said. "The time for apologies are over."

The aggressive approach is an emerging Democratic tactic. White House lawyer Gregory Craig said Saturday a House vote for impeachment would "divide the country, gridlock the government and defy the will of the people."

After the White House was accused of applying political pressure to GOP moderates, Judiciary Committee member Barney Franks, D-Mass., fired back: "Any discussion of pressuring ... that leaves out the name of Tom DeLay is equivalent to debating impeachment without mentioning Monica Lewinsky."

Frank's sister, White House communications director Ann Lewis, said Clinton's team also will begin to sound alarms about what the House is poised to do. The strategy is to rally the majority of Americans who tell pollsters they don't support impeachment. But it will be a chore.

Though six out of 10 say they oppose impeachment, the number who want Clinton ousted has grown slightly. In one recent poll, nearly 90 percent of people surveyed said Clinton lied under oath.

Clinton supporters fear there may be little passion behind the public's opposition to impeachment. "The public has checked out on all of this since the election," said Democratic pollster Geoffrey Garin, though he said the Judiciary Committee votes might get their attention.

Phone banks and other pressure tactics are being organized this weekend by labor and minority groups allied with the Democratic National Committee. Their activities are concentrated in the handful of districts served by undecided Republicans.

Yet Clinton's critics may be more energized than his supporters. "The Republican base has gotten a shot of adrenaline since the midterm elections," said GOP strategist Ralph Reed, former head of the Christian Coalition.

Agents look for clues in fireworks explosion

OSSEO, Mich. (AP) — On the back dirt roads of this rural community, federal investigators on Saturday began picking through the debris of a devastating fireworks explosion that likely killed seven people.

Though six women and one man were feared dead, they were officially listed Saturday as missing. Identification will take some time, the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms said.

The blast, which could be heard up to 20 miles away, sent a huge plume of smoke in the air as it leveled the Independence Professional Fireworks building Friday afternoon. All that remained was the foundation, surrounded by the scorched hulks of cars that had been parked nearby.

Osseo, population 1,000, is a farming community in Hillsdale County, about 90 miles southwest of Detroit.

"Everybody's going to probably know somebody that's affected," said Tom Henson, 43, owner of M.T. Hardwoods outside of town. "Things will go back to normal, (but) it'll certainly never be forgotten."

After explosives experts deemed the 160-acre site safe, cadaver dogs were sent in to search for remains Saturday. Officials said determining the cause could take a week to 10 days.

In the one-story wood building that exploded, workers packed fireworks with black powder and wrapped the explosives with a wallpaper-like paste.

"It's pretty sad what happened because it's supposed to be a happy time of year," said Phyllis Van Buskirk, manager of the neighboring D&S Restaurant and Lounge. "Everybody pulls together in a time like this."

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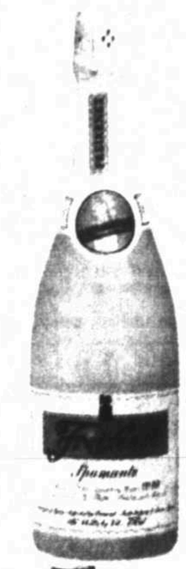


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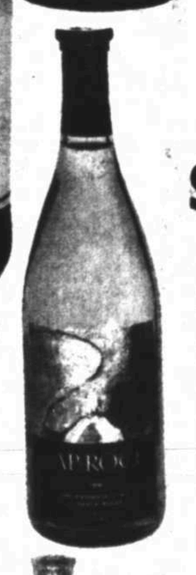
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Video to familiarize Midlanders with their city

■ Tourism Committee plans to make video on Midland attractions and get it in the hands of hotel, motel, restaurant, convenience store and service station employees.

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

The Convention and Visitors Bureau is working hard to convince the rest of the country that Midland is "In the Middle of Somewhere."

The CVB is part of the Midland Chamber of Commerce, whose Tourism Committee is planning to familiarize Midlanders with just how many attractions the city is in the middle of.

Work is under way on a familiarization video written by committee volunteer Linda Bond of the Arts Assembly of Midland. John Foster has volunteered the KWES-TV television station to film the half-hour video.

Jane Phares of the Petroleum Museum, who chairs the committee, explained that the idea has been under development for close to a year. Plans are to have the script to Foster in the next couple of weeks for filming and the final product in the hands of local hotels, motels, restaurants, even convenience stores and service stations, within the month.

"What we call the front-line people, the ones in the restaurants and hotels, convenience stores and service stations, need to realize that they are the spokesmen for the city," Ms. Phares explained.

Shura Lindgren, manager of the Midland Center, is also helping develop the video and her role is to emphasize to the employees how important their role is in dealing with visitors to Midland.

"One of the things I've recognized is that we can do all the promotion in the world and bring in thousands of visitors, but if that first impression, that first contact, isn't pleasant, informative or helpful, chances are they won't come back," Ms. Lindgren said. "If that front line exposure is positive, we have a good chance of bringing them back. And anyone in the marketing business can tell you that repeat business is important. New business is important, of course, but the meat is repeat customers."

Ms. Bond agreed, "A lot of people who work at service stations don't realize how important their job is to Midland. Often they're the only person a visitor will meet and if that visitor asks 'where's a good place to

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BASIN BRIEFING

Lamesa detour

Motorists on Lamesa Road will encounter a daytime detour at the Loop 250 intersection beginning Tuesday, according to a Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) official. Road signs will direct motorists to alternate routes. Southbound traffic will be detoured to Big Spring Street (State Highway 349), while northbound traffic will be detoured to Fairgrounds Road. "The reason for the detour is that construction workers will be placing bridge beams for the Loop 250 overpass," said Doug Eichorst, the TxDOT engineer in charge of the project. The intersection will be reopened at the end of the work day. The intersection is expected to be reopened for regular traffic by sometime Wednesday.

Landmark life

JEFFERSON — No photos, no tombstone and, until now, no recognition. Texans may not know what Harriet Ann Moore Page Potter Ames looked like or where she's buried, but the Caddo Lake Historical Research Committee is making sure they know about her landmark life and court battles that helped recognize common-law marriage. The 45-member group has dedicated a monument of gray Texas granite to the woman known by her fellow pioneers as "the bravest woman in Texas." For five years the committee has worked to honor Harriet, who lived a somewhat tragic life through several rough-and-tumble chapters in Texas history. "Harriet would have to be the epitome of the pioneer woman. She's never been recognized as such, although she should be," said Marcia Thomas, a committee organizer.

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Final excursion

SPACE CENTER, Houston — A pair of spacewalking astronauts made a third and final excursion out into Endeavour's open cargo bay Saturday to finish their share of space station construction work. Among the wrap-up chores for Jerry Ross and James Newman: lashing a sack of tools to the international space station, loosening and rearranging cables, and opening a jammed antenna.

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Alzheimer's care

FORT WORTH — Adela Bookoout has spent most of her life in hospitals, helping others. Now the former registered nurse needs help herself, finding her way down newly decorated halls to a hospital room that she must call home. Ms. Bookout, 76, is one of the first patients at Heritage St. Joseph Gardens, a care center for people with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. The 176-bed center is located in the former St. Joseph Hospital near downtown Fort Worth. It is one of four in Texas operated by Heritage Geriatric Housing Development Corp., a nonprofit California-based housing company.

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TODAY'S AGENDA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sex Addicts Anonymous — Reflections, 550-1173. The meetings are closed.

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

Tall City VFW 7208 Auxiliary Bingo, 7 p.m., 1904 Rankin Highway.

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Photos by Johnnye Montgomery

ABOVE: D.J. Pace puts the final touches on a sandwich at the Soda Shop in Forsan, while Randall Herring and Dustin Miller, ABOVE RIGHT, two of the regulars, wait to give their orders. The shop is the only place in Forsan to buy food.

Only food in town



Vintage Soda Shop is happening place — about the only place — in Forsan

By Johnnye Montgomery

FORSAN — D.J. Pace opens the Soda Shop a little before the sun rises these December mornings, and with any luck at all, starts the coffee and gets the grill going. But last week, something went haywire with the coffee maker, and D.J. had to endure the jawing of a half dozen disgruntled customers milling around underfoot while she made hasty phone calls in an effort to get a repair or replacement — whichever came faster.

Meanwhile, one of her regular customers, Ann Cain, ran home and got her coffee pot for D.J. to borrow, thus ending the crisis.

That's the way things are done in Forsan.

"Well, she's always loaning people eggs or bread or cleaning supplies so they don't have to drive to Big Spring. And besides, if I hadn't loaned her my pot, I'd have had to make my own, wouldn't I?" Ms. Cain said.

The Soda Shop has enough room to seat

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Midland students volunteer to work with younger kids

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

The city-sponsored Youth Advisory Council is up and running, having completed three community service projects in the last two months.

The city hired Billy Merritt to spearhead the project, which is geared toward Midland's secondary school students. The council is 32-members strong and has focused two of its community service projects on helping younger school students, many of them from economically disadvantaged homes, Merritt said.

At Casa de Amigos and at the Boy's and Girl's Clubs, council members helped these younger students with homework, acting as tutors and mentors, and played games with them to serve as positive role models.

These younger students can bond with the older YAC members much more quickly than with an adult, Merritt said.

"The kids enjoyed interacting with the older students," Merritt said. "They can relate to them extremely well," he said.

For many of the YAC members, it was their first taste of community volunteerism, and many have taken it upon themselves to continue going back and working with the children, he said.

"Many of them stayed over there past the allotted time," Merritt said of the Boy's and Girl's Club event.

"I think it went really well — they wanted us to come back, so it must have been pretty good," said Garrett Morgan, a Midland High School sophomore and coordinator of the Casa de Amigos project.

With the success of the evening, Morgan has been selected to organize a future outing for the group.

"We're trying to do two each month," Morgan said.

In its brief existence, YAC members have done a number of helpful things for the community. They made Christmas cards for the children at High Sky Children's Ranch, and worked with children at the Boy's and Girl's Club making Christmas ornaments, Merritt said.

On a recent Monday, the youth organized a food drive at the Abell Hangar Pavilion.

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Catarina Medrano, director of social services at Casa de Amigos.

Brian Adamcik
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Santa to pay visit to this week's community party

By Jimmy Patterson
Staff writer

At this week's Midland Reporter-Telegram Community Christmas Party, Santa Claus and a variety of musical entertainment will be featured for children and adults alike. Admission is free, but we are asking that kids bring a toy that would be fitting for a child their age and gender. Adults are asked to bring a can of food or an article of clothing that will serve as their admission.

The Community Christmas Party will be at the Midland Center, from 6-9 p.m., Tuesday.

Items of food will be donated to the West Texas Food Bank, while toys will be donated to one of four local charitable organizations, including Casa de Amigos. Casa also will benefit from items of clothing brought to the party. Other organizations that will receive toys brought to the party include Freewill Foster Home, the Rainbow Room and the Permian Basin Center for Battered Women and their Children.

Catarina Medrano, director of social services at Casa, estimates the organization helps as many as 300 families per month and as many as 400 a month during the holiday season in November and

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GARY OTT

Sunday mornings from the past always featured Tony Bennett

First there was a televised two-hour tribute to Tony Bennett on Monday night.

Less than 24 hours later the Associated Press was running a news story stating that the FBI had just released its files on Frank Sinatra.

Ahh, Tony Bennett and Frank Sinatra. It doesn't get any better than that.



Ott

And for some reason, whenever I hear those names my mind immediately drifts back in time ... to Sunday mornings in the Ott household.

I was just a kid. But the memories remain vivid.

We had a Sunday morning ritual. And it rarely changed. This is how it went:

At 7:15 a.m. sharp, family members — there were five us at the time — would begin making our way from the various bedrooms to the kitchen, where two newspapers — the Plainview Daily Herald and the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal — awaited us.

In silence, except for the faint sound of coffee brewing in the background, each of us would become engrossed in one of the sections of one of the newspapers. Then, as if on cue, we would pass that section of the paper to the person on our immediate left. This process would continue until each person, including the children, had, at the very least, browsed through each section of each newspaper.

Once that was done, and not a minute before, my mother would rise from her chair and begin preparing breakfast, a Sunday feast which always consisted of French toast smothered in maple syrup, bacon and three or four tall glasses of extremely cold milk. It remains a Sunday morning favorite of mine.

As the smell of bacon wafted through the house, my dad would slowly make his way to his most-prized possession, the stereo in the den.

Then the magic would begin.

He would play his music, and what wonderful music it was ... Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman, the Dorsey brothers, Lionel Hampton, Glenn Miller, Louis Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald and, of course, Frank Sinatra and Tony Bennett.

On any given Sunday, you might hear any, or all, of the above-mentioned musicians. But one thing was for sure. At some point in time, Frank Sinatra and Tony Bennett would take center stage. Their voices would rise above all the rest.

To this day, when I hear a recording of Tony Bennett singing, "I Left my Heart in San Francisco," which was played each and every Sunday morning of my growing-up years, I feel a sudden urge to eat French toast and read a newspaper.

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Old habits die hard.

The clock next to my bed said "8:05 a.m." It was a Sunday morning so I rolled over and pulled the sheets over my head. But I couldn't go back to sleep. I tossed and turned, but it did no good.

So I got up.

After plopping down in front of the television set, I soon became bored with what I was watching. An odd restlessness was creeping through my body. Something didn't feel quite right.

I began to pace. A short time later I was sifting through a large box in the corner of my bedroom closet.

There it was ... a tape of Tony Bennett's Greatest Hits. I had purchased it several years ago on a whim. It got played a few times before finding its way to "the big box," the ultimate gathering place for my whimsical purchases.

But now, on this particular Sunday morning, it seemed like the most important item in my apartment. I slipped it in the tape player.

By the time "I Left my Heart in San Francisco" had concluded, the bacon was frying and the French toast batter was in the bowl.

Yeah, old habits die hard.

Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

PARTY: Casa is for anyone in need of assistance

(From 2B)

December.

"Casa's philosophy is, 'Helping people help themselves,' " Medrano said. "We give referrals for people so they can help themselves. And a lot of the people we help, they are also working on getting their GED or ESL through Casa."

Medrano said single mothers are who the organization sees a lot, although that is by no means the only group in need of help.

"What we're seeing now are a lot of two parent families, and both have been laid off," Medrano said, pointing to the oil slump as a main reason that requests for assistance have gone up lately. Medrano said of the 60 new families that requested assistance in the last month, all had been laid off from the oil business.

Casa is for members of all ethnic groups in need of assistance. Another part of the Casa program is helping clients temporarily pay utility bills or rent during a short-term crisis a person may be experiencing. Casa also has a dental clinic available for children, through the referral of a school nurse.

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Entertainment will be provided by the Midland High School Choir, the Rusk Elementary School 4th Grade Honor Choir and the Communitywide Worship Singers. Santa Claus will be available for the kids to talk to all evening and those in attendance will be invited to sing carols at the end of the evening in Centennial Plaza. A giant Christmas card will be available for everyone to sign in the lobby of the Midland Center upon arrival. The card will appear in an edition of the Reporter-Telegram.

Arts, crafts, Harlan the Balloon man and a coloring contest will also be featured. Refreshments, such as coffee, hot chocolate and cookies, also will be available.

NetWest Online announces opening

From Staff Reports



Hooper



Marshall

ODESSA — NetWest Online, Inc. of Odessa has announced the opening of its new Amarillo operation and the promotion of Sue Hooper to general manager.

Ms. Hooper has served as director sales and marketing since the company began providing Internet services and communication solutions. She will assume management of the Amarillo office on Jan. 2.

Phyllis Marshall has been named director of sales and marketing at the corporate headquarters in Odessa and joined NetWest on Dec. 9. She was formally director of operations for the Odessa Chamber of Commerce and was president of Marshall and Associates, Inc.

HELP: Youth on council volunteer time

(From 2B)

The YAC is comprised of students from all junior high and senior high schools in the Midland Independent School District, as well as Trinity School and Midland Christian School.

Merritt credited the youth with taking responsibility and making the organization a functional part of the community, especially Morgan, Tyler Seibold and Rene Rodriguez, chairman of the YAC.

"They are very eager and energetic," he said.

In addition to community service, the young leaders also learn about the workings of local government and others aspects of the city, inviting community leaders to talk at their meetings.

The council currently is working to determine a code of ethics and long-range goals for the organization, Merritt said.

The group meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the basement of the TU Electric building.

POLICE REPORTS

Midland Police Department

Saturday

Criminal mischief: Property was destroyed at 3222 Thomas St. It was reported at 1 p.m.

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Burglary: A building was burglarized at 2203 Western Drive. It was reported at 10 a.m.

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Theft: A theft was reported at 4517 N. Midland Drive. It was reported at 4 p.m.

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Midland County Sheriff's Office

Saturday

Burglary: A VCR and a pack of cigarettes were reported stolen at 3107 S. County Road 1199. It was reported at 12:54 a.m.

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Theft: A trailer was reported stolen at 3721 E. Highway 158. It was reported at 9:30 a.m.

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

VINTAGE: Shop can seat entire town

(From 2B)

the entire town of Forsan, with five or six tables in the original part of the little 1950s-vintage building, and additional seating in the closed-in porch to the side. But most of its patrons sit nearest the big gas space heater on cold mornings, with the early customers finishing their breakfast and leaving and others coming in to occupy their still-warm chairs. D.J. cooks up another round of eggs and toast for the newcomers while the gossip and jokes flow all around her. Her customers not only help themselves to the coffee at the counter, but come into the kitchen to stand beside D.J. and talk, flip eggs over on the grill, take biscuits out of the oven or pay their tabs at the cash register.

D.J. says early mornings and lunch times are about the only time she has more than she can do by herself.

"Most of the time, it's pretty quiet. I'm rushed making lunches and getting breakfast, then they leave and it gets quiet, until about 11:30."

Her luncheon fare is plain. She makes plate lunches Tuesdays and Thursdays, and says she has a lot of requests for chicken fries and burgers. She has owned the Soda Shop a year. When she bought the place last winter, she planned on income from doing catering service for the schools, but that was stopped in January, and now her only big volume business comes from occasional requests for meals for visiting students in town for sporting or band events.

The Soda Shop closes at 3 p.m.

Such has not always been the case. Ann Cain, who came to Forsan in 1969, says she remembers when the Soda Shop stood among a couple of gas stations, a grocery store and another café, and would stay open until ten weeknights and midnight on Saturday.

"A lady named Marge had this place then," Ms. Cain said. "She raised three kids and lived in the back part of the Soda Shop, in a two-bedroom apartment.

"It changed hands three or four times, and once I even tried to buy it, but the Small Business Administration said the building wasn't worth what the owner wanted for it."

Presently, there is no other place in Forsan to buy food, but rumors are floating about that someone may reopen the little convenience store down the block. D.J. said she would welcome that reopening.

"I try to keep a few extra supplies on hand, because it's hard for people to stop what they're doing and go to Big Spring if they happen to run out of something. But we really need a store here."

OBITUARIES



Shirley Rocchio

Shirley Porter Rocchio was born May 27, 1919 in Western Springs, Illinois to S.L. and Edna (Unold) Porter. Following graduation from high school, she attended the University of Colorado and graduated in 1941. She earned her master's degree in dietetics from Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit in 1942. She married Wilbur Rocchio that same year. Mrs. Rocchio was employed with the University of Colorado from 1942 to 1945. In 1955 they moved to Midland.

Mrs. Rocchio was a member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. She served on the boards of: Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Women's Group and was president in 1968, Midland Symphony Association, Midland Symphony Guild, Friends of the Library, Family Counseling Service, Girl Scouts, PTA, Delta Delta Delta Alumnae — serving as president in 1950 and 1972 — Ladies Association Midland Country Club, Midland Community Chest, and EnAmie Book Review Club — serving as president in 1980. She also was active in Midland Community Theater Auxiliary, Midland Garden Club, Meals on Wheels, and Midland Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Mrs. Rocchio was preceded in death by her husband, Wilbur Rocchio. She is survived by her daughters, Diane May of Westport, Ct. and Donna Smith of Fort Stewart, Ga.; her brother, John Porter of Jamaica Beach, Tx.; and four grandchildren.

Mrs. Rocchio died at her home Friday, December 11.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 1 p.m. Monday at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church with the Reverend Stockton Williams officiating. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Pallbearers are CSM Carl T. Smith, Lawrence E. Bolduc Sr., Aaron R. May, William L. McIntire, Tom Wurster and Michael Shapira.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Memorial Fund of Holy Trinity Church, 1400 W. Illinois, Midland, Tx. 79701, or Hospice of Midland, P. O. Box 2621, Midland, Tx. 79702.

Lester Henderson

BUCHANAN DAM — Lester Stockwell Henderson, 69, passed away Saturday, December 5, 1998 in Austin. Born on March 14, 1929 in Crockett, Texas, Lester was the second child and first son of the late Lester and Hula Henderson. He resided in Midland from 1981 to 1986.

Lester leaves behind his wife, Pat; two sons and daughters-in-law, Lester and Peggy Henderson of Lafayette, Louisiana, and Ken and Melanie Henderson of Wasilla, Alaska; a granddaughter, Samantha, also of Wasilla; and daughter and son-in-law, Beth and Larry Childers of Lubbock, Texas. Four brothers and three sisters also survive Lester: Loren, Lanny, Billy, Jack, Beth Mears, Ruth Zizelmann, and Ann Bledsoe. Lester was preceded in death by his sister, Joann McKissick. We all will miss him very much.

Services were held December 9, 1998 at Chapel of the Hills Baptist Church at Buchanan Dam, with burial at Lakeland Hills Memorial Park, Burnet. Arrangements were handled by Clements-Wilcox, Burnet, (512) 756-2222.

Obituary & Death Notice policy

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

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

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

DEATH NOTICES

Maria Arzavala

Maria Arzavala died Thursday, Dec. 10, in Chihuahua, Mexico.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery. A rosary prayer vigil will be 7:30 p.m. today, Dec. 13, at Thomas Funeral Home Chapel.

Survivors include her husband, Santiago; her parents, Vicente and Francisca Villafranco of Midland; two sons, Tony Marquez and Vicente Villafranco of Midland; two daughters, Sylvia Arzavala and Mary Arzavala of Midland; two sisters, Francis Lujan and Josie Villafranco, both of Levelland; four brothers, Manuel, Pete, Lupe, and Chris Villafranco, all of Midland; and five grandchildren.

Elva McElroy

Elva McElroy died Tuesday, Dec. 1, at a local nursing home.

Memorial services will be 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel.

She was born May 16, 1943 in Ada, Okla. She was a member of Kelview Heights Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, E.J. McElroy, Jr. of Midland; her son, Kevin McElroy of Midland; her daughters, Peggy Branham of Midland and Samantha McElroy of Abilene; four grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Christine Fischer

BIG SPRING — Christine Everett Fischer, 75, died Friday, Dec. 11, at her home.

Funeral services will be 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14 at Myers & Smith Chapel. Private burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born June 16, 1923 in Olney. She lived in Big Spring and El Paso. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Bernard Fischer of Big Spring; one daughter, Elizabeth A. Towers of San Diego, Calif.; one son, Bernard Fischer Jr., of San Diego; four grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren.

Billie Woods

COLORADO CITY — Former Midlander Billie B. Woods, 77, died Saturday, Dec. 12 at a local hospital.

Services are pending with Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Ruby Crabtree

Ruby May Crabtree, 86, died Saturday, Dec. 12 at a local nursing home.

Services are pending with Kiker-Seale Funeral Home of Colorado City.

Bea Lasater

Beatrice "Bea" Lasater, formerly of Midland, died Friday, Dec. 11, near Weatherford.

Services are set for 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, in Kelview Heights Baptist Church with Dr. Frank Johnson officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park with Ellis Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Lasater was born Sept. 14, 1954, in Hearne. She married Frank Lasater on July 5, 1975 in College Station. They lived in Midland from 1976 until 1990. Mrs. Lasater was a former member of Kelview Heights Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Frank Lasater of Fort Worth; four daughters, Rebecca Lynn Lasater of Odessa, and Amanda Brooke Lasater, Abby Kay Lasater and Stacey Layne Lasater, all of Fort Worth; three brothers, Raymond Velasquez of Houston, John Velasquez of San Antonio and Wiley Velasquez of Calvert; five sisters, Vicki Griffin of Corsicana, Nellie Sparkman of Bryan, Julie Cockroft of Alta Loma, Calif., Frances Castillo of Bryan and Mary Boggan of Hearne; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be directed to the Awana Program at Kelview Heights Baptist Church or to University Baptist Church in Odessa.

VIDEO: Many don't realize all there is to do in Midland

(From 2B)

eat' or 'what is there to do,' and that station attendant doesn't know, that visitor will go on down the road."

She said what made her task challenging was not only devising a training video but finding a way to take out the training portion of the video and using it to tell visitors about the various attractions, including the Petroleum Museum, Confederate Air Force and Museum of the Southwest.

The format is that of an adventure show such as might be seen on The Discovery Channel, with a reporter coming to town and "discovering Midland" with the assistance of the owners of Hummer Adventure Tours, who will use their two white Hummers and serve as tour guides around Midland.

A lot of people might not realize some of the activities available in Midland, Ms. Bond said.

"You can watch chocolate being made or go drive a go-cart," she said. "People might not realize we have a Doll Museum, and if you call ahead of time, you can make a porcelain doll. There's a lot about Midland that's surprising."

Ms. Phares said a benefit of the video is that it allows employees to watch it at their workplace in a half-hour's time, and it is available around the clock.

"One thing I've learned over the last few years is that the hotel and restaurant industries have a lot of turnover and often young employees haven't experienced the Petroleum Museum or CAF. It's difficult to talk about something to see or an attraction if you haven't done it yourself," Ms. Lindgren said. "It would be a wonderful thing if that employee watches that video and thinks, 'what a great thing' and goes out there himself."

According to Ms. Phares, tourism is the state's third largest industry, behind oil and gas and high technology, and predictions are that tourism will become the world's largest industry.

And Ms. Lindgren said that it is as much a part of economic development as manufacturing and exporting a product, it's just in a different form.

"You have to stand outside the box and think 'are we manufacturing fun?' If you have an attraction and a tourist comes in and spends $105 a day around town and leaves, you've exported a product — fun and goodwill — and new money has come into the economy. And it improves the quality of life Midland enjoys, strengthening local attractions. Say the Museum gets more visitors, it can increase its budget and add to the exhibits that Midlanders enjoy seeing."

She went on to cite figures from the Texas Department of Economic Development that shows 2,000 Midlanders have jobs directly related to tourism and in 1996, the department's most recent figures, the city had a payroll related to tourism of $52 million.

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Tree ornaments are provided at no charge by Ellis Funeral Home & Resthaven Memorial Park. The Tree of Memories, donated by Flowerland of Midland, will remain on display until January 1, 1999.

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Misdemeanor DWI Convictions
Midland County District Attorney's Office
Al Schorre, District Attorney

Christopher Scott Dodson, sentenced to 6 months probation and a $300 fine.

Tony Don Blasingame, sentenced to 6 months probation and a $300 fine.

Darrell James Lucas, sentenced to 18 months probation and a $500 fine.

Tonja Brown Clark, sentenced to 6 months probation and a $300 fine.

Jonathon Brad Pearson, sentenced to 2 years probation and a $600 fine.

Bobby Wayne Machen, sentenced to 1 year probation and a $750 fine.

Marty Allen Carnahan, sentenced to 10 days in Midland County Jail, 90 days driver's license suspension and a $300 fine.

Ernesto Cortez Lujan, sentenced to 30 days in Midland County Jail, 90 days driver's license suspension and a $300 fine.

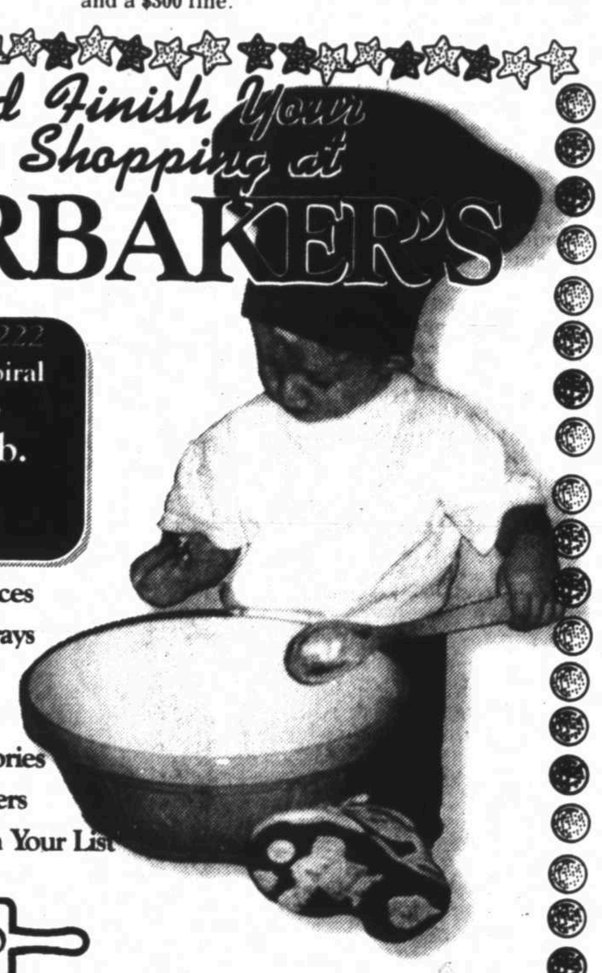
Brian Neil Shannon, sentenced to 18 months probation and a $700 fine.

Raul Juan Gameros, sentenced to 1 year probation and a $500 fine.

Lino Molina Carrasco, sentenced to 45 days in Midland County Jail, 180 days driver's license suspension and a $750 fine.

Juan Linarez Chavero, sentenced to 45 days in Midland County Jail, 180 days driver's license suspension and a $300 fine.

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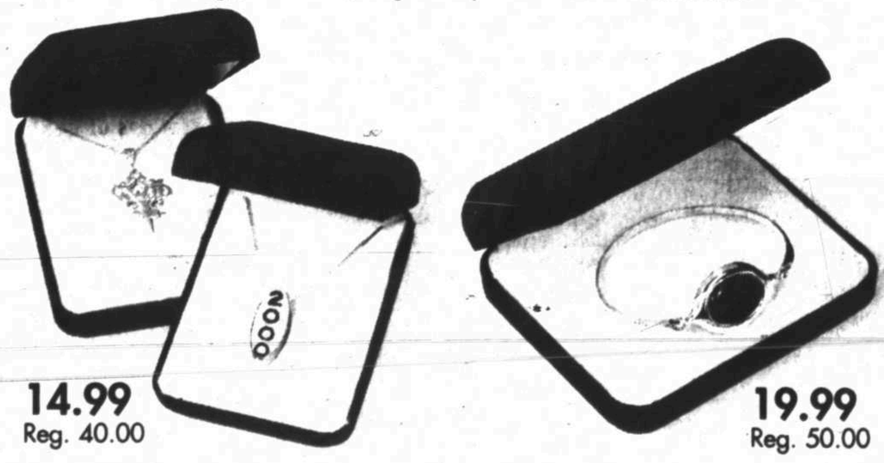
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MAKING THE GRADE

Jennifer Dzubinski, daughter of John & Mary Ann Dzubinski, has been selected the outstanding girl from Lee High School for the month of December by the University Graduate Women of Midland.

Miss Dzubinski's honors include Academic Letters and awards, National Honor Society, Texas Scholars, awards in the Texas State German Contest, Texas TSA State Competition, West Texas Industrial Technology Regional Contest, and Foreign Language Festival. She is active in Band having attended the Texas State Marching Competition and National Band Festival at Carnegie Hall, German Club President, and Industrial Tech Club.

Miss Dzubinski plans to attend the University of Texas at San Antonio majoring in civil engineering.

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Meryl McClung, daughter of Neill & Patti McClung has been selected outstanding senior girl from Midland High School for the month of December by the University Graduate Women of Midland.

Miss McClung's honors and organizations include being a Academic Letterman & Scholar, Who's Who Among American High School Students, National English Merit Award Winner, Student Council, National Honor Society, D-F-Y-I-t, MOAS, and Texas Scholar. She is on the Varsity Tennis team, USTA, and is state-ranked.

Miss McClung hopes to attend either Texas Tech University or the University of Texas-Austin to study pre-law and business.



Dzubinski



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The Midland Morning Lions have named **Cassie Taylor** as its student of the week.

Miss Taylor, a senior at Lee High School and daughter of William and Deborah Taylor of Midland, is active in National Honor Society, Texas Scholars, Senior Girls, secretary of Chorale and Origin, All Region and All Area Choir, Who's Who Among American High School Students, and All American Scholar.

Her honors and awards include captain of the Lee varsity soccer team, soccer All-District first team, and being named Who's Who in Sports all-stars.

Miss Taylor's goals include academic and soccer scholarships. Her future plans are to attend Brigham Young University and major in music or engineering.

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The Midland Downtown Lion's Club named **Steven Cummings** and **Luis Garcia** as its Junior Lions of the Week.

Cummings, son of Mike and Sherri Cumming of Midland, attends Midland High School. His activities include Honors Courses, Honor Society, Boy Scouts of America, All-American Scholar, National Honor Society, and Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Cummings plans to attend college and major in computer science.

Garcia, son of Luis and Carmen Garcia of Midland, attends Lee High School. His activities include Youth in Government, Outstanding Hispanic Scholar, Academic Letterman, Commended Scholar, National Merit, and Telluride Scholarship Recipient to Cornell University.

Garcia plans to attend Cornell University. His major is undecided.

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WACO — **Whitney Lanler**, daughter of Bob and Karen Lanler and a 1996 graduate of Lee High School, was recently inducted into the Texas Gamma Chapter of Alpha Chi, a national honor society at Baylor University. Members are chosen on the basis of academic excellence alone. At Baylor, students in the top five percent of the junior and senior classes are eligible for membership.

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The Midland West Rotary Club named **Ashlei Miller** as its Student of the Week.

Miss Miller, daughter of Floyd and Cynthia Miller of Midland, attends Lee High School. Her activities include P.A.L.S., D.A.R.E, Spanish Honor Society, and Youth Advisory Board.

She plans to attend Oklahoma Christian University and major in family counseling.

EDUCATION IN BRIEF

Ten AmeriCorps members will fulfill their term of service in December. Five full-time members have provided parenting instruction to low income families in their homes and through classes held onsite while providing early childhood education to their preschoolers.

Five other part-time members provided one-to-one tutoring in literacy for first and second graders who were reading below grade level. The AmeriCorps members dedicated their service for a year in exchange for an educational award.

Thanks to: Janie Alcocer, Olga Rodriguez, Janet Tarlton, Hope Yharte, Christina Granado, Carlos Hernandez, Erica Lujan, Olga Sanchez, Efren Urias, and Randy Reyes.

Casa de Amigos is recruiting additional AmeriCorps volunteers to fill 15 part-time tutoring positions and eight full-time parent educator positions.

For more information, call Ludi Navarro, director of community relations, at Casa de Amigos, 682-9701.

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Twenty-two Lee High School and Lee Freshman Choir students competed in the second round of All-State Choir Auditions on Dec. 4 at Permian High School. All of these students had previously been selected as the top 10 students in each section of the All-Region Choir. The following students were selected as the top five students and will advance to the All-State Audition Finals to be held at Lee High on January 9:

Soprano 1: Carmina Aguilar, Lindsay Kellum, and Missy Williams

Soprano 11: Cassie Taylor (1st chair) and Brittany Wilson (2nd alternate) LFHS

Alto 1: Amy Daggett (2nd alternate)

Alto 11: Amanda Tipton, Kaitlin Parker, and Candace Lewis (2nd alternate)

Tenor 1: Adam Bielamowicz LFHS and Thomas Reynolds (2nd alternate)

Tenor 11: Ryan Livingston, Mark Kaufman and Sean Saunders (2nd alternate)

Bass 1: Andrew Parker

Bass 11: John Mason, Bryan Wilson and Blake Hinsley

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Lee High School Class of 1989 is looking for alumni for its 10-year reunion to be held June 4 and June 5 at the Midland Hilton. Alumni are asked to call Taylor Reunion Services at (800) 677-7800 or e-mail to reunions@taylorpub.com to update addresses and phone numbers.

ARMED FORCES NEWS

Marine **Pfc. Jose D. Alvizo**, son of Angie Alvizo of Stanton, recently graduated from the Unit Diary Clerk's Course at Personnel Administration School, Marine Corps Service Support Schools, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Alvizo is a 1997 graduate of Stanton High School.

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Navy **Seaman Appretice Geoffrey D. Jameson**, son of Loretta R. Jameson of Midland and Willie C. Douglas also of Midland, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Jameson is a 1998 graduate of Midland High School.

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Navy **Seaman Martin M. Estrada**, son of Frank Estrada of Midland and Gloria Sanchez also of Midland, recently departed on a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian oceans and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson, home ported in Bremerton, Wash.

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Marine **Pvt. Eliazar F. Hernandez**, a 1998 graduate of Midland High School, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

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The USS Boston SSN703 is the seventh in a long line of ships with a rich history of patriotism and excellence dating back to 1776, when Boston fought for freedom and liberty in the Continental Navy.

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The present USS Boston SSN703 continues this proud Boston tradition as a Los Angeles-class nuclear powered attack submarine serving in the Atlantic Fleet.

The 1999 reunion will be held in Burlington, Vermont on July 2-4. For details, contact USS Boston Shipmates Inc., Arthur L. Herbert, Secretary, Post Office Box 816, Amherst, NH 03031-0816, 603-672 USS Boston (672-8772).

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Army **Pvt. Kalani J. Morales** has entered basic military training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

During the training, the soldier will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, map reading, tactics, military customs and courtesies, physical fitness, and first aid.

Morales is the son of Denise O. Kepple of Midland,

He is a 1997 graduate of Andress High School in El Paso.

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MIDLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Monday — Breakfast: Waffles and syrup, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Choice of pizza or chicken pot pie, mashed potatoes, spinach salad, garlic toast, fruit drink, milk.

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Wednesday — Breakfast: Ham and biscuit, juice, milk. **Lunch**: Roast turkey or chicken fried chicken, holiday sage dressing, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, hot roll, jolly gelatin,fruit drink, milk.

Thursday — Breakfast: Cinnamon roll, juice, milk. **Lunch**: Nacho grande or fiesta salad, refried beans, lettuce and tomato, Spanish rice, fruit drink, milk.

Friday — Breakfast: Breakfast on a stick or cereal and toast, juice, milk. **Lunch**: Baked ham or steak fingers, sweet potatoes, broccoli, cornbread, fruit drink, milk.

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Tuesday — Breakfast: Pop tarts, cereal, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Beef tip stew, corn bread, carrots and celery with dip, apple cobbler, milk.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Bacon and eggs, biscuits with jelly, juice, milk. **Lunch:** Fajitas, pinto beans, lettuce and tomato salad, cheese and hot sauce, jello with fruit, milk.

Thursday — Breakfast: Waffles, sausage, juice, milk. **Lunch**: Hot dogs with chili, French fries, vegetarian beans, cherry cobbler, milk.

Friday — Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, juice, milk. **Lunch**: Peanut butter sandwich, chips, chocolate chip cookies, apple, milk.

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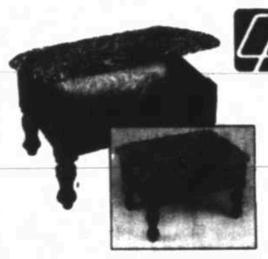
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Questions derived from concerns expressed by grieving people — Mark Mercer, M.S., L.P.C., SWA

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This final phase is a time not only for pursuing new purpose but for enjoying personal renewal. It is a time to launch into new interests, new relationships, and perhaps a revitalized faith. This new life is not an abandonment of the one who died. You have grown, largely because of the love you had (and will always have) for them. While grieving for them, you have become a new person. So do honor to your loved one—have a good life.

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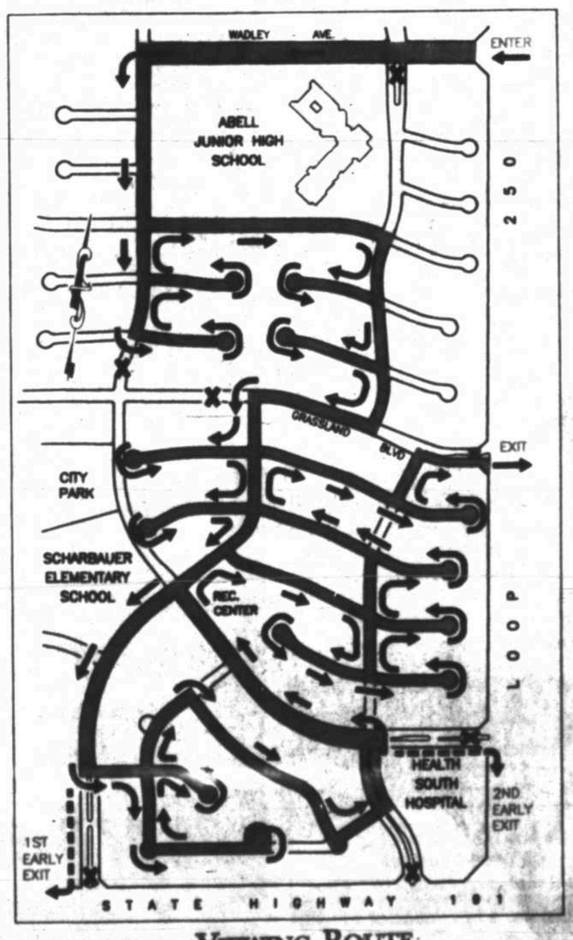
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Research committee to honor Texas pioneer woman with monument

By Katie Fairbank
Associated Press

JEFFERSON — No photos, no tombstone and, until now, no recognition.

Texans may not know what Harriet Ann Moore Page Potter Ames looked like or where she's buried, but the Caddo Lake Historical Research Committee is making sure they know about her landmark life and court battles that helped recognize common-law marriage.

The 45-member group has dedicated a monument of gray Texas granite to the woman known by her fellow pioneers as "the bravest woman in Texas."

For five years the committee has worked to honor Harriet, who lived a somewhat tragic life through several rough-and-tumble chapters in Texas history.

"Harriet would have to be the epitome of the pioneer woman. She's never been recognized as such, although she should be," said Marcia Thomas, a committee organizer.

Mrs. Thomas, who performs a play she penned based on Harriet's life, has always felt close to her subject.

"I've just been interested in this woman for years. The more I researched her life, the more I believed she needs to be recognized in Texas history," she said.

Nearly $5,000 was raised through a benefit performance of Mrs. Thomas' play "Texian Woman" to help buy the property where the monument stands. Meanwhile, a nearby funeral home donated the stone memorial.

Harriet's role in Texas history is known primarily through her own memoirs, which she wrote at the age of 83 while living her final years with her youngest daughter in New Orleans.

Although her autobiography has never been printed, her trials as a 19th century woman became known through a successful historical novel written in the 1950s by Elithe Kirkland called "Love is a Wild Assault."

Born in New York in 1810, Harriet Ann Moore's life began running parallel to Texas' violent birth when she married Solomon Page.

Page, who fought in Texas' War of Independence, stranded her and their two children in a desolate prairie in South Texas where she became one of the panicked participants of the notorious "Runaway Scrape," an event that chronicled the hysteria of Texans who fled their homes before what they mistakenly believed was the approaching Mexican Army.

Assuming her husband had died at the Battle of San Jacinto, Harriet threw in her lot with her rescuer, Robert Potter, who was once known as the "bad boy of the Texas Republic."

Together, Robert and Harriet lived a tale of revolution, romance and legal recriminations, primarily in the "Neutral Ground," a strip of territory that belonged to no one, located between what is now Texas and Louisiana.

Potter, who had served as congressman from North Carolina before leaving the state in a fuss over his castration of two romantic rivals, signed the Texas Declaration of Independence and was the first Secretary of the Texas Navy. His legacy lives on in several parts of the state: Potter County in the northwest part of Texas is named for him, as well as Potter's Point, an area near Caddo Lake that he was deeded for his military service.

Chief author of the Republic's constitution, Potter served in the Texas Senate from 1840 to 1842.

Potter had made numerous enemies due to lingering resentment from the Regulator-Moderator War, a little-known rebellion against the Republic of Texas that had waged among settlers in deep East Texas. He was killed by his foes in 1842 when a band routed him out of bed one night, drove him into the lake and shot him through the head when he came up for air. He is now buried in Austin at the state cemetery.

After Potter died, it was learned that he had left his property to two women from the Austin area. Harriet spent years in the courts trying to encourage the prosecution of his murderers and reclaim the land they had lived on together.

"A place more beautiful than Potter's Point it would be impossible to imagine," Harriet wrote in her autobiography. "I never tired admiring the scenery that lay about my new home."

Harriet said she had married Potter by bond, a written agreement made before witnesses, and deserved to inherit the land. Decades later a judge disagreed.

"It can hardly be held that it has been clearly shown that a real marriage in good faith has been established, as the facts appear in the record," ruled Chief Justice Oran M. Roberts in 1875.

Still, Harriet's fruitless court battles to prove herself Potter's legal wife were the foundation of laws that today recognize the common-law marriage, state historians say.

"I know it's the basis of common-law marriage," said Mrs. Thomas. "It's seven years living together and they were together seven years."

Harriet married a third time, to Charles Ames, who later was elected a county judge. She died in Louisiana in 1902. No pictures or drawings of her have ever been verified.

The next step for the Caddo Lake Historical Research Committee is to get a Texas historical marker installed.

"We believe that will come soon, but we wanted to go ahead with this dedication before the end of the year because her descendants are older and some are not in good health," Mrs. Thomas said. "They all feel she's been seriously overlooked in Texas history."



AP Photo
Marcia Thomas performs in period costume in Jefferson, Texas, Nov. 24 for the play she has penned based on Harriet Ann Moore Page Potter Ames' life. The Caddo Lake Historical Research Committee is making sure Texans know about Harriet's landmark life and her court battles that helped lead to legal recognition of common-law marriage.



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Two astronauts make third, final spacewalk to finish station work

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — A pair of spacewalking astronauts made a third and final excursion out into Endeavour's open cargo bay Saturday to finish their share of space station construction work.

Among the wrap-up chores for Jerry Ross and James Newman: lashing a sack of tools to the international space station, loosening and rearranging cables, and opening a jammed antenna.

All that remained following the spacewalk was this afternoon's release of the seven-story, 35-ton complex, freshly wired and outfitted by the visiting shuttle crew.

"We've come a long way," commander Robert Cabana observed.

Working nearly 250 miles above Earth, Ross and Newman had to lug out a bag containing about 20 wrenches, ratchets, bars, foot loops and other tools. They planned to attach the sack to Unity, the American-made side of the station.

The tools will be used by future spacewalkers. The next construction team goes up in May.

Ross also was going to try to pry open a stuck Russian antenna, using a 10-foot pole so he wouldn't be struck by the unfurling 4-foot antenna. It was the same method that Newman used to fix another jammed antenna during spacewalk No. 2 on Wednesday.

The two roll-out antennas failed to open properly following last month's launch of Zarya, the Russian-built control module.

The spacewalkers had one last handrail to install, then were to conduct a photo survey of the space station. Their last task was to test their mini jetpacks; they were to remain tethered to the shuttle for added safety.

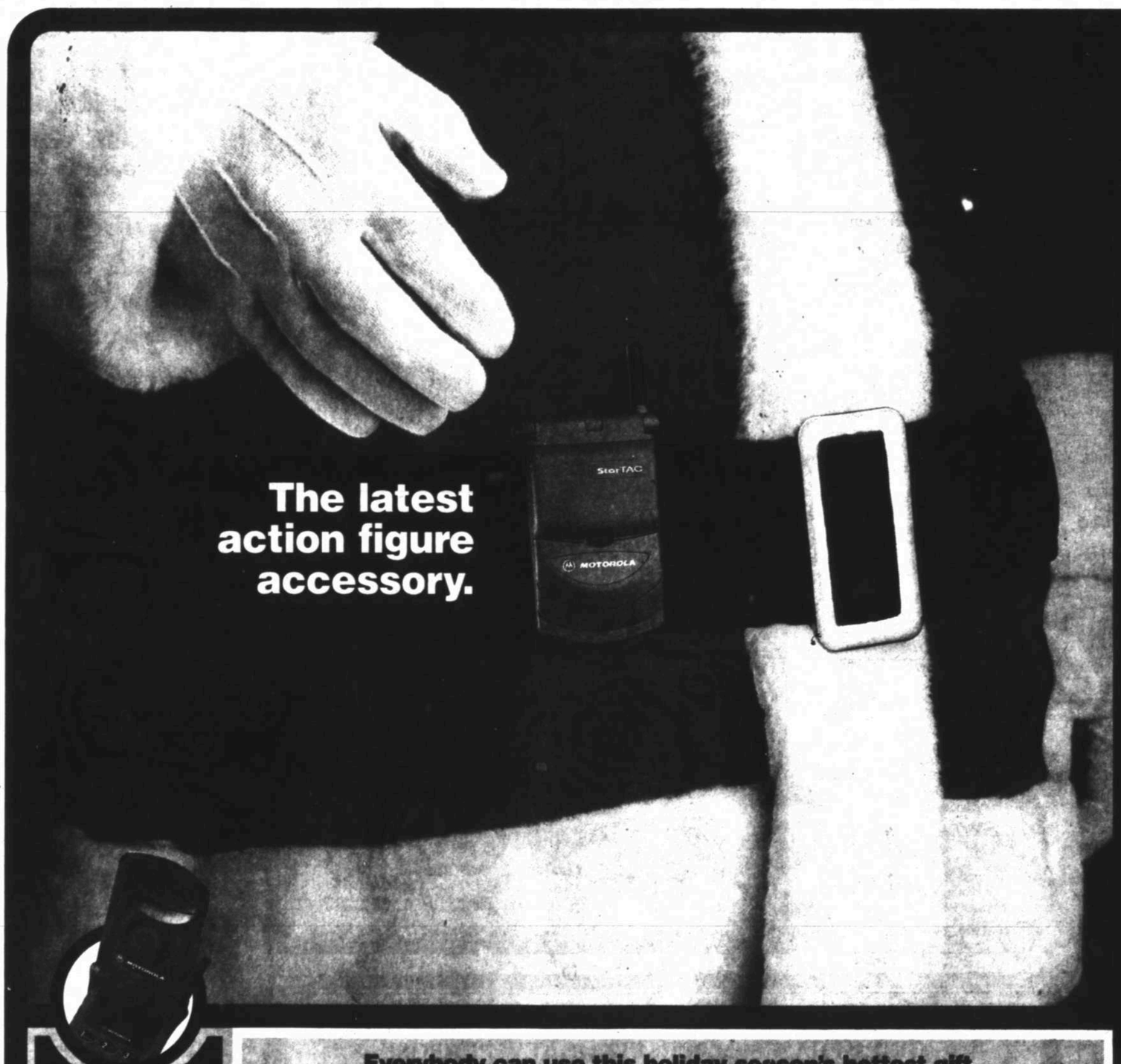
Ross was extra careful this time not to lose anything. Two tools got away from him during Monday's spacewalk, and a thermal cover floated away during Wednesday's outing.

"I don't have the slightest idea what happened," Ross told a TV interviewer late Friday. "I did four previous spacewalks, never lost an item. ... I have absolutely no explanation for why things came loose."

Saturday's spacewalk was the seventh of Ross' career — a U.S. record — and the fourth for Newman.

NASA estimates 159 more spacewalks will be needed over the next five years to build and maintain the international space station, which eventually will stretch as long as a football field. Most of the spacewalks will be conducted by Americans.

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Care center hopes to find answers to Alzheimer's

By Susan Parrott
Associated Press

FORT WORTH — Adela Bookout has spent most of her life in hospitals, helping others.

Now the former registered nurse needs help herself, finding her way down newly decorated halls to a hospital room that she must call home.

Ms. Bookout, 76, is one of the first patients at Heritage St. Joseph Gardens, a care center for people with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia.

The 176-bed center is located in the former St. Joseph Hospital near downtown Fort Worth. It is one of four in Texas operated by Heritage Geriatric Housing Development Corp., a nonprofit California-based housing company.

Ms. Bookout is not just a resident in an assisted living unit. She's also a test subject for researchers who want to learn more about the disease that is slowing stealing her mind.

St. Joseph Gardens is an unusual facility, administrators say, because the residents are asked to participate, without compensation, in ongoing research that may change the way doctors diagnose and treat Alzheimer's.

Ms. Bookout's daughter, Barbara Harris, said she did not hesitate to sign release forms authorizing the studies conducted by the University of North Texas Health Science Center.

"That was very important to me," said the Mansfield woman. "I knew that if she knew what was going on it would be important to her."

Ms. Harris said it was a difficult but necessary decision to move her mother from a house next door to the 750,000-square-foot hospital building.

"She couldn't prepare meals or remember the order of a task," she said. "I was staying with her every night and calling multiple times during the day.

"She told me she was afraid to stay at home. She slept all day. She was afraid if she was awake that she didn't know what she would do."

Alzheimer's robs patients of their reasoning ability as the degenerative disorder leads to the loss of brain cells, sometimes over 10 or more years. Motor skills also deteriorate until the patient eventually becomes bedridden and dependent, said Dr. Robert Gracy, professor and dean of research and biotechnology at UNT Health Science Center.

Gracy is researching the role of antioxidants in slowing or preventing the progression of Alzheimer's. Antioxidants, like Vitamin E, are believed to prevent the kind of cell damage that can lead to memory loss.

"This project will see if there are proteins oxidated early on that we can predict," Gracy said. "If we knew early on who is susceptible to this kind of damage, we could take pre-emptive strategies like large doses of antioxidants."

Gracy hopes to conduct blood tests on several hundred patients at the Heritage centers.

"This gives us a very large number of patients at all stages of Alzheimer's disease so you can do research that is statistically valid," he said.

In other research, patients may participate in testing of new drugs or in the development of new care techniques.

"The project at St. Joseph Gardens is definitely one of the most unique settings in the country," said David Schless, executive director of the American Senior Housing Association.

"It's a study of significant magnitude with very talented and prestigious geriatric procedures involved," he said. "The scope is quite noteworthy."

The work is especially important, Gracy said, because the number of Alzheimer's patients is expected to surge as baby boomers start turning 65. Alzheimer's is the fourth-leading cause of death in adults, after heart disease, cancer and stroke, according to the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association Inc.

An estimated 40,000 adults are affected by the disease in Dallas and Tarrant counties, according to the Alzheimer's Association of Tarrant County.

At St. Joseph's Gardens, services are offered for patients at varying stages of the disease. The project includes 146 beds in Medicaid-certified nursing units, 30 assisted living beds, partial hospitalization, an adult day care center, outpatient clinic, outpatient rehabilitation and mental health center.

The building's interior, decorated in soft pastel colors, is divided into comfortably furnished units with separate entrances for each level of service.

Family members are encouraged to help with patient care.

Ms. Bookout's daughter visits almost every day. But it's not always easy.

"Her memory progressively deteriorates backwards," Ms. Harris said. "Some days she's in 1958 instead of 1998. It's very frustrating for her."

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SHERYLN HOPE GAUNA

MPCH Case #R98-07-002
NIC/M066025519

Sherilyn is a white female (Date of Birth 03/01/81). At the time of her disappearance she was 5'4 tall and weighed approximately 130 pounds. She has brown eyes, brown hair, a scar on one of her elbows, a dark mole on the back side of her leg and the bottoms of both feet show small burn scars.

Sherilyn was last seen on October 11, 1997 in Fort Worth (Tarrant County), Texas. She may be in the company of Joshue Guadalupe Rodriguez, a 24-year-old Hispanic male. Rodriguez also uses the names of Francisco Collaso Silva, Juan Manuel Aguinaga and Josue G. Rodriguez-Ramirez.

Anyone having information regarding this missing juvenile's whereabouts is encouraged to contact Detective Grey, Fort Worth Police Department, Fort Worth, Texas at 817/877-8429 or the Texas Department of Public Safety Missing Persons Clearinghouse at 1-800-346-32443 in Texas or 512/424-2812 outside of Texas.





BRANDI VICKERS AKA MARY LEE GREEN

LANCE STEPHEN VICKERS AKA ALLEN LEE DAVID GREEN

MPCH Case # A98-09-002
NIC/M872308071 NIC/M872307578

Brandi Vickers is a whit female (Date of Birth 08/09/88). At the time of her disappearance she was 4'4" tall and weighed 70 pounds. She has blue eyes and brown hair.

Lance Steven Vickers is a white male (Date of Birth 07/09/91). At the time of his disappearance he was 4'3" tall and weighed 60 pounds. Has has blue eyes and blond hair.

Brandi and Lance were last seen March 31, 1995 in Fort Payne (DeKalb County), Alabama with their non-custodial mother, Susan Vickers, AKA: Connie Rachel Green, white female (Date of Birth 05/24/60). They may be in the Corpus Christi, Texas area.

Anyone having information regarding these missing children's whereabouts is encouraged to contact investigator Mike James, DeKalb County Sheriff's Department, Fort Payne, Alabama at 256/845-4911, the Alabama Clearinghouse at 1-800-228-7688 or the Texas Department of Public Safety Missing Persons Clearinghouse at 1-800-346-3243 in Texas or 512/424-2812 outside Texas.



ANDREA MARIE GEORGE

MPCH Case # R97-12-003
NIC/M036022487

Andrea is a white female (Date of Birth 09/07/80). At the time of her disappearance, she was 6'0" tall and weighed 135 pounds. She has blue eyes and blond hair. Andrea has a large mole on her right hand and her upper canine teeth are crooked.

Andrea was last seen June 21, 1997 in Vancouver (Clark County), Washington. she may be with an adult male companion and they may be traveling in Oregon or Texas. They are in a teal, 1991 Geo Storm, Oregon license plate number NG00501.

Anyone having information regarding the whereabouts of this missing juvenile is encouraged to contact the Clark County Sheriff's Office, Missing Persons Unit, Vancouver, Washington at 360/699-2211 or the Texas Department of Public Safety Missing Person Clearinghouse at 1-800-346-3243 or 512/424-2810 outside of Texas.



MILTY PAMELA PAZ

MPCH Case #R98-09-003
NIC/M092546348

Milty Pamela Paz is a Hispanic female (Date of Birth 07/13/81). At the time of her disappearance she was 5'05" tall and weighed approximately 105 pounds. She has brown eyes and brown hair.

Milty was last seen January 24, 1998 in Houston (Harris County), Texas. She may be in Wichita Falls, Texas in the company of her uncle, Victor A. Paz.

Anyone having information regarding this missing juvenile's whereabouts is encouraged to contact Detective Stephen Kang, Houston Police Department, Houston, Texas at 713/731-5878 or the Texas Department of Public Safety Missing Persons Clearinghouse at 1-800-346-3243 in Texas or 512/424-2812 outside of Texas.

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Authorities search for juveniles who fled reform school

BRYAN (AP) — Officials at a state reform school near Bryan said Saturday they could be a step closer to finding six escaped teenage inmates.

Superintendent Delbert Price said there's been a confirmed sighting of three of the youths in San Antonio, and someone saw another escapee in Houston.

Meanwhile, Price said all was calm at the school. No dorms were on lockdown, but the dorm unit the 11 escaped from was under close watch.

Several of the escapees are suspected of stealing a detention center employee's car. It later turned up near Texas A&M University in nearby College Station.

The six still at large were: James Remmer, 17, of Dallas County; Joseph Trahan, 15, of Hardin County; Timothy Bain, 16, of Bexar County; Christopher Victorino, 16, of Bexar County; Brian Frazier, 16, of Taylor County; and Donald Flint, 17, of Harris County.

Bryan police captured five of the 11 late Friday afternoon after receiving a tip that they were hiding in an abandoned mobile home, Sgt. Choya Walling said.

Police found James Lair, 14, of Somerville County; Kenneth McClary, 16, of Erath County; Billy Sanford, 14, of Jefferson County; Michael Barker, 16, of Henderson County; and Mark Gamez, 16, of Tarrant County.

All five were being held at the Brazos County juvenile detention center and will be charged with misdemeanor escape.

The 11 slipped out of their dormitory around 7:30 p.m. Thursday, then used wirecutters to create a hole in a perimeter fence surrounding the youth correctional facility northwest of Bryan, said Pamela Ward, a Texas Youth Commission spokeswoman.

Price has said he suspects they got their hands on a key and waited for a chance to use it.

The youths' crimes ranged from property burglary to aggravated assault.

Unarmed guards were on watch along the fence. Ms. Ward said an investigators will try to determine how the inmates escaped.

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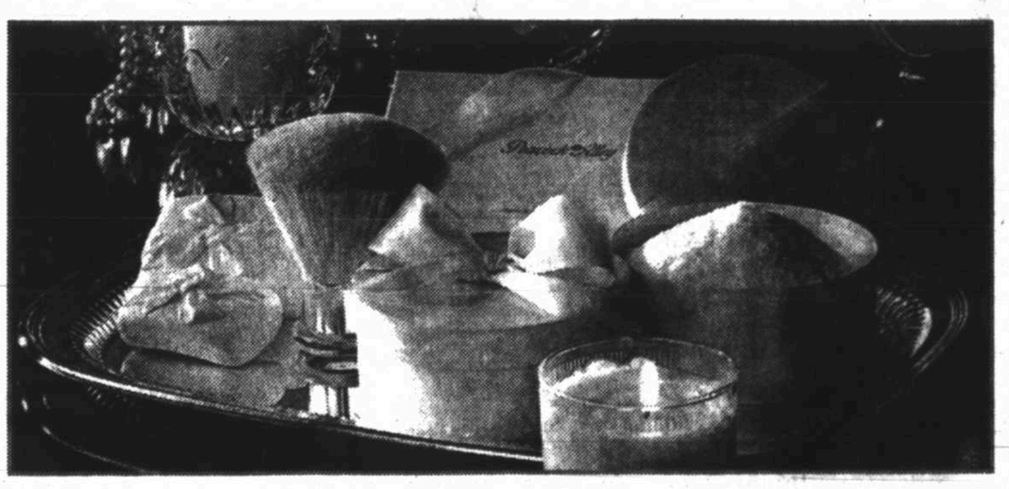
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Stranded seamen want to go home for Christmas

By Madeline Baro
Associated Press Writer

ABOARD THE PILOT V (AP) — The Delta Pride, a 740-foot cargo ship whose original colors have long been obscured by red and orange rust, sits off the South Texas shore near Port Isabel, looking ready to be towed in and scrapped for parts.

Unfortunately for the 22 Pakistani crewmen aboard, the 30-year-old ship that has been in U.S. waters for two weeks probably won't be going anywhere anytime soon.

The ship's owners have gone bankrupt and crew members lack proper documents to enter a U.S. port. So they sit, and sit, and wait, anchored four miles off shore in the Gulf with ever-dimming hopes of making it home for the holidays.

"People are very frustrated," said ship captain Maqsood Ahmed. "Nearly all the people are mentally sick and their health is not in good condition. As soon as possible before Christmas we want to go home. Some of my crew members have not been home for nearly two years."

Ahmed, 33, has gone 1 1/2 years without seeing his wife or daughter, who was 6 months old when he left Pakistan.

"She's quite big now," he said of his daughter. "I don't think I can recognize her."

Before making its way to the Texas coast, the Delta Pride spent five months in Tampico, Mexico, after its owner, Tri-star Shipping Lines of Karachi, Pakistan, went bankrupt. Mexican officials seized the ship's documents and crew's passports because of a financial dispute.

While the ship was stranded off Mexico, crew members drank rainwater they collected and ate fish they caught.

"We had no fuel so it was completely unair-conditioned and completely dark," Ahmed said.

Ahmed sent an S.O.S. to Tampico agents, but no one responded, he said. Crew members became sicker as the food and water was rationed.

"The people were dying in front of me," Ahmed said.

One day, Ahmed found a $10 U.S. bill on board and the words on it inspired him: "In God We Trust." He gathered the crew and told them of his new plan.

"There is only one place in the world to go and ask for help and it is in the U.S.A.," he said to them.

Battling generator problems, the Delta Pride made it to U.S. waters Nov. 24. It was denied permission to pull into the Port of Brownsville because, besides mechanical problems, it lacked a certificate of financial responsibility, said Lt. J.G. Brian Falk of the U.S. Coast Guard. That certificate guarantees that the owner of a ship pays if the vessel causes environmental damage while in port.

Crew members since have received medical examinations and periodic deliveries of donated supplies.

On Thursday, Eddie Max Stovall of the Brazos-Santiago Pilot's Association, Lupe Sanchez and Robert Tullins loaded the Pilot V with supplies — chickens, soup, chili peppers and cigarettes — and braved choppy waters in windy 50-degree drizzle to take the shipment to the Delta Pride.

Tullins kept the Pilot V steady alongside the Delta Pride as Stovall and Sanchez loaded the supplies into a beige basket that was hoisted repeatedly the 50-feet from the Pilot V's small back deck up to the deck of the Delta Pride.

Once done, a Delta Pride crewman radioed the Pilot V and spent several minutes thanking Stovall, although the men already have made several trips to ship.

"It's all part of the job," Tullins said. "I wouldn't want to be stuck out here with no food, no water."

"To me, they're seamen and I'm a seaman," said Stovall, who has been with the U.S. Merchant Marines for 20 years. "I don't care where they're from."

Tullins remembers when they first met the crippled ship, the men looked sickly and unhealthy. Now, along with fresh food and water, the ship has lighting and air conditioning, thanks to a fuel shipment financed by Global Ship Services of New Orleans, which is trying to get the ship sold and its debts and crew paid.

Ahmed said he appreciates the help and says it has renewed his crew's faith.

"I'm believing in God now, completely," Ahmed said. "We believe he's the only one that can help us."

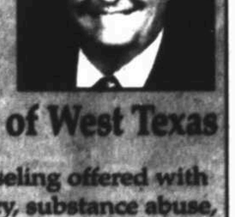
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New technology speeds up hunt for killer asteroids

By John Fleck
Albuquerque Journal

WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, N.M. — Matt Blythe lifted the black cover off his telescope as night fell on the New Mexico desert, then strode inside a low, flat building to sit before a glowing computer screen.

Typing a few instructions, he began his nightly search for asteroids.

In the months since the search began in March, it has become routine. With all the equipment working, it can frankly be a little boring, Blythe acknowledged.

But that's not a bad thing.

"A good night is a boring night, when everything's working fine," Blythe said.

But that boring routine masks a revolution.

Since Blythe and his Lincoln Laboratory colleagues eight months ago began their hunt for the kind of killer asteroids that might some day hit Earth, they've found 29.

By comparison, all the world's astronomers in the previous 66 years had only found a total of 108, said Brian Marsden, head of the International Astronomical Union group that tracks the objects.

Using an advanced computerized telescope camera and sophisticated new image-processing techniques, the Lincoln Laboratory operation has become the 800-pound gorilla in the competitive field of asteroid hunting.

Asteroid hunting has traditionally been the province of astronomers who use small telescopes to hunt for the rocky bodies that primarily orbit the sun in a belt between Mars and Jupiter.

Since the 1960s, there has been an interest among scientists in finding and tracking them because of the realization that they can occasionally slip out of their quiet orbits and come careening toward Earth, with potentially disastrous consequences.

But it's always been a low-priority activity, with little funding or scientific glamour attached to the work.

Grant Stokes, head of the asteroid-hunting program called LINEAR — Lincoln Near-Earth Asteroid Research — for the Massachusetts-based Lincoln Laboratory, didn't set out to hunt asteroids.

His observatory, on a low hill on the northern edge of White Sands Missile Range, is primarily used to develop satellite-tracking technology for the U.S. Air Force.

But he and others realized several years ago that a new system being developed for Air Force satellite searches could double as a very effective asteroid-hunting tool.

At the time, a new generation of asteroid-hunting observatories were coming on line, using the kind of electronic cameras that were revolutionizing astronomy.

By scanning large areas of the sky with the electronic cameras, then using computers to sort through the data, the scientists hoped to greatly increase their ability to find asteroids.

In the years since, asteroid-hunting efforts based at the University of Arizona and NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory dramatically increased the pace of asteroid discovery.

But no one was prepared for the effect Stokes and his colleagues would have on the field.

Using a modest grant from the Air Force — less than $1 million over the past three years — Stokes and his Lincoln lab colleagues reconfigured their satellite-hunting telescope to scan the skies for asteroids.



AP Photo

Three telescope domes stand sentinel over an asteroid-hunting observatory at the north end of White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

About 10 nights a month (they share the telescope with other Air Force research) they program the LINEAR telescope to spend the night marching across the sky.

Each chunk of sky is photographed five times over the course of the night, then a computer compares the images, looking for objects that move.

Asteroids, which slowly orbit the sun, appear to be moving against the background of stars, and the Lincoln lab group's computers have been programmed to pick the movers out of the stars.

Data from the most significant finds is forwarded daily to Marsden's Minor Planet Center in Cambridge, Mass., where astronomers try to calculate the asteroid's orbit.

Occasionally, the asteroid hunters find one a 10th of a mile in diameter or larger, with an orbit likely to bring it within 5 million miles of Earth — a near collision in astronomical terms.

Those Marsden and his staff categorize as "potentially hazardous asteroids" — the kind of space rocks that could some day hit Earth, causing catastrophic damage.

In recent years, the world's asteroid hunters were averaging about one such object a month, according to Marsden. That's now up to five a month, with LINEAR bagging the majority. So far, none has been found with orbits on a collision course with Earth, and Stokes believes it's unlikely such a killer will be found within his or his children's lifetimes.

But the only way to find out for sure is to hunt down and track asteroids, and LINEAR's experience shows many remain to be discovered.

Stokes thinks of LINEAR, and efforts like it, as insurance.

"Clearly the Earth has been hit before," Stokes said as dusk began to settle on the White Sands observatory. "If there happens to be a high-risk object out there, you find out about it."

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Feral steeds of Tortolitas face uncertain future

By Tony Davis
The Arizona Daily Star

TUCSON, Ariz. — Gale Bundrick gazed into the distance as he recalled his first glimpse of wild horses roaming the Tortolita Mountains.

"They were 150 yards away. The minute they see you, they act like a wild animal — they take off."

More than 20 years later, Bundrick is spearheading a county-approved park expansion plan that could lead to fencing the horses out of the Tortolitas.

Their forebears may have roamed the area as far back as the 1920s. For many years, these horses have symbolized a once-wild West that disappears a little more every day under the pressures of urban growth.

But as the county plans to add close to 35,000 acres to Tortolita Mountain Park in the next decade to protect the land from development, officials are concerned that the horses compete too heavily with wildlife for water and space.

Still, Bundrick sounded more than a little nostalgic when he described the mid-1970s day he first saw them.

He and his deer-hunting colleagues were driving up a dirt road from east of the mountains. They spotted the three horses on the other side of a fence.

As he recently piloted his county vehicle back into the same mountains, he pointed to a dip in the hills — a saddle — where he saw three horses long ago.

"If you are fortunate enough to see them, the closer you are to them, they react quickly, take off and run for quite a distance," said Bundrick, now a natural resource manager for Pima County.

A rancher whose family's presence in the Tortolitas dates back seven decades said his late father used to catch and rope wild horses in the 1930s and '40s.

"There used to be a lot of them then — wild horses and jackasses," said Don Carpenter, of the Carpenter Ranch in Cochie Canyon. "They got loose from settlers in the valley and got in here. They were hard as heck to catch."

According to Bundrick and several residents who live near the mountains, the horses in recent years have traveled in two separate packs of up to nine or so each.

Rick Pock, a veteran horse trainer, estimated that more than 20 such horses travel in several separate herds.

Most observers say ranchers released them from their ranches years ago, and they went into the mountains and bred. They frequent separate canyons, climbing the rugged, low-lying mountains northwest of Tucson.

Smaller than most domesticated horses and with longer heads and manes, they cut a striking figure, said Pock, who has lived near the Tortolitas for 20 years.

"I enjoy the freedom of them, their power and their agility," he said. "They're not real pretty horses, but they are supposed to be pretty tough."

They seem to thrive in the loose-fitting, round granite rocks of the Tortolitas. There, the rocks lie at such uneven heights and depths that navigating is like walking through a field of marbles, Pock said.

"They're born in the rocks, and they move through the rocks like nothing is there," Pock said. "Domestic horses can't maneuver on these rocks, but the wild horses can.

"I like them. They are part of our heritage."

Bundrick is the first to acknowledge he has mixed feelings about the possible removal of the horses.

"The pros of these horses are that people love to see them," Bundrick said. "I like to see them. They are a real resource.

"The cons are that the horses inbreed, we get into the management of horses and they create an impact on the land more than wildlife does."

For one, they are not truly wild. They are classified as feral horses, a scientific name for domesticated horses that are turned loose. They're not on any federally registered list of wild horses.

Next, they trample grasses a little more than wildlife does, Bundrick said.

Finally, when they go to one of the Tortolitas' springs or other watering holes, they hang around most of the day. That keeps javelinas, deer and other wildlife away, Bundrick said.

Pock said he strongly disagrees with the idea of removing the horses. The grass that they don't eat will burn in wildfires, he said, posing threats to the homes that are increasingly encroaching on the mountain foothills.

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> — Gale Bundrick, who is spearheading a plan that could lead to fencing the horses out of the Tortolitas

"If you get rid of cows and horses, there will be nothing left to eat the grass," Pock said.

Bundrick replied that fires haven't been a problem in the county's 22,000-acre Tucson Mountain Park, although it hasn't been grazed for 20 years.

The horses' ultimate fate depends on a number of factors.

Technically, they belong to Don Martin, a rancher whose cattle run in the mountains' eastern and southeastern foothills.

If Martin wants to claim them, he'll get the horses, Bundrick said.

Otherwise, the county will have to decide whether to fence them out and have them fend for themselves or try to get them adopted. The ultimate decision regarding the horses would belong to the Board of Supervisors.

"The horses probably don't belong there, but I hope we do something besides fence them out," said Supervisor Sharon Bronson, whose district includes much of the proposed Tortolita Mountain Park addition.

"I want to see us try to adopt the horses out. Fencing prevents wildlife movement from one mountain range to another."

If the horses do get fenced out, Bundrick speculated they would head north into the untrammeled Pinal County desert.

To many observers, the horses' days are numbered anyway. Recent sightings have been less frequent.

The reason for that, said Bundrick, Pock and others, is, once again, the pressures of growth.

"There's too many people in there with bikes, quad (four-wheel) ATVs and trucks," said Pock, who said he hasn't seen the horses in two years despite visiting a once-common horse gathering area four or five times since then. "They've gone deeper into the mountains now.

"They won't let you get near them. If they see you within a quarter-mile, they're gone. They don't want anything to do with people."

Bundrick hiked up the eastern end of the Tortolitas last week in hopes of finding horses.

As he walked past saguaro-speckled hills, he pointed to oval tracks he said were the horses'.

He stood atop a ridge and shifted his binoculars from south to north. He had seen the horses there last spring, but saw none that day.

He did see foot tracks, domesticated horse tracks and motorcycle tracks climbing the same ridge.

"I'll find them," Bundrick said. "It takes time. I've always been able to find them."

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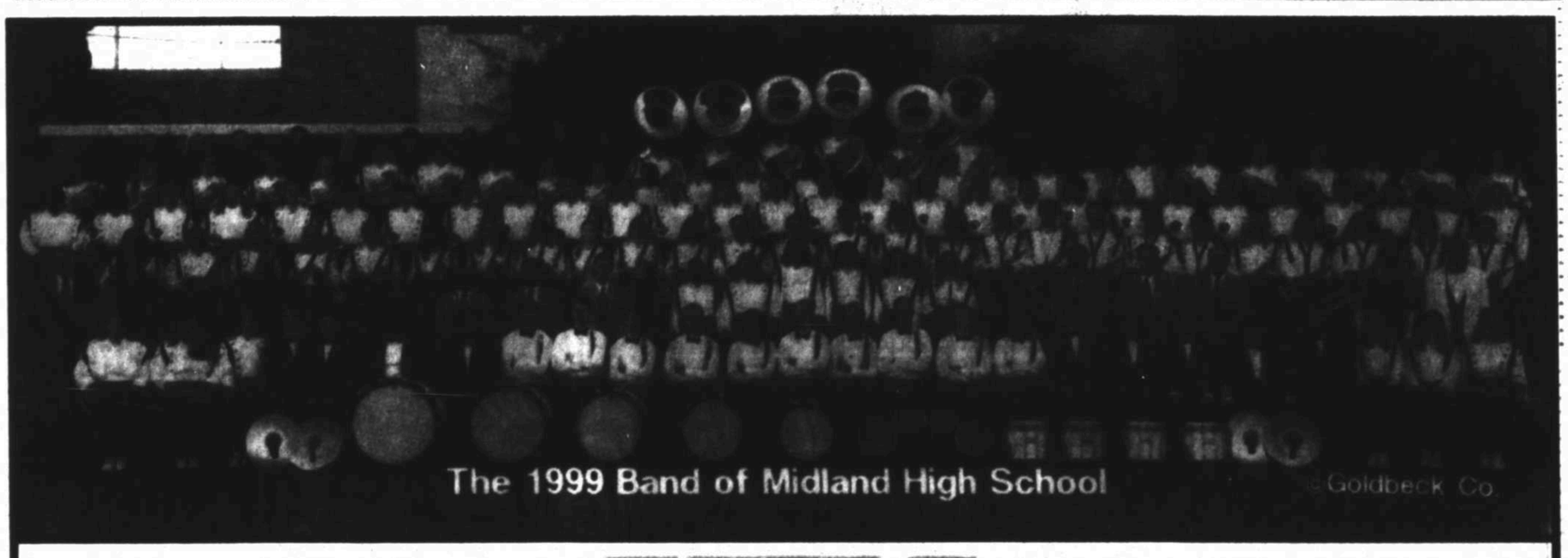
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Cowboys Game

IRVING — As Emmitt Smith sees it, the Cowboys don't have enough passion.

The Cowboys have much more talent than their 8-5 record indicates, but they lacked pure emotion in upset losses against New Orleans, Chicago and Oakland.



"We've got to fight," Smith said. "When we throw a blow, we've got to throw a serious blow and mean it. We need to be a little more emotional and enthusiastic about what we are doing. If we add that element to our game, maybe you will see a different type of ballclub."

Today, the businesslike Cowboys face the Kansas City Chiefs (5-8) at blustery Arrowhead Stadium. The NFC East title and a home playoff game is theirs with a victory.

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TV Sports

NFL — Denver Broncos at New York Giants, noon, FOX.

Teams TBA, noon, CBS.

Dallas Cowboys at Kansas City Chiefs, 3 p.m. RADIO: KODM (97.9 FM).

New York Jets at Miami Dolphins, 7:15 p.m., ESPN.

SOCCER — NCAA Men, Division I Championship, Indiana vs. Stanford, 1 p.m., ESPN.

AUTO RACING — NASCAR Winter Heat Series, Late Model Stocks, 2 p.m., ESPN2.

BASKETBALL — ABL, Chicago Condors at Columbus Quest, 3 p.m., FSN.

RODEO — PRCA National Finals, championship round (same-day tape), 3:30 p.m., ESPN.

Texas Scores

WPHL — Amarillo Rattlers 5, Odessa Jackalopes 4.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL — Texas 73, No. 25 Utah 68.

Baylor 89, McNeese State 66.

Missouri 66, Southern Methodist 55.

Texas Christian 133, Central Oklahoma 108.

Texas Tech 80, Texas-Arlington 55.

Texas-El Paso 77, Lubbock Christian 56.

Wyoming 87, North Texas 67.

North Carolina State 100, Houston 73.

Tulane 78, Lamar 72.

DePaul 93, Texas-Pan American 82.

PREP BASKETBALL — Tall City Oilman's Tournament, Chaparral Center:

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PREP FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS — Class 5A Division II Semifinal, Midland Lee 42, Richardson Lake Highlands 21.

L.A. signs Brown

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — By making Kevin Brown baseball's first $100 million man, Rupert Murdoch and the Los Angeles Dodgers may have sounded a death knell for small-market teams.

"It's a truly tragic day for baseball," San Diego owner John Moores said Saturday after Brown, the pitching ace who led the Padres to the World Series, agreed to a $105 million, seven-year contract with Murdoch's Los Angeles Dodgers.

Coming just 25 months after Albert Belle became the first $50 million player, the move not only altered the balance of power in the NL West, it sent a shudder through an industry starting to wonder if another player-owner war is inevitable in 2002. That's the first season after the current labor agreement is likely to expire.

Sandy Alderson, the executive vice president of baseball operations in the commissioner's office, called it "an affront to baseball." Cleveland general manager John Hart said the media-driven teams "are almost going to a supergroup."

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IOC Bribery

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — Whispers and rumors about corruption within the International Olympic Committee have existed for years.

On Saturday, one of the IOC's own senior leaders came forward with startling bribery allegations that shook the agency to the core and could have widespread repercussions on the entire Olympics movement.

Switzerland's Marc Hodler — a longtime member of the organization's ruling inner circle — detailed what he described as the systematic buying and selling of the Olympic Games.

"To my knowledge, there has always, always, been a certain part of the vote given to corruption," he said, in setting off the biggest ethics scandal in the history of the 104-year-old organization.

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AP Photo

Texas tailback Ricky Williams holds the Heisman Trophy after he was announced as the 1998 winner Saturday at the Downtown Athletic Club in New York.

Williams runs away with Heisman

By Richard Rosenblatt
AP Football Writer

NEW YORK — With the bright lights shining on his dreadlocks and a broad smile on his face, Ricky Williams walked to the podium and was nearly overwhelmed by his runaway Heisman Trophy victory.

The Texas tailback with the pierced tongue and Mickey Mouse tattoo had just won college football's most precious prize on Saturday night, and he did it the way he did everything else this season — in smashing fashion.

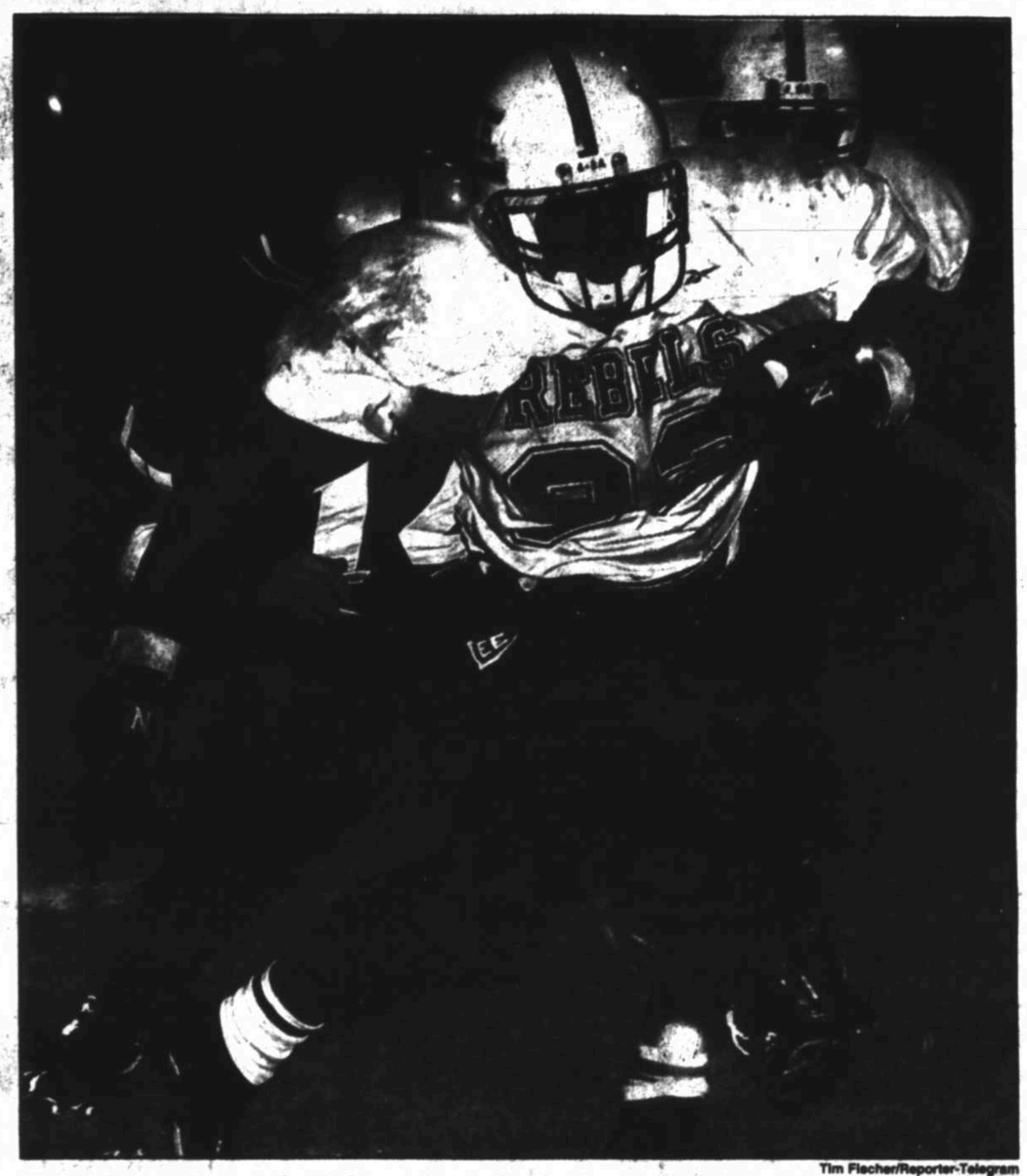
"Any time you can be named the best at what you do, it's an honor," Williams said after winning over Kansas State quarterback Michael Bishop by 1,563 points — the fourth-largest margin of victory in Heisman history.

"I wasn't nervous until I walked into the Heisman room and then I was just overwhelmed. When it came time for the announcement, my heart beating so fast, and I was so nervous. It was a relief to finally hear my name called and accept the trophy."

Williams broke Tony Dorsett's career rushing record in grand style and set dozens more records along the way. The 6-foot, 225-pound San Diegan ran for 2,124 yards and 27 touchdowns in one of the most

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Rebs dominate Wildcats



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Lee running back Cedric Benson breaks free for the second of his three touchdown runs in the Rebels' 42-21 win in the Class 5A Division II semifinal played Saturday night in Abilene.

■ Midland Lee powers its way in to Class 5A Division II title game.

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

ABILENE — The battle for a state final berth Saturday night in Shotwell Stadium ended just like all the others on Midland Lee's 1998 playoff run.

It wasn't so much that the Rebels beat their opponent on the scoreboard, which they did quite handily.

It wasn't really that Midland Lee won the game, it was that Richardson Lake Highlands, a playoff veteran, was defeated so soundly.

Lee (14-1) nailed Lake Highlands, 42-21, winning most every battle in this Class 5A Small School semifinal, and it did so with the execution of a team that will be playing for a state title — which will be at 12:08 p.m. next Saturday in Texas Stadium against 14-1 Katy.

"They executed better, and the bottom line was they played better," Lake Highlands coach Jerry Gayden said. "We couldn't get in a rhythm offensively or defensively. Lee was the cause of that. They had a great scheme."

In the playoffs, Lee has outscored its opponents 193-66, and Saturday night was no different, although it was the biggest win for the Rebel program since 1983.

"It's obviously one of the biggest things that has happened to our program," Midland Lee head coach John Parchman said. "We have had some big wins that gave us credibility, but this is like a shot in the arm to the Lee Rebel program."

The shot in the arm came with Lee dominating every facet of the game, and it started in the trenches.

"All football games are won on the line and this one was no different," Gayden said.

Lee rushed for 297 yards and scored on three of its four possessions. The Rebels had two backs rush for over 100 yards (Cedric Benson had 171 yards and three TDs on 27 carries while junior Clint McNutt racked up 116 yards on 13 carries). The running backs ran with purpose, and ran so well thanks to the big boys up front (Steve Subia, Rex Richards,

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5A Division II Semifinals

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Midland Lee 42
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Top Performers

■ **Offense:** Running backs Cedric Benson ran for 3touchdowns and 171 yards.

■ **Defense:** Linebacker Drew Anderson made several tackles for losses.

■ **Special Teams:** Ryan Wright blocked a punt and Sam Bailey recovered it for a touchdown.

Taft edges Bulldogs for Oilman's crown

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

Even without some key players in the final few minutes, Saturday night's show at Chaparral Center lived up to advance hype.

The game between the two finalists in last year's Class 5A boys high school basketball championship was highly anticipated in front of a partisan crowd rooting racucously for Midland High. It was clearly what the organizers of the Tall City Oilman's Classic wanted.

Unfortunately, it wasn't what the Bulldogs wanted. Without one starter missing to the head coach's rule and two others already fouled out, it was almost like wathcing a play where the lead characters are killed off before the final act. Still, the Bulldogs were valiant in a 71-70 loss to San Antonio Taft.

That the Bulldogs (10-2) only lost by a point is a testimony to their character as a team. They were without star guard Charles Tatum, MVP of last year's state tournament, who incurred a technical foul late in the first quarter. Under the rules of MHS coach Jack Stephenson, any player who draws a technical has to sit out the rest of the game even if he's as good as Tatum.

"We had a chance to win," said Stephenson. "In fairness to my kids, we've lost two games by one point when we've had two first-team all-state kids out of the game because of technical fouls."

Midland High made the championship round with an exciting 71-67 win over District 4-5A opponent Odessa Permian in the afternoon semifinal. The Bulldogs came back from a 10-point fourth quarter deficit for the victory.

Midland High lost to another San Antonio team, Marshall, 76-75 after forward Jay Christian had to sit out the final seven minutes because of a technical. Stephenson is now rethinking his policy regarding technicals.

"It's going to be my discretion from now on if a kid deservesto sit out the rest of the game," Stephenson said.

The Bulldogs were trailing 21-14 late in the first quarter when Tatum was whistled for traveling. He apparently asked the referee if he had really trav-

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Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

Levelland defenders find the only way to tackle Andrews' Shaud Williams — surround him. Williams, who rushed for 7,712 yards in his high school career, is being surrounded by recruiters as colleges from Lubbock to Georgia pursue his commitment.

Andrews' Williams deals with being in big demand

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

ANDREWS — What's it like to be one of the top running back recruits in the nation?

For those who don't know any better, there couldn't be anything more fun — getting attention from major colleges, traveling to see your favorite schools and receiving a great deal of attention. Those first appearances might be a little deceiving.

For Shaud Williams, it means that for the fourth straight night, dinner is cut a little short to accommodate a coach wanting to make an in-house visit.

It is Thursday, and Williams is expecting Oklahoma State University to come calling, following in the footsteps of Georgia, Texas Tech and Texas over the past three nights. Although it is a drop from when 10 coaches a week visited the Andrews campus to discuss Williams' future, it is life as usual for a highly-recruited high school senior.

The fact of the matter is that Oklahoma State is not on the running-back's abbreviated list of schools that he has visited or is planning to visit. However, they are still trying anyway. After all, Williams, who finished second on Class 4A's all-time career rushing list, has been compared to OSU alumnus and Heisman Trophy winner Barry Sanders. Williams is 5-foot eight, 180 pounds and explosive. His 4.4 (40-yard dash) speed has carried him to 7,712 yards in his career.

"He has great quickness, sight and balance," Andrews coach Mike Lebby said of Williams, "everything you look for in an I-back."

For every yard Williams rushed for, he has received that much correspondence from

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Buffaloes finish up just shy of repeating championship

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

STEPHENVILLE — It took a former champion and mother nature to knock off the defending Class 2A champions.

The Celina Bobcats, who won the Class 2A state title in 1995 and have long been a tradition-rich program, did what only one other team has done in the past 41 games — and that's hand Stanton a loss. The Bobcats stopped the Buffaloes, 9-0, in the Class 2A Division II Semifinals Friday at Tarleton Memorial Stadium.

But this season by the Buffs wasn't a failure by any means:

■ Stanton appeared in only its second state semifinal game.

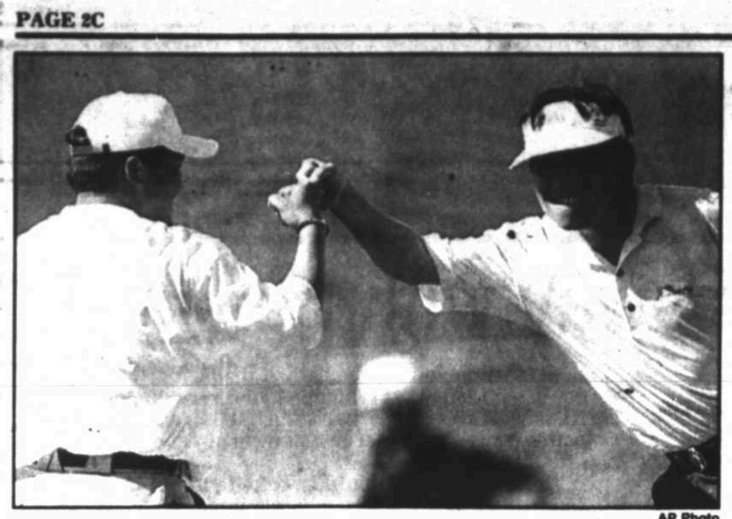
■ Recorded a season mark of 13-2, the second best season in Stanton history.

■ Compiled a 39-2 record in two years, the best in Class 2A.

■ At one point, Stanton had a 22-game winning streak, which was at the time the longest streak going in Texas high school football.

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AP Photo

Shigeki Maruyama, left, and partner Joe Ozaki celebrate their 3 and 2 win over Americans David Duval and Phil Mickelson during Saturday's Presidents Cup four-ball matches at Royal Melbourne Golf Course in Australia.

International squad wins Presidents Cup

By Doug Ferguson
AP Golf Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia — Nobody wanted another War on the Shore. Nobody expected a Massacre in Melbourne.

A hungry and relentless International team made short work of the United States on a rainy Sunday at Royal Melbourne Golf Club, winning the first two singles matches to clinch its first Presidents Cup and the first one played on International soil.

Craig Parry, who pulled off one of several stunning shots that carried the International team to a 14 1/2-5 1/2 lead after two days, steamrolled past Justin Leonard for a 5 and 3 victory. Thirty minutes later, Nick Price polished off David Duval 2 and 1, and the celebration was on.

The Americans were leading most of the singles matches when the loudest roar of the week rang out across Royal Melbourne.

No matter. Barring a late charge — something they haven't had all week — the Americans were headed for their worst loss ever in a cup.

Jim Furyk won his first match of the week, 4 and 2 over Frank Nobilo, and Scott Hoch beat Joe Ozaki 4 and 3. Phil Mickelson needed a birdie on the last hole to halve his match with Carlos Franco of Paraguagy.

Tiger Woods and Greg Norman were tied with five holes to play. With six of the 12 singles matches completed, the International lead was 18-7. Only 16 1/2 points were required to win.

International captain Peter Thomson described the U.S. team as the "greatest collection of golfers in the world" during the opening ceremonies. Not this week. And particularly not at Royal Melbourne.

The worst loss by the United States in the Ryder Cup was 16 1/2-11 1/2 in 1985 at The Belfry, the start of European domination. Could the Presidents Cup be headed down the same path?

"After the 1996 matches, the International team wanted to show that they're as good a group of players as any in the world," said PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem. "I think they demonstrated that."

The Presidents Cup was born in 1994 to give foreign players born outside Europe a chance to compete in matches styled after the Ryder Cup. The Americans won the first two played at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Club in Virginia.

Norman and the International team campaigned hard for the matches to leave the United States, and now the Americans know why.

Rattlers pull out win in last seconds

By Ted Battles
MRT Correspondent

ODESSA — David Ferrsanti's goal with eight seconds left gave Amarillo's Rattlers a 5-4 win over the Odessa Jackalopes in an emotionally-charged WPHL game at Ector County Coliseum Saturday night.

Brad Haelzle and Per Schyter received assists, but booing fans left the Jack Shack convinced that referee Alex Brown was the set up man.

When Mike Ross rocketed a power play goal past Rattlers goalie Adam Lord to tie it at 4-4 with 3: 33 left, the game seemed headed for overtime. But with 1: 41 to play, Brown called Odessa's Ryane Equale for holding.

For Jackalopes fans, a call against the Jacks in the final minutes of a close game is a familiar scenario. This time Ferranti, with two goals and two assists on the night, beat the buzzer and blinked the red light to deal the Jacks a crushing defeat.

It was crushing, because twice Odessa trailed by two goals and battled back. With 10: 33 gone of the third period, Ferranti's 17th goal of the season gave the Rattlers what should have been a demoralizing 4-2 lead.

But Dan Girhiny, out of sheer persistence, rekindled hope when he took his own rebound, shot from the circle, and Jamie Dunn's deflection at the crease beat Lord with 7: 23 left.

The Jacks tied it on a 5-on-3 opportunity with Jacque Rodrigue and Dan Lavergne getting assists on the Ross goal.

As the fans booed after the game, Odessa coach Joe Clark sought an audience with Brown on the ice, but was screened by linesmen Dan O'Neil and Paul Lewis.

A cooling off period killed an opportunity to discuss the final moments with Clark. The only penalties called early on were coincidental penalties for holding in the first period — a holding and slashing penalty were assessed against Amarillo, and too many men on the ice against Odessa in the second period.

In the third period, six penalties were called, three against Odessa and two against Amarillo, setting up the two-man advantage that allowed the Jacks to tie the score.

Aside from the disappointing finish for the Jacks, it was one of the wildest, most exciting games of the season. Once again the name Jas figured prominently.

Peter Jas, Jan's brother, only recently acquired by the Rattlers, opened the scoring with 13: 19 gone in the first period. David Rattray's goal made it 2-0, 3: 10 into the second period. Ryan Equale countered for the Jacks at 11: 51, and Rattray then made it 3-1.

Odessa's Jas cut the lead to one with a goal at 17: 49 and that set the stage for the frantic final period.

The win let Amarillo slip a point ahead of the Jacks in the Western Division standings and squared accounts for a 6-3 loss here a week ago.

Odessa remains idle until Friday when Lake Charles and Paul Fioroni comes to the Shack and red hot New Mexico is due here Saturday.

JACK SLAPS: The second goal against Billy Pye appeared to be knocked into the net accidentally by a teammate attempting to clear the puck. The disk slipped behind Pye and just sat, momentarily unseen, before two sticks went after it....

Score by Periods

	1	2	2	—5
Amarillo	0	2	2	—4
Odessa				

First Period: 1. Am Peter Jax 1 (Mc Gowan) 13:19. 2. Am Rattray 4 (Ferranti) 3:10. Penalties: Am Matt Brenner, Od Jamie Dunn, holding, 11:53.

Second Period: 3. OD Equale 10 (Rodrigue 18) pp 11:07. 4. Am Rattray 5 (Ferrantie 21) 112:51.-5. Od Jan Jas 2 (unassisted) 17:49. Penalties: AM Doublas, holding 10:37. Am Nick Sinerste slashing, 1:50.

Third Period: 6. Am Ferrantie 19 (Jas 2) pp 15:33. 7. Od Dunn (Girhiny) 7:23. 8. OD Ross 3 (Rodrigue, Lavergne) pp 16:27. 9. Am Ferranti 8 (Haelzle, Schyter) pp 19:52. Penalties: Od Rodrigue, tripping, 19:22. OD Equale, boarding, 12:28. Am Douglas, high sticking, 5:21. Am Rattray, interference, 4:44. OD Equale, holding, 18:19.

Shots on Goal: Amarillo 10-13-7-30. Odessa 20-13-11-44. **Goalies:** Lord 36 of 40. Pye 20-25 saves. Power Plays: Amarillo 2-5. Odessa 2-5. Ref: Alex Brown. Linesmen: Dan O'Neil and Paul Lewis. Att: 3,564.

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SPORTS SCOREBOARD

NHL Results

Standings

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	17	7	3	37	81	67
Philadelphia	13	9	5	31	76	62
Pittsburgh	11	7	7	29	75	67
N.Y. Rangers	10	11	7	27	72	71
N.Y. Islanders	10	18	0	20	69	83

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Buffalo	15	5	5	35	73	45
Toronto	16	11	2	34	86	83
Boston	12	8	6	30	67	51
Ottawa	13	10	3	29	77	64
Montreal	8	16	4	20	63	83

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	13	11	5	31	77	67
Florida	9	11	6	24	66	74
Washington	8	15	3	19	58	72
Tampa Bay	8	18	2	18	61	102

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	16	10	1	33	87	66
St. Louis	9	9	6	24	63	58
Nashville	10	14	3	23	62	80
Chicago	9	16	3	21	66	95

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	13	12	2	28	69	72
Edmonton	13	13	2	28	81	75
Calgary	11	15	2	24	77	80
Vancouver	10	13	4	24	78	80

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Phoenix	17	3	3	37	68	37
Dallas	16	5	4	36	72	52
Anaheim	10	11	6	26	62	66
Los Angeles	7	17	3	17	57	77
San Jose	5	14	7	17	55	67

Saturday's Games

Late Games Not Included

New Jersey 5, Colorado 3
Buffalo 4, Boston 1
Philadelphia 3, Toronto 0
Tampa Bay 2, N.Y. Islanders 1, OT
Carolina 3, Detroit 0
Montreal 2, Nashville 2, tie
Phoenix 2, Ottawa 0
Calgary 4, Florida 2
Pittsburgh 4, St. Louis 3
Vancouver at Los Angeles (n)
Washington at San Jose (n)

Sunday's Games

Edmonton at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Dallas at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Anaheim, 7 p.m.

Devils 5, Avalanche 3

Colorado	1	1	1	— 3
New Jersey	1	0	4	— 5

First Period—1, New Jersey, Pederson 5 (Sykora, Niedermayer), 1:26 (pp). 2, Colorado, Matte 1 (Donovan, Corbet), 17:52.

Second Period—3, Colorado, Odgers 2 (Corbet, Reichel), 10:09.

Third Period—4, New Jersey, Holik 9 (Oliwa, Odelein), 4:49. 5, Colorado, Corbet 4 (Rychel, Donovan), 6:58. 6, New Jersey, Rolston 6, 12:12. 7, New Jersey, Holik 10 (Souray), 13:16. 8, New Jersey, McKay 7 (Holik), 19:31 (pp).

Shots on goal—Colorado 4-12-3—19. New Jersey 8-8-15—31. Power-play Opportunities—Colorado 0 of 3; New Jersey 2 of 2. Goalies—Colorado, Billington 3-3-0 (31 shots-26 saves). New Jersey, Brodeur 13-7-3 (19-16). A—18,002 (19,040).

Coyotes 2, Senators 0

Phoenix	0	1	1	— 2
Ottawa	0	0	0	— 0

First Period—None.

Second Period—1, Phoenix, Lumme 3 (Isbister, Doan), 2:10.

Third Period—2, Phoenix, Numminen 4 (Tkachuk, Roenick), 19:12.

Shots on goal—Phoenix 9-10-6—25. Ottawa 15-15-12—42. Power-play Opportunities—Phoenix 0 of 2; Ottawa 0 of 3. Goalies—Phoenix, Khabibulin 11-3-1 (42 shots-42 saves). Ottawa, Tugnutt 6-3-1 (25-23). A—16,480 (18,500).

Sabres 4, Bruins 1

Buffalo	3	1	0	— 4
Boston	0	0	1	— 1

First Period—1, Buffalo, Holzinger 9, 4:09. 2, Buffalo, Peca 7 (Ward), 19:09. 3, Buffalo, Satan 5 (Brown, Grosek), 19:55.

Second Period—4, Buffalo, Satan 6 (Grosek, Brown), 13:07 (pp).

Third Period—5, Boston, Axelsson 3 (DiMaio, C.Taylor), 7:50.

Shots on goal—Buffalo 9-8-3—20. Boston 8-21-8—37. Power-play Opportunities—Buffalo 1 of 4; Boston 0 of 6. Goalies—Buffalo, Hasek 15-4-5 (37 shots-36 saves). Boston, Dafoe 9-8-6 (20-16). A—17,565 (17,565).

Hurricanes 3, Red Wings 0

Detroit	0	0	0	— 0
Carolina	1	1	1	— 3

First Period—1, Carolina, Primeau 14 (Kapanen, Sheppard), 5:46.

Second Period—2, Carolina, Manderville 3 (Malik, Dineen), 8:50.

Third Period—3, Carolina, Sheppard 13 (Kapanen), 10:01.

Shots on goal—Detroit 10-10-15—35. Carolina 8-11-7—26. Power-play Opportunities—Detroit 0 of 6; Carolina 0 of 8. Goalies—Detroit, Osgood 12-8-0 (26 shots-23 saves). Carolina, Irbe 9-7-3 (35-35). A—11,059 (11,059).

Flyers 3, Maple Leafs 0

Philadelphia	2	0	1	— 3
Toronto	0	0	0	— 0

First Period—1, Philadelphia, Zelepukin 2 (Brind'Amour), 1:38. 2, Philadelphia, Lindros 17 (Babych, LeClair), 18:42.

Second Period—None.

Third Period—3, Philadelphia, LeClair 20 (Desjardins, Jones) :53.

Shots on goal—Philadelphia 9-7-11—27. Toronto 4-12-7—23. Power-play Opportunities—Philadelphia 0 of 4; Toronto 0 of 7. Goalies—Philadelphia, Vanbiesbrouck 8-6-4 (23 shots-23 saves). Toronto, Joseph 12-9-2 (27-24). A—15,726 (15,726).

Flames 4, Panthers 2

Calgary	2	1	1	— 4
Florida	1	1	0	— 2

First Period—1, Florida, Kozlov 6 (Lindsay), 6:29. 2, Calgary, Dubinsky 3 (Cassels), 11:08 (sh). 3, Calgary, Ward 3 (Albelin, Wilm), 13:48.

Second Period—4, Calgary, Fleury 15 (Bure, Housley), 14:48 (pp). 5, Florida, Ciccarelli 5 (Kozlov, Dvorak), 15:53.

Third Period—6, Calgary, Iginla 11 (Morris, Shantz), 11:26.

Shots on goal—Calgary 13-15-7—35. Florida 16-11-11—38. Power-play Opportunities—Calgary 1 of 3; Florida 0 of 2. Goalies—Calgary, Gigüere 5-3-0 (38 shots-36 saves). Florida, McLean 3-6-1 (35-31). A—17,337 (19,088).

Lightning 2, Islanders 1

Tampa Bay	0	1	0	1 — 2
N.Y. Islanders	0	1	0	0 — 1

First Period—None.

Second Period—1, Tampa Bay, Dykhuis 1 (Gratton, Andersson), :43. 2, New York, Linden 10 (Lapointe, Jonsson), 17:14 (sh).

Third Period—None.

Overtime—3, Tampa Bay, Hogue 2, 4:12.

Shots on Goal—Tampa Bay 6-9-9-2-26; New York 6-11-15-3-35. Power-play Opportunities—Tampa Bay 0 of 3; New York 0 of 3. Goalies—Tampa Bay, Schwab 2-4-0 (35 shots-34 saves). New York, Salo 10-15-0 (26-24). A—10,888 (16,297).

Canadiens 2, Predators 2

Montreal	0	2	0	0 — 2
Nashville	0	2	0	0 — 2

First Period—None.

Second Period—1, Montreal, Brunet 7 (Brisebois, Koivu), 7:28. 2, Nashville, Brunette 6 (Ronning, Berehowsky), 9:25 (pp). 3, Nashville, Walker 3 (Ronning, Kjellberg), 13:19. 4, Montreal, Hoglund 5 (Zholtok, Rivet), 18:02.

Third Period—None.

Overtime—None.

Shots on goal—Montreal 8-10-6-3—27. Nashville 11-20-10-2—43. Power-play Opportunities—Montreal 0 of 2; Nashville 1 of 3. Goalies—Montreal, Hackett 2-5-2 (43 shots-41 saves). Nashville, Vokoun 1-1-2 (27-25). A—16,129 (17,298).

Penguins 4, Blues 3

Pittsburgh	4	0	0	— 4
St. Louis	2	0	1	— 3

First Period—1, St. Louis, Turgeon 11 (Demitra), :57. 2, Pittsburgh, Kovalev 4 (Brown, Moran), 9:05. 3, Pittsburgh, Jagr 9 (Lang, Straka), 9:32. 4, Pittsburgh, Barnes 13 (Jagr, Titov), 10:14 (pp). 5, Pittsburgh, Kovalev 5 (Titov), 10:44. 6, St. Louis, Demitra 14 (Yake, Rivers), 14:03.

Second Period—None.

Third Period—7, St. Louis, Yake 1 (Campbell), 7:46 (pp).

Shots on goal—Pittsburgh 7-3-4—14. St. Louis 7-12-15—34. Power-play Opportunities—Pittsburgh 1 of 4; St. Louis 1 of 3. Goalies—Pittsburgh, Barrasso 6-4-3 (34 shots-31 saves). St. Louis, Fuhr 3-2-2 (14-10). A—19,291 (19,260).

WPHL

At A Glance

By The Associated Press

Eastern Division

	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
Lake Charles	18	9	2	38	124	98
Arkansas	18	8	1	37	117	82
Shreveport	16	9	3	35	123	95
Monroe	13	12	2	28	102	113
Tupelo	8	18	2	18	79	126
Alexandria	7	16	4	18	107	148

Central Division

	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
Corpus Christi	16	10	1	33	111	91
Waco	14	10	2	30	99	90
Fort Worth	14	13	2	30	86	105
Austin	12	14	4	28	90	122
Central Texas	11	10	5	27	99	106

Western Division

	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
Abilene	22	7	0	44	121	87
San Angelo	15	8	3	33	108	95
New Mexico	14	12	4	32	111	118
Amarillo	13	11	2	28	103	102
El Paso	13	13	2	28	90	93
Odessa	12	14	3	27	96	94

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a victory; one for a shootout loss. Shootout losses are separate from losses.

Saturday's Games

Fort Worth 6, Abilene 5
Arkansas 4, Alexandria 3, SO
El Paso 6, New Mexico 5, SO
Lake Charles 4, Monroe 3, SO
Amarillo 5, Odessa 4
San Angelo 4, Waco 2
Tupelo 6, Shreveport 5, SO
Central Texas 4, Austin 2

Sunday's Games

Tupelo at Shreveport
Corpus Christi at Alexandria

Monday's Games

No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Waco at Monroe
Amarillo at Tupelo

UIL Playoffs

H.S. Playoffs

By The Associated Press

CLASS 5A

Division I Championship

Duncanville 24, Converse Judson 21

Division II Semifinals

Midland Lee 42, Lake Highlands 21
Katy 14, SA MacArthur 6

Division II Championship

Midland Lee (14-1) vs. Katy (14-1), 12:06 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium

CLASS 4A

Division I Championship

Grapevine 22, Bay City 0

Division II Semifinals

La Marque 17, Smithson Valley 7
Stephenville 31, Southlake Carroll 28

Division II Championship

La Marque (13-0) vs. Stephenville (14-1), time and site to be determined

CLASS 3A

Division I Championship

Aledo 14, Cuero 7

Division II Semifinals

Daingerfield 21, Childress 10
Newton 29, Aransas Pass 15

Division II Championship

Newton (13-1) vs. Daingerfield (14-0), 3 p.m. Saturday, Nacogdoches

CLASS 2A

Division I Championship

Omaha Paul Pewitt (11-3) vs. Brookshire-Royal (12-1), Bedford

Division II Semifinals

Celina 9, Stanton 0
Elysian Fields 7, Goldthwaite 0

Division II Championship

Elysian Fields (12-3) vs. Celina (13-2), TBA Saturday, Texas Stadium

CLASS A

Semifinals

Wheeler 35, Aspermont 14
Tenaha 34, Iola 0

Championship

Wheeler (12-2) vs. Tenaha (15-0), TBA

SIX MAN

Championship

Trinidad 62, Borden County 16

NCAA Volleyball

By The Associated Press

Second Round

Long Beach State 3, Arizona 0 (15-11, 15-4, 15-6).
Florida 3, Ohio State 1 (15-5, 13-15, 16-14, 15-12).
Arkansas 3, Indiana 0 (15-8, 15-5, 15-4).
Pepperdine 3, North Carolina 0 (16-14, 15-11, 15-8).
Illinois 3, Colorado 0 (15-12, 15-11, 16-14).

At Austin, Texas

Texas 3, Colorado State 0 (15-6, 15-6, 15-9).

At Stanford, Calif.

Stanford 3, Notre Dame 0 (15-1, 15-5, 15-1).

At Los Angeles

Southern California 3, Texas A&M 1 (15-8, 8-15, 15-5, 15-5).

At University Park, Pa.

Penn State 3, Clemson 0 (15-2, 15-11, 15-5).

At Louisville, Ky.

Louisville 3, Northern Illinois 1 (11-15, 15-7, 15-11, 15-10).

At Stockton, Calif.

Pacific 3, Sacramento State 0 (15-4, 15-5, 15-3).

At Provo, Utah

Brigham Young 3, Kansas State 0 (15-6, 15-10, 17-15).

At Lincoln, Neb.

Nebraska 3, Utah 1 (14-16, 15-4, 15-8, 15-9).

At Madison, Wis.

Wisconsin 3, San Diego 0 (15-10, 15-10, 18-16).

Sunday, Dec. 6

Second Round

At Honolulu

Hawaii 3, Miami, Ohio 0 (15-4, 15-6, 15-12).

At Santa Barbara, Calif.

UC Santa Barbara 3, UCLA 1 (15-8, 8-15, 15-13, 15-11).

Regionals

Dec. 10

At Gainesville, Fla.

Hawaii 3, Arkansas 0 (15-13 15-9 15-9).
Florida 3, Southern California 1 (15-13, 12-15, 15-9, 15-9).

At Long Beach, Calif.

Texas 3, Stanford 1 (16-14, 15-5, 4-15, 16-14).
Long Beach State 3, Illinois 0 (16-14, 15-4, 15-11).

Dec. 11

At University Park, Pa.

Brigham Young 3, Pacific 1 (15-7, 15-5, 12-15, 16-14).
Penn State 3, Louisville 0 (15-5, 15-8, 15-2).

At Lincoln, Neb.

Wisconsin 3, UC Santa Barbara 2 (9-15, 15-8, 8-15, 15-5, 15-13).
Nebraska 3, Pepperdine 2 (16-14, 10-15, 14-16, 15-1, 15-12).

Quarterfinals

Dec. 11

At Gainesville, Fla.

Florida 3, Hawaii 2 (11-15, 4-15, 15-10, 15-4, 15-7).

At Long Beach, Calif.

Long Beach State 3, Texas 0 (15-9, 15-9, 15-2).

Dec. 12

At University Park, Pa.

Penn State 3, Brigham Young 0 (18-16, 15-2, 15-10).

At Lincoln, Neb.

Nebraska 3, Wisconsin 2 (12-15, 18-16, 9-15, 15-10, 15-10).

Men's Scores

SOUTHWEST

Baylor 69, McNeese St. 66
Cent. Arkansas 98, John Brown 96, OT
Harding 84, Ark.-Monticello 74
Missouri 66, Southern Meth. 55
Oklahoma 64, Nicholls St. 44
Oklahoma Christian 66, Oklahoma Science 65
Oklahoma St. 88, Ark.-Little Rock 41
Ouachita 64, Christian Brothers 48
Texas 73, Utah 68
Texas A&M-Commerce 70, Henderson St. 61
Texas A&M-Kingsville 69, St. Mary's, Texas 61
Texas Christian 133, Cent. Oklahoma 106
Texas Tech 80, Texas-Arlington 55
Texas-El Paso 77, Lubbock Christian 56
Wyoming 87, North Texas 67

FAR WEST

Albertson 78, Biola 64
Azusa Pacific 95, Bethany, Calif. 60
Cal Lutheran 80, UC Santa Cruz 64
Cal St.-Hayward 67, Holy Names 64
Cal State-LA 75, CSU-Chico 69
Christian Heritage 95, San Jose Bible 69
Claremont-Mudd 81, Chapman 62
Colorado St. 75, Nebraska 49
Concordia, Calif. 71, Whittier 61
Denver 98, Wright St. 76
Idaho St. 66, Portland 55
Kansas St. 90, Long Beach St. 77
LaVerne 81, La Sierra 63
Loyola Marymount 71, Pacific 62
Metro St. 87, Chadron St. 72
Montana St.-Northern 90, W. Montana 89
Montana Tech 66, Rocky Mountain 57
N. Arizona 72, Colorado College 56
NW Nazarene 112, Pertien 73
Oregon 73, Portland St. 62
Point Loma 92, Simpson, Calif. 43
Regis 77, Colorado Mines 68
S. Colorado 95, Adams St. 72
S. Oregon 87, Cal Maritime 69
San Diego 76, Montana St. 69
San Francisco St. 68, CS Bakersfield 66
Seattle Pacific 95, Lewis-Clark St. 50
UC San Diego 79, Pomona-Pitzer 74
UCLA 72, UNLV 67
Weber St. 72, Mesa, Colo. 60
Western St., Colo. 78, Fort Lewis 48

MIDWEST

Augustana, S.D. 84, Dakota St. 56
Baldwin-Wallace 76, Capital 62
Bemidji St. 74, Moorhead St. 72, OT
Bethel, Ind. 111, Wis. Lutheran 94
Bethel, Kan. 69, Kansas Wesleyan 55
Bethel, Minn. 60, Augsburg 42
Black Hills St. 108, Presentation 69
Butler 61, Ball St. 48
Carthage 73, Aquinas 68
Cent. Missouri 107, Monmouth, Ill. 65
Central St., Ohio 62, Transylvania 61
Cincinnati 91, SW Louisiana 65
Concordia Seminary 85, Sanford Brown 58
Dana 71, Peru St. 45
DePaul 93, Texas-Pan American 82
DePauw 74, Concordia, Ill. 57
Detroit 68, Wayne, Mich. 63
Drake 83, Creighton 80
Earlham 73, Oberlin 50
Edgewood 74, North Park 54
Findlay 81, Cedarville 74
Grand Valley St. 91, Rollins 89, 2OT
Grinnell 128, Martin Luther 105
Gustav Adolphus 64, Hamline 40
Illinois 70, E. Illinois 67
Illinois College 76, Knox 50
Illinois St. 66, Wichita St. 61
Illinois Wesleyn 78, Aurora 64
Ind.-Pur.-Indpls. 74, E. Kentucky 61
Indiana St. 55, Loyola, Ill. 50
Indianapolis 76, N. Kentucky 66
Iowa 74, Iowa St. 54
John Carroll 79, Muskingum 51
Kalamazoo 60, Concordia, Mich. 47
Kansas 107, Southern Cal 78
Kent 59, Cleveland St. 57
Lewis 95, Dominican, Ill. 43
Lincoln, Mo. 95, Drury 83
Marian, Ind. 96, Wabash 85
Marietta 74, Heidelberg 55
Miami, Ohio 81, Cent. Michigan 69, OT
Millikin 86, Rose-Hulman 83
Minnesota 72, E. Michigan 53
Missouri-Kansas City 88, Wis.-Milwaukee 68
Missouri-Rolla 104, Westminster, Mo. 66
Missouri-St. Louis 75, Quincy 58
Morningside 96, Sioux Falls 80
Mount St. Joseph 88, Urbana 80
Mount Union 77, Otterbein 75
N. Michigan 83, Northland 69
Nebraska-Kearney 104, Colorado Christian 82
Nebraska-Omaha 94, Rockford 55
North Dakota 84, Minn.-Morris 50
Northwestern, Iowa 91, Cent. Iowa 60
Ohio Northern 73, Hiram 47
Olivet Nazarene 78, Missouri Baptist 60
Pittsburg St. 105, Mid-Am Bible 62
Rhode Island 85, Ohio U. 73
Ripon 78, Carroll, Wis. 60
S. Dakota St. 93, Northern St., S.D. 84
S. Indiana 88, SIU-Edwardsville 65
SW Baptist 81, Langston 75
SW Missouri St. 76, S. Illinois 62
Saginaw Valley St. 80, Mercyhurst 75
Saint Louis 80, Cal St.-Fullerton 46
Siena Heights 61, Rochester 45
South Dakota 103, Montana St.-Billings 76
Southwestern, Kan. 100, Sterling 95, OT
St. Francis, Ill. 71, Oakland City 60
St. Francis, Ind. 62, Tri-State 61
St. John's, Minn. 68, Concordia, Moor. 50
St. Mary's, Minn. 80, Carleton 71
St. Olaf 68, Northwestern, Minn. 58
St. Scholastica 68, Lakeland 54
St. Thomas, Minn. 77, Macalester 60
Tabor 83, Ottawa, Kan. 63
Toledo 56, Dayton 55
Upper Iowa 101, Iowa Wesleyn 71
W. Michigan 78, Oakland, Mich. 65
Washington, Mo. 69, Mac Murray 57
Webster 86, Asbury 73
Winona St. 93, Wis.-River Falls 85
Wis.-Eau Claire 73, Wis.-Stout 59
Wis.-Green Bay 61, N. Iowa 55
Wis.-LaCrosse 81, Wis.-Stevens Pt. 78
Wis.-Oshkosh 83, Wis.-Superior 80
Wis.-Platteville 68, Wis.-Whitewater 62
Wisconsin 57, Pepperdine 51
Wittenberg 76, Wilmington, Ohio 51
Wooster 96, Lake Erie 67

Top 25 Men

No. 15 UCLA 72, UNLV 67

UNLV (4-4): Simmons 4-8 6-6 15, Marion 9-14 4-6 22, Kambala 3-4 2-2 8, Keefe 3-10 0-0 8, Dickel 5-8 1-1 13, Daniels 0-5 1-2 1, Epps 0-0 0-0 0, Stewart 0-0 0-0 0, Herod 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 24-49 14-17 67.

UCLA (5-2): Rush 6-12 0-2 12, Moiso 7-9 0-0 14, Gadzuric 3-7 1-2 7, Watson 5-11 1-3 15, Davis 2-4 2-8 6, Bailey 0-0 0-0 0, Reed 3-6 2-2 8, Barnes 3-3 1-1 8, Hines 0-1 0-0 0, Young 1-1 0-0 2, Farnham 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 30-55 7-18 72.

Halftime—UNLV 40, UCLA 40. 3-Point goals—UNLV 5-18 (Dickel 2-3, Keefe 2-8, Simmons 1-2, Marion 0-1, Daniels 0-4), UCLA 5-14 (Watson 4-7, Barnes 1-1, Davis 0-1, Hines 0-1, Rush 0-4). Fouled out—Kambala, Moiso. Rebounds—UNLV 29 (Simmons, Marion 8), UCLA 27 (Gadzuric 6). Assists—UNLV 18 (Dickel 9), UCLA 15 (Davis 7). Total fouls—UNLV 19, UCLA 20. Technical—Dickel. A—9,855.

NO. 17 CLEMSON 73, N.C.-ASHEVILLE 64

N.C.-ASHEVILLE (1-6): Martin 6-15 8-10 22, Osikowicz 5-9 1-2 11, Earnhardt 0-2 0-0 0, Matthews 3-6 5-7 12, Flowers 0-3 2-4 2, Perkins 5-9 0-0 12, Richerson 2-5 1-2 5, Smits 0-2 0-0 0, Ezell 0-1 0-0 0, Horton 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 21-52 17-25 64.

CLEMSON (8-1): Whitt 5-6 8-9 18, Jamison 4-5 5-6 13, Wideman 5-7 1-1 11, Miller 3-5 1-4 8, McIntyre 6-9 0-1 13, Jurkunas 2-3 0-0 5, Allenspach 1-3 1-4 3, Christie 1-2 0-1 2, Solomon 0-1 0-0 0, Gilmore 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 27-41 16-26 73.

Halftime—Clemson 39, N.C.-Asheville 26. 3-Point goals—N.C.-Asheville 5-16 (Perkins 2-4, Martin 2-6, Matthews 1-3, Richerson 0-1, Flowers 0-2), Clemson 3-8 (Miller 1-2, McIntyre 1-2, Jurkunas 1-2, Whitt 0-1, Christie 0-1). Fouled out—Matthews. Rebounds—N.C.-Asheville 28 (Martin 6), Clemson 24 (Jamison 9). Assists—N.C.-Asheville 11 (Martin 4), Clemson 16 (McIntyre 5). Total fouls—N.C.-Asheville 20, Clemson 21. Technicals—Solomon, Clemson bench. A—10,000.

No. 18 ST. JOHN'S 95, VIRGINIA 68

ST. JOHN'S (8-2): Artest 6-8 5-8 20, Grant 7-10 5-9 19, Emanuel 1-3 0-0 2, Barkley 4-8 2-2 12, Thornton 8-21 2-2 19, Richardson 0-1 0-2 0, Postell 7-16 1-2 15, Jessie 0-3 0-0 0, Charles 0-2 2-2 2, Gray 3-7 0-0 6, Syed 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-79 17-27 95.

VIRGINIA (6-4): Dersch 1-6 0-0 2, Williams 9-14 5-6 25, Hunter 4-5 1-2 9, Hand 3-9 4-4 11, Hall 2-12 2-4 7, Hare 1-5 0-0 2, Watson 2-4 0-0 6, Lemcke 0-1 0-0 0, Dowling 0-1 0-0 0, Lyons 2-2 0-0 6, Harbour 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 24-60 12-16 68.

Halftime—St. John's 47, Virginia 32. 3-Point goals—St. John's 6-18 (Artest 3-4, Barkley 2-5, Thornton 1-3, Charles 0-1, Gray 0-1, Postell 0-4), Virginia 8-25 (Watson 2-2, Lyons 2-2, Williams 2-6, Hand 1-5, Hall 1-5, Dersch 0-2, Hare 0-1, Lemcke 0-1, Dowling 0-1). Fouled out—Hall. Rebounds—St. John's 58 (Grant 16), Virginia 27 (Dersch, Williams, Hall 5). Assists—St. John's 13 (Barkley 7), Virginia 15 (Hand, Hare 4). Total fouls—St. John's 17, Virginia 24. Technicals—Syed, Postell, Watson 2. A—8,394.

No. 4 CINCINNATI 91, SW LOUISIANA 65

SW LOUISIANA (3-3): Poole 5-13 6-6 17, Funderburk 1-3 0-0 2, Smith 0-2 0-0 0, Patrick 0-3 7-10 7, Harmon 1-10 0-1 2, Thomas 1-1 0-2 2, Jones 5-12 2-3 13, Whiting 1-6 4-4 6, Evans 1-3 2-2 5, Robins 0-3 1-4 1, Lee 1-2 2-3 4, Regis 0-1 0-2 0, Butler 0-0 1-4 1, Warren 1-1 0-0 2, Scott 1-1 0-0 3. Totals 18-61 25-41 65.

CINCINNATI (6-0): Fletcher 1-4 2-6 4, Mickeal 5-6 6-9 16, Martin 3-6 2-2 8, Levett 7-15 4-4 22, Logan 2-5 4-4 9, Horton 0-2 0-0 0, Mitchell 2-4 3-5 7, Myrick 0-2 0-0 0, Little 4-6 3-3 11, McGhee 2-4 0-2 4, Land 4-5 2-3 10, Meacham 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 30-60 26-38 91.

Halftime—Cincinnati 55, SW Louisiana 32. 3-Point goals—SW Louisiana 4-18 (Scott 1-1, Evans 1-2, Jones 1-3, Poole 1-6, Whiting 0-1, Lee 0-1, Harmon 0-4), Cincinnati 5-14 (Levett 4-6, Logan 1-3, Meacham 0-1, Mitchell 0-2, Myrick 0-2). Fouled out—Martin. Rebounds—SW Louisiana 37 (Poole 11), Cincinnati 44 (Mickeal 7). Assists—SW Louisiana 3 (Lee 2), Cincinnati 15 (Mitchell 4). Total fouls—SW Louisiana 27, Cincinnati 29. A—12,185.

No. 1 CONNECTICUT 70, No. 20 PITTSBURGH 69

CONNECTICUT (8-0): Freeman 4-8 0-0 8, Hamilton 4-15 4-7 15, Voskuhl 4-8 2-4 10, Moore 4-6 0-0 9, El-Amin 5-11 0-1 12, Mouring 3-6 1-2 10, Saunders 3-7 0-0 6. Totals 27-61 7-14 70.

PITTSBURGH (7-4): Cosby 4-10 0-0 8, Greer 5-8 1-3 11, Hankins 6-10 1-1 13, Cummings 2-18 2-3 6, Lockhart 7-10 3-3 21, Holmes 1-2 0-0 2, Taylor 3-8 0-1 8. Totals 28-66 7-11 69.

Halftime—Pittsburgh 40, Connecticut 35. 3-Point goals—Connecticut 9-20 (Mouring 3-5, Hamilton 3-10, El-Amin 2-3, Moore 1-2), Pittsburgh 6-16 (Lockhart 4-5, Taylor 2-5, Cummings 0-6). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Connecticut 36 (Voskuhl 12), Pittsburgh 39 (Hawkins 10). Assists—Connecticut 16 (El-Amin 7), Pittsburgh 20 (Cummings 9). Total fouls—Connecticut 14, Pittsburgh 14. A—6,798.

No. 20 OKLAHOMA ST. 88, ARK.-LITTLE ROCK 41

ARK-LITTLE ROCK (4-2): Joseph 2-7 0-0 4, Neal 1-2 0-0 2, Jones 2-10 5-7 9, Brown 0-3 0-0 0, Barksdale 6-18 0-0 17, Peoples 1-7 2-2 5, Lovitt 0-1 0-0 0, Bryant 2-4 0-2 4. Totals 14-52 7-11 41.

OKLAHOMA ST. (5-2): Adkins 8-11 2-2 24, Webber 2-3 2-5 6, Alexander 3-9 4-4 11, Peterson 6-11 0-0 14, Mason 8-15 1-2 18, Jonzen 3-6 0-1 6, Sooter 0-1 0-0 0, Montonati 1-1 2-2 4, Weiberg 0-0 0-0 0, Robisch 0-0 0-0 0, Gottlieb 2-5 0-0 5. Totals 33-62 11-16 88.

Halftime—Oklahoma St. 38, Ark-Little Rock 13. 3-Point goals—Ark-Little Rock 6-16 (Barksdale 5-13, People 1-3), Oklahoma St. 11-26 (Adkins 6-8, Peterson 2-5, Mason 1-2, Gottlieb 1-4, Alexander 1-6, Sooter 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Ark-Little Rock 26 (Joseph, Neal, Jones, Peoples 4), Oklahoma St. 46 (Webber, Mason 9). Assists—Ark-Little Rock 4 (Brown 2), Oklahoma St. 24 (Gottlieb 10). Total fouls—Ark-Little Rock 12, Oklahoma St. 9. A—6,718.

No. 7 NORTH CAROLINA 75, N.C. CHARLOTTE 73, OT

N.C. CHARLOTTE (6-3): Gardiner 5-6 1-1 13, Young 5-15 3-3 14, Price 5-11 2-5 12, J.Thomas 2-8 2-2 8, Guevara 7-16 0-0 21, Hayward 1-4 0-0 2, M.Thomas 1-2 0-2 3, Whitehead 0-1 0-0 0, Neely 0-1 0-0 0, Smith 0-1 0-0 0, Tolliver 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 26-65 8-13 73.

NCAROLINA (10-1): Okulaja 2-9 2-5 6, Lang 7-9 3-5 17, Haywood 5-6 4-5 14, Capel 4-10 4-4 14, Cota 4-9 5-6 17, Owens 2-4 0-0 5, Berstticker 0-0 2-2 2, Newby 0-0 0-0 0, Frederick 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 24-47 20-27 75.

Halftime—NCarolina 33, N.C. Charlotte 23. End of regulation—NCarolina 64, N.C. Charlotte 64. 3-point goals—N.C. Charlotte 13-28 (Guevara 7-13, Gardiner 2-3, J.Thomas 2-6, M.Thomas 1-1, Young 1-4, Smith 0-1), NCarolina 7-17 (Cota 4-6, Capel 2-4, Owens 1-3, Okulaja 0-4). Fouled out—Young, Price. Rebounds—N.C. Charlotte 33 (Gardiner 8), NCarolina 33 (Haywood 7). Assists—N.C. Charlotte 9 (Guevara 4), NCarolina 17 (Cota 6). Total fouls—N.C. Charlotte 24, NCarolina 16. A—20,281.

No. 24 MINNESOTA 72, E. MICHIGAN 53

E. MICHIGAN (0-6): Warner 4-12 1-1 9, McGee 0-4 0-0 0, Radney 0-5 0-0 0, Howard 2-4 1-1 5, Hadley 0-5 1-2 1, Romano 3-6 0-0 7, Wells 1-2 0-0 2, Tarrant 3-7 0-0 7, Van Orden 4-10 0-0 12, Erquhart 2-7 0-0 4, Tanner 2-5 2-2 6. Totals 21-67 5-6 53.

MINNESOTA 72 (6-0): Lewis 9-17 0-1 20, Tarver 0-4 1-2 1, Przybilla 4-5 1-2 9, Clark 9-12 1-2 22, Nathaniel 2-4 0-0 4, Sinville 1-1 2-2 4, Ohnstad 4-12 0-0 8, Simmons 0-1 0-0 0, Stanford 0-2 0-0 0, Broxsie 0-1 0-0 0, Rychart 0-0 2-2 2, Sanden 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 30-61 7-11 72.

Halftime—Minnesota 36, E. Michigan 16. 3-Point goals—E. Michigan 6-24 (Van Orden 4-10, Tarrant 1-2, Romano 1-2, Howard 0-1, Radney 0-1, Erquhart 0-4, Hadley 0-4), Minnesota 5-15 (Clark 3-5, Lewis 2-7, Ohnstad 0-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—E. Michigan 39 (Warner 8), Minnesota 42 (Tarver 11). Assists—E. Michigan 8 (Wells 4). Minnes



AP Photo
Denver quarterback John Elway will try to help keep his Broncos' record perfect when they play the New York Giants today in New Jersey.

Duncanville rallies past Judson

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Down by two touchdowns with little more than a quarter remaining in its season, Duncanville needed something — or someone — to revive its flickering state title hopes.

Nick Howard answered.

Howard returned a kickoff 88 yards for a touchdown, the first of several crucial special teams plays that allowed Duncanville to roar back to a 24-21 victory over Converse Judson on Saturday in the Class 5A, Division I championship game.

Travis Hale provided the capper with a 33-yard fourth-quarter field goal.

"Special teams always plays a big part in a big ballgame," said a Gatorade-soaked Bob Alpert, who hoisted the University Interscholastic League trophy above his head to revel in the school's first football title.

Alpert told his players beforehand that special teams would decide the game — words that became eerily ominous for Duncanville (12-4) with 5:42 left in the third quarter.

That was when Judson's Vincent Kennedy came up with the first punt block against Duncanville this season. Teammate Robbie Stager scooped the ball up and rumbled 13 yards for a touchdown and a 21-7 lead for Judson (14-1).

Before the Judson half of the approximately 14,000 fans who trekked to the Astrdome could even sit, Howard was on his way with the ensuing kickoff. First up the middle, then down the right sideline, it took him 17 seconds to close Judson's lead back to a touchdown.

■ Title Games

Grapevine 22, Bay City 0

IRVING — Grapevine saved its best for last.

After barely getting into the playoffs and squeaking by most of the season, Grapevine won its second Class 4A championship in three years on Saturday with its best performance of the year.

Behind a stingy defense and the powerful running of Josh Cook, Grapevine (11-4) rolled to a 22-0 victory over Bay City in the Class 4A Division I title game at Texas Stadium.

Grapevine needed to win its final two regular-season games, including a last-second win over Keller in the finale, just to get into the playoffs and won two of its playoff games with late rallies. But against Bay City (12-2), the Mustangs dominated both sides of the ball.

"We had been talking about having our best game of the year and today we did it," said Grapevine coach Mike Sneed.

Aledo 14, Cuero 7

HOUSTON — Joel Laminack threw for 156 yards and ran for a touchdown Saturday night to lead Aledo to its first state title in a 14-7 victory over Cuero in the Class 3A, Division I championship game.

Tied 7-7 after the teams traded third quarter touchdowns, Laminack helped Aledo (13-1) engineer a 17-play drive that chewed nearly five minutes off the clock.

With just 2:45 left in the game, Matt Saunders claimed the final 2 yards for a touchdown dive up the middle.

Omaha Paul Pewitt 28, Brookshire-Royal 26

BEDFORD — Kenny Boyd rushed for 196 yards and two touchdowns and Ben Johnson had 124 yards and a touchdown to lead Omaha Paul Pewitt over Brookshire-Royal, 28-26, in the Class 2A Division I final at Pennington Field.

Brookshire-Royal (12-2) led 14-0 at halftime, but Paul Pewitt (12-3) scored on its first two possessions of the second half to lead 21-14 with two minutes left in the third quarter.

The Falcons had a chance to tie midway through the fourth when quarterback Ivan Vaughn scored on a five-yard sneak up the middle, but Michael Kelley broke through and blocked Willie Sierra's extra-point attempt.

Giants intend to give Denver some trouble

Associated Press

To 99.9 percent of the nation's football fans, the New York Giants are just a flea to be swatted by the Denver Broncos before their showdown next week in Miami.

"It's kind of depressing," says defensive end Chad Bratzke of the Giants (5-8). "I guess no one is going to give us a chance. But we're going to give ourselves a chance. It has to do with pride. No competitive person is going to lay down and let someone walk all over him."

Yes, the Broncos are 13-0 and become only the second 14-0 team in NFL history if they win Sunday.

But they had to revive the old John Elway magic last week to beat Kansas City 35-31 at home after trailing by 10 points midway through the fourth quarter. The week before, they beat San Diego even though Elway threw three interceptions and lost a fumble.

Can the pressure be getting to them as they seek to join the 1972 Dolphins as the only unbeaten team of modern times? Can they be thinking ahead to a week from Monday, when they play the current Dolphins, who are in a four-way race in the AFC East?

"The pressure is obviously huge, and I think we've managed to keep it in the background fairly effectively," says defensive end Harold Hasselbach. "We're going to have to keep doing that, because it's only going to get tougher."

The last time the Broncos played the Giants in the Meadowlands was 1986, when defensive end George Martin returned an interception 78 yards for a score, stiff-arming a young Elway en route. Martin met Elway again in the Super Bowl that season, sacking him for a safety.

Martin is long-retired and these Giants are hardly the 1986 team. Their only hope is to keep Elway and Terrell Davis off the field by rushing for 200 yards, as they did in their 23-19 win in Arizona last week.

But the Broncos are hardly the Cardinals.

On to Miami.

In other games Sunday, Arizona is at Philadelphia; Atlanta at New Orleans; Chicago at Green Bay; Cincinnati at Indianapolis; New England at St. Louis; Oakland at Buffalo; Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay; Tennessee at Jacksonville; Washington at Carolina; San Diego at Seattle; Dallas at Kansas City; Minnesota at Baltimore; and the New York Jets at Miami.

Detroit is at San Francisco on Monday night.

New York Jets (9-4) at Miami (9-4)
New England (8-5) at St. Louis (3-10)
Oakland (7-6) at Buffalo (8-5)

The four-way race in the AFC East at a glance.

The Dolphins, Patriots and Bills were all hurt by the bad call that gave the Jets their win over Seattle last week and Buffalo was robbed by the zebras in New England the previous week.

The Dolphins-Jets game is the big one, probably bigger for Miami. The Dolphins lost the first meeting 20-9 at the Meadowlands and finish with the Broncos and Falcons, a combined 24-2.

On the other hand, here's Jimmy Johnson sounding like Casey Stengel: "They all count one. As we've seen in past years, some of the ones that we didn't think were that significant counted one, and unfortunately they counted one against us. So you need to win as many games as you can win."

The same, of course, goes for Buffalo, New England and Oakland.

The Raiders, who were 7-3 and in good shape for the playoffs, are now on the fringe of the AFC race after losing three straight and four of five, including a six-interception fiasco to Miami in Oakland last week. Wade Wilson replaces Donald Hollas, who threw those six, two of which went for very short touchdowns.

The Patriots haven't lost in the three games since Drew Bledsoe broke his finger, although the officials have helped. The Rams' Tony Banks is the quarterback who is playing like his finger is broken and Steve Bono is in the wings.

Atlanta (11-2) at New Orleans (6-7)
Pittsburgh (7-6) at Tampa Bay (6-7)
Arizona (6-7) at Philadelphia (3-10)
Detroit (5-8) at San Francisco (10-3) (Monday night)

Here's the difference between the AFC and NFC.

If the playoffs started this week, the Steelers, who have lost three of four because their offense has deserted them, would be out in the AFC. At 7-6, they're in a three-way tie with the Raiders and Oilers for the seventh spot and probably have to win their final three to make it.

■ NFL Games Today

But in the NFC, the Cards, in a three-way tie at 6-7 with the Bucs and Saints, would be in because they currently have a better conference record than the other two.

Off their 22-3 win over Dallas last week, the Saints may have the best shot for that NFC spot. Their offense has come along since Kerry Collins took over at quarterback and the defense held the Cowboys to 18 yards on the ground — Emmitt Smith carried 15 times for 6 yards.

The Falcons still have a lot to play for even though they've clinched a playoff berth. They lead the 49ers by a game in the NFC West. A loss could cost them the division title, which in turn would cost them a first-round bye in the playoffs.

The 49ers clinched a playoff spot and their 16th consecutive 10-win season last week. But that win was typical of what for San Francisco is a poor year — it blew a 28-7 lead and then won 31-28 in overtime after the Panthers' Steve Beuerlein fumbled a snap at his 30.

The Cards were upset by the Giants because they finished the game with only one healthy starter on the defensive line. New York controlled the game on the ground. The Eagles have revived in the two games Koy Detmer has been at quarterback. They've scored 33 points and four TDs, a huge effort considering they scored just 92 points in their first 11 games.

Tampa Bay got back into the race by beating the Packers on Monday night, largely because Bert Emanuel and Jacquez Green made big plays after catching short passes from Trent Dilfer.

Tennessee (7-6) at Jacksonville (10-3)

The Jaguars, who will end the Steelers' run of four straight AFC Central titles with a win, still have to earn a first-round bye — they're competing with the Jets or Dolphins for that. It won't be easy with Jamie Martin at quarterback for Steve Brunell. Martin did fine last week, but the Oilers have had time to study him on tape.

The Oilers' playoff chances look slim when the schedule is considered. They must win this game, win at Green Bay, then beat Minnesota at home. Their best hope is the Packers and Vikings will be resting starters for the playoffs.

LEE: Rebels take on Katy in final game

(From 1C)

Andy Brewster, Justin Painter, Colby Marcum and tight end Josh Miller).

"Our offensive line has been blocking great all year, and without them, Cedric and I wouldn't be nothing," McNutt said. "Rex, Steve and all of them came out tough, we moved the ball and it paid off."

The offensive line came out of the state quarterfinal, needing to prove something. It had played arguably its worst game of the year against South Grand Prairie and after scoring drives of 70, 68 and 66 yards, the line made up for that.

"We worked on getting better, because last week, we didn't have a good game," said Brewster, a junior center. "We stepped up this week and did what we wanted to do. They (Lake Highlands) never gave up. We had to keep on them all night."

Lee faced eight or nine-man fronts the entire game, not that you could tell.

"We went out there, started hustling and played that Lee Rebel smash mouth football," said Richards, a senior guard who has committed to play football at Texas Tech next season.

After spotting Lake Highlands a touchdown to open the game, the Rebels took over, holding the Wildcats (9-6) to 44 yards for the rest of the half, and came up with some big plays along the way.

"After the first drive, coach told us we were playing like cowards, and not playing to our capabilities," said defensive lineman Ryan Wright. "We put that behind us."

That meant holding Lake Highlands' rushing game in check. Lee took away the fullback option and had linebacker Drew Anderson scouting quarterback Peter Ruth, one of two 1,000-yard rushers for the Wildcats. It worked. Ruth ended with 73 yards on 28-carries (25 of which came on his last carry of the night), and the fullbacks were stopped for most of the game. However, it was apparent on this night that stopping Ruth was the key. At one point in the first half, Ruth carried the ball 15 straight times.

"Everyone had a man, and everyone took care of business," said Paul Anderson, who registered a huge sack which was one of many tackles for losses by the Anderson brothers. "It felt like he (Ruth) was determined on taking control of the game for their offense."

The Rebels maybe put the game way with a huge special teams play. In the third quarter, Lake Highlands had to punt deep in its own territory. However, Wildcat punter Austin Winstanley didn't get the punt off. Lee's Ryan Wright led a Rebel rush up the middle to block the punt. It was recovered by Sam Bailey in the end zone for a Rebel score. That put Lee up 28-7.

"That was a big lift. It gave them a lot of emotion," Gayden said.

It also gave Lee a 21-point lead, and although Lake Highlands put 14 more points on the board, the Wildcats never got within two scores. Benson countered with three touchdowns of his own.

NOTES: Lake Highlands dressed out 126 players compared to Lee's 93... The Wildcats dressed out in Black uniform tops, a color which they have not lost in during their playoff run until Saturday... Midland Lee has scored on its first drive in every game of the playoffs... Lake Highlands' Antoine Harden blocked his eighth extra point or field goal conversion... Lee set a school record with its 14th win of the season... The game was well played with the exception of three interceptions. There were no fumbles and just four penalties... The win was especially sweet for Rebel fans. Lee's lone loss of the season came at Shotwell Stadium against Cooper...

Midland Lee 42, Lake Highlands 21

Midland Lee		Lake Highlands
22	First Downs	14
44-297	Yards Rushing	40-192
104	Yards Passing	91
14-9-1	Comp.-Att.-Int.	13-8-2
0-0	Fumbles-Lost	0-0
2-34.5	Punts-Avg.	3-38.3
3-20	Penalties-Yards	1-5

Scoring

Midland Lee	8	13	14	7	—42
Lake Highlands	7	0	7	7	—21

First Quarter
LH - Don McGee 20 pass from Peter Ruth (Austin Winstanley), 7:34
Lee - Cedric Benson 5 run (kick failed), 3:08

Second Quarter
Lee-Allen Griffith 1 run (Eric Clodfelter pass from Jon Rogers), 11:11
Lee - T.J. Glover 14 pass from Rogers (Matt Seguja kick), 2:51

Third Quarter
Lee-Sam Bailey blocked punt recovery in end zone (Seguja kick), 7:12
LH - Ruth 1 run (Winstanley kick), 5:12
Lee - Benson 6 run (Seguja kick), :31

Fourth Quarter
LH - Reggie Newhouse 84 pass from Ruth (Winstanley kick), 10:14
Lee - Benson 20 run (Seguja kick), 3:15

Individual Statistics

Rushing: Lee - Cedric Benson 27-171-3, Jon Rogers 1-5, Clint McNutt 13-116, Allen Griffith 2-4-1, Isaac Washington 1-1. LH - Howard Wade 2-14, Peter Ruth 28-73-1, Reggie Newhouse 2-16, Jicori Minor 1-6, Jeremy Boyce 5-91, Delorian Needum 1-3, Team: 1- (-11).

Passing: Lee - Jon Rogers 14-9-1-104-1, LH - Peter Ruth 13-8-2-91-2.

Receiving: Lee - Eric Clodfelter 1-24, Clint McNutt 3-41, T.J. Glover 2-25-1, Scott Worley 2-18, Cedric Benson 1- (-5). LH - Don McGee 2-32-1, Reggie Newhouse 3-50-1, Wade Smith 1-7.

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Injuries might mean trouble for Cowboys in postseason

By Len Pasquarelli
Cox News Service

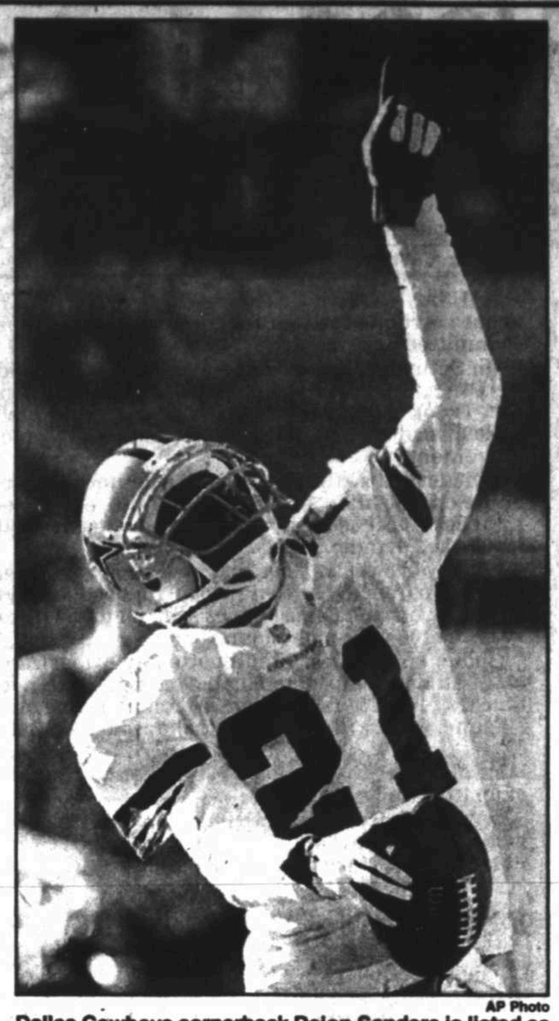
ATLANTA — Although the Cowboys will meet the lowest-seeded wild-card team in the opening round of the playoffs, Dallas might be the division champion most vulnerable to a premature exit. The multiple-set offense installed by rookie coach Chan Gailey is fine, but Dallas' secondary woes could severely hamper coordinator Dave Campo's defense. Both corners, Deion Sanders and Kevin Smith, are out with injuries. Free safety Omar Stoutmire is a liability against the pass and young ends Kavika Pittman and Greg Ellis aren't getting a lot of pressure. Some defensive players were stunned that owner Jerry Jones couldn't come up with a better stop-gap corner than Larry Brown. "We are pretty exploitable right now," agreed strong safety Darren Woodson. In their last two games without Sanders, the Cowboys have surrendered six TD passes (five of 50-plus yards) and 598 passing yards. If Kansas City's Rich Gannon throws the ball today as well as he did a week ago, Dallas could post a third straight loss. Dallas is 6-0 in the division but just 2-5 outside the "NFC Least."

■ NFC Notes

LION'S ROAR: Commissioner Paul Tagliabue has deferred the $50,000 fine levied against Lions owner William Clay Ford for criticism of referee Phil Luckett's crew in the Thanksgiving Day victory over Pittsburgh, and the penalty likely will be altogether rescinded. Still some Lions officials remain angry that Tagliabue faxed Ford, one of the NFL's most respected owners, notification of the fine instead of phoning him. And in the fax to Ford, he also attached a copy of a letter sent earlier this year to Colts president Jim Irsay. In that letter, Tagliabue lauded Irsay and coach Jim Mora for the "professionalism" and "class" demonstrated in the wake of a loss at San Francisco in which the officials crew headed by Walt Coleman made two erroneous calls which cost the Colts an upset.

FASSEL FIZZLING: Very quietly last week, Giants general manager Ernie Accorsi served unofficial notice that coach Jim Fassel will be on the hot seat in '99. Accorsi acknowledged owners Bob Tisch and Wellington Mara were disappointed in the team's performance, noted that the front office has confidence in Fassel but asid he will get no contract extension.

REPLAY: The league's competititon committee will meet by conference call Tuesday to discuss the possibility of instant replay for the playoffs. Both co-chairmen, Green Bay coach Mike Holmgren and Tampa Bay GM Rich McKay, concede the committee is split and the concept probably won't even come before the entire league membership.



AP Photo
Dallas Cowboys cornerback Deion Sanders is listed as questionable for today's game at Kansas City.

Smith wants to see more fight

By Kevin Lyons
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

IRVING — As Emmitt Smith sees it, the Cowboys don't have enough passion.

The Cowboys have much more talent than their 8-5 record indicates, but they lacked pure emotion in upset losses against New Orleans, Chicago and Oakland.

"We've got to fight," Smith said. "When we throw a blow, we've got to throw a serious blow and mean it. We need to be a little more emotional and enthusiastic about what we are doing. If we add that element to our game, maybe you will see a different type of ballclub."

Today, the businesslike Cowboys face the Kansas City Chiefs (5-8) at blustery Arrowhead Stadium. The NFC East title and a home playoff game is theirs with a victory. The Cowboys are favored, but they must be wondering how good they really are. They are undefeated in six division games and have outscored their opponents by an average of 31-10. But outside the division they are 2-5 — which includes the current two-game losing streak — and they have been outscored by an average of 25-20.

Nowhere does the disparity show more than on defense. The Cowboys allow 71 more yards and 15 more points per game in the seven games they've played outside the division.

This statistic has a lot to do with quality of competition in the NFC East. Outside the Cowboys, no division team ranks in the top 15 of total offense; New York and Philadelphia are ranked 29th and 30th. There is no Top 15 passer, no Top 15 rusher, and only one Top 15 receiver.



This competition certainly has not prepared the Cowboys for what's outside the division. In blowout losses to Denver and Minnesota, the Cowboys have been unable to handle the quarterback with the highest passer rating (Randall Cunningham), the league's leading rusher (Terrell Davis), and the league's leader in receiving yards (Randy Moss).

The Chiefs do not have one of the top offenses in the league, but wide receivers Andre Rison and Derrick Alexander are game-breakers. Mobile quarterback Rich Gannon makes few mistakes; his 1.3-percent interception ratio is one of the lowest in the league.

"It's no secret our division is down right now," Cowboys strong safety Darren Woodson said. "One of our goals was to win the NFC East, and then take care of everything else. We have not taken care of everything else. Maybe it's confidence. Guys have been injured, and we've got to have trust in the guys that are out there. The bottom line is we need to come up with something this week to change the tide."

Starting George Teague at free safety for the second consecutive week has been the only major lineup change on defense. The cornerback situation is still unsettled. Even if Kevin Smith and Deion Sanders play despite their injuries, they'll be limited, at best. To help offset the hurting secondary, defensive coordinator Dave Campo said the club needs a better pass rush.

The Cowboys have only five sacks in the past three games.

"Teams who get a real good pass rush are at an advantage," Campo said. "We're not that bad, but there are other teams who are better."

Defense may have failed the Cowboys against Minnesota and Denver, but the offense had its problems in losses against Oakland, Chicago and New Orleans.

With Jason Garrett subbing for an injured Troy Aikman, the Cowboys were held to 12 points against Oakland and Chicago. The loss against the Bears saw the Cowboys total a season-low 128 yards passing. In New Orleans, the running game suffered a complete meltdown, totaling a franchise-low eight yards.

In all, the Cowboys score 10 fewer points and rush for 48 fewer yards per game outside the division. The Cowboys have faced only two teams all season with a higher rating than the Chiefs' 12th-ranked defense.

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NW Missouri defeats Carson-Newman

Associated Press

FLORENCE, Ala. — Chris Greisen threw two touchdown passes Saturday to lead Northwest Missouri State to a 24-6 win over Carson-Newman and give the Bearcats the Division II NCAA championship.

It was the first national title in any sport for Northwest Missouri, which also became the first team to finish the year with a 15-0 record in Division II history.

The win also completed the Bearcats' turnaround. Five years ago, Northwest Missouri went 0-11 in coach Mel Tjeerdsma's first season, playing in almost empty stadiums. But the Bearcats are 43-8 since and were greeted by almost 2,000 fans at midfield after the game.

■ Division II, III Titles

Greisen, who was recruited by Wisconsin until suffering a knee injury during his senior year of high school, tied the Division II record for completions in a game by going 22-of-34 for 211 yards.

Mount Union 44, Rowan 24

SALEM, Va. — Gary Smeck passed for 307 yards and three touchdowns as Mount Union continued its domination of small college football, winning its fourth Division III title in six years with a 44-24 victory over Rowan.

Mount Union (14-0) has won 42 straight games, the longest active winning streak and five games shy of the NCAA record set by Oklahoma in the 1950s.

While Mount Union tied Augustana's record with its fourth Stagg Bowl victory, Rowan (10-3) has lost four title games — including to Mount Union in 1993 and 1996.

Mount Union, which had been behind much of the game, took a 31-24 lead at the end of the third quarter by scoring 15 points in less than a minute.

STANTON: Buffs end remarkable run

(From 1C)

■ Jeremy Hull passed the 1,000-yard rushing mark as his 38 yards against Celina gave him 1,008 yards for the season. It's the second straight year Stanton has had a 1,000-yard rusher as James Jenkins did it the year before.

■ Herm ended his career with 81 career touchdown passes, the third most in Texas high school football history.

"It's disappointing not to win a state championship, but you can't take anything away from the year we had," said Stanton coach Mark Cotton. "At the beginning of the year, everybody pegged us No. 1 and we only had four defensive starters coming back. We had the second best season in Stanton history. I just can't tell you how proud I am of these kids.

"We overcame obstacles, some injuries, but I thought we played well throughout the season."

The muddy field conditions did a great job of messing up the uniforms as well as Stanton's offense.

"If I would've known better I might have agreed to play artificial turf," Cotton said. "At times we were just a shoelace away from making a big play. If it had been on a dry field I still think it would've been a great ballgame, but I also think we would've won the game."

Cotton added that three dropped interceptions were uncharacteristic of his defense, which was without linebacker Jody Louder through most of the game. Louder had hurt his knee in the quarterfinal win over Spearman and his playing time against Celina was limited.

The bad weather not only dampened Stanton's offense, but also seemed to damper their spirits before the game.

"It didn't help any," said Cotton when asked if the six-hour bus trip (much of it through the snow which ripped the Permian Basin) wore out his players. "I think the kids were concerned about driving through that mess. We're usually a happy-go-lucky bunch watching movies or listening to music."

The Bobcats defense, which had come into the game already posting two shutouts in the playoffs and holding teams to 133 yards per game, were able to shut down the high-powered Buffalo offense by limiting Stanton to just 83 total yards. The Buffs were averaging 43 points in the post-season.

The Bobcats' defense also came up with two turnovers and added a fourth quarter safety by sacking Stanton quarterback Kyle Herm in the end zone to seal the victory.

Field position was also critical. Stanton coach Mark Cotton called the opening 35-yard kickoff return by Celina's Allen Williams to the Bobcat 41 a big key in the game. Even though the Bobcats would eventually turn the ball over on downs on that first possession, the Buffs were pinned deep in their own territory for most of the night. Stanton's average starting field position was at their own 27, while the Bobcats average starting field position was at their own 36.

Celina's offense only gained 177 yards and also came up empty going for it three times on fourth down. One of Celina's fourth down gambles proved to be another crucial play in the game with 4:29 left in the game.

Facing a fourth-and-2 from the Stanton 10, Adam Herrin took a quarterback keeper but only netted one yard to the Stanton 9. From there, Stanton opted to go to the shotgun to try and make something happen on offense. On the first play from scrimmage, Herm completed a pass to Adrian Hernandez, but that only gained two yards to the Buffs' 11-yard-line.

Again from the shotgun, Herm took the snap, only this time, a swarm of Celina defenders, led by Michael Borden, were able to get to the Stanton QB in the end zone and increase Celina's lead to 9-0.

This incredible run by the Buffs the past two years should set the foundation for future Stanton football teams.

"We've had an incredible run of players those past two years and the program has been built up to the point that we feel like we're going to compete year in and year out," Cotton said.

"You can see it in the young ones eyes that they want it even more than before."

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Dodgers snare Brown with deal for $100 million

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — By making Kevin Brown baseball's first $100 million man, Rupert Murdoch and the Los Angeles Dodgers may have sounded a death knell for small-market teams.

■ Winter Meetings

"It's a truly tragic day for baseball," San Diego owner John Moores said Saturday after Brown, the pitching ace who led the Padres to the World Series, agreed to a $105 million, seven-year contract with Murdoch's Los Angeles Dodgers.

Coming just 25 months after Albert Belle became the first $50 million player, the move not only altered the balance of power in the NL West, it sent a shudder through an industry starting to wonder if another player-owner war is inevitable in 2002. That's the first season after the current labor agreement is likely to expire.

Sandy Alderson, the executive vice president of baseball operations in the commissioner's office, called it "an affront to baseball." Cleveland general manager John Hart said the media-driven teams "are almost going to a supergroup."

But for Dodgers manager Davey Johnson, it meant his team has a chance to reach the World Series next year.

"I'm sure that when I read the January, February sports magazines, I'm sure they'll have the Dodgers pretty high," he said.

And Brown didn't just get cash. As part of the deal, the Dodgers will provide a corporate jet for 12 round trips a year. Brown was concerned he'd be away from his family in Macon, Ga., and intends to fly them in.

"What it tells you is money has gotten to the point where it is meaningless," Toronto Blue Jays general manager Gord Ash said. "You need other things of value."

Anaheim, Baltimore, Colorado and St. Louis also were among the finalists for Brown, a 33-year-old right-hander who went 18-7 with a 2.38 ERA for San Diego this year. All the finalists offered six-year deals, according to Brown's agent, Scott Boras.

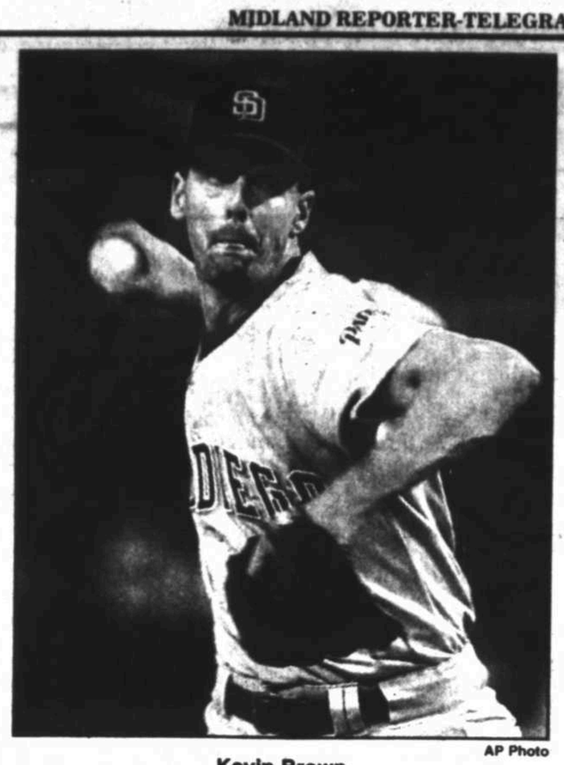
Brown, 139-99 in 12 seasons, decided Thursday that the Dodgers were his first choice, Boras said, and Los Angeles agreed to go to seven years on Friday night.

Brown's deal is not the highest in sports. Minnesota Timberwolves forward Kevin Garnett has the richest contract, a $126 million, six-year deal, and four other NBA players top $100 million: Los Angeles Lakers center Shaquille O'Neal ($120 million), Miami center Alonzo Mourning ($112 million), Cleveland forward Shawn Kemp ($107 million) and Washington forward Juwan Howard ($100.8 million).

In the NFL, Denver running back Terrell Davis is at the top with a $56.1 million, nine-year contract.

Alderson said part of the reason for the NBA lockout was the breaking of the $100 million barrier in that sport.

"It's what caused a lot of people in the NBA to sit up and take notice," he said.



AP Photo

Kevin Brown
...signs with Los Angeles

Nothing new on Clemens front

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — With baseball all agog over Kevin Brown's $105 million contract with Los Angeles, Toronto's Roger Clemens trade talks came to a standstill Saturday.

"I've had no Roger Clemens discussions today," Blue Jays general manager Gord Ash said during the winter meetings.

Texas, Houston and the New York Yankees remain the prime contenders to acquire the five-time Cy Young Award winner. Cleveland general manager John Hart said he had little chance of obtaining Clemens, saying he was now "on the periphery" of talks.

Baseball will study androstenedione

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Major league baseball commissioned two Harvard researchers to conduct a study on the effects of androstenedione, the muscle-building supplement used by Mark McGwire and other players.

Joel Finkelstein and Benjamin Leder told a gathering of team doctors and trainers at baseball's winter meetings Saturday there is not enough evidence yet to determine its overall effect on athletes.

"They said it looks likes andro does raise testosterone levels," said Dr. Jack Failla, the team doctor for the Pittsburgh Pirates. "But they stressed that it is a small study right now and they need more time to definitively answer that question."

Sometime before the start of the 1999 season, baseball expects to announce its decision on whether to ban andro, discourage its use, or allow it to be taken unchecked.

IOC leader comes forward with allegations of bribery

By Stephen Wilson
AP Sports Writer

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — Whispers and rumors about corruption within the International Olympic Committee have existed for years.

On Saturday, one of the IOC's own senior leaders came forward with startling bribery allegations that shook the agency to the core and could have widespread repercussions on the entire Olympics movement.

Switzerland's Marc Hodler — a longtime member of the organization's ruling inner circle — detailed what he described as the systematic buying and selling of the Olympic Games.

"To my knowledge, there has always, always, been a certain part of the vote given to corruption," he said, in setting off the biggest ethics scandal in the history of the 104-year-old organization.

Hodler specifically cited a pattern of bribery and other ethical malpractice in the bidding and selection of at least four Olympic host cities — Atlanta; Nagano, Japan; Sydney, Australia; and Salt Lake City.

He also cited bribes of up to $1 million and payoffs of up to $5 million.

In addition, Hodler alleged that the head of the family behind the Fiat car company handed out free vans to secure votes to bring the 1997 skiing World Championships to an Italian Alpine resort.

Hodler said Gianni Agnelli gave cars to 19 small nations during the campaign, which led to the selection of the Italian resort of Sestriere.

Fiat issued a statement rejecting Hodler's allegations as "completely false."

Howard Peterson, former president and CEO of the U.S. Ski Team, said he personally was approached by two executives of Fiat in spring 1992 before delegates voted on which city would host the championships.

Peterson, who was the senior U.S. delegate during that vote as a member of the International Ski Federation, said Saturday that he kept the executives' business cards and identified them as Fiat president and CEO Vittorio C. Vellano and external relations manager Angelica DiSilvestri.

Peterson said the executives offered him two vehicles for his vote. He was told one of the cars would be given to him for his personal use in the United States, and the other would be kept in Europe.

"I told them that I was going to vote for the city in Switzerland that they were competing with because (that city) had done a lot for youth and athletes, and secondly (that) I didn't sell my vote," Peterson said in a telephone interview from his home in Francis, Utah, near Park City.

Peterson said he was not surprised by the offer itself but was taken aback by its magnitude.

WILLIAMS: Blue Chip has choices

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colleges, or at least that is how it feels to the 18 year-old. Even being the Class 4A coverboy for Dave Campbell's Football Magazine, ranked as a top 10 recruit in Texas by First Down Recruiting and listed as the nation's No. 15 running back by Sporting News couldn't prepare him for the onslaught that would come his way.

"There is a lot to look at and there are pressures," Lebby said. "It is not all fun and games. There are a lot of things to consider."

"It was one of those things you have to go through," Williams said. "It can be a hassle and can get pretty old. Every night I have a coach in my house."

Williams also said that recruiters don't give a recruit time to get over a season-ending loss.

"We lost (to Stephenville in the bi-district round of the playoffs) on a Saturday, and Monday the phone is ringing off the hook," Williams said. "I guess I wasn't expecting it so soon. I didn't want to talk to anybody."

"If it gets to be too much of a hassle, I will decide on a school (earlier than February's National Signing Date)," Williams added.

"My parents are getting worn out with the whole thing. If I wake up one day and don't want to put up with it any more, I will decide then."

Out of all the letters and phone calls, Texas Tech and the University of Georgia have come to the top of his list, and to this date are the only schools that Williams has taken an official visit to go see.

Williams is still undecided about Texas and Oklahoma State.

"There are the ones that kept in contact," Williams said. "There will be a few you hear from in the spring of your junior year, but the ones that stay in touch are the ones that are truly interested."

Tech is just 140 miles to the north of Andrews, and Williams has been to Lubbock many times, including three trips to Tech's Receiving Camp.

"I know all the guys down there and know the coaches," Williams said.

On a wider national scale, Georgia is the only team to crack Williams' list, so far. Located in Athens, the University of Georgia is approximately 1,250 miles away from Andrews, but it's as close to being a running back factory for the NFL as any Division I school. Georgia's recent contributions to NFL backfields include Herschel Walker, Rodney Hampton, Garrison Hearst and Terrell Davis. So the differences between the two schools go beyond West Texas flat lands versus southern United States greenery.

"The tradition of running backs is why I am interested," Williams said. "That is a great tradition."

Williams rushed for 7,712 yards and scored 87 total touchdowns in his Andrews career. This season alone, the all-state candidate totaled 2,396 yards and 32 TDs on the ground alone. He also led all of 4A in regular season rushing yards, which might give him an inside track for the state's offensive MVP, which will be announced next week.

Williams, however, is not just looking at schools for football purposes. He is a multi-sport star. As a junior, Williams lettered in four sports. In addition to football, he was all-district in basketball, and took seventh in 110-meter hurdles at the state track meet. Williams also is a standout baseball player, and he wants to add baseball to his extracurricular activities in college.

His speed makes him very dangerous on the baseball diamond. Last year, Williams hit .500 while stealing 48 bases.

"Most schools I have talked to will let me do both," Williams said. "I love football and baseball. I want the chance to do both."

He will. It is just a matter where. That is the decision he has to make.

DiMaggio makes another comeback

Associated Press

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — Just when it seemed a comatose Joe DiMaggio had run out of swings, he was sitting up in bed Saturday, talking with friends and family, shaking hands and shrugging off a life-threatening illness like it was no big deal.

That's Joe D. for you.

It was just one more comeback, the most dramatic one of all, for the hero of a generation of Americans.

"It's an unbelievable improvement," Dr. Earl Barron said. "He was awake and he was talking to us. ... He is back to where he was on Thanksgiving Day."

After seeing DiMaggio Saturday afternoon, Barron said his patient remained in critical condition but was clearly improved.

"We need another 24 hours of the same," he said.

Barron said DiMaggio was out of bed, sitting in a chair. "He wants to talk but we don't want him to use too much effort," the doctor said.

Barron said the 84-year-old Hall of Famer's condition improved dramatically when doctors began administering his medication intravenously instead of orally after realizing that the medicine was not being absorbed into DiMaggio's bloodstream.

"If this discovery had not been made, we would not be talking about a live person," Barron said.

DiMaggio has been down this road before.

At least twice, he has had last rites of the Roman Catholic church administered when it seemed he was slipping away. Both times, he rallied.

"He received rites," an upbeat Barron quipped. "But they weren't the last ones."

Last weekend, DiMaggio's family was summoned when he took what Barron called "a significant and serious turn for the worse." Again, he improved overnight, leaving doctors stunned by his resiliency.

"Don't ask me how or why," Barron said on Tuesday as he tried to explain the latest turn. "He's a tough guy."

DiMaggio has needed every bit of that toughness through this grueling two-month siege. He entered Memorial Regional Hospital on Oct. 12 and underwent surgery for lung cancer two days later. Then he developed pneumonia, setting the stage for an almost unbelievable series of peaks and valleys.

HEISMAN: Williams claims trophy by enormous margin

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sensational seasons in college football history.

"I want to thank my beautiful mother, she raised three kids alone," Williams said. "On Thanksgiving, I woke up and gave thanks, just sat there for about an hour. I have a lot to be thankful for."

Not only did Williams win nearly every other individual award — the AP College Player of the Year and Walter Camp, Maxwell and Doak Walker awards — he also carried the Longhorns to an 8-3 record and a berth in the Cotton Bowl.

Williams set or tied 16 NCAA and 44 schools records, including career marks for yards (6,279), scoring (452 points), touchdowns (75) and all-purpose yards (7,206).

Williams collected 714 first-place votes and 2,355 points from the 920 Heisman voters, while Bishop had 41 first-place votes and 792 points.

UCLA quarterback Cade McNown was third with 696 points, Kentucky's Tim Couch was fourth with 527 points and Syracuse quarterback Donovan McNabb fifth with 232 points. Three points were awarded for a first-place vote, two for second and one for third.

The largest margin of victory in the Heisman was in 1968, when Southern California's O.J. Simpson beat Purdue's Leroy Keyes by 1,750 points. In 1993, Florida State's Charlie Ward won by 1,622 points over Tennessee's Heath Shuler, and in 1991, Michigan's Desmond Howard won by 1,574 points over Florida State's Casey Weldon.

Williams also received the third-most, first-place votes, behind Simpson's 855 in '68 and Ward's 740 in '93, and the third-most points, behind Simpson's 2,853 and Dorsett's 2,357 in 1976.

Central Florida quarterback Daunte Culpepper was sixth, followed by Georgia's all-purpose star, Champ Bailey, North Carolina State wide receiver Torry Holt, Ohio State quarterback Joe Germaine and Tulane quarterback Shaun King. Seven of the top 10 finishers were quarterbacks.

Williams' Heisman-defining moment occurred against Texas' biggest rival — Texas A&M — in the final regular-season game. Needing 11 yards to top Dorsett's record late in the first quarter, Williams was looking to break a big one.

He left a tackler at the line of scrimmage, shed another a few yards later and raced down the left sideline as 84,000 hometown fans stood and screamed in delight. Near the goal line, cornerback Jason Webster caught him, but Williams dragged him the final yards to complete a record-smashing 60-yard touchdown run.

On the sidelines, Dorsett, Earl Campbell and even A&M's own John David Crow — Heisman winners all — cheered along with everyone else. They knew the run would be worth a lifetime of reruns. And the Longhorns won 26-24 as Williams finished with 259 yards.

Williams, fifth in last year's balloting but upset he wasn't even invited to the ceremony, nearly passed on returning to Austin. Just when it looked like he would leave for the riches of the NFL, though, he changed his mind, saying he was coming back to win games, have fun and break some records.

"My teammates made it for me," Williams said. "The Heisman Trophy is supposed to be an individual award. But in this case, it was a team award. My teammates played hard for me."

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NBA talks end abruptly again

By Chris Sheridan
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — Lasting less than 30 minutes, NBA labor talks ended abruptly Saturday.

It was a sign that the 1998-99 season could be in more serious jeopardy than ever as the sides fight over the terms of a new collective bargaining agreement. And it now appears certain that a season — if there is one — won't begin until the end of January or early February.

Commissioner David Stern, deputy commissioner Russ Granik and their lawyers emerged dourfaced from the union's law office after the meeting, which was one of the shortest in length since the lockout began 5 1/2 months ago.

"We're getting nowhere," Granik said. "We learned today that basically nothing has changed at all."

The breakup came after the union told the league where it was willing to make some movement, a union attorney said. But the offer was not good enough to keep the sides at the negotiating table.

No new talks are scheduled.

"The reality is that the issues that we raised were extremely significant and pertinent, but they continue to be intransigent," union director Billy Hunter said. "We're trying, we'll continue to try, but it's still a situation where it's necessary for us to fall on the sword.

"We're being extremely reasonable, but how much is enough? That's the issue."

It was the second meeting between the sides in three days, and the site was meant to be a secret. Stern, Granik and their attorneys were among the attendees for the league, while the union was represented by Hunter, Patrick Ewing, Herb Williams and at least two lawyers.

All were surprised to see a handful of reporters awaiting their arrival. And those same media members were equally shocked to see the antagonists walking back out of the building a short time later.

"If it was worth it, we would have stayed," Stern said. "We have to go back and report to ownership that we're quite far apart."

"We explored where we can go, they felt that it wasn't enough and the meeting ended," Ewing said. "I think that there will be a season. It's in no one's best interest to blow the season up. The repercussions of them doing that would be severe."

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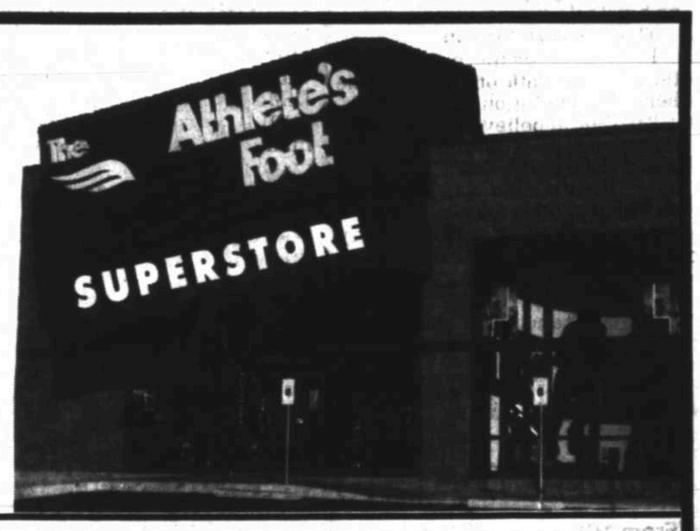
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7th grade boys

Midland Christian 40, Trinity 34. For Midland Christian: Cameron Phillips 21, Dillan Evans 10. For Trinity: Michael Clay 16, Wade Whisnand 9.

7th grade girls

Midland Christian 26, Trinity 18. For Midland Christian: Casey Caudle 9, Liz Fisher 8. For Trinity: Casey Beal 6.

Midland wrestlers win firsts

HOBBS, N.M. — Midland Lee's Josh Chapman (135 pounds) and Zach Harris (145 pounds) both placed first at the Hobbs Invitational held on Saturday.

Harris remained undefeated and extended his record to 8-0 with a first period pin in the championship match. Sexton, from Midland High, won the 140 pound championship with a third period pin in his championship match.

Other wrestlers to place at the tournament were Eric Rose from Midland High with a 2nd place finish at 152 pounds, and Midland Lee's Jeremy Smith placed 4th at 103 pounds.

Mid. Christian 86, Dallas Lutheran 74

DALLAS — The Midland Christian Mustangs got off to 28-8 lead in the first period and caused 29 turnovers on the way to an 86-74 win over Dallas Lutheran.

Midland Christian (5-3 overall, 2-0 in district) was led by Justin Gibson with 21 points and 16 rebounds, Justin Scott added 21, and Trey Bohannon had 13 points and 11 assists.

The Mustangs next play Coahoma at 8 p.m Monday.

Midland Christian 86, Dallas Lutheran 74

Midland Christian (5-3, 2-0): Shon Brown 1 0-0 2, Justin Scott 8 3-7 21, Ben White 1 1-4 3, Trey Bohannon 4 5-6 13, Curt Corley 1 0-1 2, David Koss 0 4-4 4, Jamie Beeghley 2 0-0 6, Shaun Rickey 4 0-2 8, Stephen Koss 3 0-0 6, Justin Gibson 9 3-4 21. **Totals 33 16-28 86.**

Dallas Lutheran (3-10, 0-2): Koons 4 6-11 14, Capehart 7 2-2 17, Appleby 0 3-6 3, Venne 6 3-4 15, Vandercook 1 0-0 2, Colbra 3 0-0 7, Burnheart 3 10-11 16. **Totals 24 25-34 74.**

Mid. Christian	28	16	24	18	—86
Dal. Lutheran	8	20	17	29	—74

3-point goals: MC 4 (Scott 2, Beeghley 2), DL 2 (Capeheart 1, Colbra 1). Total Fouls: MC 29, DL 16. Fouled Out: Scott, Rickey, Appleby.

Ira boys 63, Iraan 56

OZONA — The Ira boys basketball team won the Ozona Basketball Tournament with a 63-56 win over Iraan Saturday.

Ira got 27 points from tournament MVP Jerek Brown who finished with 77 points in the tournament. Logan Daves added 17 and Richard Wilkins, who all made the all-tournament team, chipped in with 11.

Ira next hosts Southland on Tuesday.

Ira 63, Iraan 56

Iraan: Hill 5 0-0 10, Barrett 5 0-0 10, Castaneda 0 0-0 0, Smithson 3 3-6 9, Blackwelder 0 2-2 2, Villanueva 0 1-4 1, Rylander 2 0-0 5, Rivero 4 9-12 17, Stone 0 0-0 0, Grisby 1 0-0 2. **Totals 20 15-24 56.**

Ira (8-3): Nathan Smith 1 0-0 2, Jerek Brown 10 7-12 27, Richard Wilkins 3 4-4 11, Jose Juarez 0 0-0 0, Drew Wall 1 0-0 2, Bryce Wilkins 0 2-2 2, Terry Jamison 1 0-0 2, Logan Daves 6 4-4 17, Seth Sterling 0 0-0 0. **Totals 22 17-22 63.**

Iraan	9	13	14	20	—56
Ira	10	13	19	21	—63

3-point goals: Iraan 1 (Rylander), Ira 2 (R. Wilkins, Daves). Total Fouls: Iraan 17, Ira 20. Fouled Out: Smith.

OILMAN'S: Taft gets past Midland High

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eled and received his technical.

Without Tatum, it was an uphill climb for the Bulldogs. They were without their top three-point shooter; who had canned 12 treys in the first three games of the tournament. MHS didn't hit a single three in the first three quarters.

Christian naturally kept Midland High in he game, scoring a game high 35 points. After Tatum went out, the Bulldogs didn't grab the lead again until just over a minute to play when Ronnie Brewster hit a three-pointer to give MHS a 67-66 lead. This came shortly after Chris Oldham hit a three to tie it at 64.

Normally, it would have been Tatum or Blake Johnston taking those threes, but Johnston had fouled out, as had another starter, Jessie Nicholson.

"I guess failure to win works in any number of ways," said Stephenson. "We had some guys step up and when you have a good basketball team that will happen. I'm as proud of these guys as if we had won.

"I don't think a loss is beneficial in any way but if we can grow from this that'sgood."

After Brewster's trey, Robbie Thompson made a pair of free throws to put Taft back up 68-67 with 42 seconds left. Midland High's Thomas Tennon missed a short jumper in the key and Thompson eventually made one-of-two free throws with 23 seconds left.

The Bulldogs tried to get the ball inside to Christian, but he was stripped, and with eight seconds remaining Justin Harbert made two free throws for Taft. That helped the Raiders tremendously since Oldham hit a three at the buzzer to end the scoring.

"We're just trying to find our identity," said Taft coach Mike Osterman, whose team lost to the Bulldogs 63-51 in last year's state final. "We're more concerned about ourselves. We can't live on what happened last year and neither can Midland High."

Johnston had 12 points for Midland High. Harbert had 19 for Taft while Sal Mercedes added 17 and Chris Bulik and Erik Rogers had 12 apiece.

The state championship rematch didn't look likely to happen late in the MHS-Permian game. The two teams battled as intensely as if it were a real district game. The Bulldogs led by as many as 11 points in the first quarter but saw Permian chip away and make it a see-saw game which MHS led 37-35 at halftime.

That intermission advantage would disappear until the third quarter as the Panthers dominated the third quarter, executing their offense sharply to set up several good shots along with three three-pointers to take a 56-46 lead at the end of the quarter.

Permian looked as if it was going to make a huge predistrict statement when it went up 62-52 in the fourth quarter, but the Bulldogs showed why they're still the team to beat in the district by reeling off 14 straight points. Charles Tatum scored eight straight in the run, including a rare four-point play to tie the game at 62. Brent Winter and Blake Johnston then scored back-to-back layups following Permian turnovers to make it 66-62 with three minutes, 14 seconds left.

Permian's Mike Hale hit a three-pointer to cut the lead to 66-65 and it would be the last field goal of the game for either team. Roy Williams had a chance to tie the game with 15 seconds left, but he missed the second of two free throw attempts and Tatum made both ends of a one-and-one with nine seconds remaining as did Winter with four seconds left to give the Bulldogs their final margin.

Tatum led the Bulldogs with 21 points while Jay Chrstian and Winter added 13 apiece with Christian also grabbing 13 rebounds. Jessie Nicholson had 11 Midland High.

Williams had 21 for Permian and raised the roof with three dunks, but he also missed three dunks. Herschel Williams had 15 for the Panthers.

Permian couldn't recover in the third place game played less than three hours later, losing to Alamogordo, N.M. 48-38. Alamogordo scored almost half of its points in a 22-point first quarter in which Mike Richards scored 15 of his game high 24 points, including four three-pointers.

El Paso Hanks won the consolation bracket with a pair of victories, beating Levelland 61-39 and Lubbock Monterey 63-43. Chris Mora had 20 points against Monterey while Garrett Richardson added 16. Josh Washington had 10 for Monterey.

Against Levelland, Richardson had 13, Mora and Richard Long had 12 apiece and Luke Hudek added 11. Stephen Lynn led Levelland with 12.

Monterey reached the consolation finals by beating El Paso Jefferson 61-46. Washington had 19 points for Monterey while Kyle Moeller added 17.

Odessa High, another 4-5A team, split its guaranteed games Saturday, which they were awarded as a three-game minimum for entering the tournament. The Bronchos lost to El Paso Franklin 67-41 early in the day but rebounded to beat El Paso Eastwood 58-52.

BOXES

Championship Game
San Antonio Taft 71, Midland High 70

Taft (10-4): Robbie Thompson 2 5-6 9, Sam Mercedes 5 5-717, Justin Harbert 5 8-9 19, Jamille Jackson 1 0-0 2, Chris Bulik 5 2-2 12, Erik Rogers 4 4-6 12, Adam Gallardo 0 0-0 0, Justin Brown 0 0-0 0, Carlos Mitchell 0 0-0 0. **Totals: 22 24-30 71.**

Midland High (10-2): Charles Tatum 1 0-0 2, Blake Johnston 5 2-2 12, JessieNicholson1 0-0 2, Jay Christian 12 11-11 35, Randy Gardner 0 2-2 2, Brent Winter 1 4-5 6, Thomas Tennon 0 0-0 0, Taylor Moody 0 0-0 2, Weldon Cooks 0 0-0 0, Ronnie Brewster 2 0-0 5, Steeve Sanon 0 0-0 0, Chris Oldham 2 0-0 6. **Totals: 24 19-20 70.**

Taft	24	13	17	17	—71
Midland High	14	23	13	20	—70

Three-Point Goals: T 3 (Mercedes 2, Harbert 1), MHS 3 (Oldham 2, Brewster 1). Rebounds: T 16 (Harbert 5), MHS 17(Christian 7). Turnovers: T 21, MHS 14. Total Fouls: T 18, MHS 22. Fouled Out: Johnston, Nicholson. Technical Fouls: Tatum.

Third Place Game
Alamogordo, N.M. 48, Odessa Permian 38

Alamogordo: Rey Moncayo 0 0-0 0, Rick Evans 2 3-4 7, Mike Richards 9 2-4 24, Nathan Bowman 0 0-0 0, Nigel Raynor 4 0-1 8, Chris McDermott 1 0-0 2, Chad Rabon 2 0-1 4, Kolin Thomas 1 1-3 3, Mike Crowther 0 0-0 0. **Totals: 19 6-13 48.**

Permian: Luke Newton 0 0-0 0, Robert Sanchez 0 2-2 2, Nate Bridges1 0-0 3, Herschel Williams 0 2-2 2, Roy Williams 2 1-2 6, Mike Hale2 0-0 4, Joseph Acosta 0 0-0 0, Ryan Fortenberry 1 0-0 3, Will Nelson 1 0-0 2, Jeremy Allen 3 2-2 8, T.J. Turner 1 0-0 2, Lindsey Lay 3 0-0 6. **Totals: 14 7-8 38.**

Alamogordo	22	5	11	10	—48
Permian	12	13	7	6	—38

Three-Point Goals: A 4 (Richards 4), P 3 (Bridges 1, Williams 1, Fortenberry 1). Total Fouls: A 12, P 15. Fouled Out: None.

Consolation Championship
El Paso Hanks 63, Lubbock Monterey 43

Hanks: Shawn Williams 1 0-0 2, Chris Conception1 0-0 2, Kevin Letz 0 0-0 0, Miguel Garrillo 1 0-0 2, Trent Widtfeldt 2 0-0 4, Garrett Richardson 7 0-1 16, Chris Mora 7 4-5 20, Luke Hudek 3 1-2 7, Ralph Rico 0 0-0 0, Tony Pinon 0 0-0 0, Matt Omohundro 0 0-0 0, Jesse Martin 1 0-0 2, Dave Ohum 0 0-0 0, Richard Long 4 0-0 8. **Totals: 27 5-8 63.**

Monterey: Rusty Garcia 0 0-0 0, Allen Conwright 0 0-0 0, Kris Hill 3 0-0 7, Mic Sutherland 3 1-1 7, Justin Pope 2 0-0 6, Heston King 1 0-0 2, Josh Washington 2 4-4 10, Lance Cantu 0 0-0 0, Norman Garrett 0 2-2 2, Kyle Moeller 4 0-1 9. **Totals: 15 7-8 43.**

Hanks	9	18	17	19	—63
Monterey	10	9	10	14	—43

Three-Point Goals: H 4 (Richardson 2, Mora 2), M 6 (Pope 2, Washington 2, Hill 1, Moeller 1). Total Fouls: H 10, M 11. Fouled Out: None.

Guaranteed Games
Odessa High 58, El Paso Eastwood 52

Odessa High: Tron Gentry 5 8-14 20, Matt Sutherland 1 0-0 2, Casey Maxwell 5 1-2 14, Austin Mathis 3 1-1 7, Roy Hernandez 0 0-4 0, Taylor Casey 2 4-4 8, Allen Price 1 2-5 4, Greg Smithee 0 3-4 3, Patrick Patton 0 0-0 0. **Totals: 17 19-34 58.**

Eastwood: Adrian Urias 2 0-0 4, Jared Marks 0 2-2 2, Phillip Bowman 0 0-0 0, Daniel Escobar 2 2-2 7, John Gorbet 6 0-0 15, Seth Ardoin 0 0-0 20, Mike Houghton 1 0-0 2, Omar Campos 1 0-0 2, Chris Kirby 1 0-0 2, Shawn Dozier3 1-2 7, Cody Wells 5 1-4 11, Hany Abdelfattah 0 0-0 0. **Totals: 21 6-10 52.**

Odessa High	13	12	14	19	—58
Eastwood	15	11	18	8	—52

Three-Point Goals: OHS 5 (Mathis 3, Gentry 2), E 4 (Gorbet 3, Escobar 1). Total Fouls: OHS 13, E 24. Fouled Out: Escobar, Gorbet.

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It's a beautiful sight ...

A house, far left, in the 1400 block of Main Street, features cascading icicle lights, a Nativity scene and Santa. Photo by Tim Fischer. Cheery Christmas stockings, left, are strung outside of a house on Maxwell Street. Photo is by Brian Adamcik.

'Tis the season for cruising the residential areas to view Christmas lights. The most popular lights are the well-sought after icicle variety. Electric icicles may be as close as we get to having icicles in Midland. But with fickle West Texas weather, who knows?

Santa guides the boat, top left, in what is becoming a traditional holiday scene on St. Andrews Street. A Wagon wheel, above, adds a little West Texas ambience to dazzling white lights at a house on Maxwell Street. The house is covered with lights and the roof is topped with the Star of Bethlehem. Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, left, is bedecked with a white bow in front of a residence on Saddle Club Drive.

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BOOMER BLUES

Who is willing to commit to racial reconciliation?

By Myra Salcedo

Who will commit to trying to unite people in Midland? Who will even admit that racism exists in our fine city?

On Dec. 3 Mayor Kirk Watson of Austin took a bold step. He urged whites to acknowledge that Austin is plagued by racism.



Salcedo

Not only that, the mayor and about two dozen civic and religious leaders signed the "Commitment to Racial Reconciliation" document. The blunted-worded document calls on the community — people of all ethnicities — to "repent and seek forgiveness for racist beliefs, attitudes and behaviors."

Could you imagine such a document being signed in Midland — a city that was so reluctant to desegregate schools in the 1970s that the federal government had to step in to do it; a city that refused to acknowledge that a Confederate flag might not be an appropriate school spirit symbol during the height of integration; and a city where 20 people of different races can't even sit down at a table and talk about desegregation in a respectful manner?

So many hateful words were uttered publicly about the Confederate flag issue in September 1991, the Ku Klux Klan decided Midland would be an ideal place to recruit members for their white supremacist cause. "You only have to read the Texas newspapers to see that Midland needs us," Michael Lowe, Grand Dragon of the Texas Klan, said at the time.

Midland ministers and civic leaders banded together to offer a counter rally, "A Unity Celebration." When I heard about the rally calling for all Midlanders to stand up against racism, I asked the organizers — considering Midland was a city of about 100,000 — how in the world they thought they could fit the crowd into Centennial Plaza. "We'll be lucky to have a few hundred people show up," one black minister said. "Everyone else will want to ignore the situation and hope it goes away."

The unity rally drew an estimated 500 to 600 people. Some people had hoped thousands of Midlanders would fill the streets, and were sorely disappointed.

But that was 1991. Things are different now, right? Depends on who you ask. Some local young adults in their 20s, of several different races, have complained that if they want to find someone to marry who isn't racist, it will have to be outside Midland — outside of Texas, even.

Almost any school student asked can relay incidents of racism they have witnessed. Both my children attended Midland schools all their lives and were ashamed at the racist things they heard.

When my son and daughter were tiny tots, they had friends of various races in rural Grand Prairie. My lineage is primarily Swedish and German with a little French Canadian and Italian thrown in — a mixed bag, but isn't your average American? To confuse things more, my grandmother was raised in an Asian culture and my family grew up eating Asian foods and practicing Asian customs.

My husband's late father was born in El Paso, but his grandfather was born in Mexico. His mother's parents were French and Cuban, also with a little Irish thrown in. My husband is green-eyed and has whiter skin than half of the Germans on my side of the family.

Our children were blond as youngsters, and have hazel eyes.

When I got married in 1974, I took the name Salcedo because keeping maiden names had not become vogue yet (and as a naive teen-ager, I wasn't even aware I *could* keep my maiden name, Tatum). It's been a good lesson for me; however, I never realized how deeply ingrained stereotypes were until I became Mrs. Salcedo.

We didn't bring our kids up to believe that they were any particular ethnicity. We just asked that they respect all people, no matter the color of their skin, or their background or religion. My late father-in-law, however, a lifelong proud Marine and American patriot who fought in both the Korean and Vietnam wars, also took pride in telling his grandchildren they were part Mexican and should be proud of their heritage. They were regaled with tales of an elderly aunt who had hidden the family rifles in her fireplace in Mexico when Pancho Villa and his men came to terrorize her village and confiscate weapons. The kids also learned to sing "Ay Ay, Ajiii!" in the right places of traditional Mexican songs, to respect cultural traditions, and to overload queso dip with salsa.

They also knew that they had great-grandparents from Sweden and Germany, but those relatives had grown away from their culture.

We moved to Midland in 1982 when my son was in the second grade. He wasn't in school more than two weeks before he came home and asked, "Mommy, am I a wetback?" His sister, in kindergarten at the time, soon came home in tears because of a joke about Mexicans she had heard from a third-grader. "And you should hear the bad words they say about the little black kids," she said.

My son agreed. "The white kids want to know if we are white or we are Mexican," he said.

I told them to just tell the other kids they were American or of European descent. It was the easy way out. But my son said, "Salcedo is a Mexican name, and Papa (his grandfather) was Mexican. And I love Papa. He said to be proud of it." So I told him to do what he felt was right in his heart, but to realize other kids

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With voices of angels

Rusk Elementary School fourth-grade student Caleb Barrows (Rudolph) holds the microphone for fellow student Kelsey Patterson. The students performed with their classmates for the recent Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) fundraiser.

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HAVE YOU HEARD?

Bethrothed couple surprised with Christmas ornament 'shower' at study club's chili supper party

By Marilyn McKnight Harrison

"Turkey Relief — A Chili Supper!" So began the invitations to the Contemporary Study Club's post-Thanksgiving party at the home of Betty and Don Ewan. Members' spouses were guests.

The fun event also honored Liz Adam and Jim Henderson, who are planning a Feb. 15 wedding, with a surprise Christmas ornament shower. Members were informed that "Jim is an outdoor sportsman, or bring something that reminds you of Liz."



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After dinner, Flo (Mrs. Sam) White and Carolyn (Mrs. Bob) Winkler led the group in singing Christmas carols.

Fifty members and their guests attended. From out-of-town were former Midlanders Carolyn Minton of San Angelo and Gloria and LaDoyce Lambert of Odessa.

Hostesses with Betty were members of the social committee, Sudy (Mrs .H.G.) Bedford, Elaine (Mrs. Fred) Gist, Billie (Mrs. Jim) Ross and Cathy (Mrs. Dick) Stump.

Altie Russell, club president, and her husband, Bill, were seen greeting guests.

ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS of the fall social season was the Minuet Club's recent dance. Held at the Petroleum Club, it featured the music of the band, The Pictures, and a lavish cocktail buffet, which included Shrimp Wellington, Round of Beef and a pasta bar.

The tables were decorated with beautiful arrangements of flowers and fruits in bright autumn colors.

Among those spotted in the large turnout were Betsy and Fred Wright, Anne and Bert Johnson, Margaret and James Purvis, Ricki and Charlie Perry, Shirley and Budge McDonnold, Kathy and Bill Wallace, Cindy and Mike Black, and Lucia and Mike Gray.

From Mary Ann (Mrs. Lee) Majors, club president, comes word that the board has voted to present the debutantes their junior year of college. Therefore, the current sophomores will be presented next December, and as a result, there will be no deb season this year.

HELEN G. POGUE recently returned from New York City, where she met her daughter, Cyndi Pogue, and saw her painting, "Sierra Blanca and Meadow," on exhibit at the Catherine Lorrillard Wolfe Art Exhibition.

The mother-daughter pair enjoyed two Broadway shows while in the Big Apple — "The Lion King" and "Chicago."

WE ENJOYED hearing about the Newman family's Thanksgiving Weekend trip to Jonesboro, La., to participate in the 1998 "Christmas Wonderland in the Pines." Going from Midland were Chris and Fred Newman, with son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Monea; daughter Holly, and son, Steve, his wife, Blake, and their daughter, Jordin.

The Jackson Parish Chamber of Commerce sponsors the event each year to usher in the Christmas season, and in so doing, turns on 6 million lights to make the small community a spectacular showplace for the holidays.

Making the event special this year was that Chris's mother, Sammie Holly, was selected as the grand marshal of the Christmas parade. Mrs. Holly, whose very name brings thoughts of the holidays, was chosen because of her innumerable contributions to the citizens of the parish through her musical talents and teaching. She taught in the parish schools for more than 30 years, and many of her students have become professionals in universities, theatre and communities. She is still active in her church, where she has played the organ for over 52 years.

The Newmans attended a reception given in Mrs. Holly's honor. The event was highlighted by a proclamation from the mayor and presentation from Louisiana state senators and representatives.

The afternoon's 100-entry parade had a breathtaking finish with a fireworks display and the incredible sight of the millions of lights being switched on.

MEMBERS OF THE LT. William Brewer Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution got into the holiday spirit in early December with a lovely Christmas tea in the home of Geri (Mr. Don) Lilly in Saddle Club Ranch Estates.

Co-hostesses with Geri were Susan (Mrs. Joe) Lilly, Carolyn Sowell, Nita (Mrs. Otice) Helmer and Myra Moore.

The home was beautifully decorated throughout in jewel tones. Conversation pieces included a pair of colorfully decorated carrousel horses and the dining table arrangement consisting of green candles, pine cones and large burgundy bows.

The fabulous tea-time refreshments included a variety of finger sandwiches, fresh fruit and vegetables with dips, cheese balls and spreads, delicious desserts, raspberry tea and hazelnut coffee.

The members brought donations for the Big Spring Veterans Hospital as their Christmas project.

Chapter regent Connie (Mrs. Jack) Naumann and the hostesses greeted approximately 40 guests.

Marilyn McKnight Harrison is social columnist for the Reporter-Telegram.

Writer defends her book about 'Nappy Hair'

By Timothy Williams
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A children's author stood her ground in the face of criticism that her book "Nappy Hair" reinforces negative stereotypes about blacks.

"I think it's perfect as I wrote it," Carolivia Herron, a black English professor, said Tuesday at a community forum in Brooklyn.

The book, about a young black girl with the "nappiest, fuzziest, the most screwed up, squeezed up, knotted up" hair, got good reviews. But it has sparked controversy in Brooklyn, where residents of one school district threatened a white teacher who read it with her mostly black and Hispanic third-grade students.

The teacher, Ruth Sherman, 27, transferred this week to a school in Queens, saying she felt unsafe after residents hurled racial epithets and cursed her.

Ms. Herron, a professor at California State University, Chico, emphatically disagreed with her critics at the meeting.

"I was certainly not trying to be a political activist," she said.

She said she hadn't realized the word "nappy" would spark such a reaction.

"I thought we'd gotten rid of this problem in the '60s," she said. "But I should have known better. You can't get rid of a 300-year-old problem in 10 years."



"Nappy Hair" author Carolina Herron, far left, appears on the Montel Williams show with Ruth Sherman, the teacher threatened by parents after she read the mulit-cultural book to her third-grade Brooklyn students. Ms. Sherman, frightened for her safety after threats were made, transferred out of the district.

AP Photo

MS. HERRON told the 300 people gathered at the House of the Lord Church that some sections of the book were the result of compromises between her and editors.

"If you don't compromise, you don't get published," she said.

But Sarah Jones Johnson, of Roselle, N.J., disagreed.

"It's one thing to compromise with editors," she said. "It's another thing to compromise your people."

A woman who said her child was in Miss Sherman's Brooklyn class told the forum she failed to find a positive representation of blacks in the book. Ms. Herron responded: "We have to agree to disagree on that."

Ms. Herron has said there is nothing racist in the book, which she calls "a wonderful celebration of nappy African-American hair."

Obituary game amuses, enrages radio listeners

By Larry Bingham
N.Y. Times News Service

The first day it was Carroll O'Connor. Then it was David Letterman. The bonus round one morning was the woman with Marty Feldman eyes.

Can you pick which of the photographs on The Dallas Morning News obituary page most resembles those celebrities? Be the ninth caller to get it right, and you win CDs and a T-shirt. If you're real lucky, you take home the camcorder.

"Celebrity Stiffies," a game on Dallas station KDGE (94.5 FM), is the latest radio gag to raise the questions of what's funny, and what's offensive.

But this time, it's not Howard Stern. It's not gay jokes, sex talk or racist jabs. This time, radio hosts are making fun of the one thing we all have in common, besides taxes: death.

While entertainers try to put the "fun" into funeral, not everyone agrees that it works.

"How does 'beneath contempt' sound?" said Bob Mong, Morning News president and general manager. "Those are two words that pop into my mind. It's grotesque and it's horrible."

University of Texas journalism Professor Marvin Olasky said society has long made light of the things it didn't understand, death included. But the trend he sees is no laughing matter.

The movie "Pulp Fiction" broke ground with its dark-humor view of death and torture. Since then, films such as "Very Bad Things" have taken death to new highs, or new lows, depending on your taste.

OLASKY SAID the problem with the radio game is that it takes mankind's nervousness about death and unleashes it on a ritual that helps people mourn: the obituaries. "It's a theater of cruelty," Olasky said.

Chris Jagger, the radio host who invented the game, said death is part of the human experience, and therefore, fodder for humor.

"Death is so scary you do one of two things: You huddle and you're afraid, or you do what I do, the opposite — you find something humorous in it, and go with that angle," Jagger said. "I know, there's a real divided line; it's either a sacred thing, one of those you-shouldn't-go-there areas, or it's funny."

The idea came to him last week when a co-host was reading the morning obituaries. Why would a 32-year-old man read about strangers who died? The question was a topic of banter when Jagger noticed one of the dead men looked like Archie Bunker. So he asked listeners if they agreed.

Jagger said that some callers are offended, but that every time the alternative rock station plays the game, the "phone lines are jammed." They play only on the mornings he finds a celebrity look-alike in the obituaries.

"Most people understand what we're doing is harmless, bringing notoriety to these people who got no recognition in life, and we're giving them one more plug on the way out," Jagger said.

MONG, AT "The Morning News," did not know about the contest until asked for his reaction. He said he didn't know what action, if any, the newspaper will take.

"I think all of us feel there is a sanctity to the passing of a human being, and to make light of it is sort of beyond belief," Mong said. "This whole thing violates what human beings feel is a decent and good way to behave."

The show's DJs asked callers one morning to find which of the men in military uniforms most resembled Billy Baldwin. Another day, the only possible match was a man who favored Ed McMahon "after eight chemo treatments," Jagger said. "So we drew the line there. We didn't play that day."

Bob Jensen, a University of Texas professor of media law and ethics, said the game is part of a trend in which sick humor sells, and humanity suffers.

"This death stuff even pushes it further," Jensen said. "Our collective humanity doesn't mean anything. In a way, it's more frightening. It's not targeting groups that can be easily trashed. It's saying everybody is up for grabs."

Jagger stands by his game. "We don't sit there and think, 'Let's do this game and see how much money we can make.' Why did CBS run Jack Kevorkian whacking off some guy? Is it about ratings? Absolutely it's about ratings. My job is to get as many listeners as possible. How do I get them? Here you go."

Aging post-deb meets her match

N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — What's an aging, still-single former deb to do? The traditional route to marriage for many social types brought up in the world of debutante balls and Southampton summer houses is to meet a mate through introductions by friends or family or at country-club parties and black-tie charity affairs.

But what happens when a woman has spent a decade or more in this insular world and still come up empty-handed? For many, the answer is a last resort so outside their social ken that it is barely mentionable: a matchmaking service.

And the matchmaking service of choice for the post-deb in New York is It's Just Lunch, whose two offices, on East 56th Street and in the Wall Street area, have reputations for attracting preppy men with good manners, no facial hair and substantial incomes.

"It's impossible to find anyone in New York," said a single Upper East Side woman of 38 who grew up in Greenwich, Conn., and whose name appears on the invitations sent out by more than a half-dozen charitable groups. Speaking on condition of anonymity because of the stigma attached to a dating service by her set, she said: "In the New York social scene, all the men are either married, gay or neutral. After a while you know everyone, and you've passed through." Like several friends from similar backgrounds, she handed over $1,000 to It's Just Lunch for a one-year membership or 16 lunch dates. She said that friends had told her that the service had many "well-bred men" as members who worked too hard to be active socially.

What's more, the company, which matches prospects for first-name-only introductory dates over lunch and sometimes dinner (all Dutch), advertises a high success rate — 500 marriages in New York in the last five years, it says.

An added incentive was that It's Just Lunch plans to open a Connecticut office early next year. The woman and her friends are eagerly anticipating that the Connecticut office, which will be in Stamford, will collect the pool of divorces from wealthy Greenwich and single men from the Fortune 500 companies in Fairfield County. "It will be a whole new crop," the woman said. "Those guys are well mannered, well bred."

Daniel Dolan, the president and chief executive of It's Just Lunch, which was started in 1992 by Andrea McGinty, now his wife (yes, they met through the service), said: "For some reason, I can't open up the Connecticut office fast enough. I've been getting so many calls."

From a single office in Chicago, It's Just Lunch has grown to 30 branches around the country, with a membership of 20,000. In New York City, there are 2,000 members ranging in age from 23 to 48, with most in their late 20s to mid-30s, Dolan said.

The company says that 40 percent of its members are men, 60 percent women, but the imbalance becomes greater for those over 40, with fewer men. Several women in their 30s said their dates arranged by the company were sporadic. The company says the average income of men who are clients in New York is $155,000, and of women who are clients, $85,000. The most common profession for the men is lawyer, followed by investment banker.

Both men and women "are very specific, very focused," said Tammy Korol, 28, the director in the New York office. "Women want men who will stand when they walk into the room," she added. "Men want women they can bring to a black-tie affair." One client, a man who is 42 and asked not to be identified, compared the service to "a social secretary." "I just can't be bothered doing the whole finding-a-date thing," he said. Most of the women he's met through the service are "striking and from good backgrounds," he said.

GRACIE BONDS STAPLES

Having best friends of different races a foreign concept

By Gracie Bonds Staples

The little boy came to my door dressed as a skeleton. I didn't see him, but my husband said that he was no more than 5 or 6 years old.

We'd seen a lot of children around the same age that night, dressed in similar fashion. Because it was Halloween, this was not all that unusual. What happened next was.



Staples

As the little boy left, he called out to those standing watch at the end of our walkway, "Mommy, Mommy, a black man."

I shared this story with some colleagues, and laughter filled the newsroom. The more I thought about it, though, the more horrified I became. I wondered how was it that that little boy could have been surprised (I don't think he was frightened) at the sight of an African-American male.

Maybe the black men he had seen didn't stand in doorways, handing out candy. Maybe what he was used to seeing were black men being led away in handcuffs, or worse.

In any case, I kept thinking about that little boy, his innocence and his honesty. I realized that I really didn't know what to make of his reaction to my husband. It saddened me to think that someone could live in a world so small, so confining. But the more I thought about him, the more I was forced to look at my own life. What I finally realized was that my world isn't much larger than his.

I've seen men and women of all races and ethnicities, met people from every walk of life. Every day, I work with a diverse group of colleagues. I talk to them. I laugh with them. I've shared meals with them, and I've joined them in a common cause.

When they've been met with good fortune or tragedy, I've called to offer congratulations or condolences. I send and receive cards and telephone calls marking special occasions. Occasionally, one of these friends from work, such as Wilma Campbell, will reappear out of the blue, and it's as if we never parted. Friends are like that.

Wilma surprised me recently with an appearance at my office while she was visiting Fort Worth. I screamed. We embraced, and I called my husband.

"You'll never guess who's at my desk," I told him. After he had offered several misses, Wilma suggested, laughing, "Tell him it's a white woman."

I met Wilma while working at the Sacramento Bee. I liked her because she was honest and she made the best Mississippi mud pie I'd ever tasted. She was also kind enough to take care of my dog, Snuggles, when I went out of town.

There have been other white women like her in my life, women I've felt close to, but the truth is that I've never known one to be a close friend — someone with whom to share secrets, to push back the darkness in each other's lives and to go forward together, still loving each other.

And so when I recently read an Essence magazine column by a black woman about her friendship with a white woman, I was at once saddened and elated.

Those are the same feelings I have watching my daughters' friendships with their white schoolmates. The same sorts of feelings you feel when you see something for the first time, the same feeling that little boy must have felt on Halloween night.

Watching my daughters and their friends, I wonder what drew them together, what they like about one another and if their friendships will mature into adulthood and deepen like the one I'd just read about in Essence.

As moving a piece as it was, their relationship and those of my daughters are as foreign to me as my husband's blackness was to the little boy on Halloween night.

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...CASUAL CASWELL Christmas Party and West Avenue Tour is scheduled for 4:30-8:30 p.m. Dec. 16 at 1404 West Avenue in Austin. Sponsored by Austin Convention and Visitors Bureau, Heritage Society of Austin and Historic Landmark Commission, the event will feature holiday tours of six historic structures, performances by children's choirs and a magician, and refreshments. For ticket information call (512) 474-5198 or (512) 478-0098...

...JUNIOR LEAGUE of Midland Inc. is having a Community Partners/Rainbow Room drive to benefit The Rainbow Room, an emergency center that distributes new items for children of Child Protective Services. Donations of baby items, household items, school supplies, clothes, blankets and toys are being accepted through Dec. 14 at KMID-TV, Desert Springs Medical Center, First Presbyterian Church, St. Ann's Church and Wall Towers West. For more information call 681-0254...

...CONCHO CHRISTMAS Celebration is planned for each weekend through Dec. 31 in San Angelo. More than 2 million lights and lighted displays will be visible in the walking and driving tour. The celebration kicks off 5:30 p.m. Dec. 4. For more information call 1-800-375-1206...

...AMERICAN LEGION Auxiliary Unit 19 is offering Christmas Bears for sale at $5 each. The proceeds from this fund raiser will help provide scholarships for nursing students. For more information call 683-2029 or 699-6564...

...PRESIDENTIAL MUSEUM in Odessa is planning to show an exhibit on "Young Thoughts" in 1999, and area students are invited to participate (especially those in fifth grade). Each participating student is asked to research and write about his or her "favorite" president (brief statements of one or two paragraphs; drawings also are acceptable). Mail students' comments to the Presidential Museum, 622 N. Lee, Odessa 79761. Deadline is Dec. 17. For more information call 332-7123...

...PERMIAN AIMEES, auxiliary to Society of Petroleum Engineers, will meet for Christmas coffee 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Dec. 15 at 1405 Douglas Ave. RSVP to 683-6391 or 684-9019...

...MIDLAND DELTA Gamma Alumnae Association will meet for mother-daughter Christmas tea 2-4 p.m. today at 714 Pinehurst Dr. All Delta Gammas are welcome. For more information call 682-1413...

...DELTA DELTA Delta Alumnae Chapter will meet for its annual mother/daughter — collegiate/alumnae Christmas coffee 3-5 p.m. Dec. 22 at 2009 Winfield. For more information call 697-5644...

...MIDLAND PORCELAIN Art Club will have its Christmas party 2-4 p.m. today at No. 1 Hialeah Dr. Members are asked to bring snack foods and mugs for exchange. Drawing for the Christmas wreath will be presented...

...MIDLAND ALUMNAE chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha will have a Christmas party 4-6 p.m. Dec. 21 at #14 Winchester Court. All mothers are encouraged to bring their daughters; daughters are encouraged to bring their mothers.

Donations will be accepted for Dress-A-Live-Doll...

...FRATERNAL ORDER of Eagles #2982 Auxiliary will meet 8 p.m. Dec. 15 at the VFW Hall 7208, 1306 E. Taylor Ave. Christmas party will follow. Each member is urged to attend and bring a $5 gift to be exchanged...

Exercise alone won't 'build abs'

Restrict calories, exercise groups of muscle to tone abdomen

N.Y. Times News Service

Exercisers are often confused about the best way to strengthen and tone the midriff. And for good reason: Experts cannot seem to agree, either. Even the research is not definitive.

For example, the biomechanics laboratory at Centinela Hospital Medical Center in Inglewood, Calif., completed a study this year comparing the effectiveness and safety of eight popular abdominal movements. To measure the amount of electrical activity — and thus the force of muscular contraction — researchers placed electrodes on each subject's three largest abdominal muscle groups — the rectus abdominis, internal obliques and external obliques — and on one hip flexor muscle. Of all the exercises, the crunch, or quarter sit-up, was shown to activate the greatest number of abdominal muscle fibers and the least number of hip flexor muscle fibers.

"This means that the crunch surpasses other exercises in terms of efficiency and low-back safety," said Dr. Marilyn Pink, the lab's director. She explained that when the hip flexors are overexerted, they tug on the muscles supporting the lower spine, which, in turn, can contribute to back pain.

"You don't have to do anything fancy in an attempt to isolate the abdominal muscles," Dr. Pink said. "Simple crunches with your feet unsupported work best."

ANOTHER STUDY reported last year in the journal Medicine and Science in Sports and Exercise, however, used similar procedures yet reached the opposite conclusion. Researchers could pinpoint no single exercise that optimally trained all of the abdominal muscles with minimal stress to the lower back. The authors advocate doing a variety of exercises to sufficiently challenge all of the abdominals.

Dr. Len Kravitz, director of exercise science at the University of Mississippi at Oxford, agreed. "The whole theory of training muscles, abdominals or otherwise, is to constantly stimulate them with a different type of shock," he said. "If a muscle works in one way only, not all its fibers will be stimulated."

Kravitz recommends including crunches that involve twisting or rotation of the trunk, because they isolate the internal and external obliques, muscles that attach to the connective tissue of the lower back. "Strengthening these muscles helps bolster and support the spine," he explained.

But Dr. Pink argued that the crunch variations serve only to place the lower back in greater jeopardy. "We found that twisting crunches increase intervertebral disk pressure and hip flexor activity," she said, explaining that these exercises involve less of the abdominal muscles and are potentially unsafe for the lower back.

Then there are experts like Dr. Richard M. Bachrach, an osteopathic physician and medical director for the Center for Sports and Osteopathic Medicine in Manhattan, who advise forgoing crunch-type movements altogether because they only activate the upper fibers of the rectus abdominis, the wide, flat sheet of muscle that runs the vertical length of the torso, while the rest of the muscle goes unused.

"These are plenty strong to begin with," Bachrach said. Instead, he suggests doing reverse crunches, which involve keeping the upper body still while lifting the legs and buttocks a small way upward in order to target the often weak and underused lower portion of the rectus abdominis.

Bachrach also advocates working a fourth muscle, the transversus abdominis, which lies deep beneath the other abdominals. Although it is not involved in moving the spine, it contracts to stabilize and support it, a function Bachrach and many others believe is important for spinal health and good posture. Forceful breathing while tightening the abdominals, or exercises that call upon the abdominals to contract without any resultant spinal movement, train the transversus as well as the other abs.

One thing experts do agree on: No amount of abdominal training will "spot reduce" the midsection in spite of testimony by infomerchants hawking various devices. A seminal, 1984 study performed at the University of Kansas evaluated the effects of 27 days' worth of regular abdominal exercises and concluded that they do not selectively reduce abdominal fat. Kravitz sums it up succinctly: "Working the abs does not cause fat to magically fall away from that area. Period." Reducing that area involves restricting caloric intake in combination with regular aerobic exercise to burn off overall fat.

Experts also seem to agree that no matter which exercise is performed, proper execution is crucial. "Good technique is essential for results and injury prevention," Bachrach said. He advises avoiding jerky movements, overarching the low back off the floor, and holding the breath.

Adults, two-year-olds all need lessons in some good 'nanners'

Elizabeth Shuett
N.Y. Times News Service

GIBSONBURG, Ohio — "Good manners," I explained to my young son Kristofor as I sat on the bottom step tying his dress-up shoes, "is what separates us from the beasts. Manners allow us all to inhabit the planet without grabbing each other's food. So remember, no kicking, biting, or poking with a sharp stick." He seemed to be catching on. He was two.

Then we went to Karen's birthday party. "When you go in," I instructed the exuberant little boy in the sailor suit, "hand the present to Karen and wish her a happy birthday." He gave me a cherubic grin and rang the bell. Instantly, the door flew open and the birthday girl grabbed the present from his hands and took off.

Dumbfounded, Kristofor stared up at me quizzically and muttered, "Her didn't even hug me." Get used to it, I thought to myself, but to the disappointed little fellow standing empty-handed on the doorstep I explained that she was probably so excited she'd had a momentary lapse of what he called "good nanners."

Mothers were gathered on the back porch enjoying a warm Georgia afternoon. I joined them. Within moments though, our bucolic reverie was shattered by a shriek followed by some major caterwauling. We leaped from the porch to see who was dying. We found Karen, party-dress deep in a mud puddle, screeching her little pink lungs out. "Trittipur" (the closest she could come to pronouncing Kristofor) it seems, had unceremoniously dumped her little ruffled backside in the dirt and taken off with her tricycle. I caught up with him gleefully pedaling down the winding drive. He seemed surprised at my annoyance.

"Why'd you do that?" I asked, a little out of breath and seriously embarrassed. He told me bluntly that he had asked Karen if he could ride the trike, she'd said absolutely not, and so he'd pushed her off. I told him he'd been rude but he disagreed. "My said pweeze," he explained indignantly, "but her said no." I explained "please" was indeed a magic word, but in this case it had not overridden Karen's desire to maintain her seat on the tricycle.

We sat on the steps and talked for a few minutes before I could convince him that the gentlemanly thing to do would be to apologize to Karen. Reluctantly, he agreed and went to tell her he was sorry. She bit him. He slugged her. We went home.

There's a reason for this story. I'm working my way up to a parable on manners. Last Tuesday evening the phone rang and being a relatively curious person, I answered it.

"Hi, Elizabeth, I'm Betty Boop of Joe Blow's Insurance in nearby Doofustown. We hear you're having a birthday pretty soon. Elizabeth, we're calling to wish you a great 65th. Have you considered any health insurance to supplement your Medicare?"

"How old are you, Miss Boop?" I ask making little effort to conceal my irritation.

"Twenty-three," she bubbles.

"You're 23 and I'm 65. We have never met and yet you have the bad manners to address me familiarly by my first name?"

"I'm just being friendly."

"We are not friends. You are soliciting. You are disturbing my dinner and truth is, you really don't give a fat rat's backside whether I have a happy birthday or not. Right?"

Betty Boop splutters and hangs up — a momentary reprieve. But there'll be more.

Everyone knows money-grubbing is more important than manners.

COMMIT: First step is acknowledging there is a problem

(From 1D)

may say hurtful things about him.

That same year I attended an evening PTA presentation. In a sea of dark-haired Hispanic students, my son and daughter were the only blondes (right down front) in a chorus singing "La Cucaracha." After they sang one song, I sought out a teacher asking why the rest of my children's classmates weren't present, since it was a school-wide performance.

"Oh, it was school-wide," the teacher said. "But it was voluntary. I went from classroom to classroom, asking kids who wanted to participate in the Hispanic Heritage festival to follow me to the cafeteria. When all the Hispanic students got up to go in Amanda's class, she got up too. I was kind of surprised, but when we got to the cafeteria, her brother was already there."

And there they were, singing their hearts out in Spanish and proud to be doing it.

But with the good news came the bad. We had moved into a newly-built house on Cottonwood Street east of Lamesa Road. It was in a predominately black neighborhood. Our house was broken into and house and yard were vandalized daily for several weeks. One police officer just added our house to his route of rounds every evening.

One day vandals took a hatchet to our above-ground backyard pool, uprooted our shrubs and dumped bags and bags of trash into the backyard.

That night, while I was taking a shower and my children were watching television in the living room, five black men walked in. They sat on the sofa, smoked cigarettes and drank beer. They told my children we better get out of their neighborhood. When I came out of the shower, the men were gone, but beer bottles and cigarette butts — and my frightened children — remained behind.

I called the police. They told me to move. "Look, lady, we can't be here every minute. It's racism and you can't do anything about it."

"But we aren't racists," I said, "or we wouldn't have invested in this neighborhood."

"You can't undo years of racism. We've talked to people about it in this neighborhood. There's a lot of anger here and there's no way we can protect you. If it were my family, I would move tonight," a Hispanic police officer told us. "There's no way to get the word out to people that you aren't the enemy. It won't work. You've become a target."

We moved within days and took a huge financial loss on our house. My kids couldn't believe that some of the children they had played with later threw trash into our yard. "Why do they hate us?" my kids asked.

I had no answer for them. But I did tell them, "We aren't going to start hating people because of what happened before we got here. We are going to forgive the white kids who hurt your feelings at school and the blacks who chased us out of *their* neighborhood, and we are going to continue to stand up for racial equality and unity."

I had friends of all races growing up and I knew that racism is something that is taught. Acceptance can also be taught through the actions, words and examples of adults.

My children were later dismayed at how racism reared its ugly head again in high school.

The denial is even worse because it allows people to ignore the problem. It allows the people not experiencing discrimination to wave off those who do and call them whiners. It makes people experiencing racism — on both sides of the issue — second-class citizens when others deny their suffering.

They learned you could have many friends, but it would be incendiary to talk about civil rights amongst their peers.

They witnessed angry white civic leaders calling me at home during the Rebel flag controversy, asking, "Why do you keep quoting the minorities so much in the newspaper? Why aren't you an advocate for your own race?"

My race is the human race.

Both my children look white, and really are more Anglo than Hispanic. When Daniel was cast in the musical, "Texas," in Palo Duro Canyon after he graduated from high school, I was surprised to hear some of his cast mates call him "Halfbreed." He didn't mind and laughed it off. "People called me that in high school too," he said, explaining that his name, Daniel Ramon, didn't match his looks.

"It's the best of both worlds," he said. "The Hispanics know I respect them enough to claim their heritage. The whites claim me because I look like them, but they know not to come telling any Mexican jokes around me."

When it came to filling out applications for college and standardized test forms though, Daniel was in a quandary. "Mom, which one of these boxes is right?" he asked. "Hispanic, White/Non-Hispanic, Anglo/European, Hispanic/Spanish origin, Anglo?"

I said, "It doesn't matter. Check the one you want." Being a child of the '70s and too quick to question authority, I said, "Heck, check them all and let some bureaucrat sort it out."

Later, when I went to mail his forms, I curiously looked to see what he had claimed. He checked the box marked "other." In the blank next to "other," he had written in "undecided."

WHILE SOME PEOPLE may say, "Oh great! The young man is so confused he doesn't know what race he is," I have to disagree. He's not biracial. But he is proud of all of his relatives.

Plus, "American" is never a choice on these forms.

He could have claimed Anglo in the second grade, and his life would have been easier. He could have denied he had Mexican relatives in an area where even the word, "Mexican," is often said in a derogatory way. But then he wouldn't have witnessed racism first-hand and learned to stand up for everyone's civil rights. He could have claimed Anglo as his race in grade school and just done nothing when he heard derogatory words used about kids of other races. But he and my daughter both took the high road, which was also the rough road.

My family only experienced racism on a very small scale after my children left grade school. (Amazingly, it lessened during the years they were bused for integration, though not having both children in the same school for three years was a terrible inconvenience.)

I know Daniel and Amanda are better people because of what they experienced. Their worlds were not sheltered and they don't deny racism was part of their experience of growing up in Midland.

FOR THE MOST part, they love Midland and are hesitant to leave. The charity and kind-heartedness in this community far outweighs the few bad incidences they experienced.

But would things have been different if their skin color was darker?

The Austin reconciliation document reads in part: "One of the key contributions to racial tension ... is the denial that racism exists and the refusal on the part of many in the white community to listen seriously to those who continue to suffer its effects."

There are plenty of caring people in Midland who are accepting of all people, especially those in many church ministries, and those who have taken thousands of foreign exchange students into their homes over the years.

But racism still exists, according to many local Hispanic, Anglo and African-American citizens. Others will tell you that the denial is even worse because it allows people to ignore the problem. It allows the people not experiencing discrimination to wave off those who do and call them whiners. It makes people experiencing racism — on both sides of the issue — second-class citizens when others deny their suffering and tell them it isn't worth worrying about. It sends the message: "*You* aren't worth worrying about."

Steve Buck, a Lee High School coach and teacher, a Midland Federation of Teachers president and cluster committee facilitator (for the few meetings he managed to hold together), has taken the first step. He bravely announced publicly that this community is divided and needs to be united. He is facing the issue head on, something that the citizens of Austin are doing.

Last year, after the MISD school board called for open enrollment and a move back to neighborhood schools, one white board member declared, "Racism is dead." In other words, it's not an issue.

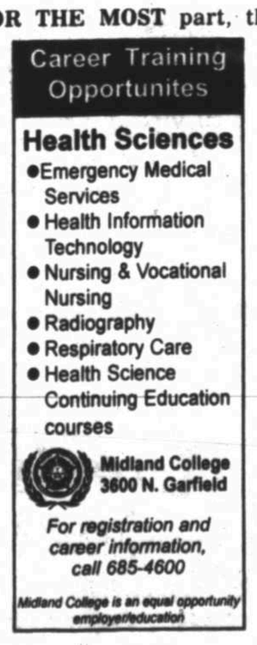
In that case, why is the table for the cluster committee (formed to come up with a desegregation plan in the spirit of compromise) still empty? Who, in the words of our fellow Texans in Austin, will "repent and seek forgiveness for racial beliefs, attitudes and behaviors?" Who will commit to racial reconciliation?

Who will come to the table?

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ENGAGEMENTS

OWEN-MORIN

Mr. and Mrs. Medferd Owen of Midland announce the engagement of their daughter, Tesa Beth, to Matthew Justin Morin of Lubbock, son of Dianne L. Morin and Richard Krug of Kingman, Ariz., and the late retired U.S. Army Lt. Col. Stephen J. Morin. The wedding is planned for January 1999.

Miss Owen is a 1994 graduate of Midland High School and is scheduled to graduate, with honors, with a bachelor of fine arts degree from Texas Tech University this month. Her fiance, a 1994 graduate of Austin High School in El Paso, attended Texas Tech. He is employed with Pyramid Painting.

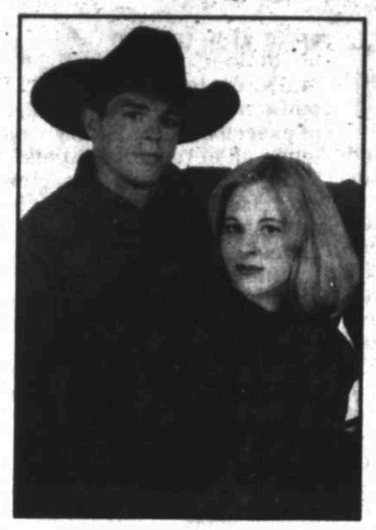


Tesa Beth Owen and Matthew Justin Morin

CHRISTON-BOND

Sharla Kay Christon of Stanton and Bradley Scott Bond of Midland are planning to be married 7 p.m. Jan. 2, 1999, at Fairmont Park Church of Christ in Midland. The bride-elect is the daughter of Jennifer Luna and Mr. and Mrs. John Christon, all of Stanton. Parents of the future bridegroom are Vickie and Paul Biffle of Midland and R.C. Bond of Tulsa, Okla.

Miss Christon graduated from Stanton High School this year. She is employed with Flowerland in Midland. Her fiance, a 1995 graduate of Permian High School, is employed with Systech in Odessa.



Sharla Kay Christon and Bradley Scott Bond

SHERMAN-LANDER

Former Midlander Shelly Carol Sherman of Abilene and Blake Lander of Dallas are planning a 3 p.m. June 5, 1999, wedding at First Baptist Church in Midland. Parents of the bride-elect are Glen and Brenda Sherman of the Woodlands. The future bridegroom is the son of Tommy and Paula Lander of Dallas.

Miss Sherman is a 1995 graduate of Lee High School and a student at Hardin-Simmons University, where she is scheduled to graduate in May 1999. She is employed with Sylvan Learning Center. Her fiance graduated from Skyline High School in 1994 and from Hardin-Simmons this year. He is a youth minister with Valwood Park Baptist Church.



Shelley Carol Sherman and Blake Lander

MOORE-DOLAN

Michelle Elizabeth Moore and former Midlander James Wayne Dolan, both of Lubbock, are planning to be married 6 p.m. Jan. 2, 1999, at Means Memorial United Methodist Church in Andrews. Parents of the bride-elect are Michael and Mary Beth Moore of Andrews. The future bridegroom is the son of Bill and Sue Dolan of Midland and Rhonda and Terry Parisher of Blackwell.

Miss Moore is a 1994 graduate of Andrews High School. She is scheduled to graduated from Texas Tech University in May 1999 with a degree in elementary education. Her fiance graduated from Blackwell High School in 1995 and is pursuing a degree in government with a specialization in criminal justice.



Michelle Elizabeth Moore and James Wayne Dolan

ANNIVERSARIES

Couple honored with reception

Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Chambers of Midland celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with a reception Dec. 12 at Midland Lutheran Church. Hosts were Sharon Hindman, Diana Sparks and Thomas Chambers.

Chambers and the former Dorothy Louise Kurtz were married Dec. 11, 1948, at the home of Floyd Countiss in Midland. They have three children — Mrs. James Hindman of Midland, Mrs. Jimmy Sparks of Edmond, Okla., and Thomas Chambers of Victoria — as well as six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The couple has lived in Midland since their wedding. Chambers was employed with Texaco for 22 years. His wife is a homemaker and was employed part-time with Midland Livestock Auction. They are members of Midland Lutheran Church.



Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Chambers

Family celebrates in San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO — Valerie and Bill Waller of Midland celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family gathering at the Riverwalk in San Antonio. Hosts were their children.

Waller and former Valerie Stout were married Dec. 1, 1948, at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Dallas. They have two daughters — Roberta Wilson and Lalah Ash of Houston — and six grandchildren.

The couple lived in Dallas and Denver before moving to Midland in 1956. Waller was an aircraft mechanic with Continental Airlines for 31 years before he retired in 1982.



Valerie and Bill Waller

Couple marks 40 years together

Terry and Rita Purcell of Midland celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a open house and barbeque luncheon at their home, and renewal of wedding vows at St. Ann's Catholic Church. A buffet dinner at Manuel's Restaurant in Odessa also celebrated the event. Hosts were their children.

Purcell and the former Rita Ficek were married Nov. 27, 1958. in Trenton, Mo. They have four children — Timothy Purcell of Austin, and Michael Purcell, William Purcell and Brian Purcell, all of Houston — and three grandchildren.

The couple lived in St. Joseph, Mo., and San Antonio before moving to Midland in 1979. They are members of St. Ann's Catholic Church of Midland.



Terry and Rita Purcell

Love still blossoms

FORT WORTH (AP) — Flossie Ware's new husband is six years her junior. But when the newlyweds are both in their 80s, that difference doesn't count for much.

"I'd rob that cradle again anytime," Ms. Ware said when she married Max Jones, 83.

The couple met at a nursing home, and getting down the aisle wasn't easy. Jones has polio and multiple sclerosis; Ms. Ware has bad vision and scoliosis.

Asked if he's had any other girlfriends in his two years at the nursing home, Jones smiled and said, "Not that I can remember."

Staying sane in holiday season not so simple

By Diane White
N.Y. Times News Service

Perhaps you haven't noticed because you've been busy having your annual pre-holiday walking nervous breakdown, but there's a move afoot to simplify the holidays, to pare down the preparations, cut spending to a minimum, reduce the whole shebang to its essentials.

There are several books on the subject of seasonal simplification, among them Elaine St. James's "Simplify Your Christmas," and Bill McKibbem's "Hundred Dollar Holiday."

What does it say about us, as a people, that the notion of simplifying Christmas is so complicated that we need to buy a book, or two, to tell us how to go about it? That we're nuts?

Well, we may be, especially at this time of year.

St. James is the queen of the simplicity movement. She's written a couple of hot-sellers on the how-to-simplify theme, "Simplify Your Life," and "Living the Simple Life," plus a title that must be a foray into fiction: "Simplify Your Life With Kids."

The proceeds have enabled St. James to live as simply as she likes, in Santa Barbara, Calif., where the living is simple but far from inexpensive.

I'm not knocking St. James. She has some good ideas. And she makes it all sound so . . . simple. One of the first things to do, she advises, is tell family and friends you won't be giving gifts, entertaining, sending cards, etc.

"You might be surprised at the responses," she writes.

Personally, I wouldn't be at all surprised at the responses.

But, says St. James, you can't allow the expectations of others to dissuade you from pursuing simplicity.

"Remember," she writes, "the first year will most likely be the hardest. After that the delight of celebrating a simpler, happier Christmas will quickly minimize the guilt other family members try to lay on you. Then you'll simply rise above it."

Rise above family-induced guilt? That truly would be a Christmas miracle for some of us.

Those who want not just to rise above but to transcend the commercialization of Christmas may find inspiration in McKibben's "Hundred Dollar Holiday."

McKibben, a former staff writer for the New Yorker, lives in the Adirondack Mountains of New York, where he's active in the Methodist church.

A few years ago he and some fellow church members decided to make Christmas more fulfilling by limiting the amount of money each family would spend on the holiday to $100.

The result was a more joyous, family-centered, spiritually meaningful holiday, "a time of calm and happiness, a season to linger in and not 'get through.' "

It goes without saying there will be no Furby under the McKibben tree this Christmas morning.

There will be a tree, though. The day before Christmas the whole family trudges out in snowshoes into the mountains to choose and cut the perfect tree.

There will be homemade gifts and goodies galore, candelit suppers, carol singing, a midnight service at church.

It all sounds idyllic, like some sort of Christmas fantasy, which is what it must remain, for most of us.

Maybe you have to reach the point at which you're so fed up with holiday excess that you're willing to go cold turkey, like the Chicago woman who describes in St. James's book how she and her husband cut back on Christmas.

They figured they spent $2,500 each year on the holiday, money they couldn't afford to squander. So one year they decided to do nothing. No cards, no gifts, no entertaining.

On Christmas Day they visited a relative's house: "The moment of truth came when we saw the pile of gifts addressed to us. 'We didn't bring gifts. Remember, we're simplifying this year,' I announced cheerfully. To my delight, my brother-in-law piped up and said, 'That's what we all should do.' We spent the next half hour discussing ways to do that."

It's one of those heartwarming, inspirational holiday stories that would make me go warm all over, if I had the time. But I'm due at the mall.

Diane White is a columnist with The Boston Globe.

Experts suggest that 'fuller palette' in skin care includes herbs

By Nancy Beth Jackson
N.Y. Times News Service

Amid the recent blitz of scientific studies on the effectiveness of herbal treatments, Dr. Alan Dattner, a dermatologist, stepped back to take a look at several herbal preparations that have sometimes been used to treat common dermatological problems.

In the November issue of Archives of Dermatology, he and his co-author, Dr. Donald Brown, a New Jersey-based naturopathic physician and editor of The Quarterly Review of Natural Medicine, noted that many doctors offered both prescription medicines and herbal preparations to their patients.

"It's a question of a fuller palette of treatment," Dattner said.

The two doctors from different traditions do not claim to break any new ground in this paper. "We discuss some common herbal preparations historically used for dermatological conditions and recent studies that support their use," the doctors wrote in their review.

"The traditional practice of topically treating dermatological conditions with plant-derived medicines predates the cultures of ancient Egypt and remains vital today in the United States and Europe."

Many of the herbal preparations, associated with various skin conditions, can be found in health food stores. Experts caution that patients using herbs should discuss them with their doctors.

DERMATITIS — This condition, which Dr. Dattner calls "the wastebasket" of skin inflammation, covers a variety of nonspecific complaints, which can be as common — and as annoying — as diaper rash and eczema.

Conventional treatment for skin rashes has included powerful topical steroids, antibiotics and Vitamin A.

Brown and Dattner suggest the pot marigold as an herbal substitute. Calendula officinalis, as the marigold is called, is the basis for topical creams used when an antiseptic or antifungal effect is needed. Herbalists have traditionally used it in treating burns, bruises, cuts and diaper rash.

Chamomile, a member of the daisy family that is mainly known as a calming tea, has been used in a number of topical products to ease dermatitis.

Studies using a chamomile cream produced in Frankfurt, Germany, found it 60 percent as effective as hydrocortisone in one trial and "about as effective" in another, Brown and Dattner say.

Plantain, not the banana but a low-growing perennial as common in lawns as the dandelion, has a folk history of reducing the swelling and pain of insect stings and treating rattlesnake bites.

Although clinical studies are limited to reports of its usefulness in easing poison ivy rashes and healing wounds, Dr. Dattner has found that applying crushed plantain leaves to the site helps reduce the itch and swelling of bug bites.

PSORIASIS — The cause of this chronic scaling-skin disease is unknown.

Conventional treatment includes exposure to sunlight, topical steroids, lubricating creams and coal tar ointments.

In more severe cases, patients are treated with ultraviolet light, Dattner said.

Some of the topical anti-inflammatory herbal agents used to treat dermatitis may help, but few studies have looked at herbal treatment for psoriasis.

A capsaicin cream, derived from cayenne peppers, is perhaps the best plant-related product, the two doctors say.

They point to two clinical trials in which application of the cream led to a "significant" reduction in scaling and redness, but with the adverse effect of a burning sensation where applied.

Aloe vera, a familiar beauty and health product used to soothe, heal and moisturize the skin, was tested as a topic treatment in a Pakistani study of 60 subjects with slight to moderate chronic psoriasis. The aloe group reported significantly greater improvement than the placebo group.

SIMPLEX LABIALIS — This recurrent viral infection, in which cold sores typically appear around the mouth, has no known cure. Standard treatment involves antiviral drugs that can speed the course of the virus and reduce symptoms.

Lemon balm, which herbalists also know as melissa, smells like lemons and has been used as an herbal substitute.

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The doctors urge further study of herbal treatment to document its effects in "an acceptable scientific manner," and also remind their fellow practitioners that many herbs have already been used by patients who learned their applications from their parents and grandparents.

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WEDDINGS

MANLEY-EDWARDS

Codi Dawn Manley of Midland became the bride of Jeff D. Edwards of Alpine 6 p.m. Nov. 21 at the Holiday Inn in Midland. Judge David Cobos officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Don and Sissy Manley of Midland. Parents of the bridegroom are Roger Edwards of San Antonio and Bonnie Clayton of Houston.

Chalet Gray was honor attendant for the bride, who also was attended by her father, Don Manley, and her grandfather, C.D. Offield, as well as Kelsay Edwards, sister of the bridegroom; Brittney Manley, Amanda Manley and Chastity Manley.

Tony Mendoza served the bridegroom as honor attendant. Also attending the bridegroom were Brian Gibson and Theo Rogers. Ushers were Robert Manley and Michael Manley, brothers of the bride.

After a wedding trip to Dallas, the couple lives in Alpine.



Mr. and Mrs. Jeff D. Edwards

DOW-MOLINA

LAKE TAHOE, Nev. — Former Midlander Bobbi Diann Dow and John Randall Molina, both of San Antonio, Texas, were married 3:30 p.m. Nov. 18 in the wedding chapel at Harvey's Hotel in Lake Tahoe. The Rev. Ron Sayed officiated.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Don Frank Dow of Midland, Texas.

The bridegroom is the son of Sal Molina and Carol Molina of Kansas City, Mo.

April Molina, sister of the bridegroom, and Steve Molina, brother of the bridegroom, were honor attendants.

The bride, a 1991 graduate of Midland High School, attended Texas Tech University. She is a flight attendant with Southwest Airlines. Her husband graduated from Clark High School in San Antonio in 1987 and attended Palo Alto College in San Antonio. He is employed with USAA Insurance Co.



Mr. and Mrs. John Randall Molina

After a honeymoon in Lake Tahoe, the couple lives in San Antonio.

CLAIBORNE-BOWERS

WACO — Shauna Claiborne and Justin Matthew Bowers, both of Dallas, were married Oct. 31 at the Armstrong-Browning Library at Baylor University in Waco. The Rev. Derek Dodson officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Diane Davidson Claiborne of Midland. The bridegroom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Jeffrey Bowers of Las Cruces, N.M.

Kris Midkiff Stephens was the bride's honor attendant. Her other attendants were Nan Elizabeth Barham, Robbie Reagan Smith and Sherrie Lynne Dodson.

Christopher Seth Bowers served his brother as honor attendant. The bridegroom also was attended by Hussien Ali Fawaz and Stephen Ward Bagwell.

Ushers were Rick Hayes Smith, Paul Eldon Smith, Joseph Paul Schniederjan, Jerame Gene Schniederjan and Jody David Schniederjan.

The bride earned a bachelor of business administration degree in 1994 and a master of arts degree in statistics in 1996 from Baylor University and is employed with Baylor Health Care System. Her husband, also a graduate of Baylor, earned a bachelor of arts degree in 1996 and a master of arts degree in international relations this year. He is employed with Dallas Area Rapid Transit.



Mrs. Justin Matthew Bowers

After a wedding trip to Disney World in Florida, the couple lives in Dallas.

BEGGS-WORLAND

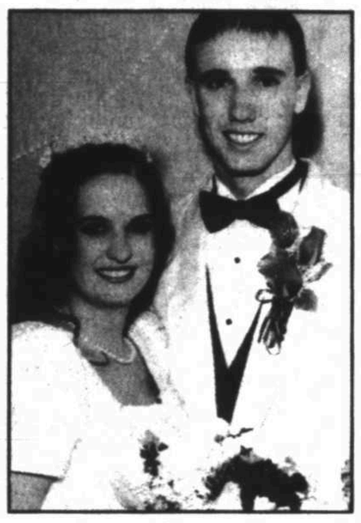
Melissa Lynn Beggs of Midland became the bride of Ryan David Worland, also of Midland, 7 p.m. Nov. 6 at Creations Unlimited in Midland.

Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Steve Beggs of Midland. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Worland.

Jessica Worland was honor attendant for the bride, who also was attended by her sisters, Laura Beggs, Carrie Beggs and Alexandra Beggs, as well as Jessica Worland, sister of the bridegroom; Jessica Welborn, Danelle Coralee and Jennifer Martin.

David Worland was honor attendant for his son. The bridegroom's other attendants were David Barton, Brad McAnally and Mario Garcia. Ushers were Damien Franco and Chris Nathman.

The couple lives in Midland.



Mr. and Mrs. Ryan David Worland

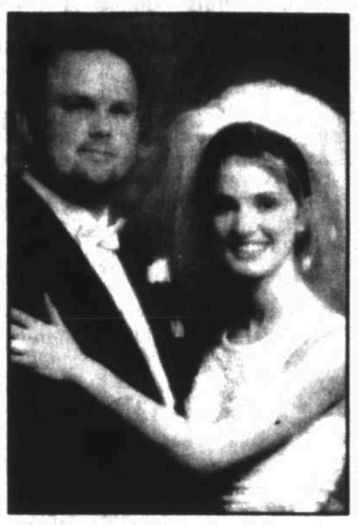
VAN STAVERN-JENSON

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Myka Paige Van Stavern and Jarod Mark Jenson were married Nov. 14 at Treasure Island Chapel in Las Vegas.

Parents of the couple are Rob and Emily Van Stavern of Midland, Texas, and Steve and Karen Poynor of Odessa, Texas, and Richard Jenson of Austin, Texas.

The bride is a 1991 graduate of Midland High School and a 1995 graduate of Odessa College Physical Therapist Assistant Program. She is a licensed physical therapist assistant with Therapist Unlimited of Houston. Her husband graduated from Permian High School in 1991 and from Texas A&M University in 1995. He is technical manager of Unix Operations with Enron Capital and Trade Resources Corp. in Houston.

After a wedding trip to Paris, France, and Geneva, Switzerland, the couple lives in Houston.



Mr. and Mrs. Jarod Mark Jenson

LIFESTYLE POLICIES

Effective Nov. 1, the deadline for all items to be published in the Lifestyle pages is 2 p.m. Friday, the week before said item is to be published. For example, deadline for items to be published in the Sunday, Dec. 27 issue is 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18.

AROUND TOWN

Items submitted for the Around Town column — which meet deadline — will be run at least once; more than once if space allows. The Around Town column is published Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. Deadline for all Around Town items is 2 p.m. each Friday for items which will be published the following week.

CLUB NEWS

Deadline for all Club News items is 2 p.m. Friday, 10 days before the item will appear.

LUNCHEONS/ FASHION SHOWS

The same deadlines apply as those that apply to Club News.

WEDDINGS, ENGAGEMENTS AND ANNIVERSARIES

The *Reporter-Telegram* publishes engagement, wedding and anniversary announcements free of charge.

Deadline to have an announcement published in the Sunday paper — including wedding engagement and anniversary announcements — is 2 p.m. on the Friday that is 10 days prior to the publication date.

There is no limit as to how early in advance of the wedding an engagement can be announced. However, engagements are accepted to appear in the paper no later than two weeks before the wedding date.

Wedding announcements must be published up to six weeks after the event. Names of no more than 25 attendants for the bride and 25 attendants for the bridegroom will be published. Cities of residence for wedding attendants will no longer be published. Relationships will be published only for brothers and sisters, parents (or grandparents) or children of the wedding couple. For those wishing to list more, advertising space may be purchased.

Anniversary announcements — 25th or higher — are also accepted for publication up to six weeks after the anniversary date or celebration.

Announcements of pageant winners are published for teen-age and adult winners only. Photographs are published of winners, not runners-up or contestants. These announcements will be published on a space-available basis.

Forms for weddings, engagements and anniversaries are available from Carol Ramirez in the Editorial office. All materials should include the signature and telephone number of the person submitting them.

Photographs may be submitted with wedding, engagement and anniversary announcements, but are not required.

A portrait of the bride-elect or engaged couple may be submitted with engagement announcements.

Portrait photographs of the bride only or of the wedding couple may be submitted with wedding announcements.

A different photo must be submitted for engagement and wedding announcements. Anniversary photos should be current.

Vertical photos are preferred. Both black and white, and color studio quality portraits are acceptable from wallet size up to 8x10. Polaroid shots are not accepted.

Photos can be picked up from Carol Ramirez in the Editorial Department after publication, or a self-addressed, stamped envelope can be enclosed for the photo to be returned by mail.

50th reunion leads to marriage

By Larry Swindell
N.Y. Times News Service

In California, Pat tells our story and her friends are rhapsodic. It's the most wonderful, most beautiful thing they've heard.

In Texas, I tell our story and people suspect I'm making it up. I'm not, although Pat feels betimes that I exaggerate. Her memory, though, is less keen than mine.

Even before our July wedding, various friends — hers, mine, ours — were urging me to write "our love story" from the very beginning ...

The beginning is Dec. 31, 1939. As footnote to the Great Depression, we're refugees from Texas, newly arrived in Los Angeles: my parents in their late 30s; my teenage brother and sister; and me, rather small for 10-1/2 years. On this last day of the year that is our first full day of California residence, we've rented a two-bedroom house with sleeping porch, and I have walked with my mother and sister several blocks to a supermarket to buy groceries.

AS WE CAME out of the market with those full sacks, a little girl on roller skates took a bad spill and hurt herself. She began to cry, and someone sought to assist her. She wouldn't be helped. With eyes ablaze, she said "I'm all right!" rather defiantly, and picked herself up. She was about my own size; and as I watched her skate away, I already admired her.

She had her very own look, not to be mistaken for anyone else. So I recognized her immediately a few days later, when I enrolled in Mrs. Fullenwider's fifth-grade class at Brockton Avenue School in West Los Angeles. She was Patricia Ann Volder — a name quite lovely, I thought.

Next year, when we were actually taught by Our Miss Brooks in sixth grade, Pat and I became fast friends. She was quite saucy, terrific even then with one-liners.

Our romance — please, let me call it that — flourished in the 1941 summer before our seventh-grade assignment to Emerson Junior High in Westwood. Twice, Pat and I made an eight-block walk to a public library, where each of us would return 10 books and check out 10 more. She remembers that; and she recalls our attempt to play doubles tennis with Billy and Cherry on the high school's court.

Billy Bernhoft was my closest friend and Pat's was Cherry Yamada, a vibrant Japanese girl. When we started at Emerson, I was disappointed not to have any classes with Billy or Pat, but I was in homeroom and all other classes with Cherry.

Pat was in Cherry's home on the Sunday of Dec. 7, 1941, when they heard via radio of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. The next morning I was with Pat and Cherry at the bus stop at Wilshire and Westgate, and the three of us wondered what would happen to Cherry and her family.

Cherry and our other Japanese friends all left Emerson four months later to be interned at Manzanar — a concentration camp by any other name. When we lost Cherry, I lost a part of Pat; and I supposed I was losing all of her forever in the following October. My family moved to Santa Monica and I was withdrawn from Emerson, soon after having started eighth grade.

As we got off the bus after my last ride home from Emerson, I bade Pat farewell. I was 13, as she soon would be, and I requested a goodbye kiss. It was accomplished ever so quickly, on the exact spot where a little girl on skates had fallen almost three years earlier. I thought I felt her lips on mine for hours afterward.

My family's stay in Santa Monica lasted only three months. We were back in West Los Angeles, but in a different neighborhood. I was at Emerson again, but not riding the same bus with Pat; and our reconnection on campus was awkward. In those three months away, I had gained 6 inches in height; and Patricia Volder was no longer a child but a beguiling young lady.

From that point on we were only casual acquaintances. From Emerson we advanced to University High School, so named for its proximity to UCLA — where, eventually, we also would be students together.

At graduation time, we both squeaked into the top 10 percent. In a class of 469, I ranked 45th scholastically, but there was Pat's name, just ahead of mine at No. 44. Pat had prominence in our class, was president of this and that, so was privileged to sit on the front row at commencement, right next to Jane Powell. I was several tiers back, clutching the diploma, when I heard the name of Cherry Yamada called. I had not known of Cherry's return.

AT UCLA I met the girl who, after my military conscription during the Korean War, would become my wife and the mother of our five children. As a GI in Germany, I wrote to Eleanor Eby every day, and I was a letter-writing fool, corresponding with a multitude of friends. I had lost touch with Pat but wished to write to her, and enlisted aid in LA trying to finding her. No one did.

When I married Ellie in the fall of 1954, I did not know that Pat had married fellow UCLA grad Carl Haag a year earlier, nor did I have any idea where she was.

But I never forgot her. Years passed — 44 of them, from the last time I saw Pat at UCLA until June 3, 1996, when I was surprised to receive notice of a Unihi 50-year reunion in planning for the Class of 1947. Surprised, because I had long been completely lost from my high school class. But somehow they had found me in Fort Worth, and I knew I would attend the reunion.

The classmate maintaining the data base was Sam Haver, who I telephoned to request addresses he might have for persons with whom I wished to resume contact.

He provided six addresses. Pat Volder was now Pat Haag, living in Moraga in the Bay Area. Because Sam did not indicate that she was no longer married, I wrote to Pat somewhat guardedly, encapsulating my post-college history and telling of my beloved Ellie's death in 1983.

Pat did not immediately reply, although others responded quickly to my letters. Bill Bernhoft got me on the phone. And Cherry said in a very touching letter that I have recaptured for her a girlhood she lost.

Pat finally answered my letter in March 1997, having deliberated for nine months. Some time later, she said the reason for her uncertainty in answering my letter was that she felt instinctively she would be in my life again, and wasn't sure either of us wanted that.

Pat hadn't planned to attend the reunion in Culver City; but after reading her six-page handwritten letter, I reached her by phone and talked her into coming.

The class reunion changed our lives forever. I expected nothing beyond restoring a friendship, and Pat certainly "wasn't looking." But things happen. There really were two reunions — for the class, and just for us.

Marriage was an early prospect, but we didn't rush matters. Over most of a full year we contrived to be together often, hardly intimidated by the 1,600 miles between us.

We were married on July 25 in Moraga, in the serene home of a friend of Pat's. All of my children were there with their families, and Pat's wonderful son managed the proceedings.

Gabriel Garcia Marquez's "Love in the Time of Cholera" tells of a woman and man who finally get together after 50 years of his longing. We've surpassed those lovers, and Pat and I believe absolutely that God brought us back together.

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BETTER HEALTH

'Listening' is key to strong relationship

By Rallie McAllister, M.D.

Last week an ad in the "singles" section of the newspaper caught my eye. (I was reading for educational purposes only.) It read: "DWF (divorced white female), in search of special someone to share meaningful relationship. No TV channel surfers need apply."



McAllister

Now here's a woman on the cutting edge of dating. She knows that the destructive potential of a remote control device ranks right up there with the A-bomb. She's seen that evil black box wedge itself between happy couples and blast their relationship to smithereens. I don't have any hard data, but I'm pretty sure that the number of divorces in this country is increasing at a rate directly proportional to the number of "remotes" sold.

The DWF isn't that different from the rest of us. By now we've all had the utterly degrading experience of being ignored by someone in a TV trance. It didn't take me long to learn the etiquette of TV remotemanship, thanks to the excellent tutelage of my husband and my three sons.

With their patient instruction, I have learned not to trespass into the sacred space between the television and any hand that holds the remote. I know all about the invisible umbilical cord that connects the remote to the Mother of up-to-the-minute sports information, ESPN.

I know better than to speak during any televised sporting event. If I should commit this unpardonable sin, I am neither surprised nor hurt when the remote is aimed at my mouth and the "mute" button is clicked.

I'm sure the DWF knows the rules of remotemanship as well as I do, but that's not the real issue here. What she's really asking is for someone to listen to her. Someone who will make the supreme sacrifice — cast the remote aside, focus his full attention on her and really listen.

Having someone listen to you isn't such an outrageous request. Being heard and understood is a basic necessity of life. It makes us feel acknowledged, accepted and validated. The experiences that make up the stuff of our lives are richer and more real for having been shared with someone who cares.

If listening is so important, why aren't more of us doing it? It seems so easy. We have two ears; one mouth. It requires so little effort to just sit there and breathe and let someone else do the work of talking.

Or does it? Sometimes "just" listening requires superhuman effort. And we never had any formal training. We learned from the example inflicted by our parents, or worse still, we do what comes naturally. What comes naturally to women and what comes naturally to men are altogether different.

Man view conversation simply as a means to impart information. This accounts for their "just-the-facts" conversational styles. They're not inclined to discuss their "feelings' unless they're forced to. If men share information about themselves, it's usually intended to demonstrate their knowledge or credibility; or to establish their hierarchal positions among the other men present.

Women, on the other hand, have a whole different purpose for talking. Women view conversations as the glue that cements relationships. We may impart information, but there doesn't really have to be a point to our conversations. We share our feelings to find similarities and make connections with other people.

With these fundamental differences, conversations are fertile ground for disappointment. The good news is that you don't have to change your conversational style to become a great conversationalist. You just have to brush up on your listening skills.

A few simple techniques can dramatically improve your listening ability — and your relationships:

■ Don't interrupt. Even it if kills you. The average listener gives a speaker about 17 seconds to spit it out before butting in. If you wait just 34s second, you'll double your popularity. Give someone the floor for two full minutes and you'll be a hero.

■ Listen actively. Pry the remote from your hand, wrench your head away from the television and make eye contact with the speaker. A few strategically placed "hmmms" and "yeahs?" let her know that you're following.

■ Use listening body language. You know the real secret for Spock's popularity? It's his Vulcan face — frozen in the perfect "listening" expression. Eyebrows raised, ears pricked, Spock always looks like he's paying attention.

■ Don't offer advice unless you're asked — no, begged — for it. It's the fatal error of a well-meaning listener. Of course the solution is obvious to you — it always is to the onlooker. But most people don't want you to solve their problems, they just want you to understand how they feel.

It's hard to explain, but you enter some kind of time warp when you're listening to someone — seconds turn into eons. But most speakers exhaust their entire short-term word supply in less than three minutes — and surely you can spare three minutes.

The unselfish act of listening is the greatest gift you can give the people you care about. The sacrifice is small, but the rewards are great.

And there's even a remote chance that you'll enjoy it.

Rallie McAllister, M.D., M.P.H., is a family physician in Kingsport, Tenn.

Holiday trip home can be stress-filled

By Bill Hendrick
N.Y. Times News Service

ATLANTA — The truth is, you can go home again. The question is, do you really want to?

Fed up with the "terrible cooking" of her mother in Ohio, Christine Ronn, 41, of Marietta decided a few years ago that telephoning home would be easier on her stomach, not to mention her nerves.

"I can get nauseous just seeing the Toledo city limits sign," says Ronn, a mother of three.

"At some point as you get older, it's just not worth it — unless you get off on going nuts."

For millions of Americans, going home for the holidays has become an arduous, stress-filled ordeal in which grown men and women unconsciously revert to childish roles, elderly parents bark orders like tyrants, and somebody else — anybody but you — makes all the decisions, including when, where and what to eat, when to open gifts, how to decorate the tree or even whether it's OK to leave for a while without hurting anyone's feelings.

HOLIDAY STRESS, brought on in part by such visits, is one reason America's suicide rate starts rising in January from a low in December. And why January is the busiest month for psychotherapists. Patricia Wheeler, an Atlanta psychologist, says her patients seemingly can't wait to get holiday hell stories off their chests.

"There are confrontations over tinsel or icicles on the tree, or turkey with corn bread or roasted chestnuts," Wheeler says.

"People worry, 'Are my gifts good enough? Did I spend enough money? Is Aunt Sara gonna be as horrible as last year? Is Dad gonna get drunk?'

"It can all make you feel empty, depressed, alienated. It's now a tradition to feel guilty for not feeling happy."

Atlanta stockbroker Pierce Hammond, 54, is a case in point. He's trekked to Mobile, Ala., for longer than he can remember to spend the holidays with his wife's folks.

"It's chaotic, is what it is," says Hammond. "God, everybody's there. All my wife's sisters and brothers and their kids, a whole bunch of people floating around.

"It's kind of a haze. I'm ready to leave when it's done — even before."

He pauses, then grins: "But I'm supposed to say it's great, right?"

Forty-nine percent of people who visit for the holidays feel stress, researchers say.

In some ways, heading home really can be great, even relaxing, says Dr. Rick Winer, a Roswell psychiatrist. "In some instances, you don't have to think, because everything's scheduled."

Even so, difficulties loom. "With your parents, there's always that feeling, 'Do I need to let them know where I'm going and when I'll get back?'" Winer says.

"Parents will assert their authority more: 'You are under my roof, you are under my rules.'"

Still, we go. About 45 percent of us will visit faraway relatives, according to the American Automobile Association. The numbers may be even higher in metro Atlanta, where fully 42 percent of the residents aren't native Georgians.

Malcolm Thompson, 22, a salesman for Pugmire Izusu in Marietta, is weighing whether to drive home to Chicago.

"In some ways, it's comforting," he says. "I think I like it because nothing ever changes. They try to fix my plate. They tell me to wear my coat."

But David Wilber, senior analyst with the Roper Organization at the University of Connecticut, says polls show that 49 percent of adults who visit their parents report significant stress.

THEY REPORT difficulties over being treated like children, over how to trim the tree and how much to spend on gifts, over the trip itself — even lingering sibling rivalries.

"Who got the biggest raise? Who has the best car? The best house? It's like comparing curriculum vitae," Wilber says.

Ronn has decided that home for the holidays is wherever her "real house" is.

"It used to be my mom and dad were the big kahunas," she says. But doing without the annual trip to Ohio turns out to be just fine.

"The food is better. In Toledo, the sexiest thing we had to eat was beef stew. Mom's idea of cooking was to get a can of vegetables and boil them until they are so limp they scream to get out of the water.

"My mother is the queen of criticism" she adds. "I'll be damned if I'm going to fall back into that."

Steve Bramham, 51, an executive at CNN, still enjoys his family visits — for the most part.

"It's a change, and in a lot of ways it's really nice," he says.

"Mom always reverts," he laughs. "I had asthma as a child, and she always says, 'Put on a sweater, you'll get cold. Close the window.' Her favorite comment is 'Now listen to your mother.'

"We still have a great time, and I still look forward to the holidays."

He pauses and adds, "But I'm really, really thankful for Jan. 2."

Going home? Take deep breaths and remember these helpful hints:

By Bill Hendrick
N.Y. Times News Service

ATLANTA — Tips on coping with stress over family visits during the holidays:

■ Temper your expectations. The notion of the "perfect" reunion can set you up for frustration and depression.

■ Call a friend if the family setting becomes unpleasant.

■ Take heed of alcohol consumption. It may seem relaxing in the short term, but its physiological effect can compound stress and depression.

■ Set comfortable limits. Determine how involved and accommodating your plans should be well in advance, and make your limits known to others involved.

■ Reach out to those with whom you have healthy, nurturing relationships. Get together with friends if a family setting is not feasible.

■ Change gift-giving procedures. Consider instituting a limit of one gift per person.

Sources: Patricia Wheeler, an Atlanta psychotherapist; "When Holidays Are Hell: A Guide to Surviving Family Gatherings" by Mariana Caplan.

Club News

KAPPA KAPPA IOTA

Beta Pi conclave of Kappa Kappa Iota met at the Pottery with hostesses Mary Anne Bartus, Helen Lackey, Ada Narem and Charlotte Sweat. Betty Nunley presided. Pat Adams gave the devotional. Marilyn Higgins called roll and read the minutes. Evelyn Grant was elected chairman of a planning committee for the state convention in 2000. Nancy McNerney introduced Raye Anne Embrey of the Pottery, who gave the program.

DAUGHTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS

Aaron Estes chapter, Daughters of the Republic of Texas, met in the home of Mrs. David Grimes. Mrs. Clyde Williams presided and led the Pledge of Allegiance and the pledge to the Texas flag. Mrs. Max Perry was presented with a 25-year membership certificate. Tom Craddick presented a Texas flag to the Brown-Dorsey home to be flown on Texas honor days. The flag pole was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Don Lilly. Mrs. Otice Helmer discussed plans for Texas Independence Day. A guest, Mrs. Don Deaver, and 16 members attended. Mrs. James Cobb gave a slide program from the French Legation in Austin.

TEJAS GARDEN CLUB

Tejas Garden Club met at the home of Mrs. Marion Causey with Mrs. Gordon Leach and Mrs. Joe Feagan as co-hostesses. Joann and Don Merritt gave a program on "Horned Toads." Mrs. Larry Simmers reported on plans for the state garden club convention in 2000. Mrs. Keith Somerville and Mrs. Simmers were honored by Midland Chamber of Commerce on behalf of the club as one of eight organizations who have been contracted to bring revenue to Midland.

YUCCA GARDEN CLUB

Yucca Garden Club met for Christmas tea at the home of Mary Ann Jones. Jean Shows presided; 15 members attended. Leona Taylor was welcomed back. Minutes were read and approved. Corresponding secretary read letters of appreciation from Midland College and Dr. David Daniel, MC president. Mildred Burkett reported on the members' trip to Fort Stockton. Mary Crosby gave the treasurer's report. Betty Jones discussed plans for the January meeting. Virginia Manosus reported on the Woman's Club, and the Christmas fund. Ms. Crosby moved to donate the fund the Angels Christmas Tree; Ms. Burkett seconded. Ms. Manosus discussed the planned tea. Lola Kerr gave a Christmas program. Hostesses were Ms. Jones, Katrina Cain and Nita Dill.

XI ALPHA MU CHAPTER, BSP

Xi Alpha Mu chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of LeaAnn Carter. Teresa Carter was co-hostess. Plans for the progressive dinner were discussed. Christmas party included secret sister gift exchange, and recipes and samples of homemade candy. New Year's Eve party was discussed. Members attended a Jackalopes game in November. Thank-you note from Permian Basin Food Bank was received.

Cover gown design for sale

By Marylou Luther
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — Hillary Rodham Clinton may be the first first lady to pose for the cover of Vogue, appearing in the December issue, but that doesn't mean her gown is treated differently from those of other cover models.

The design is for sale. Readers wishing to own a dress of their own — a burgundy velvet design by Oscar de la Renta — may do so by special order.

So, how many have bought it?

De la Renta modified the gown, chosen by Anna Wintour, Vogue's editor in chief, from one in his fall haute couture line for Pierre Balmain, removing the train from it.

The original costs $19,600; the de-trained version, $4,000.

Yes, the first lady, who is a size 8, paid for hers, de la Renta said. "She pays our company the wholesale price," he said, "and what she buys is ready-to-wear. She cannot afford to buy haute couture."

(At normal wholesale prices for designer clothes, or 53 percent of retail, it cost Mrs. Clinton about $2,120.)

Spokeswomen for the three stores where the dress will be available — Bergdorf Goodman, Saks Fifth Avenue and Neiman Marcus — said that there have been inquiries about it but that no one had placed an order yet.

De la Renta is not discouraged. He plans to include it in his ready-to-wear line for fall 1999, available in stores next June and July.

This year, wear golden 'glow' to holiday parties

By Anne-Marie Schiro
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — It is holiday party time, but that needn't mean sequins or Lurex.

Maybe a touch of gilded makeup, suggests Jose Parron, makeup director of Barneys New York.

"Today's makeup can result in a subtle sheen, a slight frost or a heavy glitter, depending on your style and courage," he said.

The products he recommends include Illuminating Powder Foundation by Stila; Copacabana Multiples Stick by Nars for face, lip or eye; Makeup Forever Star Powder for a definite shine, and Flin Flon Lipgloss by Cargo, which is half pink and half gold.

Neiman Marcus has Estee Lauder's 24-Karat Gold collection, including glitter powder and gold eye shadow, mascara and gloss.

Chanel's gold cosmetics at Neiman Marcus include Lame nail polish, Red Lame lipstick and gold eye shadow.



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Holiday at the Inn

Students perform for Volunteers in Public Schools brunch at the Holiday Inn.



Joshua Sparks of Rusk Elementary School Honor Choir displays a little showmanship as he performs a rock 'n roll rendition as Frosty the Snowman. Joshua sang a solo, backed up by angels and cowboy reindeer. The Rusk students peformed excerpts from their 50-minute holiday musical under the direction of teacher Carl Garner. The students performed as part of an extensive program for VIPS.

Photos by Brian Adamcik



Bush elementary school strings students perform for school volunteers.



Fifth-grade Bush student Trisha McCormick, in an orchestra of 60 students, plays holiday music. Bush music teacher and conductor Kiersten Holar, right, said the students memorized the pieces they performed.



DEAR ABBY

Goal is part-time job, not full-time dependence

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My fiance and I have been together for nearly five years. His mother is terminally ill. She needs 24-hour care, seven days a week.



Van Buren

We agreed to move her into our home. I wasn't working at the time. She has been with us since the beginning of the year.

I have decided to get a part-time job, five hours a day, five days a week. I have asked my fiance's sisters to care for their mother while I work. His sisters are in an uproar about it. One of them told me, "If you can't live on the money he's making, then there's something wrong."

Abby, it's not that. I want to be able to buy things without asking him for money all the time. His sisters are able to care for their mother. To top it off, my fiance agrees with his sisters. What would you suggest? —DISGUSTED WITH MY FUTURE IN-LAWS

DEAR DISGUSTED: Please do not feel you must justify needing some relief from the burden you have so generously shouldered for almost a year: the role of primary caregiver. You have already done more than your share, so don't allow anyone to make you feel guilty.

If your fiance's mother is terminal — defined as having a life expectancy of six months or less — you may be able to obtain respite care for her from Hospice.

Hospice is a service provided by about 2,000 affiliated Medicare-licensed agencies dedicated to the care of dying people and their families. Hospice doctors, nurses, counselors, aides and volunteers work to ensure that patients live comfortably at home until their death. Professional and skilled caregivers attend to the physical, psychological and spiritual needs of both the patient and the family.

For more information about this service, write: The National Hospice Organization, 1901 N. Moore St., Suite 901, Arlington, Va. 22209.

A final thought: You owe no one an explanation for wanting some degree of financial independence, regardless of what your fiance's sisters say. There's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip — and a five-year engagement is no guarantee that there will be a wedding.

DEAR ABBY: If you have more room for the subject of male menopause, may I contribute my 2 cents' worth?

I was married for 20 years to a man who, although kind and generous in most respects, suffered from this syndrome for at least 60 of his recently concluded 87 years.

At 16, he married an older woman, and married the fourth one at almost 70 years of age. Three of these ladies are still living, as his wives were progressively younger. He was single only a matter of days between wives, and cheated on all of them. So, I contend that the age span for male menopause be extended from puberty until death.

At the same time, strange as it may seem, he was very generous to them all and never even slightly abusive. Interestingly, none of them put up a fight against his behavior.

Of the symptoms you list (courtesy of Dr. Blackman), only one really applied to my former husband — reduced libido. He seemed to need the challenge of the chase to keep functioning. — WHAM BAM, THANK YOU MA'AM, BILLINGS, MONT.

DEAR WHAM BAM: That's an astute observation. And when the thrill of the chase provides more satisfaction than the ultimate prize, it's time to reorganize one's priorities.

DEAR ABBY: Do I have a right to be angry with my late mother's best friend? (I'll call her "Mary.")

Mother passed away less than a month ago from cancer. She left all her worldly possessions to me, her only daughter. I have three older brothers. We are very close and I intend to share Mother's things with them and their wives. We have never bickered over material things.

Three weeks after Mother's death, Mary and her husband, "John," visited my father at home. Over coffee, Mary asked Dad if he would return a piece of jewelry that she had given to Mom. Dad replied, "Of course, take anything you need," meaning anything of Mary's. I hadn't even sorted Mom's clothes and jewelry yet. Mary helped herself to two necklaces, four pairs of earrings, a wristwatch and my mother's birthstone ring. She had even helped herself to a pair of earrings Mom and I had made together in a jewelry class. She hadn't given any of those items to Mother.

Mary also reorganized all the jewelry and moved it from one drawer to another. I was livid. However, I politely told Mary she could keep whatever she had given Mom, but she should please return the other items. (How could she think she came before her friend's children?)

Now, Mary is pouting. She acts like I'm a spoiled, selfish person because I made her return the items. Abby, this "friend" would cry while Mom was sick, and say she couldn't deal with seeing her when she was in the hospital. She cried loudest and hardest at Mother's funeral. I don't understand her insensitivity. Should I confront her, since she's acting like I'm the selfish one, and explain why I thought her actions were inappropriate? —ALICE IN FLORIDA

DEAR ALICE: Since the jewelry was returned, I see nothing to be gained by confronting her. Her behavior was inconsiderate. However, it's possible that she misunderstood your father when he told her to take anything she needed. Give her the benefit of the doubt and try not to nurse a grudge.

Abigail Van Buren's column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

Disney World gets 'white' Christmas

N.Y. Times News Service

Travel Trivia: Where in the Walt Disney World resort will you find make-believe snow? You'll find "snow" at the Blizzard Beach water park and, during the holiday season, on a Christmasy street at Disney-MGM Studios.

Quotable: "Welcome, friends, distinguished guests, and those of you wearing funny animal hats." — Robin Williams, as the voice of the robot guide in Walt Disney World's "Timekeeper" attraction at the Magic Kingdom.

In a name: The petting zoo at Walt Disney World's new Animal Kingdom theme park is known as the Affection Section.

Yeah, right: From a letter sent to the Orlando tourism people: "Please send me four Disney World tickets — I'll send you the money later."

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Book answers questions on cruises

By Jerry Morris
N.Y. Times News Service

Almost 75 million Americans have indicated a strong desire to take a cruise within the next five years.

It's an amazing figure when you consider that up to now only 11.3 percent of Americans have taken a cruise. That's a lot better than in '86, when the Cruise Lines International Association reported just 3.6 percent of Americans had cruised.

But now, based on these latest figures, the cruise industry has a target market of 133 million. Said James Godsman, president of CLIA, "When CLIA conducted its first consumer research study in 1986, we found that we had an extremely small — but very loyal — cadre of cruisers in the marketplace.

"Back then, only 20 percent of Americans fit our target definition of individuals 25 and older with household incomes of $20,000 and above," Godsman said.

Cruises are receiving exceptional satisfaction ratings. In the "extremely satisfied" category, cruises rank above all other types of vacations. Even those who have yet to take a cruise view such vacations as better than other types for their pampering, their visits to several destinations, the relaxation and romance they offer, the fine dining available, and the luxury, said Godsman.

With such a rosy picture of cruising, it would seem that many more people would simply walk into a travel agency office and book a cruise. But many potential cruisers fear the unknown: Will they feel out of place? What should they wear? Will they miss out on something aboard the ship, or end up on a lousy tour?

The answers to many of those questions can be found in a new guide-book, "The Complete Idiot's Travel Guide to Cruise Vacations" by Fran Wenograd Golden. Golden, a Boston-area resident and cruise editor for the trade publication Travel Weekly, knows you are not an idiot but that you have some legitimate ideas as well as misconceptions about what a cruise is about.

Here, packed in 446 pages, are candid and humorous views on taking a cruise: tips on picking a ship, on stateroom selection, activities on board, tours ashore, ripoffs, tourist traps, and tipping. It's a good book even for those who have taken a cruise and are contemplating their next one.

Royal Caribbean International, Fran Golden says in her book, is "proof that big can be beautiful."

The "beautiful proof" can be found in the line's newest vessel, the Vision of the Seas, which visited Boston in September while on its maiden voyage to America.

The Vision is appropriately named because it is the last in the line's Vision-class ships — all somewhat similar in design, public facilities, and staterooms.

On a all-too-brief cruise, this Vision came across as brighter, livelier, and more pleasing to the senses.

The 78,491-ton ship is now sailing on 10- and 11-day cruises between San Juan and Acapulco. Other vessels in this class are the Legend of the Seas, Splendour of the Seas, Grandeur of the Seas, Enchantment of the Seas, and Rhapsody of the Seas.

While the ships are similar in design, there are differences in each, so that even if you've sailed on one, you may find another more to your liking. I, for example, enjoyed the Vision of the Seas on a brief cruise more than the others I've visited.

The Vision seemed lighter in decor, easier on the eye, just more pleasant to explore. I remember one of the earlier vessels had lots of Roman statuary that seemed out of place to me, but the Vision offers a simpler design. Its ShipShape Fitness Center offers Mayan textiles and art throughout that just seems the perfect fit for a spa experience.

Some of the other differences are subtle, some major. For example, while all the Vision-Class vessels may look similar outside, there are differences ranging from the length of the vessel (867 feet to 915 feet) and the tonnage, (69,130 tons to 78,491 tons) to various features. Two ships have 18-hole miniature golf courses aboard, the others have no golf course; two have the ShipShape Spa on one level, the others on two levels; two have dining rooms with a single glass wall spanning both levels, while the others have round windows on the lower level and a glass wall on the balconies.

Keeping the ships similar yet different provides a great oceangoing experience for cruisers who enjoy the Royal Caribbean level of service, yet want to experience different ports of call (a variety of itineraries are offered for each ship) with a different shipboard atmosphere.

Like the otherVision-class vessels, the Vision of the Seas offers a variety of stateroom experiences, including the ultra-luxurious Royal Suite with 1,117 square feet of space, a 132-square-foot private balcony, and a spacious separate living and bedroom area. It was a bit ostentatious for my taste.

I think if I were to book that stateroom, I'd never come out and experience the dining and entertainment features of the ship.

And, of course, the lower-category room is a lot less costly, yet I could enjoy the same level of service and food as those who might book that lavish Royal Suite.

The Vision also has some nice family suites with two bedrooms, a separate living area, and two baths — an ideal family setup. For the physically challenged, the Vision offers 14 rooms with a functional bathroom facility and special devices to aid the hearing and visually impaired.

Next November, Royal Caribbean will introduce the world's largest cruise ship, a mammoth 142,000-ton vessel, and is also building a huge new terminal in Miami to serve it.

The Voyager of The Seas will be filled with innovative touches. Among them will be a sports court for basketball and volleyball, a rock-climbing wall, and an ice skating rink. The ship will also feature the first horizontal atrium, the Royal Promenade, filled with shops, restaurants, and entertainment areas. The ship will also have staterooms that overlook this lively street scene.

NORWEGIAN DISCOVERIES

The Bergen Line features air/sea Norwegian Coastal Voyage programs along the spectacular 1,250-mile west coast of Norway. The voyage, between Bergen in the south and Kirkenes in the north, is seven days northbound, six days southbound, and 12 days round-trip.

A new Scandinavian Sample 13-day program combines a southbound sailing with Reykjavik, Iceland's capital, Oslo, and a train journey from Bergen to Oslo through the heart of fiord country.

The program runs from April through October and costs $1,960 to $3,100 from New York. For information on this or other coastal journeys, call 800-323-7436.

TWO FOR ONE

Windstar Cruises is offering two-for-one rates on some sailings in January on seven-day Caribbean and Costa Rican cruises. Half-price fares are $2,033 a person. Air fare and port charges and taxes are extra. The discounted price reflects a savings of $3,695 per couple off published rates.

The sailings are on the 148-passenger Wind Spirit, the 312-passenger Wind Surf, and the 148-passenger Wind Song. Scuba diving is available on the vessels. For information, see a travel agent or call 800-258-7245.

A YEAR AT SEA

The World Cruise Co., the first cruise line dedicated to around-the-world voyages, is offering a year at sea priced at around $100 a day. The sailing will begin in November 1999 and will circumnavigate the globe three times, visiting 55 countries on all seven continents, including the Arctic and Antarctica. There will be an extensive educational program on board. The cruise costs $35,947. Many cabins are available for solo travelers with no single supplement. For information, call 888-558-0887.

GETAWAY AT SEA

Club Getaway, the New England Club Med-style resort, will bring its formula for friendship to sea about Costa Cruises' 1,350-passenger Costa Romantic, departing Jan. 17 for a cruise of the western Caribbean. For information on this singles cruise, call 800-6-GET-AWAY.

Butterfly exhibit opens in New York

N.Y. Times News Service

Even as the winter solstice approaches, every day about 80 newly emerged butterflies are making their first flights in Manhattan. They are in an enclosed rain forest at the American Museum of Natural History's exhibit "The Butterfly Conservatory: Tropical Butterflies Alive in Winter," continuing through Feb. 28.

Since the opening, Nov. 27, 300 to 500 butterflies have been flying around a vivarium, a free-standing arched structure of aluminum, fiberglass and transparent acrylic, where the temperature is a constant 80 degrees. Visitors stroll through the 65x20-foot habitat of leafy, green plants with the recorded sounds of howler monkeys, parakeets and other animals in the background.

The average life span of a butterfly is two to three weeks, so about 250 butterfly pupae are shipped to the museum each week from butterfly farms in Florida and Costa Rica. Most butterflies will be released in the vivarium after hatching, but some will hang in a special case within the habitat so visitors can see them emerge from the chrysalis stage. Butterfly reproduction, development, evolution, defense mechanisms and conservation are explained on displays.

Entry to the exhibit requires a timed ticket, which includes admission to the museum. The American Museum of Natural History, 79th Street and Central Park West, opens daily, except Christmas, at 10 a.m. Information: (212) 769-5100 or www.amnh.org. Tickets: (212) 769-5200.

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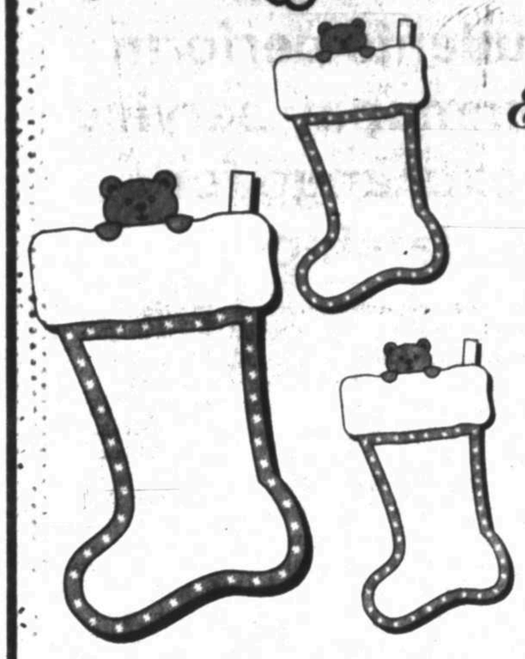
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Health Sciences Cont. Education orientation

An orientation session for people interested Midland College's Continuing Education Health Sciences program is 6:30-8 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 15 in the Davidson Health Sciences Building.

The session will provide information on phlebotomy, massage therapy, medication aide, health unit coordinator, optometric assistant, nurse aide and other courses for health care professionals who need continuing education credit or for those looking for careers in the health care industry. For more information, call 685-6440.

Winter Interim session

Students can earn three hours of college credit in just 12 days during Midland College's Winter Interim session Dec. 21-Jan. 8.

The session offers nine classes, in courses including history, English and economics.

Registration for the interim session is 8-9 a.m., Monday, Dec. 21 in the Roadrunner Room, of the Scharbauer Student Center. Classes begin immediately following registration.

Spring registration

Telephone and early registration for all students who want to enroll at Midland College for Spring 1999 will resume Jan. 4 after the Christmas break. Spring classes begin Jan. 19.

Registration in the Student Services office is open to all students. Those students who have not taken the TASP test or who have not passed the TASP test must register in person with the counseling staff.

For information about the TASP test, registration or financial aid, contact a counselor at 685-4505.

New York City trip

Ten scholarships of $500 each are available to eligible students to participate in the Midland College Broadway tour May 21-26, 1999.

The scholarships are awarded to students based on their grade point average. Students must be enrolled in at least nine hours, and scholarships are open to current students only. Interested students should apply to Drama Instructor David Allen, 685-4205.

The approximate cost of $1,000 includes airfare, hotel accommodations, seminars with theatre professionals, tours of city landmarks and tickets to attend a several performances.

All participants must be at least 18 years old and be enrolled in a drama course as a credit or continuing education student or be an employee of Midland College.

The trip sign-up deadline is Jan. 22.

Washington, D.C. trip

Midland College will offer a Government/History travel course to Washington, D.C., during the 1999 spring interim, May 17-June 3.

Students may enroll in Government 2302, Government 2304, History 1301 or History 1302.

The courses consist of classroom lecture and one week in the nation's capital. The cost of the trip is $785, which includes roundtrip airfare and hotel accommodations at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Old Town Alexandria.

Openings for the courses will be limited. Students interested in any of the courses should contact Lee Almaguer at 685-4739 or the division office at 685-4640.

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Learning to care about others

"I decided to go to work at Manor Park's Adult Day Care Center. I felt that maybe I could help myself by helping others . . . Those who need help ranged from people with Alzeihmer's Disease to those recovering from long-term illnesses. I volunteered everyday in between my classes and work. Even after I finished my 40 hours, I didn't want to stop. As I got to know these individuals more, I got attached to them personally, not just as a volunteer worker but as a human. Everyone around me noticed how it changed me as a person—a person who really cared for other individuals."

Abell-Hanger Essay Winner
Hyon Choi





1998 fall Abell-Hanger Essay winners Molly J. Robertson, Traci Moreland, Krystal Mehaffey, Sarah Luehring and (inset) Hyon Choi.

Students perform community service in exchange for scholarship

Midland College students Hyon Choi, Sarah Luehring, Krystal Mehaffey, Traci Moreland and Molly J. Robertson were named winners in the fall Abell-Hanger essay contest. The five students were each awarded $500 scholarships checks for their essays about their volunteer experiences as Abell-Hanger Scholarship students.

In 1986, the Abell-Hanger Foundation established a unique scholarship by offering to pay up to $598,000 for tuition and books at Midland College for the graduates of Midland's three high schools. Since then, the Foundation has continued to provide scholarships to more than 4,500 deserving area graduates who have contributed more than 63,000 volunteer hours in exchange for their scholarships.

In 1997, the trustees approved a renewal and expansion of their scholarship program for Midland County high school graduates attending Midland College. The four-year grant of $325,000 a year provides financial assistance for graduates of Midland's high schools, G.E.D. recipients as well as sponsoring the essay contests twice each year for students who are required to provide community service in conjunction with their scholarships. Student volunteer with more than 80 area agencies.

Students find themselves changed by volunteering

Excerpts from the Abell-Hanger winning essays

"I'm writing to you, the board of Abell-Hanger, not only to say *thank you* for my scholarship . . . I want you to understand what it means to be given the opportunity to go to college when all the odds are against you, and I want you to see from my perspective how crucial the Abell-Hanger Program is to so many. Working with the American Red Cross for my community hours has reinforced my feelings about what it meant to have something there to help get you back on your feet. As the Red Cross and its members are there for those in need after a tragedy, Abell-Hanger has come through for me by granting me an education. All we needed was the chance to better ourselves and accomplish the goals that seemed out of reach."

Molly J. Robertson

"Both my 'little sister' and I benefited from my being her Big Sister when I voluteered with Big Brothers/Big Sisters. She had someone with whom to talk and share time—someone she could trust and on whom she could depend.

She has been able to do many things that might not have been possible if I hadn't been available to do them with her. She was excited to hear from me and enjoyed our time together.

As for me, I have benefited by learning to care for someone outside my family and outside my race. I think she has benefited in the same way. Accomplishing this is sometimes difficult, but giving of my time and self has made me see what a difference volunteering can make."

Sarah Luehring

"I volunteered in a kindergarten classroom. I read with the children, helped them with the alphabet, and played math games with them. I worked with the students who were moving along slower than the majority of kids.

The children were wonderful and extremely eager to learn. I noticed that their progress picked up tremendously from a little individual attention.

I decided that I had found the perfect profession and the perfect age. I want to be a kindergarten teacher. I loved working with the small children and they loved working with me. Without the community service, I do not think I would have discovered that a kindergarten class was where I wanted to spend my life."

Krystal Mehaffey

"I decided to volunteer my time at Teen Challenge, an organization that devotes its attention to the preventing alcohol and drug addiction and intervening with those with addiction problems.

I had the chance to become a part of the lives of society's younger citizens. My sole responsibility as a volunteer was to be available in the event the children wanted to talk—basically to be a mentor.

You may walk into that building thinking of all your personal troubles, but when you are with the children, it becomes second nature to cast your problems aside and concentrate fully on their plight and how you can make a difference. Your reward is a wondrous sense of fulfillment."

Traci Moreland

'Cooler Than a Fan' wins annual Hilda Simmons Levitt Poetry Contest

Midland College student Athenia Oldham was awarded first place for her poem, "Cooler Than a Fan," in the 11th annual Hilda Simmmons Levitt Poetry contest.

Other winners were Staci Lumby, second Place for "Missing the Arc de Triomphe"; Charles Green, third place for "Love and War"; and, Melissa Taylor, fourth place for "Where Broken Dreams Dwell." The contest awards first, second and third place winners cash prizes of $500, $300 and $200.

"No other community college offers as prestigious a student poetry prize as Midland College," Dr. Leslie Williams Fine Arts and Communications Studies division chair, said about the contest.

Judge for the contest was Jerry Bradley, author and creative writing instructor at West Texas A&M University in Canon.

The contest was established by Midlander Stanley Levitt in memory of his late wife, Hilda Simmons Levitt, a journalism graduate of Louisiana State University and a student in Midland College creative writing classes. Mr. Levitt died in 1994, and his daughter Carol Levitt Schwartz, a former Washington D.C. school board member who is nationally known as an education and health activist, is continuing to underwrite the contest. Ms. Schwartz is a graduate of Midland High School and was named to the Midland High School Hall of Fame in 1996.

Continuing education schedules one-day, weekend computer classes

The following continuing education courses begin in the next several weeks at Midland College. For registration information or to receive a spring continuing education course schedule, call 685-4518.

Concealed Handgun will be 6-10 p.m., Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, Dec. 15-18 and time to be arranged at Midland Shooters Association Saturday, Dec. 19. Tom Vannaman and James Fitz-Gerald are the instructors.

EMS Instructor Development will be 6-10 p.m. Wednesdays, Dec. 16-Feb. 17. Gary Roberts is the instructor.

The following one-day computer courses will be held Fridays in January. Tuition for each class is $45. Classes will meet from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. The required textbook is available at the Midland College Bookstore.

Internet will be Jan. 8. Melody Johnston is the instructor.

Quickbooks will be Jan. 8. Laura Cotton is the instructor.

Microsoft Windows 95 will be Jan. 8. Terri Waldrop is the instructor.

Microsoft Excel will be Jan. 15. Ofelia Welch is the instructor.

Desktop Publishing-Word Perfect will be Jan. 22. Melody Johnston is the instructor.

Microsoft Windows 95 will be Jan. 22. Laura Cotton is the instructor.

Microsoft Office will be Jan. 29. Terri Waldrop is the instructor.

Internet will be Jan. 29. Ofelia Welch is the instructor.

Computer & You will be Jan. 29. Laura Cotton is the instructor.

The following Weekend College computer classes are set for January. Classes will meet Friday 6-9 p.m,, Saturday, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. and Sunday 1-6 p.m. Tuition for each class is $80. The required textbook is available at Midland College Bookstore.

Computer & You will be Jan. 8-10. Pilar Wilson is the instructor.

Quickbooks will be Jan. 22-24. Robbie Campbell is the instructor.

Microsoft Access will be Jan. 29-31. Chris Cunningham is the instructor.

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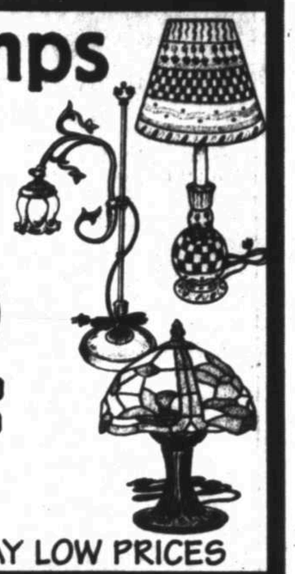


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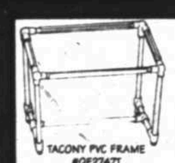


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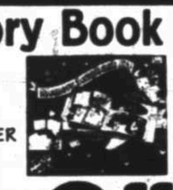


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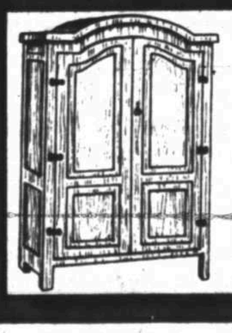
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New resort 'recreates' lost continent



AP Photos

Top photo: Waterfalls cascade from four massive pillars supporting the domed 70-foot ceiling in the main lobby of the new Sun International Atlantis Resort on Paradise Island, Bahamas. Atlantis covers 600 of the island's 800 acres, and includes a 63-slip marina and a seven-acre snorkling lagoon teeming with 100,000 tropical sea creatures. Bottom photo: South African entrepreneur Sol Kerzner shows off the underwater exhibit at Atlantis Resort. Officials hope Atlantis will give a boost to a lackluster year for tourism, the mainstay of the Bahaman economy, which employs 70 percent of the work force.

By Deby Nash

PARADISE ISLAND, Bahamas (AP) — It was called Hog Island by the British settlers who used it as a pig farm.

Then it became a holiday hideout for European aristocrats and reclusive millionaires, who renamed it Paradise for its clear turquoise waters and fine beaches.

Today, Las Vegas meets the Caribbean on the island in a fantastic re-creation of the legendary lost continent of Atlantis.

It's a $450 million resort, brainchild of South African entrepreneur Sol Kerzner and his Sun International Hotels Ltd. Kerzner says he has created the largest island resort in the world at Atlantis, which covers 600 of the island's 800 acres.

There's a 63-slip marina and a seven-acre snorkeling lagoon teeming with 100,000 tropical sea creatures, from anemones to gigantic groupers.

Inside, also, there is water, water everywhere, bubbling from geysers at tiny pools and, in the main lobby, waterfalls cascading from four massive pillars supporting the domed 70-foot ceiling.

The resort includes what's billed as the Caribbean's biggest casino, set in a 100,000-square-foot gaming, dining and entertainment area. It has more than 1,000 slot machines and 80 gaming tables, including baccarat, roulette, craps, blackjack and stud poker.

There are 23 restaurants with offerings ranging from an $11.75 hamburger in casual outdoor Dive-In restaurantsd to a $34 prawn curry at the Five Twins, where the menu is an upmarket fusion of Asian and Caribbean food. With a huge 20-foot iron entry gate, stone floors, mosiacs and arched windows, the Five Twins also offers a cigar bar, sushi bar, champagne cart and dance floor.

At Mama Loo's Chinese restaurant, duckling breast goes for $24.50.

Then there is the mid-priced Atlas Bar & Grill just off the casino floor, where a roast chicken entree is $16. The restaurant is shaped like a Roman chariot track with a bar in its center and diners are surrounded by dozens of television monitors beaming news, sports, music or movies.

"I figured with such great water, beaches, miles of undeveloped beach, and being so close to the U.S. market — such a strong marketplace — I felt that we could develop probably the greatest resort of the world in time," Kerzner says.

The centerpiece of the resort is the 23-story Royal Towers, which adds more than 2,000 rooms to the 1,150-room property. The two towers are joined by the two-bedroom Bridge Suite, which rents for a mere $25,000 a night.

In less pretentious areas, tropical rooms decorated in coral and teal with two double beds or one king-size bed cost from $150 a night in the off-season to $480 in the high-season.

The Bahamian government has invested much in the resort, offering tax breaks and other concessions as well as building a $20 million bridge linking the resort to Nassau's international airport. In addition, Kerzner has built a subterranean tunnel offering alternative access from Nassau.

Some opposition was put up by businessmen who wanted to ensure that they got their share of the new tourist trade.

Last year, Kerzner said he was scrapping plans to develop a $50 million entertainment and retail complex at the resort. In a compromise, 12 of 15 shops will be leased to Bahamian entrepreneurs instead of the international designer boutiques that Kerzner wanted under franchise to Sun Hotels.

Kerzner had hoped to buy the entire island, but there've been a few holdouts, including a shopping mall and hotel.

Officials hope Atlantis, which opened Dec. 11 with a gala weekend celebration joined by dozens of celebrities, will give a boost to a lackluster year for tourism, the mainstay of the Bahamian economy, which employs 70 percent of the work force.

In fact, a drop in unemployment from 13 percent to 9.8 percent this year is largely attributed to construction work at Atlantis. The resort now is the biggest employer on the island after the government, with 5,500 workers to the government's 25,000.

"We cannot even begin to think about the failure of Sun, because it has so much impact," said a competitor, Nassau Beach Hotel general manager Robert Sands. "It must work."

Airlines which had cut back service to the Bahamas are now looking to expand. TWA starts a new nonstop service from New York's JFK airport in February; Delta has already upgraded its daily New York flight from a Boeing 727 to a Boeing 757, and British Airways is switching its thrice weekly flights from London in March from a DC-10 to a new Boeing 777.

Tourism Minister C.A. Smith said the new and upgraded services would match a 26 per cent increase in hotel rooms this year.

Vincent Vanderpool Wallace, the Bahamas director-general of tourism, is extremely enthusiastic about Atlantis.

"I believe that Atlantis is the first true manifestation of a growing belief that neither the Bahamas nor the Caribbean can continue to rely primarily on sun, sand, and sea for attracting visitors," he said.

"We have the world's greatest canvas in this region, but we are only just beginning to paint it."

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High-fat travel food for thought

By Harry Shattuck
Hearst News Service

I am frequently amused by travel-related survey findings that cross my desk. After all, how else would I know that more men than women locked themselves out of their Novotel New York hotel rooms in a state of undress last year? Or that 67 percent of travelers to Las Vegas consider shopping a priority while only 18 percent cite gambling. (Never mind that the most popular mall is attached to a casino.)

If those studies offer food for thought, FITNESS Magazine's newly released survey of "diet-damaging regional delicacies" really — ahem — takes the cake.

According to the magazine's September issue, "By and large, the most popular dishes in the nation's top cities are also the most likely to wreck your diet. Whether it's the Baltimore mainstay of Maryland crab cakes (340 calories, 14 grams of fat) or Chicago's deep dish pizza (280 calories, 13 fat grams), hometown favorites are unhealthy fat traps."

The following regional delicacies round out FITNESS' "fat city list."

- Louisville, Ky.: Southern fried chicken (590 calories, 30 grams fat.
- Los Angeles: California burrito (550 calories, 22 grams fat).
- Dallas: Texas rib-eye steak (510 calories, 27 grams fat.
- New Orleans: gumbo (477 calories, 32 grams fat).
- New York: bagel with cream cheese (340 calories, 11 grams fat).
- Boston: cream pie (280 calories, 13 grams fat).

Addressing the findings, FITNESS editor-in-chief Sally Lee does offer a caveat: "That's not to say you shouldn't try the Boston cream pie or enjoy the New Orleans gumbo," she says. "Just think twice before indulging in seconds. The basic message you can take away from this survey is that when in Rome, don't do as the Romans do."

I prefer to rely on a separate fitness survey conducted by the Shattuck Unscientific Institute: It discovered that more travelers suffer broken bones — even jawbones — on hiking and biking tours than while chomping on a juicy steak. Despite exhaustive research, it also unearthed not one report of arm stress incurred spooning up crawfish gumbo. And if you put enough hot sauce on a good burrito, it's almost guaranteed to clear out your sinuses. Among other things.

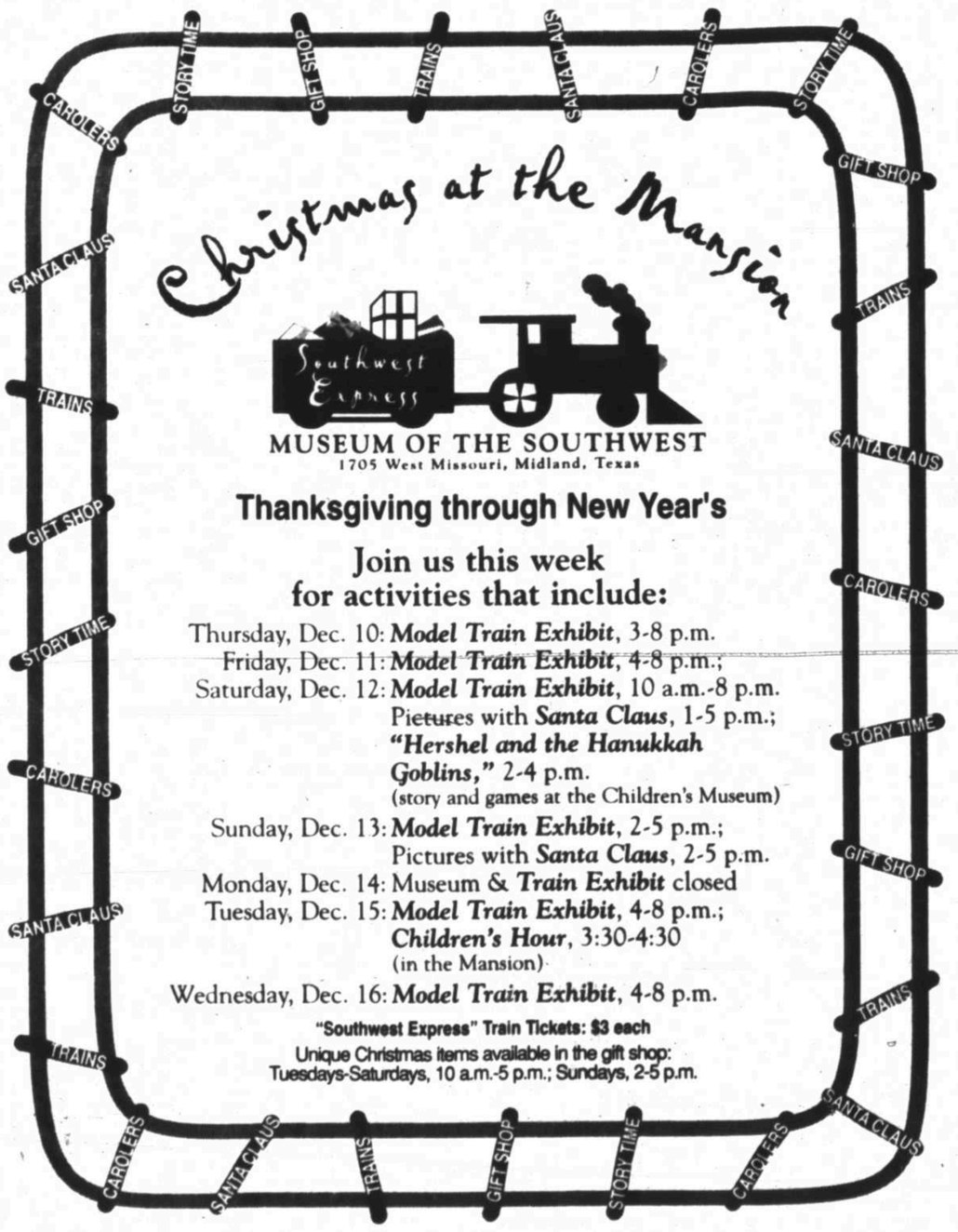


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Torah detective takes orthodox approach

By Fred Kaplan
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — Only in New York could there be a cop like Mordecai Dzikansky.

Whenever anyone steals a Torah in this town, Dzikansky is the guy who roams the rambling backstreets of Brooklyn and the Lower East Side, goes undercover, snares the thief, and recovers the missing treasure.

Dzikansky, 36, is chief detective of the New York Police Department's Torah Task Force. And New York, whose metropolitan area is home to one-third of the nation's 6 million Jews, is the only city in America that could support such a crime-fighting unit.

The Torah — the parchment scroll containing the first five Books of the Old Testament, known as the Five Books of Moses, painstakingly inscribed in Hebrew — is the most sacred object in any Jewish synagogue and the centerpiece of its religious services.

A fine Torah, handwritten over the course of a year by a trained scribe and emblazoned with crowns and breastplates made of inlaid silver and gold, is worth more than $25,000, in some cases much more.

And so, Dzikansky noted, "every few years, there's a rash of Torah thefts."

The task force came into being six years ago, when 15 Torahs were stolen over nine months from synagogues all over the city, as well as from such facilities as Mount Sinai Hospital and the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Dzikansky, a 16-year police veteran, was brought in on the case for obvious reasons. He is a practicing Orthodox Jew. His father, now retired, was for many years a prominent rabbi at Yeshiva University.

"If this were left to an average police officer, they wouldn't know where to begin," said Lieutenant George Pagan, commanding officer of the four-man task force and of the Midtown North detective squad, where the task force works.

Dzikansky knew the city's Jewish community, especially the insular world of the second-hand Judaica shops concentrated in the tiny Orthodox enclaves around Essex and Hester streets on Manhattan's Lower East Side, in the Williamsburg and Borough Park sections of Brooklyn, and Kew Gardens in Queens.

"Most of the people in these shops are very legitimate," Dzikansky said. "But some of them, I wouldn't buy a sandwich from."

IN THE MOST celebrated Torah-theft busts, some of these secondhand dealers served as middlemen between the robbers and the innocent purchasers, who were usually in Israel, where an expanding number of synagogues provided a ready-made market.

The shop owners, decent and corrupt alike, were a tough bunch to penetrate — old men with beards who eye even non-Orthodox Jews, much less gentile police officers, with hostile suspicion.

Dzikansky, by dint of his background, could gain their trust.

One problem in tracking down stolen Torahs, especially if the suspected thief is Jewish, is that the Torah, which Orthodox Jews read literally as God's word, forbids testifying against a fellow Jew in a secular court.

"That's a wall we face," Dzikansky said.

But unlike just about any other New York detective, Dzikansky knew a way around the wall.

By the same Jewish law, he noted, "the Torah is considered as holy as a human life. You're allowed to do whatever is possible to rescue a human life that's been kidnapped. So that pushes aside the prohibition about testifying against another Jew. It's a powerful tool. There's not a rabbi who can argue with that."

So, as the Torah Task Force became widely known among the dealers, they grew more hesitant to take in goods that seemed remotely hot.

"If you came in eight years ago and tried to sell a Torah, there'd be no problem," Dzikansky said. "Now, they'd be more apprehensive."

The first cases that the task force cracked, the spate of 15 thefts in 1992-93, all turned out to be the work of one thief. He was not caught until early 1996, and then by pure luck, or as Dzikansky put it with a smile, "divine intervention."

The thief, Richard Stevens, was caught trying to break into a room at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, which is in a part of town covered by the Midtown North detective squad. Dzikansky, who works there as a general detective when he's not solving Torah thefts, happened to be in on the arrest and the debrief.

WHEN HE STARTED routinely asking about knowledge of other crimes, Stevens admitted to stealing all those Torahs. He also named the fence who put him up to the thefts and sold the merchandise to dealers. The fence was a Hasidic Jew named Markus "Morty" Fogel, who ran a silver shop on West 47th Street, the heart of the diamond district.

"I was astonished that a Jew could do this," Dzikansky recalled. "That someone who understands the significance of a Torah could desecrate it by stealing one — it's reprehensible to me."

The task force set up a sting operation, wiring Stevens and sending him to Fogel with a Torah to sell. Fogel took the bait, the arrest was made, both pleaded guilty, and were sent to prison. Stevens was recently released.

THE MOST RECENT case, which took place just last October, involved two Torahs stolen from a synagogue in Englewood, N.J. By now, the task force's operations have become so routine, it took just two weeks to solve.

First, the Englewood police department called the task force in for help. Then, its members — among them Detective Mitchell Parker and Sergeant Brian McCabe — made the rounds and the phone calls, alerting dealers and others to the situation.

When one source called back to say he had just been offered two Torahs, Dzikansky set up a meeting place, went there dressed up as a rabbi, and offered to buy the Torahs for $30,000 apiece.

"I was getting a bargain," he said with a laugh. Each of them was worth over $40,000. The transaction was made, then the arrest.

The seller, it turned out, was also the thief. "He'd rehearsed a story of how he came to have the Torahs," Dzikansky said. It belonged to a friend in Israel who died, the story went, and his family needed the money. "To a layman, it would have sounded convincing."

The task force had an easy time making a criminal case because both Torahs had been treated with unique markings by the Universal Torah Registry.

The registry was the brainchild of David Pollock, head of the Jewish Community Relations Council, a New York-based organization that regularly works with the task force.

Pollock came up with the idea in 1980, during an earlier spate of Torah thefts, but it took several years to take hold, until a panel of scientists figured out a way to mark the parchment without defacing it. (A Torah consists of 60 sections sewn together; the technique involved making 30 nearly invisible markings along the seams.)

A growing number of rabbis, worldwide, are registering their Torahs, making it easier for police to recover stolen scrolls and to prove where they came from.

"Without the registry, it would be hard to prove that this is the Torah the guy stole because you could say all Torahs look alike," Dzikansky said.

"The market for used Torahs is fairly limited to begin with," Pollock added. "So if you can convince people that it is hard to sell a stolen Torah, you have most of the battle won."



Changing of guard, burying past ...

Herman Harris, left, stands with Addison Flowers, at the grave of Flowers' great-great-grandfather, one-time slave owner Addison Johnson, in Prairie Lea. Harris, a descendent of Johnson's slaves, now owns the Johnson farmstead.

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ABOVE: The Lone Star Brass Quintet, left to right, Mike Santorelli, Carol Deats (also shown at right), Eric Stiles (also shown below), Ted Hale (also at far right center) and Jana Galloway (at far right, right), capture the spirit for the ensemble's holiday concerts. "A Lone Star Christmas," set for 8 p.m. Saturday at First Presbyterian Church, features classical offerings as well as familiar season selections. The concert will be repeated at 2 p.m. Dec. 20 at the Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University, Odessa.







Lone Star Brass



Story by Georgia Temple

The instructions given the musicians for the birthday party engagement were brief: "We just knew we had to play something and dress up in black.

"They wanted us to look like we were part of a funeral," said Eric Stiles, principal tuba of the Lone Star Brass Quintet. He chuckled. "We thought we were playing for the guy at his 65th birthday.

"As it turns out, he was surprising the guests; they thought they were surprising him, and he surprised them. He dressed up as the Grim Reaper. We came in dressed all in black and played Dixieland funeral-type music. So it was kind of a reverse surprise party."

Now in his second season as a member of the ensemble, Stiles appreciates the musical opportunities that playing in the quintet encourages. "The variety is great," he said. "We do everything."

Trombonist Ted Hale agreed.

"The fun part about the group; it's always a different place," said Hale, who earned a doctorate from Indiana University and is in his second season with the quintet. "Always a different form, different function. Weddings. An internment at a cemetery.

"That's what I really like doing because it makes people happy, helps set things right, soothes and brings some peace and some warmth and happiness to people's lives, and anyway that happens is a great thing to do. Weddings are the same thing." He paused, then quipped, "Too bad they don't hire bands to play at divorces, then we'd make twice the money."

But would he have the time? This month, Hale has agreed to play between 60 and 70 performances, around 40 of which are as a member of the quintet. And, in addition to performing, the players also teach.

"All of us are teaching like crazy," said Hale, who teaches for Midland College, Odessa College and the Ector County school district. The Quintet "typically" has four performances on Christmas Eve alone, Hale added. "We're as busy as you can imagine."

The French horn player, Carol Deats, hasn't counted the number of engagements she's committed her

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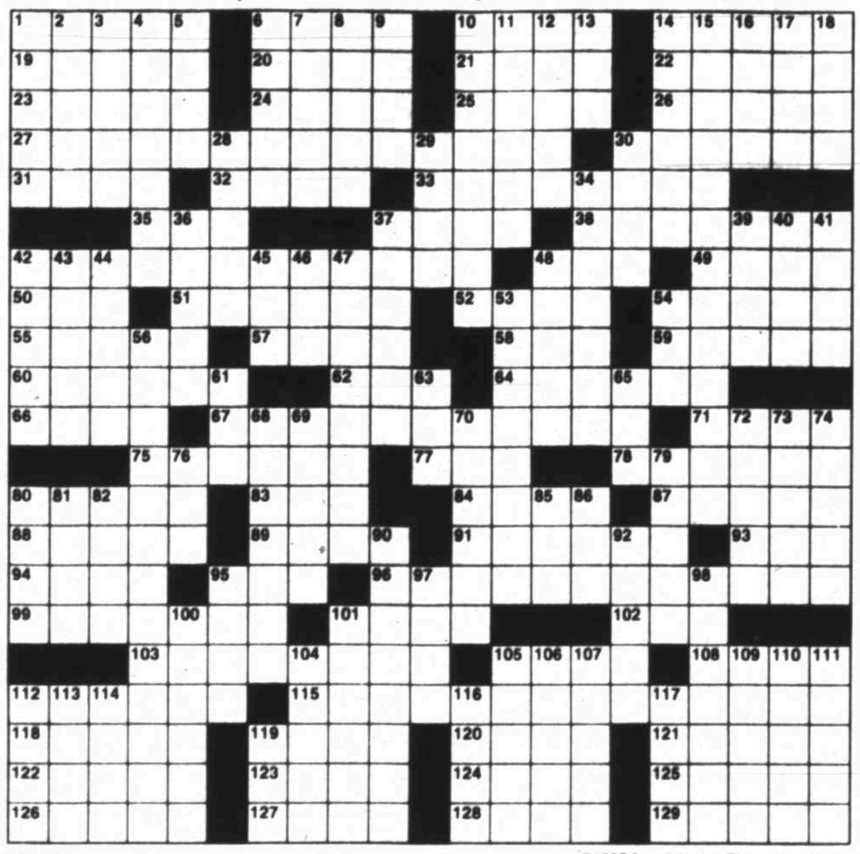
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Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Joyce Nichols Lewis

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1 Church recesses
6 Tobòggan
10 Point of departure
14 "— of robins"
19 Deteriorate
20 Pottery
21 Dada works
22 Document amendment
23 Gussy up
24 Water bearer
25 God, in Guatemala
26 Fibber of radio
27 Bismark, with "The"
30 Imposters
31 Hitchcock hit
32 Once long ago
33 Area of "The Big Apple"
35 Part of EST
37 — Domini
38 Great inland waters
42 Birthplace of King Arthur
48 "Crossfire" carrier
49 — impasse
50 Keats' was on an urn
51 Record keeper
52 Raced
54 Sound of disdain
55 Author Zora — Hurston
57 Actress Ward
58 Entirely
59 Turkish metropolis
60 "Mother" of Calcutta
62 "— a Wonderful Life"
64 Created a civil disorder
66 Tasmanian mount
67 Engraver's surface
71 "— can't believe — the whole thing!"
75 Nightshade genus
77 Wrath
78 — -eyed sharp-sighted
80 Like a hoarse voice
83 Director Browning
84 Court hearing
87 Assail
88 "Dallas" Miss
89 Misplace
91 "If it — for bad luck, —"
93 Ibsen character
94 Pronto!
95 WW II heroes
96 Hits of yesteryear
99 By undesignated means
101 Bribes
102 Party potable
103 Videotape housing
105 Common interest group
108 Fabricated
112 Inclined to be haughty
115 Orson Welles group
118 Eastwood
119 Foxhole
120 Mailed
121 Rocket stage
122 Tilting piece
123 Profound
124 Florida county
125 Weskits
126 Tau crosses
127 Bustles
128 Jewish month
129 Helena's rival, of old

DOWN
1 Famous firefighter Red
2 Peter, in Panama
3 Reporting coup
4 Sincerely zealous
5 Lip —
6 Vow
7 Suburban surrounds
8 Straight
9 Streeter's "— Mable"
10 Coyote State attraction
11 Musical composition
12 Dude
13 Feminine finisher
14 Fighting force
15 Petty
16 Advantage
17 Vaticinator
18 — bien!
28 Privet use
29 Horne of song
30 Glacial snow
34 Type of baseball
36 Pipeline products
37 Charge with gas
39 Promenade for Prometheus
40 Merit
41 Rectangular pilaster
42 Scout's master
43 Parisian concepts
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45 Koch et al.
46 Short for big
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68 Expenditures
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72 Mountains of Central Asia
73 Rib
74 Kitchen extenders
76 Ahab's affirmative
79 Carpet fiber
80 Gardner and Stephen
81 Besides
82 Sharif feat
85 Before, to a bard
86 Stimpy's pal
90 Vanity satisfiers
92 Gap
95 Reckless
97 Crude cartel
98 What some sue for
100 Dwindles
101 Home entertainment component
104 Plant firmly
105 Dough
106 "Wonder Woman" Carter
107 "Animal House" nickname
109 "This is —"
110 Al's surname?
111 Get the lead out
112 Sch. of the West
113 Outline
114 Dianthus
116 Inits. on meat
117 House overhang
119 Nabokov heroine



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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.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ The social pace could deplete even energetic you. Meeting people, catching up on news and continually dining out is getting old fast. Put a halt to this hectic schedule, at least for the day. If you can, adjust your plans. A partner could be demanding! Tonight: Relax.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Your practical side emerges as you aim to get as much done as possible. A partner gets into the spirit of the season and pitches in. Good feelings and working together bond you deeply. Making time for yourself proves difficult! Tonight: Oh, so tired.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Toss yourself into the social scene. If single, a new relationship blossoms. If attached, you land under the mistletoe; you bring out the love that first drew you together. Be childlike and let go. It's OK to cancel plans if you want to. Tonight: Naughty and nice.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You are still working on a key project, aiming to get a lot done. Instead of griping, consider how much you like the planning associated with the holiday season. If necessary, decline a request that could mar the day. Tonight: Let someone make dinner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You have the best intentions to connect with someone who is at a distance, but it is difficult. Meet friends for a leisurely meal. Get into a winter sport. A child delights in your attention; make time, even if he isn't part of your immediate family. Tonight: Catch up on e-mail.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ A partner disappoints you. Have your expectations been realistic? A family member plays an important role in your day. Relax, and catch up on family news. Buy a gift while browsing through a favorite store. Tonight: Decide what you have left to do for the holidays.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You are full of energy. Get some, if not all, of your holiday errands done. Being out and about is fun. Get into a favorite winter pastime. Later, you could be too tired to get together with a friend or associate. Tonight: Do your own thing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Use your instincts with gift buying. You know what to get and where. You feel a bit burdened by what you have to do. Just get going! Plan on giving yourself a reward when you are done. Take some time just for yourself. Tonight: Curl up with a good book.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Give someone plenty of space. Loved ones' ideas differ from yours; they could be less than happy with the turn of events. Get together with friends, and make time for family too. Get into the season's sports. You give 100 percent. Tonight: Where the gang is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You are in the limelight, as others turn toward you. Intuition is right on about gifts. Try to complete your holiday errands. Dedicate some time to family members; they could feel left out. Pressure could drain you, so do what you can by phone. Tonight: Out and about.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ It is difficult to connect with a friend or relative. An in-law proves testy! Plan on a long-overdue trip in which you can visit and enjoy yourself. Talk to a friend about this trip. You can make it happen. Tonight: Enjoy music or a movie.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You enjoy the company of others, and one person in particular. You can't do enough together! Intuition serves a must appearance. Money pressure holds you back. Be open; you'll find a way around the problem. Tonight: Be a duo.

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♡ Q 8 3
◇ A K J 10 3
♣ J 9 4

WEST
♠ K 3 2
♡ K 6
◇ 9 8 5
♣ A K Q 7 2

EAST
♠ 6 4
♡ 9 7 5 4 2
◇ 7 4 2
♣ 10 6 3

SOUTH
♠ A Q J 9 8 7
♡ A J 10
◇ Q 6
♣ 8 5

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	2♣	2◇	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: King of ♣

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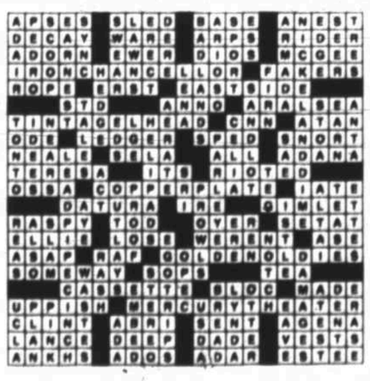
West started with the king and ace of clubs, East following with the three and ten to show an odd number of cards in the suit. Obviously, East was broke, so West realized that no help could be expected from that quarter. The two kings in the major suits would both have to score if the contract was to be defeated.

The king of trumps represented a sure defensive trick. The king of hearts was another matter — the diamond suit would surely furnish declarer with enough discards to take care of any heart losers. The only hope for the defense was to cut declarer's link to the diamonds before the suit could be put to use.

At trick three West shifted to a diamond. Declarer won with the king and led a spade to the jack. West won and persisted with another diamond, and declarer was helpless. Since an attempt to get two heart discards on dummy's diamonds while there was still a trump outstanding was clearly against the odds, declarer won in dummy, cashed the ten of spades and ran the queen of hearts. Down one.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

American Airpower Heritage Museum: EXHIBIT: Navajo Code Talkers of World War II. 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 hangar. 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. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 12-5 p.m., call 563-1000, Admission charged. Group and student discounts available with prior reservation.

Crestview Baptist Church: MUSIC PROGRAM: Children's Christmas Music Special, 6:15 p.m., Church sanctuary, 3300 Thomas, 594-7701. Free.

The Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin: CLASS: Adventures in Art for students ages 6-12, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Todayís class features a study of the Greek period. Tuition charged. EXHIBIT: ZOOillogicals, paintings by Chica Brunsvold, through Feb. 14. EXHIBIT: Enchanted Light, dichroic glass and light sculptures by Ray Howlett, through Feb. 14. EXHIBIT: ìJe Me Souviens,î by internationally renowned painter and concert pianist Ray Dudley. Through January. Museum open Tuesday-Saturday 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Sunday 2:00-5:00 p.m. 4909 E. University, Odessa. 550-3811. Exhibits are free.

First Presbyterian Church: MUSIC PROGRAM: Festival Music Series, Sounds of the Season, including Polenc Gloria, Many Moods of Christmas, Rutter Carols and more, 5:30 p.m., 800 W. Texas, Midland, 684-7821. Free.

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: HANDS-ON EXHIBIT: Geometry in Our World, hands-on activities and real-world applications introduce the mathematical study of shape and space. Through Dec. 30. Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri, Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5 p.m. 683-2882. Free.

Gallery 1114: EXHIBIT: Diverse Connections, a collaboration by pairs of non-member and member artists, 2-5 p.m. Exhibit runs through January 9, 1114 N. Big Spring St., Thurs.-Sun. 1-5 p.m. or by appointment, 685-9944. Free admission.

Midland College: PERFORMANCE: On Stage at Chaparral Center: "Riders in the Sky, A Christmas Celebration," 7:30 p.m., Al G. Langford Chaparral Center, 3600 N. Garfield, 685-4584. Admission charged. EXHIBIT: McCormick Gallery, Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield, Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m., call 685-4500. Free.

Midland Community Theatre: COMEDY: "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," through December 20, 2 p.m., Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley, 682-4111 or 570-4011. Admission charged.

Midland County Historical Museum: EXHIBIT: La Salle Shipwreck Excavation, 301 W. Missouri, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 2-5 p.m., call 682-2931 or 688-8947. Free.

Midland County Historical Society: HISTORIC HOME: Z. Taylor Brown-Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland, 213 N. Weatherford, guided tours give fine capsule of Midland County History - open by appointment, call 682-2931. Free. Also available for weddings and other special occasions.

Midland Festival Ballet: PERFORMANCE: "The Nutcracker," accompanied by the Midland-Odessa Symphony, 2:30 p.m., Lee High School Auditorium, 3500 Neely, 520-6252. Admission charged.

Museum of the Southwest: CHRISTMAS AT THE MANSION: Annual fund-raiser continuing through Jan. 2. Attractions include carolers, cookies and punch, Santa Claus, train exhibit and Christmas gift shop. Childrenís hour from 3:30-4:30 p.m. each Tuesday during December. Train tickets $3, free to children under 2. Free admission. EXHIBIT: Frances T. Martin, Eclectic Visions: Contemporary Artists Series, through Dec. 27. EXHIBIT: ìLasting Impressions: Thomas Hart Benton,î 66 works including drawings and watercolors of American scenes. Through Dec. 30. EXHIBIT: Audubonís Texas Animals, through Dec. 30. EXHIBIT: In the Third Dimension: Sculpture from the Museumís Collection, through Jan. 15, 1999. 1705 W. Missouri, Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5 p.m. 683-2882. Free.

Odessa Art Association: 4909 E. University, San Miguel Square, Odessa, call 915 362-7988. Free.

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Permian Basin Petroleum Museum: HANDS-ON EXHIBIT: Earthquirks, introducing visitors to natural disasters, through Dec. 31. Group tours available. SUNDAY RIG TOURS: tours of the modern drilling rig, 2:30-4:30 p.m., weather permitting, a docent will be at the site near Interstate 20 to explain the rig for no additional charge, 1500 West I-20, Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5p.m., call 683-4403. Admission charged.

Permian Playhouse: PERFORMANCE: "A Christmas Carol," 2:30 p.m., 310 W. 42nd St., Odessa, 550-5456. Admission charged.

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University of Texas of the Permian Basin: EXHIBIT: Freshman-Sophomore Exhibit, through January 24. Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 1-5 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m., Third Floor Gallery, 4901 E. University, Odessa, call 552-2806. Free.

White Pool House: TRAVELING EXHIBIT: Reach for the Sky. Tuesday, 12-3 p.m., Wednesday-Saturday 10-3 p.m. 112 E. Murphy St, Odessa, 915 333-4072. Free.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

The Haley Library and History Center: SHOW AND SALE: Annual Christmas Miniature Art Show and Sale, featuring original Southwestern fine art, bronzes as well as paintings, through December 23, 1805 W. Indiana. Open Mon-Fri 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 682-5785. Free.

Midland Fine Arts Center: SHOW: First Annual Arts Center Youth Competition, grades 7-12, all Junior High, Freshmen, Sr. High, and Coleman schools, through Dec. 22. 921 W. Wadley, 687-4924. Free.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

The Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin: VIDEO PRESENTATION: "A Winter Tour of England," held on Wednesdays at noon, during a sack lunch, featuring art and history of England. First video is ìQueen Maryís Doll House.î 4909 E. University, Odessa. 550-3811. Free for members, with suggested $2 donation for non-members. Drinks available.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

Midland Community Theatre: COMEDY: "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," through December 20, 8 p.m., Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley, 682-4111 or 570-4011. Admission charged.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

Marian Blakemore Planetarium: SKY SHOW: Light Years in Andromeda, 7:30 p.m. 1705 W. Missouri, 683-2882. Admission charged, free for Museum of the Southwest members.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

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Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale: CONCERT: Chamber Series: Lone Star Brass Quintet, 8 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas, Midland, 563-0921. Admission charged.

Museum of the Southwest: CHRISTMAS AT THE MANSION: Features include carolers, gift shop and cookies and punch from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., model train exhibit from 10 a.m.-8 p.m., and Santa from 1-5 p.m., as well as events at the Childrenís Museum including story hour from 2-3 p.m., and crafts and games from 3-4 p.m., 1705 W. Missouri, 683-2882. Train tickets $3, free to children under 2. Free admission.

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BRASS: Quintet's members have mutual admiration for one another

(From 1E)

self to this month. "I'm taking it one day at a time."

Ms. Deats, who teaches at Midland College and Trinity School, also finds the engagements and being busy during this most hectic of seasons "really wonderful because you're helping other people celebrate their Christmas and bringing a lot of pleasure to their lives."

This coming weekend, classical selections and season favorites will share "A Lone Star Christmas" venue when the brass quintet, an ensemble of the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale, Inc., performs at 8 p.m. Saturday at First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave., and at 2 p.m. Dec. 20 at the Ellen Noel Art Museum, Odessa.

"We knew we wanted to do some very traditional festive sounding music so we tried to pick selections that would please the audience but also please us as musicians and performers," trumpeter Jana Galloway said of the program.

For the dual concerts, the Lone Star Brass will perform the first movement of Vivaldi's Concerto for Two Trumpets and "Winter" from "The Four Seasons," Calvert's "Suite from the Monteregian Hills," based on French-Canadian folk songs, a variety of traditional and jazzy holiday selections and Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker Suite."

"Everybody knows all the melodies," trumpeter Mike Santorelli said of the choice of "The Nutcracker Suite." "Every single one of those melodies are so well known now they are almost like popular music especially this time of year when they are even more dominant in the music scene."

Program decisions are made through the combined efforts of all members. The process of selection includes, Stiles said, "A lot of input from everyone as far as what we could do. We will play through a tune. 'Well, do we want to try and incorporate this? Maybe we want to use this on a different concert?'

"We may play through 40 tunes and then we decide what would be good. We par it down and we par it down until we decide. We always think about the audience that we're playing. We always try to predict what the audience would like. We want them to be interested."

Tickets for "A Lone Star Christmas" are $10 general admission, $9 for seniors and $5 for students. Music students may sign at the door for a free ticket. For more information call the Symphony office, 563-0921.

For Santorelli, the veteran member who is now in his 15th season with the quintet, "It's been a long time and a lot of people, a lot of miles." Of the current mix of musicians, he said, "We were real happy with the combination of sound from the beginning so when you're working on your second season, you're working more on music and blend is already there."

Ms. Deats, now in her third season with the quintet, called the stability "fantastic because we haven't had to adjust to any changes in personnel and all five of us get along very well together. We all have the same goal; we all want to do well."

Ms. Galloway also was pleased with the stability this season brings to the quintet's performances. "Coming back for our second year and having all the same people return" presents "a sense of stability knowing what the other people are going to do in a performance situation and how they are going to play and what you need to do to blend and match with them. We're playing better than ever."

Audiences have noticed the quality of the quintet's performances, said Santorelli, a principal player with the symphony as are the other Lone Star Brass members. "We've had a lot of comments from the places we've played about how well the quintet is sounding."

Members attribute part of the success of the quintet to the mutual-admiration they feel for one another.

"I would like for us to stay together for an indefinite amount of time," said Ms. Galloway, who earned a master of trumpet performance from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and teaches in the Ector County Independent School District. "We're all very different personalities, which is what I think it takes to make a group work because we all bring such unique ideas to our group."

"We really get along with one another very well," said Stiles, who teaches at Trinity School. "And in my experience, that's somewhat unusual. Usually there's someone in the group that no one likes. But we work very well together. As far as the future goes, if we could all hang together, I would be tickled pink with that."

"Even if I didn't play with these people, they would still be good friends," said Hale, who previously performed with the ensemble Top Brass and has played with such performers as Bob Hope, Jim Nabors and Milton Berle. "And I've played in groups before and toured with people who if I had not been associated with them, they would not have been my friends.

"These people are friends. We're all friends with each other. That's neat. Really is unusual. This is the first time I've seen it, and I've been playing the trombone for 26 years."

Georgia Temple is the Arts & Entertainment writer for the Reporter-Telegram.

About the Players

Carol Deats is in her third season with the Lone Star Brass and is principal horn with the Midland-Odessa Symphony, the Abilene Philharmonic and the Big Spring Symphony. She graduated Magna Cum Laude with degrees in Horn Performance and Music Education from the Philadelphia College of the Performing Arts, earned a Master's in Performance at the Eastman School of Music, and is a doctoral candidate at Texas Tech University. She teaches at Midland College and Trinity School and has in the past served on the faculties of Penn State University, Penn State University at du Bois and Bucknell University.

Native Texan **Jana Galloway** is in her second season as a member of the LSB and as co-principal trumpet for the MOS. Ms. Galloway also performs with other area symphonies and teaches for the Ector County Independent School District. She received a Bachelor of Music Education degree from The University of Texas at Austin and a Master of Trumpet Performance degree from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Ted Hale has been principal trombone in the MOS and the LSB for two years. He also performs with other area orchestras and teaches at MC, Odessa College and in the ECISD. Hale enjoys arranging and performing jazz music and received a degree in Jazz Performance from Capital University, Columbus, Ohio, completed a Master's in Trombone Performance at the University of Hartford in Connecticut and a Doctorate at Indiana University. He previously performed with Top Brass and has played with such performers as Bob Hope, Jim Nabors and Milton Berle.

Michael J. Santorelli is in his 15th year of teaching in the Midland Independent School District, playing principal trumpet with the MOS and performing with the LSB. He also is trumpet instructor at MC and performs as principal trumpet with the Big Spring Symphony and the San Angelo Symphony Orchestra. Santorelli received an associate degree from Onondaga Community College, Syracuse, NY, and after studying at Berklee College in Boston, completed a Bachelor of Music Education degree at Murray State University and Master of Music degree from the University of Louisville in Kentucky. A frequent soloist with area symphonies, Santorelli performed in St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican City earlier this year. Before coming to Midland, he played principal trumpet with the Chamber Orchestra of the Northwest, the Autonoma Orchestra and the Guadalajara Symphony of Mexico. He also taught at the universities of Guadalajara and Colima while living in Mexico.

Eric Stiles is in his second year as principal tuba with the LSB and the MOS. Stiles, who graduated from Northwestern University in Chicago with a bachelor of Music Education degree, taught in Illinois and Georgia prior to coming to the Permian Basin. He teaches at Trinity School and also privately in Midland and Odessa.

Texas author disputes Billy the Kid legend

By Larry Swindell
N.Y. Times News Service

In legend and song, one William Bonney — Billy the Kid to you — killed 20 or 21 or 22 men. How many was it, really?

"Four," snaps Willard Ballow, pleased to have a question that he can answer at some length.

"There may have been more, but only four killings have been proved." It was a convenience, Ballow implies, to pin just about any unsolved murder during New Mexico's fabled, notorious Lincoln County range war of 1880-81 on Billy the Kid.

Willard Ballow, a bantam of a man with wispy white hair, at 68 resembles a slick riverboat gambler or perhaps a more raffish hustler. He is inhaling satisfaction, fulfillment, redemption, for now he is an author. More than that, he is a revisionist historian.

The creator of "Billy the Kid: A Graphic History" is a native and lifelong resident of Weatherford High School Class of 1949. He was in that kid cycle that romanticized the old Wild West by playing cowboy — with or without Indians, but always with desperate hombres. At his own insistence, he was always Billy the Kid in those skirmishes.

"Always fascinated by him, long as I can remember," Ballow says.

Most people shelve their childhood fascinations when they "grow up," but Ballow claims never to have grown up so completely, and his interest in Billy the Kid intensified over the years. Researching Billy's life became first a hobby, then an obsession, long before there was any notion of a book.

"It was 10 or 12 years ago that it struck me I really was going to write a book," he says. "It was slow going for a time, but then in 1993 I retired (after 42 years in the art department of the company that evolved into General Dynamics), and I really got busy on it."

His investigation was not confined to old newspapers and other library resources, or even to interviews with descendants of those who knew or were crossed by William Bonney. He has, of course, read every existing account of Billy and the Lincoln County War, and has seen "The Outlaw" and other movies, which always display someone prettier than Billy really was. But Ballow literally hit the trail, or the trails — all of them — tracking the Kid's rather extensive odyssey in the western reaches of the Southwest frontier.

One immediately senses in Willard Ballow a romantic disposition that is anchored in an Old West not inhabited exclusively by Billy the Kid. Ballow is also keenly knowledgeable about Jesse and Frank James and perhaps other notorious outlaws and gunfighters. But he has no literary aspirations beyond the disarming book that he wrote, illustrated and essentially designed.

"Texas A&M wanted to publish the book, but I wasn't pleased about the royalty they offered," he says. Reminded that the stated royalty was standard, Ballow grins and says: "Well, I knew that. Maybe I just needed to have control, which I wouldn't have had if anyone but myself was the publisher."

Ballow's "Billy the Kid" is an altogether smart job of book-making, and his illustrations are as captivating as they are professional. As a free-lance artist, Ballow has illustrated for "True West, Frontier Times" and other magazines.

'I leave it to the reader to make his own judgment about Billy. When he killed his first man, the fellow was a loudmouth who sort of asked for it; but that set the pattern for a good boy to go wrong.'

— Willard Ballow, Weatherford author

He found in Fort Worth the resources — mainly Leway Composing and Westbridge Printing Services — for assuring first-rate production of an oversized, horizontal book to be looked through and read.

So how about it, Willard — what was Billy the Kid really like?

"I leave it to the reader to make his own judgment about Billy," Ballow says. "When he killed his first man, the fellow was a loudmouth who sort of asked for it; but that set the pattern for a good boy to go wrong."

The "good boy" is a revelation in Ballow's well-documented text. The New York-born Bill Bonney was a surprisingly sophisticated young man, schooled in social graces and quite literate. He was even in demand as a singer for social occasions.

And perhaps he truly was wronged. Ballow writes that Billy was promised a pardon if he would give testimony in a case. Billy kept his part of the bargain, but the other side reneged. The governor in question — an important figure in Billy's story — was Lew Wallace, former Union general in the Civil War, whose "Ben-Hur" was published at the time of the Lincoln County War.

Billy the Kid was eventually captured, convicted of murder and sentenced to hang. He broke out of jail but was tracked down and killed by Pat Garrett — the sheriff who, by many accounts, was a former friend of the Kid. Ballow isn't sure.

"They probably knew each other, because at different times they were in the same places," he says, "but there's nothing to indicate they were buddies or even well-acquainted. One thing I'm sure of, though: They made Pat Garrett sheriff for the sole purpose of killing Billy."

William Bonney was slain before reaching age 22. Ballow may believe that his narrative of Billy's grim misadventures is "objective," and it may well be that. But the reader is swayed in Billy's favor, liking as well as pitying him, without condoning the Old West violence that consumed him.

Publication of Ballow's "graphic history" has been a splashy event in Weatherford, reflecting local glory on its author and instilling pride in Wanda Ballow — Willard's wife for 47 years — and their daughters Vickie, Jacque and Tammie.

"I think he's happy for them," attests Leway Composing's John Hoover, who runs interference for Ballow on the promotion route. "Willard wants people to read his book for what they can learn about Billy the Kid, not what they can learn about himself. He's totally without ego."

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✔ The Week Ahead

Arts and Entertainment opportunities in the Permian Basin Dec. 13-19

Sunday

✔Christmas shows

■ **Riders in the Sky** will bring "A Christmas Celebration" to Midland College's Chaparral Center for the second performance in the facility's concert series today. Show time is 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are $19 for adults, $16 for seniors and students and $10 for children ages 1-12. They may be purchased at the center's Door No. 3 today beginning at 1 p.m. For more information call 685-4584.

■ In celebration of the third Sunday of Advent, the combined choirs of **St. Luke's United Methodist Church** will present Benjamin Harlan's "A Candlelight Christmas" at 7:30 p.m. today in the Fellowship Hall, 3011 W. Kansas Ave.

The cantata will focus on "Promise of the Light," "Coming of the Light," "Proclaiming the Light" and "Sharing the Light." The choirs are directed by Bert W. Bostic, minister of program and music, and accompanied by members of the Midland-Odessa Symphony. The cantata will be narrated by Paul Bauernfiend, intern at St. Luke's UMC.

A reception will be held in the foyer of the church following the program. Handbell music will be provided by the Joy Ringers, Youth Bells and Chapel Bells.

The church's senior pastor, the Rev. Richard W. Edwards, invites the public to attend.

■ ODESSA — The Kaleidoscope Company of **Permian Playhouse** is presenting "A Christmas Carol."

Production dates and times are today and Dec. 19 and 20 at 2:30 p.m. and Dec. 18 and 19 at 8 p.m. Tickets are $5. Season memberships are on sale for $15. For reservations call 550-5456 between noon and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The company, the Playhouse's youth performing troupe, will present the story with 10 actors playing 30 roles.

■ SAN ANGELO — The **San Angelo Symphony** will present its Hirschfeld Steel Christmas Concert at 2 p.m. Dec. 13 in the City Auditorium. The box office opens at 1:15 p.m.

This year's Christmas concert features the symphony, the chorale, the Singing Boys and soloists Colleen Mallotte and Eldon Black. They will perform excerpts from the "Nutcracker," Corelli's "Christmas Concerto" Fantasia on "Greensleeves," highlights from "The Messiah," Anderson's "Sleigh Ride" and a Christmas sing-a-long.

The symphony also is selling its 50th anniversary commemorative Christmas ornaments.

Ticket prices are $10 for adults, $6 for students and $4 for children. For more information call the symphony office, (915) 658-5877.

Monday

✔Christmas shows

■ **Lee High School's Choral department** is presenting "Festival of Yule" at 7:20 p.m. Dec. 14 in First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave.

The public is invited to attend this Christmas concert.

■ The **Nita Stewart Haley Library and J. Evetts Haley History Center,** 1805 W. Indiana Ave., is hosting a Christmas Miniature Art Show and Sale until Dec. 23.

Participating artists include Joe Abbrescia, Wayne Baize, David Ballew, Dan Bodelson, Terry Burleson, Rose Ann Day, Valoy Eaton, Glenna Goodacre, Veryl Goodnight, George Hallmark, Burton Hands, Robert Kuester, Jay Moore, Don Ray, Bill Nebeker, Mary Beth Schwark, Richard Thompson, James Trigg and Garland Weeks.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information call 682-5785.

✔Competition

Midland Fine Arts Center and Gallery is hosting its "First Annual Arts Center Youth Competition" exhibition of work by Midland Independent School District students in grades seven through 12.

Awards went to, in the junior high division, first place overall in color, Joe Henry Torres; first place overall in black and white, Travis Clemmer; second place overall in color, Jerrod Johnson; second place overall in black and white, Aaron Manley; third place overall in color, Mark Troschinetz; and third place overall in black and white, Aaron Manley.

Awards in the high school division went to, first place overall in color, Ragen Hignojos; first place overall in black and white, Lindsey Lambillottes; second place overall in color, Erik Munos; second place overall in black and white, Lindey Magers; third place overall in color, Amber Bounds; and third place overall in black and white, Thais Watson.

The works can be viewed Monday through Friday between 3:30 and 6:30 p.m.

✔Live entertainment

ODESSA — Chelsea Street Pub and Grill presents live entertainment Monday through Saturday.

No cover is charged. Acts include Electric Gypsies, Dec. 16-19; Allan Mayes, Dec. 21=23; and Cheshire Cat, Dec. 26 and Dec. 28-Jan. 2.

For more information call (915) 368-0949. After mall hours, entrance is from the outside.

Tuesday

✔Weekend benefit

The Midland Symphony Guild is celebrating its 36th year as a support for the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale, Inc. The Guild's annual Gala Weekend benefit, known as February Fantastique, is set for Feb. 19-20 in the ClayDesta Atrium.

Individuals and companies interested in sponsoring the event need to notify the Guild by Dec. 15 to have their name included on the Gala Weekend invitation. For more information call the symphony, 563-0921.

The black-tie event Feb. 19, which for the third year is alcohol-free, will feature the New York troupe Le Masquerade, with its Broadway musical repertoire, an elaborate senior belle presentation and a dinner buffet.

The gala brunch, highlighted with the freshman belle introduction, will be Feb. 20 and will feature a style show by Julian Gold. Guests also will have the opportunity to participate in a Beanie Babies Silent Auction.

Wednesday

✔Museum tour

ODESSA — The Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin, 4909 E. University, is offering a "Winter Tour of England" through art and history during a sack lunch at noon on Wednesdays.

The first video, which will be shown Wednesday, is "Queen Mary's Doll House. Presented to Queen Mary in 1924, this amazing miniature mansion was designed by the architect Sir Edwin Lutyens and includes Chippendale chairs and a handwritten book of poems. other videos in the series include "Christmas at Ripon Cathedral," Dec. 23; "The Story of English Furniture I," Dec. 30; "the Story of English Furniture II," Jan. 6; "Great Houses of Britain I: Scotland and the North," Jan. 13; "Great Houses of Britain II: Wales and the Midlands," Jan. 20; "Great Houses of Britain IV: London and the West," Jan. 27; and "Six English Towns," Feb. 3.

Coffee, ice and water will be provided. Soft drinks are 50 cents. This program is free for museum members with a suggested donation of $2 for non-members.

Also, the art museum has two exhibits up through the holidays.

"ZOOillogicals" by Chica Brunsvold stays through Feb. 14. The exhibit is funded in part by Permian Basin Child's Play, Inc., and the Connoisseurs, as is "Enchanted Light" by Ray Howlett, which remains until Feb. 14.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. No admission is charged.

Thursday

✔Group to perform

The Cadillac Vodoo Choir plays the Press Box here Thursday and Friday and Bob's in Abilene Saturday. Showtime here is 10 p.m.

The group — latest CD "Boomtown Flood" on Matchbox Records — has Southern roots, a dose of gospel, utilizes five-part harmonies and plays rhythm and blues. The Cadillac Vodoo Choir plays 200-plus shows a year, including performing at SXSW.

Friday

Christmas play

Midland Community Theatre is presenting "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" through Dec. 20 in Davis Theatre One at Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.

Co-produced by Pioneer Natural Resource Company and rated G, the Christmas special is based on Barbara Robinson's book, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." The drama tells the story of an annual Christmas pageant which appears to fall into the wrong hands.

Written by the author, the play, like the book, has narrator Beth Bradley recounting a special event in her young life, one which involved her mother taking over the annual Christmas pageant at the last minute only to have the roughest kids in town, the Herdmans, sign up for the production.

Tickets are $12 with rates available for students, seniors and groups. For reservations call 682-4111 or 570-4011.



Juried art exhibition planned

Midland Arts Association Spring Juried Art Exhibition is set for the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave., March 12-April 10. Slides for entry are due by Jan. 18.

Juror for the show will be Kathleen Cook, an elected signature member of the Pastel Society of America. An opening reception for the show is set for 7 to 9 p.m. March 12. Cash awards of $2,500 will be presented at that time by the juror.

The prospectus for entry to this show has been mailed to MAA members and surrounding art associations. Three slides may be entered for an entry fee of $25 for MAA members and $30 for non-members.

Contact Mary Tucci or Karen Raymond at 699-3209 or 694-1377 for more information or write to the MAA, P.O. Box 4252, Midland, Texas 79704 for the prospectus and entry form. This exhibition is partially supported by the Texas Commission on the Arts and the Arts Assembly of Midland.

Ms. Cook will present a "Still Life in Pastel" workshop at the Palette Club March 10-12.

The three-day workshop will explore the finer points of making still life paintings

The workshop is designed for the beginner and the advanced artists.

An advance registration fee of $175 is due by Feb. 10. Workshop co-chairs are Marie Marinovich and Doris Spires. For more information on the workshop, call Ms. Marinovich, 699-7136, or write MAA at the address above.

Saturday

✔Live broadcast

Verdi's "La Traviata" will be broadcast live from the stage of the Metropolitan Opera House at 12:30 p.m. Central time Saturday over the Texaco-Metropolitan Opera International Radio Network.

The broadcast can be heard locally on KCRS.

The cast will include Patricia Racette as Violetta, tenor Marcelo Alvarez of Argentina in his Met broadcast debut as Alfredo Germont and Vladimir Chernov as Alfredo's father, Giorgio Germont. Carlo Rizzi will conduct.

The announcer for the broadcast will be Peter Allen.

This season's new production, which had its premiere last month, is by Franco Zeffirelli, who also designed the sets, with costumes by Raimonda Gaetani, lighting by Duane Schuler and choreography by Maria Benitez.

"Opera News on the Air," heard during the first intermission, will begin with an interview of Zeffirelli by Met Opera Guild lecturer Bridget Paolucci. Four-time Tony Award-winning playwright Terrence McNally will follow with a segment called "Singers I Never Heard."

Panelists for "Texaco's Opera Quiz," heard during the second intermission, will be McNally, Pulitzer Prize-winning music critic Tim Page, and noted author, lecturer and translator William Weaver. Pulitzer Prize-winning music critic Martin Bernheimer will be the moderator.

Midlanders in the News

Works displayed

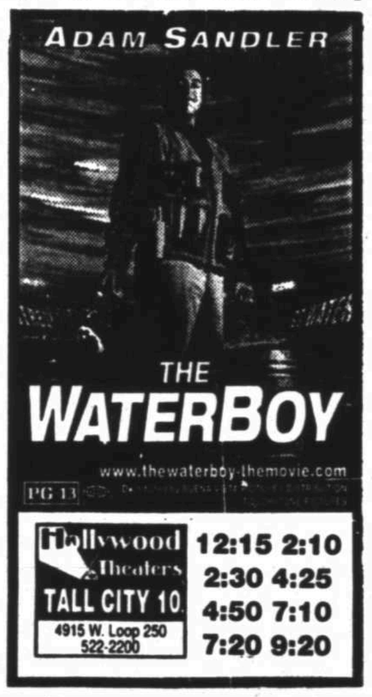
The works of Laurie Huff are on display at the Barnes & Noble Booksellers Cafe this month. Ms. Huff works in watercolor, oil and mixed media. She is a member of the Midland Arts Association and a candidate this month for a bachelor of arts degree from The University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

Registration Required

✔Entries accepted

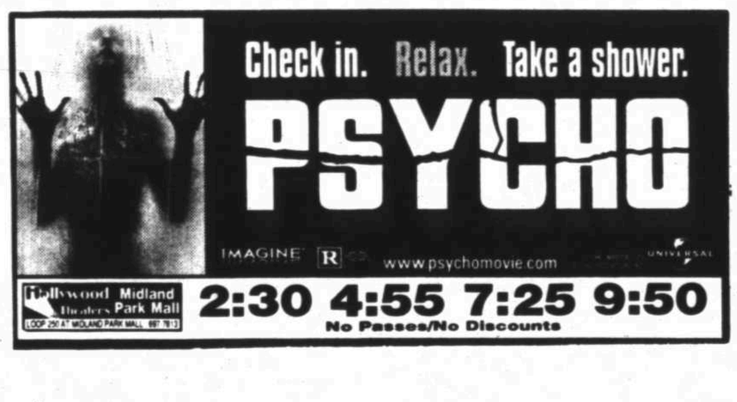
The Arts Assembly of Midland is accepting entries for artists booths at the 16th annual Celebration of the Arts set for May 14-16.

A total of 70 artists will be chosen to display and sell their art at the three-day spotlight on the arts. Artists can have booths inside Midland Center of outside on Centennial Plaza. For more information or an entry brochure call 687-1149.

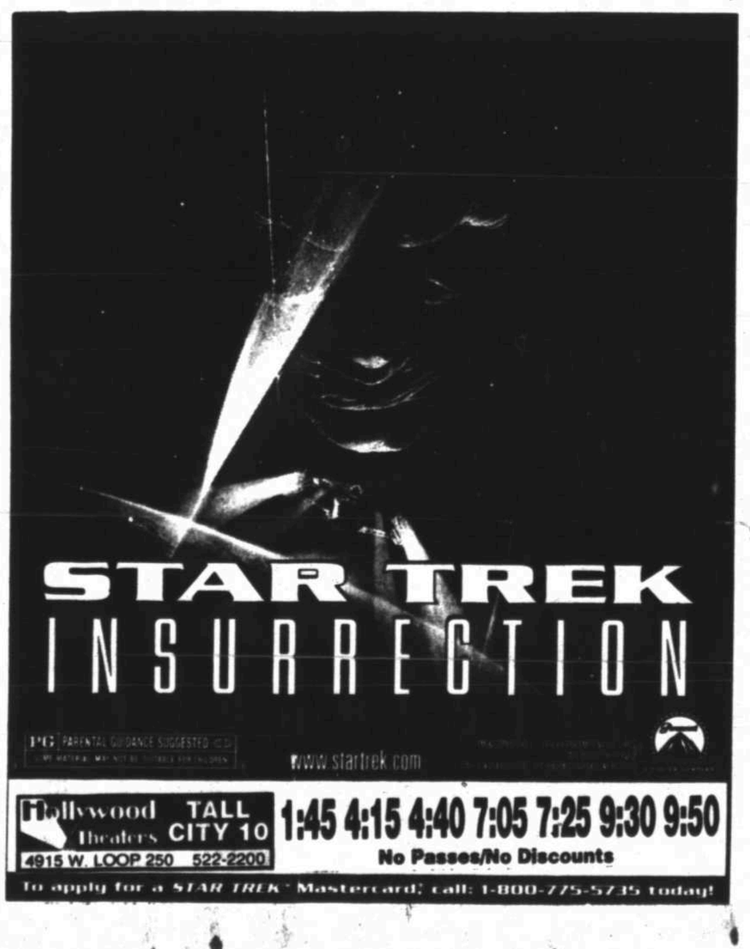
















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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed proposals addressed to the Honorable Mayor and City Council of Midland, Texas, will be received at the office of the City Secretary, City Hall, Midland, Texas, until 2:00 P.M., December 29, 1998, for furnishing all necessary materials, machinery, equipment, superintendence, and labor for providing janitorial services and maintenance. These services are contained in the specifications entitled, "City of Midland, Texas, Midland International Airport, Janitorial Services and Maintenance Contract", dated December 1998.

Immediately following the closing time for receipt of bids, proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.

The items of work included in the Contract consist of the following facilities: (1) Terminal Building, and (2) LaForce Office Center. The work will also include other miscellaneous materials, equipment, machinery, superintendence and labor as required in the performance of Janitorial Services & Maintenance Contract.

A bid proposal guaranty is to accompany the bid, thereby guaranteeing the good faith of the bidder and that the bidder will enter the written Contract. The guaranty is in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the required amount of the performance bond and must be in the form of cash or certified check, issued by a bank satisfactory to the City of Midland, or a bid bond. If in the form of cash or certified check, it is hereby expressly understood and agreed the City of Midland is given the right to retain liquidated damages if such bidder withdraws its bid anytime after bid is opened and before official rejection of bid; or, if successful in securing the award thereof, such bidder fails to enter the Contract and furnish a satisfactory performance bond and payment bond. If a bid bond is submitted, it shall be executed on forms contained in these Contract documents by a corporate surety authorized to do business in the State of Texas, acceptable to the City of Midland, and accepted according to the latest list of companies holding certificates of authority from the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States of America. Proposals submitted without bid guaranty in the form of cash, certified check or bid bond equal to five percent (5%) of the required amount of the performance bond will not be considered.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond and payment bond each in the amount which equals one-third (1/3) of the total cost of the three (3) year contract, written by a responsible surety company authorized to do business in the State of Texas, and satisfactory to the Owner.

All lump sums and other applicable prices must be stated in both script and figures. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating the prices in the bids, the Owner reserves the right to consider the most advantageous contract thereof, or to reject the bid. Unreasonable or "unbalanced" prices will authorize the Owner to reject the bid.

Bidders are expected to inspect all buildings (facilities) of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

This Contract is NOT and AIP project. Although the successful bidder is required to adhere to Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended, as to the equal opportunity clause contained in these specifications, the Bidder must supply all the information required by the proposal form.

In all areas of employment, women and men will be afforded equal opportunity for employment. The employment of women shall not diminish the standards or requirements for the employment of minorities.

This Contract is subject to Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action, Minority Business Enterprise Contract Provisions, and other requirements stated in the Instructions to Bidders and other sections applicable to the Contract specifications and documents.

All bidders and proposers shall make good faith efforts to contract to small business concerns owned and controlled by socially economically disadvantaged individuals (DBE). In the event that the bidder for this solicitation qualifies as DBE, the Contract goal shall be deemed to have been met. The apparent successful bidder (proposer) will be required to submit information concerning the DBE's that will participate in the Contract. The information will include the name and address of each DBE, a description of the work to be performed by each named firm, and the dollar value of the contract (subcontract). If the bidder fails to achieve the Contract goals as stated herein, it will be required to provide documentation demonstrating that it made good faith efforts in attempting to do so. A bid that fails to meet these requirements will be considered non-responsive.

A Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled for Thursday, December 17, 1998, at 2:00 P.M. in the Airport Media Room at Midland International Airport. The purpose of the Pre-Bid Conference is to give all interested bidders the opportunity to review and present any questions they may have pertaining to this contract.

Information for bidders and bid packages are on file in the office of the Director of Airports, Midland International Airport, Midland, Texas 9506 LaForce Boulevard, Midland, Texas 79711; phone number (915) 560-2200.

THE CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS
Kaylah McCord
City Secretary

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(Maintenance Project)

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF TEXAS HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORK

Sealed proposals for the following projects: REMOVE AND REPLACE SMALL ROADSIDE SIGNS, Control No. 6028 70 001, estimate $128,201, guaranty $2,600, on SH 18 in PECOS county, BRIDGE SPALL REPAIR, Control No. 6028 71 001, estimate $43,930, guaranty $900, on IH 10 in PECOS county, MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY, Control No. 6028 72 001, estimate $185,728, guaranty $3,800, on IH 10 in PECOS county, MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY, Control No. 6028 73 001, estimate $87,968, guaranty $1,800, on US 285 in TERRELL county, MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY, Control No. 6028 74-001, estimate $113,952, guaranty $2,300, on IH 10 in PECOS county, REMOVE AND REPLACE TRAFFIC BUTTONS, Control No. 6031 68 001, estimate $19,709, guaranty $0, on IH 20 in MARTIN county, CULVERT CLEANING, Control No. 6031 69 001, estimate $50,025, guaranty $1,100, on SH 191 in MIDLAND county, MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY, Control No. 6031 70 001, estimate $144,273, guaranty $2,900, on IH 20 in MIDLAND county, MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY, Control No. 6031 71 001, estimate $125,378, guaranty $2,600, on IH 20 in MARTIN county, MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY, Control No. 6031 72 001, estimate $101,134 guaranty $2,100, on US 385 in UPTON county, RIP RAP, Control No. 6032 06 001, estimate $61,700, guaranty $1,300, on IH 20 in ECTOR county, LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE, Control No. 6032 08 001, estimate $14,400, guaranty $0, on US 385 in ANDREWS county, MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY, Control No. 6032 19 001, estimate $69,510, guaranty $1,400 on SH 302 in WINKLER county, MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY, Control No. 6032 20 001, estimate $60,369, guaranty $1,300, on IH 20 in REEVES county, MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY, Control No. 6032 22 001, estimate $45,392, guaranty $1,000, on IH 10 in REEVES county, MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY, Control No. 6033 21 001, estimate $67,117, guaranty $1,400, on IH 20 in WARD county, MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY, Control No. 6034 39 001, estimate $94,340, guaranty $1,900, on US 385 in CRANE county, and MOWING HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY, Control No. 6034 40 001, estimate $114,130, guaranty $2,300, on US 385 in ANDREWS county of the Odessa District will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation, 3901 East Highway 80, Odessa, Texas 79761, until 2:00 P.M., JANUARY 12, 1999, then opened and publicly read. Bidding proposals are available by calling the District Operations office of Charles E. Martin, 3901 East Highway 80, Odessa, Texas 79761, (915) 498-4640. Usual rights reserved.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Midland Independent School District is requesting bids on Chain Link Fencing for Midland Senior High School, Bid #9M-0011 addressed to Mr. James Riggen, AIA, Director of School Plant Services/ District Architect, 801 S. Moran, Building #1, Midland, TX 79701 will be received until 2:00 p.m. CST, December 18, 1998 at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained by calling (915) 689-1505.

SEALED PROPOSALS for Mesa Building Renovations at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, 401 East University Blvd., Odessa, Texas, will be received until 3:00 P.M. cst. Jahuary 14, 1999, in room 453 and then publicly opened and read.

Copies of the bid documents including specifications will be available will be available December 16, 1998 at the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Daniel Hart AIA, PE, 5214 Thomason Drive, Midland, Texas 79703, 915-697-1447, upon receipt of a $50.000 refundable deposit.

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NOTICE OF IMPOUNDMENT OF ESTRAY

NO. 98-09769
DATE 11-21-98

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KIND OF ANIMAL Emu
BREED Black & Tan
COLOR Black & Tan
SEX Unknown
AGE Unknown
SIZE 4ft.
BRAND, MARK, IDENTIFYING CHARACTERS NONE

AND ON THE 3 DAY OF DEC., 1998, I FILED A NOTICE OF ESTRAY IN THE ESTRAY BOOK OF MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS.

I HAVE MADE A DILIGENT SEARCH OF THE REGISTER OF RECORDED BRANDS IN MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS, FOR THE OWNER OF THE SAID ESTRAY, BUT THE SEARCH DID NOT REVEAL THE OWNER.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, IF THE OWNERSHIP OF SAID ESTRAY IS NOT DETERMINED BY THE 11th DAY OF DEC., 1998, SAID ESTRAY WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION / SHERIFF'S SALE AT 10:00 AM AT 4419 E. HWY 158.

WITNESS MY HAND THIS 3rd DAY OF DECEMBER, 1998.

GARY PAINTER, SHERIFF
MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS
J.D.STUARD, DEPUTY

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Texas Youth Commission through the Texas Department of Criminal Justice invites bids to perform Site Utilities Work at the West Texas State School, Pyote, Texas.

The work, in general, consists of: a) replacing water distribution system; b) replacing HVAC units at the Education Building and Gatehouse; c) installing additional site lighting; d) installing water softening system in the Cafeteria, Laundry and Mechanical Rooms; and e) drainage improvements. More specifically: replace and remove approximately 10,000 lf of deteriorated water distribution system piping with a new eight inch water distribution line and various sizes of lateral lines throughout the facility; water taps, isolation valves, building lateral lines, building shut-off valves, valve boxes, new fire hydrants and appurtenances necessary for a complete system. Some asbestos pipe abatement or encapsulation will be required depending on location. All existing lines will be abandoned in place or removed depending on location and possible interference with the new work. Remove four existing HVAC units in the Gatehouse and 15 existing units in the Education Building, including electrical service to the units and other appurtenances; installation of new units and new ductwork as necessary; new electrical service; new controls and wiring; restoration of disturbed finish surfaces. The new existing units will be interconnected with the existing fire alarm system and other controls. Install overhead pole lighting at street locations, pole lamp lighting along sidewalks complete with underground electrical service to each light; new disconnects, fuses, service entrances to the newest building and other appurtenances as required. Install a water softening system in the Cafeteria, Laundry and Mechanical Rooms in each building. It includes isolation valves, taps and all appurtenances required for a complete installation. Install fill to divert water in buildings to a swale which will hold the water for a period of time until evaporation, or in other instances, to drain water to an off site location; remove existing soils and relocate to other needed areas and sod to prevent new soil from washing off.

Bid documents can be obtained from: Jay Edwards, Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., 5214 Thomason Drive, Midland, Texas 79703, (915) 69-7-1447, fax number (915) 697-9758.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 1 p.m. on January, 1999 at the West Texas State School. Bids will be publicly opened at 2 p.m. on January 14, 1999 in the Blue Room of the Facilities Division located in the warehouse building of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Administrative complex (former Brown Oil Tool) on Spur 59 off of Highway 75 North, Huntsville, Texas.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of HENRY GUSTAVA STRIBLING, Deceased, were issued on December 3, 1998, in Cause No. P12,322, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to MARJORIE FAYE STRIBLING, Independent Executrix.

The mailing address of the Independent Executrix is:

C/O ALAN H. MEYERS
MORGAN, LEETON & MEYERS, P.C.
306 West Wall, Suite 700
Midland, Texas 79701

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to resent them within the time and in the manner prescribe by law.

DATED the 10th day of December, 1998.

MARJORIE FAYE STRIBLING, Independent Executrix of the Estate of HENRY GUSTAVA STRIBLING, Deceased.

By: ALAN H. MEYERS
or
MORGAN, LEETON & MEYERS, P.C.
306 West Wall, Suite 700
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ATTORNEYS FOR THE ESTATE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CODE THAT CREATIVE HOST SERVICES OF TEXAS, INC. HAS FILED APPLICATION WITH THE TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION SEEKING ISSUANCE OF MIXED BEVERAGE, MIXED BEVERAGE LATE HOURS, CATERER'S AND BEVERAGE CARTAGE PERMITS TO BE LOCATED AT 9506 LAFORCE BOULEVARD, MIDLAND, TEXAS. CREATIVE HOST SERVICES OF TEXAS, INC. IS OWNED BY CREATIVE HOST SERVICES, INC. WILLIAM CHRISTOPHER HARABIN IS THE SOLE OFFICER OF CREATIVE HOST SERVICES OF TEXAS, INC. SERVING AS ITS PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY.

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MIDLAND

WHEREAS by virtue of Writ of Execution issued out the District Court of Midland County, Texas, on the 5th day of October, 1998, in Cause No. CC08465, where Sutton Place George Townhomes Owners Association, Inc. was Plaintiff, and Faye Manning was Defendant, on a judgment rendered in said Court against Defendant and in favor of the said Plaintiff, for the sum of Six Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-One & 82/100 DOLLARS, with interest thereon at the rate of 10% per cent per annum, from date of judgment, together with all costs of suit; I did on the 24th day of November, 1998, at 2:00 o'clock P.M., levy upon the following described lots, tracts and parcels of land situated in Midland County, Texas, as the property of Faye Manning to-wit:

1.Apartment No. 81 and the space encompassed by the boundaries there of in Building Q, the apartment building.

2.Parking space No. 43 or spaces attributable thereto; and

3.An undivided 3.831% ownership interest in the general and limited common elements of the Condominium Apartment Project known as "Sutton Place George Townhouses" according to the declaration and exhibits attached thereto, dated December 15, 1977, recorded in Volume 1, Page 153, Condominium Records of Midland County, Texas; said apartment being situated on the project tract of land fully described in warranty deed from Sutton Place Venture, Inc., conveying said property to Michael D. Thaxton, reference to which is made for purposes of description and all other purposes.

and on the 5th day of January, 1999, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock A.M. and 4 o'clock P.M. on said day, at the courthouse door of said County, and I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of Faye Manning in and to said above described property.

Witness my hand this the 10th day of December, 1998

Gary Painter, Sheriff, Midland County, Texas
By Bill Stone, Deputy

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Midland Independent School District is requesting bids on Underground Irrigation System for Midland Freshman High School and Alamo Junior High School, Bid #9M-0012 addressed to Mr. James Riggen, AIA, Director of School Plant Services/ District Architect, 801 S. Moran, Building #1, Midland, TX 79701 will be received until 10:00 a.m. CST, December 22, 1998 at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained by calling (915) 689-1505.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Wyatt Tate Brady a/k/a/ Wyatte Tate Brady, Defendant in Execution on the judgment filed of record in the 219th District Court of Collin County, Texas, pursuant to the Uniform Enforcement of Foreign Judgment Ace in Cause No. 219-806-97 upon which a writ of Execution was issued by the Collin County District Clerk on December 8, 1998, on a judgment rendered in the District Court of Pontotoc County, Oklahoma on May 19, 1997 in favor of Mary D. Brady, Personal Representative of the Estate of Mary Estrada Brady in Cause No. C-94-104, is the owner of the following described oil and gas royalty interests in Midland County, Texas to be sold under said execution:

1/2 x 73.5% x 16.09/657.5 mineral interest in all of Section 8, Block 38, Township Two South, Survey T & P RR Co., Midland County, Texas;

1/2 x 2/64 - (14.5/1294.6) mineral interest in all of Section 31, Block 40, Township Two South, Survey T & P RR Co., Midland County, Texas;

1/2 x 2/64 - (14.5/1294.6) mineral interest in all of Section 43, Block 40, Township Two South, Survey S.A. Holcome, Midland County, Texas; and

1/2 x 73.5% x 3/128 royalty interest in all of Section 27, Block 37, Township Four South, Survey T & P RR Co., Midland County, Texas.

The above-described property belonging to the said Defendant in Execution was levied upon at 3:00 o'clock p.m. on the 10th day of December, 1998.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-described property will be offered for sale at the Midland County Courthouse Door, 200 West Wall Street, Midland, Midland County, Texas at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the 5th day of January, 1999, to satisfy the judgment referenced above.

WITNESS MY HAND this 10th day of December, 1998.

Gary Painter, Sheriff
Midland County, Texas

By: Bill Stone
Sheriff/Deputy Sheriff

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BID

Midland County Hospital District is accepting bids for the **DIAGNOSTIC AREA RENOVATIONS - HEART INSTITUTE** at Memorial Hospital and Medical Center.

Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. Lubbock, Texas on or after Wednesday, December 9, 1998. A deposit of $100.00 will be required. Deposits must be reclaimed within 90 days of the award of the contract with the return of the specifications and plans or the deposit will be forfeited.

A pre-bid conference is scheduled for Monday, December 21, 1998 at 2:00 PM in the Surgery Conference Room (3rd Floor) of Memorial Hospital. A tour of the proposed construction area will follow this conference. All interested General Contractors and Subcontractors are invited to attend.

ALL BIDS MUST BE SEALED AND LABELED #346-111798 ENCLOSED".

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UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL FAXED BIDS FROM BIDDERS BE ACCEPTED.

ALL BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF THE MATERIALS MANAGER BY 12:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1999.

ALL BIDS MUST BE PRICE PROTECTED UNTIL APRIL 11, 1999.

All bids will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Vendors will then be allowed to review the bids in the Purchasing Office according to the Policy/Procedure of Memorial Hospital and Medical Center. Midland County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities.

Director of Materials Management
Memorial Hospital District
Memorial Hospital and Medical Center
2200 West Illinois
Midland, Texas 79701

No bid which has been submitted or filed in response to this notice may be changed, amended, or modified by telegram or otherwise after the time noted above. A bid may be withdrawn, however, and resubmitted any time prior to the time set for receipt of bids.

A Bid Bond in an amount not less than five percent (5%) and a Performance Bond and Payment Bond in an amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price will be required by the Owner.

The successful bidder will be required to enter into a general contract with the Midland County Hospital District. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Bidders may obtain bid documents at the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. by contacting Mr. Kelby T. Sue:

4010 Avenue R
Lubbock, TX 79412
(806) 747-0161

Bidders may secure copies of the bid documents as follows:

1. General Contractor: A maximum to two sets from Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Engineers • Architects • Planners, 4010 Avenue R, Lubbock, Texas, upon deposit of $100.00 for each set. Deposits shall be Company check or cashiers check made payable to Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. Deposit is refundable as stipulated in the Instructions to Bidders.

2. All prime Mechanical and Electrical Subcontractors may obtain one complete set with a plan deposit of $100.00 per set. Deposit is refundable if returned as indicated above in item #1.

APPLICABLE GOVERNING LAWS AND REGULATIONS

In accordance with the Instructions to Bidders, all bidders must comply with State Labor Laws concerning wage rates.

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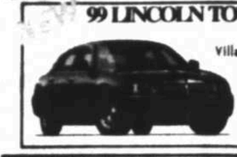
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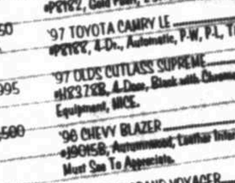
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FOUND, blonde female Lab, on Alpine & Illinois. 520-3835 or Pager 567-4998.

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LOST: Black male Lab/ Heeler mix. Tag #009167, "Highway", missing from 3600 Ohio. 561-9551, Bob.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of CAROL M. DePAUL Deceased, were issued on December 18, 1998, in Cause No. P12,312, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to ROLAND JOHN DePAUL, Independent Executor.

The mailing address of the Independent Executor is

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Midland, Texas 79701

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to resent them within the time and in the manner prescribe by law.

DATED the 10th day of December, 1998.

ROLAND JOHN DePAUL, Independent Executor of the Estate of CAROL M. DePAUL, Deceased.

By: ALAN H. MEYERS
or
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of E. RAY SMITH, JR., Deceased, were issued on November 5, 1998, in Cause No. P12,306, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to NORMA DELL TEETES and HAZEL JUANICE GALLON, Co-Independent Executrices.

The mailing address of the Co-Independent Executrices is

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to resent them within the time and in the manner prescribe by law.

DATED the 10th day of December, 1998.

NORMA DELL TEETES and HAZEL MARIE GALLON, Co-independent Executrices of the Estate of E. RAY SMITH, JR., Deceased.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the Clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after the service of this citation, a default judgment may be taken against you.

TO: DEFENDANT, CHRISTOPHER SCOTT DODSON

GREETINGS: You are commanded to appear and answer to the Plaintiff's Original Petition at or before 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two 42 days after the date of the issuance of this citation, being at or before 10:00 a.m. on Monday, the 25th day of January, 1999, before the County Court of Midland County, Texas at the Courthouse in Midland, Midland County, Texas. The Plaintiff is Midland American Bank. The Plaintiff's attorney is Harris E. Kerr, 500 W. Texas Avenue, Suite 1310, Midland, Texas 79701. The file number of said suit is CC-09113. The lawsuit alleges that Christopher Scott Dodson has failed to make timely payments due to Midland American Bank under the terms and provisions of a promissory note dated May 14, 1996.

If this Citation is not served within ninety (90) days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

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ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THIS COURT on this 9th day of December, 1998, at Midland County, Texas.

Vivian Wood, Clerk of the County Court at Law of Midland County, Texas

By: Gracie A. Corralez, Deputy

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF TEXAS

To Gerardo Del Rio Hernandez and to all whom it may concern, Respondent:

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 A.M. on the next the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served this citation and petition of Genevieve Irene Castaneda, Petitioner, was filed in the Court of Midland County, Texas, on June 30, 1998, against GERARDO DEL RIO HERNANDEZ, Respondent, numbered 32,183 and entitled "In the Interest of ANICIA IRENE HERNANDEZ, A CHILD." The suit requests to terminate the parent child relationship. The date and place of birth of the child who is the subject of the suit:

BIRTHPLACE: FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
BIRTH DATE: 8-17-95

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest

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which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity, and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Midland, Texas, this 8th day of December, 1998.

Vivian Wood
Clerk of the District Court of Midland County, Texas

By: Gracie A. Corralez
Deputy

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MIDLAND

WHEREAS by virtue of Writ of Execution issued out the District Court of Midland County, Texas, on the 20th day of October, 1998, in Cause No. CC09335, where Joe Canon was Plaintiff, and Jack Boyce dba The Ornamental Shop was Defendant, on a judgment rendered in said Court against Defendant and in favor of the said Plaintiff, for the sum of Five Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Three & 21/100 DOLLARS, with interest thereon at the rate of 10% per cent per annum, from date of judgment, together with all costs of suit; I did on the 4th day of December, 1998, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., levy upon the following described lots, tracts and parcels of land situated in Midland County, Texas, as the property of Jack Boyce dba The Ornamental

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Shop to-wit:

Block 3 Lot 1 less East 50' Bankhead Section 3 Midland County, Midland, Texas, being .539 Acres Located at 4003 W. Wall, Midland, Midland County, Texas

and on the 5th day of January, 1998, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock A.M. and 4 o'clock P.M. on said day, at the courthouse door of said County, and I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of Jack Boyce dba The Ornamental Shop in and to said above described property.

Witness my hand this the 9th day of December, 1998

Gary Painter, Sheriff, Midland County, Texas
By Bill Stone, Deputy

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CODE THAT CREATIVE HOST SERVICES OF TEXAS, INC. HAS FILED APPLICATION WITH THE TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION SEEKING ISSUANCE OF A WINE AND BEER RETAILER'S PERMIT TO BE LOCATED AT 9506 LAFORCE BOULEVARD, MIDLAND, TEXAS. CREATIVE HOST SERVICES OF TEXAS, INC. IS OWNED BY CREATIVE HOST SERVICES, INC. WILLIAM CHRISTOPHER HARABIN IS THE SOLE OFFICER OF CREATIVE HOST SERVICES OF TEXAS, INC. SERVING AS ITS PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY.

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Henry McElyea, W/M
Bob Ellwood, Sec.

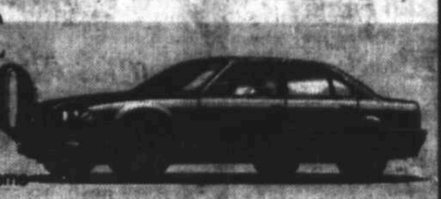
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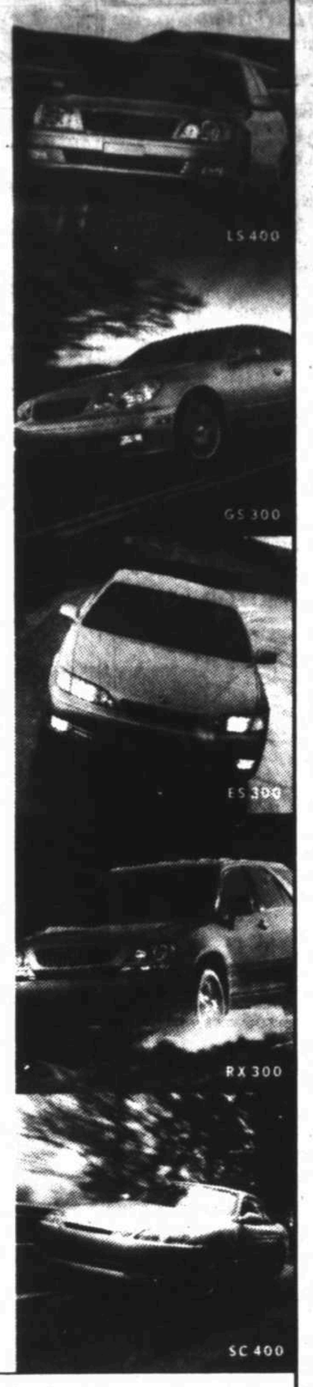
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Dear Mark & Dale:

I recently graduated with a degree in computer information systems. Unfortunately, I am scared out of my mind. I have no self-confidence. I am too self-righteous with the lack of confidence for my own good. The few interviews I have managed to set up were disasters. I recently talked to my mother about it, and all I did was upset her. She apparently is the same way. Is this just a lack of self-worth, or is it contagious? —Cara.

MARK: Lack of self-worth can be contagious, and it certainly does act like a disease. If it goes untreated, it will probably only get worse. Even if it somehow goes into remission, it will probably reappear in other ways.

DALE: Turns out that there may be a genetic component to what Cara and her mother are experiencing. Researchers in a new field called "evolutionary psychology" are arguing that much of our personalities is hard-wired into our brains as part of our evolution. Listen to this, from a recent Harvard Business Review article by Nigel Nicholson: "Genes for detachment and novelty avoidance have been found, which together appear to amount to shyness. It used to be assumed that shyness was induced entirely by environment if a shy person just tried hard enough he or she could become the life of the party. The same could be said of people who were highly emotional they could be coaxed out of such feelings. But again, research is suggesting that character traits such as shyness and emotional sensitivity are inborn."

MARK: So you take someone with a tendency to be withdrawn, add a disastrous interview or two, and you have a classic case of job-search anxiety. But that doesn't mean it's permanent. All over the world, people who have a fear of flying are getting on planes. It's important that Cara see her past interviews as a matter of being ill-prepared rather than an uncontrollable condition.

DALE: Yes, job-interviewing is just a skill. Like any skill, some people have more of a predisposition for it than others. Say your career depended on a game of ping -pong. Even if you weren't born with great coordination you'd practice and get better. Well, the job interview is just verbal ping -pong, where the object of the game is to keep the ball moving.

MARK: So, Cara, start doing practice interviews with friends. I'd skip Mom on this one, by the way. Then try to visit job fairs, where you'd have the chance to talk to several employers in one day. You'll build your skill and your confidence. And before long you'll get job offers. There's an old saying in my line of work, "It isn't necessarily the best person who gets hired; it's the person who is best prepared to get hired."

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Dear Mark & Dale:

I have a unique problem as I consider a job change. I'm self-employed. I took my marketing research company out of Milwaukee to follow my wife's career to Minneapolis. I intended to maintain my old clients while developing new ones. Most of my old clients have left me and the effort in Minneapolis is going slowly. I'm thinking of seeking employment. What do I tell prospective employers ? Should I be candid, or find a euphemism for what I did? Or even lie? —Cliff.

MARK: Before you throw in the entrepreneurial towel, I'd suggest some research. Hey, a survey . . . what a novel idea! Ask your old clients what went wrong, and ask your prospects what's missing. You may discover some problem you're not seeing.

DALE: And if the problems can't be solved, and you switch to job- searching, there's no need to lie, just a need to state the positive case. I wouldn't say, "I need a job because my company tanked." Instead, I'd say, a "I'd be more valuable to you because of all the experience of working with many companies." And then you'll be asked why you'd give up such great experience. And that's the time to fall back on your research on the advantages of corporate life: for example, the camaraderie, the resources, the chance to be part of successful products, and the special insight you bring from the outside.

MARK: Exactly. If you base your career decisions on your market research, you'll sound wise AND you'll be candid.

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Midland, TX 79707
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Fax: 915-689-0486

→NEW

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***Utilization Review/ Trauma Nurse Coordinator**

Mitchell County Hospital has an opening for an R.N. with strong clinical background. A.C.L.S. required for Trauma Nurse Coordinator position. Participation in R.A.C. meetings required. Computer literacy a must. Utilization Review component requires tact in dealing with members of the medical team and frequent contact with Third Party payors. good telephone skills helpful. Applications will be accepted at Mitchell County Hospital (915) 728-3431 extension 288. Contact Linda Mize, R.N. for interview.

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312 Professional Help Wanted

RED HOT

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Drug Screening Required • EOE

311 Medical Help Wanted

MEDICAL- Infusion Plus is seeking a highly motivated individual to do all aspects of Medicare B billing. Knowledge of DME/ RT and CMNs a must. Excellent compensation, 401K, vacation, holidays and insurance. Send resume to: Attn: Carol Herman, 501 Andrews Hwy., Midland, TX 79701 or fax to: 915-620-6675.

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RN/ HCA needed to make home visits. Home Health experience preferred. RN willing to participate in weekend rotation and on-call rotation. HCA willing to participate in weekend rotation. Please submit resume to: Total Home Health Care, 3300 N. A Street, Building 1, Suite 101, Midland, Texas 79705 or fax to (915)686-0460.

DENTAL ASSISTANT- experience necessary. Hours 9-6. Send resume to: P.O. Box 8560, Midland, TX 79708.

312 Professional Help Wanted

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We seek a professional to provide internal oil & gas evaluations to support loan-value requests for the Petroleum Engineering Staff.

Qualifications include a Bachelor's degree in Petroleum Engineering and 3+ years related oil & gas experience. Strong PC skills and excellent verbal/written communication skills are a must.

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Is seeking applicants for the position of Manager of Industrial Health & Safety. Applicants must have a minimum of 5 years of experience in Industrial Hygiene, OSHA compliance, Hazardous Waste Operations and Training. Send resume to: Waste Control Specialists, 1710 W. Broadway, Andrews, Texas 79714, Attention: Health & Safety Dept.

312 Professional Help Wanted

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INSTRUCTOR OF ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

NMSU- Carlsbad is a two year community college branch of NMSU- Las Cruces, accredited by the North Central Association and is advertising for a tenure track faculty position in Nursing (98-99 Position #4867) as Instructor of Assistant Professor beginning August 13, 1999. Salary range is $30,000- $32,000; Salary and rank commensurate with education and experience. Requires a minimum of an earned Masters degree in Nursing, a minimum of two years clinical experience and possession of, or eligibility for, current licensure to practice as a Registered Nurse in the state of New Mexico is required. Successful experience in teaching at the college level and clinical teaching experience in medical/ surgical nursing is preferred. The candidate must have excellent communication and interpersonal skills and a demonstrated commitment to the community college philosophy of education. In addition, the candidate must show an appreciation for and understanding of the unique needs of students in both academic and vocational disciplines. Candidates selected for interview should be prepared to demonstrate their teaching skills during the interview process. Successful candidates will be expected to assume those duties and responsibilities required of all faculty members, and must be prepared to teach evenings and on weekends, as needed. Normal instructional load is 15 credit hours per semester. Research is encouraged but not required. Review of applications will begin April 1, 1999 and continue until position is filled. Applicants must submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, unofficial college transcripts, and a list of three professional references (include titles, addresses, and daytime phone numbers). Successful candidates will be required to submit official college transcripts prior to hire. Address all applications and supporting documentation to: Dr. Rick Blackburn, Associate Provost for Instruction, New Mexico State University- Carlsbad, 1500 University Dr., Carlsbad, NM 88220. Phone inquiries should be directed to Ms. Pat Landreth, Administrative Assistant, NMSU-C, by phone (505)234-9211 or FAX (505)885-4951, Mondays-Thursdays, 8 am- 6 pm and Fridays until 5 pm. E-Mail address is plandret@cavern.nmsu.edu. A detailed position announcement is available upon request and will be sent to all applicants. NMSU- Carlsbad is an EEO/AA employer.

→NEW TODAY←

OFFICE TECHNICIAN IV

$2,061.00 to $2,649.00 Month

Under general supervision, performs skilled clerical and administrative office support related activities. Work is performed with latitude for use of initiative and independent judgment and usually involves some confidential and sensitive correspondence and communication. Reviews, prepares and negotiates program purchases and monitors contracts. Maintains contract records and process related work. Assists with building maintenance contracts and record keeping. Work requires contact with the middle and high- level managers, and requires contact with the public.

This position requires applicant to have four years clerical, secretarial or administrative experience. For a complete job description, other minimum qualifications and application, contact the nearest Texas Department of Transportation Office. Applications must be received by 5:00 pm on December 28, 1998. Work Location: Odessa, Texas (915-332-0501).

An applicant needing an accommodation in order to apply for this job may call the Human Resources Office at (915)332-0501 or the Employment Office at (512)416-2999. You may also call the Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) at (512)416-2977.

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- **Secretary**
- **Substance Abuse Counselors**
- **Counselor Interns**
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- **Cook**

For details call our Job Line 915-570-3424 or submit application to: PERMIAN BASIN COMMUNITY CENTERS, 401 E Illinois, Suite 400, Midland, TX 79701. EOE.



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Bachelor's degree in psychology, social work or related field or **BA in another field plus 2 years** experience in mental **health field**. Responsible for responding to mental health **crisis calls** for Law Enforcement, Emergency Room and **Crisis Hotline**. Obtain relevant history, assess needed intervention and initiate intervention services. This position will require a 5- day on, 5- day off rotation schedule. Salary $1,753 per month. for details call our job line 915-570-3424 or submit application to: PERMIAN BASIN COMMUNITY CENTERS, 401 E. Illinois, Suite 400, Midland, TX 79701. EOE.

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The City of Hobbs is accepting applications for the following positions:

Certified Police Officer
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Salary $10.54 per hour to $16.27 per hour DOE
Control Operator I- IV
Salary $9.98 per hour to $16.10 per hour DOE
Water Maintenance I- IV
Salary $7.86 per hour to $16.10 per hour DOE
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The City offers an excellent benefit package.

Apply: Personnel Department
City of Hobbs
300 N. Turner
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505-397-9230 (Voice)
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312 Professional Help Wanted

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PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR- The Child Development Center of First Presbyterian Church seeks a preschool director. Must possess excellent organizational and communication skills, be personable and meet or be able to meet Texas Department or Regulatory and Protective Services licensing requirements. 28 hours per week with competitive salary. Forward resume to the Rev. Jim Houston- Hencken, 800 W. Texas Ave., Midland, TX 79701.

312 Professional Help Wanted

ACCOUNTING. Growing Pains! We are a fast growing, medium sized manufacturing company in need of an accountant with several years of computerized Multi-Company GL experience. You will be responsible for the General Ledger, including reconciling inter-company and other accounts. 401(k) and health benefits. Degree preferred and salary negotiable. Send resumes to "Growing Pains", P.O. Box 60047, Midland, TX 79711.

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CONFEDERATE AIR FORCE

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

The Confederate Air Force seeks a creative, well organized, epergetic individual for a full- time development position to assist the Director of Development in all aspects of nonprofit fund raising. This is an excellent training position for beginning a nonprofit career in fund raising. Salary range $15,000 to $20,000. A comprehensive benefits package is provided.

The Development Officer will assist the Director of Development to enhance the financial stability of the CAF, the American Airpower Heritage Museum, and the American Airpower Heritage Foundation through a variety of fund raising methods such as special events, grant writing, membership drives, direct mail, and donor solicitations to support general operating expenses, capitol campaigns, an endowment campaign and a planned giving program.

Ideal candidates for this position will have a college degree and knowledge of the local community. Candidates should have some experience in organizing special events, volunteer management and a history of personal volunteer activities for nonprofit organizations. Advanced database and word processing skills are beneficial. Excellent verbal and written communication skills are required.

Applicants should submit a resume by December 21st to:

Director of Development
Confederate Air Force
P.O. Box 62000
Midland, TX 79711-2000

or e-mail resume as an attachment in either Word or WordPerfect format to: development@cafhq.org.
Please no telephone inquiries.
The CAF is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

→NEW TODAY←

The Permian Basin Community Supervision and Corrections Department is accepting applications for the position of Substance Abuse Counselor for Brewster, Jeff Davis and Presidio Counties.

QUALIFICATIONS: Certified Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor or Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor. Counselor Trainee with required ADAC hours will be considered.

SALARY RANGE: Commensurate with experience.

CLOSING DATE: 12-18-98

INQUIRIES: Send resumes with proof of ADAC hours of certification to:

Juan Hernandez, Director
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915-336-8562

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*Professional

Join a Winning Team!!

The City of Midland is searching for someone with an Associates Degree in Accounting and one to three years of experience in this field. The person filling this position will assist in managing fixed assets including recording all fixed assets purchased by the city, reconciling bank accounts, researching and preparing the amount owed on outstanding paving liens, and applying for exempt license plates and title transfers for all city vehicles and large road equipment. Wages and hours: $2,174- $2,388/ month 8 am until 5 pm Monday thru Friday. Applications will be accepted through December 31, 1998 at City of Midland, 300 N. Loraine, Suite 120. EOE

→NEW TODAY←

Midland College

Director of Geotechnical Training

Develop workstation courses and other related courses in custom training formats for geologists, geophysicists, engineers, technicians, administrative and management at all experience levels in the oil and gas industry. Master's Degree in Earth/ Geological Sciences, Petroleum Engineering, or Computer Science required. Ten + years of oil and gas industry experience. Previous oil and gas industry training or teaching experience a plus.

APPLY: Human Resources, Midland College, 3600 N. Garfield, Midland, Texas 79705. EOE



SALARIED POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

- **Case Coordinator, Odessa**
- **Substance Abuse Counselor, Midland**
- **Accounting Clerks, Midland and Odessa**
- **ACT Team Leader, Odessa**
- **Rehab Manager, Odessa**
- **Therapeutic Treatment Community Program Coordinator, Midland**
- **Secretary, Midland**
- **Crisis Response Workers (Evenings), Odessa**
- **Community Service Aide, Midland**

For details call our Job Line 915-570-3424 or submit application to: PERMIAN BASIN COMMUNITY CENTERS, 401 E Illinois, Suite 301, Midland, TX 79701. EOE.

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PUBLIC HEALTH TECH II

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312 Professional Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

COMPUTER SERVICE Company needs Contract Laborer for PC repair. Must have tools and vehicle. Call 694-5600, leave message.

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One of the largest, multi-office accounting firms in New Mexico is seeking an accountant (CPA preferred) with 3 to 5 years experience in taxation and /or auditing. We offer all the benefits of any large firm, including vacation, personal time, 401K plan, cafeteria plan, CPE, etc. We promise we won't work you to death. Plus, you can play golf year-round! Send resume and salary requirements to: Accounting & Consulting Group, L.L.P, P.O. Drawer JJ, Carlsbad, NM 88221, Attn: Managing Partner.

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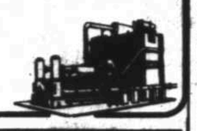
Qualifications:
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314 Clerical Help Wanted

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE ASSISTANT

Oil and gas company has Accounts Payable Assistant position available immediately. The qualified candidate will have 3 to 5 years oil and gas accounts payable experience. Working knowledge of joint interest billing is also preferred., Must be highly dependable and organized, possess strong math skills and able to 10-key by touch. Proficient skills with Lotus 123 or Excel is also required.

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Midland, Texas 79702
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312 Professional Help Wanted

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314 Clerical Help Wanted

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314 Clerical Help Wanted

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Debt Collection Agency Has Opening For A Telephone Collector Trainee

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316 Sales Help Wanted

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RECEPTIONIST/ Data Entry- part time, 8 to 1 Monday thru Friday. Start $7.50/ hour. Send resume to P.O. Box 7908, Midland, Texas 79708.

RECEPTIONIST/ Secretary for counseling office. Part time- Could lead to full time. Must be detail oriented with good people skills. Experience working with insurance companies helpful. Send resume and salary requirements to: PO Box 7310, Midland, Texas 79708.

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Responsible for achieving store lawn and garden sales and margin objectives through effective management. Previous management experience and excellent communication and organizational skills are required.

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The successful candidate for this position will be responsible for the overall sales performance of the Commercial Sales Area, and will increase sales opportunities to the Repair/ Remodeling and Commercial Businesses. This position will also be responsible for displays, stackouts, endcaps and daily merchandise and operational activities.

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Lowe's of Midland
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Midland, TX 79707

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Midland's fastest growing new car dealer is looking for EXPERIENCED SALESPERSONS to join our team selling 6 popular new car lines.

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If you want to make well above an average income, come join our team!

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Nashville, TN 37229-1047
Fax (615) 884-5482

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A national company is looking for a general manager for its West Texas operation. Duties include full profit and loss responsibilities for the facility; Dealing with and soliciting customers; Full coordination of the daily operations including scheduling, hiring and quality control; Participation in the formulation and administration of company policies and procedures; And developing long range goals and objectives for the facility.

REQUIREMENTS: B.S. degree with demonstrated success in managing a profit and loss center, cost control and attention to managing details on a day to day basis.

Company offers benefits, salary and a significant incentive opportunity to an effective manager.

Send resume and salary requirements to:

Box B-4094
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P.O. Box 1650
Midland, TX 79702

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Assistant Bookstore Manager

DESCRIPTION

Retail College Bookstore seeks qualified individual to assist manager in daily store operations.

QUALIFICATIONS

Need individual with supervisory experience in retail setting. Accounting background with retail computer experience and ability to work flexible hours.

Salary and benefits

Application

Apply in person at Midland College Bookstore or fax resume to (915)685-6400

The Midland College Bookstore
3600 N. Garfield
Midland, TX 79705

320 Skilled Trades | 320 Skilled Trades

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FIELD TECHNICIAN
JOB NO. #141

Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Inc., is an environmental science and engineering consulting firm contributing to a vision for a better future by providing comprehensive services in ground- and surface- water hydrology, soil science remediation, and civil and geotechnical engineering.

We have an immediate need for a Field Technician. This position will be responsible for environmental sampling, data collection, remedial action system installation, and operation and maintenance of remedial action systems. The successful candidate must have at least three years of construction industry experience residential or commercial, including hands-on experience in general construction, electrical, plumbing or carpentry. Experience interfacing with and scheduling subcontractors is desired. High school graduation or equivalent required, college degree in science or technology field a plus. Maturity, excellent communication and interpersonal skills, and ability to work independently are essential.

DBS&A offers a challenging work environment, opportunities for professional development, and a competitive salary. For immediate consideration, please send resume, cover letter specifying job number, references, and salary requirements to: Human Resources Manager, Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Inc., 6020 Academy Road NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109. Equal Opportunity/ Affirmative Action Employer. Women, minorities, veterans, and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

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Bryan, Texas 77802
(upcoming project in Abilene, TX.)

320 Skilled Trades | 340 Child Care Needed

HEAVY DUTY Truck & Equipment mechanic needed for growing Southern California fab shop located in rural Riverside County with affordable housing, light traffic, no smog. We offer year round work in modern shop, competitive salary & benefits. Frank Ernest Sales, (909)943-0244. Fax Resume- (909) 943-0485.

IMMEDIATE OPENING! FULL TIME POSITIONS
Looking for experienced Instrumentation & lubrication Tubing Benders. Contact
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NEED IMMEDIATELY!
Certified Heating/ A C Technician. Centrifugal experience. Able to tear down roof top units and reassemble. Temp to Perm position with company which provides great benefits and approves overtime. Starting pay depends on experience. Must pass rigid test. Interviews will be scheduled after completion of application. Apply in person at Express Personnel Services, located at:
111 S. B Street
Midland, Texas.

338 Adult Care Providers

ELDERLY CARE in my assisted living home. Semi and private rooms available. $900 monthly. 687-1727.

INHOME CARE for all your in home health needs. Bathing, cooking, cleaning, running errands, etc. Give us a call for more information at 570-4475, ask for Tonya or Jackie.

NEED SOMEONE To work weekends caring for elderly couple. Must dependable and have references. Call Janice. 684-6906.

340 Child Care Needed

NANNY for Christian, non-smoking home to care for 2 year old Monday through Friday, 9:30- 5:30 in Midland. Light housekeeping/ some cooking, excellent references required. Call 563-5360 or send letter of interest to BK, P.O. Box 13636, Odessa, TX 79768.

WANTED: RESPONSIBLE, dependable and energetic individual to keep 4 year old and infant in our home. Hours 4- 7:30 pm various days. Must provide own transportation. Nonsmoking environment. Experience and references required. Please call Kristie or Tim at 520-4212.

NANNY WANTED, must either live- in or have own transportation, and care for 2 year old and 3 month old in my home. References required. Pager 560-1224.

NANNY NEEDED for infant and part time toddler care in home. Must have references. 520-4048 leave message.

340 Child Care Needed

NEED DEPENDABLE responsible person to care for 3 boys with special needs in my home. Approximately 30 hours per week, evenings and weekends. Starting January. Some light housekeeping and cooking. Must have at least three references. Call Susan or Tony 694-5754.

341 Child Care Providers

MOTHER OF one will keep your children in my home- also during Christmas Vacation. Hours 7 am- 6 pm. Liz, 520-3800.

IN YOUR home! 7 years experience, dependable transportation, $7 per hour. Please call 550-2181.

BABYSITTING Do you who live in Midland but work in Odessa? Openings days/ nights. 368-2083.

REGISTERED CHRISTIAN home child care- openings for 3 children ages 18 months- 5 years. 697-1930.

(INFANTS ONLY) Bring you rattlers, pacies, and blankies. Don't forget your favorite milk, diapers and wipes just for you. Jan 697-6437.

GRANNY SHIRLEY'S Daycare- providing lots of loving care, meals, snacks. 6 weeks- 3 years. 520-9666.

350 Business Opportunities

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GARAGE SALES

Hidden treasures? Junk? Recycle your unwanted items! Call 682-6222 today. A friendly classified classifieds will help you create an ad that gets results!

79701

-SHOP SALE
Monday- Friday
December 14th- 18th
9 am- 4 pm
685-3130 or 683-1822
Liquidation of geophysical company, survey equipment, 2-way radios, antennas, toolboxes, shop supplies and tools, electrical repair equipment, electronic supplies, hydraulic equipment, automotive parts, office supplies and equipment, lots of miscellaneous!

The Deadline to place an Ad in our Saturday Garage Sale Section is Noon Friday. Call 682-6222 to place your ad today.

SANTA already left some bargains for you! ! !
25% Off Storewide
From now til Christmas
Bargain Barn
2420 W. Front

79703

4718 ERIE, Saturday and Sunday, 9 until 5!! -1986 Toyota pickup, washing machine, drafting table, remote control airplane and accessories, baby bed, changing table, swing and other baby items, boy- girl clothes, lots of toys and miscellaneous!

4322 BROOKDALE- INSIDE SALE! Saturday & Sunday 9- 5. Some antiques, glassware, jewelry, clothes, shoes, dolls, pictures (oil paintings, prints, wall plaques), picture frames, old sewing machine, Christmas things, etc. Too much to list!

79705

2003 N. "C" St. Moving sale, furniture appliances, clothing, dishes, books. Saturday & Sunday, 8- 3.

*****MOVING SALE. 1009 W. Neely Thursday- Saturday 9- 5, and Sunday 1- 5. Dining table and chairs, refrigerator, washer, dryer, trundle bed, studio couch, stereo equipment, 6 antique ice cream chairs, coffee table, linens, jewelry, decorative items, lawn things, many books, book shelves, tools, records, games. Too much to list. Handled by Floy Maberry.

79705

Merry Christmas Sale
25% Off
Excluding Furs
Judy Jackson's Showoffs
3320 N. Midkiff
*Come by & see the best Christmas window in town (designed by June Weeks)!

GARAGE SALE SERVICES

$20.50 $20.50 $20.50 $20.50
GARAGE SALE AD PACKAGE
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★ **7 Lines** (approx. 28-35 words)
★ **2 Days**
★ ■/●/♥ **Stand Out Emblem**
★ **Garage Sale Kit**
(includes Signs, Stakes, Marker, Balloons, Helpful Hints. $5 Value!)
★ **Package of Flavored Drink Mix**
(for the Kids to Open a Drink Stand!)
★ **$3 Off Classified Coupon**
(Place an ad to sell those left-over garage sale items & get $3 off!)
Or Get 3 Days for Only $24.50!
Call 682-6222 Today!
$20.50 $20.50 $20.50 $20.50

DON'T MISS OUT!
The deadline for a Saturday Garage Sale ad is Friday at Noon.
Please be sure to call 682-6222, before noon, to ensure your ad will be in Saturday's paper.

79705

LUCE ESTATE SALE
1/2 Price
2413 STUTZ
1 pm - 4 pm
Judy Jackson's Estate Sales

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350 Business Opportunities | 400 AUCTIONS | 400 AUCTIONS

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Is not only learned, it is earned. Top franchiser in specialty service arena seeks leadership oriented professional with strong core values and integrity. Complete training/ support, national accounts & financing available to qualified candidates.
1-800-826-9586 for information.

CHILDERS SALON for sale. Multi- service, 12 + stations. Excellent grocery center location/ income potential. Owner leaving management; adolescent son. Broker 684-7788.

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Last year, I made One Million Dollars!
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Home- based business
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NASDAQ company
Learn how- For free audio
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Get your Real Estate license quickly, short, day, weekend, evening classes. Southwest College 697-7277

Attention Readers
Occasionally, ads found in this section come from distant points & the Midland Reporter-Telegram cannot always know the merits of the offers. We suggest when you are in doubt that you call the Better Business Bureau before signing any contract/ or giving out your credit card or bank information.

Frito Lay/ Pepsi
$63,000/ year (realistic)
No selling
$26,950 cash required
1-800-268-6601 (24 hours)

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***FOR SALE:**
1 - Sporting Store- $400,000
1 - Insulation Co. $28,000
Call Bennett & Associates, Business Brokers
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Best Program in USA
Excellent locations
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Minimum Investment $4K
1-800-617-6430 EXT 970

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Coke/ Hershey/ Pepsi
Local Routes available
$1,350/ Weekly Profit!
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TERMS: CASH, CHECK, MASTERCARD & VISA
LARGE ESTATE **Auction** of Elbert Nowell
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SATURDAY, DEC. 19 • 10:30 CT
REAL ESTATE: Auctioned at 1 pm property at 1525 Ave. C
Heirs have not picked over this estate
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LATE-TYPE STRUCTURAL STEEL FACILITY
SALE DATES: Tues., Dec. 15th @ 10:30 AM
INSPECTION: Mon., Dec. 14th 8AM-4PM and morning of sale.
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Russell Koster Texas License#: 11005

350 Business Opportunities | 410 Misc. Sales

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- Sign Company
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- Specialty Construction
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If you have an interest in being in business for yourself, give us a call.
Sunbelt Business Brokers 520-1515

410 Misc. Sales

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125 YARDS OF Used beige colored carpet- $3 per yard. 683-5497.

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MOVING BOXES- all sizes, clean and dry- $1 to $4 each. Packing paper- $50¢. 689-3473.

15- MATCHING SETS Walnut executive office furniture: desk, credenza, bookcase, 5- drawer legal file, 2 side arm chairs. 682-5251.

PRO-FORM 990S Recumbent Stationary Bicycle. Excellent for people with lower back problems or those who find regular stationary bike seats too uncomfortable. Low impact exercise that works the upper body and the lower for greater cardiovascular benefits and increased muscle toning. Adjustable resistance. Digital pace monitor. Can be folded for easier storage. In excellent condition. Paid $399+, sell for $225. 682-4818.

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JUST ARRIVED New shipment of Dreamers Candles. Anna Marie's Gifts, 1705 N. Big Spring. Hurry, they sell fast! 25-50% Off selected merchandise. Open Sunday 1- 5.

BRITANNA BEANIE Baby $395. Also other bears available. Please call 520-7928.

316 Sales Help Wanted | 319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

RETAIL
PARADIES SHOPS
Midland International Airport
The Paradies Shops, a leading airport retailer operating over 250 News/ Gift Shops in 53 airports in the United States and Canada will be opening at the Midland International Airport January 99. Immediate sales and support positions are available for our News and Gifts Shops.
SALES ASSOCIATES
SALES SUPERVISORS
Outgoing friendly Sales Associates who enjoy people is one of our trademarks. We offer full and part time positions and flexible schedules. Seniors Welcome!
The Paradies Shops offers a tremendous growth opportunity with a competitive salary and a full benefits package including: Medical, Dental, Life, 401K Plan, Profit Sharing Program, Vacation, Holidays, Sick Pay, Employee Discounts, and Employee Parking.
Come join our Team whose customer service is #1
Apply in person December 21st, 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm or December 22nd, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at Midland International Airport, Operations Department, 9506 Laforce Boulevard, Midland, Texas 79711. Or fax resume and salary history to: (404)346-9628 Attn: Human Resources
#080SA120698.
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Are you a Team Player, Motivated, a Self Starter? Need management team immediately! Repeat sales. Will train. Unlimited income potential. Call **1-888-601-2226.**

318 Management Help Wanted

CICI'S PIZZA management position available with the possibility of becoming a franchisee a real opportunity. Send resume: P.O. Box 8488, Midland TX., 79708.

RESTAURANT. Domino's Pizza needs Drivers and Inside Help, for our booming business! New manager needs help! Contact Joseph or Yvette at our Scharbauer Drive/ "A" Street location.

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EXPLORATION GEOLOLIGST
Growing Texas Independent needs Prospect Generator with successful track record in SouthEast New Mexico. Top salary + car + incentives + benefits. Call for details. Colt Brannon, (970)586-3715; fax 970-586-3712. All fees paid by client company.

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1-800-858-5645
Or fax to
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MINIMUM 5 YEARS EXPERIENCE
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TEMPORARY RESOURCES

320 Skilled Trades

BACKHOE OPERATOR with at least two years experience. Call Rusty's Oil Field Service Co. Inc., 915-756-2821.

CADD DRAFTER/ DESIGNER. Minimum 5 years experience in AutoCAD as applied to civil engineering. Eagle Point Civil Software and MicroStation experience desireable. Must be able to work closely with engineers and surveyors to develop water, sewer and paving plans, site plans, plats, etc. Salary based on experience. Apply at 5214 Thomason Drive or call 915-697-9758.

320 Skilled Trades | 320 Skilled Trades

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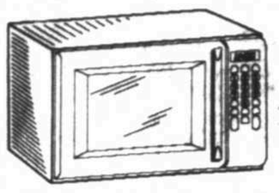
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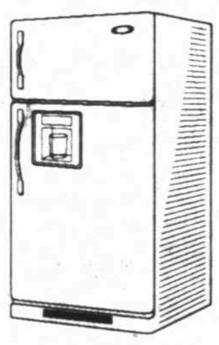
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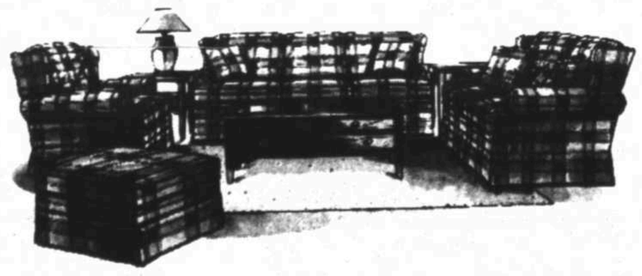


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As you enter this unique home at 3205 Marmon you'll be greeted by the stairway that leads to the 4 bedrooms and bathrooms upstairs. The entry is flanked by a living room with a built-in couch on the right and a formal dining room to your left. Both have mirrored walls which adds depth to the rooms.

The two living areas are adjacent to each other and a large gas burning fireplace conveys an ambience of serenity. A separate laundry room adjoins the den. The wet bar is in an alcove with lots of natural lighting provided by the skylights. The well arranged kitchen has lots of built-ins including an electric range and oven, microwave, dishwasher, and disposal. There is more than adequate cabinet space above and below the counter tops. A bathroom is downstairs for convenience.

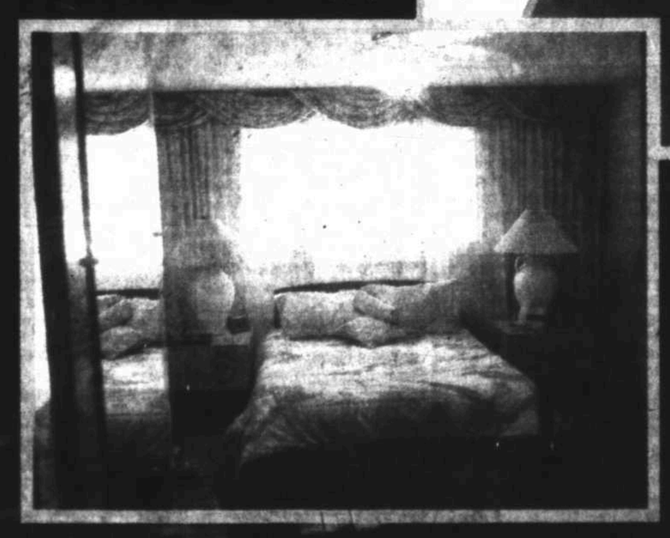
Upstairs are 4 bedrooms with large walk-in closets. There are two bathrooms upstairs. Two of the bedrooms open onto a balcony with a wrap around roof top sundeck.

The exterior of the home is a combination of brick and stucco. Rustic shingles adorn the facia line of the roof. There is a circle drive in the front with a 2 car rear entry garage. The backyard has a large pebble stone concrete patio shaded by 2 mature trees. Pool and tennis court privileges are available through the Kimber Lea Homeowners Association.

This home is listed by Kay Sutton of Kay Sutton Century 21 Realtors and is priced at $109,900. It will be open today from 2 to 4 pm. Your hostess will be Brenda Laman.









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MOVING SUGGESTIONS


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Whether you are moving from an apartment to a home, from apartment to apartment or from home to home, moving is no simple matter. With careful planning, your transition can be organized to give you the peace of mind needed to settle into your home. CENTURY 21 Kay Sutton Realtors offers the following moving suggestions to make your move easier.

- Planning should begin at least one month in advance. If you are buying a home, confirm your closing date before scheduling your moving date. If you are renting, confirm your move-in date.
- Make a list of all the records you need to transfer: children's school records, financial and medical records.
- Decide what MUST go with you. It can be expensive and time consuming to move things you really don't need whether you are moving two blocks or 2,000 miles. Now may be a good time for a garage sale.
- Begin packing early. If you hired a moving company, request boxes and packing paper. Do-it-yourselfers often find grocery or drug stores to be good box-sources.
- Take inventory of borrowed or loaned items. Return what is not yours and retrieve your items.
- Send change of address cards. These are available free at the post office. Most magazines request four to six weeks' notice. Provide change of address notice on credit card bills and leave forwarding instructions with the post office.
- Dispose of flammable liquids such as gasoline or oil. Is there still gasoline in your lawn mower?
- Contract your local utility companies to advise of a date to disconnect service. Arrange for utility service at your new home.
- If you are driving a distance, service your car before you move. Car problems in an unfamiliar town can be troublesome.
- Pack a suitcase you could live out of if necessary.
- Keep important papers, such as medical records and insurance policies in one place where you can get them quickly if you need them.
- Keep careful records of all your moving expenses as they occur. Some may be tax deductible.
- When your moving day finally arrives, make sure someone is home to meet your mover and point out items to load on the truck. If you are handling your own move, organize your loading to maximize truck space and insure that heavy book boxes don't get staked on top of your china.

(Story submitted by Kay Sutton, broker/owner of CENTURY 21 Kay Sutton, Realtors)

WHAT MADE MY HOUSE ATTRACTIVE!


Pine

When you decide to sell your house, it might be wise to remember when you were the home buyer and look at your present home through those eyes. Just what attracted you to this particular house? Was it the open space, the lush landscaping, the beautiful floors or carpeting, the spectacular view? Whatever it was, is it still in place? If the house looks cluttered and has lost the open, airy look, maybe you need to pack up and store some belongings. If the landscape is less than lush, maybe you need to get out the garden tools and the water hose. If the carpet is needing some help, maybe you should have it cleaned or replaced. If the view is still spectacular, open up the house and let the prospective buyer enjoy it. Look at this house as if you were the one who's investing your money in it and make it shine. Let your real estate agent know what attracted you to this house and let them help you maximize this attribute.

This article submitted by Norma Pine, owner of Chaparral Realtors.

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MAPLE DINETTE table with 6 chairs, 2 extra leaves, very good condition, $225. Phone 684-8114.

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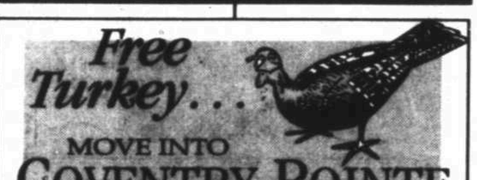
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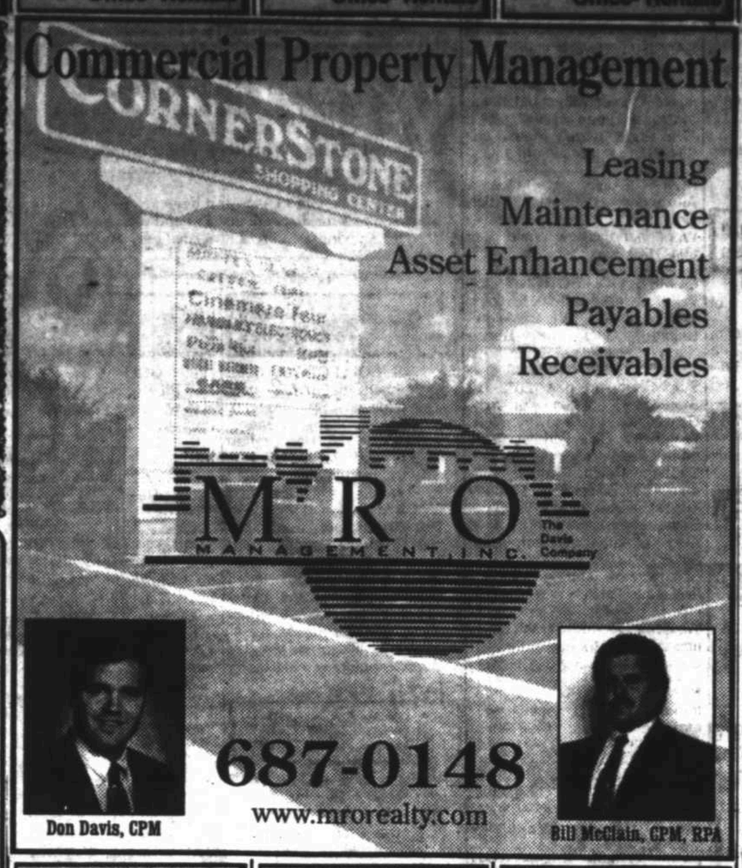


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KEY To Abbreviations

Bdrm.	Bedroom
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Kit.	Kitchen
Dbl.	Double
A/C	Air conditioning
Mst. Bdrm.	Master Bdrm.
Gar.	Garage
Bldg.	Building
Cond.	Condition
N-QA	Non-Qualifying
	Assumable
QA	Qualifying
	Assumable
Ac.	Acre
3/2/2	Bdrm./Ba./Gar.

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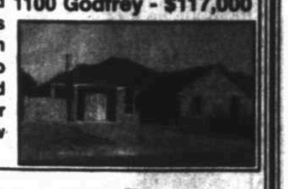


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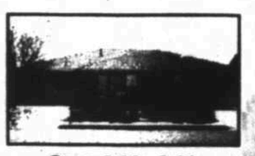
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VERDE GLEN	Beautiful New 2-Story Whitley: 5 bd-3.5 ba-3 liv	$	339,000
ORIOLE	Located on the Course: 3 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Pool-Mexican Tile	$	264,750
VERDE GLEN	New Whitley Plan: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-4 Car Gar	$	254,000
VERDE GLEN	Beautiful Whitley: 4 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Study-Sprinkler	$	249,900
RIDGEBORO	Beautiful New Graham! 4 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Open/Airy	$	212,000
HATHAWAY			UNDER CONTRACT
DEVLIN	Big Pretty Graham: 5 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Wonderful Kitchen-Pick Colors	$	209,500
CRANSTON	Fantastic New! 4 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Completed & Beautiful	$	207,000
CRANSTON			UNDER CONTRACT
SUNRISE	On The Course!: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Sequestered In-Law Plan	$	204,900
RUSTIC TR	Personality Plus! 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-On the Course-Plantation Shutters	$	204,500
RADCLIFF			UNDER CONTRACT
DUKES	Pretty in Polo Park: 5 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Separate Formal Dining	$	189,500
CRANSTON	Pretty New Graham: 4 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Light/Bright-Shutters	$	188,900
CRANSTON	Great New Graham: 4 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Pick Colors Now!	$	188,900
COUNTRY CLUB	NEW LISTING	$	179,900
	Mstr.Bdrm Wing w/Loft: 5 bd-4 ba-2 liv-Pool & Cabana in Lovely Old Midland Yard		
RUSTIC TR	On the Course: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Skylights-Separate Formal Dining	$	168,500
STERLING	Great New Graham: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Pick Colors	$	165,000
CROWLEY	Great Liveable Home: 4 bd-3 ba-1 liv-Wonderful Kitchen w/Island	$	158,000
WOODHAVEN	Great Home! 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Wonderful Pool-Many Updates	$	156,500
CULPEPER	Heated Pool: 4 or 5 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Seq.Mstr-Great Closet Space	$	155,900
WINCHESTER	Townhome: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Cul-de-Sac Close to Midland College	$	155,000
GREENRIDGE	Beautiful Morris Home: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Plantation Shutters	$	154,900
HEATHER	REDUCED ! 4 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Hobby Room + Bonus Room	$	154,900
STERLING CT	Wonderful Graham: 4 bd-3 ba-1 liv-Shutters/Miniblinds-Pick Colors	$	149,500
MOUNT VERNON	Picture Perfect! 4 bd-2.5 ba-1 liv-Gourmet Kitchen	$	149,000
McCLINTIC	"New Look" in "Old Midland" 4 bd-3.5 ba-2 liv-Pretty Pool	$	144,900
WHITMAN	New Whitehead: 4 bd-2.5 ba-3 liv-Game Room	$	139,500
WHITMAN	By Whitehead: 4 bd-2 ba-3 liv-Can be 5 BR	$	138,950
DARTMOUTH	Beautiful: 4 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Corian Countertops-Solar Tube Lighting	$	135,000
LOCKHEED	Patio Home! 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Updated-Bonus Rm	$	134,500
METZ PL	Wonderful: 4 bd-3 ba-1 liv-Enc.Patio w/Hot Tub	$	134,000
CRISTA LN	New Canton Home: 4 bd-2.5 ba-1 liv-Many Extras-Ready to Move Into	$	129,900
WHITMAN			UNDER CONTRACT
SAND HILL			UNDER CONTRACT
WHITMAN	New Whitehead: 4 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Roomy Plan	$	125,950
ST ANDREWS	NEW LISTING	$	124,900
	Fresh/Fresh/Fresh: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Even Restained All Woodwork!		
GODFREY	Trinity Estates: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-High Ceilings-Sequestered Master	$	124,900
BOULDER	NEW LISTING	$	120,000
	Redone Charmer: 4 bd-3 ba-3 liv-Cute as a Button		
WHITMAN	Whitehead New: 3 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Good Plan	$	118,675
GODFREY	New Patio Home: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Great Amenities	$	117,000
GODFREY	New Hoffman Patio Home: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Colors	$	117,000
WHITMAN			UNDER CONTRACT
WHITMAN	New Whitehead: 4 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Room to Grow	$	110,500
MARMON	Unique 2-Story: 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-ManyBltins-Updated Kitchen	$	109,900
WHITMAN	New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Huge Master	$	105,500
HYDE PARK	Great Drive-Up! 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Mature Trees!	$	104,500
NOEL	Fantastic Townhome: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Upgrades-Pretty	$	99,900
PURPLE SAGE	Cute Private Backyard: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Large Master Suite	$	99,500
STUTZ	Wonderful Home: 4 bd-2.5 ba-1 liv-Seq.Mster-Many Recent Updates	$	99,500
LOCKHEED	NEW LISTING	$	94,900
	Roomy with Lots of Personality: 4 bd-2. 5 ba-2 liv-Colorful		
PINE	One-Owner Patio Home: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Spacious	$	94,900
ABBEY PL	Wonderful: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Cul de Sac-Breezeway	$	93,900
WARD	Glassed Atrium: 3 bd-2 ba-1 Extra Large Living-Workshop/Storage	$	92,500
MARK LN	Water Well! 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pool Size Backyard	$	92,500
WHITNEY	Lots of Updating: 4 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Great Home	$	89,900
PINE	Location/Location/Location: 3 bd- 2 ba-2 liv-Many Built-Ins!	$	89,900
PRINCETON	REDUCED: 4 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Hot Tub	$	89,900
FAIRHAVEN	Open Plan: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Large Master Suite	$	89,500
RIO GRANDE	New Whitehead: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Model Home	$	88,446
IDLEWILDE	Beautiful Large Kitchen: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Open/Bright-Lots of Storage	$	88,000
RIO GRANDE			UNDER CONTRACT
CASPER	Whitehead New: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Could be 4 BR	$	81,500
SPENCE			UNDER CONTRACT
GLENEAGLES			UNDER CONTRACT
WYDEWOOD	NEW LISTING	$	79,900
	Spacious: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Copen/Country Kit.-Plantations Shutters-Amenities!		
W.GOLF COURSE	Nice: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Wonderful Tile	$	78,500
EMERSON			UNDER CONTRACT
DORA	Cute/Clean: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Great Access-Fresh Paint/Wallpaper Touches	$	77,000
MICHIGAN	One-Owner: 3 bd-2 ba-Fresh Paint-Fresh Carpet!	$	76,900
SPENCE	By Whitehead: 2 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Huge Master	$	76,244
RIO GRANDE	Whitehead New: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Open Plan	$	76,244
CASPER	New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick all Options	$	74,744
GRAHAM			UNDER CONTRACT
FLOYD	Whitehead New: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Plan Yours Now	$	74,244
SPENCE	By Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Your Amenities	$	73,900
TREVINO	Whitehead New: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick all Options	$	71,900
SPENCE	By Whitehead: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Can be 3 Bdrm	$	70,225
RIO GRANDE	New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Options Available	$	70,225
DENGAR			UNDER CONTRACT
TREVINO	New Whitehead: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Great for Retirees	$	68,225
CASPER	By Whitehead: 3 ba-2 ba-1 liv-Pick Colors	$	68,225
HUGHES	Great One-Owner: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Nice Beginner Home-Great Location	$	67,500
NEELY	Cul-de-Sac! 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Super Master Bath	$	67,000
SPENCE	Whitehead New: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Carefree Plan	$	66,704
GRAHAM	New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Make it Yours	$	65,704
GRAHAM	By Whitehead: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Convenient Plan	$	64,704
MCDONALD	Pretty: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Much Updating-Open/Bright	$	64,000
REEVES	Personality Plus! 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Lots of Updating-Sprinkler	$	62,500
DOUGLAS	Great Home: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Recent A/C Unit	$	58,000
CUTHBERT	Cute Beginner Home! 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Carpet Allowance	$	57,500
GOLF COURSE	Nice & Roomy: 2 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Large Rooms-Everything Updated	$	55,900
ROOSEVELT	Specially Renovated Duplex-Compact	$	55,750
CRENSHAW	Spacious: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Fireplace-Recent Roofing	$	55,000
PARKDALE	Roomy: 4 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Study-Ceramic Tile in Kitchen	$	54,900
N. D	Wonderful: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Old Fashioned "Texas" Neighborhood	$	52,000
MITCHELL	Five Duplexes: Each Side=2 bd-1 ba-Buy One or All	$	49,950 ea

NEW CONSTRUCTION

TOM CANTON

Crista Ln — Ready For You! 4 bd-2.5 ba-1 liv-Lots of Extras-In Crestgate — $ 129,900

ROBERT GRAHAM

RIDGEBORO — $ 212,000
DEVLIN — $ 206,500
CRANSTON — $ 188,900
CRANSTON — $ 188,900
STERLING — $ 165,000
STERLING — Light & Bright: 4 bd-3 ba-1 liv-Shutters/Miniblinds-Pick Colors — $ 149,500

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GODFREY — $ 117,000
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JAMES MORRIS

WEST WIND CT — $ 425,000

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CRANSTON — $ 207,000

WHITEHEAD CONSTRUCTION

WHITMAN — $ 139,500
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RIO GRANDE — $ 88,446
CASPER — $ 81,500
SPENCE — $ 76,244
RIO GRANDE — $ 76,244
CASPER — $ 74,744
FLOYD — $ 74,244
SPENCE — $ 73,900
TREVINO — $ 71,900
SPENCE — $ 70,225
RIO GRANDE — $ 70,225
TREVINO — $ 68,225
CASPER — $ 68,225
SPENCE — $ 66,704
GRAHAM — $ 65,704
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VERDE GLEN — $ 254,000
VERDE GLEN — $ 249,900

EISENHOWER	Large: 3 bd-2 ba-3 liv-Builtins!-Apprx 10x20' Shop	$	49,900
PUEBLO	Great First Home: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Recent Carpet & Vinyl	$	49,900
THOMASON	Cute: 3 bd-1.5 ba-2 liv-Ask About H.I.P. Financing	$	48,000
HARLOWE	NEW LISTING	$	47,000
	Fresh Paint & Tile: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Clean & Ready to Move Into!		
LOUISIANA	Nice Area: 2 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Come See to Visualize Potential	$	46,900
WESTBEND (Odessa)	Much Recent Incl. Foundation: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Cent. AC/Heat	$	39,900
WEATHERFORD			UNDER CONTRACT
WAVERLY	Investment Possibility: 4 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Two Story!	$	34,900
BRUNSON	Investment or Beginner: 1 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Call to See	$	25,000
BRUNSON	Investment Potential: 1 bd-1 b-1 liv-Poss. Starter	$	25,000
MULBERRY	Updated! Cute/Clean: 2 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Storage Room-Fenced Yard	$	25,000

SUBURBAN LISTINGS

E. CO RD 110	NEW LISTING	$	275,000
	This home has everything! 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv-Pool-Barn/Stable/Shop-Greenwood Schools		
FM 307	Greenwood: 4 bd-2.5 ba-2 liv-Apprx 5 Ac-5-Stall Barn-Pretty	$	201,500
S. CO RD 1128	Sunset Estates in Greenwood! 4 bd-3 ba-2 liv	$	165,000
S. CO RD 1218	Near Air Strip: 3 bd-2.5 ba-1 liv-Mstr=Fpl/Jacuzzi	$	143,500
S.FM 1788	Large 5-Bay Wrkshp: 3 bd-2 ba-2 liv-Great Metro Access	$	127,000
S. CO RD 1184	Nice & Roomy! 4 bd-3 ba-1 liv-Great Workshop	$	104,900
W. CO RD 53	Affordable Country Living: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv	$	40,000
W. CO RD 118	Cute Mob.Home: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Fabulous Wrkshp	$	37,000
E. CO RD 83	Cute/Clean: 2 bd-1 ba-1 liv-Apprx .49 Ac	$	29,900

COMMERCIAL

JASMINE	Zoned IPI	$	10,000
JASMINE	Zoned IPI	$	25,000
E. HWY 80	Apprx 1.47 Ac-Service Rd Frontage-Easy Access/Great Visibility	$	35,000
META	Great Retail Location	$	50,000
KENTUCKY	Zoned C-3	$	108,000
MICHIGAN	Office Building-Lighted/Paved Parking-Meeting Room	$	225,000
FRONT	Zoned LI/RR Spur	$	450,000

LOTS & LAND

HAMBY	12 Lots	$	1,500 ea
WALNUT LN	2 Blocks	$	3,500 ea
ALAMO DR	2 Lots	$	4,500 ea
GARDEN LN	2 Blocks	$	4,500 ea
BOWIE DR	1 Lot	$	4,500
FLOYD CT	Residential Lot in Fairway Park	$	5,000
W. 87th (Odessa)	Residential Lot - Approx .53 Acre - Golf Course Lot	$	8,000
W. CR 123	Apprx .42Ac	$	9,500
S. CR 1122	20 Lots	$	10,000 ea
	Reata Ranch Estates - 2.5 Ac to 4.04 Ac - Residential - May be Sold Individually		
S. CR 1204	Apprx 2 Ac	$	11,900
W. CR 123	Apprx .66 Ac	$	19,500
CHERRYWOOD	Corner Lot	$	25,000
E. CR 1090	Greenwood	$	34,400
WHITMAN	+/-11 Ac	$	130,000
W. CR 2950	Martin Co.	$	220,000
I-20	22+Acres	$	285,000
COWDEN ADDN	10 Lots	$	400,000
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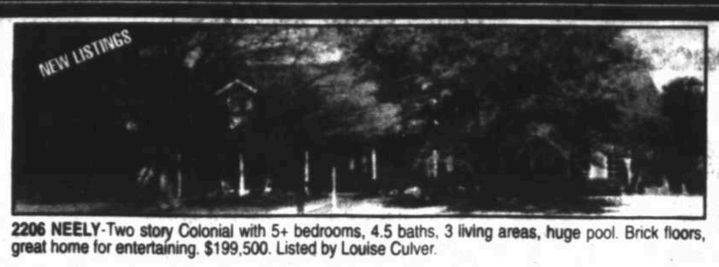
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NEW LISTINGS

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SOUTH L-Fabulous Old Midland classic plus apartment in back. Lots of new! $190,000
MEADOWBROOK-Large 4/bd 2.5/ba, open floorplan, great for entertaining $126,000
HOLLOWAY-Museum area, two story with 4/bd 3.5/ba + apartment/office& workshop $125,000
MOSS-Townhouse with pool, 3/bd 2.25 bath, lots of updating, great features $110,000
ST ANDREWS-Great floorplan, looks like new! 3/bd 2/ba in Fairmont $94,800
BATES- 4 /bd 2/ba, 2/la, Super nice older home. Off Andrews Hwy near Loop $89,500
CLOUDCROFT-3/bd 2/ba . Precious home, buyer can choose new carpet color $74,000
MISSION CT-Super neat 2/bd 2/ba townhome. Refrigerator remains $69,500
S CR 1220-Spacious 3/bd on 2 acres. South on Midkiff to W CR 118, north 1 mi $49,900
STOREY-Inexpensive "Old Midland" 3/bd 2/ba $47,900
CEDAR SPRING-Nice 3/bd 2/ba 2/la, water softener with R/O. Lots of space $47,900
DEVONIAN-Complete remodel, new carpet, paint, 3/bd 1.5/ba Ready to move in $39,000
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HWY 176-ANDREWS-Cowboys paradise,3/bd 2/bd on 16.92 acres, arena, 250 trees $205,000
CHERRYWOOD-Fantastic custom Graham home, 4/bd + study 3/ba, Briarwood $177,500
S CO RD 1130 - Lots of new in this 3 br/2 ba/2 la/2 fp & 3 car gar - 2.63 ac $169,900
E CO RD 120 - 2 story office bldg. Corner Rankin Hwy. $150,000
W CO RD 56 - Superior 3 br/2 ba/2 la/2 car gar, huge workshop, 3 ac ..... REDUCED! $139,500
MARMON-Charm and beauty throughout, 4/bd 3/ba 3/la ..... SOLD
LOCKHEED - Beautiful with so many possibilities in Old Midland over 2900 sqft $135,000
PARKHURST - Super 3 or 4 br & 3 ba with great SHOP! Won t last long! $129,500
SHANDON-Fabulous 5 bedroom, 3/ba 2/la, Lots of tile, super kitchen, ... REDUCED!! $125,000
CARDINAL LN - Horse lovers home w/2 acres, 3/bd 2/ba 2/la $125,000
CASADY CT-Great one owner home in Trinity Estates. 4/bd 3/ba 2 /la ..... REDUCED!!$119,500
FANNIN-4/bd 2.5/ba Large family home in established Fannin neighborhood $112,500



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CRESTMONT-Perfect! 3/bd 2/ba 2/la. Brightest gem in Fairmont ..... REDUCED!! $109,500
AUBURN - 4/br 2/ba, located on cul-de-sac, great landscaping ..... PRICED SLASHED$89,500
MICHIGAN - Old Midland charm. Lots of sq. footage, Berber carpet, 10X24' OS $92,500
DOUGLAS DR. Spacious 2/bd 2/ba in established area. Charming home.New a/c $69,900
S CR 1130-No better value under 90K-3/bd 2ba. on 1.25 acres ..... UC
PROVIDENCE-3/bd 2/ba 2/living areas-Great value, clean, open, pretty yard ..... REDUCED!$79,900
MICHIGAN-Beautiful Austin Stone 3/bd 2/ba 2/la, home warranty recent a/c & roof $74,900
PRINCETON-Lovely Old Midland 2/bd 2/ba 2/gar. Convenient locale $79,500
FANNIN-Neat and loved. 3/bd 2/ ba 2 car garage, fireplace $76,950
FLARE- 3/bd 2/ba 2/la. Great floorplan with huge sequestered master ..... REDUCED$75,000



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S CR 1160-Southeast of Midland-2.8 acres, 3/bd 2/ba, fireplace. Sharp property! $72,500
GERALDINE-Great townhouse with low maintenance, 2/bd, 2/ba, 2/la, 2 car garage ..... SOLD
BEECHWOOD - 3 Duplexes -2 br/2 ba For Sale or Lease $70,000
CR 105-Greenwood-Fabulous 3/bd 2/ba, new roof and paint, excellent condition $69,500
STOREY-Charming 3/bd 2/ba 2 car garage, 2 patios, large lot ..... REDUCED! $61,900
PRINCETON- 3/bd 2/ba 2/car garage, enclosed patio could be gameroom/2nd living $54,900
COUNTRY CLUB-3/bd 2/ba with lots of new, plus carpet allowance ..... UC
GLENWOOD-Charming & nicely decorated, 3/bd 2/ba 2/garage $49,950
KANSAS - Neat & clean 3/bd 2/ba with huge covered patio $49,900
BOYD - 3 bd/ 2 ba, lots of storage ..... SOLD
MADERA - Odessa- 3/bd 1/ba new roof, siding, thermo windows, large backyard $45,000
LONGSHORE-in Big Spring, Forsan Schools!3 br/2 ba, superb condition $42,500
BAIRD-3 br/2 ba/2 car garage $41,000
CUTHBERT-Good buy on 3/bd 2/ba separate dining w/recent a/c. Approx 1200 sq ft $37,900
TRAVIS-Large 2/bd 2/ba plus office or second living area, high ceilings, fireplace $39,900
MORGAN WAY-Large 4/bd 2.5/ba Nice large house for the money $38,000
DELANO-Pristine and charming, 2/bd, fireplace. Excellent condition ..... SOLD
KENTUCKY - 4 br/2 ba converted duplex $32,000
SPRAYBERRY-Under construction, complete remodel-2/bd 1.5/ba w/20X30 workshop $32,000
HOLLOWAY - 2 br/1 ba, with exceptional potential. Great investment! $27,560
CANYON-Solid starter home. 2/bd 1/ba 1/garage ..... REDUCED!! $22,000
CEDAR SPRING-Great starter home. New carpet & interior paint, large trees ..... SOLD
MARIANA-Great investment opportunity. 4 duplexes w/2 br/ ba ..... $22,260 to $24,380
E CR 140-Mobile home lots, some w/ septic & water well Starting at ..... $8,000-$14,000

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COMMERCIAL-8th St. in Odessa-Great visability $180,000
COMMERCIAL - Andrews Hwy - super office bldg, 4 units or 1 large ..... REDUCED!! $140,000
COMMERCIAL - Lot on Big Spring $150,000
E CO RD 120 - Office bldg w/ parking $150,000
10 ACRES - Middle of Greentree North $150,000
MEDICAL/OFFICE BUILDING -Approx 4975' one story office in "Old Town" $110,000
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E. HIGHWAY 80 - (3.0 acres) - $12,000
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3305 Princeton- 3/2/2 ..... REDUCED $73,500
3507 Boyd-2/2, Townhouse ..... U/C $89,000
3809 Crestridge-5/4- $139,000

SUBURBAN

3401 S. Co.Rd 1066-, 3 Bedrrom, 1.25 Bath, New Listing $27,500
9901 S. Co. Rd. 1218-New Listing, 4/3, 41+ acres, custom $199,000
5203 E. Hwy. 158-2/2, New Listing $119,000
5205 E. Hwy. 158-4/2, New Listing $39,900
7001 W. Co. Rd. 68-4/3/Pool, New Listing $146,750
6801 E. Co. Rd. 95-4/2.5 ..... $54,200
5105 S. Co. Rd. 1183 1/2-2/2, Owner Finance $40,000
7403 E. Co. Rd. 90-3/1.5 ..... $79,900
5608 S. Co. Rd. 1200-3/2 ..... $123,000
10611 E. Co. Rd. 95-3/2 - Greenwood ..... REDUCED $89,900
217 Carol Lane - 4/3 beautiful pool $117,000
6005S Co. Rd. 1065-3/2 with 68 acres $119,900
3812 Cottonflat-2BR/2BA, 10 Acres ..... REDUCED $58,000
13912 W. Co. Rd. 123-3/2.5/1, beautiful ..... REDUCED $94,950
2400 W. Co. Rd. 123-New Listing, 10 acres, 3/2/2 ..... $74,000
1405 S. Co. Rd. 1130-New Listing, 3/2/Out buildings
..... REDUCED $109,950
3314 WCR 185-4/3, Skywest Airport $199,500
20 Acres near Skywest Airport on Cty. Rd 1218 ..... $60,000
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3808 AVONDALE-Non Qualifying Assumption on this 3BR, 2BA w/central heat & AC. Great floor plan w/big master on corner lot. Neat newer home for this area. PRICE REDUCED!
Chris Beckett • OPEN 2-3:30



806 SINCLAIR-Well maintained 5+BR, 3BA in "Old Midland". Workshop, recent paint, roof, & other updates. Large rooms w/walk-in closets. Lots of space for this REDUCED PRICE!
Shari Hamilton • OPEN 2-3

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5305 SAN ANTONIO-Cute, Clean & Contemporary 3BR, 2BA w/formal area, Auto sprinklers, keyless garage entry, fresh paint, paper on lovely landscaped lot.
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2208 HARVARD-Must sell this huge 4BR, 3BA in "Old Midland" home has all the extras & price reduced!
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5014 PLEASANT-One year old 3BR, 2BA. Large living room, tall ceilings, large master w/his & her closets.
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CUTHBERT $36,900
3BR, 2LA, 1BA or 4BR, 1LA. Hardwood floors, spacious rooms, large lot.
KESSLER ..... NEW LISTING! $37,500
Excellent Condition 3BR, 1BA. Lots of new & ready to sell!
THOMAS AV. $37,500
Great 4BR, 2BA for the Price! New roof, insulated windows, counters & more.
FM RD. 1788 ..... $39,900
3BR/2BA, living area, country home! Circle drive, storage shed & fireplace!
SEMINOLE $41,500
Wonderful 3BR, 2BA & 2LA. Workshop, dog run & 3 car garage.
LAURA ..... UNDER CONTRACT
AMIGO $45,000
Adorable 3BR w/Jack & Jill bath. 2LA & Charming Black & white kitchen.
11TH. ST ..... UNDER CONTRACT
AVONDALE ..... PRICE REDUCED $49,900
Delightful house, Central heat & air, 3 BD, 2 BA, big kitchen.
HARLOWE ..... PRICE REDUCED $52,900
Super 3BR, 2BA, w/huge formal liv & dining, sep. den w/fp.
SIESTA LN $59,500
Duplex w/wonderful cash flow & many improvements.
N. A ST. $59,900
Close to everything! Huge living-dining w/fireplace, 3BR, 2BA, 2GA.
MONTERREY $59,900
Cute 3BR, 2BA, 1LA, townhouse. $1000 decorator allowance.
PINE ..... NEW LISTING! $66,500
Non-Qualifying Assumption on this beautiful 4BR, 2BA w/built-ins, lots of storage, many improvements, & a terrific back yard!
LOOP 250 ..... PRICE REDUCED $69,500
Formal liv. w/fp, 3BR, 2BA. Wkshp, carport, approx 2.97 acres.
SAN ANTONIO $72,000
Cute & Contemporary 3BR, 2BA & formal liv., 2 car garage & dog run.
WHITTLE WAY $73,000
3BR, 2BA, 2 car garage, screened in porch & satellite dish.
DOUGLAS $75,000
Enormous 3 bedroom, 2 BA w/hobby room & 2 liv. areas.
TERRACE ..... PRICE REDUCED! $76,900
Contemporary "Old Midland"! 4BR, 2.5BA - Tons of storage!
PLEASANT $81,400
Wonderful 1 yr. old home. Just like new. 3BR, 2BA NEW HOLIDAY PRICE!
GREENWOOD $85,000
Wonderful country home-4BR, 2BA home w/pool, horse stalls & workshop.
OJIBWA $87,900
Super 3BR, 2BA, 2LA & study w/french doors, open kit. & workshop.
NEELY $89,000
Beautiful 4BR, 2BA home! Looks like new! Won't stay on market for very long!
SINCLAIR $89,500
Magnificent "Old Midland"! Enormous 5BR, 3LA, 3BA. PRICE REDUCED
CLUB DR $92,500
Incredible 4BR, 2BA, 2LA home in "Old Midland". Gorgeous wood floors.
PRINCETON ..... PRICE REDUCED! $99,900
Wonderful "Old Midland" 5+BR, 3BA, 2LA.
SANDHILL CIR ..... UNDER CONTRACT
IMPERIAL ..... NEW LISTING! $103,750
Spacious 4BR, 3BA, w/in-law plan design in Nice open kitchen, lovely view to outdoors & hobby shop. His & hers dressing & vanities in master.
HUNTINGTON ..... NEW LISTING! $107,500
Super 5+BR, 3BA home with lots of room. 2 Spacious living areas, in-law plan, garden, sun & game room. Workshop in back & lots of new inside!
PECAN $109,000
Spacious, low maintenance 3BR, 2BA, 2LA, townhouse. Formal liv. w/FP.
COTTONFLAT $115,000
Country living! 4BD/2BA home on 3 acres + pool!
EDGEMONT $119,900
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CENTERVIEW ..... SALE PENDING
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Stunning splendor in this 2 story, 5 BD/4.5BA home!
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One-of-a-kind home in "Old Midland"! Huge 4BD, 2.5BA, 2LA. PRICE REDUCED!
RUSTIC $238,500
Golfers paradise! Exquisite floorplan! 4BR, 3.5BA, 2LA & lots more! PRICE REDUCTION!
LAKES DR ..... NEW LISTING! ..... CALL OFFICE
Custom 4BR, 3.5BA home by Paul West in Saddle Club. Incredible view of the fountain, huge open windows & pool sized yard. Lots of new in progress!

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TIE A BIG RED BOW!..Around this special 4 bedroom home in desirable neighborhood with 2 living areas plus formal dining, sequestered master, low maintenance front yard and fenced, covered back porch. Call Anita for more! $89,900



NEW...NEW...NEW TO THE MARKET!..Beautifully kept Kahler built house is just 5 years new and sparkles! Located just South of Green Tree, this 4 bedroom has tile floors, plantation shutters, sequestered master, white washed cabinets and much more. Located on a quiet culdesac $126,900

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5 BEDROOMS

YOUR BEST PRESENT EVER!! Unwrap this immaculate home in Mockingbird Heights. PAUL WEST's custom-built 5 BD, 5 1/2 BA, 2-story home. Formals, den, study/office, hobby/shop room, fabulous pool and many more wonderful features! $525,000
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4 BEDROOMS

BANG YOUR STOCKINGS HERE. Custom built, prominent TROY HUNT home in Green Tree. Beautiful abode has 4 spacious BD, 4 BA, formal living, formal dining, den, workshop, and game room. $499,900
THE COMPLETE CHRISTMAS GIFT. Everything you've always wanted: Balcony, hot tub, plus 4 roomy BD, 3.5 BA, 2-story home also includes formal living, formal dining, & study/office. $199,900
ALL YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS you will find in this home...even an office or 5th bedroom. Spacious rooms and sophisticated styling woven in spacious 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, 3car garage. Warm and gracious living in Trinity Meadows. $154,900
HANG UP YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE in the living room, den, or game room of this 4 BD, 2 BA home. Hot tub, workshop, and RV parking. Must see to appreciate the special features. $97,500

3 BEDROOMS

FOR 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS Gorgeous "Old Midland" home has plenty of room for all your Holiday festivities. 3 BD, 2.5 BA, formal living, den, spacious kitchen, plus beautiful landscaping and enormous patio. $132,500
BELLS WILL JINGLE with excitement when you see this one!!! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, den, study/office, sequestered master, formal dining. $98,900
YULETIDE CHARM Enjoy the holidays in front of the warm fireplace in the spacious living area or guest bedroom of this 3 BD, 2 BA, 2 story home. Large garage and shop facilities. 2.5 acres w/pasture $94,900
CHRISTMAS CONVENIENCE 3 BD, 3 BA home is in a great location! Second living area is great game room or office. Plenty of square footage. Recently updated. Close to downtown. Wonderful home in "Old Midland". Excellent kitchen with large pantry. $79,900
HOLIDAY MAGIC can be yours in this Warm and Comfy 3 BD, 2 BA home. Living area w/recent carpet, beautiful yard, 2 storage buildings, & windmill gazebo. Lot of updating & loving care $45,900

2 BEDROOMS

O' CHRISTMAS TREE Charming 4-year old home has spacious feel in 2 BD, 2 BA. Terrific kitchen and living area. Work shop/storage building and more. $69,500
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5708 Heartland.....$216,500
4504 Greentree.....$159,900
5613 Highland.....$157,900

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4 OR MORE BEDROOMS

Fairwood.....$525,000
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Oriole.....$425,000
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Island Drive.....Reduced $415,000
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Rustic Trail-Reduced.....$409,000
Builder's own home in Greentree. Spacious living in 4BD, 4BA, steam shower in master. Fabulous built-in TV wall, 5 car garage with workshop. Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

Grasslands-5719 Hillcrest.....$294,900
5 bedrooms, 4 baths, 3 liv., 4 car garage - custom one owner. Call Jo.

Choate-Trinity Estates.....$293,500
4 bedrooms + study or 5 bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths. Call Jo.

Fairwood.....$269,000
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Co. Rd. 1244.....$245,000
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Ridgefield Ct.....$235,000
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Devlin.....$229,900
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Heartland-Reduced.....$216,500
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Sunrise Ct.....$214,900
Gorgeous home with wonderful view of 6th green-Greentree North. 4BR, 2LA, 3 baths, formal dining, double fireplace, 3 car garage. A/C rep 98, roof 97, carpet & paint 97. Call Jane Petree 682-1995.

Radcliff Ct.....$210,000
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Devlin.....$207,900
4 Bd, 3.5BA, 2LA Keith Antilley home under construction. Security System and so many extras. Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

Devlin.....$204,900
Call Marilyn Jo Smith to find out the details on this Keith Antilley home under construction.

Heartland.....$199,000
Immaculate 5 bedroom + bonus rm has 2 living & formal dining, beautiful built-ins, and so much more. Beautiful cul-de-sac location. Call Anita.

Teakwood in Greentree C.C.....$199,000
Picture perfect, this 4BR/ 3 BA or 3 BR w/lovely study. Looks like a house beautiful magazine layout in every room. Call Joyce Brickey 682-3191 for all the bells & whistles. It's loaded!

Skywood Circle.....$197,500
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Grassland.....$189,900
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Grassland.....$188,500
Keith Antilley is building another one! 4BD, 3.5BA, 2 LA, and so much more! Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

"Old Midland"-DON'T MISS THIS!.....$179,900
Fabulous 4 bedroom located on Princeton, tons of windows overlooking gorgeous yard with pool. Call Deborah 520-2112. Decorating allowance too!

Cypress Ct-REDUCED!!.....$179,900
Spectacular view of the course from this 3 or 4 BD, 2 or 3 living area home w/formal dining &/or study, double fireplace, 2 car garage & more! Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Highland Ct.....$179,900
Beautiful 11 month old 4 bedroom, 3 full bath, 2 living area home on cul-de-sac. Den plus gameroom, sequestered master and in-law plan. 3 garage. Hurry! Sandy Scott 686-8323 or 684-0370.

Grassland Blvd-Under Appraisal.....$174,900
Only lived in 3 mos. - Seller transferred - 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 LA, 3 garage, shutters, RO, water softner, security, landscaped, Sandy Scott 686-8323 or 684-0370.

Hillcrest-New Listing.....$169,900
4 bedroom, 2 living, 3 baths, 3 car garage. Wonderful. Call Jo.

Greenridge.....$169,900
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 1 living area. WOW! Super custom cul-de-sac, large lot, spacious kitchen, tile floor, large utility, approx 200' stg./work area in garage, gorgeous homes with many upgrades. Call Ruth 682-7884 or 697-1217.

Teakwood Trace.....$169,900
4 BD, 3.5 BA, 2 story home with formals, study/office, and balcony. Covered patio and hot tub outside. Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

Cherrywood-Reduced.....$169,000
Briarwood -Beautiful Kahler Resale! Four large bedrooms, three baths, one living area. High ceilings, built-ins, great closets, three car garage. Call Sam House at 682-8820.

Castleford-Reduced.....$164,900
Impressive, elegant, and surprisingly warm & inviting, 4 bed, 2 LA, 3 1/2 BA in Saddle Club South, 2 1/2 fireplaces, enormous country kitchen, call Denise 697-1799.

Coventry Lane.....Reduced $163,500
Fantastic R. Graham resale in U/C with all the amenities, 4 BR's, 3 baths, 2 LA, formal dining, 3 car garage, 2 fireplaces, beautiful landscaping - immaculate condition. Call Jane Petree 682-1995.

Tattenham.....$163,000
Drive by and call to see this pretty 4 bedroom, 4 bath, 1.10 acres, 2 water wells and a large house in back, seller is accepting offers! Call Lavonne 694-0444.

Polo Park-Southampton.....$161,900
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 living. Immaculate Call Jo.

Green Tree Blvd-Reduced!.....$159,900
4 bd, 3 full baths, 2 half baths, U/C 2 fireplaces, 2 living areas, 2 dining, study, pool, 2 car garage, 2 story Victorian! Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Highland.....Reduced $157,900
Fabulous Grassland Resale! Like new, includes study, security, R.O. & softener - Immaculate! Call Donna Pehl 697-0490.

Woodhaven.....$154,900
Versatile plan for 5 bedrooms or 4 plus an office. 3 full baths and 3-car garage. Delightful home in beautiful condition. Call Marilyn Jo Smith TODAY!

Greentree.....$154,900
Be in for the holidays! Join in the fun...kitchen overlooks spacious family room, cozy formal living room, seq. master suite, each to his own bath, light & bright study, exceptional. Ask for Larry or Debbie Hatfield 684-0369.

Brighton.....Reduced $149,900
Relax by the fireplace in seq. master suite. Gorgeous hardwood floors in family room with fireplace & built-ins. Gracious formal dining room for entertaining. 3 full baths is a real crowd pleaser. Very spacious. Ask for Larry or Debbie 684-0369.

Beautiful 5 Bedroom-Open-Light & Bright.....$149,900
Trees, pool, near park. Great house. Please call Jo.

Highsky.....$148,000
Beautiful TH recent tile fence, SOLD wallpaper, plantation shutters, tile & carpet & paint. 4 BR's, 2 BA, 2 LA, formal dining & sparkling pool. Too Gorgeous for words! Call Jane Petree 682-1995.

Woodhaven.....$147,500
Beautiful and spacious 4BD, 3 B U/C reat floor plan can be 4 BD or 3BD/2LA. Completely updated. Charming courtyard w/pond! Plenty of parking space. Call Marilyn Jo Smith at 682-8820.

Los Alamitos-New Listing.....$145,000
Saddle Club, 4BR/3BA, recently updated. Great floor plan & landscaping. Call Sam.

Stoneleigh.....$144,900
Wonderful 4 bedroom, Polo Park, sequestered master, formal dining, great! Please call Jo Braden 683-1425.

Goldenrod, Gardendale (W. Co. Rd. 30).....$143,900
Nestled among the pines! 4 BR, 2 1/2 BA, 2 Liv., formal dining. Over 200 trees! Located on 2.498 acres. Inground pool. Call Joel Oldham at 682-8820 or 689-9696 to see this lovely home today!!

Humble.....Reduced $139,900
Beautiful "Old Midland" 4 bd, 3 bath, 3 living areas, low maintenance yards, 2 car garage, circle drive, sequestered guest room, walk to Fasken Park & more. Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Mellter.....Reduced $136,500
Enormous studio, gym, office, sep. living quarters let your imagination flow. Main house quite charming, country style kitchen, formal liv. & dining, massive bedrooms, loads of charm. Alot for your money. Ask for Larry or Debbie Hatfield 684-0369.

Melville.....$134,900
Beautiful Bob Tinney home - 4 BD, 2.5 bath, large master. Mary Jo Drury 684-4268.

E. Co. Rd. 109.....$133,900
New construction in Windmill Ridge, 1 AC Lot. Call Clemmie.

King Richard.....$131,500
4 bedrooms, 3 baths, open concept plan - still time to choose your own colors! Call Deborah 520-2112.

Lancashire.....Reduced $129,900
Newly decorated, 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, formal dining, plantation shutters, brick flooring - must see. Call Sandy Scott 686-8323 or 684-0370.

Crestwood.....$128,900
Popular Robert Graham plan. 4 bedrooms, two and a half baths and immaculate condition. Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

Rebel Drive.....$127,900
Quality 4 BR plus office. 2 Liv SOLD PER 50's-60's "soda fountain" gameroom. 1 BR guest house, ndition. Near Lee High. Call Joel Oldham @ 682-8820 or 689-9696 for an appt. to see this beautiful home.

King Richards Row.....$126,900
Immaculate 4 bedroom Kahler built home has wonderful kitchen w/huge built-in china cabinet/desk, berber carpet, large rooms, lite, brite and beautiful! Call Anita.

Melville.....$126,500
Very nice four bedroom that wa U/C 67. Many amenities such as large kitchen with island, sprinkler system, rear entry garage and formal dining. Call Kirk at 682-8820.

Sherwood.....$123,500
4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, brand U/C ady for you. Whitewash cabinets & tiled floors, sprinkler system, blinds throughout too! Call Deborah 520-2112.

Emerson Heights.....Reduced! $114,900
Practically perfect, 4 bed, 3 1/2 baths, 2 car gar, 2 carport, swimming pool, garden room, tile floors, totally updated, great location, walk to school. Seller will pay $1,000 of buyer's closing costs, plus $3,000 decorating allowance. Hurry! Call Ruth Young 682-7884 or 697-1217.

Mellter-WORKSHOP.....Only $114,900
4 bedroom, 2 living, immaculate, workshop. Please call Jo Braden 683-1425.

Fairfax Ct.....$114,500
Wonderful cul-de-sac location. Great plan with huge bedrooms and lots & lots of windows! Beautiful yard with mature trees. Call Billie 697-5545.

Skyline Terrace.....$107,500
4 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 liv. areas, recent upgrades, tile floors & new tile countertops & pretty backyard. Call Ruth Young 682-7884.

Teakwood.....Reduced $103,900
Great Price & area, great property. 4 bedrooms, huge living area, good size yard, wide driveway & garage. Recent upgrades. Must See! Call Ruth Young 682-7884 or 697-1217.

Stanolind.....$99,700
Great floorplan, big bedrooms, formal living & dining, great price for over 2700 sq. ft. home! Always call Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Bedford.....$97,500
4BD, 2BA, formal living area, and den. Covered patio, workshop, and an auto sprinkler with separate water well. 1-car attached garage and 2-car detached. 2% Buyer's Allowance. Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

Keenland.....$96,500
This property has been recently updated with all new carpet and paint, extra room has been converted back to a two car garage. .63 acres. Call Lavoone 694-0444.

Cuthbert.....$96,500
Very nice 4BR, 3 bath, 2 LA's, plus sunroom, 2 CG. Lots of Room! Call Jane Petree 682-1995.

Metz Dr.....$89,900
Spacious 4 bedroom, 2 living area home has sequestered master, lg. indoor utility, easy maintenance front yard. Call Anita!

Sentinel-WORKSHOP.....$89,900
Think Bargain & Buy This! Wonderful 4 bd, 3 bath home w/updated kitchen & baths, sprinklers, 2 car garage. RV parking, brick fence & state-of-the-art workshop! Unbelievable! Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Culver.....Reduced $79,900
Mom will love the country kitchen, dad the workshop & the kids their huge bedrooms, with over 3000 sq. ft. What's not to love. Call Vicky.

Wilshire Park-If you rent you can afford this.....$61,500
4 bedrooms, 2 liv., 2 baths, workshop, tile floor in kitchen. Extra insulation, much new in this home. Call Ruth Young 682-7884 or Larry Hatfield 684-0369.

Harlowe Drive.....$49,900
Cute 4BR, 2 liv. areas. Much U/C throughout. Enclosed sunroom, RV parking in rear. In great condi Joel Oldham @ 682-8820 or 689-9696 for an appointment.

3 OR LESS BEDROOMS

Crescent Place.....$335,000
Gorgeous Crescent Place SOLD of updating, kitchen redone - 3 fireplaces, 3 BR's, 2 1/2 ba charm! Call Jane Petree 682-1995.

Fenway.....$209,000
Creme-de-le Creme. Exubia Living! Grandeur formal living & formal dining. Superb layout in kitchen with such detail to cabinet work. Seq. master suite with lush appointments. Low mainteannce of course, 3 c garage. Ask for Larry or Debbie Hatfield 684-0369.

Greentree Country Club.....Reduced $153,000
Builder's home feature rich, Bright open floor plan w/gorgeous master suite bath. Includes Country Club Membership. Careful it's loaded! Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Juniper.....Reduced $149,900
One-of-a-kind home, 3 Bd, 3 bath, w/soaring ceilings, fabulous lawn, walls of pella windows, extra parking, tile, berber, etc! Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Neely Ave.-.....$145,000
Fabulous custom townhouse! Three bedroom, 2.5 baths, combination formals. Amenities incl. recent carpet, paint. Call Sam 682-8820.

Meadowwood Ct.....$142,900
Great 2 BR, 2 bath, 1 LA Patio home, great location, lots of amenities - must see. Call Jane Petree 682-1995.

Castleford.....$137,500
Outstanding finish work & ceiling treatments, huge rooms, great built-ins, 2 1/2 baths, lovely landscaping - exceptional! Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Country Club.....$132,500
3BD, 2.5BA, 2LA, & beautiful landscaping. You will love it. Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

Neely-New Listing.....$127,500
Large patio home priced to sell. Call Clemmie.

Crestridge.....$126,900
Spacious living in Crestgate! 3 bed, 2.5 bath, large living w/sitting area, formal dining, huge gameroom, 2 car rear entry garage, cul-de-sac & more! Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Lafayette Place.....$125,000
New Orleans in Midland! Lovely townhome with recent paint, tile, a/c, roof, dishwasher & HWH. 2 BR's, 2 LA's, 2 1/2 baths, 2 car garage. Pride of ownership shows! Please call Jane Petree 682-1995 or 425-7255.

Wedgewood-Reduced!.....$122,900
STUNNING Garden home, SOLD ulous patio - all amenities - call Donna 697-0490.

Spring Meadow #2.....Reduced $114,900
Owner ready to deal! 3 BR SOLD LA, 2 CG -townhome, low maintenance. Call Jane Petree 682-1995.

Western-Pool.....Reduced $99,900
WOW! $2,400 buyer incentive. Need a home/office? Second living area is PERFECT! Cute kitchen, breakfast area, cozy family room, super bedrooms, updated bath. So much space for your money. Ask for Larry or Debbie Hatfield 684-0369.

Haynes-PICTURE PERFECT- OFFERS!.....Reduced $105,000
Gorgeous patio home w/some yard. Spacious 3BR, 2 1/2BA with so much new! Call Sandy Scott 684-0370 or 686-8323.

Brunswick-Patio Home.....$104,900
3/2 - low maintenance, wet bar, large master suite! Plus formal dining...Please call Donna 682-8820, ext. 158.

Edgemont-New Listing.....$103,000
Large sequestered master, great floor plan. Call Clemmie.

Wydewood.....$99,900
READY TO MOVE? Then see this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with den, study/office & formal dining. It's a winner!! Call Marilyn Jo Smith 682-8820.

Mark Ln.....$97,500
David Baker new construction U/C ighborhood, extra nice kitchen w/built-ins & white washed cabinetry! Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Mark Lane.....$97,000
Bonus room off breakfast area, oversized bedrooms, huge living area, house out back for teenagers. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Nelson Road.....$95,000
Wonderful family home with sparkling pool. Lots of recent updating - carpet, ceramic tile, kitchen appliances, pool equip., 3 BR's, 2 baths, 1 LA, "Big bedrooms" - 2 car garage plus large carpet. Call Jane Petree 682-1995.

Moss-Townhome.....$92,500
3/2 plus formal. Spacious kitchen SOLD - wonderful plan, some grass, low maintenance - AHS Warranty! Call Donna Pehl ext. 158.

#6 Marinor Ct.....Reduced $89,900
Spacious 3 BD, 2 bath home w/formal dining, 2 car rear entry garage, cul-de-sac, Fannin area & new carpet! Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Fannin Terrace.....$86,900
Unique 3 bedroom/3.5 baths, with trees!! 2 living + formal dining. Beautiful tile flooring. Call for more! Anita Noles.

Club Drive.....$80,900
Charming "Old Midland" location - Hardwood & brick floors, 2 BR's, 2 baths, formal dining, really neat kitchen opens on glassed sunroom and fireplace/plus guest house with fireplace & knotty pine. Charming & Affordable. Jane Petree.

Lavaca.....$89,900
3 BD, 2 BA home with den, U/C ner, R/O, covered patio and breakfast area. Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

Edgemont.....$89,500
Lite, brite, 2 BR, 2 BA, high ceil U/C fireplace, recent flooring in kichen & living area, great curb appeal. Call Clayton Alexander 682-9494.

Wedgewood.....$89,000
Townhome - super low maintenance and utility bills, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, soaring ceilings with loft in Trinity. Deborah 520-2112.

Joy Dr.-Shows Like A Model Home!.....$88,500
Picture Perfect 3 bed plus sitting area in master, 2 living areas with fireplace, large bedrooms. Lovely yard. Walk to school. Call Ruth Young 682-7884.

Wedgewood.....Reduced $87,500
Patio home with vaulted ceiling, skylights, french doors, double patios in status neighborhood. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Fannin.....$85,000
Take a look at me now! New berber carpet & paint in sunroom – close to Fannin schools. Call Deborah 520-2112.

Missouri - Large Yard.....$84,900
Museum area, with 2 bdrm, 2 bath plus a super rental in back, 2 living areas. Mary Jo Drury 684-4268.

Huntington.....$82,500
Large three bedroom, two bathroom home with two living areas and a two car garage. Home needs a little TLC and the price reflects this. Call Kirk French for more information.

Wydewood-$3,000 Decorating Allowance.....Reduced $80,000
Big Big Big Rooms! Two story, MBR on ground floor, 3 BR, 2.5 BA, one LA, large kitchen w/island, breakfast area. Oversized 2 car garage. Call Sam House 682-8820.

N. B Street.....$79,900
3 BD, 3BA home in "Old Midland". Second living area is great game room or office. Excellent kitchen with large pantry. Plenty of square footage. Recent updating. Great location + Decorating Allowance. Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

Maxwell-Great Kitchen, OWNER WILL LOOK AT OFFERS.....$79,900
Close to Midland College - super home with 3 large bedrooms, two baths. Call Mary Jo 684-4268.

Hoye.....$79,900
Very quiet street and just dow U/C from Bush Elementary. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, new paint and carpet. Call Lavonne 694-0444.

Shell.....$79,900
3/2, 2 living areas, parquet floors & shutters, swings stay. Updated too! Call Donna 682-8820, ext. 158.

College.....$77,900
"Museum" area cottage, 2 BR, 1-1/2 BA, 2 living areas, sunroom, converted garage into an office with loads of storage room. Please call Joel Oldham @ 682-8820 or 689-9696 to see today!!!

Washita.....$75,900
3BD, 2BA home with den, study/office, enclosed porch, hobby/shop room, satellite, workshop, formal dining, and much more! Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

Fairbanks.....Reduced $74,900
Great Fairmont Location! Super 3BR, 2 bath, formal dining, sequestered master, dry bar & 2 car garage. Hurry! Call Sandy Scott 686-8323 or 684-0370.

Dentcrest.....$74,900
Immaculate! 2 BD, 2 bath townhome w/large kitchen, island, recent-appliances. Atrium, master has sitting area, 2 car garage, covered patio, etc.! Call Victoria printz 689-4800.

Sparks.....$74,500
3BR-3 bath, 2 car garage, sw U/C ol w/deck has its own private yard! 2 spacious living areas, separated by double French doors...formal dining room. Great FP. Call joyce brickey 682-3191.

Dengar.....Reduced $73,000
Darling home with 3 living ar U/C rooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage. Lots of updates - great yard & close t ryshing. Call for appt. Denise 697-1799.

W. Dengar.....$72,900
3 bedroom home on tree-lined street has recently replaced carpet & vinyl. Exterior fresh paint. Pretty corner lot. Don't miss. Call Anita Noles.

Humble.....$69,900
Workshop! Enjoy divided yard w/waterfall & hot tub! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, large living area, office, sunroom, nice kitchen, w/extra large pantry! Landscaped corner lot w/sprinklers, 2 car garage & more! Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Shell - Allowance.....Reduced $69,900
Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 3 living areas or could be 4 bedroom. Seller w/allow $6,200 for new Heat/Air & carpet. Call Sandy Scott 686-8323 or 684-0370.

Haynes.....Reduced! $69,900
Great starter home close to schools & shopping - 3 BR, 2 baths, 2 LA, fireplace, 2 car garage, storage house or workshop, 7' wood fence, AC & heating replaced '96 - Call Jane Petree 682-1995. Recent Paint.

2606 Whitney.....$69,500
3 bedrooms, living, beauti SOLD ings, great closets & storage. Call Jo.

Princeton.....$69,000
Darling 3BR, 2BA, 2 Liv. areas, Refrigerator to remain. Shed/workshop. Established neighborhood. Near shopping. Water softener. Call Joel Oldham @ 682-8820 or 689-9696 for an appointment.

Louisiana.....$69,000
Non-qualifying assumption!! This three bedroom home has two bathrooms, a formal dining room, and a two car garage. Call Kirk to see at 682-8820.

Michigan.....$68,900
PLENTY OF TLC has been g U/C 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Recent carpet, interior paint, roof shingles replaced & shower retiled. Call Marilyn Jo Smith 682-8820.

Ainslee-$2,000 Carpet Allowance.....$68,000
Three/Two, formal LR, large den. Beautiful backyard. Two car garage - very Homey! Call Sam 682-8820.

Elma-Darling Townhome.....$65,500
Must see this beautifully dec SOLD bath, 1 LA - all neutral colors - recent carpet, paint, tile & range. Too cute. Call Jane Petree 682-1995.

Pleasant.....Reduced! $65,500
Very nice! 3 bd, 2 ba, 2 living, updated kitchen w/tile & island, spacious rooms, divided yard, sprinkler system, patio off master! Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Louisiana-Unbelievable Price.....$65,000
Will not last at this price...Hurry! U/C edrooms, 2 fabulous dining areas, country kitchen, loads of storage, 2 car garage plus workshop for hubby. Ask for Larry or Debbie 684-0369.

Pueblo-New Listing.....$65,000
Pretty house on large lot, call Clemmie.

Preston.....$64,500
Townhome, with new carpet, 2bedrooms, 2 & 1/2 baths, large master bedroom suite. Low maintenance. Call Lavonne 694-0444.

3608 Shell-New Listing.....$62,900
3 bedroom, 2 living, sunroom, trees. Please call Jo 683-1425.

Brookdale Drive.....$61,500
Adorable 3 BR, 2BA. In like new condition. Corner FP. Covered patio. Satellite dish & controls. Storage bldg. Call Joel Oldham at 682-8820 or 689-9696.

Ruidoso Ct.....$60,000
Bush, Abell, Lee School District, cul-de-sac location, fireplace, 2 bath, rear entry garage. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Stanton.....$59,900
Darling inside & out! Country U/C ge living area, seq. master, light & bright, great storage, great location! Call Larry or Debbie 684-0369.

Upland Street.....$58,950
Cute 3BR, 2 BA with 2 liv. areas. Large backyard. Open kitchen with breakfast bar. Water well for yard. Call Joel Oldham @ 682-8820 or 689-9696 for an appointment.

702 Alpine.....$58,900
Wonderful Dellwood 3 bed - country kitchen, large utility, trees. Call Jo.

Lavaca Court.....Reduced $57,900
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 living areas, formal dining area. Pain & carpet allowance. Must see to appreciate. Call Joel Oldham at 682-8820 or 689-9696.

Louisiana.....$57,900
3 BD, 2 BA, den, covered patio, great floorplan. 1-car garage plus a large 2-car parking pad. Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

3616 Tampico.....$57,900
Lovely Townhouse, corner lot, great U/C Clemmie.

Sinclair.....Reduced $57,500
3/2, 2 living areas, tiled bath U/C room, large yard -Home Warranty! Call Donna 682-8820, Ext. 158.

Crenshaw.....$57,500
Spacious 3/2 in quiet, established neighborhood has large living area w/corner fireplace, indoor utility, 2 full baths, no bkyd neighbors. Call Anita!

Louisiana-Newly Painted Interior.....Reduced $56,900
Over 1700 sq. ft. in the great 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in convenient location. Call Sandy Scott 686-8323 or 684-0370.

Golf Course.....$55,500
Hardwood floors, large den w/fireplace, formal dining, cinder block fence, covered patio. Call Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

Country Club.....$49,900
Light & bright & ready to m U/C lenty of cabinets in kitchen, two living areas or one could be form ny. King size master. Cute! Cute!. Ask for Larry or Debbie Hatfield 684-0369.

Idlewilde.....$49,900
Picture pretty, large master bdrm, water well for yard, call Clemmie.

Harlowe.....$49,900
New paint & carpet completed! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 living areas, workshop, screened in porch, 2 car garage, close to schools! Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Ruby-Workshop.....$49,200
Spotless home - includes study, newer windows, porch, sprinkler system, plus wonderful shop with bath. Call Donna Pehl 682-8820, Ext. 158.

Bowie.....$46,900
Don't miss this great 3BR/2BA house w/1 car garage, large dining, sprinkler system, vinyl siding & more. Call Sam now to see.

Nobles-Reduced to Sell.....$45,900
Was a Beast, Now A Beauty! U/C recent make-over, please come see me, Clayton Alexander 682-9494.

Erie.....$45,900
Warm and comfy 3 BD, 2 BA home. Living area w/recent carpet, beautiful yard, 2 storage buildings, and Windmill Gazebo. Lots of updating & loving care, plus home is bright and colorful. Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

Brooks Dr.....$44,500
Cute 3 BR, 1.5 bath with fireplace, cozy kitchen and lg. dining area. Call for more! Anita.

Harlowe.....$43,500
Fantastic Inside! Two exceptional living areas plus study/nursery. Lots of storage in kitchen. Great bedrooms - don't miss out, hurry to see, you'll be impressed. Ask for Larry or Debbie 684-0369.

Dewberry.....$42,900
Updated with carpet/paint. Call Clemmie.

Harlowe.....$42,900
2 bedroom, 1 bath, loads of updating, picture pretty, call Clemmie.

Delmar-"WORKSHOP".....$42,500
3 BD, 2 bath, sunroom, workshop w/2 garage doors, 1 car garage, brick fence, close to schools! Cute, cute! Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Princeton.....$42,000
New paint & carpet complete! Spacious 3 bed, 2 bath home w/fireplace, covered patio, fenced backyard, corner lot! Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Holly.....$41,000
Absolute doll house. Has been completely remodeled, new carpet and paint, fans, cabinets, you must see it. Call Lavonne 694-0444.

Harlowe-.....$39,900
Darling 3 bedroom with nice size living area. Cute kitchen with breakfast area, 1 car garage. Workshop! Ask for Larry or Debbie Hatfield 694-0369.

Woodcrest.....$38,700
Great area - super home - 3 U/C baths, large living area. Mary Jo Drury 684-4268.

217 "A and "B" E Circle Drive.....DUPLEX.....$38,500
Investor delight or owner occupied, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath on each side. Must see to appreciate the value!!! Call Joel Oldham at 682-8820 or 689-9696 to see.

Harlowe-New Listing.....$34,900
Cute 2 bdrm w/2 living areas, fireplace, central air, call Clemmie.

Crockett.....$33,000
3 bedrooms, 1 bath, corner lot. Great home! Recent carpet & paint. Call Sam House 682-8820.

Tanner-New Listing.....$32,500
Sharp, immaculate 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 living area, 1 car garage in excellent condition. Great 1st home or investment property. Call Sandy Scott 686-8323 or 684-0370.

Cuthbert.....$29,900
2 BD, 1 BA, 1 LA. Great investment. Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

N. Pecos.....$27,500
3 BD, 2 bath, 1 car garage, corner lot, wonderful workshop or storage. All concrete block - house, garage & shop! SOLID! SOLID! Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.

Sagewood Condo's.....Reduced $22,500
Fantastic! Super 1 bedroom, great closets, large living area, cute kitchen breakfast area. We have 3 to choose from - are great for investor! Ask for Larry or Debbie Hatfield 684-0369.

SUBURBAN & COMMERCIAL

W. CR 60.....$550,000
Superior equestrian facilities, pool, tennis courts, 2 guest houses, 4 garages, RV garage, 17 acres, open to offers. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

16 unit Apartment Complex.....$200,000
Remodeled with central location - good income streatm with 15% cap rate. Call Bill Scott 682-8820.

N. Hwy. 349.....$169,900
A city home in the country where you can spread out - great barns, lovely 4 bedroom, 3 bath home - you will have to see it to believe it-Call Mary Jo Drury 684-4268 or 682-8820. 10 acres.

FM 307.....Reduced $152,500
Choice location, excellent grounds - 5 acres - workshops, bonus room off kitchen, Texas-sized living room, large bedrooms. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

E. Co. Rd. 109.....$133,900
New construction in Windmill Ridge, Lots of tile, call Clemmie.

Wood Dr.....$129,900
Approx 3.220 acres, plus a barn, 3 BD, 2 bath, bonus room. Mary Jo Drury 684-4268.

Co. Rd. 95.....$125,000
Attention Horse Lovers! 3 bd, 2 bath home w/formal dining, pool, stables, barns, steer chute, lighted areas, horse walker, could have commerical horse operation! WOW! Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.

S. Co. Rd. 1200.....$99,900
Lge. home updated, 4 AC, plus mobile home that is Leased. Call Clemmie.

1300 A E. Co. Rd. 130.....$94,900
3 BD, 2 BA, 2 story home. Large garage and shop facilities, horse pasture and small pen. Call Marilyn Jo Smith. 2.5 acres.

5415 Co. Rd. 83.....$78,500
Large workshop, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, metal roof. Call Lavone 694-0444.

5804 S. Hwy. 349.....Reduced $77,500
3 or 4 bedroom home located on 5 acres w/pecan trees. Need some TLC - could be great! Formal dining. 4th bd or gameroom upstairs, 2 car garage. Call Victoria Printz 689-4800.

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A super home nestled on a cul- U/C rees - 3 bedrooms, one bath - place for horses, great fences - Mary Jo Drury 684-4268.

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Fantastic price on this super 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in Greenwood with newer carpet, paint, wallpaper, A/C, water heater. Don't miss out! Call Sandy Scott 686-8323 or 684-0370.

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4-year old home has spacious feel in 2 BD, 2 BA. Terrific kitchen and living area. Work shop/storage building and nice, nice landscaping. Call Marilyn Jo Smith.

E. Co. Rd. 90.....$54,500
Darling Greenwood property, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, large living, built-ins, covered wood deck, great counterspace. Vicky Garrett 570-8889/800-583-5923.

E. Co. Rd. 120.....$53,900
2 bdrm on 4 acres, large workshop, call Clemmie.

W. Co. Rd. 140.....89+ACRES.....$52,500
Beautiful unimproved acreage. Working water well. Call Joel Oldham at 682-8820 or 689-9696 for more information.

S.C.R. 1285.....$45,000
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3.41 acres for sale that is zoned Residential 1-F-1. Call Kirk French.

8301 Co. Rd. 56-Saddle Club Ranch Estates (Edinburgh).....$32,000
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E. Co. Rd. 60.....$18,000
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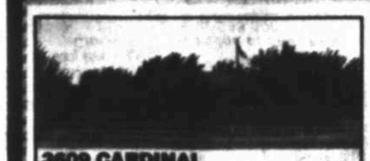
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3609 CARDINAL
- Fabulous 4 bedroom home on 5 acres
- The ultimate barn and arena with bedroom, bath and gameroom
- Exquisite updating with so much new
- Peaceful surroundings with great trees

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Offered at $550,000



4113 FAIRWOOD
- Incredible Bill Brown
- Adaptable floor plan
- Five bedrooms, 3.2 baths and 3 living areas
- Three car garage

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3405 CHOATE PLACE
- Spacious and lovely four bedroom home
- Sparkling pool and pretty yard
- Two living areas and two bonus rooms
- Popular Trinity Estates

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4636 RUSTIC TRAIL
- So much light and space, 4BR/3.5BA/3LA
- Beautiful golf course view yet ultimate privacy
- Gorgeous pool and terraces, lovely landscaping
- Great sequestered playroom, super den

Call Joanne Langston at 682-9495
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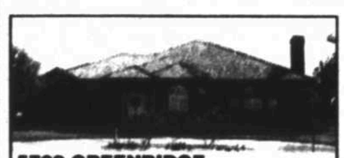
5615 GREENRIDGE
- Plantation shutters, high ceilings
- Sequestered master, 4 bedroms, 2.5 baths
- Spacious kitchen and family room area
- Formal living and dining, 3 car garage

Call Patti Wallace at 685-0400
Offered at $189,500



1308 BRIGHTON
- Quality built by Bill Brown
- Sequestered master with fireplace
- Spacious rooms
- Fabulous trees

Call Pat Paxton at 682-9495
Offered at $189,000



5709 GREENRIDGE
- Custom, one owner home
- Gorgeous decor, immaculate condition
- Lovely landscaping, great plan
- 3 Bedrooms, 3 living areas

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Offered at $169,000



2506 STANOLIND
- Beautiful landscaping in "Old Midland"
- Fabulous MST. Bedroom with sitting area and bath
- Hardwood floors, wood shutters, and very light
- Professionally remodeled and decorated

Call Jon Short at 682-9495
Offered at $178,500



5427 BASSWOOD CIRCLE
- Great plan, flexible and lovely
- Gorgeous landscaping
- Spacious rooms
- Good storage

Call Jane Wolf at 682-9495
Offered at $174,900



5618 CROWLEY
- Four bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 living areas
- Only 4 yrs. old in excellent condition
- Sequestered master suite with jacuzzi tub
- Huge covered patio with brick columns

Call Jerry Holt at 685-0400
Offered at $154,900



3306 WOODHAVEN
- Spacious rooms
- Sequestered master
- Lovely fenced patio with landscaping
- Beautiful mature trees

Call Donna Omar at 685-0400
Offered at $145,000



3809 CRESTRIDGE
- Split bath in master
- Large kitchen with eating area
- Water softener and RO system
- Large tiled patio and sprinkler system

Call Sandy Hanson at 682-9495
Offered at $139,000



4406 WARD
- Very spacious patio home
- Three bedroms, 2.5 baths, large living area
- Huge master bedroom with 2 fabulous closets
- Side or back area for pet, RV or boat

Call Pat Paxton at 682-9495
Offered at $123,000



3804 CRESTGATE AVE.
- Spacious home with 4 bedrooms, 3 bath, 2 living areas
- Great light and bright colors
- Skylights, wet bar and AHS warranty
- New dishwasher, sink, wooden blinds

Call Jerry Holt at 685-0400
Offered at $117,900



217 CAROL LANE
- Shop
- Beautiful pool
- Mature landscaping
- Great storage

Call Sandy Hanson at 682-9495
Offered at $117,000



2603 NORTH "L"
- Wonderful inside and out
- Enclosed patio with cabinets and work area
- Siding on exterior
- Great home, very roomy

Call Amy Johnson at 685-0400
Offered at $114,000



1502 CASTLEFORD
- "Move-in" ready! Three bedrooms, two baths
- Super plan for living and entertaining
- Wet bar, security system, central vacuum
- Great deck in back yard

Call Jane Wolf at 682-9495
Offered at $111,500



2701 SHANKS
- Clean country living on 1.25 acres
- Close proximity to town
- Good water well for property
- Wonderful view of town

Call Martha Manulik at 682-9495
Offered at $103,000



2605 DENGAR
- Spacious room and great storage
- Bay window in breakfast area
- Master bedroom with bath redone in fall of 1997
- Pretty brick fireplace wall in den

Call Jane Tucker at 682-9495
Offered at $102,000



1714 NORTHRUP
- Unique two story contemporary home
- Three bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 living areas
- Incredible redo
- Close to schools

Call Needa Faught at 685-0400
Offered at $94,500



1001 VENTURA
- Nice townhome in popular area
- Well maintained with pretty patio
- 2 Bedrooms, 2 bathrooms
- Many extras

Call Roberta Aldridge at 682-9495
Offered at $88,500



4215 DOWNING
- Lots of class
- Great for living and entertaining
- 3/2 with open kitchen, breakfast and living
- Easy care yard

Call Jane Wolf at 682-9495
Offered at $85,000

$200,000 AND UP...THE CITY'S MOST EXTENSIVE SELECTION OF HOMES IN THE UPPER PRICE RANGES, CALL US!

BLUEBIRD LN-Extraordinary in every beautiful detail, 4BR/5BA on 3+ acres, pool, 5 fireplaces, fabulous formals, exceptional "great room", sunroom, gorgeous landscaping and terraces, private, secluded drive....CALL
SADDLE CLUB ESTATES-Incredible space, style, appointments. 5BR/6BA, formals + study + den + playroom. Gorgeous newer pool, lavish landscaping and trees....650,000
OLD MIDLAND-One of the most gorgeous home's you'll ever see! Exquisite in every detail hardwood floors sumptuous formals, fabulous den, exquisite moldings, incredible garden room, beautiful pool, impressive quality....550,000
CARDINAL LANE-Country living, city convenience. The home is fantastic w/wonderful updating. The ultimate horse facility....550,000
CARDINAL LANE-The most wonderful suburban home ever! Unbelievable amenities, great space, 10 ac....495,000
WINCHESTER CT-Incredible TH - indoor pool in fabulous living area; 4BR/6BA; MBR w/library, stunnng studio, office, 3FP, 5 garages, absolutely wonderful....495,000
FAIRWOOD-Absolutely stunning 5/4/3 with 3-car garage and 3FP's. Pool & the list goes on! Wonderful....460,000
TRINITY-Simply beautiful! One of a kind 5BR in Trinity Estates on beautiful lot....400,000
TATTENHAM CORNER-Most exciting home on mkt! 5BR/6BA, acreage, pool, incredible style, quality....395,000
LAKES-Lovely custom 2-story in gated subdivision. Fantastic lake view....349,900
FAIRWOOD-Wonderful Bill Brown resale. Spacious, like new 5/3+/3. Den, gameroom & formals. Must see this fabulous home. Ready to move into today....349,900
RACQUET CLUB-The "ultimate" dream home in Racquet Club South. Low maintenance, high quality....349,500
CITATION-Incredible Saddle Cub North TH! Pool, spacious formals, huge den, 2BR tuest house. Lovely....345,000
RUSTIC TRAIL-Beautiful & bright 4BR/3LA, fabulous kitchen, seq. master, the extras & details are terrific....315,000
CHOATE-Lovely and spacious in Trinity Estates 4 bedroms, 2 rooms, sparkling pool, beautiful yard....310,000
CITATION-High style in Saddle Club North TH. Too much new to list. Lovely, elegant....279,500
BAYBROOK-4BR/3+BA, gourmet kitchen, seq. master, Bill Brown construction, light & bright, ready for you!....278,000
L-Old Midland remodeled beauty, unique custom design, wonderful detail....276,000
RIDGEFIELD-Terrific 4BR w/3LA or 5 w/2LA + study and gorgeous pool!....249,000
RUSTIC TRAIL-Spacious 4BR/3.5BA/3 garage and 3 super living areas plus newer pool, gorgeous golf course view....239,750
TEAKWOOD TRACE-Not just another house-dramatic, ultra contemporary w/soaring ceilings in GT....232,000
CUTHBERT-Gracious living at its finest - Old Midland, 3BR/3BA plus 3 half baths....229,000
DEVLIN-Fabulous home in Grasslands. Less than 1 yr old, 4BR/3.5BA w/2LA. Lots of upgrades....228,000
BASSWOOD-Owners says sell! Over 4000 sf. 2 level in GTCC. Huge rooms, wonderful condition....224,000
FENWAY-TH under construction. Excellent plan, light & open. 3rd garage w/room for workshop....223,000
SPRINGFIELDThis is it for lovely decor, light spaciousness, gorgeous decor, B. Brown quality! 4/3.5/3 garage....207,000

$100,000-$200,000...A WONDERFUL GROUP OF BEAUTIFUL HOMES, YOU'LL WANT TO SEE!

LOS ALAMITOS-Smashing custom built 4/3.5/3. This is a beautiful, spacious home. Don't miss it....198,500
CALEN CT-Sensational price on this gorgeous McPherson built better than new on great cul-de-sac....194,700
BOYD-Wonderful location w/lots of new, 4BR, gourmet kitchen, great pool. Lovely 2-story....189,500
GREENRIDGE-The perfect 4BR home inside & out in Grassland Estates. Great yard....189,500
BRIGHTON-Super Bill Brown 4BR/2LA with fabulous trees....189,000
TRINITY MEADOWS-Wonderful 5BR/2LA w/pool in Trinity Meadows....179,000
STANOLIND-Fabulous 4/3/2 in "Old Midland". Totally redone. Master suite is unbelievable!....178,500
OAKWOOD-Big beautiful TH in Green Tree Oaks. 3BR/2.5BA, music, study, 2FP. Smashing....177,900
POLO PARKWAY-Wonderful Mark Payne in Polo Park. 3 large LA, 3BR/2.5BA....177,500
BASSWOOD CIRCLE-Such a great plan, $3,000 carpet allowance w/acceptable offer, incredible condition....174,900
GREENRIDGE-Outstanding custom home in Grasslands. Gorgeous decor, beautiful landscaping....169,000
GOLF COURSE-Distinctive architecture + peaceful landscaping. 3BR/3BA. Boguilos limestone floors & FP....159,900
NORTH H-Spacious & bright 3BR/2LA, recent updates, a gem with great pool & workshop. You'll love it!....159,500
PRINCETON-Classic "Old Midland" w/spacious room, 4/4, lots of windows, huge garden room....158,500
HACKBERRY-3 BR + study or hobby room on golf course, lush landscaping, large dining. Seller financing....155,000
CAROL LANE-Country living in the city w/space galore, horse stable, workshop. Mint condition....154,900
CROWLEY-4 year old 4BR/2BA/2LA resale in excellent condition....154,900
HATHAWAY-Inviting open plan, 4BR/3BA, so light and airy, beautifully priced....154,750
CUTHBERT-Fabulous home near stadium. 4BR/3BA w/shop and great living space....147,000
WOODHAVEN-Beautiful 4/3 with formal dining, gameroom, gorgeous landscaping. Priced to sell!....145,000
LAFAYETTE-New Orleans style 2-story TH, secluded area with brick paved streets....145,000
HAYNES-Terrific 4BR/3BA/3LA with pool. Minimum yard maintenance, great for entertaining....144,900
FOXBORO-Meadowpark. 3/2 w/2 dining/2LA, sparkling pool. Low maintenance yard on quiet cul-de-sac....143,500
VALLEY-Just perfect! Large beautiful 4/2.5/2 PLUS fabulous gameroom. Gorgeous backyard & patio....139,900
CRESTRIDGE-Fabulous 5BR/3BA in Crestgage, super drive-up....139,000
DUKES-Beautiful red brick in Polo Park, 3BR/2.5BA with 2LA....136,900
SUNDANCE CT-New Kahler construction in Grassland Estates! 4BR/2BA, 2 spacious living, great computer center....136,500
AMHURST-Super 5/2.5/2 with den, fireplace, living, brick patio w/fountain, beautiful landscape....135,000
STUTZ-Generous 4BR, one-owner home, beautiful landscaping, numerous custom features....132,750
PINE-Ready right away! Completely updated Wallace TH, beautiful kitchen, great plan, a must see!....132,000
CROWLEY-Lowest priced 4BR in Grassland that is in mint condition....129,900
GULF-Immaculate well-cared for home in "Fannin" areawith all the updating done!....128,500
FAIRFAX CT-4BR/3BA/2LA/2 dining w/mature trees on quiet cul-de-sac w/updating. Workshop off garage....126,500
HARVARD-Enjoy the luxury of large sized rooms in this 3/2.5/2 living/2 car garage with over 2600sqft....125,000
FAIRFAX-You'll love the improvements in this 4/2 with 3LAs....124,000
BOYD-MaMar beauty. Touch of old with a new facelift! This house is beautiful. 3/3....123,000
WARD-Picture perfect patio home with big, bright rooms!...123,000
FAIRVIEW LANE-Seller will look at any offer. Also offering 2% towards buyer's CC or paint allow....120,000
BEDFORD-Charming Old Midland 4BR great location, updated kitchen....119,900
GOLF COURSE-Huge rooms! Spacious 3BR TH, RV parking in rear....118,000
CRESTGATE-Spacious 4BR/3BA/2LA home in Crestgage....117,900
MAXWELL-Immaculate home with gorgeous backyard in a super area....117,500
CRESTGATE-Very clean 4BR home w/large gameroom plus LR, den & FD....117,500
DAVENTRY PL-Smashing home in popular area w/tons of space and storage and super backyard....115,000
NORTH L-Beautiful home located in mature area. 4BR/3BA w/3 large LAs. Charming inside & out....114,000
HARVARD-Outstanding 3BR in "Old Midland". Beautiful updating, large corner lot, bonus room....112,900
CASTLEFORD-Great plan in great neighborhood; 3/2 in great condition....111,900
GODDARD-Quietly tucked away in Emerson Heights, 3BR/2BA - absolutely perfect home....111,000
GLENEAGLES-1998 model TH w/a maintenance free yard. 3BR/3BA....110,000
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ST. ANDREWS-1998 model TH w/a maintenance free yard. 3BR/3BA....110,000
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BEDFORD-Charming "Old Midland" home with quality updating, hardwood floors & pretty landscaping....107,500
HERMITAGE-Super home on cul-de-sac. Fantastic pool, 3BR w/seq. master....104,900
DRIFTWOOD-Great location - Great Buy! Green Tree CC area, AC replaced, plantation shutters....104,500
DENGAR-Well maintained 4/2.5, spacious rooms. Hurry....102,000

UNDER $100,000...SMART BUYS...LOVELY HOMES...PERFECT FOR YOU!

GARFIELD-Quiet, well-maintained updated home in "Old Midland". Gorgeous swimming pool....99,999
NEELY-"Old Midland" charming, unique, tri-level. Study, workshop, gorgeous yd. Many updates....99,500
KANSAS-Spacious 4BR w/loads of new & dec allow, tile floors, convenient location, Make it your own today!....98,500
BRIGHTON-3/2 super home in Saddle Club South. Lovely w/yard & patio for lots of pleasure & entertaining....98,000
LOCKHEED-4BR/2.5BA, den, formal living & dining combo. "Old Midland", large home inside & out....96,000
NORTHRUP-Unique home across from Midland Christian School. 3BR/2BA....94,500
OHIO-The charm of Old Midland w/complete remodeling and addition. Stunning....89,900
HUMBLE-4BR/2BA/1LA, built in 1987 in "Old Midland", mature area a Plus!....89,500
APPERSON-RV parking, shop & the biggest bonus is it's clean as a whistle and recent updates....89,000
VENTURA-Just right 2BR TH, new carpet, beautiful doors, easy care for you!....88,500
GLENEAGLES-Terrific 4BR in Farimont Park. Won't last long so hurry!....87,500
DOWNING-Lots of class in popular area; 3/2 with great plan....85,000
CIMMARON-What a great home - quality updated in Fannin area. Super workshop offers 3rd garage, bath....85,000
HYDE PARK-Nice home in LHS area. Must see to appreciate....84,900
DENTCREST-Spacious & light 3BR, bay window, tile flooring, skylights and sequestered master....84,900
CIMMARON-Updating in baths, heating/cooling sys, wood fence & added storm windows. Must see....83,000
BRAZOS-Talk about spacious! Large seq. MBR, formal dining, extra nice....82,900
CIMMARON-Lots of new in this spacious, centrally located home in super condition....82,000
LANHAM-Absolutely charming 4BR w/lots of updating and remodeling throughout....81,900
CARPENTER-Stanton. Updated 3BR/3BA + 3LA. 3rd LA huge would make wonderful master....79,900
WESTERN-High on a hill-two large living areas, new appliances, custom designed....79,900
COMMUNITY LANE-Great location, spacious rooms, large yard w/pretty tree! Priced to sell quickly....79,500
AMISTAD-Immaculate 3BR/2BA on corner lot in Northgate....78,000
INDIANA-3BR/3BA/2LA, Museum area. Hardwood firs, block and stain glass windows all shine....77,900
SINCLAIR-Old Midland, great area, Fannin Elementary, comfortable home....76,000
NORTH A-Charming "Old Midland" home with tons of quaint features....74,900
CONCHO-You'll splash into summer now when you see this super, clean home w/its own swimming pool....73,900
PRINCETON-Wonderful home w/large rooms, nice FP in den/kitchen area. Great storage/shop....73,500
SHELL-Redone 4BR with lots of pizzazz! Listed below appraisal....73,000
MOGFORD-Lovely, well-cared for "Old Midland" home....72,500
GULF-Clean, located on cul-de-sac in quiet neighborhood near school and shopping....72,500
FANNIN-3BR w/seq. master, approx 2000 sf, tile floors and countertops, newer AC, roof, DW & more! Owner Anxious!....71,900
ST PAUL-4BR, 1/2 acre, workshop, sprinklers, water well and more!....69,900
ASPEN-Charming floor plan, 2 or 3BR with pretty family room...69,000
GULF-Fabulously spacious condo, pool/courts nearby. Newer carpet, 2BR/2BA, huge office or play room....67,500
SINCLAIR-Spacious 3BR with lots of new tile. Large corner lot on pretty block....65,000
HARVARD-Centrally located close to schools. Spacious & open. Recently remodeled. 3BR/2BA....64,900
DELLWOOD-Towering shade trees in quiet neighborhood. Taupe & white kitchen w/cabinets galore....64,900
BRAZOS-Totally redone 3BR/2BA home in Northgate....62,500
GOLF COURSE-Wonderful location! Zoned residential house is to be sold with property as is....60,000
ILLINOIS-Two houses - both leased. Two minutes from hospital....59,900
LOUISIANA-Old Midland charm with giant backyard....59,500
EISENHOWER-4BR/2BA/2-car rear-entry garage, 35x14 shop, paneled throughout....59,500
PLEASANT-Vaulted ceiling, fireplace, reverse osmosis, softener, warranty policy....58,000
PALMER-Super home in wonderful condition. Very spacious. Don't miss it!....58,000
BENTWOOD-Updated, exceptional large rooms, seq. MBR, FP, roomy baths....57,000
PASADENA-Great with VA assumable loan....54,500
BROADWAY-Nice home in Older Midland, lots of space, 2LA, corner lot, well & sprinklered....54,000
BOYD-Lots of counter and floor tile with new carpet, close to schools....49,900
PLEASANT-Spacious 3BR in SW Midland, vaulted ceiling, hardwood in dining area. Cute....48,900
WILSHIRE-Extra nice, 3/2, new carpet, fresh paint, squeaky clean....45,000
PASADENA-Brick 4BR with 2BA, oversized kitchen and breakfast room....44,900
ILLINOIS-Stanford well built home. Large bedroom, 2 full baths, owner said hurry....39,900
DEVONIAN-Spacious 3BR w/recent wallpaper, paint and refreshed. Wooden floors hidden under carpet....38,900
KESSLER-3BR/2BA, bonus room, outside storage, new paint and carpet....38,750
ROOSEVELT-3BR/2LA or 4BR/1LA, workshop, nice size kitchen/dining....37,900
MONTY-Cheap, Cheap - refrigerated air, fireplace, bookcases, tiles lots of new....37,500
MICHIGAN-3BR/2BA, hardwood floors, workshop. Lots of new last 3 years....36,900
ROOSEVELT-The handyman lives here! New carpet & paint, ceramic tile + big workshop....36,500
STOREY-Charming Old Midland cottage redone. Mirror image hardwood firs, 2BR/1BA, 1 detached garage....35,000
MICHIGAN-Starting out? Here's a cute 2BR in Old Midland....29,900

SUBURBAN HOMES

S. CO. RD. 1270-Authentic and charming "Adobe Hacienda". Fabulous 5BR/3LA custom home on 120 acres. Unbelievable extras in this truly unique home....695,000
S. CO. RD. 1265-Gorgeous home w/19+ acres. Country living at its best! Close to Midand & Odessa. Separate HT off master; Gazebo, 3 patios, 36x36 shop, catfish pond. Owner may finance....350,000
S. CO. RD. 1213-Wonderful 3BR/2.5BA with hangar 57x60 w/apartment, guest house. MUST SEE....259,000
E. GOLDENROD-Exquisite suburban property on 3 acres. Master BR has FP!....209,000
W. CO. RD. 185-Airplane lovers or country coursind-75'x75' hanger shop and 4 car gard + hugh home....199,500
S. CO. RD. 1218-Fantastic custom 4BR/3.5BA, quiet and private, 40 plus acres....199,000
W. CO. RD. 58-4BR suburban on 2.45 acres. Built in 1998, great plan....194,000
KNIFFEN-4BR/2.5BA/2LA, 2-car garage, light and bright, great tile, open kitchen & den, 2.69 acres....190,000
W. CO. RD. 58-Suburban, new construction, 4BR on CR 58. Completion end of November....171,000
W. CO. RD. 68-Wonderful, totally redone, super pool includes Colorado River Tap. Must see....146,750
FM RD 715-Country property, 3BR/2BA/1 large LA, huge closets & kitchen. 10 acres and 5 wells....137,000
W. CO. RD. 52-Great Suburban set-up - 3.7 ac 4BR/3.5BA w/barn/tackroom, bunkhouse & great landscaping....129,900
S. CO. RD. 1200-Wonderful custom 3BR/2BA, tons of space, open & light, approx. 1.75 acres....123,900
S. CO. RD. 1065-Buy a Ranch! 68 fenced acres and 3/2/2/1garage. 2 water wells and barn and stalls....119,900
E. HWY. 158-Great place to raise your kids. 2BR/2BA....119,000
CAROL LANE-Something for everyone - 4BR/3BA, beautiful pool, great shop. Hurry won't last long....117,000
S. CO. RD. 1130-Wonderful open floor plan 3BR/2BA, lots of tile, nice outbuilding, barn, 4 stalls. Lots of trees....109,950
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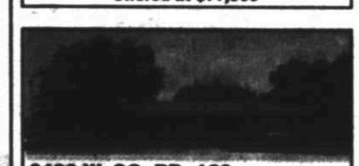
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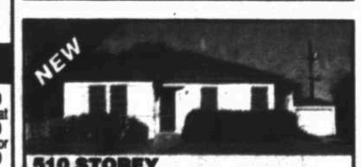
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Despite new technology in drilling, including innovations in drill bits, which reduce the cost of operation, low prices continue to take their toll on drilling with permits down to almost half of what they were a year ago and the rig count down to 474 from 773 last year.

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Bellows alliance

The Cooper Energy Services division of Cooper Cameron Corporation has announced an alliance with Bellows Systems, incorporated of Odessa. Offering single point responsibility, the new alliance will provide upgrade opportunitites for operators of existing reciptrocating equipment installations to increase power, lower emissions, improve fuel consumption and lower maintenance.

The agreement capitalizes on the strengths and resources of both companies to developa dn deliver an expanded range of integrated products and services to meet customer-specific natural gas compression requirements, including high-quality, bellows-type engine exhaust manifolds, complete with installation, either as part of an upgrade package or as a separate product. Manifold repair and exchanges will also be available through the alliance.

Cooper is a supplier of compression and power equipment. Bellows provides high-quality, long-lasting exhaust manifolds, expansion joints and piping systems.

Auction record

Over 600 properties, including Pennzoil's Carthage Field and several Permian Basin properties, sold at a recent three-day EBCO auction.

The Carthage Field purchase by Samson Companies of Tulsa for $15.5 million set a record for the highest amount received for a property sold at auction and was nearly three times the highest price previously received for a property offerred at auction. The field is estimated to contain in excess of 15.5 billion cubic feet of gas equivalent in recoverable reserves plus an unquantified amount of gas in the Cotton Valley formation.

Also sold were Altura's interest in the sand Hills field in Crane County, $975,000; Pennzoil's Gulf Troporo Unit in Pecos County, $550,000, and an overriding royalty interest in Lea County, sold by Chevron, $370,000.

Auction record

EAST BRUNSWICK, NJ — Key Energy Grouop, Inc. will change its name to Key Energy Services, Inc. The company beleives that the new name more adequately reflects the business of the company and is more consistent with the company's ongoing operations.

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CO2 conference looks to future

■ The current drop in prices didn't drop attendance at the Fourth Annual CO2 Conference held this past week in Midland

From Staff Reports

Despite low prices, this year's CO2 Conference was a success. "The Conference has grown a lot," Chuck Fox, Shell CO2 vice president of technology, told attendees at the final lunch. "In the last four years it has surpassed our greatest dreams to draw people together to learn more about CO2," — commodity Fox later referred to as the "miracle product of the millennium."

"This Conference has exceeded our expectations," Fox noted later. "We had feared that our numbers would drop along with the oil prices, but the great attendance of over 200 per day shows there is a lot of staying power in the industry.

"I think, in general, there is a lot of technology that has been shared here that will help people reduce their costs, and that is really what people have to do with these low oil prices."

The current drop in prices has slowed CO2 projects somewhat but has failed to kill them completely, due partially to the long-term view required by CO2 enhanced recovery projects.

"If you are an operator, and you have a field that requires CO2 recovery, and if you think oil prices will return to the middle or upper teens in the next two years, now is the time to start planning," said Russell Martin, manager of marketing for Shell CO2.

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>
> Chuck Fox, Shell CO2

Other comments made at the Conference indicated that low crude oil prices have cooled but not frozen CO2 potential.

"Despite low prices," said Fox, "operators still plan to install CO2 floods in 19999 or expand existing floods. If oil prices remain low, that expansion might be smaller than it ordinarily would have been.

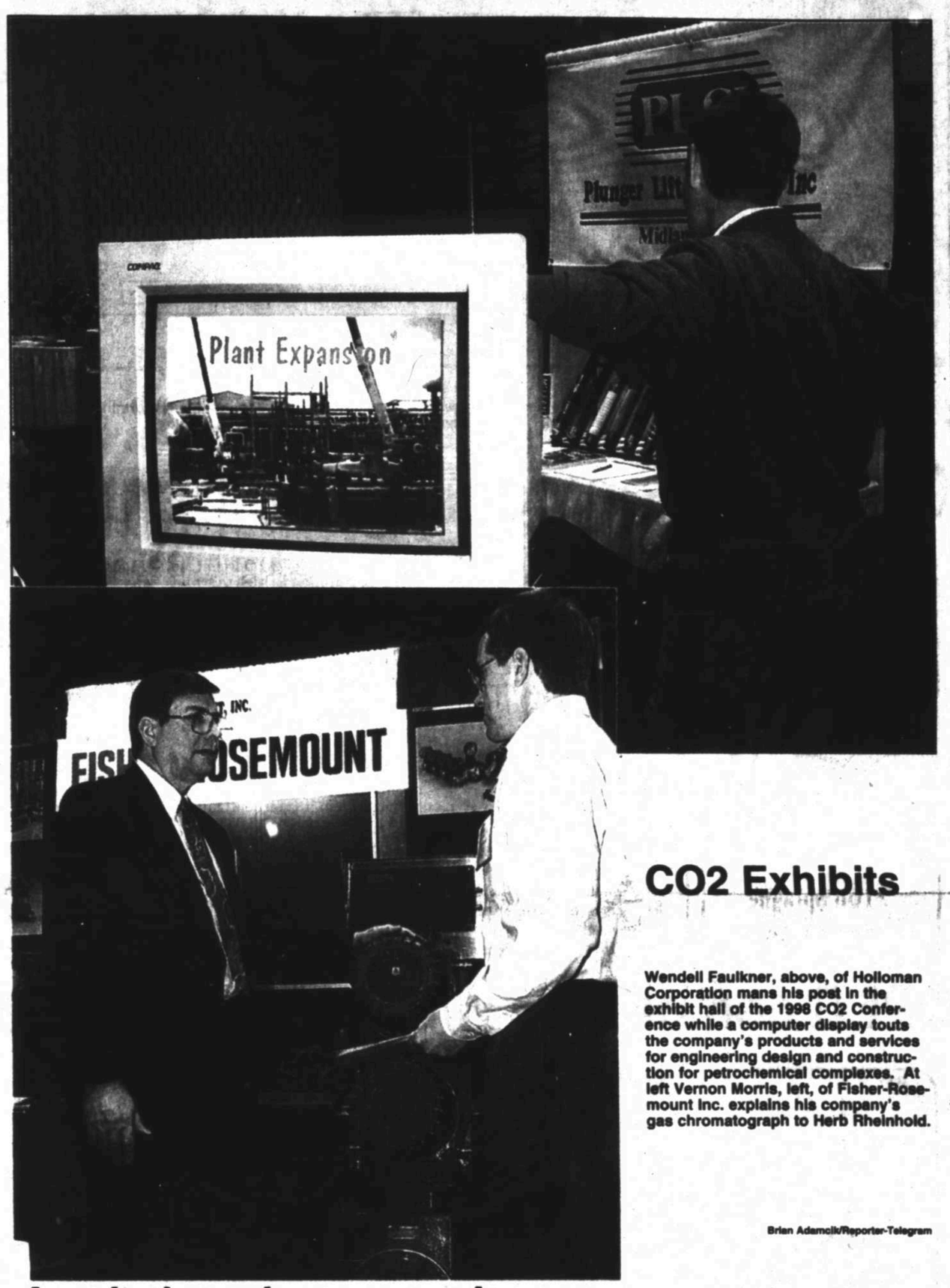
"Operators in the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles are still looking at CO2 floods and given the forward curve on oil prices, CO2 is still profitable but operators will rely on innovative financing."

The reality of the situation, according to Martin is that many fields are mature enough that the next logical step in maintaining their economic viability is CO2 flooding. Typically, a flood requires two years from concept to initialization and operators must take the long-term view of prices in planning enhanced recovery projects utilizing CO2.

"Operators need to be looking at fields now to determine which ones will be amenable to CO2 flooding."

Shell, hopeful prices will move up sometime next year, has initiated a screening program to identify fields with CO2 potential in order to get operators thinking about and possible signed for a project.

The 1998 CO2 Conference was sponsored by Mobil, Shell CO2, Society of Petroleum Engineers and the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.



CO2 Exhibits

Wendell Faulkner, above, of Holloman Corporation mans his post in the exhibit hall of the 1998 CO2 Conference while a computer display touts the company's products and services for engineering design and construction for petrochemical complexes. At left Vernon Morris, left, of Fisher-Rosemount Inc. explains his company's gas chromatograph to Herb Rheinhold.

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Arab leaders can't agree on cuts

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates, (Bloomberg) — Persian Gulf Arab leaders ended a second day of meetings with no agreement on further cuts in oil output in hopes of lifting prices that are close to a 12-year low.

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Heads of state from the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council, which includes Saudi Arabia and some other members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, met for more than four hours but didn't reach an agreement for new production cuts, said a spokesman for the U.A.E. ministry of information.

OPEC, split by bickering among Saudi Arabia, Venezuela and Iran, failed to agree on a plan to cut output at its meeting last month in Vienna. GCC officials quashed speculation that Gulf producers would act alone to campaign for another round of oil production cuts aimed at bolstering oil prices.

"GCC would not act alone outside OPEC" on further cuts, said GCC Secretary-General Sheikh Jamil Al-Hujailan. "They have no plans to create a separate oil group to OPEC," he added, saying Gulf Arab leaders want to see OPEC members "fully adhere to already agreed production cuts."

Benchmark Brent crude oil futures fell 15 cents to $10.11 a barrel on London's International Petroleum Exchange. Prices retreated from an early gain after it became clear no new cuts would be announced at the GCC meeting. Yesterday, Brent oil touched a record low of $9.90 a barrel.

Cutting at least 500,000 barrels a day "would be needed to stop the current slide of oil prices below $10" a barrel, said Mohammed Abduljabbar, a senior adviser with the Washington-based Petroleum Finance Co. "It is unlikely the Gulf states would come up with that without assurances from other producers that they would follow."

A GCC meeting is not the proper forum for an agreement on cutting oil production, the U.A.E. spokesman said. The annual GCC summit of Gulf Arab leaders ends tomorrow. The GCC comprises OPEC members Saudi Arabia, the U.A.E., Kuwait and Qatar and two non-OPEC countries, Oman and Bahrain.

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JOHN PAUL PITTS

Posey's resignation from Altura raises questions

The resignation of Jim Posey as president of Altura Energy Ltd., early this week, is bound to have implications for the Permian Basin — but what?

Altura has only one asset —the Permian Basin. With thousands of wells strung out over 100,000 square miles of West Texas and Southeast New Mexico, it is impossible for the company to make even the slightest management decision without it having a radical impact upon the Permian Basin. That is why Posey's sudden departure has many wondering if it signals a difference and if the difference will be good or bad.



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Created from the Permian Basin assets of Amoco and Shell, Altura has 800 employees and more than 6,300 producing wells in the Basin. The quasi-independent oil company is the largest producer in the Permian Basin with average daily production of 170,000 barrels of oil, 220 million cubic feet of natural gas and 20,000 barrels of natural gas liquids. A tweaking of strategy here and there, a cut here and there can have major results in Midland and the rest of the Basin.

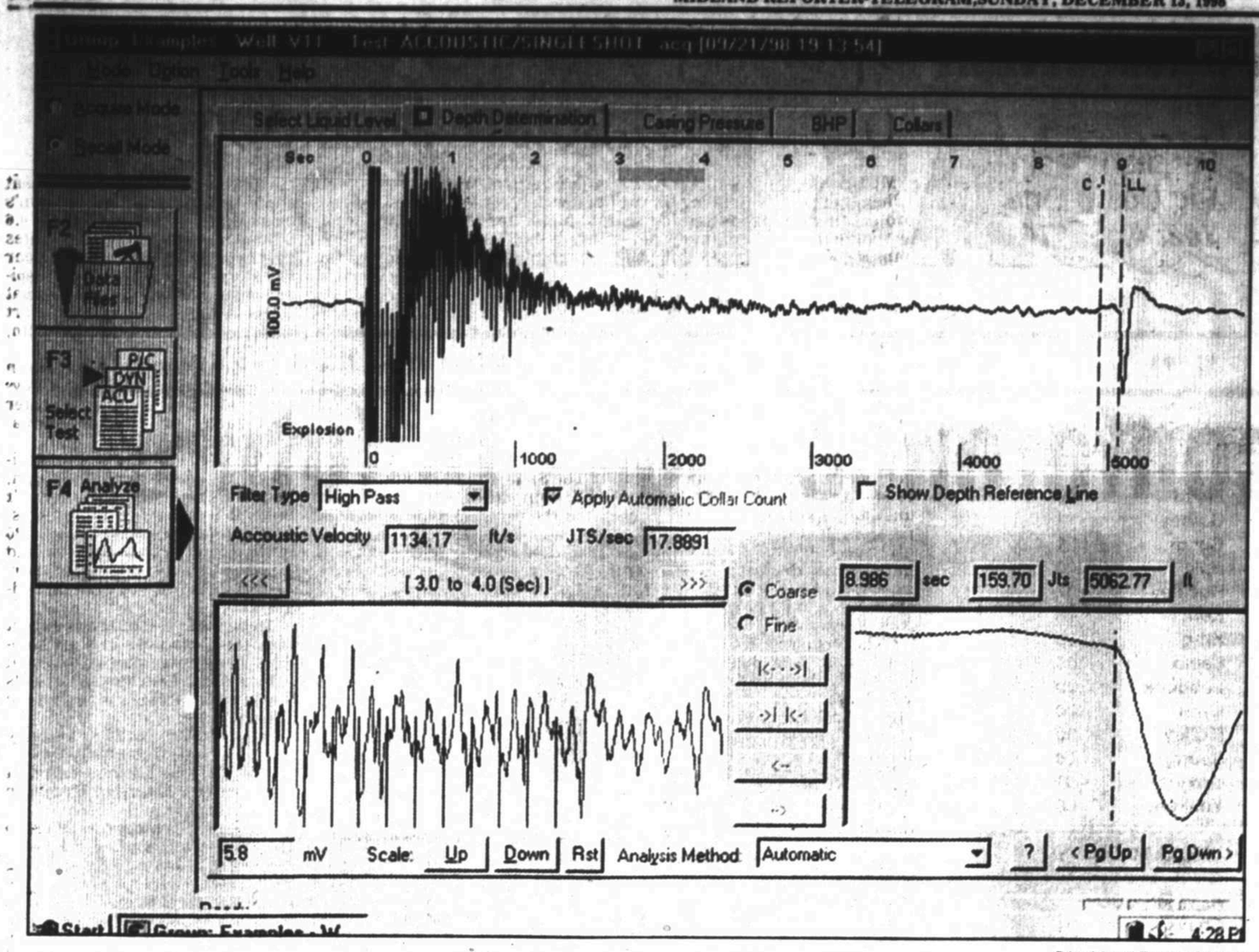
There have been rumors of tension on the Altura Management Committee for weeks, but what might have brought about the Posey resignation remains unknown.

Was it about the difficulty of merging old major ways with new independent ways? Was it about more massive blood letting in the Permian Basin? Was it about the sale of Basin properties? About downsizing operations? Was it about a difference in operating and management styles, and visions for Altura? Or, was it a conflict of personalities on the Altura Management Committee, which is made up of Amoco and Shell executives?

Then there is the possibility that the official, company version really is the right version. Maybe Posey, who appears in his late forties and has played a large role in forging Shell and Amoco into Altura, really is resigning just because he has achieved all he wants to in the oil industry and is ready "to pursue personal interests." The downturn in oil prices has created a lot of stress in the oil business — a lot of people really would like to get out.

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A computer screen at an exhibit during the 1998 CO2 Conference shows a program by the Echometer Company of Wichita Falls. The program analyzes how efficiently a well is performing and was just one of many exhibits showcasing new technology.

Shell taps new manager, sells unit ahead of revamp

LONDON (Bloomberg) — The Royal Dutch/Shell Group's efforts to revive flagging profit gathered speed as the company streamlined top management, while separately agreeing to sell a piece of its chemicals business.

The moves by the world's top publicly traded oil company comes ahead of a Monday meeting where analysts expect the company to take $5 billion in charges to write down assets to be sold or closed. Shell, which is naming chief executives for its two largest businesses, is slimming staff and removing parts of the leadership-by-consensus model adopted in the 1950s.

Together the steps are part of Shell's plan to cope with oil prices that have plunged to their lowest in 12 years. Also, Shell faces rising pressure from Exxon Corp. and British Petroleum Co., who plan multibillion dollar mergers to form companies that rival Shell's size.

"Shell is at last getting going to be run along business lines like every other company," said Peter Hitchens, an analyst with Williams de Broe.

In the chemicals unit, Shell said it was in advanced talks to sell its 50 percent stake in Wavin, Europe's biggest maker of plastic pipe, to CVC Capital Partners. The unit, with 4,500 employees and annual sales of $910 million, is a small step in Shell's plan to trim its chemicals division.

In a separate announcement to top Shell executives, Chairman Mark Moody-Stuart detailed a plan to streamline the decision-making process atop each of its divisions. Still, Moody-Stewart stopped short of stripping away the senior management committee of five, which he leads.

Shell had no comment on a Financial Times story suggesting Moody-Stuart was planning to make himself a U.S.-style chief executive above the senior committee, which makes decision by consensus.

Instead, it tapped its European refining chief, Paul Skinner, as chief executive of worldwide oil processing and fuel sales. He will report to Steve Miller, chairman of the refining and marketing unit and one of the five senior directors. Phil Watts, also one of the five senior directors, will become acting chief executive of the oil exploration unit, which he already oversees as chairman.

The move wipes out two committees of executives that led the refining and oil production units. Those groups collected regional and business group leaders who worked out strategy by consensus. Frustrated with these groups' sluggish response to issues, Moody-Stuart said the committees would be abolished.

"We have entered a new period where executive decisions have to be made rapidly and business accountability must be absolutely clear," Moody-Stuart said in a statement.

The management changes comes ahead of analyst meetings on Monday in New York and London where Shell executives plan to spell out a strategy to cope with lower oil prices. Moody-Stuart warned in September that the company was considering charges to write down asset values, reflecting lower prices and sluggish fuel demand in Asia.

Brent crude oil futures touched a record low of $9.68 a barrel this morning in London, less than half last year's peak price of almost $25. The fall in prices cut Shell's profit 31 percent in the first nine months of this year to $4.3 billion. Shell's return on capital invested -- a yardstick of profitability -- of 9.2 percent is well short of the company's own goal of 15 percent announced last year.

A write-down would reduce Shell's depreciation charges in the years ahead, bolstering both profit and Shell's return on capital invested. Analysts said a major charge could be criticized as an accounting gimmick, though the practice has been well received at rival oil companies.

BP, for example, took a 1 billion pound ($1.7 billion) charge in 1992 to launch its restructuring, writing down assets and promising to cut about 10 percent of its workforce, or 11,500 people.

Since then, BP has sold its fertilizer unit, closed refineries and scaled back its oil exploration program, employing 56,450 people now. Its return on capital employed has risen to 17.4 percent last year from 9.4 percent the year after it unveiled the plan.

"We'll almost certainly see some indication of write-downs" at the meeting, said Gordon Gray, an analyst at Salomon Smith Barney in London. "But I have no sense of what sort of magnitude to expect."

The charge could cover the cost of selling or closing oil refining plants and chemical assets that Shell has already identified as under review.

Gas rises on cooling temperatures

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — Natural gas rose more than 6 percent, the biggest gain in a month, on expectations that cooling temperatures in the northern U.S. will stimulate demand after a warmer-than-normal autumn.

Temperatures in the north-central U.S., the country's top heating gas market, will average 1 degree Fahrenheit below normal for the next six to 10 days, according to Weather Derivatives of Belton, Missouri. Mild weather has kept nationwide heating fuel demand an average of 12 percent below normal since Oct. 30, boosting inventories to 95 percent of storage capacity and dropping wholesale prices to seven-year lows.

"It's going to be colder by Thursday and people are going to need to buy gas for January," said Gerry Saccente, a gas trader at ABN Amro Chicago Corp. "We're going up. It's not like we're going to be gallivanting to $3 by tomorrow, but we're going up."

> **"It's going to be a disaster for anybody that's involved in the straight oil and gas producing sector.**
>
> Gerry Saccente
> Gas Trader, ABN Amcro

Natural gas for January delivery at the Henry Hub in Louisiana rose 12.3 cents, or 6.2 percent, to $2.101 per million British thermal units on the New York Mercantile Exchange, the biggest gain for a contract nearest to expiration since Nov. 5. Natural gas has risen for the past three sessions after plunging 15 percent early last week because of high inventories and weak demand.

Last week, the American Gas Association reported an unexpected increase in U.S. natural gas inventories of 8 billion cubic feet during the week ended Nov. 27, leaving them 18 percent higher than a year earlier at 3.08 trillion cubic feet. The inventory increase and warm weather sent cash prices tumbling to 95 cents per million Btus at the Henry Hub, the lowest spot price in seven years.

Gulf coast natural gas prices jumped today, in some cases more than 80 percent, as forecasts indicated colder weather was on the way. The Bloomberg average price at 16 Gulf Coast delivery locations in the region was up 79 cents, or 80.6 percent, to $1.75-$1.79 per million British thermal units. It was the biggest one-day increase since the average climbed 123.5 percent Feb. 7, 1996.

Even with the recent price increases, the Energy Information Administration division of the federal Department of Energy said today that demand for heating fuels is "sputtering," particularly for natural gas.

The EIA said in its monthly short-term energy outlook that "very warm weather in the critical months of November and December of this year is expected to have consequences throughout 1999, with considerably larger inventories for the first half of the year."

OPEC compliance with cuts 76.4 percent

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — OPEC oil production rose 1.8 percent in November, signaling that the group may not have the determination to achieve its promised output cuts even with prices close to 12-year lows.

Production by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting countries totaled 27.38 million barrels a day in November, up 500,000 barrels from October, according to a Bloomberg News survey of producers, oil companies and analysts. OPEC met 76.4 percent of the oil output reductions it promised in June, down from a revised 94.5 percent the month before.

"We knew that Iran was cheating and we knew that Venezuela was cheating. We even knew the numbers," said Abe Glass, a trader at Spear, Leeds & Kellogg in New York. "But it colors the market psychologically when you get a headline which states that OPEC is only at 76 percent of compliance when everybody remembers that we were over 90" percent.

Ten OPEC members, excluding Iraq, had pledged to cut oil output by a combined 2.6 million barrels a day from February levels, as part of a wider effort among the world's oil producers to lift prices that are currently down 40 percent from a year ago. Those 10 cut output by 1.987 million barrels a day as of November.

The survey helped send crude oil prices lower. Crude for January delivery on the New York Mercantile Exchange fell 4 cents to $11.20 a barrel after rising as high as $11.65.

Not counting Iraq, OPEC produced 25 million barrels a day in November compared with 24.53 million a month earlier.

Although November marked the first overall production rise for the full group in eight months, it was still below year-ago levels for a fourth month. Some OPEC experts saw November output as an anomaly, with special circumstances contributing to much of the 500,000 barrel daily increase from October. last November, OPEC output was 27.75 million barrels a day.

Iran, Venezuela and Nigeria were responsible for nine-tenths of the production increase over last month, but only Iran and Venezuela broke their pledges to limit output.

Nigeria, regaining output lost from several months of involuntary cuts because of civil unrest, still came in just below its target output, even with an estimated 150,000 barrels daily output increase to 2.03 million barrels daily.

Venezuela raised output by 150,000 barrels daily from October to 3.06 million barrels a day, the survey said. The government officially denied the rise to more than 3 million barrels.

The country pumped 215,000 barrels daily over its pledged output target, as a government budget deficit and pressure from oil-industry labor unions prevented them from abiding by OPEC promises.

A politically sensitive Venezuelan presidential election on Sunday, which a populist opposition leader is favored to win, has hamstrung any major oil policy decisions until February, when a new administration is installed. The candidate, Hugo Chavez, has promised to shake up PDVSA if he wins.

Iran increased flow by 100,000 barrels daily to 3.55 million barrels a day. That compares with its OPEC-adopted 3.32 million barrels daily target, which it now disputes.

Iran disagrees with OPEC over the correct baseline level for its pledged cutbacks, creating a discrepancy of some 300,000 barrels daily.

Tehran contends that its promised 305,000 barrels daily cut under the OPEC program should be based on its former quota level of 3.94 million barrels daily rather than the OPEC baseline of 3.62 million barrels a day.

At the June OPEC conference, Iran's petroleum minister signed off on the lower number in the final resolution, which the rest of the group says has the force of an agreement. By Iran's interpretation, it has been in compliance with its own cutback target of 3.6 million barrels daily. OPEC leaders are still trying to work out an arrangement, although they failed at the recent Vienna ministers' meeting.

In Iraq, where production is controlled by the United Nations under an oil-for-food program, output rose slightly to about 2.38 million barrels daily. Exports of almost 1.8 million barrels daily included about 50,000 barrels daily of surplus fuel oil mixed into the crude stream.

Tanker export loading continued for several days after the expiration on Nov. 25 of the current phase of the UN oil-for-food program, oil monitors said. Movements under the new six-month agreement won't resume until after this weekend.

Iraq's sustained production and marketing drive, under which it boosted output by 692,000 barrels daily since the February baseline period, wiped out almost one-third of the cutbacks by the others.

Iraqi oil export sales to the U.S. -- mostly through Russian middlemen -- have increased in recent months as OPEC cutbacks reduced other supplies of sour crude. By late summer, U.S. imports of Iraqi oil rose to over 700,000 barrels daily, or about 40 percent of Iraq's total oil exports, from under 300,000 barrels daily in spring. Exxon, at 175,000 barrels daily, was the largest of the dozen U.S. buyers. Prewar Iraqi exports to the U.S. figured about 900,000 barrels a day.

The following table compares OPEC output in November with the previous month and with the group's pledged cuts made at a June meeting.

Iraq begins oil exports in latest phase of oil for food program

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) – Iraq has begun oil exports under the current six-month phase of a program that permits oil sales to fund food and medicine purchases, the UN's Iraq Program said.

The announcement should ease any lingering concern among oil traders that Iraq might hold up exports to emphasize its dissatisfaction with eight-year-old sanctions against it, as it did previously.

In the current phase, which began Nov. 25, Iraq is allowed to export $5.2 billion of oil as an exemption from sanctions imposed after Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990.

Two ships loaded Iraqi Kirkuk crude Dec. 5 and 6 at the Turkish port of Ceyhan, where oil is piped from Iraq, and four ships loaded oil at Iraq's Persian Gulf terminal of Mina al-Bakr on Dec. 5-7, the UN program said.

The value of oil sales so far contracted during this phase is about $815 million. This is the fifth 180-day phase since the program began in December 1996.

Iraq isn't expected to fill it sales allotment because of low oil prices and the dilapidated state of its oil infrastructure. Earlier this year, the UN allowed Iraq to earmark $300 million of oil revenue for the purchase of spare parts, subject to certain restrictions. To date, the UN sanctions committee has approved 198 spare-parts contracts, worth $120.4 million.

Humanitarian supplies bought with oil revenue are arriving in Iraq as normal, the UN said, including such things as wheat, rice, powdered baby milk, detergents, school desks, chlorine and water pipes.

Arab: Leaders agree to extend cuts

(From 1)

While the group didn't commit to deepening existing output cuts, Kuwaiti oil minister Sheikh Saud Nasser Al-Sabah said in an interview that there was broad agreement among GCC members to extend OPEC's promised cuts of 2.6 million barrels a day for another six months until the end of 1999.

Yesterday, Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah bin Abdulaziz called on the world's oil producers to take action to combat the price slump, saying "we should not remain with our hands tied behind our backs when we see our main source of revenue drying up."

The comment was a shift from the nation's stance in Vienna last month, when the world's biggest oil producer ruled out additional output cuts until other members of OPEC, such as Iran and Venezuela, meet their promises to cut output.

OPEC agreed to the production cuts of 2.6 million barrels a day in June to bolster prices, prompting other producers including Mexico and Oman, which are outside the group, to agree to more cuts. That brought total supply reductions to about 3.23 million barrels a day, or 4 percent of world demand.

OPEC's semiannual meeting in Vienna last month, marked by feuding over who should cut more, ended with a brief statement that the group would discuss the matter again in March. Kuwait's Al-Sabah said world oil producers should meet before March.

Adherence to promised cuts has been a constant source of friction within the group. Last month, OPEC members achieved only 81 percent of the reduction goal agreed to in June as output rose in Venezuela and Iran, the Paris-based International Energy Agency estimated in a report.

PITTS: Resignation means nothing for company, says Altura's new president

(From 1)

Between last-minute meetings, Posey took time to add, "I have invested four years in the building of a company and a team that I am very proud of. I think Altura has a solid future ahead of it in the Permian Basin, and I will continue to watch its progress with pride and interest. As for me, I feel it is time to move on and face new challenges. My plans for the future are as yet undefined but I look forward to the prospect of finding an opportunity that gives me as much personal pride as my association with Altura."

Posey, who was raised in Odessa and formerly managed Amoco operations in the Permian Basin, is being replaced by another Amoco executive.

David Hamrick has been picked to be the new leader of the Permian Basin Oil Company. Currently a member of the Altura Management Committee, Hamrick joined Amoco in 1974, after earning a mineral engineering degree from the University of Alabama.

In an interview with Hamrick, this week, he told me not to read too much into a one-person change at Altura. He said Posey's resignation involved only him and Posey, and that nothing had changed about the company strategy. "Altura is still the same company. We have world class properties and we will continue to look for opportunities to upgrade them."

He said the tough decisions continuing to face Altura were how to respond to low oil prices, and how to size the company to weather the storm until the rebound. "Altura is a great company. Our benchmarks tell us that we are a low-cost producer and should be able to position ourselves for the rebound, but these are very complex decisions." Hamrick said.

We can appreciate Hamrick's reassuring words, but when young, ambitious, people-orientated managers like Posey resign, especially after helping forge one of the largest independent oil companies in America, in most cases it signals major differences in the areas of personality, philosophy, or politics. If Posey's departure from Altura was for one of those reasons it probably does signal a change, but we can only wait and see and hope it is not that bad for the Basin.

On the other hand if Posey resigned to form his own oil company or become president of a large independent oil company, all of this speculation is for naught, and doesn't signal anything.

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John Pitts is oil editor of the Midland Reporter-Telegram.

U.S. Rig Count

	This Wk.	Last Wk.	Last Year
USA Land	535	563	861
USA Offshore	108	104	128
Canada	230	220	477
U.S. Directional	157	163	221
U.S. Horizontal	41	44	63
U.S. Gas	493	507	645
U.S. Oil	167	179	365

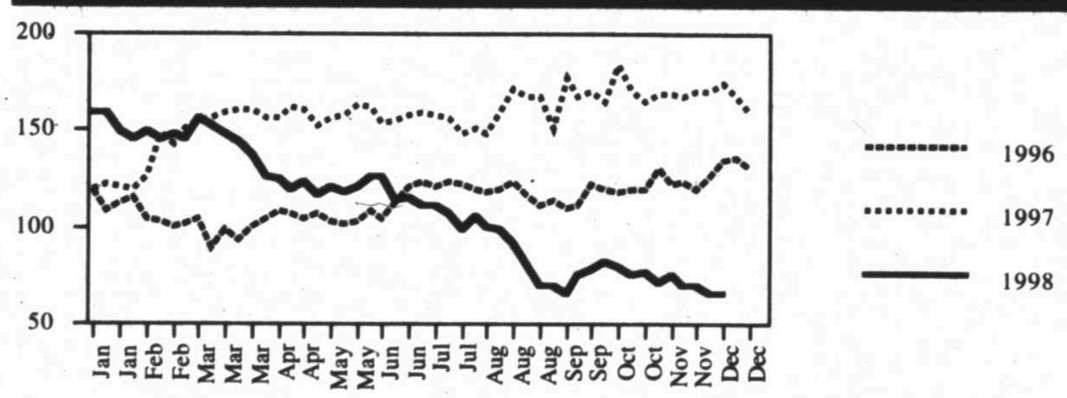
Permian Basin Rig Count One Year Ago: 174

This information updated December 4, 1998

Permian Basin

TEXAS					
DIST. #7C		Glasscock	02	Floyd	00
Coke	00	Howard	00	Gaines	01
Concho	00	Hudspeth	00	Garza	01
Crockett	01	Jeff Davis	00	Hale	00
Irion	00	Loving	01	Hockley	02
Kimble	00	Martin	03	Kent	00
McCullough	00	Midland	05	King	00
Menard	00	Mitchell	00	Lamb	00
Reagan	03	Pecos	04	Lubbock	00
Runnels	00	Presidio	00	Lynn	00
Schleicher	02	Reeves	01	Motley	00
Sutton	00	Sterling	02	Scurry	00
Terrell	01	Ward	00	Terry	01
Tom Green	00	Winkler	02	Yoakum	00
Upton	03	DIST. #8A		*TEXAS TOTAL*	*40*
DIST. #8		Bailey	00	NEW MEXICO	
Andrews	03	Borden	01	Chaves	01
Brewster	00	Cochran	00	Eddy	13
Crane	00	Cottle	00	Lea	11
Culberson	00	Crosby	01	Roosevelt	00
Ector	00	Dawson	00	*N.M. TOTAL*	*25*
		Dickens	00		

Rig Count Profile



Rig Count information provided by Hughes Christensen

Opening of Saudi oilfields likely to slow Caspian development

MCLEAN, Virginia (Bloomberg) — Financing for oil projects in the Caspian Sea region of the former Soviet Union, perhaps the world's largest untapped oil reserve, could dry up if U.S. exploration companies return to Saudi Arabia fields, industry observers say.

The lowest oil prices in 12 years have cut the amount of money available for exploration, and made companies more selective about which exploration projects they will finance.

Caspian oil is more expensive to get out the ground than Saudi crude, and is in an area know for unstable governments and corruption. If U.S. companies are given a choice, they won't have a hard time deciding where to invest, said Fadel Gheit, director of research at Fahnestock & Co. in New York.

"The former Soviet Union would put up a big 'out of business' sign," he said. "It's Mafia-connected, you have to have bodyguards, (Russian President Boris) Yeltsin is drunk half the time and sick half the time."

"Saudi Arabia would be a slam-dunk," Gheit said.

Chances that significant amounts of oil will begin flowing from the Caspian soon diminished in September, when top executives of Exxon Corp., Mobil Corp., and other big U.S. oil companies met with Saudi Arabia's oil minister and crown prince in McLean, Virginia.

The meeting prompted reports that the country may let the foreigners drill in Saudi fields for the first time since big oil companies were thrown out in protest of U.S. support of Israel in the Yom Kippur War of 1973.

Peter Bijur, Texaco Inc.'s chairman and chief executive, was in Saudi Arabia this weekend to discuss possible projects. Atlantic Richfield Co. representatives were there last month scouting for possible investments.

While some estimates have the Caspian region holding as much as 200 billion barrels of oil, development has been hampered by civil war and corruption in the countries surrounding the inland sea, the absence of pipelines and other infrastructure, and long distances between the oil fields and consumers.

Saudi Arabia holds a quarter of the world's oil reserves, or 262 billion barrels, and they're said to be so accessible that one can't drill a backyard water well without striking oil. The Arab nation also has modern refineries, pipelines and ports that cut the cost of bringing oil to market.

As a result, drilling in the country is inexpensive. The cost of finding and producing a barrel of oil averages $7 worldwide. In Saudia Arabia, it's $3, Gheit said. Working there might be worthwhile even if oil prices sink to $6 a barrel, well below current levels, he said.

"Mobil and Chevron are drooling," Gheit said.

Slumping oil prices drove the Saudis to consider luring oil companies back.

With Saudi oil this year averaging $10 to $13 a barrel, $7 less than in 1997, the kingdom can't afford to finance development projects on its own. It will earn $29.4 billion from oil exports this year, down 35 percent from $45.5 billion last year, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

The Saudis likely would charge U.S. companies a royalty higher than the usual 15 to 30 percent of revenue, said Jay Bhutani, vice president of equities research at Donaldson Lufkin & Jenrette Securities Corp. in New York.

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>
> Fadel Gheit, Fahnestock & Co.

That would bring the oil producers' returns in line with what they earn in other foreign areas such as the North Sea and Venezuela.

"The Saudis aren't there to give away money," Bhutani said. "The terms would be enough to make it interesting for the majors, but not too good."

In the Caspian region, which includes Kazahkstan, Azerbaijan and Turkmenistan, development has been slowed by wrangling over where to put pipelines, and by the Russian economy's collapse. Drilling costs are high: Kazakhstan alone estimates it needs about $40 billion to fully map out and develop its oil reserves.

Last week, Unocal Corp. said it will withdraw from a consortium that planned a $8 billion oil and natural-gas pipeline in central Asia. The company closed offices in three of the four Caspian republics where it operated.

Unocal retreated after determining that the pipeline met the company's criteria for exiting a project. The criteria include "lower returns, heightened political risk, and unacceptable payout timelines," said Barry Lane, a spokesman for El Segundo, California-based Unocal.

Rising tax rates also are discouraging investors, said Steven Bertram, group financial director at Ramco Energy Plc, based in Aberdeen, Scotland.

Ramco, with 1997 revenue of about $10 million, has a 2 percent stake in a field off Azerbaijan's coast that's estimated to hold 4.6 billion barrels of oil. Tax rates there rose to 32 percent this year from 25 percent in 1994, and Caspian leaders will have to reverse that trend if big oil companies start moving investment dollars south, Bertram said.

"That should help bring down the expectations of the host governments and create a greater opportunity for smaller companies," he said.

That would further delay Caspian energy development, though, because smaller companies don't have the majors' deep pockets. Ramco has budgeted about $30 million next year to look for and produce oil, about one-half of 1 percent of Chevron's $5.5 billion budget.

To be sure, few analysts expect U.S. oil companies to start shipping heavy equipment to Saudi Arabia soon. Opening up the fields would be a radical change for the Saudis.

"It's likely to be a lengthy process," said Jim Placke, director for Middle East research at Cambridge Energy Research Associates.

Letting U.S. companies return to their fields will cause some "soul-searching" among oil-producing countries who fear it will give the corporate world too much leverage over prices, said Daniel Yergin, chairman of Cambridge Energy Research Associates and author of the Pulitzer Prize winning novel on the oil industry, "The Prize."

In the late 1970s, oil companies competed for supplies of oil. Now a Saudi return to open access to oil fields is a signal that producing countries may have to compete for oil-company capital.

"Direct access to companies changes the competitive landscape," Yergin said at a conference in Washington today. While the Saudis decide whether to allow access or how much to allow, some big oil companies are downplaying the significance of the September meeting, and saying their plans for the Caspian haven't changed.

Mobil called the Sept. 26 meeting "non-specific." Chevron Corp. spokesman Mike Libbey dismissed talk of diverting Caspian dollars to Saudi Arabia as "pretty speculative."

San Francisco-based Chevron, the fourth-biggest U.S. oil company, teamed with Kazakhstan's government in 1993 on a $20 billion, 40-year project to develop the Tengiz oil field, which is estimated to hold 6 billion to 9 billion barrels.

The company also has a 15-percent stake in a $2.2 billion pipeline that will move oil from Tengiz to Russia's Black Sea port of Novorossiysk.

Said Libbey, "We're moving forward vigorously."

Wiser Oil to begin cost reduction program

DALLAS (BUSINESS WIRE) — The Wiser Oil Company reported that the Board of Directors approved plans to implement an aggressive cost reduction program, which will include a significant reduction in its work force, suspending payment of the common stock dividend, and curtailing drilling and other discretionary capital expenditures. In addition, the Company continues to evaluate its strategic alternatives.

Wiser plans to reduce its staff in both Dallas and Calgary by approximately 36%. The staff reductions and other cost reductions will result in annual administrative savings of approximately $4 million before-tax, in 1999. The Company will take an estimated charge of $500,000, after tax, associated with staff reductions in the fourth quarter of 1998.

In accordance with Wiser's cost savings program, the Company has elected to withdraw from its Brazilian exploration and development program in the Portiguar Basin, and is in the process of withdrawing from the exploration program in the Espirito Santos Basin.

"Pressured by the lowest oil prices in a decade, Wiser is taking aggressive action to protect the interests of the Company's shareholders. The Company believes cash flow must be preserved and future losses can be minimized through immediate implementation and strict adherence to this program," said Andrew J. Shoup, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer.

TXCO announces tests on seventh Maverick Basin well

SAN ANTONIO (PRNewswire) — The Exploration Company announced that it flow tested the Paloma "E" 1-64, in the Prickly Pear (Glen Rose) Field in the Maverick Basin at rates up to 1.866 million cubic feet of gas per day (1,866 mcfd). TXCO anticipates that this new well will be produced at 2 million cubic feet of gas per day (2,000 mcfd) which should increase TXCO's revenues from the Basin by approximately $575,000 per year.

TXCO's Paloma "E" 1-64 is the seventh consecutive, successful well drilled in the Prickly Pear (Glen Rose) Field that has encountered at least 40 feet of gas-producing reef. The Paloma 1-64 extends the Prickly Pear Field one-half mile northeast of TXCO's recently completed Paloma "E" 1-65. James E. Sigmon, The Exploration Company's president, stated, "Analysis of electric logs indicates that the Paloma 1-64 encountered 66 feet of Glen Rose reef that appears to be gas productive. FESCO, Inc., an independent petroleum engineering testing company, calculated the absolute open flow (AOF) of the Paloma 1-64 to be 58 million cubic feet of gas per day (58,000 mcfd). The flowing tubing pressure was 1940 psi while the 48-hour shut-in tubing pressure was 1998 psi." Based upon these tests, TXCO believes that the well will be produced at approximately 2,000 mcfd.

TXCO owns a 62.5% working interest in the Paloma 1-64 and has at least a 62.5% working interest in the remaining undrilled acres on its contiguous 50,000 acres block.

Ultra welcomes EIS decision

DENVER (PRNewswire) — Ultra Petroleum welcomed the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) decision to evaluate the impacts of 700 surface locations in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that will affect development on Ultra's extensive land holdings in southwestern Wyoming.

"This is good news, because that number of surface locations will allow for full development of the project area," says Stephen Kneller, Vice President, Exploration for Ultra Petroleum. "It will have a favorable impact on our ability to develop a stable drilling program over the next ten years."

The EIS will analyze the environmental impact of natural gas exploration and development along the Pinedale Anticline in the Green River Basin where Ultra Petroleum is concentrating its exploration and development activities. The BLM announced it would undertake an environmental assessment of the region last May, but the number of surface locations was not decided until last month.

This study of the Pinedale Anticline will evaluate the impact of field development and set in place guidelines to protect air and land quality. It will affect development on approximately 200,000 acres of land and the drilling programs of several companies operating in the region. Ultra Petroleum, with 70 per cent of the leaseholdings in the area, is most affected by the decision.

The BLM announcement confirms that the timetable for an environmental decision is right on schedule. "It is moving along far more quickly than the last EIS done in the Green River Basin," says Laurie Goodman, Ultra Petroleum's Environmental Specialist. "The BLM has confirmed that the draft of the EIS will be made public in March and a record of decision by the fall of next year."

Ultra Petroleum is working closely with local environmentalists, the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission, the BLM and other area operators to ensure that natural gas exploration and development takes place in an environmentally responsible manner.

Recently, Page McNeill, Chair of the Wyoming Chapter Sierra Club, commended Ultra's environmental efforts saying, "While exploring and developing their leasehold, Ultra has demonstrated an unusual willingness to protect air and water quality as well as the wildlife, scenic and recreational values on the Mesa."

Ultra has helped fund three major wildlife studies to improve wildlife management in the region. Earlier this year, Ultra helped to improve local air quality through a joint initiative with PacifiCorp, a nearby power utility, to ensure a net decrease in the region's nitrogen oxide emissions. "Our goal is to bring this rich natural gas resource into production and do it in a way that is both environmentally safe and contributes to the greater economic development of Wyoming," says Jerry Albertus, President of Ultra Petroleum.

Ultra Petroleum, a Denver-based gas and oil exploration company, is currently involved in a drilling and development program on its large acreage position in Wyoming's Green River Basin. The Company derives 90 per cent of its revenues from the production and sale of natural gas and the remainder from the production and sale of natural gas liquids.

Industry making cutbacks, survey says

(Bloomberg) — Most oil and natural gas companies are cutting back exploration spending and eliminating jobs as oil prices remain near 12-year lows, according to an annual survey by Arthur Andersen, a global consulting group.

The cuts won't stave off bankruptcies among oil and gas companies or the oil service companies that provide them with drilling equipment and expertise, said Victor Burk, Arthur Andersen's managing director of energy industry services.

More than 80 percent of the 83 exploration and production companies in the survey said they expect increased mergers, acquisitions or asset sales in 1999.

"Extremely low oil prices are driving companies to take extreme action. There will be some bankruptcies," Burk said at the Arthur Andersen Energy Symposium.

The average price of West Texas Intermediate crude oil, the U.S. benchmark, is expected to be $16 a barrel in 1999, according to the survey. Prices on the New York Mercantile Exchange have averaged $14.85 a barrel so far this year, down from $20.63 in 1997.

The survey predicted natural gas prices would be 2 percent lower in 1999 than year-ago estimates. Prices are estimated at $2.25 a thousand cubic feet for natural gas delivered to the Henry Hub in Louisiana, the U.S. benchmark delivery point.

Oilfield stocks rise on expectations of more mergers

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — Oilfield stocks, led by Schlumberger Ltd., rose on optimism that the group which supplies exploration and production services and equipment will seek out mergers to remain profitable during a period of low oil prices.

Speculation rose that mergers will be more necessary as oil prices are trading near 12-year lows and oil industry acquisitions and as consolidation shrinks their customer base, analysts said. The latest and largest combination was Exxon Corp.'s proposed $78 billion purchase of Mobil Corp. last week.

"The more pessimistic oilfield companies get, the more likely it is that they will come to the table," to negotiate a merger, said Michael Rabalais, a Robinson-Humphrey Co. analyst.

The Standard & Poor's Midcap Oil and Gas Drilling Equipment and Service Index of 10 stocks rose 20.52, or 11 percent, to 200.44. The Standard & Poor's index of four large oilfield service companies rose 162.17, or 7 percent, to 2586.69.

Among the gainers were Schlumberger Ltd., up 2 13/16 to 44 1/16; Halliburton Co., up 1 15/16 to 31 5/8; Smith International Inc., up 3 3/8 to 27 and Cooper Cameron Corp., up 2 1/4 to 24 7/8 and Global Marine Inc., up 1 5/16 to 10 1/4. Schlumberger was one of the most active shares in U.S. trading.

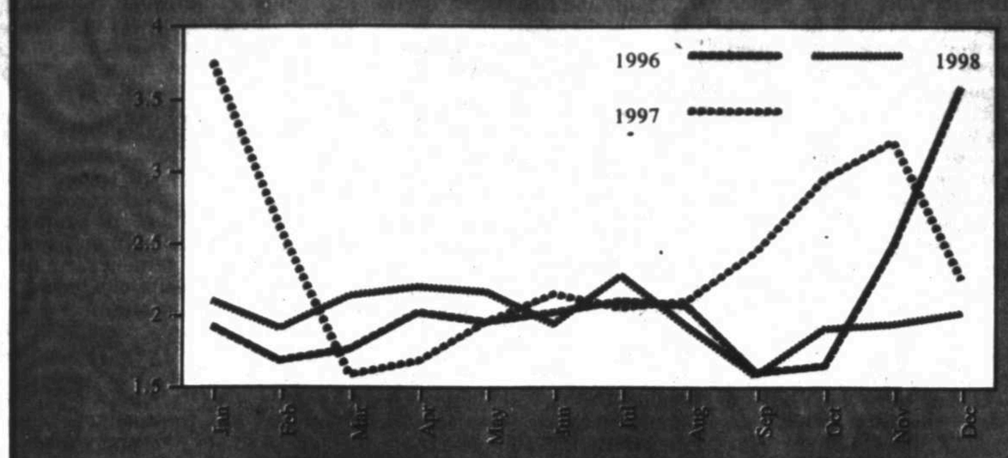
The rise in the group comes one trading day after Robert Rose, chief executive of the largest U.S. drilling contractor, said it is aggressively seeking merger partners.

Mergers of larger oilfield service companies, such as Halliburton Co.'s $6.2 billion acquisition of Dresser Industries Inc. and Baker Hughes's $4.3 billion purchase of Western Atlas Inc. left the acquirers stronger and better prepared to negotiate prices than drillers, he said. The fragmented offshore drilling industry must consolidate if it is going to negotiate from a position of strength, Rose said.

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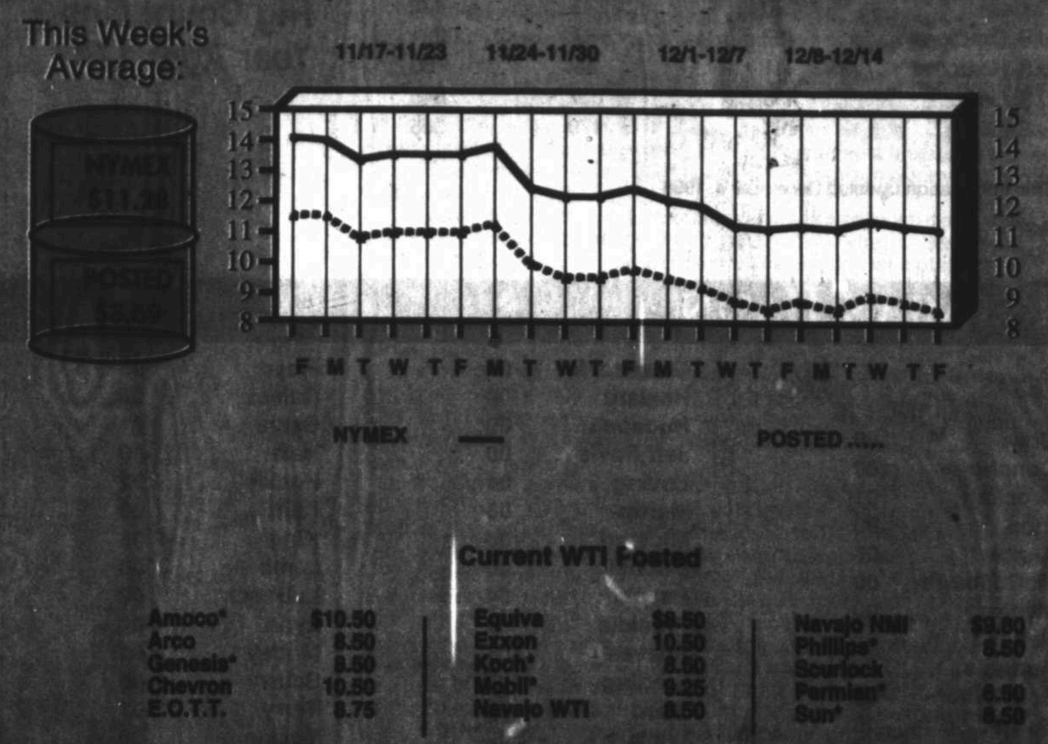
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BOYD & MCWILLIAMS ENERGY
FEDERAL 22 #1
WILDCAT; T13S, R30E, SEC 22; 1980 FSL 1980 FWL; EL 3937 GL; TD 9847; P&A; API #30-005-20392

EDDY COUNTY

STEVENS & TULL INC
LITTLE BOX CANYON #4
WILDCAT; T20S, R21E, SEC 36; 990 FSL 1980 FWL; 23 MILES SW OF LAKEWOOD; ROT 8400 MISS; API #30-015-30486

LEA COUNTY

DAVID H. ARRINGTON OIL & GAS
PRINCE NYMPH #1
WILDCAT; T15S, R36E, SEC 29; 2446 FSL 1006 FEL; ROT 12000 STRAWN; API 330-025-34541
MEWBOURNE OIL CO
QUERECHO "28" FEDERAL #1
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COKE COUNTY

HEART LAND PETROLEUM
STOWE #4
WILDCAT-D; J.A. MONTEITH #1, A-529; 467 FSL 1053 FWL OF LSE; 467 FSL 1053 FWL OF SURVEY; 7 MILES NNE OF BRONTE;
OBJ: 5800; PERMIT #418156; API #42-081-31771

CROCKETT COUNTY

J. CLEO T**HOMPSON**
MEADOWS RAN Ch 2
WILDCAT-D; D&SE RR CO/S.E. COUCH SUR, A-5068, BLK QR, SEC 2, 1615 FNL 822 FEL OF LSE; 1615 FNL 822 FEL OF SURVEY; 5
MILES SW OF OZONA; OBJ: 9000; PERMIT #481247; API #42-105-38221

REAGAN COUNTY

TMBR/SHARP DRILLING, INC
PINK DRAW NORTH #1
WILDCAT-D; T&P RR CO./R.H. SHERWOOD SUR, A-418, BLK 1, SEC 24; 594 FEL 1115 FNL OF LSE; 594 FEL 1115 FNL OF
SURVEY; 38.3 MILES SE OF GARDEN CITY; OBJ: 10500; PERMIT #481239; API #42-383-34955

TOM GREEN COUNTY

REMUDA OPERATING COMPANY
DEMERE #1
WILDCAT-D; HENRICH FEY #277 SUR, A-187; 1800 FSWL 2350 FNWL OF LSE; 330 FNEL 330 FNWL OF SURVEY; 2.5 MILES S OF
WATER VALLEY; OBJ: 6500; PERMIT #481229; API #42-451-32404
IBEX RESOURCES I
JOHNSON ESTATE #1
WILDCAT-D; C.M. DUNN #546, A-4730; 2500 FNL 3100 FEL OF LSE; 1200 FNL 3100 FEL OF SURVEY; 7 MILES NE OF CHRISTOVAL; OBJ: 5600; PERMIT #481177; API #42-451-32403

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CRANE COUNTY

TITAN RESOURCES I
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58x00; PERMIT #480532; API #42-103-34667

PECOS COUNTY

PATTERSON PETROLEUM
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TEXAS RRCD 8A

KENT COUNTY

SHARP IMAGE ENERGY
FINA #1
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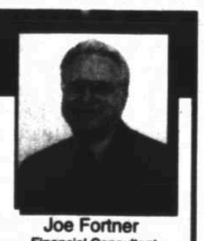
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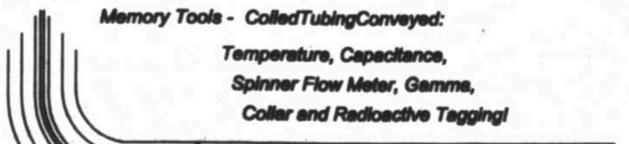
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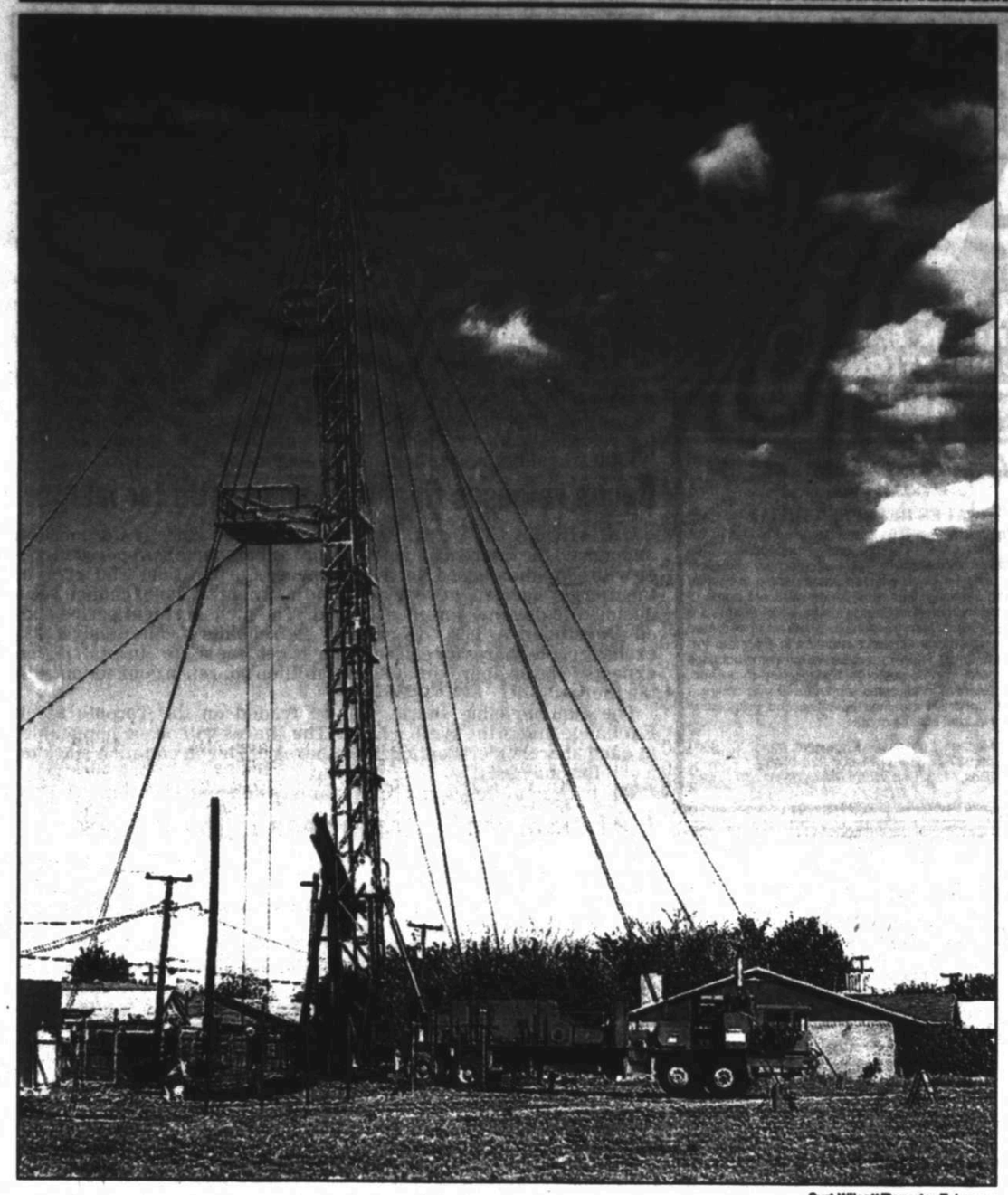
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Russia moves forward with plan to merge state-owned oil producers

MOSCOW (Bloomberg) — Russia is pressing ahead with plans to merge its last three state-owned oil producers, including RAO Rosneft, to create the nation's fourth-largest oil company, worth about $4 billion.

The government "is working on the idea" to merge Rosneft, the eighth-biggest oil producer, with AO Slavneft and AO Onaco, said Vladimir Bulgak, deputy prime minister for fuel and energy. Officials and oil executives will discuss the idea later today, he said.

The merger, aimed at cutting costs and improving efficiency, would enable the government to fulfill part of its plan to play a greater role in managing industries such as oil and gas production and engineering. It's a reversal of the policy of previous governments to boost revenue by selling state assets, though attempts to sell Rosneft and Slavneft earlier this year failed.

Analysts said a successful reorganization was not guaranteed.

"Russia has a record of not achieving desired cost cuts," said Stephen O'Sullivan, oil and gas analyst at United Financial Group. "It's not easy to lay off people and shut down loss-making units –especially for a state-owned company."

The new company would face difficulties in integrating its operations, scattered across eight time zones and two countries. Rosneft extracts oil in western Siberia and operates refineries in Russia's far east and near the Black Sea. Onaco carries out all its oil exploration, extraction, refining and sales in the Orenburg region near the Kazakhstan border. Slavneft extracts oil in Siberia and processes it at two refineries in central Russia and in Belarus.

Fuel and Energy Minister Sergei Generalov first floated the idea of merging Rosneft, Slavneft and Onaco at an international oil conference in Cape Town in October.

"In the midst of a slump of oil prices, our main concern is how to reduce production costs," Bulgak said. "There's a clear reason to create a bigger company: the bigger the company, the more fruit the cost-cutting efforts will bear."

The three companies and AO Zarubezhneft, a Russian state-owned oil trading and investment company, announced today they signed "a memorandum on cooperation and integration" last week.

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> Analyst, Brunswick Warburg

"coordinate efforts" and "jointly participate in investment projects" in oil exploration, productions, transportation, refining and trade. They stressed that the legal status and ownership structure of the companies remain unchanged as yet.

Combined oil production of the three companies totals about 31.5 million tons (230 million barrels) per year, which would make the new company -- if the merger goes through -- Russia's fourth-largest, behind OAO Lukoil Holding, AO Yukos Oil Co. and OAO Surgutneftegaz, with annual output of almost 34 million tons, far ahead of today's fourth-biggest, AO Tatneft, producing 23 million tons per year.

Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, hired by the government to value Rosneft before the financial crisis deepened in August, came up with about $2.3 billion for the whole company. Slavneft has a current market capitalization of $713 million while Onaco's market capitalization is about $1.16 billion.

In October, Rosneft reported an 80 percent plunge in pretax profit in the first nine months of this year as management turmoil compounded problems of plunging world crude oil markets.

Onaco has seen its crude oil exports cut for the last six months as punishment for piling up tax arrears. Former Deputy Prime Minister Viktor Khristenko called Onaco "a clear bankruptcy case" in July.

Earlier this year, the government canceled the sale of 75 percent of Rosneft after three attempts to auction it failed to attract a single bid. It also planned to sell a 20 percent stake in Slavneft – two attempts failed to attract bids.

"The companies have been managed in an extremely inefficient way," said Boris Sinegubko, oil and gas analyst at Brunswick Warburg. "The government may take one more chance."

He said the federal government would consolidate control over the companies by merging them. Presently, the government of Belarus holds 10 percent stake in Slavneft. The regional government of Orenburg, where Onaco is based and operates, in effect controls the company, Sinegubko said.

"In their present state, Rosneft, Slavneft and Onaco can hardly survive on their own," Sinegubko said. "By merging them, the government may prevent non-government oil producers from picking up these companies' assets at knock-down prices."

Amerada Hess to cut 400 jobs, spending

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — Amerada Hess Corp., the 13th-largest U.S. oil company, said it will trim oil exploration and development spending 38 percent, sell some assets and cut 400 exploration jobs because of low oil prices.

Amerada Hess also said it will take another $150 million in charges, mostly for the lower value of its drilling contracts. It plans to sell about one-third of its U.S. petroleum-storage terminals and 6 percent of its 640 gas stations.

"These are pretty significant cuts," said Eugene Nowak, oil analyst at ABN Amro Inc. "But if oil prices don't improve they won't generate earnings growth next year."

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Amerada Hess' moves come after rivals, such as Occidental Petroleum Corp. and Unocal Corp., announced similar cost-cutting efforts. Crude oil on the New York Mercantile Exchange rose 30 cents to $11.47 a barrel today. The benchmark is trading at about 40 percent below a year ago.

Amerada Hess shares rose 1 1/8 to 54 7/16. The cuts were announced after the close of U.S. trading.

Amerada Hess budgeted $900 million for investment projects in 1999, down from $1.45 billion this year. The company said it will spend $250 million to drill for oil and $470 million to develop existing oil and natural-gas fields, down from $400 million and $700 million this year.

New York-based Amerada Hess has about 9,200 employees, almost half of them station attendants. The job cuts, representing 20 percent of its exploration workforce in the U.S. and U.K, will save $18 million annually, the company said.

The company also plans to sell 39 gas stations in Georgia and South Carolina. The storage tanks slated for sale are in the Southeast and Gulf Coast.

Along with a $15 million severance charge, Amerada Hess said it will take charges of $77 million for a decline in the value of its drilling contracts, $35 million for its investment in a still-undeveloped North Sea oil field, and $23 million to write down other assets.

The charges, to be taken this quarer, are in addition to a $150 million charge announced Oct. 30 for the formation of a Virgin Island refinery joint venture.

Russian Duma eases foreign investment restrictions for oil, gas

MOSCOW (Bloomberg) — The Russian parliament eased restrictions on foreign investment in oil, gas and metals industries, changing a key law that will pave the way for companies to pay taxes with resources they extract rather than in cash.

The law, which still needs upper house approval and changes to a dozen other laws that currently contradict it, will allow companies to move ahead on pending agreements in Russia to extract 780 million tons (5.7 billion barrels) of oil -- equal to three months of world oil production -- in the next 20 years, as well as 600 million tons of iron ore and 400 tons of gold. More agreements are expected.

International oil companies such as Conoco Inc., Norsk Hydro ASA and Total SA have said they'll pursue more development projects in Russia once laws that allow for the so-called production sharing agreements are passed. The companies have said they favor production sharing over Russia's complex and often contradictory tax rules.

"Production sharing legislation will help bring growth to the Russian economy," Deputy Prime Minister Vladimir Bulgak told the Duma.

Sasol discovers oil offshore Republic of Congo

JOHANNESBURG (Bloomberg) — Sasol Ltd. said three wells off the coast of the Republic of Congo in which it holds a stake have yielded oil, extending the South African synthetic fuels producer's reach outside its own country.

Sasol Petroleum International (Pty) Ltd., the company's oil exploration subsidiary, said the wells produced between 2,500 barrels and 8,200 barrels a day of oil. The wells are operated by a group of companies led by Italy's Agip SpA.

Along with recent oil finds in Gabon and Sasol's exploration for natural gas in Mozambique, the Congo finds highlight Sasol's push in Africa outside its home country. The moves also come as Sasol -- whose main business is making synthetic fuel from coal -- diversifies into oil exploration.

"They've only had access to raw materials in terms of coal, which they've turned into fuel," said Mark Ingham, an analyst at Societe Generale Frankel Pollak. "What they're trying to do is become a vertically integrated company. They want to do more upstream."

The largest amount of oil in the Congo wells came from Djambala-4, which produced 8,200 barrels a day in water 116 meters deep, said Sasol spokesman Alfonso Niemand. The Djambala North Marine 1 well yielded 2,500 barrels a day in water 116 meters deep, while the Foukanda Marine 1 well produced 3,400 barrels a day in water of about 105 meters deep, he said.

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INSTRUCTOR OF ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

NMSU- Carlsbad is a two year community college branch of NMSU- Las Cruces, accredited by the North Central Association and is advertising for a tenure track faculty position in Nursing (98-99 Position #4867) as Instructor of Assistant Professor beginning August 13, 1999. Salary range is $30,000- $32,000; Salary and rank commensurate with education and experience. Requires a minimum of an earned Masters degree in Nursing, a minimum of two years clinical experience and possession of, or eligibility for, current licensure to practice as a Registered Nurse in the state of New Mexico is required. Successful experience in teaching at the college level and clinical teaching experience in medical/ surgical nursing is preferred. The candidate must have excellent communication and interpersonal skills and a demonstrated commitment to the community college philosophy of education. In addition, the candidate must show an appreciation for and understanding of the unique needs of students in both academic and vocational disciplines. Candidates selected for interview should be prepared to demonstrate their teaching skills during the interview process. Successful candidates will be expected to assume those duties and responsibilities required of all faculty members, and must be prepared to teach evenings and on weekends, as needed. Normal instructional load is 15 credit hours per semester. Research is encouraged but not required. Review of applications will begin April 1, 1999 and continue until position is filled. Applicants must submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, unofficial college transcripts, and a list of three professional references (include titles, addresses, and daytime phone numbers). Successful candidates will be required to submit official college transcripts prior to hire. Address all applications and supporting documentation to: Dr. Rick Blackburn, Associate Provost for Instruction, New Mexico State University- Carlsbad, 1500 University Dr., Carlsbad, NM 88220. Phone inquiries should be directed to Ms. Pat Landreth, Administrative Assistant, NMSU-C, by phone (505)234-9211 or FAX (505)885-4951, Mondays-Thursdays, 8 am- 6 pm and Fridays until 5 pm. E-Mail address is plandret@cavern.nmsu.edu. A detailed position announcement is available upon request and will be sent to all applicants. NMSU- Carlsbad is an EEO/AA employer.

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·CONFEDERATE AIR FORCE
DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

The Confederate Air Force seeks a creative, well organized, energetic individual for a full- time development position to assist the Director of Development in all aspects of nonprofit fund raising. This is an excellent training position for beginning a nonprofit career in fund raising. Salary range $15,000 to $20,000. A comprehensive benefits package is provided.

The Development Officer will assist the Director of Development to enhance the financial stability of the CAF, the American Airpower Heritage Museum, and the American Airpower Heritage Foundation through a variety of fund raising methods such as special events, grant writing, membership drives, direct mail, and donor solicitations to support general operating expenses, capitol campaigns, an endowment campaign and a planned giving program.

Ideal candidates for this position will have a college degree and knowledge of the local community. Candidates should have some experience in organizing special events, volunteer management and a history of personal volunteer activities for nonprofit organizations. Advanced database and word processing skills are beneficial. Excellent verbal and written communication skills are required.

Applicants should submit a resume by December 21st to:

Director of Development
Confederate Air Force
P.O. Box 62000
Midland, TX 79711-2000

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SOCIAL WORKER. Andrews Healthcare Center is currently accepting applications for a licensed Social Worker. Please contact Jo Campbell at 523-4986 or mail resume to 620 Hospital Drive, Andrews, 79714.

INDUSTRY BRIEFS

Williams completes Alaskan refinery expansion

TULSA, Okla. (PRNewswire)— Williams announced the completion and start-up of a $70 million expansion project at its petroleum refinery in North Pole, Alaska, near Fairbanks.

The expansion, which added a third crude unit at the facility, increases the refinery's production by 17,000 barrels per day (bpd). Jet fuel accounts for approximately 14,000 bpd of the production increase, while the remainder is diesel fuel.

Refinery President Randy Newcomer said, "The increased production is designed to eliminate the need for Alaska's air cargo carriers to import jet fuel, giving them a reliable, local, cost-effective solution. Our ability to produce more jet fuel continues Williams' position as the leading supplier of jet fuel in the state."

The additional barrels bring the refinery's total output to 62,000 bpd – 35,000 bpd of which is jet fuel. The refinery also produces gasoline, heating oil, naphtha and asphalt. These products are marketed to customers in Alaska, Western Canada and the North Pacific Rim by Williams' energy marketing and trading unit.

Devon releases final exchange ratio for merger

OKLAHOMA CITY (PRNewswire) — Devon Energy Corporation announced the final exchange ratio for the company's proposed merger with Canadian-based Northstar Energy Corporation. The terms of the merger agreement provide for adjustment of the exchange ratio during a 10-day measurement period. The measurement period ended December 7, 1998. Northstar shareholders will receive .235 exchangeable shares for each existing Northstar share. In total, Devon expects to issue approximately 16.1 million shares in connection with the merger.

The exchangeable shares will be traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol NSX. The shares will be exchangeable, at each shareholder's option, into shares of Devon common stock on a one-for-one basis.

The merger of Devon and Northstar was announced on June 29, 1998.

Australian crude output seen rising in 1999

CANBERRA (Bloomberg)— Australia's crude oil production is set to rise after the best year for new discoveries in 10 years, the Australian Geological Survey Organization said in a report.

Production is estimated to increase to between 600,000 barrels a day and 700,000 barrels a day in 1999, from the current level of 570,000 barrels a day, though decline to between 300,000 barrels and 500,000 barrels a day by 2010.

The report's findings contrast with the country's key commodities forecaster, which said in September crude oil production will decrease by 4.3 percent in the 12 months to June 1999, as output from older fields declines.

Production of crude oil and light crude, or "condensate", is expected to average 560,000 barrels a day, compared to 585,000 barrels a day in 1997-98, the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics, or Abare, said.

Meantime, the Geological Survey Organization increased its estimate of undiscovered resources of crude oil to 2.2 billion barrels from 2 billion barrels, after reassessing reserve estimates in the Browse and Bonaparte basins off Australia's northern coast.

Korean energy use records year's biggest drop

SEOUL (Bloomberg) — South Korea's energy consumption in October showed its biggest monthly drop this year from a year earlier due to dwindling industrial output and a spell of warmer weather.

Consumption of fuel oil, gas, and electricity fell to the equivalent of 13.7 million metric tons of oil in October, down 13.6 percent from the same month a year earlier, the Commerce, Industry and Energy Ministry said. It was the 10th consecutive monthly drop this year.

The ministry said Korea's energy imports are expected to drop about 30 percent this year from a year earlier, helping inflate its trade surplus.

South Korean energy consumption has declined since the country's economic crisis forced it to turn to the International Monetary Fund for a $60 billion bailout package in December last year.

Korea is expected to import $19.1 billion of fuel products this year, including $14.3 billion of petroleum compared with imports totaling $27.1 billion last year. The import estimate for this year is $1.9 billion smaller than the ministry's original forecast.

Chisholm acquires Triton's shaker division

HOUSTON (PRNewswire) — Chisholm Energy Partners, L.L.C., has acquired the shaker division of Triton Tool and Supply, Inc. The former affiliate of Noble Drilling, which manufactures dynamic screening systems that separate solids from fluids, will operate as Phoenix E&P Technology, L.L.C.

The new company, headquartered in Ellisville, Mississippi, with manufacturing facilities in Houston, Texas, will design, manufacture and service shaker equipment and accessories used in oil and gas drilling, municipal wastewater treatment and other industries.

Phoenix will pursue opportunities in multiple industrial markets, said John W. Chisholm, managing director of Chisholm Energy Partners.

UPR to reduce headquarters staff by 14 percent

DALLAS (AP) — Due to the worldwide oil glut, Union Pacific Resources Group Inc. plans to reduce its headquarters staff by 14 percent, the second reduction this year.

Almost 140 people will be let go from the Fort Worth-based company's more than 1,000 employees. The company will have downsized its staff by 20 percent this year, according to spokesman Dan Sullivan.

UPR said the reductions will result in annual pre-tax savings of about $12 million and the company will take an after-tax charge in the fourth quarter of about $34 million for severance and other costs.

UPR's staff cuts don't include future reductions associated with the sale of the company's gathering, processing and marketing business to Denver-based Duke Energy Field Services for $1.35 billion and announced last week.

That sale involves most of the assets of the UPR subsidiary Union Pacific Fuels, though crude marketing is not included.

Coho shareholders approve sale of stake

DALLAS (Bloomberg) — Coho Energy Inc. said its shareholders approved a plan by Dallas-based buyout firm Hicks, Muse, Tate & Furst Inc. to buy 62 percent of the company for about $250 million, as it raises capital to finance expansion.

Coho, a Dallas-based oil and natural gas exploration company that reported 1997 revenues of about $63 million, will issue 41.66 million shares of its common stock to HM4 Coho LP, a partnership managed by Hicks Muse, for $6 a share. Net proceeds of about $234 million will be used to repay bank debt.

MEETINGS

The **PBS-SEPM** will hold its monthly luncheon meeting December 15 11:30 a.m. at the Midland Center. The speaker will be Ron Broadhead, senior petroleum geologist and assistant director of the New Mexico Bureau of Mines and Mineral Resources, who will present a lecture titled "Petroleum Source Rocks in Late Paleozoic Elevator Basins: the Tucumcari, Estancia, Vaughn and Carrizozo Basins." Admission, including lunch, is $8. Call the PBS-SEPM office at 683-1573 for reservations.

The **AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL LANDMEN** has announced its 1999 education calendar. Events include: WI & NRI Calculation workshop in Houston January 15, $75; '99 NAPE Institute - Estimating Reserves & Projecting Cash Flow, Houston, January 26, $95; WI & NRI Calculation Workshop, Norman, OK, Feb. 6; $75; Land Practices Review & CPL Exam, Houston, Feb. 24-27, $295; Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Review & Exam, Ft. Worth, March 8-12, $750; WI & NRI Calculation Workshop, Denver, CO, March 12, $75; Mining & Land Resources Institute, Reno, NV, March 18-19, $195; Land Practices Review & CPL Exam, Bakersfield, CA, April 28-May 1, $295; WI & NRI Calculation Workshop, Ft. Worth, May 7, $75; Land Practices Review & CPL Exam, Traverse City, MI, May 19-22, $295; 45th Annual Meeting, San Antonio, June 9-11; Land Practices Review & CPL Exam, Denver, CO, June 23-26, $295; Houston Landman's Institute, Houston, September 16-17, $125; WI & NRI Calculation Workshop, Ft. Worth, Oct. 2, $75; Land Practices Review & CPL Exam, Shreveport, LA, Oct. 13-16, $295; Gulf Coast Institute, New Orleans, LA, Nov. 4-5, $135; Land Practices Review & CPL Exam, Ft. Worth, Nov. 10-13, $295.

For more information on any programs contact AAPL headquarters at 4100 Fossil Creek Blvd, Ft. Worth, TX 76137-2791, 817/847-7700.

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DEVELOPMENT WELLS

SOUTHEAST NEW MEXICO

EDDY COUNTY

MARBOB ENERGY CORP
BURCH KEELY UNIT #861
GB-JACKSON; T17S, R29E, SEC 24; 1295 FSL 660 FWL; 9 MILES W OF LOCO HILLS; ROT 4800 GRAYBURG SAN ANDRES; API #30-015-30491
MARBOB ENERGY CORP
BURCH KEELY UNIT #862
GB-JACKSON; T17S, R29E, SEC 25; 1295 FNL 1980 FEL; 9 MILES W OF LOCO HILLS; ROT 4800 GRAYBURG SAN ANDRES; API #30-015-30490
MARBOB ENERGY CORP
BURCH KEELY UNIT #860
GB-JACKSON; T17S, R29E, SEC 30; 25 FNL 2450 FEL; 14 MILES W OF LOCO HILLS; ROT 4800 GRAYBURG SAN ANDRES; API #30-015-30492
DEVON ENERGY CORP
WEST RED LAKE UNIT #81
RED LAKE; T18S, R27E, SEC 8; 220 FNL 1015 FWL; 7 MILES SE OF ARTESIA; ROT 3400 QUEEN GRAYBURG; API #30-015-30495
ENRON OIL & GAS CO
STW 25 STATE COM #1
NORTH TURKEY TRACK; T18S, R29E, SEC 25; 1890 FNL 660 FWL; 7 MILES SW OF LOCO HILLS; ROT 12000 MORROW; API #30-015-30493
MARIAH ENERGY CORP
NO. BENSON QU UT #48
NO. BENSON; T18S, R30E, SEC 28; 1111 FSL 879 FEL; 7 MILES S OF LOCO HILLS; ROT 3600 QU/GB/SAP API #30-015-30494
SANTA FE ENERGY RESOURCE INC
JONES CANYON 4 FEDERAL #4
INDIAN BASIN; T22S,R24E, SEC 4; 23714 FNL 217 FWL; 13.5 MILES W OF CARLSBAD; ROT 8400 UPPER PENN; API #30-015-30487
SANTA FE ENERGY RESOURCES
NAGOOLTEE PEAK 5 FED COM #4
INDIAN BASIN; T22S, R24E, SEC 5; 610 FNL 1900 FEL; 11.5 MILES W OF CARLSBAD; ROT 8500 PENN; API #30-015-30488
SANTA FE ENERGY RESOURCES INC
OLD RANCH KNOLL 8 FED #3
INDIAN BASIN; T22S, R24E, SEC 8; 660 FNL-2426 FEL; 14.5 MILES W OF CARLSBAD; ROT 8500 PENN; API 330-015-30485

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REAGAN COUNTY

PIONEER NATURAL RES.
SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #1831A
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)-D; T&P RR CO./A.C. WALKER SUR, A-862, BLK 37, T5S, SEC 40; 700 FWL 6023 FSL OF LSE; 1980
FEL 1980 FNL OF SURVEY; OBJ: 8600; PERMIT #481164; API #42-383-34954

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ANDREWS COUNTY

WIND RIVER ENERGY
STATE "FJ" #4
TRIPLE-N (PENN, UPPER)-RE-ENTER; UL SUR, BLK 9, SEC 29; 660 FSL 1980 FWL OF LSE; 660 FSL 1980 FWL OF SURVEY; 10
MILES SW OF ANDREWS; OBJ: 12471; PERMIT #481188; API #42-003-01663

GLASSCOCK COUNTY

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA
SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #1408A
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)-D; T&P RR CO./P.M. MUMBLE SUR, A-1108, BLK 36, T5S, SEC 28; 31134 FWL 15426 FSL OF LSE;
1810 FWL 467 FNL OF SURVEY; 9 MILES SW OF ST LAWRENCE; OBJ: 8600; PERMIT #481163; API #42-173-32935

MIDLAND COUNTY

TEXACO E&P
C. SCHARBAUER "A" NCT-2 #2H
BRYANT -G- (DEVONIAN); RECOMP; HORIZONTAL; T&P RR CO. SUR, A-268, BLK 40, T2S, SEC 33; 810 FSL 810 FEL OF LSE; 810
FSL 810 FEL OF SURVEY; 10 MILES SW OF MIDLAND; OBJ: 15900; PERMIT #481201; API #42-329-33728
TEXACO E&P
BRYAN G (DEVONIAN) UNIT #33H
BRYANT -G- (DEVONIAN); RECOMP; HORIZONTAL; T&P RR CO. SUR/J. BOSHER, A-1018, BLK 40, T2S, SEC 34; 7258 FSL 765
FWL OF LSE; 1980 FSL 765 FWL OF SURVEY; 10 MILES SW OF MIDLAND; OBJ: 14500; PERMIT #481200; API #42-329-33492
TEXACO E&P
C. SCHARBAUER "E" NCT-1 #3H
BRYANT -G- (DEVONIAN); RECOMP; HORIZONTAL; T&P RR CO. SUR/C.L. DAVIS SUR, A-775, BLK 40, T2S, SEC 36; 2200 FNL
810 FWL OF LSE; 2200 FNL 810 FWL OF SURVEY; 8 MILES SW OF MIDLAND; OBJ: 14500; PERMIT #481199; API #42-329-33700
TEXACO E&P
TEXAS TEN NCT-1 #3H
BRYANT - G- (DEVONIAN)-RECOMP; HORIZONTAL; T&P RR CO./A.J. WOLCOTT SUR, A-760, BLK 39, T3S, SEC 6; 2064 FNL 486
FEL OF LSE; 2064 FNL 601 FWL OF SURVEY; 10 MILES SW OF MIDLAND; OBJ: 16700; PERMIT #481198; API #42-329-33847
TEXACO E&P
BRYANT G (DEVONIAN) UNIT #30H
BRYANT -G- (DEVONIAN)-RECOMP; HORIZONTAL; T&P RR CO. SUR, A-365, BLK 40, T2S, SEC 27; 1779 FNL 1332 FWL OF LSE;
1779 FNL 1332 FWL OF SURVEY; 10 MILES SW OF MIDLAND; OBJ: 15700; PERMIT #481197; API #42-329-33271
TEXACO E&P
BRYANT G (DEVONIAN) UNIT #29H
BRYANT -G- (DEVONIAN)-RECOMP; HORIZONTAL; T&P RR CO. SUR, A-270, BLK 40, T2S, SEC 37; 3328 FNL 810 FEL OF LSE;
1980 FSL 810 FEL OF SURVEY; 10 MILES SW OF MIDLAND; OBJ: 16000; PERMIT #481196; API #42-329-33692

PECOS COUNTY

MARATHON OIL COMPANY
YATES FIELD UNIT #214CE4
YATES-D; RUNNELS CSL #3, A-2169; 7114 FNL 11501 FEL OF LSE; 804 FSL 5655 FWL OF SURVEY; 3.5 MILES W OF IRAAN; OBJ:
1999; PERMIT #481280; API #42-371-36884
IBEX RESOURCES I
J.S. OATES #68
OATES-D; T&P RR CO./J.S. OATES SUR, A-7891, BLK 3, SEC 204; 1350 FWL 1990 FSL OF LSE; 1350 FWL
1990 FSL OF SURVEY; 1.5 MILES NE OF CHANCELLOR; OBJ: 900; PERMIT #481110; API #42-371-36880
IBEX RESOURCES
J.S. OATES #69
OATES-D; T&P RR CO./J.S. OATES SUR, A-7891, BLK 3, SEC 204; 1610 FWL 2190 FSL OF LSE; 1610 FWL
2190 FSL OF SURVEY; 1.5 MILES N OF CHANCELLOR; OBJ: 900; PERMIT #481109; API #42-371-36879
IBEX RESOURCES I
J.S. OATES #70
OATES-D; T&P RR CO./J.S. OATES SUR, A-7891, BLK 3, SEC 204; 1590 FWL 2000 FSL OF LSE; 1590 FWL
2000 FSL OF SURVEY; 1.5 MILES N OF CHANCELLOR; OBJ: 900; PERMIT #481108; API 342-371-36878
IBEX RESOURCES I
J.S. OATES #71
OATES-D; T&P RR CO./J.S. OATES SUR, A-7891, BLK 3, SEC 204; 2190 FEL 2150 FSL OF LSE; 2190 FEL 2150
FSL OF SURVEY; 1.5 MILES N OF CHANCELLOR; OBJ: 900; PERMIT #481107; API #42-371-36877
IBEX RESOURCES I
J.S. OATES #72
OATES-D; T&P RR CO./J.S. OATES SUR, A-7891, BLK 3, SEC 204; 2210 FSL 2280 FEL OF LSE; 2210 FSL 2280
FEL OF SURVEY; 1.5 MILES N OF CHANCELLOR; OBJ: 900; PERMIT #481106; API #42-371-36876

UPTON COUNTY

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA
SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #1241a
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)-D; T&P RR CO/J.H. VANHAM SUR, A-612, BLK 37, T5S, SEC 28; 660 FWL 2009 FNL OF LSE; 660 FWL
660 FSL OF SURVEY; 16 MILES SW OF ST LAWRENCE; OBJ: 8600; PERMIT #481305; API #42-461-33961
PIONEER NATURAL RES.
SPRABERRY DRIVER UNIT #1018A
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)-D; T&P RR CO. SUR, A-391, BLK 37, T5S, SEC 21; 8609 FWL 17395 FNL OF LSE;
1980 FEL 660 FSL OF SURVEY; 15 MILES W OF ST LAWRENCE; OBJ: 8600; PERMIT #481165; API 342-461-33959

WARD COUNTY

CHEVRON USA INC
JACK EDWARDS -K- #2
JANELLE (CLEAR FORK)-RECOMP; PSL/C&J EDWARDS SUR, A-1219, BLK B-18, SE C27; 660 FNWL 490 FNEL OF LSE; 660 FNL
2150 FWL OF SURVEY; 7 MILES SE OF MONAHANS; OBJ: 5400; PERMIT #481148; API #42-475-31998
CHEVRON USA
C.W. EDWARDS ET AL #17
JANELLE (CLEAR FORK)-RECOMP; PSL/C&J EDWARDS SUR, A-1216, BLK B-18, SEC 16; 850 FSEL 4380 FNEL OF LSE; 850 FSL
900 FWL OF SURVEY; 4 MILES SE OF MONAHANS; OBJ: 5609; PERMIT #481147; API #42-475-33893

WINKLER COUNTY

BASS ENTERPRISES PRODUCTION
KEYSTONE HOLT UNIT #662
KEYSTONE (HOLT)-RECOMP; HORIZONTAL/SIDETRACK; PSL/J.B. WALTON SUR, A-1837, BLK B-3, SEC 9; 2088 FWL 3300 FSL
OF LSE; 560 FEL 1980 FNL OF SURVEY; 7.5 MILES NE OF KERMIT; OBJ: 8030; PERMIT #481194; API #42-495-03938

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CROSBY COUNTY

AOCO OPERATING
T.C. JAMES JR. #760
HOOPLE (CLEAR FORK)-D; H&O B. RR CO./W.W. BROWN SUR, A-937, BLK 1, SEC 1044; 1240 FEL 2544 FSL OF LSE; 1240 FEL
2544 FSL OF SURVEY; 9 MILES NE OF SLATON; OBJ: 5000; PERMIT #481118; API #42-107-31019

KING COUNTY

PRIMROSE OPERATING
BATEMAN TRUST EST ACCOUNT #1 #83
BATEMAN RANCH (C-ZONE)-RECOMP; J.B. RECTOR SUR, A-370, BLK A, SEC 101; 500 FN (RIVER) LINE 880 FEL OF LSE; 400
FEL 8040 FSL OF SURVEY; 6 MILES E OF GUTHRIE; OBJ: 5330; PERMIT #481215; API #42-269-31537

COMPLETIONS

SOUTHEAST NEW MEXICO

CHAVES COUNTY

YATES PETROLEUM CORP
BEAN COM #2
PECOS SLOPE; T7S, R26E, SEC 20; 1980 FSL 660 FEL; EL 3589 GL; TD 5160, PBTD 4680; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURED TREATED PERFS 3783-4437; IPF 350 MCFD; API #30-005-63136

EDDY COUNTY

YATES PETROLEUM CORP
OPERA AQG FEDERAL #1
SE BIG SINKS; T16S, R31E, SEC 15; 1980 FNL 1980 FEL; EL 3205 GL; TD 10500, PBTD 8530; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURED, TREATED PERFS 6346-6352; IPP 56 BOPD, 18 MCFD; API #30-015-29435
YATES PETROLEUM CORP
LOGAN ASO FED COM #1
LOGAN DRAW; T17S, R27E, SEC 15; 1650 FSL 1980 FEL; EL 3490 GL; TD 9520, PBTD 9380; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH PERFS 9162-9377; IPF 42 BOPD, 2441 MCFD; API #30-015-30263
ARCO PERMIAN
WASHINGTON "33" STATE #21
ARTESIA; T17S, R28E, SEC 33; 2310 FSL 990 FWL; EL 3672 GL; TD 4200, PBTD 4164; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 2360-2766; IPP 13 BOPD, 90 MCFD; API #30-015-30195
SDX RESOURCES
KEY STATE #1
ARTESIA; T18S, R28E, SEC 21; 990 FNL 1850 FWL; EL 3590 GL; TD 2650, PBTD 2604; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED, FRACTURED PERFS 2076-2361; IPP 8 BOPD, TSTM MCF; API #30-015-30227
MARATHON OIL CO.
DAVID COCKETT "27" STATE #1
TRAVIS; T18S, R28E, SEC 27; 1650 FSL 1980 FWL; EL 3559 GL; TD 11075, PBTD 10000; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 9681-9805; IPF 251 BOPD, 624 MCFD; API #30-015-29837
ENRON OIL & GAS
SAND TANK 13 FED COM #1
NO. SHUGART; T18S, R30E, SEC 13; 1980 FNL 990 FWL; EL 3523 GL; TD 12190, PBTD 11828; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 11687-11710; IPF 0 BO, 400 MCF; API #30-015-29784
MARATHON OIL CO
EDWARD MITCHUSSON 4 STATE #1
TRAVIS; T19S, R28E, SEC 4; 1980 FSL 1980 FWL; EL 3549 GL; TD 11175, PBTD 9530; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 8894-9050; IPP 7 BOPD, 75 MCFD; API #30-015-30165
SANTA FE ENERGY RESOURCES
HACKBERRY "18" FEDERAL #1
HACKBERRY; T19S, R31E, SEC 18; 660 FSL 1980 FEL; EL 3401 GL; TD 12350, PBTD 12256; PRODUCTION IS NATURAL THROUGH PERFS 12146-12154; IPCAOF 10,626.5 MCF; API #30-015-29780
MALLON OIL CO
MALLON 10 FEDERAL #4
BLACK RIVER; T24S, R26E, SEC 10; 660 FNL 1980 FWL; EL 3321 GL; TD 5525, PBTD 5310; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURED, TREATED PERFS 4958-4974, 4988-5001, 5008-5072; IPP 94 BOPD; API #30-015-29775

LEA COUNTY

ASPEN EXPL INC
ASPEN 27 STATE #1
TRES PAPALOTES; T14S, R34E, SEC 27; 660 FSL 2130 FWL; EL 4104 GL; TD 12730, PBTD 12575; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 12422-12427; IPF 30 BOPD, 392 MCFD; API #30-025-34280
CAPATAZ OPERATING INC
CHESTERFIELD #1
BLINEBRY; T20S, R38E, SEC 14; 2200 FNL 660 FEL; EL 3571 GL; TD 7798; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH PERFS 6012-6122; IPF 58 BOPD, 821 MCFD; API 330-0025-34420
TITAN RESOURCES I
STATE DC #2
WANTZ; T21S, R37E, SEC 19; 1866 FNL 2195 FWL; EL 3511 GL; TD 7825; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 6887-7102; IPP 26 BOPD, 7 MCFD; API #30-025-34401
TEXACO EXPL & PROD INC
C.C. FRISTOE "B" FED NCT-2 #23
JUSTIS; T24S, 437E, SEC 26; 1650 FSL 940 FEL; EL 3165 GL; TD 6327; PRODUCTION THROUGH TREATED PERFS 5124-5522, 5784-6232; IPP 32 BOPD, 91 MCFD; API 330-025-34261
SDX RESOURCES INC
ENCO STATE #1
JALMAT; T24S, R37E, SEC 32; 660 FNL 660 FEL; EL 3264 GL; TD 3250, PBTD 3247; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURED, TREATED PERFS 3024-3034; IPF 1 BOPD, 327 MCFD; API #30-025-34057

TEXAS RRCD 7C

CROCKETT COUNTY

LOUIS DREYFUS NATURAL GAS
#14 PFLUGER "105"
SAWYER (CANYON GAS); TWNG RR CO. SUR, A-708, BLK 14, SEC 105; 400 FNL 690 FEL; 18 MILES SE OF SONORA; EL 2291; CONTR: PATTERSON; TD 6545, PBTD 5528; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 5228-5325; CAOF 687 MCFD

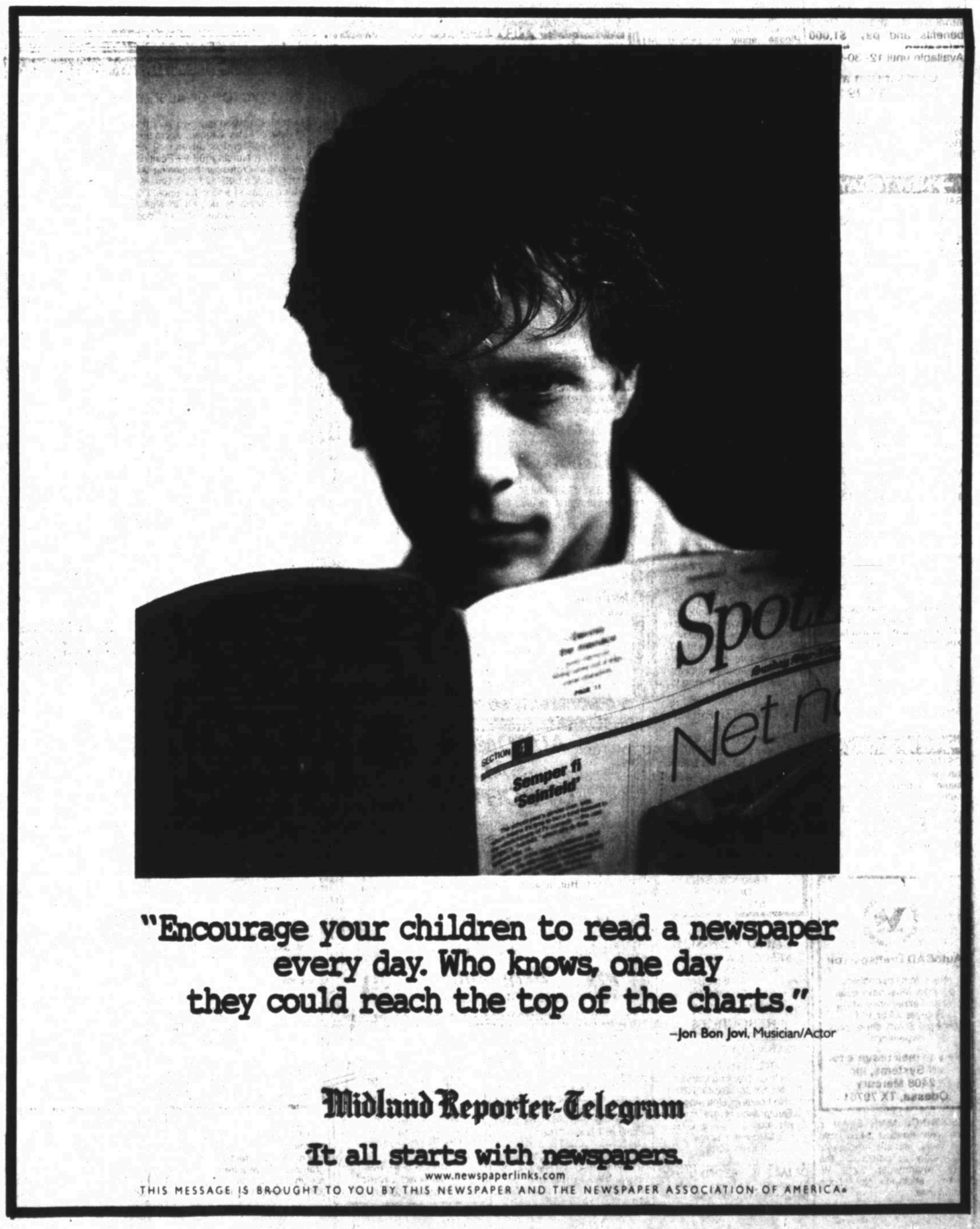
SUTTON COUNTY

GRUY PETROLEUM MANAGEMENT
#31 NED DUNBAR
SAWYER (CANYON GAS); HE&WT RR CO. SUR, BLK C, SEC 92; 1800 FNL 4230 FWL; 8 MILES S OF SONORA; EL 2225 GL; CONTR: CLEERE DRILLING; TD 6230, PBTD 6166; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 5092-6014; IPP 190 MCFD

TOM GREEN COUNTY

PETRO DATA RESOURCES
#2 JONES
DOVE CREEK, E (CLEAR FORK OIL); H&TC RR SUR, BLK 20, SEC 22; 2318 FNL 1513 FEL; 8 MILES SW OF KNICKERBOCKER; EL 2300 GL; CONTR: POOL; TD 1149; PRODUCTION IS

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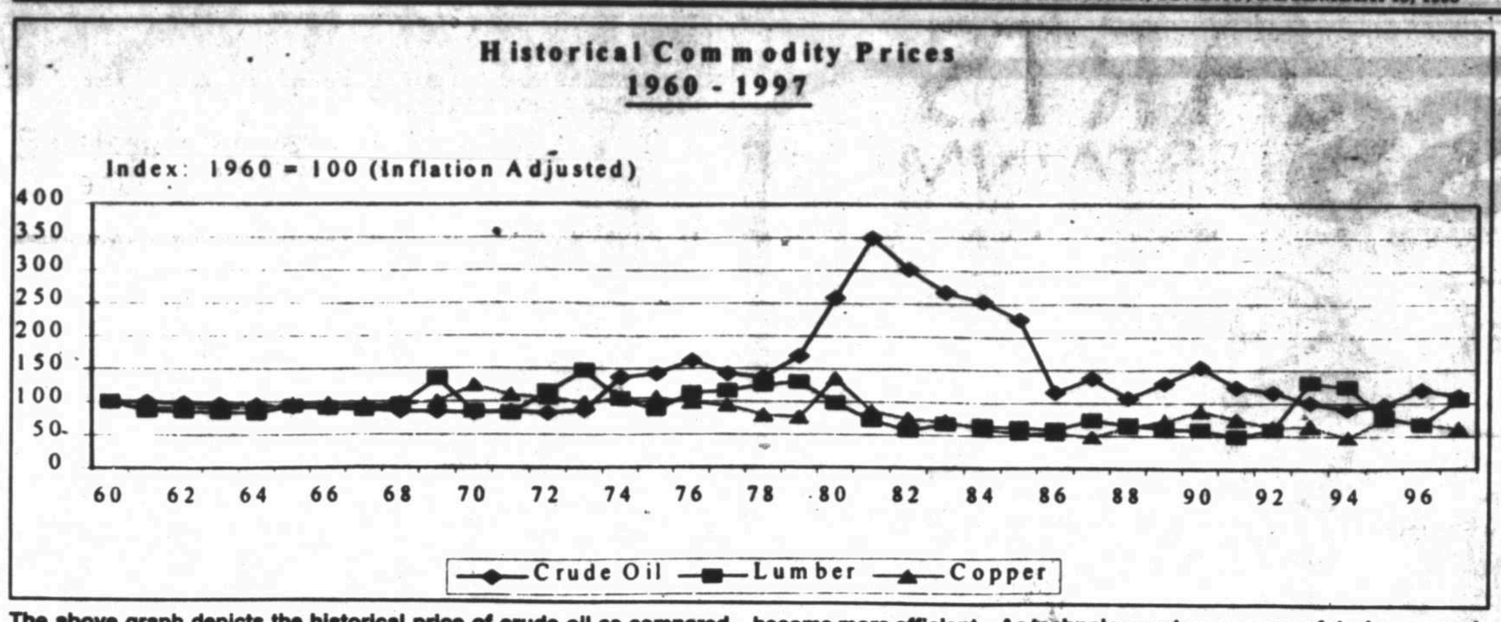
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The above graph depicts the historical price of crude oil as compared to lumber and copper. Technological advances, embraced by the oil and gas industry, has enabled the industry to streamline costs and discover reserves previously inaccessible. The Everen Energy Report suggests that technology itself helps lower costs by allowing industry to become more efficient,. As technology gets more powerful, cheaper and pervasive, industry efficiently further improves and new low cost producers enter the market, driving down the average cost structure and squeezing out inefficient producers.

Texoil updates exploration, development program

HOUSTON (PRNewswire) — Texoil, Inc., announced recent developments in its exploration and development drilling program, conducted through its joint venture with Bechtel Exploration Company, an independent exploration company located in Houston, Texas. The Company and its joint venture partner have received numerous inquiries and accordingly, Texoil releases this update for public informational purposes.

The joint venture is being conducted through a majority-owned subsidiary known as the Cliffwood - Blue Moon Joint Venture, Inc. a Texas Corporation, owned 80% by Texoil and 20% by Bechtel. The objective of the Joint Venture is to generate and assemble low risk, high impact (based on reserve and cash flow potential) prospects in South Louisiana, using three dimensional seismic data ("3-D") on a fully integrated basis with all available sub-surface and engineering data, as a means of reducing drilling risk. Furthermore, after leasing such prospects, CBJV actively seeks reputable industry participants on a promoted basis, whereby the Joint Venture may recoup prospect costs and earn carried and/or reversionary interests in wells, with the intent of enhancing success, participating in a greater number of prospects and lowering finding costs.

Texoil has drilled and logged a successful exploratory well in the West Ridge Field, Lafayette Parish, Louisiana, which encountered approximately 135 feet of gross gas pay (approximately 115 of net gas pay) in a prolific Marg. Tex. sand, which produced at rates of approximately 25 million cubic feet of gas per day and associated condensate at a rate of 14.7 barrels per million cubic feet, in an adjacent fault block. The well is currently being completed and expected first production is in approximately 90 days, depending on unitization requirements. Refer to a separate news release issued on October 1, 1998.

Three additional prospects are expected to be drilled in the near term with a direct 10 percent interest and will share approximately 22.5% of carried and reversionary interests in the prospects with Bechtel on the basis of 80-20% ownership interest in the Joint Venture. In the future, Texoil expects to increase its direct drilling participation to 12.5% - 33% joint venture prospects, as corporate cash flows increase from price product recovery and growth.

Three additional prospects have been defined in the primary 3-D area (which is located in Lafayette, Acadia and Vermillion Parishes, Louisiana) and are presently being leased or optioned.

Arco buys rest of Dubai oilfield from Gulfstream Resources

LOS ANGELES (Bloomberg) — Atlantic Richfield Co., the seventh-largest U.S. oil company, said its Arco Dubai Inc. subsidiary bought the 25 percent of a Dubai oilfield it didn't already own from Gulfstream Resources Canada Ltd.

Los Angeles-based Arco also said it entered into a "cost-sharing agreement" with Gulfstream, based in Calgary, Alberta, for the development of a $2.3 billion natural gas project in Qatar.

Arco will pay Gulfstream $14.2 million (C$22 million) for the stake in the field and another $14.2 million to terminate or suspend separate agreements with Gulfstream made around the time Arco joined the Qatar project in 1994, Gulfstream said. Gulfstream acquired its Qatar properties in 1973.

Arco will also pay the Canadian company's share of the costs until production from the Qatari project reaches 1.2 billion cubic feet a day of natural gas.

Arco officials couldn't immediately be reached to comment further.

Qatar, which borders Saudi Arabia and is the smallest member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, holds an estimated 5.6 percent of the world's gas reserves, the third-most after Russia and Iran.

Arco and Gulfstream are each 27.5 percent stakeholders of the Qatar Consortium, which is mapping out and developing Qatar's oil and natural gas. The other partners are British Gas Plc with a 25 percent stake, Germany's Preussag Energie AG with 5 percent and Germany's Wintershall with 15 percent.

Arco, which operates Qatar's 32,000-barrel-a-day Al Rayyan oil field, is leading the group in a project to provide Qatari natural gas to other Gulf states through a pipeline by 2001.

The agreement with Gulfstream comes after Arco announced plans to fire an unspecified number of its 20,000 employees as weak oil prices cut profits. The Los Angeles-based company, which had $19.3 billion in revenue last year, saw its earnings fall 44 percent in the second quarter this year as oil prices dropped.

Williams completes first phase of Mobile Bay project

HOUSTON (PRNewswire) — Williams announced that it successfully completed and placed into service the first phase of its Mobile Bay Expansion and Extension project, which has been designed to bring an additional 350 million cubic feet per day (MMcf/d) of natural gas reserves from East Main Pass Block 261 onshore to Transco compressor station 82 in Coden, Al.

"We have made excellent progress completing the first phase of this important project," said Frank Ferazzi, vice president of customer service and rates, Williams' Transco pipeline system. "Williams is excited about this tremendous opportunity to provide added value to Transco's market-area customers by attaching a growing new source of gas supply along their existing path."

The existing 30-inch, 123-mile Mobile Bay Lateral extends from an interconnection with the Transco mainline near Butler, Al., to compressor station 82 near Coden, Al. Phase one of the project includes a 76-mile offshore extension which consists of approximately 19 miles of 30-inch and 57 miles of 24-inch pipe and has a capacity of 350 MMcf/d. The 30-inch line extends from Station 82 to a junction platform at Mobile Bay Block 822. The 24-inch line extends from the junction platform to East Main Pass Block 261 near the edge of the outer continental shelf.

Phase one of the project provides 350 MMcf/d from the OCS to Station 82 and 214 MMcf/d onshore from Station 82 to Transco's mainline near Butler, Al. Phase two will provide an additional 136 MMcf/d of onshore capacity in November 1998. Upon completion of both phases, the project will transport 350 MMcf/d from the OCS to the Transco mainline and increase Transco's share of capacity on the existing lateral from 520 MMcf/d to 784 MMcf/d. The Commission approved rolled-in rate treatment for the project.

Vanco signs deepwater agreement

HOUSTON (BUSINESS WIRE) — Gene Van Dyke, president of Vanco Energy Company, announced that Vanco Energy Company has signed an Exclusive Reconnaissance Permit with ONAREP, the national oil company of Morocco for the Safi Haute Mer block offshore Morocco.

The Safi Haute Mer Block extends from the Atlantic shore to 3000m of deepwater. Safi Haute Mer covers 18,700 square kilometers, and represents one of the largest acreage permits awarded in recent years by ONAREP. Terms of the reconnaissance permit call for a one-year geological and geophysical study. Geco/Prakla's M.V. Polshkov has been contracted to conduct a 2-D seismic survey of an estimated 1,800 km of the block which commenced in mid-October.

COMPLETIONS

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THROUGH TREATED PERFS 1136-1147; IPP 37 BOPD

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ANDREWS COUNTY

BELCO ENERGY CORP
ANDREWS UNIT #610
ANDREWS (WOLFCAMP-PENN); PSL SUR, A-1846, BLK A-46, SEC 16; 4620 FEL 4380 FSL OF UNIT; 3 MILES NW OF ANDREWS;
EL 3204 GL; CONTR: KEY ENERGY; TD 9215; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 9006-9009, 9075-9080, 9083-9087; IPP
134 BOPD, 31 MCFD; PERMIT #477214; API #42-003-38440

ECTOR COUNTY

ANADARKO PETROLEUM
H.E. CUMMINS -A- #2
GOLDSMITH (CLEAR FORK); T&P RR CO. SUR, BLK 45, T1N, SEC 10; 660 FNL 660 FEL OF LSE; 9 MILES NW OF GOLDSMITH; TD
6276; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURED, TREATED PERFS 4254-4410, 5688-5890, 6156-6240; IPP 9 BOPD, 40 MCFD;
PERMIT #457391; API #42-135-00048

MARTIN COUNTY

AUTRY C. STEPHENS
HOLT "320" #1
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); GARZA CSL, LGE 320, LBR 8, A-999; 922 FWL 1900 FNL OF LSE; 15 MILES NW OF STANTON; EL
2967 GL; CONTR: BIG DOG DRILLING; TD 11800, PBTD 9950; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURED, TREATED PERFS 7980-
9858; IPP 8 BOPD, 7.7 MCFD; PERMIT #462936; API #42-317-34097
AUTRY C. STEPHENS
HOLT "320" #2
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); BARZA CSL, LGE 320, LBR 12; 933 FNL 1843 FEL OF LSE; 15 MILES NW OF STANTON; EL 2866 GL;
CONTR: BIG DOG DRILLING; TD 9852, PBTD 9184; FRACTURED, TREATED PERFS 8932-9052, 8609-8843, 7953-8170; TEST
UNSUCCESSFUL; WELL SI; PERMIT #475326; API #42-317-30296

PECOS COUNTY

OLSEN ENERGY
MCDONALD #4
PUTNAM (CLEAR FORK); PLUG BACK; TC RR CO. SUR, BLK F, SEC 6; 660 FSL 660 FEL OF LSE; 9 MILES S OF GIRVIN; EL 2587
GL; TD 5100, PBTD 3982; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 3337-3874; CAOF 3000 MCF; PERMIT #479035; API #42-
371-34562

STERLING COUNTY

RANGE PRODUCTION
CONGER #5
CONGER (PENN); H&TC R CO. SUR, A-256, BLK 21, SEC 5; 462 FSL 2325 FEL OF LSE; 10.5 MILES SW OF STERLING CITY; EL
2459 GL; CONTR: CLEERE; TD 7775, PBTD 7631; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURED, TREATED PERFS 6983-6986, 7031-7032, 7056-7059, 7318-7455; IPF 52 BOPD, 479 MCFD; PERMIT #477661; API #42-431-32940

WARD COUNTY

ALTURA ENERGY
SEALY SMITH FOUNDATION #325
MONAHANS (PERMIAN TUBB #3); G&M.M.B.&A SUR, BLK A, SEC 39; 9155 FSL 7963 FEL OF LSE; 2 MILES N OF MONAHANS;
EL 2726 GL; TD 5800, PBTD 5625; RECOMPLETED; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 5479-5514, 55249-5572, 5591-
5595; IPF 3 BOPD, 119 MCFD; PERMIT #475907; API #42-475-33912
TAURUS EXPLORATION
UNIVERSITY "K" #3
RHODA WALKER (CANYON 5900); ULS SUR, BLK 17, SEC 40; 1320 FNL 660 FEL OF LSE; 3.5 MILES W OF PYOTE; EL 2613 GL;
CONTR: KEY ENERGY; TD 6610, PBTD 6554; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURED, TREATED PERFS 6248-6260; CAOF 1409
MCF; PERMIT #478488; API #42-475-34578
COSTILLA ENERGY
GREER MCGINLEY GAS UNIT #1
VERMEJO E (WOLFCAMP); W&NW RR CO. SUR, BLK A SEC 19; 1320 FNL 1320 FSL OF UNIT; 8 MILES N OF BARSTOW; EL 2693
GL; TD 21603, PBTD 11208; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 10392-10484, 10950-11144; IPP 22 BOPD, 18 MCFD;
PERMIT #479759; API #42-475-10729
PLATINUM EXPLORATION
GOLDEN #1
VERMEJO, E (ATOKA), PLUG BACK; H&TC RR CO SUR, BLK 33, SEC 68; 1000 FNWL 4781 FNEL OF LSE; 15 MILES NW OF BARSTOW; EL 2687 DF; TD 19050, PBTD 18532; PRODUCTION THROUGH PERFS 16618-16654; IPCAOF 9189 MCF; API #42-475-31005

WINKLER COUNTY

PENNZOIL EXPLORATION
W.E. BAIRD #1875
KERMIT (MCKEE); PSL SUR, BLK B-3, SEC 18; 1750 FWL 1970 FSL OF LSE; 4 MILES NE OF KERMIT; EL 2905 GL; CONTR: PATTERSON DRILLING; TD 10481, PBTD 10402; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURED TREATED PERFS 9918-9999; IPCAOF 1051 MCF; PERMIT #478162; API #42-495-32732
PENNZOIL EXPLORATION
W.E. BAIRD #1955
KERMIT (MCKEE); PSL SUR, BLK B-3, SEC 19; 2116 FSL 3068 FEL OF LSE; 4 MILES NE OF KERMIT; EL 2903 GL; CONTR: JONES DRILLING; TD 10290, PBTD 10100; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH FRACTURED TREATED PERFS 9821-9906; IPCAOF 3601 MCF; PERMIT #478163; API #42-495-32733

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DAWSON COUNTY

E.B. BROOKS, JR.
GOOD 30-1 #1
ACKERLY, E (PENN); T&P RR CO. SUR, BLK 33, T4N, SEC 30; 660 FNL 950 FWL OF LSE; 4 MILES NE OF ACKERLY; EL 2816 KB; CONTR: BANDERA DRILLING; TD 91335, PBTD 9084; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 9028-9043; IPP 107 BOPD, 36 MCFD; PERMIT #478788; API #42-115-33027

WILDCATS

(From 4)

19 MILES W OF JAYTON; OBJ: 7000; PERMIT #481157; API #42-263-31637
SHARP IMAGE ENERGY
FINA #1
WILDCAT; H&GN RR CO. SUR, A-29, BLK 1, SEC 13; 610 FEL 859 FSL OF LSE; 19 MILES W OF JAYTON; EL 2025 GL; CONTR:
WEST TEXAS ENERGY SERVICES LLC; TD 6582; PRODUCTION IS THROUGH TREATED PERFS 6473-6479; IPF 204 BOPD, 50
MCFD; PERMIT #481157; API #42-263-31637

KING COUNTY

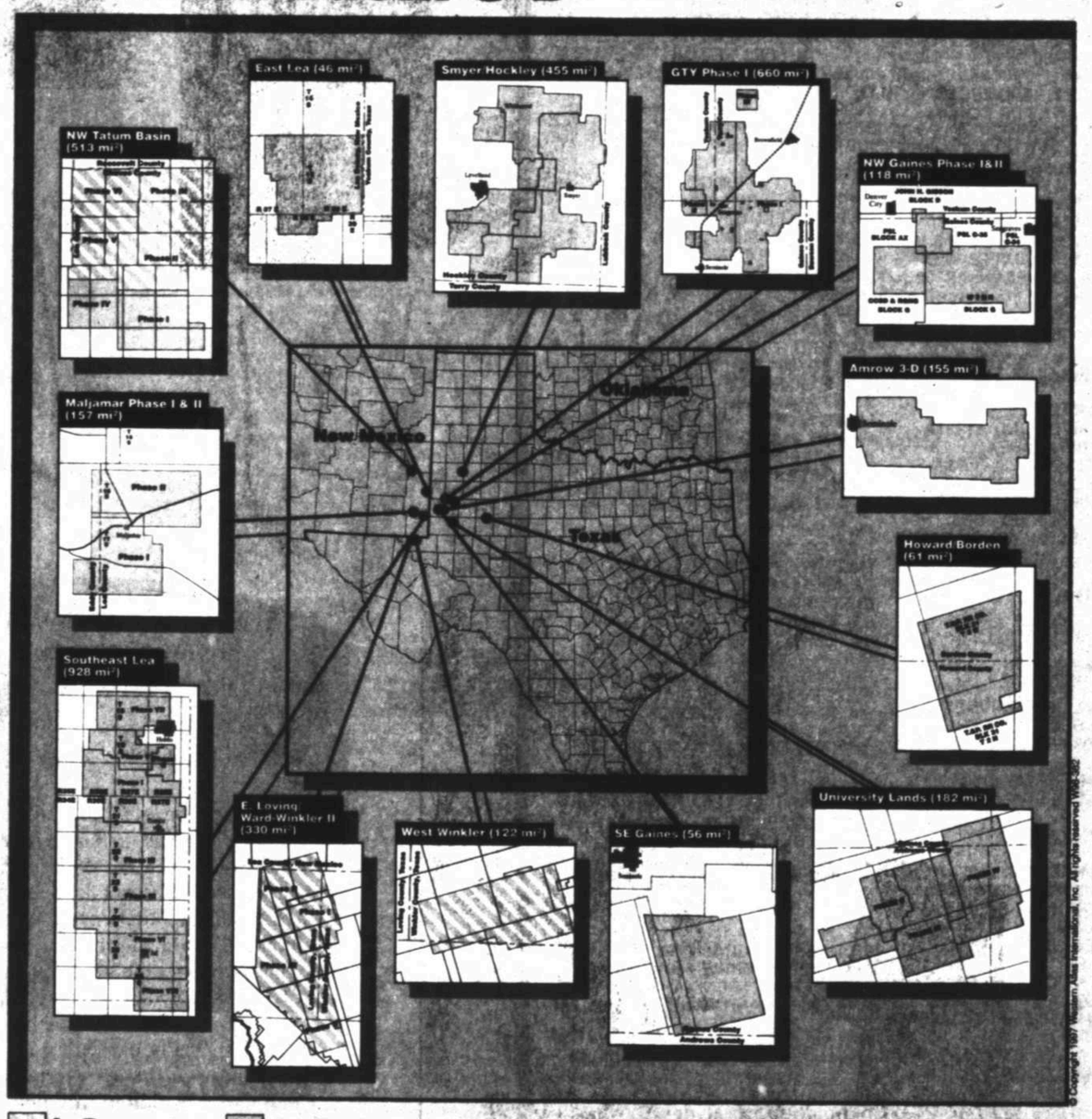
GUNN OIL COMPANY
MASTERSON 12 #1
WILDCAT-D; D&W RR CO. #12/D.N. ROBINSON SUR, A-697; 5221.67 FWL 3443.87 FNL OF LSE; 800 FNL 100 FEL OF SURVEY; 15
MILES NE OF GUTHRIE; OBJ: 6200; PERMIT #481168; API #42-269-32331
PATTON EXPLORATION
WILSON-SPRINGER #8
WILDCAT-D; H&TC RR CO/J.S. WORSTER SUR, A-841, BLK F, SEC 134; 2204 FEL 1445 FSL OF LSE; 2204 FEL 2045 FSL OF
SURVEY; OBJ: 3700; PERMIT #481130; API #42-269-32330

SCURRY COUNTY

SHARP IMAGE ENERGY
N.W. IRA #1
WILDCAT-D; H&TC RR CO./ MRS. L.A. WILSON SUR, A-2224, BLK 97, SEC 176; 1070 FEL 960 FSL OF LSE; 2401 FNL 2355 FEL OF
SURVEY; 8 MILES SW OF SNYDER; OBJ: 7000; PERMIT #481275; API #42-415-33699

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