



LIFESTYLE

The Monroe

A spicy dish named for Marilyn Monroe is one of the delicacies featuring the artichoke, scarce this year thanks to El Niño. **8B**



SPORTS

LHS-MHS baseball

The District 4-5A baseball opener between MHS AND LHS turned nasty quickly for the Dawgs, who lost 13-3 to the Rebels. **1B**

Online: www.mrt.com

Midland Reporter-Telegram

Daily 50¢, Sunday \$1.50

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 1998

Vol. 71, No. 9

A.M. BRIEFING

TODAY

Partly cloudy with high in the 70s. Weather on 4A



AP Photo

Israeli protest

Right-wing Israeli protesters demonstrate Tuesday against the visit of British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook who had earlier declared that Israel must stop Jewish settlement expansion if there is to be progress in deadlocked Middle East peace talks. The sign at right reads, "Jerusalem was the Jewish capital when London was a swamp." Story page 5A

Willey book deal

WASHINGTON — Kathleen Willey, struggling financially since her husband's death, was seeking a \$300,000 book deal for her autobiography before she went on national television to accuse President Clinton of making an unwelcome sexual advance, a publisher said Tuesday.

Story page 7A

Sovereignty files

JACKSON, Miss. — The secrets of Mississippi's segregation enforcement agency spilled from computer screens Tuesday, painting a picture of petty, small-town espionage and alarming invasions of individual privacy. The Mississippi Sovereignty Commission ferreted out gossip and, sometimes, facts about those involved in civil rights and voter registration drives in the state. Story page 9A

Jimmy Patterson:

Chances are the Odessa Jackalopes' wildly successful first season is due to the character and sincerity of the team's individual players. Page 1B



Patterson

INSIDE TODAY

Bridge	4B
Business & Oil	10C
Classified	1D
Comics	4B
Crossword	5B
Deaths	2B
Lifestyle	8B
Local	1B
Movies	6C
Opinion	8A
Sports	1C
TV Schedule	5B
Weather	4A



Jury decides to spare Keck's life



Gloria Kirkwood (above), Fred Keck's mother, reacts after the jury sentenced her son to life in prison for the murder of Helen Johnson.

By Alice Ashmore
Staff Writer

A Midland jury, visibly emotional, deliberated for more than 13 hours over a two-day period before returning the sentence that spared the life of capital murderer Fred Keck.

Keck, 18, was sentenced to life in prison for the April 17, 1997, stabbing death of Helen R. Johnson, his next-door neighbor. Keck will be eligible for parole in 40 years.

Mrs. Johnson, an elementary school teacher, suffered 39 knife wounds in the brutal attack. Her body was recovered the next day from a shallow grave in a caliche pit in south Midland County. She was buried there by Keck and three of his friends, after they burglarized Mrs. Johnson's home and went cruising in her car for several hours.

The five-woman, seven-man jury was sequestered overnight at the Midland Hilton when they failed to reach verdict by late Monday night. After two additional hours of deliberation Tuesday morning, they returned Keck's sentence.

A solemn-looking Keck stood before 385th District Judge Willie DuBose as his sentence was pronounced. After his sentencing, Keck made a statement to the court. "I am truly sorry for what has happened," Keck said. "I wish I could talk to Alisa Gans (Mrs. Johnson's daughter) and tell her how sorry I am and I plead for her forgiveness."

He continued, "I did not want it to happen — I was glad when I was caught."

Keck told the courtroom, "I was never a devil worshiper." An expert witness for the defense, Dr. Mark Mills, testified earlier that Keck told him he was a "devil worshiper."

Keck said he began to believe he was a devil worshiper after it was suggested to him by a schoolmate.

He said he wore the ring with the likeness of the grim reaper on it, "because I didn't want to go on living." He said he believed the ring would "be a way for him to arrive to me." Keck concluded, "I am truly sorry again — let's hope everybody forgives me."

Keck's parents, siblings and friends began to weep during the sentencing.

Mrs. Gans spoke to the court.



Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram
Fred Keck listens as his sentence is pronounced Tuesday.

describing the impact her mother's murder had on her life. "It felt really weird coming here (from Houston) — not being able to go home and see my mom." Mrs. Gans said, "This is a mess. This is ridiculous, you know ... this is a nice community."

In talking about Keck's home life, Mrs. Gans said, "We all have problems, we all have latchkey kids or whatever, but you have no right to do what you have done — no right." Emotion began to overcome Mrs. Gans as she told Keck that he should have been working, playing football and other sports and "doing all the things that young boys should be doing."

"My God, you had a life to live ... and then you think of doing something like this," she said. "My heart goes out to your family, es tu mama (she's your mother) to know she cared for you, she sacrificed for you, she carried you inside her womb and this is how you repay your family and your mother."

In a pique of anger, Mrs. Gans added "She gave birth to a piece of ..."

Jurors had to answer two questions

Please see TRIAL/4A

Parade, special section commemorate Dawgs' magical journey to title

A commemorative special section — "1998: The Bulldogs' Glory Year" — appears in today's Reporter-Telegram. Through photographs and stories, it provides all fans with an opportunity to look back at Midland High School's magical journey to the state basketball championship.

In addition, a citywide parade and pep rally honoring MHS's championship team is set for 4:30 p.m. today. Team members will be riding atop a Midland fire truck.

The parade route begins at the intersection of A Street and Tennessee Avenue (next to the MHS band field). The parade will then travel south to Wall Street where the fire truck will take a left and head east down Wall Street through downtown Midland to Centennial Plaza. Portions of downtown will be closed off during the parade.

A giant pep rally is scheduled for Centennial Plaza. The entire community is invited to attend.



Heart attack airport

A jet prepares to land at Hong Kong's Kai Tak international airport. On July 6, 73 years after the first plane took off from a grassy field on the east side of the Kowloon peninsula, it is scheduled to come to an end. Authorities will open a new, and considerably more prosaic airport at Chek Lap Kok in Hong Kong's rural west.

AP Photo

Odessa chamber, City Council at odds over economic development plan

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

ODESSA — An Odessa city councilman and the Greater Odessa Chamber of Commerce are at odds over how economic development efforts should be carried out in that city, but with oil prices hitting rock bottom, some say it is time to go with what is on hand.

Odessa voted in an economic development corporation, which will use 1/4 cent of sales tax revenues, once directed toward the Ector County Hospital District, for use in bringing new jobs to that city. The first of this estimated \$2.4 million annual income is expected in June.

Odessa chamber officials are openly pushing to have the board of directors for this economic development corporation, Odessa Development Corporation, use the chamber's economic development team for their work force.

The board of directors, which is appointed by and answers to the Odessa City Council, would still make all the money decisions, but the chamber would be in charge of scouring the land for economic opportunities to bring before the board, explained Mike George, ODC

executive director.

"The chamber does not want to control the money, we want to do the work," George said. "The chamber is ready, willing and able to continue doing economic development for the new corporation," George said. "The record will show that we are effective ... and the most cost-effective group to perform that function," he said.

At least one council member, Javier Joven, is against this marriage of the new corporation and the chamber, and suggests a look at other options to make sure that all Odessans are represented in the economic development process.

With the creation of the ODC, the city will no longer be supplying funds to the chamber for economic development. Instead, the chamber will be seeking funding from the new corporation for that work. "That was understood all along," George said.

Chamber officials are suggesting that they handle all of the economic development footwork, asking that the ODC refrain from hiring its own staff, although many other such corporations around the state have their own teams of paid professionals for this task.

Joven, however, has repeatedly said he "is not com-

fortable" with the chamber's economic development staff as the city's only recourse for bringing these kinds of opportunity to the ODC board.

"There is no mechanism to measure success and there is no mechanism to include everyone," Joven said.

Joven acknowledges the chamber's 30 years of economic development effort, but said it is time to grow this effort and include other parts of the community, not just those represented by the chamber.

"This is not a race issue," Joven said. There are many avenues from which economic development opportunities could arise, and many in Odessa do not believe they can be heard in a chamber-controlled economic development effort, he said.

"From where I stand, I don't feel like I have an 'in track' with the chamber — I don't believe I'm represented," Joven said.

This turf battle with the chamber is counterproductive to the overall effort, Joven explained. "Change is always difficult for everyone ... and we're having growing pains, but we have to learn how to include everybody," he said.

Although he is chairman of the ODC board, Charles

Please see ODESSA/4A

M
A
R
1
9
9
8

Hong Kong bids farewell to 'Kai Tak-Heart Attack' airport

By Didi Kirsten Tatlow
Associated Press

HONG KONG — On a drizzly afternoon thick with the smell of jet fuel, a Cathay Pacific Boeing 747 thunders low over apartment blocks and aims its big, blunt nose directly at a seven-story parking ramp. At the last minute, it banks sharply above a highway overpass, levels off and touches down.

Landing at Hong Kong's Kai Tak airport, squeezed between hill and harbor in one of the most crowded places on earth, leaves first-time passengers terrorized or elated — and often both.

It happens every day, every few minutes, from 6:30 a.m. to midnight. Millions of passengers a year experience what's affectionately known as "Kai Tak Heart Attack."

On July 6 — 73 years after the first plane took off from Hong Kong — it's scheduled to come to an end. Authorities will open a new, and considerably more prosaic airport at Chek Lap Kok in Hong Kong's rural west.

Everybody agrees that Kai Tak is small, too close to the city and — handling 29 million passengers a year — too crowded. Still, flight

buffs, romantics, and pilots alike will mourn the passing.

"There's no other city where you come so close to it, landing in the heart of the city," said British antique dealer Alex Lamont. "This is the best thing about Hong Kong for me. It's exciting from the moment you arrive."

Those on the ground have learned to pause in their conversations as another jet roars overhead, shaking buildings and casting a giant shadow over the streets. The airport closes nightly to cut the noise.

Businesses have learned to profit from Kai Tak's approach. The Top Banana in Kowloon City offers a roof-top barbecue and glass walls for better viewing of planes banking several hundred yards away on final approach. Waiter Leon Wong says window tables always go first.

"Plane spotters," undaunted by the noise and potential danger, bring cameras, pencils and notebooks to the top of parking ramp to record arrivals.

A big turn on final approach, the mountains of Kowloon, and its downtown location make Kai Tak tricky enough that pilots have to land manually instead of relying on automatic flight controls.

Seconds before landing on a runway that juts into Hong Kong's harbor, the plane must bank 47 degrees to the right. The pilot is guided by a red-and-white checkerboard painted on a hill, his or her vision, and — for part of the approach — a radio beam.

Three serious accidents — one on takeoff and two on landing — have occurred in the past 10 years, killing 13 people. Neither landing accident occurred on the approach over the city. Most aircraft take that route, but depending on the wind, they also can land from the opposite direction, over Hong Kong harbor.

Civil Aviation Department spokesman Vincent Kan said the unusual approach may make pilots even more careful and actually contribute to a relatively good record.

"When you approach Hong Kong, you have to be vigilant," he said.

Jeff Turner, a pilot who has flown for Hong Kong's airline, Cathay Pacific, for 21 years, said Kai Tak was "challenging, not dangerous."

"You need more thinking time, more action time," he said.

Chek Lap Kok airport will be bigger and fancier, but won't stir the blood like Kai Tak.

Built on a platform of reclaimed land off the northwest shore of hilly Lantau island, Chek Lap Kok will have a weather system capable of detecting wind shear.

Air traffic control computers will be able to handle about 1,200 planes at once, four times more than Kai Tak, and the four runways are double the number at

Kai Tak. Operating 24 hours a day, Chek Lap Kok is expected to handle 35 million passengers a year, and the number could rise to 87 million.

Indonesian president to donate salary to poor

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — President Suharto and his new Cabinet pledged Tuesday to hand over one year's salary to a fund for the poor in a bid to counter charges of high-level corruption.

The promises came as thousands of students demonstrated on at least four university campuses, demanding democratic reform and venting their frustration over Indonesia's economic turmoil.

At Pancasila University in Jakarta, hundreds of students blocked

traffic on a major road and shouted taunts at anti-riot police with sticks and shields.

The police tolerated the protest, as they have with dozens of others on campuses nationwide in recent weeks. But authorities have warned they will crack down swiftly if demonstrators disturb public order.

Along with the promise to donate their salaries, Suharto and his 36

ministers also agreed to declare all their assets and business interests. However, the state will not release the information to the public, said government spokesman Saadillah Mursyid.

The government said the new fund for the poor will be run by the new social affairs minister, Suharto's eldest daughter, Siti Hardiyanti Rukmana.

MISS CAYCE'S
HUGE GARAGE SALE
On The Sidewalk
Thurs., Fri. & Sat.
March 19-21
10am-6pm
Midland Dr. & Wadley • 689-7192
Next to Abernethy

PROM 98
Give 'em An Excuse
This Prom Every Excuse
Can Be On You with
our great designer style
tuxes and our
spectacular vests and
accessories.
Tuxedo Rentals
Under 70"
ESQ ESQUIRE TUXEDO MEN'S SALES 1009
694-1288 SUN 12-6

Julian Gold
Fur Storage
• Cleaning
• Glazing
• Relining
• Repairs
Remodeling
200 N. Garland Dr.
Midland, TX 79701
682-5305

IT'S ALMOST HERE...
ARE YOU READY FOR SUMMER?
WHETHER YOU NEED TO
LOSE A LITTLE OR A LOT OF
WEIGHT TO GET INTO YOUR
SUMMER WARDROBE, CALL:
DOLLY DOCTOR, M.D., P.A.
BOARD CERTIFIED IN
OBSTETRICS AND INTERNAL
MEDICINE
2114 W. TENNESSEE
686-9999
WALK INS WELCOME!
Look for our ad on page B79 in
your Southwest Bell Yellow Pages. *Subj's*

Walgreens
DRUG STORES
215 Andrews Hwy. • 3300 N. Midland Dr.

ThermaCare
Pain Relieving Heat Wraps
with ThermaCells
ALL VARIETIES
\$5.99
Prices Good Through 3-29-98

COLD EEZE
Helps reduce the duration and
severity of the common cold.
18 Pack
Choice of Flavors
Prices Good Through 3-22-98
\$3.99

KLEENEX
Facial Tissues
95 Boutique Sheets or
175 Facial Sheets
Limit 3
Prices Good Through 3-22-98
99¢

NECKLACES **BRACELETS**

Monet
25% OFF
Now through March 24!
Reg. 9.00-45.00,
now 6.75-33.75.

Dillard's

EARRINGS **AND MORE!**

Discover Scrapbooking
Largest Selection of Scrapping Supplies in Midland! New!

Rub-On Transfers
Easy-to-Use! Just cut design from page and create your own arrangement, then rub on for "Instant Art". Use to decorate album and scrapbook pages and covers.

Rub-On Photo Captions are the perfect way to label and identify your photos with ease. Just rub on for a hand lettered look without the risk of error. Captions to fit every need.

Rub-On Album Cover
Transfers are designed especially for album and scrapbook covers. Create unique gifts and remembrances that are as individual as you are. Sets for every occasion.

Shop 8 am - 6 pm Mon.-Fri., 9 am - 5 pm Sat.

Discover Graham Pharmacy
319 Dodson • 684-5756
www.grahams-gifts.com
Old Town Midland, Midland, TX

WO

Build

BOMBAY, India's largest others, hospitals. Fire officers to hospitals. As more than 200 were brought. The 15-year was partially it unsafe. Many people had been told debris," said. Tearful relation about. Debris from residents said have been tray.

Man a

TOKYO — 7 sion to confront ey spent three restaurant, po Sakae Wata said Masahiro of Tokyo. Watanabe a ing his stay in Sunday morning ing an argum The restaur man's refusal thing as long reported. The manage incident.

Charg

HONG KONG day against a Lynch and Co. The prosecu drawn because Radio Hong K Police detail est producing he was fired a Merrill Lyn trading by mis The Hong Ko involved in mo

Comp

IT'S
JUN
IN H
from 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM

SEASON
NAVY
BLA
\$25
PHILB
CUSTOM
682-

Way
G
Bulle
the gazebo
1211 Imperial Center

Congrat
MID
HIGH S
BULL

JACK
ARC
1024-D An
Western I
Midland
(915) 6
(By Midle

WORLD IN BRIEF

■ Building collapse kills three

BOMBAY, India — A six-story building collapsed Tuesday in India's largest city, killing three people and trapping at least 25 others, hospital officials said.

Fire officers pulled out 11 people from the ruins and took them to hospitals. As darkness set in, floodlights were brought in to help more than 200 rescue workers search through the debris. Cranes were brought in to move concrete blocks.

The 15-year-old building, located in a crowded residential area, was partially vacated before the collapse after officials declared it unsafe.

"Many people continued to stay in the building although they had been told to vacate. We fear that 25 to 30 people are under the debris," said V.V. Rao, chief fire officer.

Tearful relatives crowded around fire officials, demanding information about survivors.

Debris from the building also fell on nearby mud-and-tin huts, residents said. Police said some shantytown residents may also have been trapped.

■ Man arrested after eating binge

TOKYO — Taking advantage of the customary Japanese aversion to confrontation, an unemployed Japanese man with no money spent three consecutive days and nights eating at a 24-hour restaurant, police said Tuesday.

Sakae Watanabe, 46, was arrested when he did not pay the bill, said Masahiro Furiya, a police spokesman in Kofu, 70 miles west of Tokyo.

Watanabe allegedly ordered 20 dishes worth a total of \$125 during his stay in a Royal Host restaurant from early Friday through Sunday morning. He was arrested after trying to sneak out during an argument between other customers, the spokesman said.

The restaurant's manager said that while the staff thought the man's refusal to leave was "weird," they were unable to do anything as long as he sat quietly at his table, the newspaper Asahi reported.

The manager said Tuesday he had no further comment on the incident.

■ Charges dropped against broker

HONG KONG — The government dropped fraud charges Tuesday against a former American investment adviser for Merrill Lynch and Co., eight months after he was detained in Hong Kong.

The prosecutor said charges against Kevin Wallace were withdrawn because of "unforeseen difficulties," government-owned Radio Hong Kong reported.

Police detained Wallace, who was one of Merrill Lynch's highest producing stock brokers in Singapore, in July, shortly after he was fired as a private client financial consultant.

Merrill Lynch alleged Wallace had engaged in unauthorized trading by misrepresenting or falsifying the signatures of clients.

The Hong Kong Commercial Crime Bureau accused him of being involved in money laundering.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

Russian official criticizes U.S. over delays

MOSCOW (AP) — Responding to U.S. criticism of Russian construction delays, Russia's space agency chief claimed Tuesday that the United States was facing similar difficulties on parts it is building for the international space station.

Agency director Yuri Koptev also said Russia wants to increase the number of foreign satellite launches between now and 2000 from 23 to 32 and abolish launch limits in the future, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

During talks last week between Vice President Al Gore and Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, U.S. officials reiterated their concern that Russia is lagging behind on its contribution to the international space station.

They suggested that Moscow be allowed to launch more foreign commercial satellites to help its cash-strapped space program, but said that in return Russia should

keep its promise to stop assisting Iran's weapons program.

Koptev, trying to turn the tables on the United States, said NASA was trying to "concentrate attention entirely on Russia's difficulties" even though it was "three months behind" in constructing a laboratory module.

Earlier this month, NASA's Gretchen McClain, deputy associate administrator for the space station, said the agency was 1 1/2 months behind on the module, which is supposed to fly next year. The work was two months behind until recently, so the manufacturer has been able to make up some time.

The space station is a joint project of Russia, the United States, the European Space Agency, Canada and Japan. Its various modules will be assembled in orbit, and the first crew of two Russians and one American is scheduled to board the station in early 1999.

NASA has harshly criticized the Russian space industry for dragging its feet on construction of a key module, which led to a seven-month delay in the program.

Despite President Boris Yeltsin's order last year to allocate \$100 million for construction of the service module, the Russian space agency so far has received only one-fifth of that, Koptev said. He claimed the rest would arrive "within days."

If tests of electric equipment on the service module go well, the rest of the work could be done faster, Koptev said. The module is to serve as living quarters for the crew.

The first Russian cargo module,

built on a contract with Boeing, is complete and has been taken to the Baikonur cosmodrome in preparation for a planned June 30 launch. The service module is scheduled to follow in December.

Koptev said participants will meet in Moscow in May to make the final decision on when to launch the station's first components. It doesn't make sense to put the first segment aloft in June if others are late, he said.

NASA officials recently acknowledged that initial assembly flights likely will be delayed again by two months or so.

The station's cost — still yet to be determined — includes \$21 billion from the United States.

Change Your Career or just make more money!

- ◆ \$40-\$60 an hour
- ◆ Many full or part-time opportunities
- ◆ Easy weekend schedule allows you to keep your present job
- ◆ Graduate in 3 to 8 months

AUSTIN SCHOOL OF MASSAGE THERAPY.
Midland classes registering now.

800-276-2768

Free Open House

CALL NOW!

Change Your Life

The Old EL Jalisco Restaurant

WE'RE BACK!

Specializing in Mexican Food • Call in orders welcome • Catering

506 E. Florida
682-2937

New Owners:
Nita Porales
Joe Cortez

Mon.-Fri. 11am to 3pm • Tues. - Fri. 5pm to 9pm
Sat. 7am to 9pm • Sun. 8am to 3pm

Estate Sale
Extremely Rare Bargains

- ◆ 5 ct. Marquise Champagne Diamond Ring With 18 small brilliant cut diamonds. Very Unusual.
- ◆ Antique Diamond and Emerald Platinum Bracelet 3 ct. marquise center diamond with 42 small square emeralds and 344 small diamonds. Extremely Nice.
- ◆ Platinum Diamond Bracelet Mint condition with 17.50 ct. total diamond weight. Outstanding!
- ◆ Antique Diamond Bracelet 15 brilliant cut diamonds with approx. 1.50 ct. TW
- ◆ Yellow Gold Sapphire and Diamond Earrings 10 pear shape sapphires and one diamond in each
- ◆ Ladies 18 kt. Yellow Gold Enamel Patch Philippe Lapel Watch
- ◆ Yellow Gold Diamond Leaf Pin Scrumptious with nine brilliant cut diamonds.
- ◆ 14 kt. Yellow Gold Rope Necklace 16 inch length
- ◆ 14 kt. Yellow Gold Hamilton Watch
- ◆ Wedgewood Pin 14 kt. yellow gold mounting
- ◆ 24 Old Pocket Watches with display case
- ◆ Over 250 pieces of Frankoma Pottery many different patterns
- ◆ Bing & Grondahl Porcelain Plates Copenhagen porcelain, commemorative and Christmas plates, years 1972 to 1983
- ◆ Ladies White Gold Ruby and Diamond Ring
- ◆ Gents Yellow Gold Diamond Ring contains 0.84 ct. brilliant cut diamond
- ◆ Miscellaneous Pins and Earrings

Frank Hawk Jewelry

305 DODSON STREET (IN "OLD TOWN" MIDLAND) 684-4525

IT'S A JUNGLE IN HERE!

Open 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Call us at 682-1077

40% off all furniture
Midland and Odessa
"Hurry now for best selection."

Chez LaNae

Next to Wall St. Bar & Grill
Midland
Tues. - Saturday 10-6

SEASONLESS NAVY BLUE BLAZER \$250
PHILBECK'S CUSTOM CLOTHING
682-0461

Way To Go Bulldogs!

the gazebo SUZI'S CLOSET

Congratulations MIDLAND HIGH SCHOOL BULLDOGS

Come See Us At...
JACKPOT ARCADE
1024-D Andrews Hwy.
Western Park Plaza
Midland, Texas
(915) 697-6332
(By Midland Sound)

STERLING WITH STYLE

Draw a bead on these hot new looks from **Barse!**

NECKLACES. Beaded sterling silver looks in 16" or 18" lengths. The collection: \$25-\$56.

BRACELETS. 7" charm bracelets in sterling silver. The collection: \$15-\$25

RINGS. A fun assortment of sterling styles, just \$20 each.

EARRINGS. Stunning sterling styles, just \$20 each

Dillard's

Dillard's welcomes your Dillard's charge, Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover or Diners Club card.
SHOP MONDAY-SATURDAY, 10 A.M. TO 9 P.M.; SUNDAY, NOON TO 6 P.M. • Midland Park Mall, 697-7911

M
A
R
1
9
9
8

WEATHER

Midland forecast

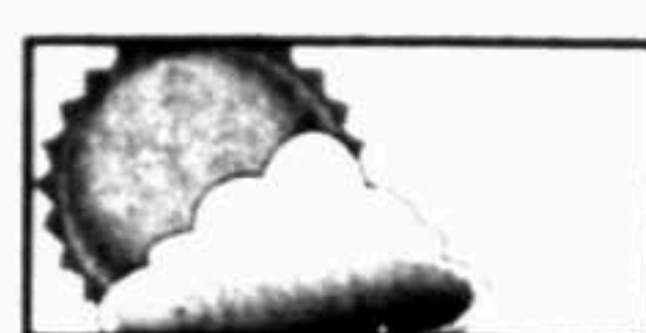
3-day forecast



Today
Partly cloudy
High 76
Low 42



Thursday
Windy
High 55
Low 45



Friday
Partly cloudy
High 69
Low 33

Today's forecast calls for a 40 percent chance of rain with partly cloudy skies and a between 75 and 80. Winds will be from the southwest at 5 to 15 mph, according to the National Weather Service.

Tonight calls for fair skies with a low near 40.

Thursday calls for sunny skies and gusty winds with a high near 55. After an overnight low of 33, Wednesday's high was 69, compared to the record high for that date of 91 set in 1977. The record low was 26 set in 1970.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Monday 0.01 in.
Rainfall Tuesday 0.01 in.
Total for month 0.43 in.
Total for year 0.16 in.

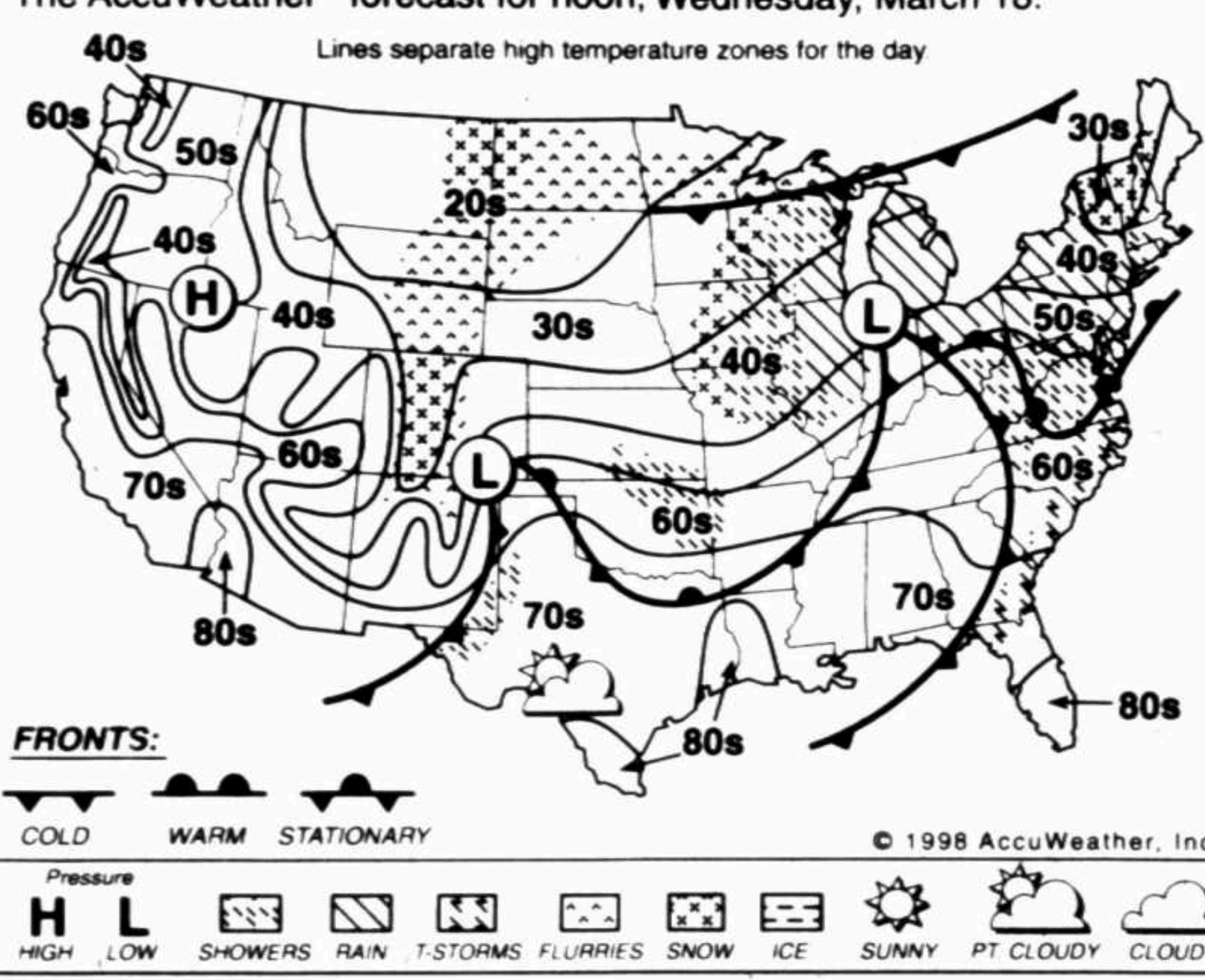
Yesterday's temperatures

High 69
Low 33
Normal high 72
Normal low 40

Sunrise 6:55 a.m. Sunset 6:59 p.m.

National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Wednesday, March 18.

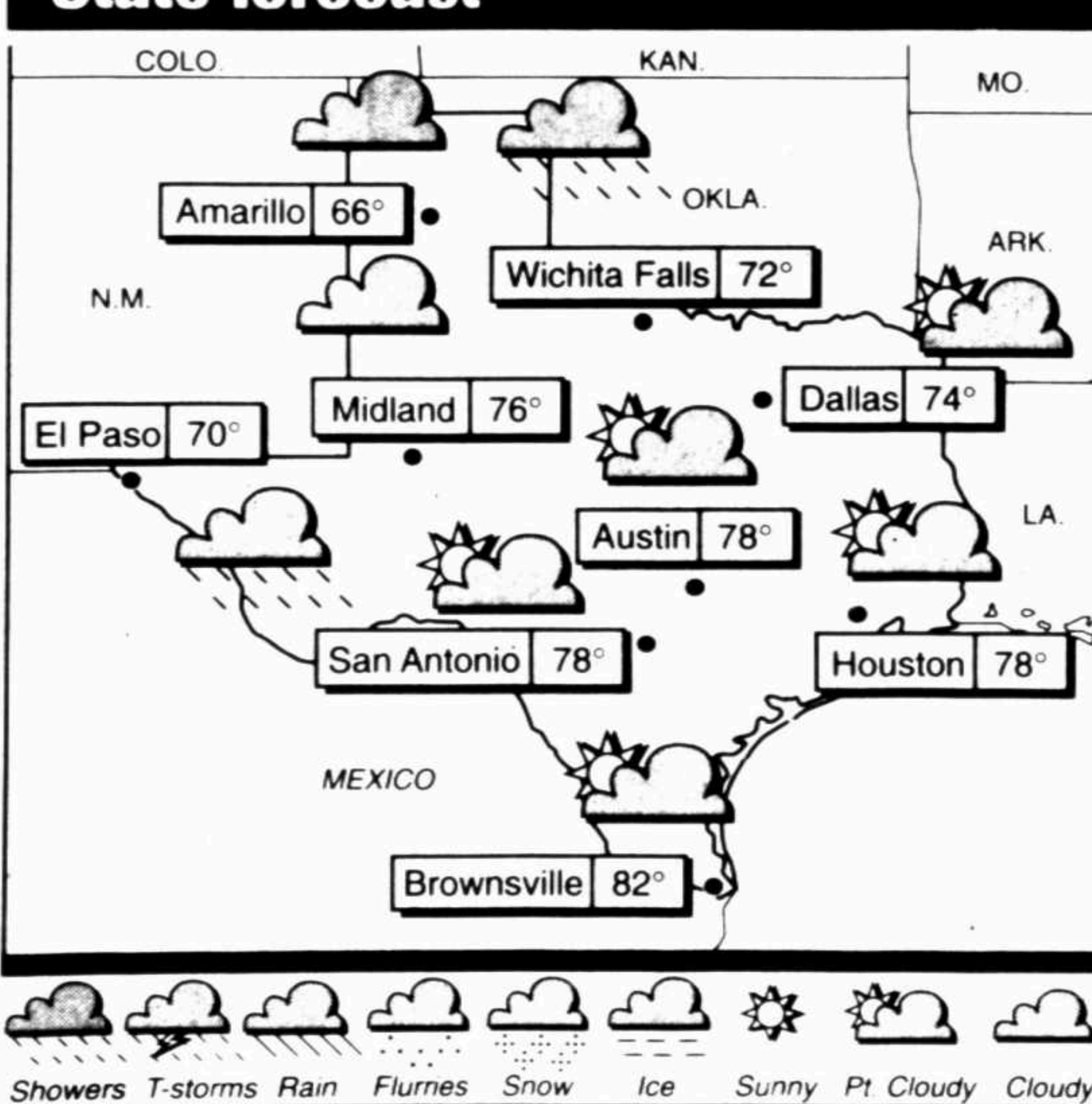


United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:37 p.m. EST.

City	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otk	City	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otk
Albany, N.Y.	42	20	m		Kansas City	40	35	60	m
Albuquerque	56	42	31	cdy	Las Vegas	75	51	cr	
Anchorage	41	34	m		Little Rock	70	49	12	cdy
Asheville	37	33	05	m	Los Angeles	69	60	cr	
Atlanta	41	41	01	m	Louisville	61	42	04	m
Atlanta City	44	21	m		Memphis	68	53	52	cdy
Baltimore	45	23	m		Miami Beach	79	69	cdy	
Bellings	43	37	04	sn	Minneapolis	35	28	30	m
Birmingham	57	54	08	m	Miss St. Paul	41	26	sn	
Bismarck	35	30	cdy		Nashville	63	47	m	
Boise	50	30	cr		New Orleans	74	63	142	cdy
Boston	44	28	12	m	New York City	45	33	cdy	
Brownsville	83	56	cdy		Norfolk, Va.	45	39	m	
Buffalo	44	19	m		North Platte	41	29	03	sn
Burlington, Vt.	39	9	sn		Oklahoma City	48	44	49	m
Casper	46	35	sn		Omaha	34	33	47	sn
Charleston S.C.	51	47	23	m	Orlando	81	60	m	
Charleston W. Va.	55	38	05	m	Philadelphia	48	28	m	
Charlotte N.C.	42	38	m		Phoenix	74	53	cdy	
Cheyenne	53	29	45	sn	Pittsburgh	41	30	05	cdy
Chicago	38	33	35	m	Portland, Me.	38	19	sn	
Cincinnati	56	37	14	m	Portland Ore.	58	37	cdy	
Cleveland	47	29	07	cdy	Providence	45	24	sn	
Columbia S.C.	46	42	m		Raleigh-Durham	41	37	10	cdy
Columbus, Ohio	46	35	08	m	Rapid City	47	33	03	m
Concord N.H.	43	14	sn		Richmond	44	31	m	
Dayton	45	33	48	m	Sacramento	70	50	cdy	
Denver	56	31	sn		St. Louis	57	36	80	cdy
Des Moines	34	31	39	sn	St. Paul	45	41	12	cdy
Detroit	28	12	12	m	San Diego	65	59	cdy	
Duluth	32	17	sn		San Francisco	64	51	cr	
Evansville	60	42	38	m	San Juan P.R.	84	73	cdy	
Fairbanks	37	15	cdy		Santa Fe	51	30	cdy	
Fargo	38	30	cdy		St. Ste Marie	34	10	sn	
Flagstaff	49	35	sn		Seattle	53	37	04	cdy
Grand Rapids	36	20	12	m	Shreveport	73	56	cdy	
Great Falls	34	32	40	sn	Sioux Falls	36	30	04	sn
Greensboro N.C.	40	35	04	m	Spokane	50	29	03	cdy
Hartford Spgld	46	21	sn		Syracuse	44	13	m	
Heaven	35	32	04	sn	Tampa-St. Ptsbg	80	63	m	
Honolulu	85	73	cr		Topeka	39	35	83	cdy
Indianapolis	50	36	80	m	Tucson	66	52	cr	
Jackson Miss	78	60	150	cdy	Tulsa	53	48	42	m
Jacksonville	71	56	m		Washington D.C.	42	32	cdy	
Juneau	46	35	01	m	Wichita	41	38	79	cdy
					Wilmington Del.	44	26	m	

State forecast



Texas temperatures

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

City	Hi	Lo	Prc	City	Hi	Lo	Prc
Abilene	63	40		Galveston	72	55	
Albany	82	55		Houston	75	43	
Amarillo	51	30		Houston Hobby	78	54	
Arlington	56	47	0.26	Houston Intercontinental	77	49	
Austin Bergstrom	74	47		Huntsville	50	71	50
Austin Mueller	75	51		Junction	71	39	
Beaumont	75	54		Kingsville	81	53	
Brownsville	83	56		Laredo	81	52	
Burnet	68	43		Lubbock	55	33	0.02
Childress	56	37	0.32	Lufkin	73	57	0.01
College Station	72	49		Marfa	66	30	
Conroe	74	50		McAllen	87	55	
Corpus Christi	78	54		Mineral Wells	63	43	0.02
Corsicana	60	47	0.50	Navy Corps	77	57	
Cotulla	79	51		New Braunfels	76	49	
Dallas	55	32	0.02	Palacios	77	57	
Dalhart	55	32	0.02	Rockport	77	57	
Denton	54	45	0.26	San Antonio	68	38	0.03
Dfw Airport	55	47	0.02	San Antonio	76	46	
El Paso	64	48		Tarrell	54	48	0.29
Fort Stockton	72	48	0.01	Texasark Ark	65	56	0.08
Fort Worth	56	45		Victoria	78	51	
				Waco	65	45	
				Wichita Falls	52	42	0.01
				Wink	70	38	

TRIAL: Jury decides on life sentence for Keck

(From 1A)

in determining Keck's sentence. They were asked if Keck posed a continuing threat to society, or "future dangerousness." The jury answered "yes," that Keck did pose a future danger.

The jury was also asked to determine if mitigating circumstances existed that warranted sparing the defendant's life, rather than impose the death penalty. Jurors once again responded, "yes." Keck will have to serve 40 years in prison before he becomes eligible for parole.

One juror, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said jurors initially voted eight to four in favor of the death penalty. After long hours of deliberations, according to the juror, the vote changed to life in prison, with a lone hold-out in favor of the death penalty.

Jurors also sentenced Keck to an additional life sentence and a \$10,000 fine on charges of burglary of a habitation with the intent to commit murder — a separate count on the indictment.

The sentences will be served concurrently, according to District Attorney Al Schorre. He said only 17 percent of inmates eligible for



Jessie James Perez tells the media he doesn't believe Fred Keck, his half-brother, is guilty of Helen Johnson's slaying.

parole are actually paroled from the prison system.

Defense attorney Cliff Hardwick told the Reporter-Telegram,

"I'm certainly glad it was a life sentence, but as I told the jury, there are no winners." He called the murder "a horrible tragedy."

Beardstown Ladies apologize, admit mistake

CHICAGO (AP) — The Beardstown Ladies, a group of grandmotherly investors who claimed Wall Street prowess in two best-selling books, admitted Tuesday their skill wasn't as stunning as advertised.

They didn't even keep pace with the broad stock market.

The women recalculated their gains after a Chicago magazine report last month questioned the accuracy of their claims.

Betty Sinnock, longtime treasurer of the Beardstown Business and Professional Women's Investment Club, attributed the mistake to a computer input error — probably her own. The women did not, however, add their club dues to the returns, as they originally suspected, she said.

"I guess we were a group of naive senior citizens who just felt real good when the computer gave us that return," Sinnock, 66, said Tuesday from her home in Beardstown, 195 miles southwest of Chicago. "The Beardstown Ladies are just really, really sorry."

Sinnock said the women thought the 23.4 percent annual return reported was for the 10-year period between 1984-93.

But that rate, in fact, only applied to a two-year period for 1991 to 1992, she said.

According to the accounting firm Price Waterhouse, which did an audit of the club's books, the overall average annual rate of return for the club from its inception 14 years ago through 1997 was 15.3 percent.

"I guess we were a group of naive senior citizens who just felt real good when the computer gave us that return."

— Betty Sinnock, treasurer, Beardstown Business and Professional Women's Investment Club

The rate of return from 1984-1993 was 9.1 percent, well below the 15 percent return of the overall stock market, with dividends reinvested, over the same period.

Bob Miller, vice president and publisher of Hyperion, which published the group's investment guides, said the company would ship correction slips to bookstores and would correct future printings.

A long-unnoticed disclaimer on the copyright page of the "The Beardstown Ladies' Common-Sense Investment Guide" says that the annual return over the decade covered in the book "includes the dues that the members pay regularly."

That reference apparently went unnoticed until Chicago magazine published an article last month titled "Bull Marketing," which reported that the rate of return would have been much lower if the dues had not been counted.

Dethroned Miss Colorado sues to regain her title



Regina Flores, who was stripped of her crown as Miss Colorado 1997, attends the University of Colorado in Boulder, Colo.

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Pageant officials were proud when Regina Flores became the first Hispanic to be crowned Miss Colorado. They said the bilingual beauty had the talent and poise to become Miss America.

Nine months later, things have gotten ugly.

Miss Flores has been stripped of the crown in a dispute over her public appearances, a furor that has led to allegations of racism. The beauty queen, who finished out of the running at the Miss America pageant last September, is now suing to get her crown back.

"It probably would have been a lot easier for me if I just went quietly, and I'm sure that's what they wanted me to do," she said. "But I know what they did was wrong and I wasn't going to stand for it, especially when I go into classrooms and I tell kids all the time never to give up and to go for their dreams. I would be a hypocrite if I gave up."

Pageant officials dethroned the 22-year-old Miss Flores in December because, they said, she booked her own appearances, missed appearances and took a part-time job at a department store without approval.

"This contract is as serious as someone signing a contract to buy a house or lease an apartment. It only takes one violation," pageant director Ronnie Pederson said. "We don't have time to spend bickering and arguing. We absolutely could not do it anymore."

Miss Flores, a University of Colorado senior studying music education, denied violating her con-

tract. An arbitrator is scheduled to hear the dispute on April 23.

Miss Flores impressed the judges at the Miss Colorado pageant by singing "Don't Cry for Me, Argentina" in English and Spanish and by saying that Americans should be multilingual but that English should be the nation's main language.

"I can see her going all the way. She has everything. She has a beautiful attitude and is very focused," Mrs. Pederson said shortly after Miss Flores won.

About a month into her reign, Miss Flores said, she complained about confusion over appearances and communication problems with the pageant booking agent. Mrs. Pederson and two other officials suggested that her mother, Ruth Flores, take over booking duties, Miss Flores said.

Mrs. Pederson denied agreeing to that. During the dispute, a pageant official said she was called a racist by one of Miss Flores' relatives.

Miss Flores denied that, but said, "I certainly can't discard the possibility" that racism was involved. "Some racism is not something that people are aware of," she said.

Either way the arbitrator rules, a new Miss Colorado will be crowned on June 13.

"If I get my title back," Miss Flores said, "I will at least have it for a month and it'll help restore my reputation and it will prove that what they did was wrong."

Court orders release of 39,000 tobacco industry documents

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — The big tobacco companies must turn over 39,000 closely guarded documents for use in Minnesota's lawsuit against them, the state Court of Appeals ruled Tuesday.

The three-judge panel said the documents must be released by noon Thursday unless the Minnesota Supreme Court grants a stay.

The order said the defendants failed to prove that state Judge Kenneth Fitzpatrick erred when he ordered the documents released on March 7.

Minnesota and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota are suing the major tobacco companies to recover \$1.77 billion they say they spent treating smoking-related illnesses. They accuse the industry of deceiving the public about the

dangers of smoking for decades.

The tobacco companies freely released millions of internal documents, but fought to keep 240,000 others confidential.

The plaintiffs are demanding to see them all, suspecting they contain the most incriminating evidence. A court-appointed expert, called a special master, found 39,000 of the documents were not covered by attorney-client privilege. The tobacco companies unsuccessfully appealed that finding.

In the courtroom Tuesday, a marketing expert told jurors that cigarette makers target young people because they don't have other promising ways to increase sales of their brands.

Robert Dolan of the Harvard Graduate School of Business said

his examination of tobacco company documents showed an industry with unique marketing problems.

Most smokers say they wish they were nonsmokers, smokers' brand loyalty is very strong, and two-thirds of smokers begin before they turn 18, he said.

Dolan said a 1981 Philip Morris document was "sounding the alarm about how important this starter group is." He said the memo talked about the serious problems Philip Morris was likely to face because of the imminent decline in the 15- to 18-year-old population in the 1980s.

He also examined a 1984 R.J. Reynolds memo on "younger adult smokers," a term the plaintiffs claim was meant by the company to include teen-agers as young as

14. That document, which the jury also saw earlier in the trial, said "younger adult smokers have been the critical factor in the growth of every brand and company over the last 50 years."

Midland-Reporter-Telegram

ISSN 0890-5932

A Hearst Newspaper

Published each morning by the Hearst Corporation, Midland-Reporter-Telegram Division, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland TX 79701. Periodicals postage paid at Midland TX 79711. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to the Midland-Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland TX 79702. Phone 915-682-5311. FAX 682-3793. Texas Online: 498-2323. Information: 620-0839. Circulation: 688-2700.

Charles A. Spence, Publisher
James E. Servatius, Editor
Sam E. Bakke, General Manager
Paige Moon, Circulation Director
John Maddox, Production Director
David T. Wedel, Controller
Chip McCarver, Info. Systems Director

HOME DELIVERY

PAID-IN-ADVANCE

1 Yr. 6-Mos. 3-Mos. 1-Mo.
Daily/Sun \$132.00 \$66.00 \$33.00 \$11.00
Sat/Sun \$102.00 \$51.00 \$25.50 \$8.50

MAIL RATES — TEXAS/NM

1 Yr. 6-Mos. 3-Mos. 1-Mo.

Daily and Sun \$198.00 \$99.00 \$49.50 \$16.50
Sun Only \$132.00 \$66.00 \$33.00 \$11.00

MAIL RATES — OTHER USA

1 Yr. 6-Mos. 3-Mos. 1-Mo.

Daily and Sun \$396.00 \$198.00 \$99.00 \$33.00
Sun Only \$123.00 \$66.00 \$33.00 \$11.00

Foreign and other rates furnished upon request.

All subscriptions payable in advance.

Netanyahu

JERUSALEM — A raw nerve in Israeli politics, the resignation of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, has been a subject of debate since the site of a new project in Jerusalem that Mideast peace negotiators had agreed to halt to Jewish settlers.

A furious Prime Minister Netanyahu is trying to build "though on disputed land and canceling a deal," traditional hands of the diplomat, Robin Cook, said.

Cook ignited debate by meeting with a special at the division known in Hebrew as Jaba. In Arabic as Jabal, ignoring the drive protesters jeered unit construction and pans and chant "let's go" and "Robin."

Netanyahu's snarling between Britain over the Cook's visit to ease sector claimed by as a future capital.

The issue of Jerusalem in our important for us, guest in Jerusalem who wants to co-peace process that eign in Jerusalem so, "a stern-faced reporters."

"This government decided to go for building on Har Homa will be built thousands of homes," he said.

British Embassy Sara Buchanan said Britain over the Union — since the EU's rotating presidency called Netanyahu overreaction.

Netanyahu's tour at a time when States and European press initiatives in deadlock in the talks. Cook said T. European and Am calling for a halt ment building on d were "absolutely."

Netanyahu snubs British foreign secretary

JERUSALEM (AP) — Touching a raw nerve in Israel, Britain's foreign secretary was greeted by taunts of "Anti-Semite!" as he visited the site of a new Jewish housing project in Jerusalem and insisted that Mideast peace hinged on a halt to Jewish settlement expansion.

A furious Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu lashed back, vowing to build "thousands of homes" on disputed land in east Jerusalem and canceling a dinner and even a traditional handshake with the diplomat, Robin Cook.

Cook ignited deep Israeli enmity by meeting with a Palestinian official at the divisive housing project known in Hebrew as Har Homa and in Arabic as Jabal Abu Ghneim.

Ignoring the driving rain, Israeli protesters jeered Cook at the 6,500-unit construction site, banging pots and pans and chanting "Anti-Semite!" and "Robin, go home!"

Netanyahu's snub capped days of wrangling between Israel and Britain over the symbolism of Cook's visit to east Jerusalem, the sector claimed by the Palestinians as a future capital.

"The issue of Jerusalem is a cardinal one in our eyes and it is important for us to inform any guest in Jerusalem and anyone who wants to contribute to the peace process that Israel is sovereign in Jerusalem and will remain so," a stern-faced Netanyahu told reporters.

"This government is the one that decided to go forward with the building on Har Homa. And Har Homa will be built. There will be thousands of homes in Har Homa," he said.

British Embassy spokeswoman Sara Buchanan said Cook's agenda had been sanctioned by the European Union — since Britain holds the EU's rotating presidency — and called Netanyahu's response "an overreaction."

Netanyahu's tough stance comes at a time when both the United States and Europe are expected to press initiatives for breaking the deadlock in the Mideast peace talks. Cook said Tuesday that the European and American positions calling for a halt to Israeli settlement building on disputed territory were "absolutely identical."

The prime minister's curt treatment of Cook appeared to be a signal to Washington that he will not be pressured into making concessions.

"We welcome all governments who want to work with us ... providing they do not take predetermined and prejudiced positions," he said. Two top advisers to the prime minister were dispatched Tuesday night to Washington for consultations with U.S. officials on the peace process.

Earlier in the day, Cook was given a briefing at the construction site by Israel's Cabinet secretary, Danny Naveh. And despite the protesters' jeers, he met briefly nearby with Palestinian legislator Salah Tamari, who has led the fight against the project.

Israeli officials charged that Cook's meeting with Tamari bol-

stered Palestinian claims to Jerusalem, and said Cook had tricked them by meeting with a Palestinian official at the site after promising not to.

Cook said, however, he had "repeatedly bent over backward" to accommodate Israel's concerns, including canceling a planned briefing by a Palestinian Cabinet minister at the site.

The housing project, being built on land captured by Israel in 1967, has been the focus of condemnation by Arab and world leaders since Israel broke ground for it exactly one year ago.

Cook said he insisted on visiting Har Homa despite Israeli objections

to "underline the extent to which expansion of settlements is undermining the peace process."

Israeli officials were also angered by Cook's decision not to visit the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and instead to lay a wreath at a memorial for Deir Yassin, scene of a massacre of Palestinians by a Jewish pre-state militia in 1948.

Island Tans

SUPER SALONS

1 Mo. \$39 3 Mo. \$99 4 Mo. \$129

SIGN-UP SPECIAL

FREE WEEK WITH LOTION PURCHASE

NEW!! SUPER STAND UP BEDS

MIDLAND DRIVE & NEELY SALON

MIDLAND DR. & NEELY

520-TANS (8267)

2 LOCATIONS

LOOP 270 & GARFIELD

770-TANS (8267)



DAN SWANNER AGENCY

Come visit us at
3323 N. Midland Drive
(at Wadley)

Auto • Home • Life
699-7333
Call - Compare - Save



Albertsons® Max Food & Drug

Hunt for the Spoon

On Participating Items With The Betty Crocker Spoon On The Package



Choose From These Betty Crocker Favorites

- Hamburger Helper or Tuna Helper Assorted Varieties, 6.5-9 oz.
- Suddenly Salad Classic Pasta or Caesar 7.25-7.75 oz.
- Potatoes Assorted Varieties, 4.5-7.6 oz.
- Potato Buds 13.75 oz. Assorted Varieties, 13.75 oz.
- Cake Mix Assorted Varieties, 18-18.25 oz.
- Ready To Spread Frosting Assorted Varieties, 12-16 oz.
- Muffin Mix Assorted Varieties, 15.5-19.6 oz.
- Golden Corn Muffin Mix 6.5 oz.
- Brownie Mix Assorted Varieties, 19.8-22.5 oz.
- Stir & Bake Mixes Assorted Varieties, 10-12.8 oz.
- Bisquick 40 oz.
- Pop-Secret Popcorn 3 ct., 5 ct. or 9-10.5 oz.
- Squeezit Drinks Assorted Varieties, 6 ct.
- Fruit Roll-Ups Assorted Varieties, 4.5-5.9 oz.

25% off

Shelf Prices Reflect 25% Off Our Everyday Low Price



Cake Mix

Betty Crocker, Assorted Varieties, 18-18.25 oz.

74¢

ea.



Hamburger Helper

Betty Crocker, Assorted Varieties, 6.5-9 oz.

1.27

each



Pop-Secret Popcorn

Betty Crocker, Assorted, 3-5 ct. or 9-10.5 oz.

2.99

each

American Heart Association
Fighting Heart Disease and Stroke

It keeps more than memories alive.

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION MEMORIALS & TRIBUTES

1-800-AHA-USA1

The Perfect Setting

Gift Shop and Bridal Registry invite all couples to come in and register their selections.

Italian Pottery By: Cottura & La Piccola
Unique Handpainted Plates and Bowls
Copper Pans
Wooden Bowls & Milk Jugs
Iron Plant Stands
Fruit Stands & Plate Servers

3001 Loop 250 N • E103
Across from Service Merchandise
689-4108
Free Gift Wrap & To-Go Delivery

Hearth & Home Traditions

New jar candles & votives from the makers of The Original Cake Candle

Once Upon A Time
3001 Loop 250 N.
699-4270



Price Effective: March 18 thru March 24, 1998. Good at All Abilene, Amarillo, Sherman, Denison, Denton, Killeen, Longview, Lubbock, Midland, Odessa, Pampa, San Angelo, Shreveport/Bossier City, Temple, Texarkana, Tyler, Waco, Wichita Falls, McKinney & Max Store Locations. Limit Rights Reserved.

RAIN CHECK: We strive to have on hand sufficient stock of advertised merchandise. If for any reason we are out of stock, a RAIN CHECK will be issued enabling you to buy the item at the advertised price as soon as it becomes available.

AVAILABLE: Each of these advertised items is required to be readily available for sale at or below the advertised price in each Albertsons store except as specifically noted in this ad.

Our Pharmacy Now Welcomes



HUMANA
One of the many Insurance Plans at your local Albertsons pharmacy

M
A
R
1
0
1
9
9
8

Treatment best response to drug addiction, study finds

WASHINGTON (AP) — Medical treatment for drug addiction works as well as treating diabetes or other chronic diseases, dramatically reducing crime and is a lot cheaper than jail, says a study released Tuesday by bipartisan public health experts.

But a separate survey indicates that the public believes just the opposite — that jail is best, while support for drug treatment is dropping. That perception prompts the federal government to spend only 20 percent of the nation's \$17 billion drug-control budget to treat addicts, a proportion the doctors' group concluded should increase.

"We've been telling people to 'just say no' when addiction is a biological event," said Dr. June Osborn of the new Physician Leadership on National Drug Policy, prominent physicians and public health leaders from the Clinton, Bush and Reagan administrations that commissioned the research from half a dozen universities.

"There must be a bridge between what the public believes and the science," added Dr.

Lonnie Bristow of the American Medical Association, who is helping provide the data to Republican congressional leaders who control drug spending.

That's not to say medically treating the 14 million American alcoholics and 6.7 million drug addicts is a cure — many do relapse.

But the scientists concluded that: ■ Jailing a drug addict costs \$25,900 per year. A year of traditional outpatient drug treatment costs \$1,800, intensive outpatient care costs \$2,500, methadone treatment for heroin users costs \$3,900 and residential drug-treatment programs range from \$4,400 to \$6,800 a year.

■ Drug treatment can cut crime by 80 percent, said Brown University addiction director Norman Hoffman. Brown researcher Craig Love studied female substance abusers who were in jail, and found that 25 percent who underwent treatment were later re-arrested, vs. 62 percent released without substance abuse treatment. A California study of 1,600 drug abusers found their involvement in drug sales, drug-related prostitution and theft

decreased threefold after treatment.

■ Every dollar invested in drug treatment can save \$7 in societal and medical costs, said former Assistant Health Secretary Philip Lee.

■ Long-term drug treatment is as effective as long-term treatment for chronic diseases, said Dr. Thomas McLellan of the University of Pennsylvania. One-year relapse rates for the diseases and for addicts all are about 50 percent, he said. Compliance with therapy is similar, too: Less than half of diabetics comply with their therapy, less than 30 percent of asthma and hypertension patients and less than 40 percent of alcohol or drug abusers.

■ Drug treatment also helps society's health, McLellan said. Heroin users, for example, are at huge risk of catching and spreading the AIDS virus or hepatitis. A seven-year study of heroin addicts found 51 percent who never entered drug treatment caught HIV during that period, vs. 21 percent of treated addicts.

Yet, there is a severe shortage of drug-treatment programs, the doctors said.

Christian Science Television Lecture

GOD KNOWS

By Julio Rivas
of Hollywood, California
SATURDAY, MARCH 21, at 5:00 P.M.

and
EARLY SUNDAY, MARCH 22, at 3:00 A.M.
on KMD CHANNEL 2, (CABLE CHANNEL 3)
Sponsored by First Church of Christ Scientist, Midland

\$9.99 Shoe Sale

Huge group of Spring & Fall shoes on racks \$9.99 to \$19.99

Soft Spots, Hush Puppies, Easy Street
"Comfort Our Specialty"
DEE JAY'S SHOES
Imperial Shopping Ctr. Westley & Midland
694-7037

Large group of
**Soft Spots,
HUSH PUPPIES and
Easy Street**
\$32.99 - \$49.99

Study: Vitamin E reduces prostate cancer risk, death

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vitamin E pills reduced prostate cancer risk by a third and the disease's death rate by 41 percent in a study of thousands of smokers, researchers report. The same study, in Finland, found that a form of vitamin A had no effect on reducing cancer.

"There may be a pattern developing of some kind of broad cancer preventive effect from vitamin E," said Dr. Demetrius Albanes, a National Cancer Institute researcher and co-author of the study.

A report on the study will be published Wednesday in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

Albanes said that although both vitamin E and beta carotene, the form of vitamin A used in the study, are antioxidants, only vitamin E appears to give a statistically significant protection against cancer.

In fact, said Albanes, the data suggest that beta carotene users in the study were about 16 percent more likely to develop lung cancer. This result, first reported three years ago, startled many researchers, who had expected beta carotene to be proved as a cancer preventive.

Albanes said detailed analysis of the study shows that vitamin E, in the form of alpha-tocopherol, provides some protection against colorectal cancer and lung cancer, although these data are not as dramatic as the prostate cancer results.

"This is a striking one-third reduction in the incidence of prostate cancer and an even more impressive reduction in the rate of prostate cancer deaths," said Albanes, who participated with researchers from the University of Helsinki, Finland, in the study.

Dr. Ishwarlal Jialal, a researcher at the University of Texas, Southwestern Medical Center, in Dallas, said the study "is a very significant observation" on the anticancer effects of vitamin E.

However, he said, "it needs to be confirmed by another group study, especially among nonsmokers."

Jialal said his earlier research has shown that vitamin E helps reduce heart disease and has other benefits.

The Finnish study involved 29,133 male smokers, ages 50 to 69, who had been selected to take part in a lung cancer study evaluating the effect of beta carotene and vitamin E on smokers. The men were divided into four groups. One group took beta carotene supplements; another took vitamin E; a third took a combination of the two, while the last group took only a placebo.

The vitamin E dosage was 50 mg a day, which is the equivalent of 10 international units. This is about five times the recommended minimum daily intake for men, said Albanes, and about 2 1/2 times what most people get from food.

After five to eight years on the supplements, Albanes said, the 14,564 men taking vitamin E alone or with beta carotene had 32 percent fewer cases of prostate cancer than the 14,569 who did not take vitamin E.

Additionally, there were 41 percent fewer prostate cancer deaths among men taking vitamin E, the researcher said.

Taking the vitamin E supplement, however, was not risk-free, said Albanes. Among those taking the vitamin, there were 66 deaths from the cerebral hemorrhage, or bleeding, type of stroke, compared with 44 such deaths among the men not taking vitamin E.

"This is one of the potential downsides that was observed," said Albanes. "Vitamin E is known to have some effect on blood clotting."

REX
YOU ALWAYS PAY LESS

DSS
PROFESSIONAL
INSTALLATION FOR
199 OR FREE
INSTALLATION KIT
Details In Store

DIRECTV
DIGITAL SATELLITE SYSTEM
SHARPER PICTURE.
CLEARER SOUND.
GREATER CHOICE.

\$179

**FREE 2-YEAR PARTS
& LABOR WARRANTY**
THIS COUPON EXTENDS THE MANUFACTURER'S
WARRANTY (Usually 90 Days) TO A FULL 2 YEARS
FROM ORIGINAL DATE OF PURCHASE
PURCHASE OF \$299 OR MORE PER ITEM REQUIRED - NOT SUBJECT TO PRIOR SALE
EXPIRES 3/31/98

CAMCORDERS • VCR's

**SHARP 8mm
VIEWCAM WITH
3" PIVOTING
COLOR LCD
VIEWSCREEN &
12x ZOOM LENS**
Up To 95 Minutes Of Continuous
Recording - Instant Play
Back In Color With Sound
VXL65U

\$399

**RCA VHS-C
CAMCORDER WITH
COLOR VIEWFINDER,
36:1 ZOOM PLUS™ &
ELECTRONIC IMAGE
STABILIZATION**
Full Range Auto-Focus System
Built-In 3-Watt Color Enhancement
Light - Scene Select AE Recording Dial
With 8 Recording Modes - 4 Digital
Effects - CC348

\$499

**JVC COMPACT
VHS-C
CAMCORDER
WITH 36x
DIGITAL HYPER
ZOOM, QUICK RESPONSE AF,
5-HEAD SYSTEM, 3-INCH LCD
ROTATING COLOR MONITOR**
Digital Image Stabilizer - Program AE With Special
Effects - BGRAXM25

\$659

**PANASONIC VHS VCR WITH MULTI-BRAND UNIVERSAL REMOTE
CONTROL & 1-MONTH PROGRAM TIMER**
Digital Auto Tracking - VCR Lock - Trilingual On-Screen Display - Index Search
System - Auto Daylight Savings Time - #PV7200

\$119

**PHILIPS MAGNAVOX 4-HEAD HI-FI STEREO
VCR W/VCR Plus+ & 8-EVENT, 1-YR. TIMER**
Double Auto-Mute - MTS/SAP - Auto Head Cleaner - Universal Remote - Bi-
lingual On-Screen Display - 1 Touch Record - Digital Auto Tracking

\$179

**PHILIPS MAGNAVOX 4-HEAD HI-FI STEREO
VCR WITH VCR PLUS+C3™ REMOTE
LOCATOR™ & BUILT-IN MTS/SAP DECODER**
Jog & Shuttle Remote - 8 Event 1 Yr. Smart Programming - Auto Head Cleaner
- On Board Shuttle Dial - Bilingual On-Screen Display

\$229

**PANASONIC AM-FM STEREO AUTO. REV.
CASSETTE RECEIVER**
Fader - PLL Quartz Electronic Tuning - Auto. Preset Memory
Preset Scan - Quartz Clock - #CQE11

\$79

**SANYO AM/FM STEREO CD PLAYER
RECEIVER WITH DETACHABLE PANEL**
8X Oversampling - 30 Station Presets - 35 Watts x 2 - BASS EXPANDER - Face-
plate Carrying Case - #EC8577

\$157

**SHARP 12 CU. FT.
CAROUSEL™ 1000W
MICROWAVE WITH
SMART & FAST
SENSOR 7-DIGIT
INTERACTIVE DISPLAY,
Compu-DEFROST™ &
Compu-COOK™**

\$149

**SHARP CAROUSEL™
0.6 CU. FT. AUTO-
TOUCH™ 600-WATT
MICROWAVE WITH
EXPRESS
DEFROST™, DIGITAL
DISPLAY, 10 POWER
LEVELS &
POPCORN
BUTTON**

\$89

72nd Anniversary

DAILY 10AM - 9PM • SUNDAY 12PM - 6PM

**NO
INTEREST
FOR 6 MONTHS**

Balance must be paid in full within 6 months of purchase. Interest will be assessed from the original date of purchase on the average balance unless the balance is paid in full by the end of 6 months, and (2) minimum monthly payments are made. Minimum monthly payment required based upon a 24 to 48 month contract. Minimum total purchase of \$300 required. Financing provided by outside finance companies. Financing is subject to credit approval. Offer is for individuals, not businesses. Several different financing plans available, with different APR's. APR's may vary, not to exceed state maximums.

**PORTABLE COMPACT
PLAYER
WITH
3-SECOND
ESP.
STEREO
HEADPHONES & CAR KIT**
Bass Boost System - AC Adapter
Full Function CD
With Digital LCD Display - Featherlike
Headphones - #C3905

\$59

**PANASONIC FM/AM
STEREO RADIO CASSETTE
RECORDER W/CD PLAYER**
Power Booster Amp - Remote
XB5™ System - Digital Tuner
Digital Tuner
W20 Presets
Security Codes - Belt
Clip - #RXD527

\$119

**SHARP PORTABLE CD
STEREO SYSTEM**
Built-in CD Player - AM-FM Stereo
Tuner - APSS For CD
8-Bass System - Built-in
Cassette Deck
RQT-CD50

\$69

**SHARP FAX MACHINE
WITH PC LINK FUNCTION**
PC Link Function (Printer/Scanner)
20 Sht. Auto Document Feeder
50 No. Auto Dialer - Anti Junk
Fax Function
Caller ID Ready
#UX107A

\$149

**VTECH
900-MHz
CORDLESS
TELEPHONE
WITH
10-CHANNEL
AUTO.
SELECT**
Dual Battery Charging System
with Second Battery - Stand Up
Handset - 10 Number
Memory - 65,000
Security Codes - Belt
Clip - #VT9000

\$69

**AT&T DESIGN LINE™
CORDED TELEPHONE**
Table or Wall Mountable - Receiver
Volume Control
Redial - Ring
Volume Control
#130140

\$14.99

AUDIO COMPONENTS

**Technics 60+1 DISC
RANDOM ACCESS
MEGA CD CHANGER**
Load Up To 61 CDs - Programmed
Play Of Desired Tracks
And Repeat Play - Particular
Artists - #SLMC-5060

\$169

**PIONEER 100Wx5
AUDIO/VIDEO RECEIVER
W/DOLBY PRO LOGIC,
SURROUND & REMOTE**
100W/Channel - 5-D Theatre for
Rear Channel Enhancement - 5-
Channel Accurate Imaging System
Equal Hi-Power for All 5 Channels
Full Function Remote
#PVS456

\$219

**JVC AUDIO/VIDEO
CONTROL RECEIVER
WITH DOLBY
PRO LOGIC**
4 Channel Equal Power - 80
Watts x 4 - Remote Control - Dol-
by Pro Logic Surround with
Adjustable Digital Delay
#AVS52VBK

\$179

**SHARP DOLBY PRO
LOGIC MINI SYSTEM
WITH 3-DISC CD
CHANGER & REMOTE**
Dolby Pro Logic With 5-Speaker
System - 70 Watts Total Power
Double Cassette Deck - AM/FM
Tuner With 40 Presets - X-Bass
Remote - #CDE460470

\$269

**JENSEN DIGITAL
HOME THEATER
LOUDSPEAKER**
20 Watts 200 Watts - 15" Woofer
5" Dual Midrange - 3" Dynamic
Cone Tweeter - Video Shielded
Woofer For Home Theater Applica-
tion - #JHS1543

\$89

**TEAC AUTO. REVERSE
DOUBLE CASSETTE
DECK WITH DOLBY B
NOISE REDUCTION**
Hi-Normal Speed Dubbing - 1-
Touch Recording - Auto-Reverse
Playback (Deck 1) - Double Deck
Continuous Playback (Deck 2 to
Deck 1) - #W50551BR

\$89

TOP BRAND APPLIANCES

**HOTPOINT BY G.E.
SUPER CAPACITY
4-CYCLE WASHER
W/2 WATER LEVELS
& 3 WASH/RINSE
TEMPERATURES**
Model #VVSRT040

\$299

**HOTPOINT BY G.E.
LARGE CAPACITY
3-CYCLE DRYER WITH
AUTO. DRY CONTROL
& 3 HEAT SELECTIONS**
Model #NVLR333EV

\$249

**HOTPOINT BY G.E. 20.8 CU.
FT. 2-DOOR REFRIG-FREEZER
WITH GALLON STORAGE ON
DOOR AND TWIN CRISPERS**

\$549

**HOTPOINT BY G.E. 14.4 CU.
FT. NO FROST REFRIG-
FREEZER WITH ADJUSTABLE
SHELVES**
Model #CT14L1YX

\$399

**WHIRLPOOL 6-CYCLE
DISHWASHER WITH
2-LEVEL WASH, SOIL
FREE FILTER SYSTEM &
RINSE AID
DISPENSER**
Model #RUD00CWD

\$219

**WHIRLPOOL GAS RANGE
WITH 4.65 CUBIC FOOT OVEN
CAPACITY AND BLACK
GLASS DOOR**
Standing Pilot Ignition - Flush To
Cabinet Design - Steel Grates
#SF302SE

\$289

**GUSDORF 2-SHELF
AUDIO CABINET WITH
SAFETY GLASS DOOR**
Adj. Shelves - Concealed
Heavy Duty Glides - Push To
Open Tempered Safety Glass
Door - Black Oak Finish With
Durable Protect - Twin Doors
Adjustable Shelves
#6012

\$59

**O'SULLIVAN
ENTERTAINMENT
CENTER**
Large TV Area - Adj. VCR
Shelf - Tempered Glass
Door Protects 2 Adjustable
Component Shelves - Stor-
age Space With
Twin Doors
#78511

\$99

**GUSDORF DELUXE
TV/VIDEO CABINET**
Accommodates TVs Up To
27" - VCR & Accessories
Swivels On Stationary
Base - Push To Open
Glass Doors
Adjustable Shelves
#7383

\$69

**New Fabrics
Are In!**

**Lundy Look
Decorator Fabrics**

Mon-Fri 10-6
Corner of Kent & Michigan 682-3154

MIDLAND
4717 N. Midkiff
915-697-2080

ODESSA
4311 John Ben Sheppard
915-366-6502

SAN ANGELO
4151 Sunset Dr.
915-949-4411

Layaway Available

BUSINESSES, CONTRACTORS OR SCHOOLS CALL: 1-800-739-7611

GUSDORF

O'SULLIVAN

GUSDORF

Publi

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lee Willey, still seeking a \$300,000 autobiography, national television ident Clinton come sexual said Tuesday.

Michael Vinlenium Entert Hills, Calif., lawyer contact weeks ago off her life that alleged encou her ordeal over cide and her v in Washington.

The book menced just a ley gave a dep the Paula Jo ment suit agai Mrs. Willey.

Gecker, want for the book, cussed the pr and were sche son in Los Ang said.

Gecker, in The New York his client, but approached V he would be in book.

Meanwhile, jury investigat presidential a involving Cl White House in sky called for from a woman Davis. The wor surfaced prev She spent mos and her lawyer declined to com was there.

Also, White McCathran tes minutes before jury investig case. Ms. Mc presidential p purposes and Executive Offi the White Hou "Monica Lev up on the logs, Jeffrey Jacob said not every

Reg

1117 Andrev

689-83

Want eat

C

Service to

UN SER

WE ARE DRUG-F SCHO

First Resbyter Church

Lente

March 1

March

Apr

Apr

Lu

a

Res

FOR M

Publisher says he turned down book offer from Willey

WASHINGTON (AP) — Kathleen Willey, struggling financially since her husband's death, was seeking a \$300,000 book deal for her autobiography before she went on national television to accuse President Clinton of making an unwelcome sexual advance, a publisher said Tuesday.

Michael Viner, head of New Millennium Entertainment in Beverly Hills, Calif., said Mrs. Willey's lawyer contacted him six or seven weeks ago offering a book about her life that would include the alleged encounter with Clinton, her ordeal over her husband's suicide and her views of political life in Washington.

The book discussions commenced just a few weeks after Willey gave a deposition to lawyers in the Paula Jones sexual harassment suit against Clinton.

Mrs. Willey's lawyer, Daniel Gecker, wanted at least \$300,000 for the book, said Viner, who discussed the project by telephone and were scheduled to meet in person in Los Angeles on March 20, he said.

Gecker, in an interview with The New York Times, denied he was pursuing a book contract for his client, but acknowledged he approached Viner to determine if he would be interested in such a book.

Meanwhile, the federal grand jury investigating allegations of a presidential affair and cover-up involving Clinton and former White House intern Monica Lewinsky called for testimony Tuesday from a woman, Catherine Allday Davis. The woman's name had not surfaced previously in the case. She spent most of the day there, and her lawyer, James Bensfield, declined to comment on why she was there.

Also, White House diarist Ellen McCathran testified for about 30 minutes before the federal grand jury investigating the Lewinsky case. Ms. McCathran organizes presidential papers for archival purposes and works in the Old Executive Office Building next to the White House.

"Monica Lewinsky did not show up on the logs," said her lawyer, Jeffrey Jacobovitz. However, he said not every presidential meet-

ing is recorded.

Willey faces legal and financial troubles stemming from her late husband's law practice. Edward Willey, who committed suicide in 1993, was being sued for \$275,000 by a client. The client has sued to try to get Willey to pay off the debt.

"She needed a lifeboat and I think that was it," Viner said of the prospective book deal, adding that he was not willing to pay \$300,000 for her story.

Willey's financial problems began years ago but are bearing down on her and her children now. They are fighting a lawsuit filed by a Richmond businessman who claims they should pay him \$274,495 owed by Willey's late husband.

Willey's husband, real estate lawyer Edward Willey, helped Anthony V. Lanasa, a Richmond produce company owner, win a judgment from the city for that amount in 1993.

Instead of turning the money over to Lanasa, Willey used the check to pay off debts to the Internal Revenue Service that he'd racked up because of bad real estate investments.

Edward Willey confessed that he had embezzled the funds, court documents showed. Furious, Lanasa gave him two weeks to pay it back.

Willey had his wife co-sign a note guaranteeing that they would pay back Lanasa. But Ed Willey couldn't come up with the money. On Nov. 29, 1993, the same day his wife met with Clinton, Willey shot and killed himself.

Lanasa says Kathleen Willey still owes him the money. So far she has fought off in court his efforts to make her pay him. "I don't think I've got a snowball's chance in hell of seeing that money," Lanasa said.

Viner decided against the book deal after seeing Willey on CBS' "60 Minutes" describing a meeting with Clinton in November 1993.

Willey, a Democratic party volunteer who worked without pay at the White House, went to Clinton to ask for a salaried job because of her family's dire financial circumstances.

Willey said that, during the meeting at the White House, Clin-

ton made a crude sexual advance. Clinton has vehemently denied that.

Viner said he was "never sold on" the book idea in the first place. He did talk about a \$100,000 deal, Viner said, but ended discussions with Gecker after seeing the interview.

"I wasn't comfortable with it," he said in a telephone interview. "Just based on the conversations I'd had the piece didn't mesh with my understanding of what the story was."

"She's got to have more of story than what I've heard," he said, adding that a book that gave a woman's perspective of Washington could be a successful book that he would have been willing to publish if Willey had been "a terrific writer and had good recall."

Mrs. Willey was unavailable for

comment and calls to Gecker's office in Richmond, Va., were not returned.

The book deal was reported in an entertainment industry newspaper on Monday. Robert Bennett, Clinton's private lawyer, brought up the deal in a televised interview Monday night and questioned whether Mrs. Willey, who did her best to stay out of the public eye after her allegations were known, was motivated by money to publicize her story.

Viner said he was told that Mrs. Willey chose to approach him about her autobiography because he had published a best-selling book by Faye Resnick about her friend Nicole Brown Simpson. Viner, who was once an aide to Robert F. Kennedy, said he likes Clinton but that politics was not a factor in his decision.

When You Think Jewelry, Think

D. Carroll's

San Miguel Square Wadley & Midkiff 697-0424



If you're missing out on sleep, you're missing out on life!

570-NITE 1-800-915-SLEEP

JOHN D. BRAY, MD

Diplomate of the American Board of Sleep Disorders

Medicine and Clinical Polysomnography

606 B N. Kent • Midland, TX 79701

You could pay more. But you'll have to go somewhere else.



It's our **93rd** Birthday Celebration

Share the festive spirit with super buys and special prices.



And the icing on the cake... sweet sale prices on selected items throughout the store.

25% to 30% off our everyday prices in

The Boutique • Dresses • Sportswear

Petites • Women's • Exterior

Lingerie • Accessories

Men's Clothing & Sportswear • Children's

Gifts • Home • Linens

NOW THROUGH SUNDAY.

Starts Wednesday!

take another **50% off**

already-reduced prices* in Men's and the Boutique

30% off already-reduced prices* in all other departments

*Permanently reduced. Interim mark-downs may have been taken. Not valid with other temporary discounts.

Stein Mart®

Regency Cleaners

Now 3 Locations to Serve You.

CONGRATULATIONS BULLDOGS!

1117 Andrews Hwy.

4519 N. Garfield

3310 N. Midkiff

689-8338

At Loop 250 Suite 3

682-0404

697-8155

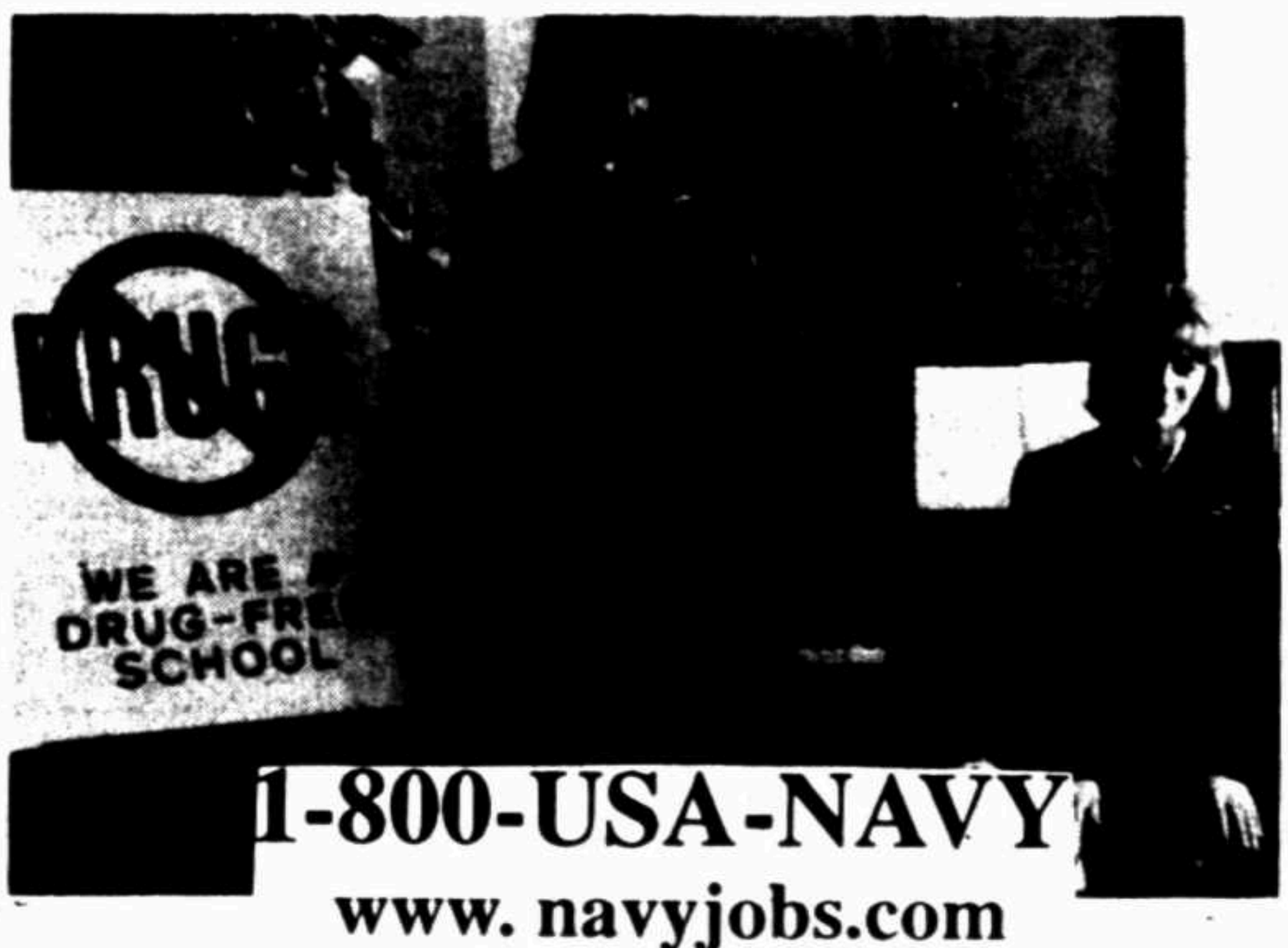
Want to Grab a Quick Bite to eat around the Midland Airport

Colonel's Cafe

RAMADA INN 561-8000

Service to our country, service to our communities...

UNITED STATES NAVY SERVING AMERICA TWICE



1-800-USA-NAVY

www.navyjobs.com

First Presbyterian Church

800 West Texas Avenue
Midland, TX 79701
684-7821

Lenten Luncheon Concerts

February 25 - April 8
Wednesdays, 12:05 - 12:35

March 18 - Midland High Concert Choir

March 25 - Michael Santorelli, trumpet
and Rebecca Sawyer, organ

April 1 - The Lee High Chorale

April 8 - Luigi Peracchia, violin

Free Admission

Lunch Available 1/2 hr. before
and after each concert for \$4

Reservations needed for nursery.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 684-7821

M
A
R
1
8
9
8

Midland Reporter-Telegram

The Editorial Board
 Charles Spence Publisher
 Gary R. Ott City editor
 James E. Servatius Editor
 William E. Modisett Editorial page editor
 Missy Hallmark News editor

News Services
 Reporter-Telegram Washington Bureau
 The Associated Press
 N.Y. Times News Service
 Hearst News Service

Willey complaint against Clinton raises concern

What is interesting about the latest in a long series of what have been termed "bimbo eruptions" threatening to permanently tarnish the presidency of Bill Clinton is that the woman who came forward with a tale of sexual advancements by Clinton is no bimbo. She's far from it.

In fact, Kathleen Willey cannot be discounted as part of any so-called "right-wing conspiracy" to get Clinton out of the White House which has been the charge directed against others who cried "foul!" The record clearly shows that Willey is a one-time fundraiser for Clinton who supported his presidency and drove hundreds of miles a week to work unpaid at the White House.

Even the liberal New York Times characterized her in an editorial Tuesday as "a mature, trusting woman in the throes of a family crisis" who was appalled by the sexually aggressive conduct she says she was subjected to by Clinton at the White House in 1993.

The Times went on to note that although a charge such as the one leveled by Willey "probably would not shake Clinton's hold on his office... it would permanently fix him in the public mind as a person of ignoble character."

Willey's complaint can accomplish more than merely that, however. She asserted that Clinton pulled her close to him and kissed her on the mouth in their 1993 meeting, touched her breasts with his hands and placed one of her hands on his genitals before she pushed away from him. She said that she wanted to slap his face, and that she felt overpowered by Clinton.

The Clinton White House has already launched a counter-attack intended to discredit Willey, but they may find that job more difficult in this case. She is a respectable 51-year-old woman who married into Virginia society and became prominent in Democratic politics there.

At the very least, her complaint will give additional credence to the claims by other women about Clinton's sexual conduct. That should convince Americans across the board that character counts where presidential politics is concerned and the character of candidates will become more the focus of future elections.

ANOTHER VIEW

Present leadership lacking in character

"What separates the men from the boys in politics is that the boys seek office to be something and the men seek office to do something."

We might do well to update that statement to include the role of women in the political arena, but the underlying idea in that oft-repeated maxim of the late President Richard Nixon contains an important thought for today's world of politics.

We seem to be suffering from a certain ineptitude in the current generation of political leadership.

The loss of political momentum that may result from President Clinton's ongoing imbroglio with Kenneth Starr, and his administration's lack of surefootedness in foreign affairs, in both the Middle East and central Europe, may cause long-term liabilities for this country at home and abroad.

It is a new generation that has taken the reins of governance — a generation that was born after the one forged by the Great Depression and World War II. This is a generation that was handed that hard-won better world sought by their parents. It is a generation that has been filled with bright ideas of things it wanted to accomplish.

It seems it is a group wanting to be something in order to accomplish big things, but lacking the character-forming experience needed to achieve those goals.

— The Daily Times Farmington, N.M.

JACK ANDERSON

CIA profile calls Arafat a 'psychological coward'

The Central Intelligence Agency routinely investigates world leaders, identifies their backgrounds and attitudes, and then has psychiatrists make psychological assessments.

One of our CIA sources recently leaked us an interesting psychological profile on Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, which was completed before he moved to the West Bank.

The CIA profile began by disparaging Arafat's physical appearance, which the report saw as a psychological flaw because "he has not set out nor managed to charm the Western leadership by his rather bizarre demeanor."

The CIA then opined that "Arafat, to a Westerner, presents a somewhat unattractive picture. He is physically short and somewhat paunchy with a hint of deformity. His unkempt beard — or excuse for one — adds to the image of a dirty and careless person. His clothes do little to add to his appearance but probably serve the purpose of disguising his ungainly body."

Certainly Arafat is no Omar Sharif, bearing more of a resemblance to Ringo Starr of the Beatles. He is certainly short: a platform was used at the 1993 White House peace accord ceremony to give him the same height at the podium as President Clinton and the late Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

And he is somewhat overweight. But the beard is full. Because it's a salt-and-pepper beard, it tends to wash out and appear unshaven in pictures and on TV.

The CIA acknowledged that his appearance, however bizarre, did not have any negative impact on his Palestinian comrades or the Arab world. "They are more interested in his political power, his leadership, and his ability to plan and recruit. They are concerned about how the PLO will function and what influence it will have on settling the Palestinian question. His appearance and style appear to be purposeful, to add drama, to make him stand out from his Palestinian colleagues who generally dress more Western and more conservatively."

Arafat has eschewed opulence, living something of an ascetic life, most of which he spent in airplanes, flitting around the globe on diplomatic missions. The CIA observed that "he has always lived simply and somewhat chaotically. Another pose? Probably, again to create interest and attention. He is one of the few identified PLO members whose face is well-known, even though tactics and strategy are a committee responsibility. In this case, Arafat is a spokesman but his true power is difficult to fathom." At least for the CIA.

The CIA profile did see Arafat as flexible, the kind of person who was full of surprises, presaging his at-first secret dealings with his sworn enemies, the Israelis.

"Mr. Arafat appears to be a sensitive, outwardly oriented individual who seeks constantly to update his informational system, not just rely on past views. He is a moderate, not steeped in one particular ideology, whose broad goal is to establish, and undoubtedly personally control, a Palestinian state. He

behaves as if this flexibility in seeking adaptations of old solutions is a means of survival as much as reading the goal."

The psychological assessment called Arafat a "psychological coward," which they quickly wrote as "no reflection on his physical courage." Maybe it's the way the CIA's psychiatric consultants — who contribute to these kind of profiles — have of saying somebody has an ego and wants to remain a leader.

The CIA profile was accurate in assessing that Arafat "seems to be bothered that he will fade from the scene. It is believed that he spends fully as much psychic energy in maintenance of his own position as he does on the cause. This cause and revolution are his way of life and the style and existence is all-encompassing."

The CIA did see that Arafat had the ability to compromise. They wrote: "He is a vacillator, a compromiser, not from strength but probably because nuances of the political context escape his mind."

The report then concluded by dismissing Arafat and his leadership ability in the following words:

"There is more to Arafat than the general summary statement used by most Western writers, but there is less than some of his comrades see. He is not really a productive thinker, man of action, or incisive decision-maker."

"He is intrinsically an inadequate personality who has received and seized opportunities to reach a political power level that would not be gained had there been a contest of competence. At the same time, as a foil, a target of criticism, a symbol of hostility to the rest of the world, he is well-chosen."

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



ART BUCHWALD

Violence in sports group cries 'Foul!'

With all the important stuff going on in the Starr Circus, the big news gets lost. For example, Latrell Sprewell, an all-star professional basketball player, had to pay a \$6 million penalty just for choking his coach. This left him \$17 million to carry around as mad money. It split basketball fans down the middle — those who thought choking a coach should be worth three points, and those who thought it should be worth at least two foul shots.

Bruce Tomason, president of the Association to Preserve Violence in Sports, was incensed. "Sprewell did what he had to do to preserve the spirit of basketball. By fining him \$6 million the officials are sending out a message that the players will be deprived of their First Amendment rights. Our fear is that the Sprewell business will affect other sports. Pretty soon hockey players will be forbidden to hit their teammates over the head with their sticks, baseball players will not be allowed to spit in the faces of umpires, football players will not be able to kick their coaches in the groin, and golfers

will not be able to stick their spikes in their opponents' feet."

I accused Bruce of being too pessimistic, but he was not having any of it.

"There was a time in sports when playing fair was enough to participate in the sport. But now, with the money they're paying the superstars, the athletes make far more than their owners, and they are not going to be pushed around. I say if coaches are afraid to be choked, then they should wear helmets."

Laddy Goblow, a pro-choking fan, said the violence in sports is what keeps people glued to their sets.

"The Sprewell decision is a bad one in that, although he only had to give up \$6 million, which doesn't sound like a lot of money, he also had his feelings hurt. And that can do damage to someone when he is attempting to score."

"But," I protested, "Sprewell is now a household name, almost in the class of a Mike Tyson. You can sell a lot more sneakers if you're known as a coach choker."

"What do you think they should have done to Sprewell?" he asked.

"He should have been permitted to play but forced to wear a metal ankle lock so his coach would know where he was at all times."

Art Buchwald's column is distributed by the Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, March 18, the 77th day of 1998. There are 288 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On March 18, 1837, the 22nd and 24th president of the United States, Grover Cleveland, was born in Caldwell, N.J.

On this date: In 1909, Einar Dossau of Denmark used a shortwave transmitter to converse with a government radio post about six miles away in

what's believed to have been the first broadcast by a "ham" operator.

In 1922, Mohandas K. Gandhi was sentenced in India to six years in prison for civil disobedience. He was released after serving two years.

In 1931, Schick Inc. marketed the first electric razor.

In 1940, Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini held a meeting at the Brenner Pass during which the

Italian dictator agreed to join in Germany's war against France and Britain.

One year ago: Bulldozers began clearing away rocks and earth for a Jewish housing project in disputed east Jerusalem, triggering Palestinian protests. Labor Secretary-designate Alexis Herman got a generally favorable reception from Democrats and Republicans alike at her Senate confirmation hearing.

WILLIAM SAFIRE

The real NATO issue is Russian influence sphere

WASHINGTON — An irresponsible Harvard astronomer (who could not be bothered to check out his cockamamie calculations with other scientists) last week fed media appetites for stories of impending doom. Alarmists had a one-day field day.

Are those of us who support the eastward expansion of NATO alarmists, too? After all, at the root of the inclusion of Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic into the Western alliance is our worry that the Russian bear may one day regain its strength and begin growing again.

If the formerly captive nations of Eastern Europe become part of NATO's defense, Moscow would be deterred from extending a sphere of influence westward. But if we reject the application of democratic nations, we will perpetuate a "gray zone" for Russia to again dominate.

That's not alarmist. If no threat develops from a resurgent Russia, fine — no harm done by widening the club. But if some adventurist like Yevgeny Primakov should take charge in the future, he would find no power vacuum inviting his forces into a new hot or cold European war.

This week the Senate is to vote to ratify the inclusion that President Clinton has helped negotiate. The Foreign Relations Committee already approved, 16-2. The Senate will hear debate and is expected to ratify. As Poland's president joked to me last year, "the only ones against us are the Russians and The New York Times."

Other Americans oppose inclusion, of course: accommodationists fret about Russia retaliating by refusing to ratify Start II — as if the Communist-dominated Duma had not been blocking disarmament well before NATO began talk of expansion. Meanwhile, isolationists resuscitate the slogan, "Who wants to die for Danzig?"

But a bipartisan majority believes that to undermine enlargement now would be to discredit America's diplomatic stability and to needlessly endanger the next generation. Ratification is a done deal.

The fallback position of opponents is: a grudging OK for these three, but no more. They want to attach a condition of a pause after this inclusion. That flies in the face of the open-door policy in the original NATO treaty and effectively slams that door in the face of the Baltic states.

Such "apausement," as Sen. William Roth describes it, is a vitiating compromise. Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania were the keys to the breakup of the Soviet Union. Because they had been traded to Stalin by Hitler, we never recognized their annexation by Moscow. When the Balts reasserted their independence, they had our diplomatic and moral support; after Gorbachev aborted his Baltic crackdown, the Soviet Union came apart.

Russian nationalists brood about this. Yeltsin's policy today is to reassert domination in those three close neighbors of St. Petersburg. To that imperial end — and timed to our Senate debate about NATO expansion — ethnic Russians in Riga, Latvia, staged a demonstration last week. A few hoodlums mixed it up with police for the cameras.

This allowed Primakov, of all people, to claim "flagrant violations of human rights" of the Russian-speaking citizens — descendants of Stalin's colonists. Orchestrated outrage was expressed by a chorus of Moscow spokesmen.

Fortunately, the president is being tough-minded about future inclusion of qualified democratic states. In a letter to Senate leaders being delivered Monday morning, Clinton writes: "I strongly urge the Senate to reject any effort to mandate a pause on the process of enlargement."

A letter is marginally helpful, but wouldn't this be the proper moment for a serious speech on an important vote most Americans know little about?

A Clinton address from the bully pulpit would uplift public discourse, inspire Eastern Europeans who cherish their newfound freedom and be good for the Oval Office.

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



DOONESBURY

First lo

JACKSON, Miss. — The Mississippi Department of Transportation enforcement from computer so painting a picture of town espionage invasions of indiv

The Mississippi Commission, created after federal order, employment agents and informants, tall tales, facts about those rights and voter re in the state.

Twenty-one years makers tried to b sion's transgressio files for 50 years, activists and the Liberties Union their public.

It took 21 years Tuesday, with yellowed clippings and reports translate files, anyone who line at the Arch Department cou records.

Much that came repetitious account daily doings. A blacks or civil right was sure to pre license tag num parked outside.

But some files their intensity. T gatekeepers were when Clyde Kenn grate the Universi Mississippi, for ex unleashed investi up the most minu then 32 years.

A 37-page repo December 1958 she cleaner approach eigh Commission nard's file stands

starting with his number. Agents s mation on virtual his life thereafter and college grad work history. U.S his purchase of c mortgage and a l tiesburg. Americ advocating integ Criminal char manufactured — p gal whiskey in a keep the "integrat of the universi Commission rec Tuesday show.

The more segre a person, the deep spies dug into hi ground, said Dav executive director Mississippi, who l dreds of pages of c

AN

TOT

NO

SA

AN

TOT

NO

SA

AN

TOT

NO

SA

AN

TOT

First look at files: obsession with 'intruders, agitators'

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — The secrets of Mississippi's segregation enforcement agency spilled from computer screens Tuesday, painting a picture of petty, small-town espionage and alarming invasions of individual privacy.

The Mississippi Sovereignty Commission, created by a nervous Legislature in 1956, two years after federally ordered school integration, employed dozens of agents and informants to ferret out gossip, tall tales and, sometimes, facts about those involved in civil rights and voter registration drives in the state.

Twenty-one years later, lawmakers tried to bury the commission's transgressions by sealing its files for 50 years. But civil rights activists and the American Civil Liberties Union sued to make them public.

It took 21 years more, but on Tuesday, with yellowed newspaper clippings and well-thumbed reports translated to computer files, anyone who cared to stand in line at the Archives & History Department could search the records.

Much that came to light were repetitious accounts of ordinary daily doings. Any meeting of blacks or civil rights sympathizers was sure to produce a list of license tag numbers of cars parked outside.

But some files are revealing in their intensity. The segregation gatekeepers were so disturbed when Clyde Kennard tried to integrate the University of Southern Mississippi, for example, that they unleashed investigators who dug up the most minute details of his then 32 years.

A 37-page report compiled in December 1958 shows the vacuum-cleaner approach used by Sovereignty Commission agents. Kennard's file stands out in its detail, starting with his birth certificate number. Agents sucked up information on virtually every facet of his life thereafter: high school and college grades, credit and work history, U.S. Army records, his purchase of chicken feed, his mortgage and a letter to the Hattiesburg American newspaper advocating integration.

Criminal charges were even manufactured — possession of illegal whiskey in a dry county — to keep the "integration agitator" out of the university, Sovereignty Commission records released Tuesday show.

The more segregationists feared a person, the deeper commission spies dug into his or her background, said David Ingebretsen, executive director of the ACLU of Mississippi, who has studied hundreds of pages of documents in the

21-year fight to get them opened. "I think there's a correlation there," he said. "It (the Kennard file) certainly stands out as one of the more thorough investigations."

Another individual receiving intense scrutiny was Michael Schwerner, one of three civil rights workers who disappeared June 21, 1964, in Neshoba County. Their bodies were found 44 days later in an earthen dam.

Commission files paint a picture of a murder investigation completely dominated by the FBI, humiliating county and state law officers.

Documents speak of FBI bribes and threats to get leads into the disappearances of Schwerner, Andrew Goodman and James Chaney, frustration from local authorities at being kept in the dark, and claims by unidentified informants about local tattlers.

In July 1964, Neshoba County Sheriff Lawrence Rainey told the Sovereignty Commission he expected to be arrested by the FBI for his involvement in the deaths. Six months later, Rainey and his chief deputy, Cecil Price, were behind bars.

Eight klansmen went to prison on federal conspiracy charges. The state never brought murder charges in the case, which inspired the film "Mississippi Burning." In pursuing Kennard, commission investigator Zach Van Landingham, a now deceased former FBI agent, interviewed Kennard's former teachers and several black pastors, asking about his involvement in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and speculating on his family tree, which one person interviewed said included white ancestors.

"Confidential informant T-1" supplied Van Landingham with information about Kennard's job history.

Van Landingham also included his own opinions, such as this summary of Kennard's debts compared to his income: "He has shown no sense of responsibility in meeting his obligations. This

seems to be a characteristic of the Negro race in general, as shown in the extensive files of this organization."

Kennard tried to apply three times to Southern Mississippi College, as the university was then known. After the third rejection, on Sept. 15, 1959, Kennard was arrested for illegal possession of liquor.

Sovereignty Commission records show whiskey was planted in his car to keep him from enrolling in the school. The Mississippi Supreme Court cleared Kennard of the charge in 1990 — 27 years after he died of intestinal cancer in Chicago.

The files seen Tuesday left the impression that much of the commission's labor was little more than a clipping service, clogged with readily available information on individuals suspected of being communists or threats to segregation.

Furthermore, indications have been clear since the files were sealed that the records had been purged of most evidence potentially incriminating to commission and the state.

The late Erle Johnston, executive director of the commission in 1964-68, told an aide to Gov. Paul B. Johnson Jr. that he had targeted for destruction all files related to the Freedom Democratic Party, a splinter party formed by blacks to challenge state Democrats at the 1964 presidential nominating convention.

"We are in the process of withdrawing from Sovereignty Commission files all reports, docu-

ments, etc., which could be considered incriminatory," Johnston's memo said.

Curiously, the Kennard report contains what may be the commission's first casual notice of a name that made tragic headlines in the deadly days of civil rights. In 1958, Vernon Dahmer is mentioned in passing as a leader of a growing NAACP presence in the Hattiesburg area, as is Kennard.

In 1966, Dahmer was fatally shot while trying to fend off a Ku Klux Klan firebomb attack on his house and store, where he had helped register blacks to vote.

While no stone was left unturned in the Kennard case, far less effort was expended on most investigations, many of which were apparently promoted by paranoia rather than real fear of any threat to Mississippi's white-dominated society.

Come Experience

Jo Dufo

and her whimsical handpainted ceramics

March 20-21 (10-6PM)

1207 Indiana

(pam smith's house)

2 blocks so. of Wall St. between E and F

(684-8922)

SPRING INTO EASTER!

Cute As A "Bunny" Clothes!

ALSO KIDS

Imperial Shopping Center 694-1303

Free Water for 2 months!

Rent a Shayna Reverse Osmosis Unit and receive THREE MONTHS SERVICE. FOR THE PRICE OF ONE with this coupon. The first month's rent is due upon installation and the next two months are FREE. After the first three months, we will begin billing at the \$20 per month rental rate. No installation charge. Some restrictions apply. Offer expires in 30 days.

Please Call 563-9011

Water Systems

ANTHONY'S

50-70% OFF OUR ALREADY LOW PRICE ON ALL JEANS FOR THE FAMILY

TOTAL LIQUIDATION SALE

NOW SAVE 70% TO 90% NEW PRICE REDUCTIONS!

HUGE SAVINGS ARE STILL AVAILABLE ON EVERY ITEM IN EVERY DEPARTMENT THROUGHOUT THE STORE!

LESSER DISCOUNTS ON LEVYS, HANES, WRANGLER, HUGO BOSS, JACKERS, & WUNDIES

HURRY IN FOR BEST SELECTION!

ANTHONY'S

LOOP 250 & MIDKIFF • 694-4155

DILBERT

www.dilbert.com

Office DEPOT

www.officedepot.com

BUSINESS IS CRAZY. BUT OFFICE DEPOT MAKES SENSE.

YOUR OFFICE TECHNOLOGY SOURCE! NEW AT OFFICE DEPOT!

COMPAQ

1499⁹⁹

NEW!

Compaq 1215 Notebook Computer

- 24 MB SyncDRAM
- 1.6 GB hard drive
- 20x max speed CD-ROM
- 56K modem (actual download speeds may vary)
- 12.1" high contrast display

330-582

MediaGX is a trademark of Cyrix Corporation

MMX is a trademark of Intel Corporation

GREAT SAVINGS ON FAX AND COPY MACHINES

Panasonic

\$20 PRICE BREAK!

Our Price 279.99

Mail-In Rebate -30.00

249⁹⁹

After Price Break And Rebate

Panasonic KX-FP200 Plain Paper Fax

- 98-number auto dialer
- 350 KB memory - up to 28 pages
- 15-sec. fax transmission speed

252-301

Offer expires 6/30/98. See store for details

\$30 MAIL-IN REBATE!

XC 885 Personal Copier

- 8 copies per minute
- Auto document feeder
- 1 year on-site warranty

749⁹⁹

Includes Automatic Document Feeder

ADD THE POWER OF COLOR

HP OfficeJet 500 Color All-In-One Machine

- Color printer
- Plain paper fax, copier and scanner

349⁹⁹

HEWLETT PACKARD Expanding Possibilities

Xerox WorkCentre 450C Color All-In-One Machine

- 600 x 600 dpi color printer
- Monochrome copier and scanner
- Stand alone plain paper fax

399⁹⁹

258-721

Offer expires 4/30/98. See store for details

Canon

499⁹⁹

Canon Multipass C5000 Color All-In-One Machine

- 230 x 360 dpi color printer
- Stand alone color copier and plain paper fax
- A color scanner

308-230

Plus 1 Product Protection

Our product protection plan covers your product after the manufacturer's warranty expires. See store for details.

LOW PRICE GUARANTEE

Details for Low Price Guarantee: Office Depot is so confident that we beat the local competition that we back our prices with a 15% guarantee. If you find an identical item advertised locally for less, now or within 7 days of your purchase, let us know. We'll give you the lower price, plus 55% of the difference toward your purchase at Office Depot. (Maximum \$55 credit. Ad errors, cellular service, closures and clearances do not qualify. In-stock items only.)

We are not responsible for printing or typographical errors.

ZERO Interest/Payments until September '98

On Computers, Business Machines and Furniture purchases of \$299 or more made with the Office Depot Technology Card a consumer credit card offered through Monogram Credit Card Bank of Georgia. The purchase price must be paid in full within the 6 month period, otherwise interest (accruing on the purchase price from the date of purchase) will be charged to customer's account. As of December 1, 1997, APR is 20.8% (rate may vary). 18% in CO, IA, ME, NC, WI & Minn. monthly fee .50¢ of \$50 may apply.

Midland (Northside of Loop 250 west of Garfield) (915) 684-5084

Odessa (Grandview Ave. & 42nd St.) Winwood Town Centre (915) 366-1404

OPEN DAILY: 7am-9pm SAT.: 9am-9pm SUN.: 10am-6pm

WE ACCEPT: Discover, Visa, Mastercard, American Express & The Office Depot Credit Card & Technology Card

M
A
R
1
8
1
9
9
8

Americans on the move raise populations in south, west

WASHINGTON (AP) — Still heading toward the sun, Americans on the move and new immigrants are raising population totals in Arizona, California, Nevada and Texas, the Census Bureau says. The count, focusing on the nation's counties, also shows people moving in increasing numbers into the rings of suburbs surrounding big cities.

Mirroring conclusions reached at kitchen tables and in the boardrooms of corporate America, the historic trek continued last year from East and North to South and West. Nationwide, the largest county increase occurred near Denver in Douglas County, which experienced 12.9 percent growth from 1996 to 1997.

These trends are reflected in the Census Bureau's annual estimates of population shifts in the nation's 3,142 counties.

The moves left demographic maps of counties in many metropolitan areas looking like doughnuts, thinner than before in the central core and denser in surrounding counties. The

Census Bureau cites Minneapolis-St. Paul, Atlanta, Nashville, Dallas-Fort Worth, and San Antonio as examples of this migration to the suburbs.

Counties pay close attention to shifts in population because numbers of people — more here and fewer there — drive the distribution of dollars from federal and state programs. By and large, fewer people translates to less government help. More people moving to a county opens the gates a little wider.

Three of the fastest growing counties in the United States are in booming Colorado, according to the Census Bureau. There are three more in Georgia and one each in South Dakota, Nevada, Virginia and Texas. All 10 counties are located near metropolitan areas.

Douglas County, which witnessed the largest percentage increase of any county in America for the year, is part of the Denver-Boulder-Greeley, Colo. metropolitan statistical area. The county has experienced more than 109 percent growth since 1990.

Kristin French, spokeswoman for Douglas County, says quality of life, a good economy and lots of open space account for Colorado's strong showing with three counties in the top ten.

The challenge now is to maintain the qualities that brought those people to Douglas County, she said.

For sheer numbers of people, the list tilted westward.

Maricopa County, Arizona, was the largest gainer with 82,789 newcomers followed by Los Angeles with 61,623 and Clark County, Nevada, with 59,549.

Three other California counties, three counties in Texas and Broward County in Florida also experienced large numerical gains.

"In general, the fastest growing one-fifth of U.S. counties were primarily in the South (56 percent) and West (24 percent)," the Census Bureau reported. "Nineteen percent were in the Midwest, and only 1 percent were in the Northeast."

Sylvan Learning Center
4410 N. Midkiff, Ste D-201
520-9411

Thank You!

Your generous sponsorship of the Midland Reporter-Telegram's Newspaper In Education Program has provided newspapers to our local schools.

On behalf of students, teachers and the Midland Reporter-Telegram
Thank You!

Trade groups seek to fight anti-cloning bills state by state

NEW YORK (AP) — Having blocked anti-cloning legislation in Congress, drug makers are now scrambling to do the same with bills that would make the creation of carbon copy humans illegal in 24 states.

Pharmaceutical companies say they agree with lawmakers who want to bar fringe scientists from turning out made-to-order humans.

But they argue that the anti-cloning bills are so broadly worded they could also prevent researchers from using routine techniques for developing new drugs.

Two trade groups have launched a state-by-state campaign to fight 50 anti-cloning bills being taken up this year in legislatures from California to Connecticut.

The bills, which emerged after Chicago scientist Richard Seed pledged in January to clone a human, ended drug makers' celebration over the decision by U.S. Senate leaders to put an anti-cloning bill on hold.

A patchwork of state laws would be "an absolute disaster for medical research," said Jeff Trewhitt, a spokesman for Pharmaceutical Research & Manufacturers of America.

Scientists already use cloning techniques to test how identical cells react to different substances. Researchers hope one day to grow new skin for burn victims and overcome the need for liver and kidney donors by cloning whole organs. Cloning-related research has already led to heart attack, cystic fibrosis and stroke drugs.

"This is not the movie 'Gattaca.' This is not 'Star Wars,'" Trewhitt said. "This is well-accepted biomedical research."

These states have taken up anti-cloning bills this year: Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and Wisconsin.

"I've got my walking boots on," Trewhitt said.

President Clinton has called for a federal ban on human cloning, but drug researchers point out that the Food and Drug Administration already requires anyone performing such research to file for permission.

If there has to be a law, industry groups prefer a federal ban forbidding only the cloning of a whole human being.

Anti-abortion activists fear cloned fetuses would be used as lab animals.

"Don't be mistaken. They're going to abort until they find a workable form" of clone, said Delaware state Sen. Donna Reed, a Republican. "I don't want that done with humans."

Drug makers were too late to block the first state anti-cloning law. On Oct. 4, California Gov. Pete Wilson signed a bill making it a crime to clone a human or to buy fetal cells to do so. Fines range up to \$1 million.

"The bill is not the worst one we've seen," said Carl Feldbaum, president of the Biotechnology Industry Organization, based in Washington. "But it creates a precedent that is hard if not impossible to contend with."

Worse, he said, is a Florida bill that would forbid even the DNA fingerprinting used in the O.J. Simpson case.

In New Jersey — home of a half-dozen major drug companies — opponents of the legislation acted in time. Charlotte Vandervalk, chairwoman of the committee that reviews cloning bills, shelved a measure that would have carried a maximum 20-year prison term for cloning.

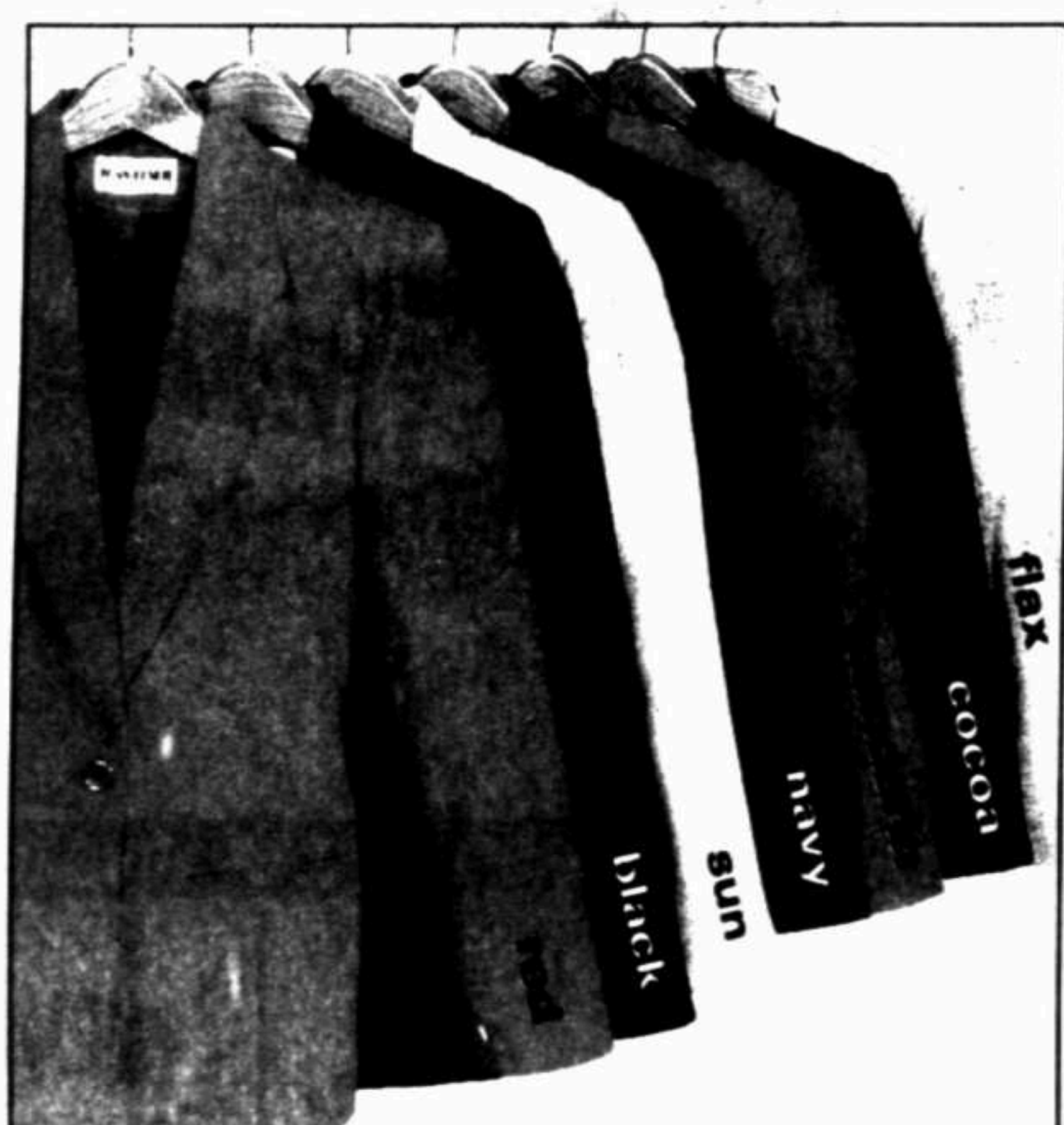
"There's a lot of medical research that can benefit humanity down the road" using cloning, she said. "I don't think we can take the simplistic view and say we're going to ban it."

JOAN LESLIE LINEN LOOKS

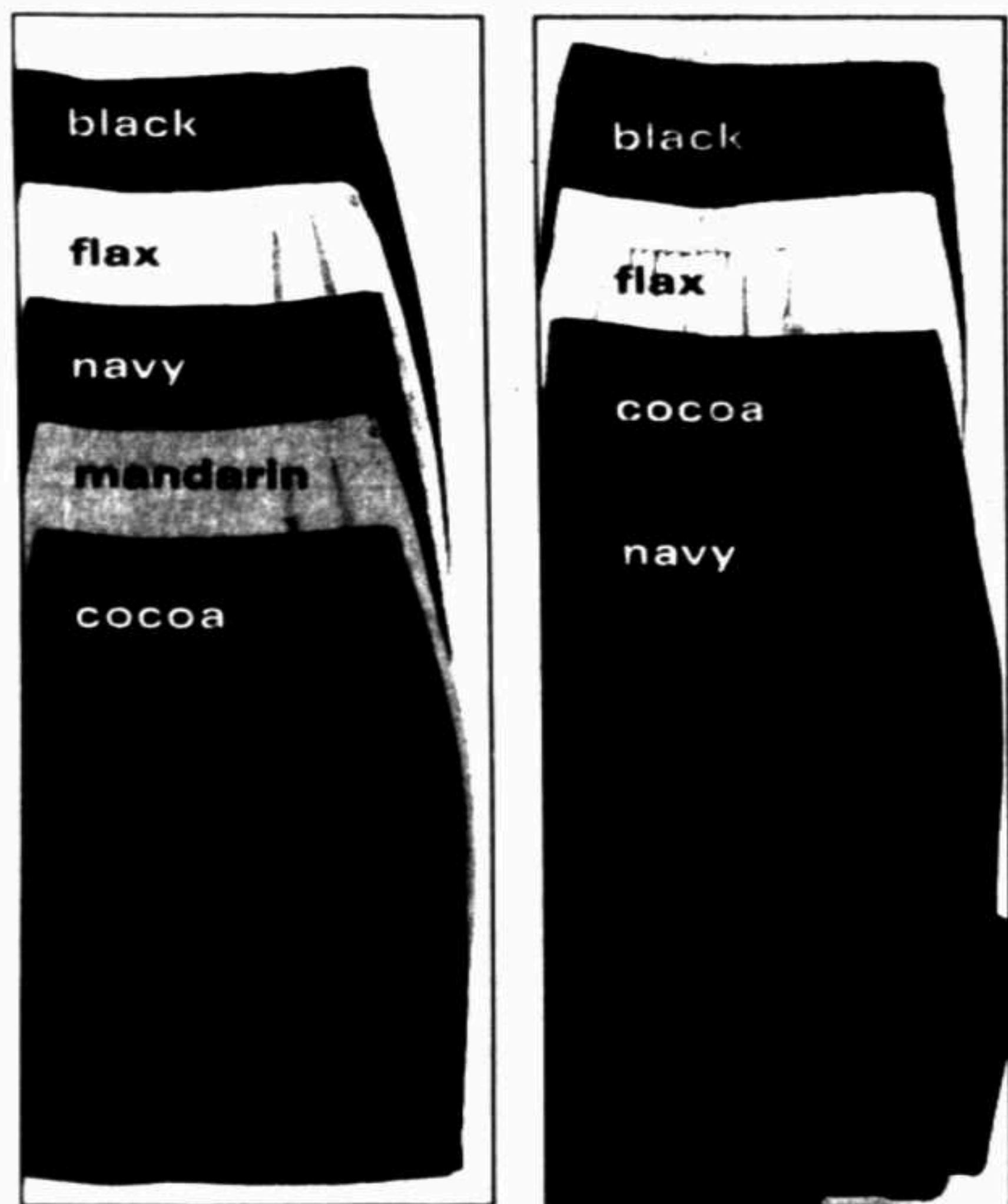
Our exclusives for misses, petites and Dillard's Women

With their easy-care fabric, classic styling and mix-and-match ability, our Joan Leslie coordinates suit your hard-working lifestyle. Jackets and skirts are fully lined; skirts and pants have back elastic. And just look at the prices!

- In solid colors:*
- \$56** MISSES JACKET
 - \$36** MISSES SKIRT
 - \$40** MISSES PANTS



Most solid pieces are Teflon® treated, so spills bubble up and wipe clean.



In patterns: jackets, \$64-\$68; skirt or pants, \$40. All rayon/polyester; misses sizes 6-18 or S,M,L,XL. Coordinating blouses also available, \$34-\$38. Similar styles and select colors available in petites sizes at the same prices, and Dillard's Woman sizes at slightly higher prices.



Dillard's

"HAPPY ADS"
 for any occasion
 as low as \$42
 Call 682-6222
 for more information.

Dillard's welcomes your Dillard's charge, Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover or Diners Club card.
 SHOP MONDAY-SATURDAY, 10A.M. TO 9 P.M.; SUNDAY, NOON TO 6 P.M. • Midland Park Mall, 697-7911

Section E
 Midland F
 Wednesd

BA
BR

Genetic

Midland College course this month help health care stand more about revolution. Basic Human Pedigree through the Midland Health Science education program offered 8:30 a.m. Course fee is \$3. Information, call 697-7550.

Fly fish

Permian Basin to meet 5:30 p.m. Wadley-Barron Cuthbert Avenue Michael's, 723. T.J. Jimerson, guide for the S. northwestern. be the guest s. ested parties a. more informati. 697-7550.

Chili Co

The first Am. 19 Barbecue a. for the benefi. Foundation, is. 501 Air Park R. ested in enteri. becoming spo. 5511.

Quilters

The Midland meet 1 p.m. to. Road Church. gram is to be. For more info. 1388.

Kiss-a-P

The kick-off. Kiss-a-Pig Cor. of the Americ. ation, is to be. Gerardo's Cas. Spring St. Tick. son. Reservati. by noon Friday. Rios at 683-56. tion at 570-123.

Populat

WASHINGTON. Star State is p. destination for. ent countries a. the United Sta. the state's pop. decade. A qua. population gro. and 1997 resu. tional migrati. ures issued Tu. Census Burea.

TODAY'S

For informati. books, library. get a library c. County Library. on CITYLINE. ry 7100.

Permian Ba. Association, 7. field, third floo. Midland Art. International T. nication, 4400. 689-7875 or 6. Singles Gro. Methodist Chu. lor.

Arco Articul. ARCO Buildi. Uptown Cha. and Professio. cheon prograr. Lynn Clark, 68. Tall City To. 11:30 am, Per. ate Center, 68. hessey).

Company D. Company D. 7. 7:30 pm, Texa. Armory.

Midland Ap. board of direc. Club room.

Seniors Ove. p.m. Americ. Park Road, 68. 3236.

Midland Co. Board, noon. Human Servic. Blacksheep. Glenwood Ho. 1788, Info. 56. Alcoholics A. West Texas E. System, 563-

BASIN BRIEFING

Genetics course

Midland College is offering a course this month designed to help health care workers understand more about the genetics revolution. Basic Genetics of Human Pedigree is offered through the Midland College Health Sciences Continuing Education program. The class is to be offered 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday. Course fee is \$50. For registration information, call 685-4518.

Fly fishers meet

Permian Basin Fly Fishers are to meet 5:30 p.m. Thursday at Wadley-Barron Park, A Street at Cuthbert Avenue and 7 p.m. at Michael's, 723 W. Wadley Ave. T.J. Jimerson, instructor and guide for the San Juan River in northwestern New Mexico, is to be the guest speaker. All interested parties are welcome. For more information call Bob Boone, 697-7550.

Chili Cook-off

The first American Legion Post 19 Barbecue and Chili Cook-Off, for the benefit of Make a Wish Foundation, is set for March 28 at 501 Air Park Road. Persons interested in entering the event or becoming sponsors may call 682-5511.

Quilters Guild

The Midland Quilters Guild is to meet 1 p.m. today at Golf Course Road Church of Christ. The program is to be on machine quilting. For more information call 694-1388.

Kiss-a-Pig Contest

The kick-off event for the 1998 Kiss-a-Pig Contest, for the benefit of the American Diabetes Association, is to be 7:30 p.m. Friday at Gerardo's Casita, 2704 N. Big Spring St. Tickets are \$35 a person. Reservations must be made by noon Friday by calling Freddy Rios at 683-5600 or the association at 570-1232.

Population growth

WASHINGTON — The Lone Star State is proving an attractive destination for people from different countries and other parts of the United States, helping drive the state's population growth this decade. A quarter of the state's population growth between 1990 and 1997 resulted from international migration, according to figures issued Tuesday by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Story page 3B

TODAY'S AGENDA

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

Permian Basin Small Business Association, 7am, 405 N. Marienfeld, third floor conference room.

Midland Articulators Chapter of International Training in Communication, 4400 N. Big Spring St., 689-7875 or 682-8820.

Singles Group, First United Methodist Church, 6:30 pm, parlor.

Arco Articulators, 11:30 am ARCO Building, 688-5760.

Uptown Chapter of Business and Professional Women luncheon program, Petroleum Club, Lynn Clark, 682-0291.

Tall City Toastmasters Club, 11:30 am, Permian Basin Graduate Center, 688-3193 (Bob Clahessey).

Company D, 403rd MP BN, Company D, Texas State Guard 7:30 pm, Texas National Guard Armory.

Midland Apartment Association, board of directors, noon, Clusters Club room.

Seniors Over 50 Dance, 7:30 p.m. American Legion, 501 Air Park Road, 682-5111 or 694-3236.

Midland County Child Welfare Board, noon, Department of Human Services, 901 W. Wall St. Blacksheep A.A. group, 7 p.m., Glenwood Hospital, 3300 S. FM 1788, info. 563-1200.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m., West Texas Behavioral Health System, 563-1200.

Oilman: 'We are at critical stage'

A small pump jack bearing the sign "Well Shut In!! Due to low oil prices" sits in front of the office of Ray Sharp, right. With him is Gene Armstrong. Tim Fischer Reporter-Telegram



By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Just as Ray Sharp survived the Great Depression, World War II, and those cyclic petroleum busts in the 1960s and the 1980s, he is hell-bent on outlasting the late 1990s bust now making inroads into the West Texas economy.

The current posted crude oil price of \$11 a barrel was about double that amount a year ago. The 1998 slump prompted Sharp to erect a sign lamenting "WELL SHUT IN!! Due to Low Oil Prices" on a functioning pump jack at the front of his Midland Quay Valley Inc. office in Midland.

Sharp, a 71-year-old independent oil operator staked out the iron sign to "get people's attention."

"We are right now at the critical stage ...

within a dollar of being critical, maybe \$2," before the economy deeply undermines independent operators and the West Texas petroleum-based economy similar to the post-Spraberry boom and bust of the 1960s and similar to the imported oil glut that played havoc with Midland's economy in the mid-1980s when prices dropped below \$10 a barrel.

"I don't mind voicing my opinion to the right people," Sharp said Tuesday of the heightened Middle East oil production that is driving down oil's market price at home and alarming producers.

"Why in the hell do they want to overproduce when they could control the production, save their reserves, and sell it for \$25 (a barrel)?" Sharp said.

If the domestic price drops much further Please see OIL/2B

Her name in print

Alamo 8th-grader wins essay contest on Texas history

By Richard Enos
Staff Writer

Katie Kriser knows what it's like to see her name in print.

The Alamo Junior High School eighth-grader recently earned recognition for her trip back into time with her Texas history research project.

Katie's article "Fort Davis" was recently published in the Haley Library Newsletter, as part of the library's annual Honors Research Project. Katie's entry won out among Texas history entries from seven other students from MISD's four junior high schools.

The 13-year-old student said it was thrilling to see her two-page essay on the mountain fort in print in the March 1998 library newsletter. She turned in her project to the library about a year ago when she was in seventh grade.

"It was exciting," she said of seeing the newsletter. "I've never gotten published. It's never happened before."

She hasn't shared her work with her friends, though.

"I don't like to brag a lot," Katie said.

Katie's entry details the reasons why Texans and the U.S. Army established Fort Davis in 1854. The fort and its troops protected an Anglo settler trade route between San Antonio to El Paso from raids by Native Americans.

"The Fort was located at the eastern base of the Davis Mountains and was surrounded by canyon walls on three sides," her essay reads. "It was originally thought that this would provide the soldiers some protection against the winter weather. However ... the Indians could easily hide in the

Please see CONTEST/3B

Alamo Junior High student Katie Kriser's article on Fort Davis was published in the Haley Library Newsletter. Brian Adamcik Reporter-Telegram



Professor: Americans pick bad investments

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Television channels such as Cable News Network and CNBC flash constant updates on the stock market, and the Dow Jones industrial average's ups and downs can dominate headlines.

Thanks to such instant information and the rapid growth in self-directed retirement investments such as 401(K) plans, more Americans are paying closer attention than ever before to the nation's markets.

Still, Americans are not paying close enough attention to their investments, according to Richard C. Marston, the James R.F. Guy Professor of Finance and Economics at The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

Marston was in Midland Tuesday to give a presentation on the importance of diversifying investment portfolios and including international investments in those portfolios.

Please see INVEST/2B



New scoreboard

The Midland High School baseball team began its 1998 season Tuesday against Lee High School. The local Coca Cola company has donated a new scoreboard for Zachery Field, the home field of the Midland High baseball team. Please see game coverage/1C.

Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

Trial begins for woman accused of killing husband

By Rick Lopez
Staff Writer

Jurors heard opening statements from the state Tuesday in the murder trial of Barbara McMullen, 49, who is accused of shooting and killing her husband on July 13, 1997. Prosecutors say that the woman went out drinking the night of the slaying, and shot her husband, Joseph McMullen, 36, in a drunken rage.

The McMullens had lived in Midland for only a month before the shooting. They had been married for 12 years.

Assistant District Attorney John Westbrook told the 142nd District Court jury that Ms. McMullen confessed to authorities about

Please see TRIAL/3B

JIMMY PATTERSON

Jacks' unassuming dedication makes them winners despite season

ODESSA — The lasting impression from the Odessa Jackalopes' first hockey season in West Texas has to be of head coach Joe Clark in front of a television camera saying, "I could live here forever." His words weren't just spoken to appease the wild throngs that regularly attended the team's love-fests at what had become known as the Jack Shack. Joe Clark meant what he said.

Here's a transplanted New Englander from Maine, a state with coastline, trees and a little variation in its topography coming to the desert and actually liking it. Clark's statement was a testament to what has unfolded in the last six months, when the team first set up shop in the city next door.

In October, people were saying, "Hockey? Here? What, are you crazy?"

But if you went to a Jackalopes game this year, you

saw that sentiment disappear, replaced by something that has truly been a phenomenon. The people of Midland and Odessa developed a relationship with these players, something more than a fan-athlete relationship. It was more like a friend-to-friend relationship. It wasn't exactly Cary Grant and Deborah Kerr in "An Affair to Remember." It was more like Jack and Rose in "Titanic." This ship was going down, this hero was dying, but Rose's love never once abated.

I talked to guys who had never seen anything other than a football in 30 or 40 years go to one hockey game as skeptics and return again and again as fanatics. There were as many women at games, and the place was packed with families at every home date.

Sure, it had to do with the fast action, the scuffles, the players being splattered against the boards, but it also had to do with the people here genuinely liking these guys. At Saturday night's last game, a fan had hung a sign from a facing in the stands that said simply, "Bring Back Margeit." Don Margeit, traded to Central Texas last month, may or may not have been the most

popular Jack, but when he was on the ice, people knew they were getting their money's worth.

We're not talking about future NHL stars here. We're talking about players pursuing their dreams, knowing all along that they'll never reach the top shelf, but giving it everything anyway.

Go to an Angels game and chances are you'll see a half-dozen future Major League All Stars over the course of a season. Go to a Jacks game and you see people like your kid or your big brother scrapping to get by on a fraction of a major leaguer's salary, but playing just as hard, if not more so.

The people here appreciate the effort these guys gave off the court, too. Man of the Year winner, Nick Lamia, visited children in hospitals. You don't get that sort of story every day with professional athletes, which makes these guys refreshing.

At a practice a couple of months ago in Odessa, goalie Billy Pye skated over to the glass, pointed to his stick, then pointed to a small boy. A couple of minutes later,

Please see PATTERSON/2B

CONTEST: Student visited fort to research her article

(From 1B)

rocky terrain above the Fort." Katie actually visited the fort several times to gather information for her project. Much of the structure is intact, she said, although the troop barracks have deteriorated.

"There's just the outer rim of the barracks," she said. "The officers' quarters are still standing. The officers' quarters were huge, almost, compared to the soldiers' quarters." The cramped quarters were heated by simple coal-burning stoves. The inhabitants had problems with disease because the practice of medicine was primitive.

"I just can't imagine that in the day we lived in now," she said.

The fort was later occupied by the Confederate Army during the American Civil War. Troops continuously faced problems with meager supplies and uncomfortable conditions.

She said it was interesting to learn that after the war the U.S. Army sent four companies of black soldiers — or "Buffalo soldiers" — to stay at Fort Davis from 1867 to 1881.

Eileen Corley, who was Katie's teacher in honors Texas history in the seventh grade, said the class project allows students to practice and enhance research skills.

"This is wonderful recognition for her and her school," Ms. Corley said. "She'd been to the fort, but when she did a report she learned so much that she didn't see the first time through it."

Katie, the daughter of Steven and Dana Kraser, said she's not sure whether she wants to be a professional writer.

"Sometimes I write poetry and stuff. If I get bored I like to write," she said. "I don't know if I'd like to go into the field."

International migration helping fuel Texas' growth

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Lone Star State is proving an attractive destination for people from different countries and other parts of the United States, helping drive the state's population growth this decade.

A quarter of the state's population growth between 1990 and 1997 resulted from international migration, according to figures issued Tuesday by the U.S. Census Bureau. Texas gained 2.4 million residents between 1990 and 1997, nearly 600,000 of them coming from outside the United States, the numbers show.

Nearly 11 percent of the 5,626,775 people who migrated to the United States during the seven-year period chose to settle in Texas.

The foreign migration outpaced the state's gains from other states, with 461,428 people choosing to relocate to Texas from elsewhere within the United States over the same seven-year period.

All told, international and domestic migration accounted for 43 percent of the state's growth at a time when the Texas population

soared from 16.9 million to 19.4 million people. During that period, Texas edged New York to become the nation's second most populous state.

The state's demographer, Texas

A&M University professor Steve Murdock, noted however that most of the Texas growth is resulting from natural growth — in other words, the rate of births over deaths. The state recorded 2,344,158 births and 969,352 deaths during the 1990-1997 period.

"By far the largest single component of our growth has been natural increase," Murdock said Tuesday. "We have a high natural increase rate so that is a big factor in terms of our overall growth."

Just as natural growth is clustered — Harris and Dallas counties

account for one in every 3 of the state's births, Murdock noted — most of the foreign arrivals are choosing to settle in a handful of urban Texas counties.

Fully half of the 598,303 foreigners who settled in Texas during the period surveyed gathered in just three Texas counties: Harris, Dallas and El Paso, according to county-by-county population data compiled by the Census Bureau, which reflects estimates of both legal and illegal immigration.

In the case of Harris and Dallas counties, the international migration helped stanch the loss of in-state dwellers who moved elsewhere. Harris County lost nearly 96,000 people to domestic migration during the seven years, yet made up for that loss with an

inflow of just under 152,000 foreigners.

The population shift was a wash in Dallas County, which lost 85,549 people to domestic migration but gained 86,671 from international migration during the period.

El Paso County, which saw a loss of 44,283 people to domestic migration, gained 62,298 from foreigners' move to the county.

When natural growth is added to the equation, Harris, Dallas and El Paso counties proved population gainers during the period surveyed, posting growth rates of 12.1 percent, 9.2 percent and 18.6 percent respectively.

Roughly 80 percent of the population growth is occurring in about 25 of the state's 254 counties, Murdock noted.

Texas gained 2.4 million residents between 1990 and 1997, nearly 600,000 of them coming from outside the United States.

TRIAL: Ms. McMullen confessed, prosecutor says

(From 1B)

shooting her husband in their three-bedroom home.

"She told the police and the 9-1-1 operators that she killed him ... and the ballistics show that her gun fired the bullets," Westbrook said. "There is no dispute over that. The only real question is whether she did it in self-defense."

The victim's mortal chest wound was fired at close range, Westbrook said. A trail of blood found at the scene revealed that the man fled to the kitchen and the defendant shot him in the back.

Westbrook also told the jury that Ms. McMullen and her daughter had been drinking at Fast Freddy's bar until closing time on the night of the shooting.

"The barmaid remembered that she had cut (Ms. McMullen) off because she had too much to drink. She wouldn't sell her anymore beer," Westbrook said.

A phone number that police found on the Caller ID unit at the McMullen residence led them to believe that the defendant went to her daughter's house after the bar and called her husband from there. "She asked him to pick her up, but he refused to," Westbrook said. "The next thing we know, he was dead."

The defendant had told police that she shot her husband because he assaulted her that night, Westbrook said.

"No furniture was disturbed, no lamps were knocked over ... she did not have torn clothing. A female officer took her to the bathroom and looked at her. There were no marks on her body," Westbrook said. "But a couple of days later she called from the jail and had bruises. The question is where and under which circumstances

did she get them?"

He noted that the defendant told police that her husband had never beat her before that night, and described the victim to officers as a "mild-mannered man."

The defendant had a concealed gun license, and she and her husband owned several firearms.

"We have to determine if she carried the gun to Fast Freddy's, or did she have to go get the gun out

of her drawer and shoot him," Westbrook said.

He also noted that Ms. McMullen told paramedics that her husband had been dead for 17 minutes before they arrived.

"What did she do for those 13 minutes before she called 9-1-1?" Westbrook asked.

The trial will continue Wednesday at 9 a.m.

THE HILLANDER SCHOOL

is now accepting applications for new students in pre-school through sixth grade for the school year 1998-99.

For more information
phone 684-8681

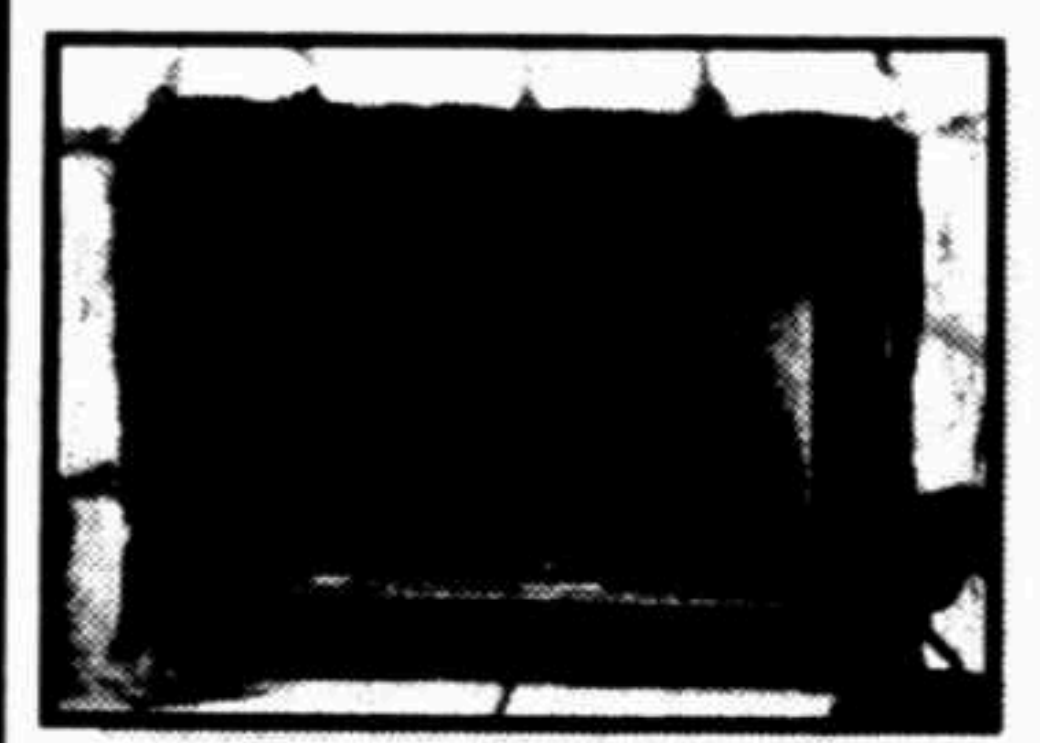
office hours are - 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

1998 KISS-A-PIG CONTEST KICKOFF EVENT

MARCH 21, 1998 - 7:30 PM
GERARDO'S CASITA

Join Us For A Fun Fiesta! \$35 per person - Casual Attire
RSVP by noon Friday, 3/20
Freddy Rios 683-5600 or after 6:00 686-8071
or American Diabetes Association 570-1232
must pick up tickets prior to event

Churchill's 4612 Billingsley Blvd #37
North Park Shopping Center
520-6283



Wellington Gas Logs

For a limited time, receive
FREE INSTALLATION
With Every Gas Log Purchase
That's A \$45 Value!



Fireplace Accessories

25% OFF
Fireplace Tools & Accessories,
Wrought Iron, Brass and
Wood Baskets

Open Monday - Friday 10am - 6pm • Saturday 10am - 5pm

A GOOD TIME FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Proceeds raise money for elk, other wildlife and their habitat.

Attend a Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation dinner and benefit auction where fun and fundraising combine for a memorable evening.

Date: April 4, 1998

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Lea County Cultural Center
Hobbs, N.M.

Ticket Information: Call Mack Payne
(505) 394-2935



AM I Smiley today ... **YOU BETCHA!** The closer we

come to **The Midland Downtown Lions Club's 42nd Annual ...**

Pancake Jamboree

Lions Club Activity Building, 200 Plaza Street
All Day, March 21st, 1998

6:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. The happier I am!

Tickets: Available from any Lions Club Member or at the Door

☺☺ ☺☺ **\$4.00 - Buffet Style**

☺☺ ☺☺ **\$6.00 - VIP (Seated & Served)**

Delicious ... Pancakes, Sausage, Drinks

(And Don't Forget the Fellowship & Fun)

Entertainment All Day... Ya'll Come -Ya'Hear!

WELL, NEIGHBOR! ... I really do get smiley as ...

☺☺ I've been thinkin' about the Pancake Jamboree and it means so much to so many people, like the little girl at the Texas Lions camp as she grasped the Lions knee and said, "Mr. Lion, I sure love you," and then as you know of people walking many miles in Mexico and in other third world countries just to get a pair of your used eye glasses or for a cataract operation. So now as you are getting ready to join us for the BIG DAY I hope you get your ticket in advance so you won't have

to stand in that long line (weather and all) or you can come in the afternoon, as suggested, and enjoy the day even more

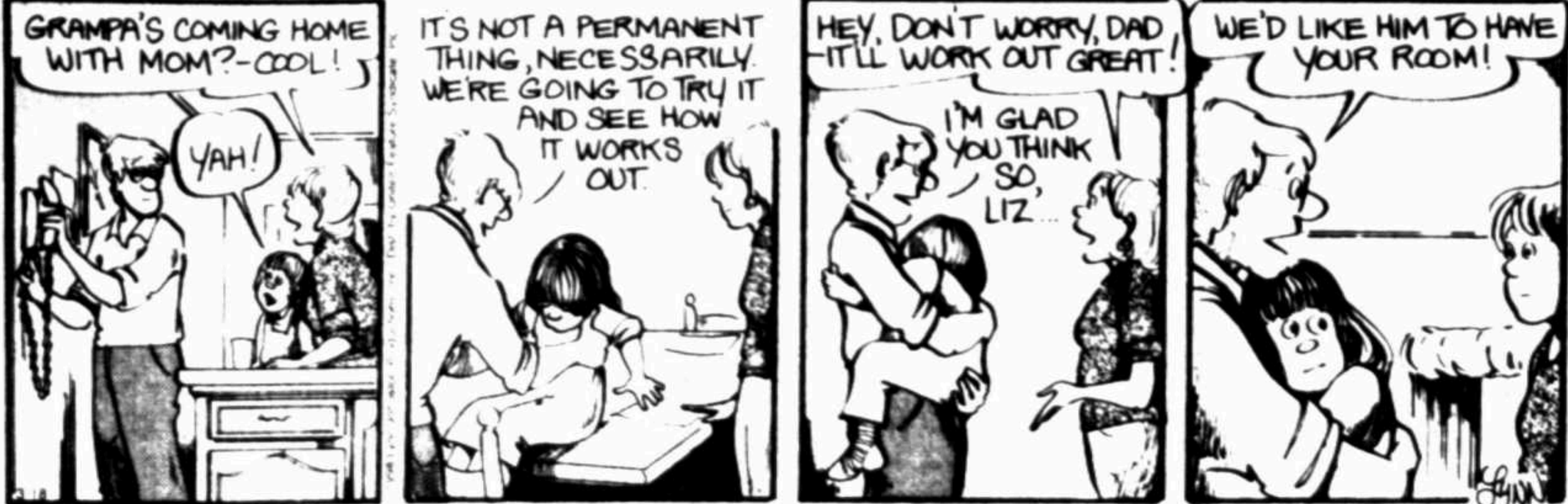
The Midland Downtown Lions Club would like you to join them in service by becoming a member or even offering to help recycle glasses.

Call Ray Gwyn - 682-1242



M
A
R
1
9
9
8

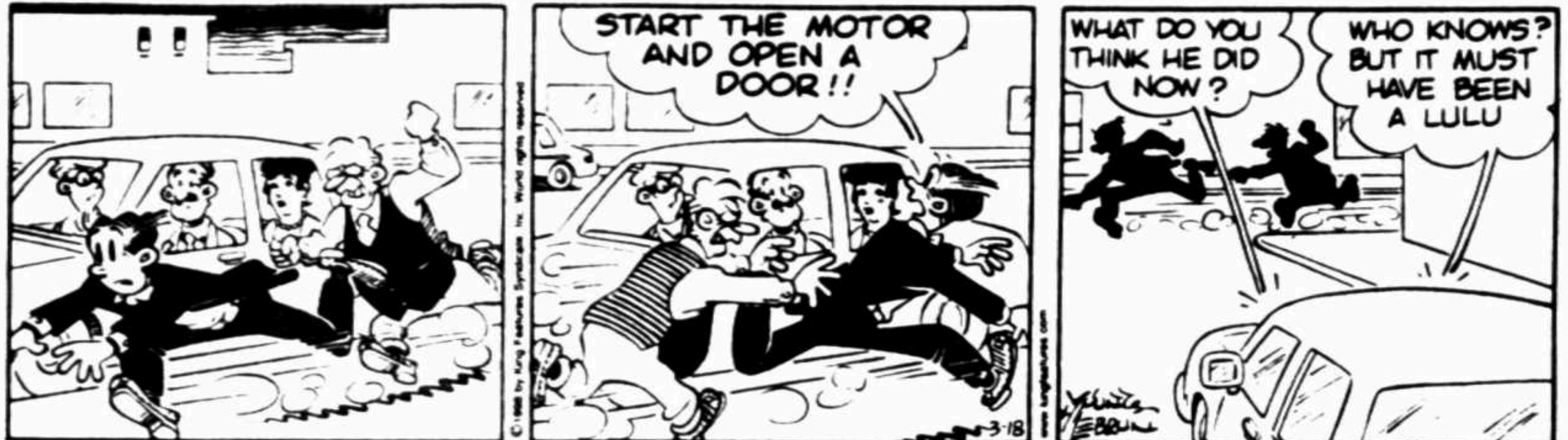
FOR BETTER OR WORSE



FUNKY WINKERBEAN



BLONDIE



BEETLE BAILEY



PEANUTS



SHOE



GARFIELD



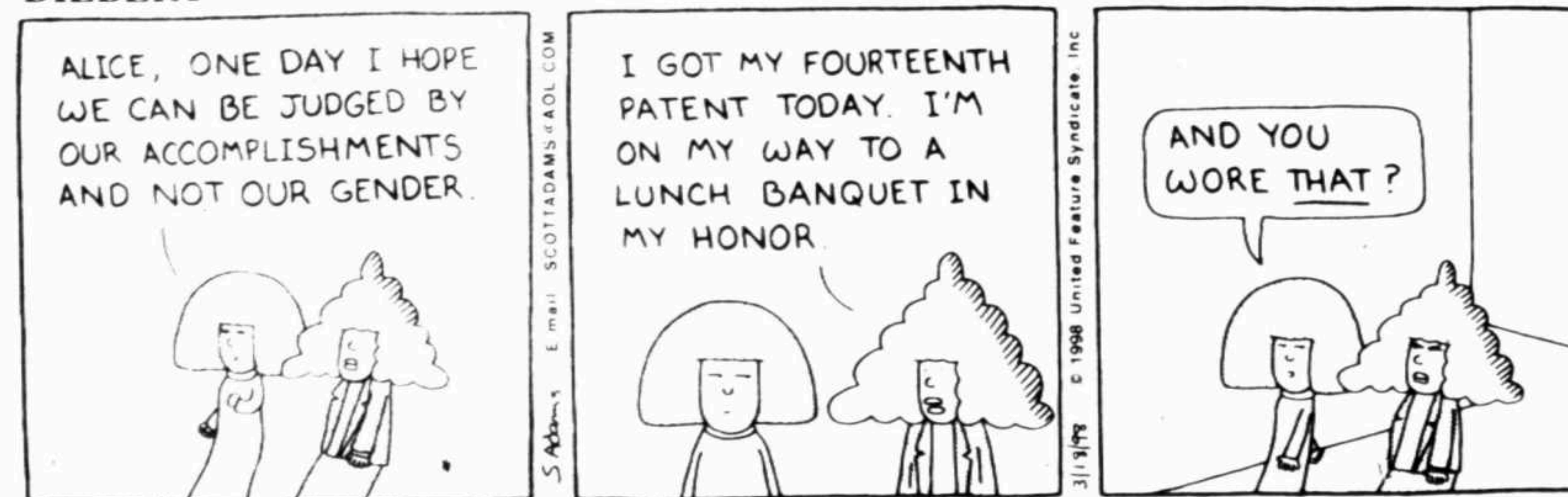
CATHY



WIZARD OF ID



DILBERT



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



LUANN



MARY WORTH



JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 1998

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, March 18, 1998: You detach and see the big picture this year. You are willing to grow and expand your boundaries. A foreigner could play a significant role. Unexpected insights are likely. Sometimes, you find it hard to keep a secret. This could be a problem! Career takes a predominant role, especially in the second half of the year. If you are single, romance is likely to be unique and could take the form of a stranger. If attached, you reach a new level of loving spirituality in the relationship. **SAGITTARIUS** can challenge you.

BORN TODAY Olympic speed skater Bonnie Blair (1964), novelist John Updike (1932), singer-actress Vanessa Williams (1963)

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** The unexpected occurs. Flow with a situation. Brainstorm with a friend; together, you devise workable ideas. Attend a meeting, network and gather friends together. Dig up news, and find someone in the know who can act as a sounding board. Tonight: See a movie. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ***** A discussion enhances close relating. You cannot, and must not, predict what a boss has planned. Know that you are dealing with a wild card. Touch base with a trusted associate; brilliant ideas will emerge. You work especially well as a duo now. Tonight: Go for togetherness. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ***** Unexpected news forces

you to restructure time. Excitement surrounds you as you plunge into work. Focus, clear your desk and make some free time this afternoon. Networking, discussions and brainstorming are highlighted in the evening. Tonight: Join your pals. **CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ***** Surprises provoke your imagination and allow you to gain a new perspective. You are full of ideas; use this ingenuity to enhance your personal and professional life. Study the financial implications of a decision. There are many ways down the path. Tonight: Get physical. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Take care of personal matters first. A family member reverses course. Partnerships are exciting, though not always easy. Look at the positives. The feedback you receive is valuable. Allow imagination to run wild; you give birth to new ideas, more pleasure and greater fulfillment. Tonight: Need I spell it out? **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Talks are important, especially concerning work and day-to-day life. Don't take anything for granted. A purchase could help you. Add to your work space or consider a home office if you don't have one. Check out an investment. Tonight: Put your feet up. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** A child or loved one surprises you. Your vision of what could be might be off. Do not assume that you have another figured out. Remain even, secure and aware of your boundaries. Money is a key issue; do not take any risks for now. Stay level-headed. Tonight: Visit a close friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Use the morning hours for whimsy. You not only add to your own life, but also another's. Let people into your life, and be open to new ideas. An offer feels too good to be true. Be realistic about your limits. Take time to balance your checkbook. Tonight: Pay bills. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Clear up paperwork and handle personal matters early in the day. You will feel much better by afternoon, and will be ready for a more aggressive push. Listen more carefully to what another shares. Your personality melts barriers. Tonight: Go for what you want. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Listen to a friend who has your best interests in mind. Carefully analyze someone's jolting money news. How the situation appears isn't necessarily the way it is. Be more forthright about your choices. Remain upbeat, and don't settle. Tonight: Get to bed early. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Accept responsibilities. It is time to take action on things that are important to you. It isn't wise to do anything halfway. Make time for a meeting. Your ability to network, get what you want and make an impression is highlighted. Tonight: Make it memorable. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Make a long-distance call, and touch base with another. You might be unable to keep a secret any longer. Be realistic about your limitations. Doors seem to open; don't hesitate to walk through. Others seek you out for feedback. You are intuitive. Tonight: Work late.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

THE MIGHTY DEUCE

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ A 8 3
♥ 8 5
♦ A K Q 10 6
♣ 9 5 4
WEST
♠ Q 9 6 5
♥ A Q 10 7 2
♦ 7
♣ K 8 2
EAST
♠ J 7 2
♥ 6 4
♦ J 9 3
♣ Q J 10 7 6
SOUTH
♠ K 10 4
♥ K J 9 3
♦ 8 5 4 2
♣ A 3

The bidding:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
Pass 1♥ 2♦ Pass
3NT Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Five of ♣
A seemingly innocuous discard can come back to haunt you. West learned that lesson the hard way on this deal from a rubber-bridge game. South, with a near opening bid, wasted no time in getting to a game once partner announced enough for a vulnerable overall. There were eight fast tricks, so a ninth had to be developed.

West did well not to lead a heart. Declarer played low from dummy at trick one, captured East's jack of spades with the king and started on diamonds. West had to find four discards. One spade and two hearts were easy to spare. Unfortunately, for the fourth West chose the deuce of clubs, and declarer needed no more.

A club was led from dummy and ducked in the closed hand. West took the king and exited with a club, but that simply delayed the inevitable. Declarer won and returned the king of hearts, and West had a choice of

ways with which to commit suicide. Whichever major suit West chose to return would present declarer with the fulfilling trick.

To defeat the contract, West had to retain three clubs and discard a third heart on the last diamond winner. Now West would always have a club exit no matter how declarer maneuvered. Try it!

Learn to be a better bridge player! Subscribe now to the Goren Bridge Letter by calling (800) 788-1225 for information. Or write to: Goren Bridge Letter, P.O. Box 4410, Chicago, Ill. 60680.

CLOSE TO HOME



AN EFFECTIVE TOOL IN FIGHTING CRIME
MIDLAND CRIME STOPPERS
694-TIPS
1-800-7-LOCK UP
REMAIN ANONYMOUS * CASH REWARDS
Complete Confidentiality - (No Caller ID Used)

'Two Fat Ladies' recipes skewed in translation

By Suzanne Hamlin
N.Y. Times News Service

Feeling playful, I badly wanted to produce an edible "hedgehog," a whimsical five-pound meatloaf with olives for eyes and almonds for prickles, offered by the wildly popular British cooking team known as "The Two Fat Ladies."

The recipe in their new book, "Cooking With the Two Fat Ladies" (Clarkson Potter, \$25), seemed bizarre — like a lot of them in this misbegotten effort — and I should have known better. But I followed it to the letter, implanting a pound of almonds all over the loaf before putting it in a 450-degree oven.

The instructions called for roasting at 450 degrees for 15 minutes, then reducing the heat to 350 degrees and cooking for an additional hour and a half. But after 10 minutes in the oven, the massive hedgehog, its almond prickles already burned and a-quiver, looked as if it had barely survived a brush fire.

As the "Two Fat Ladies," Clarissa Dickson Wright and Jennifer Paterson are a triumph on British television, and the BBC says their two-year-old show is its most-watched cooking show ever. Their career took off in the United States when the Food Network began broadcasting their shows last year. In the blink of an eye, they developed a cult following among those who have an innate fondness for British eccentrics in the tradition of Miss Marple and "Fawlty Towers." It is their rapid rise here, of course, that makes this careless effort at a cookbook so regrettable.

As I tested these recipes, I ran into a staggering string of six out of six that did not work. The number of servings is never given even though it clearly varies from recipe to recipe. And pan sizes are often omitted.

Little effort has been made to attribute the original source of many of the recipes, either to cook or country (a coffee and walnut cake that the authors "think is a Polish recipe" is a variation on a Middle Eastern sweet, to cite one example).

When the recipes are casually attributed to other food writers — like Paula Wolfert's Duck With Quinces — precise directions are diluted here, making them less useful. Worst of all, little translational editing or recipe testing is in evidence from the American publisher (the book first appeared

in Britain two years ago).

On camera, the two hefty middle-aged women do nothing — including cooking — by the book. (An enterprising producer put the two cooks together after a chance encounter and told them simply to be themselves — no sound bites, no script, no studio kitchen.) They're genuine eccentrics — droll, undaunted, opinionated, catty and rather odd — and as appealing as someone else's dotty aunts.

But eccentricity and farce fail to be compelling in a cookbook that purports to be useful. Their book based on the show is, to its credit, filled with appealing close-up food photographs and the pair's running commentary, often caustic.

But as one more sloppy compendium of recipes in a field already so full of carelessness, this book is a stand-out.

And that's too bad. I was beguiled by many of the recipe titles, like Eggs Drunkilbo, Bean Meanz Fitz and Marinated Loch Fyne Kippers, and the stories attached to them.

But one has only to make the luscious sounding Tillprone Orange Food With Orange Shortbread to realize that something is wildly amiss. Pictured as a thick and creamy orange pudding, my American version is wan and thin as a sauce.

Could it be that in England, a pint of thick local cream, three eggs and two cups of orange juice would indeed thicken into a spoonable dessert? No matter how good the cook, our thin-as-milk "heavy" cream just won't work.

And why is that hedgehog meatloaf cooked for an hour and 45 minutes, until it becomes as dry as a bone? (Putting aside the burned almonds, for a second.) Does meat in England possibly have more fat?

Where, too, can one buy the "fig balls" called for in the stuffed roast of lamb?

Or the grouse, or the young hare with its liver, heart and blood, a requisite for jugged hare.

The ladies themselves, who encourage a cavalier attitude in the kitchen, might tell frustrated cooks just to make do — after all, coping is the Wright-Paterson modus operandi. And for those who fail to make dinner from such casual instructions, there is always the clever text — the fattest part of the book — for consolation.

There are a few good cooking nuggets here, like grating frozen butter on a cheese grater to make biscuits called Naxian Cheese

Coins. (The recipe, substituting Parmesan for kefalotyri, a Greek cheese, is attributed to a cousin who lives on Naxos.)

Of course, the 375-degree oven temperature given in the recipe will burn the little biscuits in about 5 minutes (the recipe calls for 10 to 15 minutes).

And at any temperature, their bottoms will scorch if the baking sheets aren't lined with parchment, an instruction that is not included in the book. Once the recipe was adjusted though, the little savories were, as the ladies promise, "perfectly splendid with a good cocktail."

A cocktail, at that point, was more than welcome.

NAXIAN CHEESE COINS
Adapted from "Cooking With the Two Fat Ladies"

Time: 25 minutes, plus 2 hours' refrigeration

3/4 cup unbleached all-purpose flour

3 Large pinch salt

Large pinch cayenne pepper

1/2 teaspoon paprika

1/2 teaspoon celery salt

1/2 teaspoon dry mustard

1 cup finely grated Parmesan cheese

1/2 cup unsalted butter, frozen

1 egg yolk

Sift the flour, salt and spices into

TWO PHARMACISTS LOSE OVER 70 POUNDS WITH HERBAL TABLET

A pharmacist in Nashville, TN has lost 40 pounds and another in Hutchinson, KS has lost 32 pounds. Both pharmacists attribute **DR.'S HERBAL ENERGY** to their weight loss success. The unique formulation of eight herbs combined with chromium picolinate is why **DR.'S HERBAL ENERGY** is so effective in improving metabolism, boosting energy and alertness, and burning calories. **DR.'S HERBAL ENERGY** is recommended as a daily dietary supplement and is now available at:

YOUR LOCAL PHARMACY
4517 North Midland Drive
697-0871

a bowl. Mix in the cheese. Remove the butter from the freezer, grate on the coarsest side of a 4-sided grater, and mix into the flour with a knife or your fingers until the mixture is crumblike. Beat the egg yolk, and combine it with the cheese mixture to bind it. Knead until pliable.

Divide the dough into three pieces. Roll each piece in the palms of your hands to form a sausage about the diameter of a large coin. Place the shaped dough on a board, and refrigerate for at least 2 hours.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Cover one or two baking sheets with parchment. Slice the dough into 1/4-inch "coins," and place them half an inch apart on the baking sheets.

Place a rack at the oven's middle level, put one baking sheet into the oven, and bake for 8 to 10 minutes (do one sheet at a time if using two baking sheets).

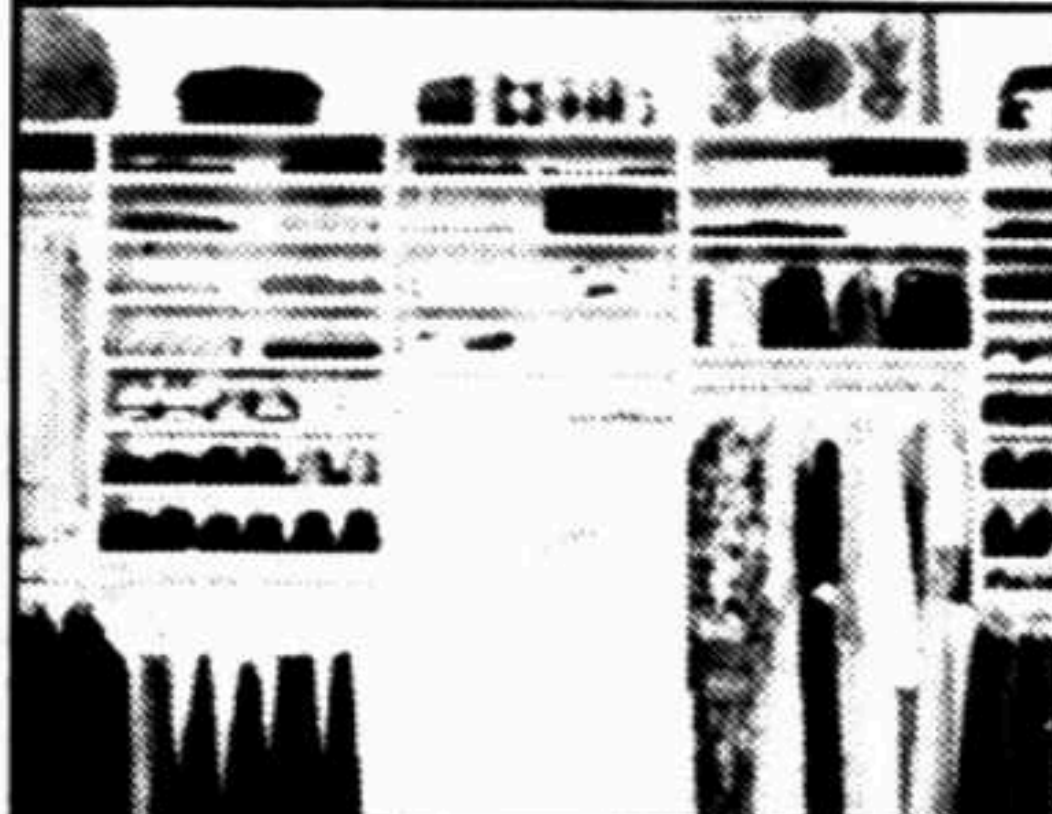
Turn the sheet around, from back to front, halfway through the cooking time.

When done, the coins will be crisp and golden brown.

Cool on a wire rack, and store in an airtight tin at room temperature.

Yield: 3 dozen wafers.

Carefree Closets Midland Texas CUSTOM ORGANIZING SYSTEMS



✓ Become more organized than you ever dreamed possible.

✓ Increase storage space without the high cost & inconvenience of remodeling.

✓ See our closet-display exclusively at...

Call for free in-home design consultation!

(915) 528-3730

"We experienced a warm, family environment and personal attention..."



"In December of '95 our daughter Blair was born at the Birthplace. We experienced a warm, family environment and personal attention from the nursing staff. We decided to come back in September of '97 and we had Mills."

Kelly Hullender



Our family of services ... serving your family's needs

522-CARE



4214 Andrews Highway • Midland
www.westwoodmed.com

When Kelly and Todd Hullender learned they were expecting their second child, they chose to return to the Birthplace at Westwood. That pretty much speaks for itself.

In addition to our home-like labor, delivery, recovery, postpartum suites in the Birthplace, Westwood offers a wide range of services: diagnostic, surgical, intensive care, physical therapy, wound care, 24-hour urgent care, and home health services.

QUITTING FIXTURES FOR SALE!!! BUSINESS!

EVERYTHING WILL BE SOLD TO THE BARE WALLS

ALL SPRING
SPORTSWEAR

30-60%
OFF

SPRING SUITS
& DRESSES

UP TO
60%
OFF

PROM DRESSES

40-60%
OFF

ALL WOOL COATS
LONG & SHORT

75%
OFF

ALL FALL
FASHIONS

60-75%
OFF

LARGE SELECTION
OF FURS

1/2 OFF

ALL SALES FINAL

Same Fine Quality You Have Known For 32 years

skibells
FOR FASHION

COURTYARD AT MIDLAND PARK
4410 NORTH MIDKIFF 694-8861

HOURS
MON - SAT, 10:00 - 6:00

AROUND TOWN

Midland Christian Club will have Guest Night 7-9 p.m. at Midland Christian Church. "Street Rod" entertainment. Simmers will be Your Kicks.

The young st. Shane and Kim provide "Crucial" Guest speaker of Midland "Who's in the Dr." Cost of attend. is \$20 per pers. check to Midland Club Women. Include the na. attending and n. Evers, 2502 G. land, Texas, 797. MCWC is no. tional and has n. or dues.

The group m. Tuesday of eve. hosts a night m. year for spous. who can only at. For more info. 682-5451...

...55 PLUS I. will have a da. March 28 in the ty Center, 200 P. Emil Schatt. Texas Express will provide t. ment. Admission son.

Singles and invited to attend free and alcohol. Coffee and tea able.

For more info. 694-4322...

...PERMIAN ter of Nation. Fund Raising E. meet 11:30 a.m. the Confederat. building.

Frank Shann on "When You Receives: My Aggie Fundrais. The organiza. also 11:30 a.m. CAF. Susan Wic the Respirator. Institute will sp. dation Guidelin. and Reap"...

...ST. JOHN'S School will cor. West Texas Ch. Meet 8 a.m. M. Stadium in Ode. ing ceremonies a.m. Events w. running long j. throw, meter d. 2000, 400 and 800 relays (400, 1. meters).

Entry fee is \$ be awarded to f. ners in each e. will be award. eighth place wi. ceeds will bene.

...SPRING IN a health fair f. zens, will be a.m.-2 p.m. Ma. land Senior Ce. Dellwood Mall.

The event v. betes education blood pressur. nutrition scre. emergency p. foot and nail. breathing fu. depression a. screening, ar. about injuries. tion safety.

The health fa. by Midland Sen. Infusion Plus. For more in. 681-7636...

...C.O.M. BEREAVEME group will mee. 19 at Hospice o. W. Texas St. A. lost a loved. recently or lon. to attend. F. mation call 682.

...NEWCOM will meet for a.m.-1:30 p.m. Cattleman's St. N. Big Spring. Cost for the lu. \$7.55 per p. Williams of 3. Center will pr. gram. Rese. required; call 6262...

...FRIENDS library's annu. be 2 p.m. Marc. ond floor me. Midland Co. Library. Jon. present a prog. tory of Midla. and the Petrol. particular. The Friends. open 9 a.m. Wednesday a. 2305 Michiga. books for the. annual book s. donations are. main library...

AROUND TOWN

Midland Christian Women's Club will have a "Route 66 Guest Night" 7-9 p.m. April 3 at Midland Country Club. "Street Rod" enthusiast Larry Simmers will speak on "Get Your Kicks."

The young singing duo of Shane and Kim Stokes will provide "Cruising Tunes." Guest speaker George Patton of Midland will present "Who's in the Driver's Seat?" Cost of attending the dinner is \$20 per person. RSVP by check to Midland Country Club Women by March 31. Include the names of those attending and mail to Twana Evers, 2502 Goddard, Midland, Texas, 79705.

MCWC is non-denominational and has no membership dues.

The group meets the first Tuesday of every month and hosts a night meeting once a year for spouses and those who can only attend at night. For more information call 682-5651.

...55 PLUS DANCE Club will have a dance 8-11 p.m. March 28 in the Lions Activity Center, 200 Plaza.

Emil Schattel and West Texas Express of Lubbock will provide the entertainment. Admission is \$6 per person.

Singles and couples are invited to attend the smoke-free and alcohol-free event. Coffee and tea will be available.

For more information call 694-4322.

...PERMIAN BASIN Chapter of National Society of Fund Raising Executives will meet 11:30 a.m. March 25 at the Confederate Air Force building.

Frank Shannon will speak on "When You Kick Off, A&M Receives: My Life as an Aggie Fundraiser."

The organization will meet also 11:30 a.m. April 22 in the CAF. Susan Wider Lovelace of the Respiratory Research Institute will speak on "Foundation Guidelines: Read 'Em and Reap'."

...ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL School will conduct the 1998 West Texas Christian Track Meet 8 a.m. May 9 at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa. The opening ceremonies will begin 7:45 a.m. Events will include the running long jump, softball throw, meter dashes (50, 100, 200, 400 and 800 meters), and relays (400, 1500 and 1600 meters).

Entry fee is \$5. Medals will be awarded to first place winners in each event. Ribbons will be awarded to second-place winners. All proceeds will benefit the school.

...SPRING INTO HEALTH, a health fair for senior citizens, will be conducted 10 a.m.-2 p.m. March 21 at Midland Senior Center located in Dellwood Mall.

The event will offer diabetes education, heart and blood pressure screening, nutrition screening, home emergency preparedness, foot and nail examination, breathing function tests, depression and anxiety screening, and education about injuries and medication safety.

The health fair is sponsored by Midland Senior Center and Infusion Plus.

For more information call 681-7636.

...COMMUNITY BEREAVEMENT support group will meet 7 p.m. March 19 at Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas St. Anyone who has lost a loved one, whether recently or long ago, is invited to attend. For more information call 682-2855.

...NEWCOMERS' CLUB will meet for luncheon 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. March 19 at Cattleman's Steak House, 3300 N. Big Spring St. in Midland. Cost for the luncheon will be \$7.55 per person. Burr Williams of Sibley Nature Center will present the program. Reservations are required; call 686-8737 or 570-6262.

...FRIENDS OF the library's annual meeting will be 2 p.m. March 29 at the second floor meeting room of Midland County Public Library. Jon Lindgren will present a program on the history of Midland in general and the Petroleum Building in particular.

The Friends' bookdrop is open 9 a.m.-noon every Wednesday and Saturday at 2305 Michigan, for donations of books for the organization's annual book sale. Magazine donations are welcome at the main library.

CONSUMING INTERESTS

'Pudding in a pouch' appeal appears limited to youngsters

By Linda Anderson

Every now and then I find some new product in the supermarket that I have to try, just because it looks so outrageous.

The most recent one of these "what-were-they-thinking-of" items is something called SqueeZert, which — no kidding, I'm not making this up — is pudding in a pouch. Really!

Advertised as "The Squeezable Dessert," SqueeZert is basically pudding in pouches that kids (of any age, I guess) can squeeze so the pudding will come out the top. My first thought upon seeing this product was: "What for?"

My second was: "Sure, they're marketing pudding that kids can eat with their hands, like they

needed any encouragement to make messes!"

Imagine a whole roomful of kids, squeezing pudding out of pouches. How much do you suppose will actually end up in their mouths and how much on their clothes, furniture, books, toys, friends, parents...

I had to buy some, if only to say I had. I couldn't help but wonder who it was who thought up this new snack anyway — someone with no children, no doubt. Or maybe, in fact, the originator is a child.

Label advertising claims this "Fun-To-Eat Snack-In-A-Pouch" has a "Rich and Creamy Taste!" and is "Low-Fat!" It comes in several flavors, including chocolate and vanilla with cookie crumbs (that one sounded even too messy to buy). Naturally I bought a box of chocolate.

Each 7.5-ounce box contains three 2.5-ounce pouches of pudding, and costs \$1.29 — probably more expensive than most puddings you eat with a spoon, but may compare with the price of

Play-Doh.

Nutrition information on the back of the package shows that one single-serving pouch of SqueeZert chocolate pudding contains 110 calories, with 25 of them from fat.

In the taste test, several of my children were the official participants, and their opinions differed, mostly by age. The oldest one said, "It was disgusting; it had an odd whang to it; and why would you want to eat it like that when spoons are plentiful?" The middle didn't really express much of an opinion, and the youngest one said, "I liked it because I didn't have to use a spoon! It's fun! It's pudding in a tube — how is that not fun?"

And there you have it folks. I guess grown-ups just don't understand.

Price listed is from a local supermarket. Prices at other locations may vary.

Linda Anderson is a Reporter-Telegram staff writer.



Anderson

DEAR ABBY

Husband tired of position in home cleaning lineup

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I desperately need some advice. I have been married for 12 years to a woman who is very self-centered. Her main concern is her job. She couldn't care less if we live in a pigsty. She feels that her long hours at work excuse her from any home responsibilities.

I realize that people have certain obligations to their jobs, but I have talked to her co-workers who have similar workloads, and most of them get their work done during regular office hours and don't have to stay late.

Abby, I am ashamed to have guests come to our home. She does clean before her co-workers come over, but otherwise she doesn't bother. You can't even get into our bedroom because of wall-to-wall clothes piled all over. And our children are patterning their lifestyles after hers.

I do more than my share around the house. I am the main caregiver to our children, and I'm the one who stays home with them when they're sick.

To make a point, I recently stopped cleaning. Now no one cleans.

I have talked to my wife about this. She assures me she'll do better, but nothing changes. This has begun to affect my feelings for her. I'm very family-oriented, but if changes are not made soon, our marriage may not survive. Do you have a solution for us? — TIRED OF LIVING IN FILTH, PHILADELPHIA

DEAR TIRED: Your wife may be living under the delusion that she can be "supermom/superwife," juggling marriage, children, career and housework — but she has dropped the ball. She is fortunate to have such a caring, responsible helpmate as you. However, it is unfair that you should be left to juggle all of the in-home responsibilities.

Since both of you are working, do yourselves a favor and arrange for a cleaning service to help you with the housekeeping responsi-

bilities. The peace of mind will be well worth the financial sacrifice.

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing in response to the letter from the young man whose parents disapproved of his love for an older woman with a child. The parents refused to meet the woman.

I recently received a phone call from Emmet Aanonson of Clearwater, Minn., a dear friend who was married for 53 years to Frances, a woman 17 years his senior. He insists that age has nothing to do with love.

In their youth, it was hard on Emmet and Frances because of family disapproval. His family refused to believe that a good-looking 20-year-old man could really love a 37-year-old woman with two nearly grown children.

Emmet said he did love her — until her dying day at age 90. I was with them when she died, and he is terribly lonely without her.

At one time, Frances was named outstanding senior citizen of our county. Emmet, who was a long-haul trucker, had told her he wouldn't be with her on her big day. I'll never forget when Frances spotted him at the ceremony, and the loving kiss and hug between them. Emmet had driven all night to be with her. Many times, as Emmet and I were with her at the end of her life, she would fight to come back for him.

I promised Emmet I would write to you for him because he wants that couple to know that love conquers all. — MARDEL SAMUELSON, CLEARWATER, MINN.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are in our mid-70s. Until recently, we had lived in the same house for the past 40 years. We did a lot of the building and maintenance on it ourselves. It is a beautiful home where we raised seven wonderful children.

Now that we're older, we decided to move into a condominium where there is less upkeep. One of our sons had a job change that brought him back into the area, so he was delighted to purchase our house.

Before he and his wife moved in, we installed new carpeting, new wallpaper and paint, and had some of the furniture recovered — all at our own expense. Instead of appreciating our efforts, our daughter-in-law is now in the

process of repainting in a different color and is talking about changing the carpeting and drapes and getting rid of some of the furniture. We are hurt. Every time we visit, I notice more things she has changed or gotten rid of. I know her tastes don't necessarily match my own, but I am shocked at her disregard for my feelings and the amount of money she is wasting. — DISGRUNTLED GRANDMA

DEAR DISGRUNTLED: I understand that it is difficult for you to see your cherished home changed, but your son and daughter-in-law are now the rightful owners. It is only natural for them to want to make this nest "their own."

It is a tribute to you that they chose your home to purchase. Let them enjoy it.

Abigail Van Buren is columnist for Universal Press Syndicate.



Van Buren

ARTICHOKE: Hollywood appetizer inspired by classy, legendary star

(From 8B)

future. What better way to accomplish this than by honoring one of our most famous former patrons, Marilyn Monroe, with a dish that reflects her glamorous image.

THE MONROE

4 medium artichokes
2 lemons, juiced
2 quarts chicken broth
1 carrot, sliced
1 stalk celery, sliced
3 bay leaves
1 tablespoon black peppercorns
12 large shrimp, peeled, deveined, shells reserved
2 tablespoons fresh ginger, peeled and chopped
2 shallots, chopped finely
1/4 cup chopped cilantro
1-1/2 tablespoons olive oil
1/4 cup seasoned rice vinegar
1/4 cup unsalted butter
1 lime, juiced
1 red pepper, cut into thin slices
5 green onions, thinly sliced
2 cups soba noodles or linguine, cooked as package directs (4 ounces dry)
4 sprigs cilantro, for garnish

To prepare artichokes, cut off stems. Remove outer three layers of leaves; reserve leaves. Pare dark green from bottoms. Cut each artichoke into 8 wedges. Remove fuzzy center; discard. Toss wedges with lemon juice; reserve.

Bring chicken broth, carrot, celery, bay leaves and peppercorns to a boil. Add artichoke wedges. Simmer until wedges are just tender, about 7 minutes to 10 minutes. Remove artichoke wedges; reserve. Add reserved artichoke leaves and shrimp shells to the chicken broth mixture. Boil for 15 minutes to 20 minutes. Strain and reserve 2 cups of broth; keep warm.

Saute ginger, shallots and cilantro in 1/2 tablespoon of the olive oil, about 3 minutes or until shallots are translucent. Add rice vinegar; simmer until liquid is reduced by half, about 5 minutes. Add reserved broth to vinegar mixture; whisk in butter. Bring to a boil, then remove from heat; reserve.

Toss shrimp with lime juice. Sauté shrimp in remaining 1 tablespoon olive oil until the shrimp turn pink, about 3 minutes. Remove shrimp; keep warm. In the same pan, saute 3/4 bell pepper until tender, about 3 minutes.

Toss sauteed shrimp, bell pepper, green onions and noodles together with reserved butter

sauce over medium heat, about 1 minute. Remove shrimp; keep warm.

To serve, place 8 cooked arti-

Prime artichoke season March, April and May

Associated Press

California artichokes are available in most markets throughout the year. Look for them especially in March, April and May.

During spring and winter, artichokes are generally compact, firm and heavy for their size. In the summer and fall, artichokes tend to be conical in shape. Choose spring and summer artichokes with an even green color. Fall and winter artichokes may be touched by frost — "winter-kissed" — with a whitish, blistered appearance. Color ranges from bronze to brown on the outer leaves. They turn green when cooked.

Artichokes are available in a variety of sizes from "baby" to "jumbo." All are mature when picked. Small or baby artichokes weigh 2 ounces to 3 ounces each and are ideal for appetizers, casseroles or sautes. When properly trimmed, every part is edible.

Medium artichokes weigh 3 ounces to 10 ounces each. Serve them with a low-fat dip or stuff with hot or cold meats as a light entree or salad. Large artichokes weigh 15 ounces to 20 ounces each. This size is often served whole as a dip. They are fun to share as an appetizer for two or more people.

choke wedges in a circle around edge of each plate. Twirl 1/4 of the noodle mixture with a fork and place in the center of the artichokes on each plate. Stand or arrange 3 shrimp around noodles. Garnish with cilantro sprigs and remaining 1/4 bell pepper. Pass any remaining butter sauce to drizzle over artichoke wedges. Makes 4 servings.

Recipe from: California Artichoke Advisory Board

For a free recipe brochure, send a stamped, self-addressed, business-size envelope to: Presenting California Artichokes, 350 California St., Suite 1600, San Francisco, CA 94104.

"Here, Spot!
Come on boy!
... Spot?"

Need help finding Spot, or Rover, or Fluffy? Searching for a soft, cuddly kitten to join your family? Classified offers the answer. Our lost-and-found columns are a great way to get reunited with your wandering puppy or to find a home for that Siamese that can't move to the new apartment. Pet lovers also enjoy perusing our pet classifications—they're the "purr-fect" way to shop for all sorts of pets!

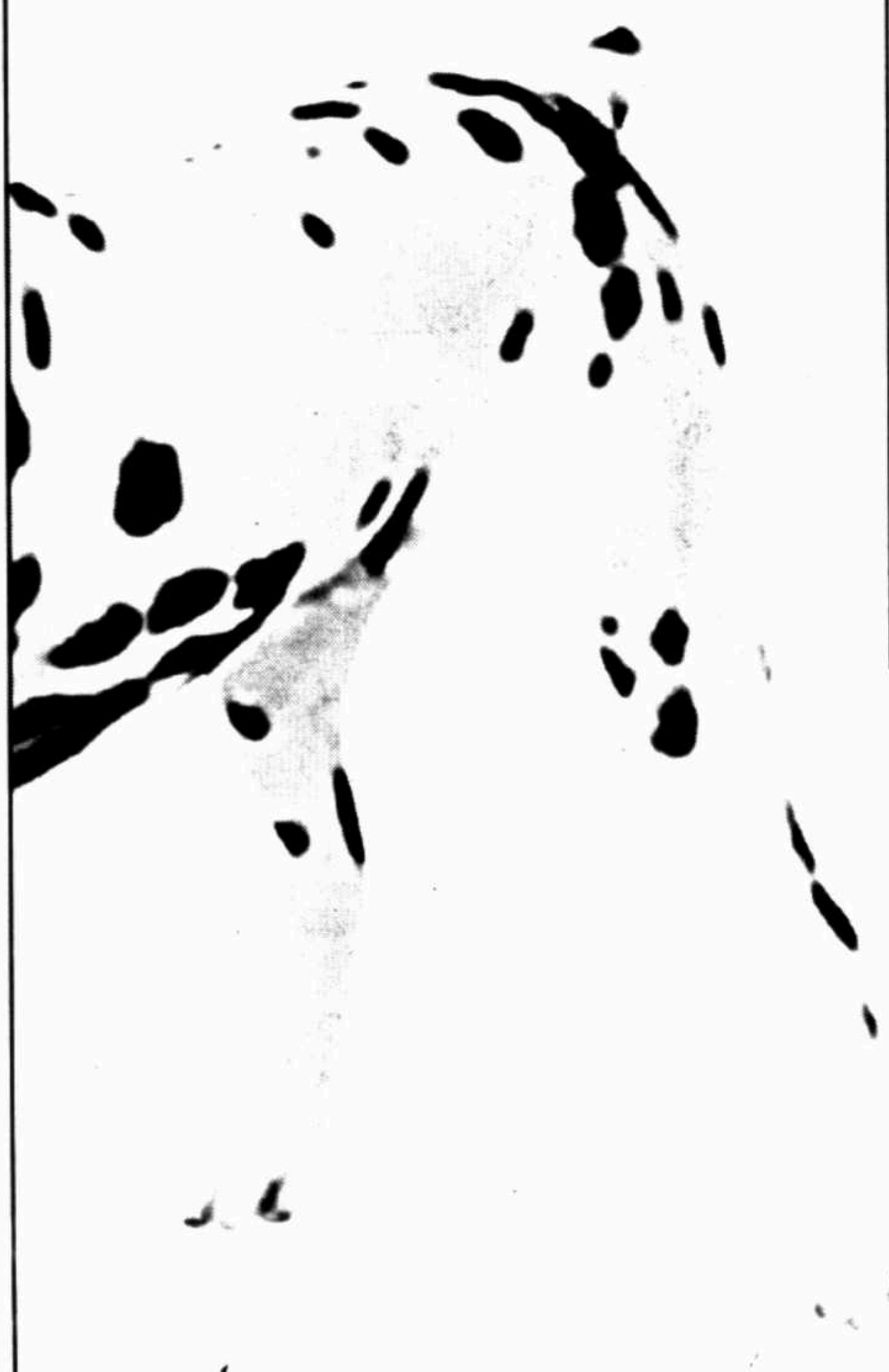
Midland Reporter-Telegram
Classified

Direct: 682-6222
Fax: 682-6999

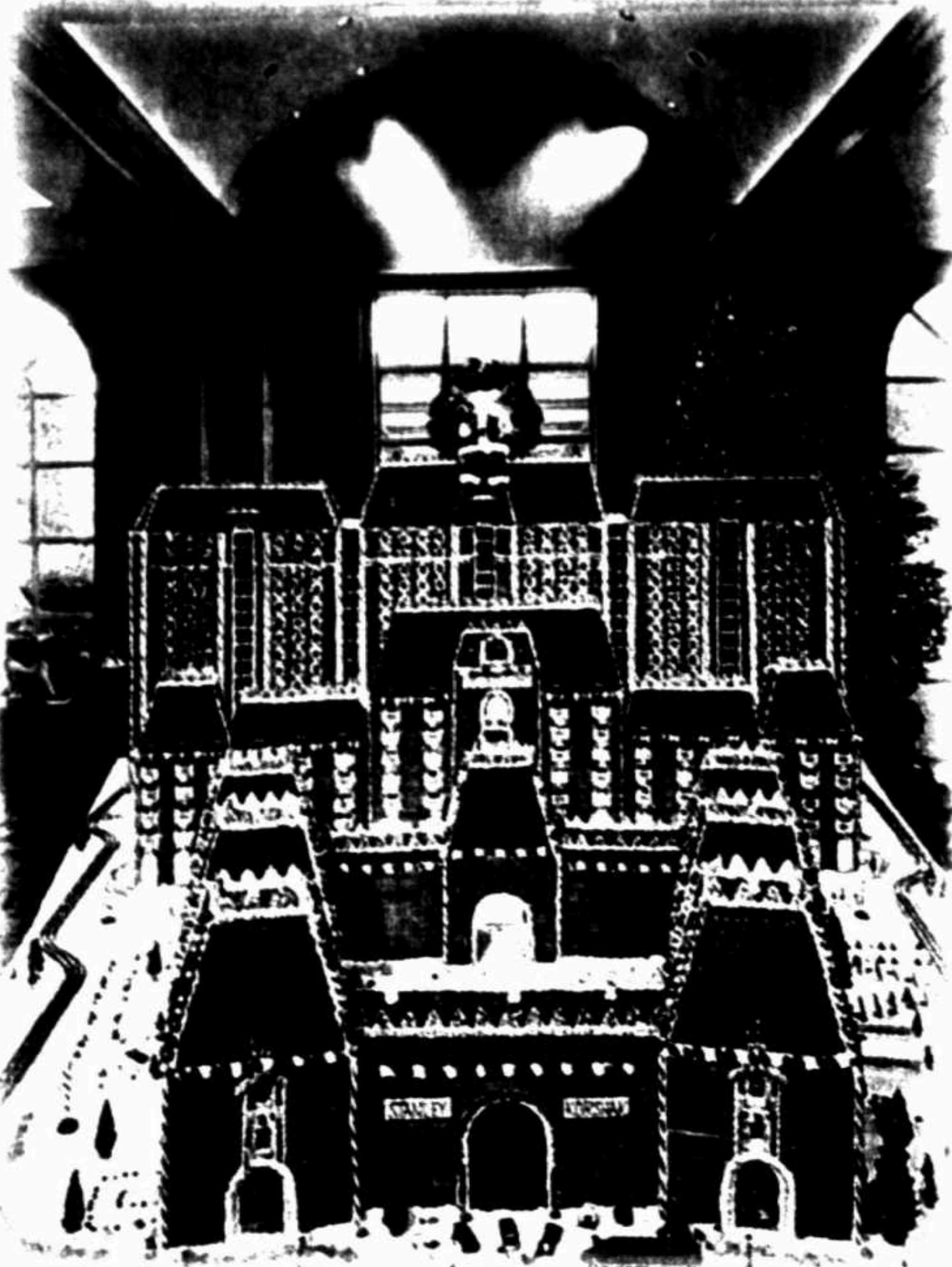
The Seal is
like the tooth fairy

LIMITED WARRANTY TO CONSUMERS
Good Housekeeping
Promises

it gives you money for things
that don't work anymore



M
A
R
1
C
1
9
9
8



The massive gingerbread Crescent Complex, left, was the 1997 edible Christmas holiday display at the Crescent Court Hotel in Dallas. It required a half ton of baking ingredients. While many hotels might choose to display flower bouquets, Crescent Pastry Chef Bill Hunter created the centerpiece, right, of 10 dozen roses. The roses, stems, leaves and urn are all made from chocolate. Each hand-designed rose weighs one pound and required two hours of preparation. The centerpiece is featured in the hotel's two-story Great Hall.

Photos courtesy of Crescent Court Hotel in Dallas



Photo courtesy of Crescent Court Hotel in Dallas

Edible Elegance

Staff Reports

Talk about a labor of love. It took a pastry staff 2,000 hours to create a chocolate bouquet of 120 roses to serve as the centerpiece to the Dallas Crescent Hotel's lobby. The chocolate roses are arranged in an urn, which weighs 110 pounds by itself. Ingredients for the centerpiece included 75 pounds of white chocolate, 108 pounds of dark chocolate, 17 pounds of milk chocolate, 16 pounds of sugar, 16 pounds of water, 21 pounds of glucose and 7 pounds of cocoa butter.

Hotel Crescent's next edible centerpiece will be an oversized replica of Faberge's Gatachina Palace Egg. It will be made entirely of chocolate, sugar and candies.

Plans are also underway to top the Holiday 1997 centerpiece, a Texas-sized, gingerbread replica of the hotel, office towers and shops, created with half a ton of baking ingredients.

Page design by Myra Lee Salcedo



Photo courtesy of the California Artichoke Board

Store artichokes in airtight plastic bag

Sprinkle fresh artichokes with water, place in an airtight plastic bag and refrigerate.

Cooked artichokes should be cooled completely, covered and refrigerated. Cooked or raw artichokes will keep up to a week in the refrigerator.

The Monroe

Artichokes billed as food of the stars

Associated Press

S tardom has often nibbled at the leaves of the artichoke.

On Feb. 20, 1948, starlet Marilyn Monroe stopped in Salinas, Calif., for a jewelry store promotion. Some of her fans, who were associated with the California artichoke industry, named her California Artichoke Queen.

Now, a little more than 50 years later, Chasen's restaurant in Hollywood, Calif., has offered a special place on its menu this month for The Monroe, a spicy combination of shrimp and artichokes.

March is the peak time for the spring artichoke season in California. This year artichokes have been scarce in past months due to the effects of El Nino, according to Mary Comfort, manager of the California Artichoke Board. "There have been very few artichokes in the field, thanks to all the hot weather California had from August right on through November. Artichokes need some cold to set their buds. How much cold? No one is quite sure but we don't know there wasn't enough."

There is optimism for a plentiful crop this month and in April, however. And artichokes are getting knods from celebrities.

"The artichoke is the food of the stars and a versatile menu performer," said Chasen's executive chef Andreas Kisler. "It has an elegant appearance, yet contrary to preconceived notions, it is easy to handle and can play a leading or supporting role in any meal — as an appetizer, soup, entree or garnish."

Added Kisler, "We wanted to link our legendary past with a luminous present and



Photo courtesy of the California Artichoke Board

Marilyn Monroe, above, was named Artichoke Queen more than 50 years ago on Feb. 20, 1948 in Salinas, Calif. Ms. Monroe, in a clipping from a Salinas newspaper, above, stands with, left to right, Edward Modena, Randy Barsotti and Enrico Bellone. In Salinas to reign over a diamond ring promotion, artichoke industry executives thought it would be great fun to take advantage of the situation and name Ms. Monroe Artichoke Queen. They had no idea at the time that the starlet would obtain legendary status. Chasen's restaurant in Hollywood is serving "The Monroe," left, this month, a spicy combination of shrimp and artichokes. The elegant appetizer is served with linguine and drizzled with a butter sauce.

Please see MONROE/7B

SP
BR

TV Spo

COLLEGE

Men, NIT thir

vs. Georgia T

NBA — Ut

Hornets, 7 p.

9:30 p.m.

ESPN — C

Tournament

nesota, third

ESPN.

NHL — Dal

Sharks, 9:30

Texas S

NHL — Dal

les Kings, lat

NBA — Da

Boston Celli

Houston Ro

Bucks 91.

COLLEGE

Women, Bay

State 47.

PREP SOC

Boys, Midlan

Caprock 2.

Girls, Midla

Coronado 1.

4-5A Ba

Midland Lea

Odessa Permian

Abilene High

SA Central

Abilene Cooper

Midland High

Odessa High

Tu

Abilene High 3.

6, Abilene Cooper

vs. San Angelo,

Odessa Permian

at 2 p.m.

San Angelo at

at 2 p.m.

at 2 p.m.

at 2 p.m.

at 2 p.m.

at 2 p.m.

at 2 p.m.

at 2 p.m.

at 2 p.m.

at 2 p.m.

at 2 p.m.

at 2 p.m.

at 2 p.m.

at 2 p.m.

at 2 p.m.

at 2 p.m.

at 2 p.m.

at 2 p.m.

at 2 p.m.

at 2 p.m.

at 2 p.m.

at 2 p.m.

at 2 p.m.

at 2 p.m.

at 2 p.m.

at 2 p.m.

at 2 p.m.

at 2 p.m.

at 2 p.m.

at 2 p.m.

at 2 p.m.

at 2 p.m.

at 2 p.m.

SPORTS BRIEFING

TV Sports

COLLEGE BASKETBALL — Men, NIT third round, Penn State vs. Georgia Tech, 8:30 p.m., ESPN.
NBA — Utah Jazz at Charlotte Hornets, 7 p.m., TBS.
ESPN — College basketball, NIT Tournament, Marquette vs. Minnesota, third round, 8:30 p.m., ESPN.
NHL — Dallas Stars at San Jose Sharks, 9:30 p.m., FSN.

Texas Scores

NHL — Dallas Stars at Los Angeles Kings, late.
NBA — Dallas Mavericks 89, Boston Celtics 93.
Houston Rockets 58, Milwaukee Bucks 91.
COLLEGE BASKETBALL — Women, Baylor 54, Oklahoma State 47.
PREP SOCCER PLAYOFFS — Boys, Midland Lee 4, Amarillo Caprock 2.
Girls, Midland Lee 2, Lubbock Coronado 1.

4-5A Baseball

District	W	L	Overall
Midland Lee	1	0	18 2
Odessa Permian	1	0	7 5
Abilene High	1	0	7 6
SA Central	0	0	7 6
Abilene Cooper	0	1	4 4
Midland High	0	1	11 7
Odessa High	0	1	5 10

Tuesday's Games
Midland Lee 13, Midland High 3; Abilene High 17, Abilene Cooper 0, 5 p.m.; Odessa Permian 11, Odessa High 5.

Thursday's Games
Odessa High at Midland Lee; Midland High at Odessa Permian; San Angelo Central at Abilene High. Abilene Cooper is open. All games at 2 p.m.

4-5A Softball

District	W	L	Season
Abilene High	4	1	17 2
Midland Lee	3	1	14 8
San Angelo	2	1	10 7
Midland High	3	2	10 8
Abilene Cooper	1	3	14 6
Odessa Permian	1	3	7 7
Odessa High	0	3	3 6

Tuesday's Results
Abilene High 3, Midland Lee 6; Midland High 6, Abilene Cooper 0 (8 innings); Odessa High vs. San Angelo, postponed until Thursday; Odessa Permian at Monahans, late.

Thursday's Games
San Angelo at Odessa High, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Odessa High vs. Midland High, MUGS field at Ulmer Park; Midland Lee at Odessa Permian; Abilene Cooper at San Angelo. Abilene High is open. All games at 2 p.m.

Drexler to coach

HOUSTON — Clyde Drexler, who starred on Houston's Final Four teams of the 1980s, will retire from the NBA after this season to coach his alma mater, sources told The Associated Press Tuesday night.
The Houston Rockets' guard, a likely future Hall of Famer, will receive a four-year contract worth \$1.2 million. Also, Reid Gettys, David Rose and George Walker will become assistant coaches. All are former Houston players.

Please see ROCKETS/5C

Lady Hawks win

SALINA, Kans. — Shawnta Johnson scored 17 of her 22 points in the second half as Howard College came from nine points down to beat Walters State, Tenn., 69-66, Tuesday in the first round of the National Junior College women's tournament.
Howard (32-2) led 34-31 at half-time after six ties and four lead changes. There were eight ties and 14 lead changes in the game.

Please see HOWARD/4C

Pack's stock sale

GREEN BAY, Wis. — The Green Bay Packers raised about \$24 million in their first stock sale since the 1950s, far short of an initial target of \$80 million, the team said Tuesday.
Still, Packers president Bob Harlan said the sale was a "phenomenal showing of fan support."
"We are truly in awe of the backing that folks have shown," he said.
The team signed up 105,989 new shareholders at \$200 per share from every state and some foreign countries in the stock sale that ended Monday, Harlan said.
More than 32,000 of the new shareholders are from Wisconsin.
"It enables us to do what we wanted to do when we announced the stock sale last May: make improvements to Lambeau Field to try and make it more comfortable and safe for our fans," Harlan said.

CITYLINE
A 24 HOUR INFORMATION SERVICE
560-2400

For Local, National and World Updates, call CITYLINE, and enter category 1200 for the main news menu.

Rebels break out for 4 goals in playoff victory

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

LUBBOCK — All season long, the Midland Lee boys soccer team has had trouble scoring. In Tuesday's area round playoff game against Amarillo Caprock, the Rebels took care of that problem in the first half.
Lee got four goals, two by senior Troy Henry in the first 40 minutes of play to seal the Longhorns' fate with a 4-2 victory at the Monterey High School athletic field.
The win sends the Rebels, who improved to 17-6 on the season, to the sectional round of the playoffs against Abilene High, who beat Lubbock Coronado 3-2 in overtime on Tuesday. The

Please see BOYS/5C

Lee girls get past Coronado to face Central in next round

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

LUBBOCK — The chances were pretty good that each member of the Midland Lee girls soccer team had one eye on Lubbock Coronado Tuesday and one eye looking past to a possible sectional round meeting with San Angelo Central this weekend.

However, when the Central girls soccer bus parked adjacent to the Coronado soccer field late in the first half, that Lee eye looking at its area round opponent suddenly lost its focus. Coronado, however, couldn't make the Lady Rebs pay the price, despite scoring a goal with six minutes

left in the game as Lee advanced to play another day with a 2-1 win over a game Coronado squad.

"We are ready (for Central)," said Lee's Carol Bombara, whose goal 34 minutes into the game was the insurance Lee needed. "We had to get past this game and now we are ready. That (seeing their bus) made us want to win and beat Coronado more."

Lee (17-4) will play 13-8 Central at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Lee Soccer Field.

The game was a tale of two halves for Lee. In the first half, Lee got on top of Coronado right

Please see GIRLS/5C

Rebels rip MHS in 4-5A opener

■ Big first inning carries Lee to 13-3 win over Midland High.

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

The District 4-5A baseball opener at Zachery Field between Midland High and Midland Lee Tuesday afternoon started off with bright optimism for the Bulldogs, complete with sunshine and a celebration of the new scoreboard over the left-center field fence donated by Coca-Cola. Polar Bear, the soft drink company's mascot, even threw out the first pitch, adding to the fun for MHS.

It was over with a half-inning later.
Well, the game might not have been over, but the Rebels made sure that Midland High's frivolity ended with Polar Bear's pitch, which was in the dirt. It was all too foreboding a sign of things to come for the Bulldogs, who were bombed for five runs by Lee in the first inning on the way to a 13-3 loss.

By the end of the game, the weather had turned considerably rougher, with howling winds and occasional flurries of rain. The change in the weather seemed to mark a change in fortunes for Midland High from the beginning of the game.

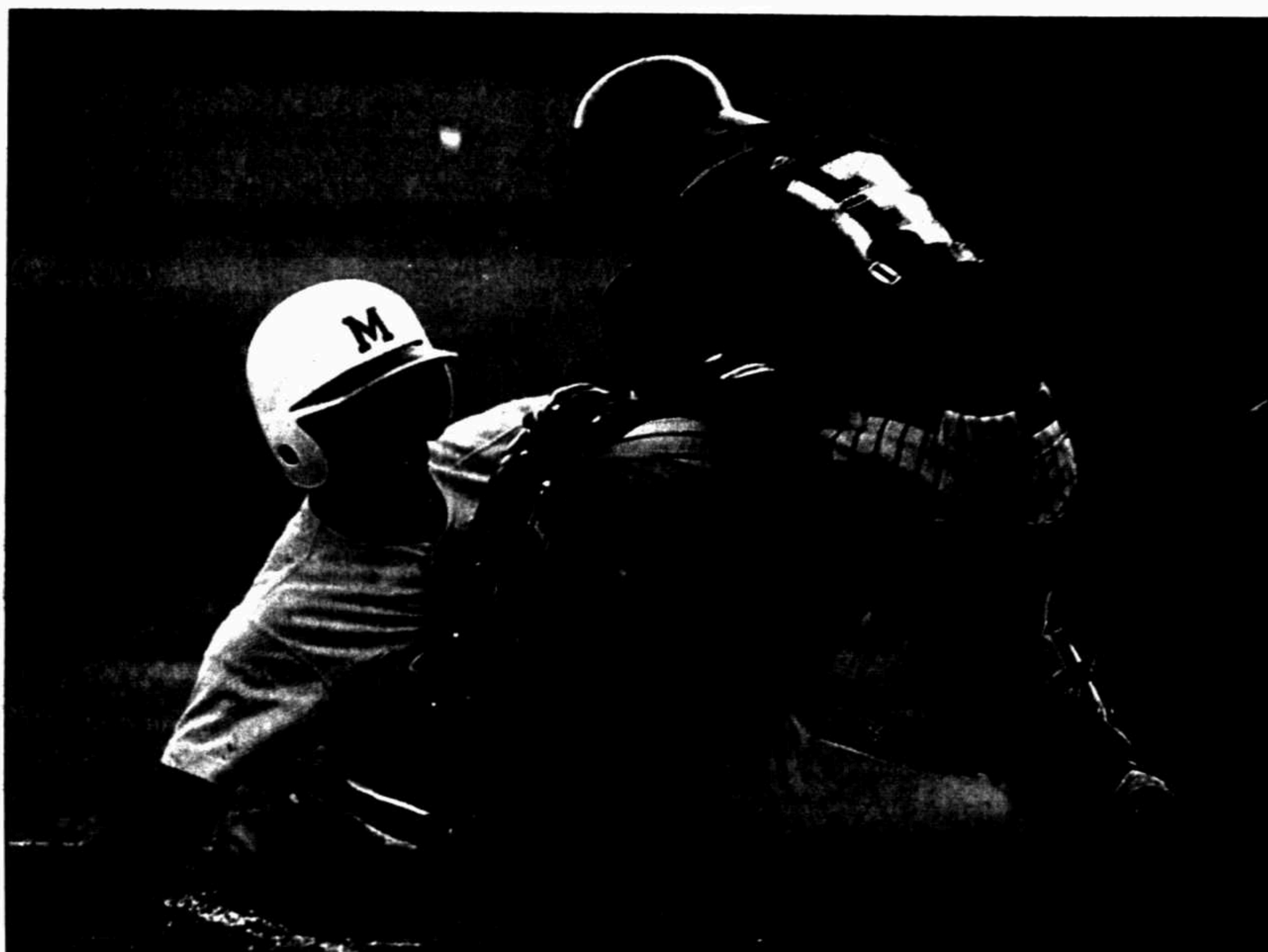
"I'm stunned by the way we played," said Midland High coach Barry Russell. "There's only one finger to point and that's at me. We weren't ready to play."

Maybe Russell is being a little too hard on himself and his team. The Bulldogs probably aren't as bad as they might have appeared at times on Tuesday, but Lee might just be that good.

The Rebels (14-2 overall, 1-0 in district) seemed to do everything right against Midland High and did little wrong. Lee pounced on the Bulldogs (11-7, 0-1) in the first inning and coasted the rest of the way.

"I thought it was going to be a closer game than what it was," said Lee coach Jesse Benavidez. "Midland High made some mistakes early and we took advantage. We had only three hits (in the first inning) but we got five runs."

Lee did its early damage against MHS sophomore left-hander Laynce Nix, who had impressively won four straight decisions. Stacy Jones led off with a single off Nix, who retired the next two batters, but his control



Midland High's Morgan Leak scores the Bulldogs' first run as Lee catcher Brett Powell drops the ball, which is visible next to Leak's elbow. Lee went on to win the District 4-5A opener, 13-3, Tuesday at Zachery Field.

deserted him after that.

Nix walked Kevin Crawford and Adrian Pena to load the bases, then Nate Brignon doubled to right field two pitches later to drive in two runs. Brett Powell then worked Nix to a full count before driving a fastball

over the left-center field fence for a three-run home run to give the Rebels a 5-0 lead. That ended the competitive phase of the game.

Please see BASEBALL/2C

Abilene High tops Lady Rebels, takes over first place in district

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

With one powerful swing of the bat at the Lee softball diamond Tuesday, Abilene High vaulted over Midland Lee for first place in the District 4-5A softball race.

In what had been a scoreless duel for five full innings, Martin sent a Brandie Row pitch over the left center field wall to break open the tight deadlock. The Lady Eagles then scored two insurance runs in the seventh for a 3-0 victory, sending the Lady Rebels to their first district loss of the season.

Abilene High is now 4-1 in district play while Lee fell to 3-1. And in the process, AHS stunned Lee in more ways than one. First, it was Abilene High's first victory over Lee. Second, it knocked Lee out of first place. Third, it ended a 14-game district winning streak held by the Lady Rebels, including 11 games of last season.

Just a week ago in Midland, the Lady Eagles dropped an 11-5 decision to the Lady Bulldogs in a game where MHS roughed up AHS star hurler Traci Smith for 10 hits. The Lady Eagles committed seven errors in that game also. Could this possibly be the same team, holding Lee to a meager three hits with errorless ball in the field?

"That game (against MHS) was really ugly," said AHS coach Jodi Anderson. "We just wanted to come back to Midland and play a complete game, and it helps when Traci is on her game. We also had some good defense."

"But the big thing here is that we had never beaten the

Lee girls, so that makes this win all the sweeter."

Both teams just seemed to be waiting for something to happen — for someone to step up and do something special. Martin was the one.

"Actually, I just wanted to hit the ball hard somewhere," Martin, a senior, said. "I wanted a line shot to get a rally started. I never thought I would hit a homer. This is the third homer I've hit this year, but the first one in district. It came at a good time."

AHS scored two insurance runs in the seventh. Laura Martinez singled, went to second on an error by Lee outfielder Yvette Bass and scored on a triple by freshman Samantha Hirsch, who had been 0-for-6 in Midland. Pinch runner Stacy Broman then scored from third on a grounder by Brandy Rice.

Lee just never got an offensive attack going, getting only three hits, two by second baseman Jennifer Aman. No Lee runner ever reached third base against AHS' Smith.

"Abilene High came to play and we didn't," said Lee coach Perry Young. "We were not aggressive with the bats and I think we were a little flat after traveling to Fort Worth to play in a tournament. I take the blame for that."

"The loss sets us back some, so we have to go to work now," Young said. "We aren't in first place now."

Lee freshman pitcher Brandie Row didn't throw badly, but she got no support from the Lee offense. She had a no-hitter brewing for 3 2/3 innings before Martinez dou-

Please see SOFTBALL/2C



Lee's Sarah Dzubinski sees a pitch that looks good to hit. Abilene High defeated the Lady Rebels, 3-0, Tuesday at Lee Softball Field.

UCLA will have to enter Sweet 16 without injured point guard Davis

By Beth Harris
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — Without point guard Baron Davis' explosive power and spirited play, UCLA isn't the same team.

Losing the Pac-10 Conference freshman of the year to a season-ending knee injury in the midst of the NCAA tournament is the latest in a series of calamities to strike the Bruins this season.

Kris Johnson and Jelani McCoy were suspended for violating team and athletic department rules last fall. Both returned in December, but then McCoy resigned from the team Feb. 14.

Now Davis is gone, leaving the sixth-seeded Bruins (24-8) without their floor leader against No. 2 Kentucky (31-4) in Friday's South Regional semifinal at St. Petersburg, Fla.

He tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee when he landed awkwardly after a dunk nine minutes into UCLA's victory over Michigan on Saturday. He will rehabilitate for three weeks, then undergo surgery.

Davis was cleared to return by team physician Dr. Gerald Finerman. He played five minutes, then watched the 85-82 win from the bench. Finerman said he wouldn't have allowed Davis to play if he thought it was a serious injury.

The Pac-10 Conference freshman of the year averaged 11.7 points and was the team's assist and steals leader.

But the Bruins managed to beat Michigan with Davis playing 14 minutes.

They also won when he fouled out of nine games during the regular season.

Without him, the load will fall on Davis' backcourt mate, freshman Earl Watson, who'll assume much of the ball-handling responsibilities. Watson had 10 points, four rebounds and one turnover in 34 minutes against Michigan.

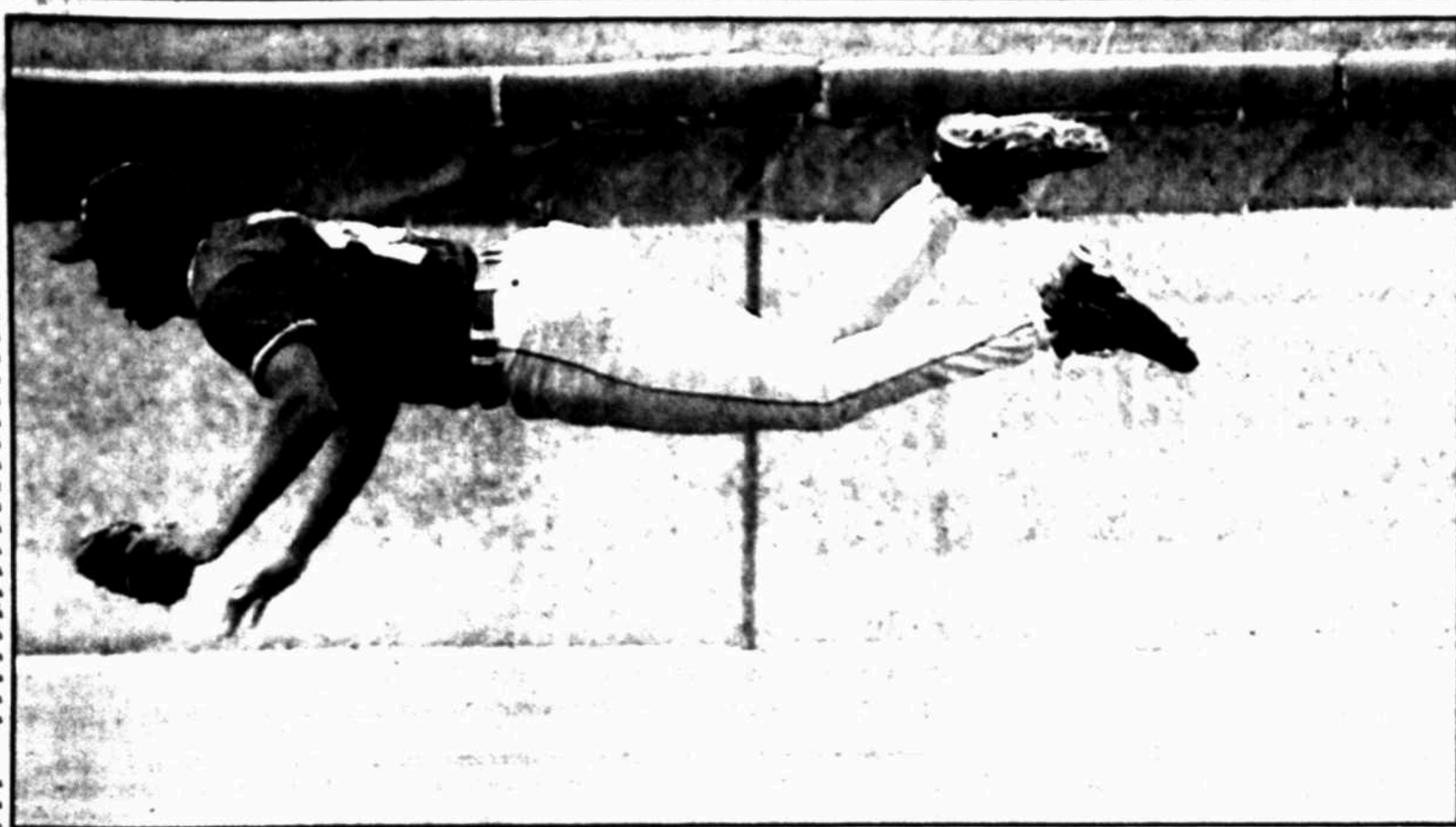
One of two freshmen, Rico Hines and Travis Reed, will start and the other will see significant minutes. Reed scored 11 points against Michigan.

Seniors J.R. Henderson, Toby Bailey and Kris Johnson know how to win a big game without an injured point guard.

In 1995, Tyus Edney injured his wrist in UCLA's national semifinal victory over Oklahoma State and played just two minutes in the championship game against Arkansas. Cameron Dollar stepped in for the final 38 minutes and the Bruins won their 11th NCAA title.



UCLA's Baron Davis dunks the ball against Miami during the first round of the NCAA Tournament Friday in Atlanta. Davis will miss the rest of the tournament after suffering a knee injury.



Kansas City Royals rightfielder Jermaine Dye makes a diving attempt but flies past a ball hit by Los Angeles' Paul Konerko during the Dodgers' 11-7 exhibition win Tuesday in Vero Beach, Florida.

Texas gets 3-run shot from Haselman to beat his former Boston teammates

Associated Press

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Former Red Sox catcher Bill Haselman hit a three-run homer to help the Texas Rangers beat Boston 7-4 on Tuesday.

Haselman's homer came against left-hander Ron Mahay in the top of the seventh and wiped out a 4-2 Boston lead.

Boston's Mo Vaughn hit his seventh homer of the spring, a two-run shot in the sixth off Matt Perisho. Perisho, who gave up two other hits in his one inning of work, was the winning pitcher.

Darren Bragg and Mike Gallego added solo shots against Texas starter Roger Pavlik, who allowed four hits in his five innings.

Texas took a 2-0 lead in the first against Boston's Tim Wakefield. Scott Hatteberg's two-out passed ball on a third strike to Kevin Elster loaded the bases. Warren Newson followed with a two-run single.

The Rangers added two runs in the eighth when Boston right-hander Joe Hudson gave up two hits and committed a throwing error.

The Rangers, at 14-6, now have the best spring training record in baseball.

Astros 5, Cardinals 1
KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Mike Hampton pitched six strong innings and Craig Biggio hit a two-run single in the Houston Astros' victory over the St. Louis Cardinals.

Hampton (2-1), the Astros' No. 2 starter, allowed six hits and one run in his longest outing of the spring.

Biggio drove in two runs with a two-out single in the fourth inning off rookie Manny Aybar (0-1).

The Astros scored in the first inning on Jeff Bagwell's sacrifice fly. Moises Alou's check-swing single off Curtis King got the Astros another run in the fifth and

Spring Training

Tony Eusebio's grounder scored another run in the ninth.

Cardinals outfielder Vince Coleman had three hits in the game and scored St. Louis' only run.

Orioles 10, Marlins 6

At Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Mike Bordick homered and drove in three runs as Baltimore battered Florida pitching for a second straight day.

The Orioles, who scored nine runs off Livan Hernandez in a 10-4 rout Monday, had six runs and eight hits in four innings against Felix Heredia (1-2), the Marlins' No. 2 starter behind Hernandez.

Twins 7, Pirates 1
At Fort Myers, Fla., rookie Eric Milton continued his impressive spring, pitching five shutout innings for Minnesota.

The left-hander, the key player for Minnesota in its trade of All-Star second baseman Chuck Knoblauch to the New York Yankees, allowed only three hits and struck out five.

Paul Molitor, who has been battling a sore shoulder all spring, had three hits in three trips to the plate. Pat Meares and Matt Lawton also had two hits apiece, and Orlando Merced drove in two runs.

Devil Rays (ss) 8, Indians 4
At Winter Haven, Fla., Luis Polonia homered and drove in three runs to spoil Jarret Wright's fourth spring start as a Tampa Bay Devil Ray split squad defeated the Cleveland Indians.

Knuckleballer Dennis Springer (1-0) gave up a high, wind-blown homer to Manny Ramirez, his fifth, but settled down to hold Cleveland scoreless into the fifth. He pitched 4 1-3 innings, allowing three runs — two earned — and six hits.

Devil Rays 2, Braves (ss) 0
At Kissimmee, Fla., Rick Gorecki scattered three hits in five innings and Paul Sorrento and Bubba Trammell had RBI singles as the Tampa Bay Devil Rays beat an Atlanta Braves split squad.

Atlanta starter Tom Glavine (0-3) retired the first two batters before giving up consecutive singles to Wade Boggs, Mike Kelly, Sorrento and Trammell. He allowed only one other hit in his five innings of work, walking one and striking out three.

Mets 1, Expos 0
At Jupiter, Fla., Al Leiter pitched five

scoreless innings and Rich Becker homered as the New York Mets sent Montreal to its eighth straight loss.

Carlos Perez solidified his bid to be Montreal's opening day pitcher by becoming the first Expo pitcher to go five innings this spring.

Yankees 3, Blue Jays 0
At Tampa, Fla., Hideki Irabu extended his scoreless streak to 12 2-3 innings and Paul O'Neill drove in three runs as the New York Yankees beat the Toronto Blue Jays.

Irabu (3-0) allowed three hits, struck out six, walked one and hit two batters in 4 2-3 innings. Alex Gonzalez, who was hit in the head by an Irabu pitch, will miss Wednesday's game.

Phillies 8, Braves (ss) 3
At Clearwater, Fla., Rico Brogna hit a three-run homer in the first inning and Bob Abreu broke a fifth-inning tie with a sacrifice fly as the Philadelphia Phillies defeated an Atlanta Braves' split squad.

Gregg Jefferies, Rex Hudler and Desi Relaford had two hits each for the Phillies. Tony Gaffanino and Danny Bautista had two hits apiece for the Braves.

Dodgers 11, Royals 7
At Vero Beach, Fla., Raul Mondesi went 3-for-4, scoring two runs and driving in two as the Los Angeles Dodgers defeated the Kansas City Royals.

Mike Piazza hit a two-run homer in the first inning, while Felix Martinez and Joe Vitiello homered for Kansas City.

At Mesa, Ariz., Tom Candiotti pitched six strong innings and the Oakland Athletics pounded out 16 hits against.

Dave Magadan, Jason Giambi and Izzy Molina homered for the A's and Henry Rodriguez had two doubles for the Cubs.

Rockies 5, Giants 2
At Tucson, Ariz., John Thomson had his fifth strong start and rookie Todd Helton homered for the second time in three days as the Colorado Rockies beat the San Francisco Giants.

Nefi Perez had a single, double and triple for the Rockies, and Thomson (3-1) allowed one run and three hits in five innings. He has given up only two runs in 18 innings overall.

Reds 6, Tigers 5
At Lakeland, Fla., Eddie Taubensee hit his second homer of the spring for Cincinnati.

Mike Remlinger (1-1) making his fifth appearance and fourth start of the spring, gave up four runs on seven hits during his four innings — including Tony Clark's fourth homer of the spring.

Turner due to make rare appearance

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Ted Turner, who has fought Rupert Murdoch and likened the practices of his rival to those of Adolf Hitler, intends to attend his first baseball meeting in years to thwart the sale of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

After a meeting of baseball's ruling executive council ended Tuesday night, a council member said Turner's decision to arrive Wednesday was the biggest news of the 4 1/2-hour council session, which began the three-day quarterly meeting.

The council member, speaking on the condition he not be identified, said the group assumed Turner, a vice chairman of Time Warner Inc., would urge owners to oppose the sale of the Dodgers from Peter

O'Malley to the Fox Group, a division of Murdoch's News Corp.

Turner bought the Atlanta Braves in 1976 and is now vice chairman of Time Warner Inc., the corporation that bought Turner's company. In 1996 and 1997, Time Warner blocked Fox from putting Fox News Channel on Time Warner's cable system in New York, which carried Time Warner's CNN.

During that controversy, Turner compared Murdoch to Hitler.

"I said that, like the late Fuhrer, he controls the media for his own personal benefit," Turner recounted later, adding Murdoch is "crazed for money and power. ... I fear him and I don't trust him."

BASEBALL: Rebels start well in district

(From 1C)

"I just stayed back on the pitch and relaxed," said Powell, who also homered against El Paso Austin in the Tournament of Champions at Christensen Stadium. "I wasn't sure quite where it was going but I felt it was gone. I figured we'd have to play the whole game to win."

Powell's homer seemed to deflate Midland High's spirit. The closest the Bulldogs came was the bottom of the second when Morgan Leak and Tyler Nobles smashed consecutive doubles off Aaron Erdworm to make it 5-1. But in the top of the third, Nix continued to struggle, giving up singles to Pena and Brignon before walking Powell to load the bases and earn his exit.

"Layne obviously didn't throw well," Russell said. "He'll have better days. He's young and he might have been a little too pumped up for this game."

Erdworm, a senior right-hander, went through no such youthful struggles. The Bulldogs did make

contact off him, but other than the doubles in the second and a two-run double by Nix in the fifth, it was of little consequence.

Just as importantly, Erdworm only walked one while striking out nine in going the distance in throwing a six-hitter.

"He looked like he was going to get himself in trouble early on," said Benavidez of Erdworm's second inning. "I had second thoughts about him, but these voices told me otherwise, so I left him out there."

With 11 hits, the Rebels left Erdworm plenty of support. Jones and Brignon each had three hits for Lee while Ryan Klatt went 2-for-3.

Joey Schlaffer came on in relief of Nix, and his wild pitch helped bring home two runs after he inherited a bases-loaded jam from Nix in the third. Schlaffer struck out nine in only 4 2/3 innings.

Russell, though, was having a hard time finding bright spots in the aftermath of the loss.

"For us to win we've got to go out and play hard every time we play," Russell said. If we don't do

that it's going to be tough. We don't have the kind of all-around talent to get away with not doing that."

As wrong as things went for the Bulldogs, that's as right as things went for Lee, and Benavidez will certainly take it.

"It's kind of hard to get beat when things are going so well for you," Benavidez said.

Midland Lee 13, Midland High 3

Lee ab r h bi Midland ab r h bi
Jones 1 5 1 3 Romero ss 4 1 0 0
Klatt 2b 3 1 2 0 King cf 1 0 0 0
Whitaker ss 5 1 1 1 R Nobles cf 2 1 0 0
Crawford 1b 2 1 0 0 Nix p-if 4 0 1 2
Clodfelter cr 0 1 0 0 Fens 1b 3 0 1 0
Pena dh 3 2 1 0 Pullen 3b 2 0 0 0
Brignon if 4 3 3 2 Johnston 3b 1 0 0 0
Powell c 2 2 1 3 Martin if-rf 3 0 1 0
Bagwell cf 3 1 0 0 Leak dh 2 1 1 0
Watson 3b 4 0 0 0 Corrales c 0 0 0 0
Totals 31 13 11 7 Totals 25 3 6 3

Lee ab r h bi Midland ab r h bi
Erdworm W 7 6 3 2 1 9
Nix L 2 1 5 7 6 4 1
Schlaffer 4 2 6 6 3 2 9
PB — Powell, Corrales WP — Erdworm, Schlaffer
BK — Erdworm T — 2-00

run in the fifth inning. Reagan Viney had three hits and drove in a run.

Abilene High 3, Midland Lee 0

Abilene High 000 001 2-3 5 0
Midland Lee 000 000 0-0 3 2
Tracy Smith and Laura Martinez Brandie Row and Nicole Pullen W Smith L Row E Lee Jennifer Aman Yvette Bass DP-AHS 20-Martinez AHS 3B-Samartha Hirsch AHS HR-Michelle Martin AHS RBIs Martin 1 Brandy Rice 1 Hirsch 1 AHS records AHS 17-2 1-4 Lee 14-8 3-1

SOFTBALL: Lady Eagles take district lead

(From 1C)

bled to center. She gave up only five hits on the day.

But Smith was even better, silencing the Lady Rebels. One of Aman's two hits was of the infield variety. The other hit came from Crista Hargrove, a single with two outs in the bottom of the seventh.

Lee will now have to travel to Odessa Permian Saturday in an effort to get back on track.

JV ACTION: The Midland Lee junior varsity climbed to 3-1 in district play with a 3-2 win over Abilene High. Jamie Rhon got the victory and Mandy Hacker got the save. Lindsey Mills drove in Brandy Gillette with the winning

Rangers' Stevens hitting better after learning to enjoy baseball

By Michael A. Lutz

AP Sports Writer

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. — Lee Stevens isn't sure if he's having fun because he's hitting well or he's hitting well because he's having fun.

The Texas Rangers don't really care to solve the riddle if Stevens can put up another outstanding season in 1998.

Stevens used to be miserable with his job until he took a tour of baseball duty in Japan and learned to relax and enjoy his chosen occupation and it paid off last season with a career year.

"I didn't have any fun with the game early in my career," Stevens said. "I took it as life and death. It was my job and it's still my job but I took it way too serious. I used to be happy only when everything was going just right. My slumps lasted longer."

Then, Stevens got a taste of Japanese culture while playing for the Kintetsu Buffaloes in the Japanese Pacific league in 1994 and 1995.

"They have a different perspective, it's a whole different world," he said. "I wanted to honor and respect their culture because they have a lot of different ways of doing things. That's helped tone me down a lot."

A milder Stevens returned to the United States and did the 1996 season with the Rangers' Triple-A Oklahoma City team.

"When I came back from Japan, I tried to respect them and I carried it back here and I've been more professional and had more respect for people. I respect a lot more of what I have here after going to Japan."

Stevens hit .300 in a career high 137 games for the Rangers last season. He drove in 74 runs and hit 21

homers. He was a valuable replacement for designed hitter Mickey Tettleton, first baseman Will Clark and right fielder Juan Gonzalez.

"I'm trying to pick up where I left off last year," Stevens said. "I've learned from my mistakes. I'm still an intense person but I've learned to harness it and use it to my advantage, instead of a disadvantage by being angry or whatever."

Stevens was selected by the California Angels in the first round of the 1986 June draft but he played only parts of three seasons with the Angels and hadn't been in the big leagues since 1992 until the Rangers called him up at the end of the 1996 season.

He took advantage of his opportunities last season. "As the season went along last year, I think I got some respect around the league," Stevens said. "The pitchers pitched me tougher as the season went along. Early on, I had to prove I could beat them, so later, they came at me a lot more."

Stevens also should be relaxed, knowing he's earned a job this season.

"There's a difference for him this year," manager Johnny Oates said. "Last year, he was fighting for a roster spot. Now he's passed that baton to someone else. Barring injury, he's in the opening day starting lineup against the Marlins."

Relaxed or not, Stevens is taking nothing for granted. Prior to Tuesday, Stevens was hitting .500 with 18 hits, ranking third in the AL this spring, with three home runs, five doubles and 13 RBIs.

"I'm still trying to earn a job, still trying to make the team," Stevens said. "Nothing is guaranteed. I've had this game taken from me before so I'll try to get hot early and often."

Dykstra decides to take some time off

Associated Press

CLEARWATER, Fla. — Outfielder Lenny Dykstra, once one of baseball's premier leadoff hitters, is ending his comeback bid for now, and maybe for good.

Dykstra, who missed the last 1 1/2 seasons recovering from major back surgery, on Tuesday said he's going to take at least "a few months" off because of recurring back pain.

"Right now, I'm not able to play," Dykstra said. "I've been masking a lot of things. The organization's been fair to me and treated me with respect, and I felt I owed it to them not to lie or try to fake anybody out. I didn't want to wait until the last day of spring training."

Dykstra, who was hitting .095 in eight games, started complaining of stiffness last Saturday.

"I'm getting nerve pain again and some numbing down my legs, so it's pretty scary," said Dykstra, 35, a three-time All-Star who helped the Phillies to the World Series in 1993. "It just comes to a point where you're physically not able to do it. I'm concerned if I keep playing what will happen the

Baseball Briefs

rest of my life. I want to be able to walk around."

Because he has a \$5.5 million guaranteed contract for 1998 and a \$500,000 buyout for 1999, it is unlikely that Dykstra would officially announce his retirement.

If Dykstra misses the whole season, the Phillies can receive up to 80 percent of the \$6 million — \$4.8 million — back through insurance claims with Lloyds of London.

"It's a sad day," Phillies chairman Bill Giles said. "Evidently, from what I understand, Lenny's not going to play again."

"I can't sit here and lie to you, I'm concerned," Dykstra said. "The back controls everything. It controls your legs, it controls everything."

Dykstra's immediate plans will be to visit two back specialists, then decide whether to attempt another comeback.

One thing is certain, Dykstra won't play beyond this season, when his four-year, \$22.5 million contract expires.

"There ain't no next year,"

Dykstra said. "I'll be drawing my pension."

Red Sox deny offer to Vaughn
FORT MYERS, Fla. — The Boston Red Sox denied they are on the verge of offering Mo Vaughn a four-year contract worth approximately \$50 million.

"We don't have any plans," chief executive officer John Harrington said Tuesday at the owners' meetings in St. Petersburg. "It was an erroneous report."

Earlier in the day, Vaughn dismissed The Boston Globe story as "speculation," saying he could not be sure of anything until he and his agent, Tom Reich, had an offer in hand.

Harrington said the door remains open for Vaughn and the Red Sox to complete a deal before the end of spring training but added, "It takes two to tango."

"We haven't talked to anybody, to my knowledge, about this situation yet," said Vaughn, in the final year of a three-year, \$18.6 million contract. "We have to see what happens. You can speculate what you want, but you've got to wait and see what the situation comes down and then evaluate it."

Le Menu

Featuring ...
Crab legs, shrimp, crawfish,
new potatoes, corn, flavored
with a medley of Cajun
spices, Drink & Dessert.

Prepared by ...
Cooks from some of the
basin's finest restaurants.

Benefiting:
Special Olympics
Permian Basin

RAGIN' CAJUN

Saturday, March 28, 1998
12:00 noon to 10:00 pm
(food served continuously - come & go)
Deer Horn Aviation 8818 W. Hwy. 80
Midland (Just east of Midland International Airport)

WESTWIND, A Magic Show,
Greenie the Clown
Double Shot, Blue Grass
& much, much more

Special appearance by
Courtney Gibbs

Celebrity Waiters
Live & Silent Auctions
Photos \$5.00

Sponsors

Midland Reporter-Telegram

\$25.00 Adults
\$20.00 Senior Citizens
\$10.00 Children under 12

Please Call for
Reservations at 915-684-5024
by March 25

Transactions

BASEBALL

American League
OAKLAND Athletics contract of OF Ernie Yan. Kansas City Royals. Assn. Dave Telgelder to their ml. camp.

National League
ARIZONA Diamondbacks Assigned SS Danny Kass. Jason Boyd, RHP Ben C. Bryan Corey, RHP Brad C. Rod Barajas, and C Mark. their minor-league camp.

Frontier League
CANTON Crocodiles Signed P Gregg Prenzlin, Carlos Rose

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Assn. WASHINGTON Wizards traded F Juwan Howard injured list.

FOOTBALL
National Football League CAROLINA Panthers to terms with WR Darryl K. Shane Matthews on one tract.

GREEN BAY PACK
signed TE Jeff Thomas year contract. Signed WR mus.

SAN DIEGO CHA
Signed C Roman Fortin to contract.

TENNESSEE OLIER
terms with RB Ricky Williams byear contract.

Canadian Football L
HAMILTON TIGER Released QB Anthony Can

National Hockey Le
CAROLINA HURRICAN RW Kevin Brown to New H

DALLAS STARS-S
Richard Jackman and assn. Michigan of the IHL.

NEW YORK RANGERS
D Eric Cairns, D Geoff Sm. Marc Savard from Hartford

OTTAWA SENATORS
Radim Baresnek to Manitoba

TORONTO MAPLE LEA
D Per Gustavsson to the Senators for a 1998 eighth pick. Assigned D Yannick T.

St. John's of the AHL
International Hockey Y IHL-Named Bill Jamie president of communication

Soccer
Alliance RESOURCES-Named Da general manager.

COLLEGE
EASTERN COLLEGE A CONFERENCE-Named Buttsville commissioner.

CENTRAL FLORIDA
Gene Chizik defensive coord. linebackers coach. Asst. offensive coordinator, Asst. assistant head coach, and S tan recruiting coordinator.

HARVARD-Named B
defensive coordinator and ic coach.

MEMPHIS-Named Ru
man assistant football coa. MONMOUTH, N.J.—A the addition of a new ci city sport beginning in the

STANFORD-Named
Shumrum offensive line coa

College Base
EAST College of N. J. Wesley

Davis & Elkins 5, Merc
St. Bonaventure 4-2, We

W Virginia St. 12-11
stown 1-2

SOUTH
Ala.-Birmingham 16, Ala

Benedictine 18, Kt. 12
Bradley 9, Stetson 5, St

Brewton Parker 9-12, St

Cent Florida 8, W. Minn
Charleston Southern 6, Chowen 10, N. Adam St.

Clemson 5, W. Carolina
Cumberland 16, Eckard

Delta St. 15-11, Mississ
East Carolina 10, Camp

Flagler 5-4, Cardinal Str
Florida Southern 8, Cum

Florida St. 9, Morehead
Guilford 5, Lynchburg 4

Jacksonville 13, Akron 2
Limestone 6, Lenoir-Rhy

Longwood 12, Hampden
LSU 4, New Orleans 2

Marshall 12, Kentucky 9
McNeese St. 15, Louisia

Miami 15, Vermont 1
Mississippi 16, NE Loui

N.C. Greensboro 3, N. C
susp. ran

N.C. Wesleyan 10, Brid
N.C. Wilmington 9, LeM

Newberry 17, Francis M
North Carolina 6, Princ

North Florida 5, Valdost
Nova Southeastern 9, N

Palm Beach Atlantic 7
Riddle 5-11

Richmond 5, Md.-Balt
Rutgers 5, Florida Atlant

Transactions

BASEBALL
American League
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Sold the contract of Eric Young to the Kansas City Royals. Assigned RHP Dave Teague to their minor-league camp.

TEXAS RANGERS—Assigned RHP Jose Guzman to their minor-league camp.

National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Assigned SS Danny Kassner, RHP Jason Boyd, RHP Ben Ford, RHP Bryan Cooney, RHP Red Combs, C Rod Barajas, and C Mark O'Malley to their minor-league camp.

Frontier League
CANTON CROCODILES—Signed P Greg Prenzler. Signed OF Carlos Rosa.

National Basketball Association
WASHINGTON WIZARDS—Activated F Juwan Howard from the injured list.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Agreed to terms with WR Darryl Strawberry. Signed QB Mattathias on a one-year contract.

GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed TE Jeff Thomas to a three-year contract. Signed WR Lee DeMauro.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Signed C Roman Felt to a two-year contract.

TENNESSEE OILERS—Agreed to terms with RB Ricky White on a multi-year contract.

Canadian Football League
HAMILTON TIGER-CATS—Released QB Anthony Calvillo.

National Hockey League
CAROLINA HURRICANES—Sent RW Kevin Brown to New Haven of the AHL.

DALLAS STARS—Signed D Richard Jackman and assigned him to Michigan of the IHL.

NEW YORK RANGERS—Recalled D Eric Cairns, D Geoff Smith, and C Marc Savard from Hartford of the AHL.

OTTAWA SENATORS—Signed D Radim Skrbec to Marple of the IHL.

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Traded D Per Pettersen to the Ottawa Senators for a 1998 eighth-round draft pick. Assigned D Yannick Tremblay to St. John's of the AHL.

International Hockey League
IHL—Named Bill Jamieson vice president of communications.

Soccer
A-League
ALLIANCE—Signed Dave Kasper general manager.

COLLEGE
EASTERN COLLEGE ATHLETIC CONFERENCE—Named Philip A. Buttolfo coach.

CENTRAL FLORIDA—Named Gene Chizik defensive coordinator and linebackers coach. Paul Longmire offensive coordinator. Alan Gooch assistant head coach, and Scott Fountain recruiting coordinator and linebackers coach.

HARVARD—Named Bruce Tate defensive coordinator and linebackers coach.

MEMPHIS—Named Russ Huesman assistant football coach.

MONMOUTH, N.J.—Announced the addition of women's golf as a varsity sport beginning in the fall of 1998.

STANFORD—Named Patrick Shumir offensive line coach.

College Baseball
EAST
 College of N.J. Wesleyan, Conn.

Davis & Elkins 5, West Virginia 2.
 Stony Brook 4, West Virginia 2.

SOUTH
 Alabama-Birmingham 16, Alabama 31.

Benedictine 8, Kan. 12, Rhodes 9.
 Bradley 9, Stetson 5.
 Brewster 9, Stetson 9, St. Xavier 7.

Cent. Florida 8, W. Illinois 0.
 Charleston Southern 6, Rider 2.
 Chowen 10, N. Adam 51.
 Clemson 5, W. Carolina 1.
 Cumberland 16, Eckerd 4.

Delta St. 15-11, Mississippi 5.
 East Carolina 10, Campbell 9.
 Flagler 5-4, Cardinal Stritch 4-2.
 Florida Southern 6, Cumberland 6.
 Florida St. 9, Morehead St. 1.
 Guilford 5, Lynchburg 4.
 Jacksonville 13, Akron 2.
 Lincolnton 6, Lenoir-Rhyne 2.
 Longwood 12, Hampden-Sydney 7.
 LSU 4, New Orleans 2.
 Marshall 13, Kentucky 9.
 McNeese 15, Louisiana Coll. 7.
 Miami 15, Vermont 1.
 Mississippi 16, N.C. State 3.
 N.C. Greensboro 3, Carolina St. 3.
 N.C. Wesleyan 10, Bridgewater 8.
 N.C. Wilmington 9, Lenoir-Rhyne 6.
 Newberry 17, Francis Marion 14.
 North Carolina 6, Princeton 4.
 North Florida 5, Valdosta St. 4.
 Nova Southeastern 9, N. Dakota St. 1.

MIDWEST
 Wichita St. 24, Centenary 5.
SOUTHWEST
 Henderson St. 9-2, McKendree 2-4.
 Lamar 13, Sam Houston St. 1.
 Oklahoma 7, Texas Christian 6.
 Texas-Arlington 3, Texas A&M 1.

FAR WEST
 Iowa St. 41, Fort Hays 15.
 San Diego 12, UC Riverside 6.
 San Francisco St. 4-0, Metro St. 2.

TOURNAMENTS
Homebased Challenge
 Dayton 8, Bridgeport 4.
 Kutztown 18, N.J. Tech 1.
 Marist 18, C.W. Post 1.
 N. Iowa 12, Liberty 5.

IHL
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Northeast Division
 Team W L T Pts GF GA
 Detroit 42 16 10 99 230 190
 Grand Rapids 33 27 10 76 199 204
 Orlando 33 29 7 75 203 206
 Quebec 33 21 13 78 242 241

Central Division
 Team W L T Pts GF GA
 Cincinnati 35 25 11 108 218
 Fort Wayne 37 24 5 79 216 197
 Indianapolis 31 31 7 74 212 227
 Michigan 31 31 7 69 192 213
 Cleveland 30 31 8 68 200 226

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division
 Team W L T Pts GF GA
 Chicago 45 21 3 93 237 211
 Kansas City 36 21 7 75 225 226
 Milwaukee 35 29 4 74 213 217
 Manitoba 33 31 7 75 225 228

Southwest Division
 Team W L T Pts GF GA
 Los Angeles 45 19 8 98 232 186
 Houston 43 20 7 93 229 186
 Utah 42 21 8 92 237 195
 Las Vegas 29 33 7 65 222 247
 San Antonio 21 39 6 50 192 264

NOTE—Two points are awarded for a victory, one for a shootout loss.

Tuesday's Games
 Grand Rapids 2, Cleveland 1.
 Michigan 3, Detroit 2, O.T.
 Cincinnati 6, Milwaukee 4.
 Chicago 6, Utah 4.

Wednesday's Games
 Michigan at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
 Fort Wayne at Quebec, 6:30 p.m.
 Indianapolis at Kansas City, 7:30 p.m.
 Long Beach at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.

NBA Results

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division
 Team W L Pct GB
 Miami 45 21 .682
 Indiana 45 20 .688 1/2
 New Jersey 34 32 .515 1 1/2
 Washington 34 32 .515 1 1/2
 Orlando 33 32 .508 1 1/2
 Boston 29 36 .444 1 1/2
 Philadelphia 24 40 .375 2 1/2

Central Division
 Chicago 49 17 .742
 Indiana 45 20 .688 3 1/2
 Charlotte 41 24 .631 7 1/2
 Atlanta 39 25 .609 9
 Cleveland 30 35 .469 18 1/2
 Detroit 30 35 .469 18 1/2
 Milwaukee 29 36 .444 19 1/2
 Toronto 14 50 .219 34

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division
 Team W L Pct GB
 Houston 45 16 .732
 Utah 41 21 .688 1/2
 Phoenix 41 21 .688 1/2
 Minnesota 33 32 .508 1 1/2
 Vancouver 19 45 .297 18 1/2
 Denver 18 46 .282 19 1/2

Pacific Division
 Seattle 49 15 .766
 L.A. Lakers 45 19 .703
 Phoenix 41 21 .688 1/2
 Portland 36 27 .573 1 1/2
 Portland 36 27 .573 1 1/2
 Sacramento 26 41 .388 24 1/2
 Golden State 14 50 .280 34
 L.A. Clippers 14 50 .280 34

Tuesday's Games
 Atlanta at Washington 9:30 p.m.
 Atlanta 117, Toronto 105.
 New York 100, Philadelphia 96.
 Orlando 99, Vancouver 92.
 Chicago 90, Indiana 83.
 Dallas 99, Boston 93.
 Houston 96, Milwaukee 91.
 Phoenix 107, Sacramento 80.
 Cleveland at Portland, (n)
 L.A. Clippers at Golden State, (n)

Wednesday's Games
 Vancouver at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
 Utah at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 San Antonio at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Seattle, 9:30 p.m.
 Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
 Milwaukee 91, Houston 96.
 Phoenix 107, Sacramento 80.
 Cleveland at Portland, (n)
 L.A. Clippers at Golden State, (n)

Friday's Games
 Vancouver at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
 Utah at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 San Antonio at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Seattle, 9:30 p.m.
 Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
 Milwaukee 91, Houston 96.
 Phoenix 107, Sacramento 80.
 Cleveland at Portland, (n)
 L.A. Clippers at Golden State, (n)

Sunday's Games
 Vancouver at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
 Utah at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 San Antonio at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Seattle, 9:30 p.m.
 Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Monday's Games
 Milwaukee 91, Houston 96.
 Phoenix 107, Sacramento 80.
 Cleveland at Portland, (n)
 L.A. Clippers at Golden State, (n)

Tuesday's Games
 Atlanta at Washington 9:30 p.m.
 Atlanta 117, Toronto 105.
 New York 100, Philadelphia 96.
 Orlando 99, Vancouver 92.
 Chicago 90, Indiana 83.
 Dallas 99, Boston 93.
 Houston 96, Milwaukee 91.
 Phoenix 107, Sacramento 80.
 Cleveland at Portland, (n)
 L.A. Clippers at Golden State, (n)

Wednesday's Games
 Vancouver at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
 Utah at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 San Antonio at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Seattle, 9:30 p.m.
 Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
 Milwaukee 91, Houston 96.
 Phoenix 107, Sacramento 80.
 Cleveland at Portland, (n)
 L.A. Clippers at Golden State, (n)

Friday's Games
 Vancouver at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
 Utah at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 San Antonio at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Seattle, 9:30 p.m.
 Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
 Milwaukee 91, Houston 96.
 Phoenix 107, Sacramento 80.
 Cleveland at Portland, (n)
 L.A. Clippers at Golden State, (n)

Sunday's Games
 Vancouver at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
 Utah at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 San Antonio at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Seattle, 9:30 p.m.
 Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Monday's Games
 Milwaukee 91, Houston 96.
 Phoenix 107, Sacramento 80.
 Cleveland at Portland, (n)
 L.A. Clippers at Golden State, (n)

Tuesday's Games
 Atlanta at Washington 9:30 p.m.
 Atlanta 117, Toronto 105.
 New York 100, Philadelphia 96.
 Orlando 99, Vancouver 92.
 Chicago 90, Indiana 83.
 Dallas 99, Boston 93.
 Houston 96, Milwaukee 91.
 Phoenix 107, Sacramento 80.
 Cleveland at Portland, (n)
 L.A. Clippers at Golden State, (n)

Wednesday's Games
 Vancouver at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
 Utah at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 San Antonio at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Seattle, 9:30 p.m.
 Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
 Milwaukee 91, Houston 96.
 Phoenix 107, Sacramento 80.
 Cleveland at Portland, (n)
 L.A. Clippers at Golden State, (n)

Friday's Games
 Vancouver at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
 Utah at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 San Antonio at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Seattle, 9:30 p.m.
 Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
 Milwaukee 91, Houston 96.
 Phoenix 107, Sacramento 80.
 Cleveland at Portland, (n)
 L.A. Clippers at Golden State, (n)

Sunday's Games
 Vancouver at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
 Utah at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 San Antonio at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Seattle, 9:30 p.m.
 Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Monday's Games
 Milwaukee 91, Houston 96.
 Phoenix 107, Sacramento 80.
 Cleveland at Portland, (n)
 L.A. Clippers at Golden State, (n)

Tuesday's Games
 Atlanta at Washington 9:30 p.m.
 Atlanta 117, Toronto 105.
 New York 100, Philadelphia 96.
 Orlando 99, Vancouver 92.
 Chicago 90, Indiana 83.
 Dallas 99, Boston 93.
 Houston 96, Milwaukee 91.
 Phoenix 107, Sacramento 80.
 Cleveland at Portland, (n)
 L.A. Clippers at Golden State, (n)

Wednesday's Games
 Vancouver at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
 Utah at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 San Antonio at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Seattle, 9:30 p.m.
 Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
 Milwaukee 91, Houston 96.
 Phoenix 107, Sacramento 80.
 Cleveland at Portland, (n)
 L.A. Clippers at Golden State, (n)

Friday's Games
 Vancouver at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
 Utah at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 San Antonio at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Seattle, 9:30 p.m.
 Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
 Milwaukee 91, Houston 96.
 Phoenix 107, Sacramento 80.
 Cleveland at Portland, (n)
 L.A. Clippers at Golden State, (n)

Sunday's Games
 Vancouver at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
 Utah at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 San Antonio at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Seattle, 9:30 p.m.
 Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Exhibition Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE
 W L Pct
 Texas 14 6 .700
 Baltimore 11 5 .688
 Boston 12 5 .688
 Detroit 12 8 .600
 Kansas City 13 10 .565
 Seattle 13 10 .565
 Anaheim 11 9 .550
 Oakland 11 9 .550
 Toronto 11 11 .500
 Tampa Bay 9 12 .429
 Cleveland 7 12 .368
 Minnesota 7 14 .334

NATIONAL LEAGUE
 W L Pct
 San Diego 10 6 .625
 Philadelphia 11 7 .611
 St. Louis 10 7 .593
 Los Angeles 9 8 .524
 New York 11 9 .550
 Arizona 12 10 .545
 Atlanta 11 11 .476
 Chicago 9 10 .474
 Pittsburgh 9 10 .474
 Colorado 10 12 .455
 Cincinnati 9 12 .429
 Milwaukee 7 14 .333
 San Francisco 7 14 .333
 Florida 6 12 .333
 Montreal 3 15 .167

NOTE—Split-squad games count in the standings, games against non-league teams do not.

Tuesday's Games
 Tampa Bay (a), Cleveland 4.
 Baltimore 10, Florida 6.
 Los Angeles 11, Kansas City 10.
 Tampa Bay (a), Atlanta (a) 0.
 Houston 5, St. Louis 2.
 New York Mets 1, Montreal 0.
 Los Angeles 6, Toronto 0.
 Philadelphia 8, Atlanta (a) 3.
 Chicago White Sox 13, San Diego (a) 3.

Wednesday's Games
 Philadelphia vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
 Texas vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
 Cleveland vs. Atlanta at Kennesaw, Ga., 12:05 p.m.
 Detroit vs. New York Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
 Milwaukee vs. Seattle (a) at Peoria, Ill., 2:05 p.m.
 Oakland vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
 Seattle (a) vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
 Anaheim vs. Arizona at Tucson, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
 St. Louis vs. Tampa Bay at St. Petersburg, Fla., 6:05 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox vs. Colorado, Chicago, 8:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games
 Houston 96, Milwaukee 91.
 Phoenix 107, Sacramento 80.
 Cleveland at Portland, (n)
 L.A. Clippers at Golden State, (n)

Friday's Games
 Vancouver at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
 Utah at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 San Antonio at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Seattle, 9:30 p.m.
 Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
 Milwaukee 91, Houston 96.
 Phoenix 107, Sacramento 80.
 Cleveland at Portland, (n)
 L.A. Clippers at Golden State, (n)

Sunday's Games
 Vancouver at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
 Utah at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 San Antonio at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Seattle, 9:30 p.m.
 Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Monday's Games
 Milwaukee 91, Houston 96.
 Phoenix 107, Sacramento 80.
 Cleveland at Portland, (n)
 L.A. Clippers at Golden State, (n)

Tuesday's Games
 Atlanta at Washington 9:30 p.m.
 Atlanta 117, Toronto 105.
 New York 100, Philadelphia 96.
 Orlando 99, Vancouver 92.
 Chicago 90, Indiana 83.
 Dallas 99, Boston 93.
 Houston 96, Milwaukee 91.
 Phoenix 107, Sacramento 80.
 Cleveland at Portland, (n)
 L.A. Clippers at Golden State, (n)

Wednesday's Games
 Vancouver at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
 Utah at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 San Antonio at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Seattle, 9:30 p.m.
 Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
 Milwaukee 91, Houston 96.
 Phoenix 107, Sacramento 80.
 Cleveland at Portland, (n)
 L.A. Clippers at Golden State, (n)

Friday's Games
 Vancouver at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
 Utah at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 San Antonio at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Seattle, 9:30 p.m.
 Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
 Milwaukee 91, Houston 96.
 Phoenix 107, Sacramento 80.
 Cleveland at Portland, (n)
 L.A. Clippers at Golden State, (n)

Sunday's Games
 Vancouver at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
 Utah at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 San Antonio at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Seattle, 9:30 p.m.
 Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Monday's Games
 Milwaukee 91, Houston 96.
 Phoenix 107, Sacramento 80.
 Cleveland at Portland, (n)
 L.A. Clippers at Golden State, (n)

Tuesday's Games
 Atlanta at Washington 9:30 p.m.
 Atlanta 117, Toronto 105.
 New York 100, Philadelphia 96.
 Orlando 99, Vancouver 92.
 Chicago 90, Indiana 83.
 Dallas 99, Boston 93.
 Houston 96, Milwaukee 91.
 Phoenix 107, Sacramento 80.
 Cleveland at Portland, (n)
 L.A. Clippers at Golden State, (n)

Wednesday's Games
 Vancouver at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
 Utah at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 San Antonio at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Seattle, 9:30 p.m.
 Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
 Milwaukee 91, Houston 96.
 Phoenix 107, Sacramento 80.
 Cleveland at Portland, (n)
 L.A. Clippers at Golden State, (n)

Friday's Games
 Vancouver at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
 Utah at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 San Antonio at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Seattle, 9:30 p.m.
 Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
 Milwaukee 91, Houston 96.
 Phoenix 107, Sacramento 80.
 Cleveland at Portland, (n)
 L.A. Clippers at Golden State, (n)

Sunday's Games
 Vancouver at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
 Utah at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 San Antonio at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Seattle, 9:30 p.m.
 Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Monday's Games
 Milwaukee 91, Houston 96.
 Phoenix 107, Sacramento 80.
 Cleveland at Portland, (n)
 L.A. Clippers at Golden State, (n)

Tuesday's Games
 Atlanta at Washington 9:30 p.m.
 Atlanta 117, Toronto 105.
 New York 100, Philadelphia 96.
 Orlando 99, Vancouver 92.
 Chicago 90, Indiana 83.
 Dallas 99, Boston 93.
 Houston 96, Milwaukee 91.
 Phoenix 107, Sacramento 80.
 Cleveland at Portland, (n)
 L.A. Clippers at Golden State, (n)

Wednesday's Games
 Vancouver at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
 Utah at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 San Antonio at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Seattle, 9:30 p.m.
 Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
 Milwaukee 91, Houston 96.
 Phoenix 107, Sacramento 80.
 Cleveland at Portland, (n)
 L.A. Clippers at Golden State, (n)

Friday's Games
 Vancouver at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
 Utah at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 San Antonio at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Seattle, 9:30 p.m.
 Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
 Milwaukee 91, Houston 96.
 Phoenix 107, Sacramento 80.
 Cleveland at Portland, (n)
 L.A. Clippers at Golden State, (n)

Sunday's Games
 Vancouver at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
 Utah at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 San Antonio at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Seattle, 9:30 p.m.<



Oklahoma State forward Nikki Harmon, right, gets pressured by Baylor's Lara Webb during Baylor's 54-47 victory in the NIT quarterfinals Tuesday in Waco.

Baylor women advance in NIT with win vs. OSU

WACO (AP) — The Baylor Lady Bears lost their intensity in a second-round Women's National Invitational Tournament game against Oklahoma State on Tuesday, and the Cowgirls nearly made them pay for it.

Lara Webb scored 23 points and Baylor squandered a big second-half lead before hanging on for a 54-47 victory.

The Lady Bears (19-10) advance to a semifinal game Friday at home against Louisiana State.

The Cowgirls (20-11) were led by Cheri Edwards' 14 points.

After stumbling early, the Bears appeared on their way to a blowout in their third meeting with their two Big 12 Conference foe.

The Cowgirls held a 14-10 advantage with 11 minutes left in the first half when Webb took control for the Lady Bears, scoring 11 points during a 20-3 run that ended with Baylor holding a 30-17 halftime lead.

"We turned it over three straight times and really lost our composure for the rest of the first half on offense," said OSU coach Dick Halterman.

"I told our girls, let's go out with a lot of pride and determination," Baylor increased the lead to 35-19 with 17:36 left in the game.

But Oklahoma State countered with a run its own. Jennifer Crow scored all nine of her points during a 20-0 spurt that gave OSU a 39-35 lead.

"Lara got into some foul trouble and we didn't keep the intensity that we had on that first half run," said Baylor coach Sonja Hogg.

Baylor finally broke the scoring drought when reserve guard Bonnie Byas converted a 3-point play with 8:59 left.

The Lady Bears regained the lead for good when Toya Ellis hit a layup with 7:37 left to put Baylor back up 42-41.

Webb, who had been on the bench with four fouls since the 10:35 mark, returned and scored 5 points over the last 3:21 to seal the victory.

"We saw our 16-point lead drain away but the bottom line is, we found a way to win," Hogg said.

Kacy Moffitt added 10 points for Baylor.

Future coach leads Rockets to victory

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Clyde Drexler kept his mind strictly on the business at hand. Well, almost. Drexler, saying he wasn't distracted by talk of his impending retirement, got 15 points and nine assists as the Houston Rockets beat the Milwaukee Bucks 96-91 Tuesday night.

During the game, sources told The Associated Press that Drexler will retire after this season to coach his alma mater, the University of Houston.

"The coaching job may have crossed my mind, but I don't let those things enter my mind when the game comes around," Drexler said.

Drexler is a 10-time All-Star who was named one of the NBA's 50 greatest players of all-time last year. He declined to confirm his new job, but hinted a decision was near.

"It's still a mystery," Drexler said, laughing. "I think someone mentioned a news conference tomorrow. As an alumnus, I'll be there."

The Rockets almost blew a 15-point fourth-quarter lead, but held on to hand the injury-plagued Bucks their seventh straight loss.

The Rockets opened the third quarter with a 10-0 spurt to take an 81-66 lead and they still led 90-77 with 5:45 left before the Bucks rallied behind Elliot Perry, who scored six of his 20 points during the comeback.

"We got off to a good start but we got a little careless with the ball," Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "Turnovers and offensive rebounds kept them in the game in the first half. Then we got out again and they made a run again."

Matt Maloney scored 19 points for Houston, including 5-for-8 from 3-point range. Armon Gilliam scored 20 points for the Bucks, who played without Terrell Brandon (sprained left ankle) and Glenn Robinson (left knee).

The Rockets jumped to a 22-8 lead in the first quarter, but the Bucks fought back to cut Houston's lead to 49-45 at halftime.

Mavericks 99, Celtics 93

DALLAS — The Dallas Mavericks are thinking wins, not lottery picks.

While fans in north Texas think the Mavericks should keep losing in order to improve their position in the draft lottery, the players aren't listening.

Michael Finley scored four of his 16 points over the final 50 seconds and rookie Chris Anstey had a career-high 26 points as the Mavericks extended the Boston Celtics' losing streak to five games with a 99-93 St. Patrick's Day defeat.

"Nobody wants to hear somebody say that you should lose," said Anstey. "Every player wants to win every game they can. Losing's been difficult for us this season, but hopefully we can begin winning now and then carry it



The Houston Rockets' Kevin Willis (42) dunks over Milwaukee's Ervin Johnson.

over to next season."

With the Mavericks far out of playoff contention, coach Don Nelson has recently given extensive minutes to his young players. The franchise is devoting much of its energy to scouting college talent with an eye toward the draft, but the players still want to close the season on a positive note.

"If it (a prime lottery pick) is meant to be, then it's meant to be," Finley said. "If the (lottery) card with the Mavericks logo on it pops up, then it's meant to be."

Finley's 18-foot jumper with 46.5 seconds left gave Dallas the lead for good, 95-93. Finley added single free throws with 32.1 seconds remaining and 14.1 seconds left before Khalid Reeves capped the win by hitting two foul shots with less than a second to play.

"It was time for me to take it up a notch, to stand up and be counted," said Finley, who added 11 assists against Boston and has 23 in his last two games.

The Mavericks, who got 21 points from Reeves and 10 from Shawn Bradley, had lost two straight and four of five. But Dallas has won half of its last 10 games.

"We're playing the way we've been practicing lately," Nelson said. "It's starting to pay dividends."

Bulls 90, Pacers 84

INDIANAPOLIS — Michael Jordan rebounded from a rare off night with a great performance against the Indiana Pacers.

Held to 17 points a night earlier, Jordan scored 35 points, made a big steal with 29 seconds to go and hit two clinching free throws with 11 seconds left as the Chicago Bulls beat the Pacers.

The Bulls, who increased their lead over the

Pacers to 3 1/2 games in the NBA Central Division, won even though Indiana's reserves outscored the Chicago bench 32-0.

Nuggets 90, Wizards 89

WASHINGTON — Anthony Goldwire sank a 3-pointer with 7.2 seconds left as the Denver Nuggets rallied for their third victory in four games.

Goldwire's basket capped a 10-2 Denver run over the final 75 seconds.

The Wizards had a final chance to win, but Chris Webber's fadeaway shot with three seconds left hit the side of the backboard and Johnny Newman blocked Tracy Murray's 15-footer as time expired.

Denver (8-59) needs to win two games to avoid finishing with the worst record in NBA history, the 9-73 mark set 25 years ago by the Philadelphia 76ers.

Hawks 117, Raptors 105

TORONTO — Mookie Blaylock had a triple-double and Tyrone Corbin led a 3-point barrage with 20 points as the Atlanta Hawks beat the Toronto Raptors.

The Hawks hit 13 of 27 shots from 3-point range to hand the Raptors their seventh defeat in eight games.

Blaylock finished with 11 rebounds, 12 assists and 10 points. Steve Smith scored 21 points for Atlanta and Christian Laettner added 18.

Knicks 100, 76ers 96

NEW YORK — Allan Houston scored 31 points, Larry Johnson had 26 and the New York Knicks, after leading by as many as 22, hung on to defeat the Philadelphia 76ers.

The Knicks snapped a three-game losing streak and won for only the second time in their last eight games. They also snapped Philadelphia's three-game winning streak and prevented the 76ers from matching their longest victory streak of the season.

Magic 99, Grizzlies 92

ORLANDO — Nick Anderson had 21 points and 12 rebounds as the Magic spoiled Vancouver coach Brian Hill's return to Orlando.

Horace Grant added 15 points, and Bo Outlaw had 11 points and 11 rebounds for the Magic.

Blue Edwards led the Grizzlies with 19 points off the bench. Bryant Reeves added 17 points and 11 rebounds, while Shareef Abdur-Rahim had 15 points.

Suns 107, Kings 80

PHOENIX — Antonio McDyess had 19 points and Rex Chapman scored 12 of his 17 in the third period as the Phoenix Suns won their fifth straight game.

Cliff Robinson finished with 18 points for the Suns, who gave coach Danny Ainge a win on his 39th birthday.

Sacramento, despite Mitch Richmond's 19 points, lost its fifth straight game and fell to 6-29 on the road. The Kings scored just nine points in the fourth quarter and committed 13 turnovers.

Howard women open with win at national JUCO tournament

HUTCHINSON, Kan. (AP) — The opening games of the women's National Junior College tournament featured close calls Tuesday as Wallace State, Ala., came from 16 down to beat Louisville, N.C., 76-74 and Trinity Valley, Texas, beat Westark, Ark., 61-57.

Yalika "Boo" Harvey scored 18 points in the second half to keep No. 1-ranked Trinity (32-0) in the hunt for its third consecutive NJCAA title.

Westark (27-4) shot 29 percent from the field, committed 14 turnovers and lost its starting guards to injuries in the first 20 minutes, but was still tied 26-26 at halftime.

April Sailors hit two clutch free throws with 14.1 seconds left to give Trinity a 60-57 lead and Angie Cravey missed a 3-pointer for Westark with three seconds left.

Shinika Parks scored 13 of her 17 points in the second half to keep the Lions close.

Wallace State coach Larry Slater pulled his five starters with

the Lions trailing Louisville by 16 points in the second half.

The five substitutes cut four points off the deficit, the Lions went to a full-court press and Wallace State (27-3) pulled out a 2-point win.

Tart Blair had 25 points and Staci Elder had 24 for Wallace State. Louisville (26-3) was led by Jackie Higgins with 20.

Shawnta Johnson scored 17 of her 22 points in the second half as Howard, came from nine points down to beat Walters State, Tenn., 69-66.

Howard (32-2) led 34-31 at halftime after six ties and four lead changes. There were eight ties and 14 lead changes in the game.

Walters State (27-5) missed all five of its free throws in the last 3:17 and was just 1 for 10 from the line in the second half after hitting 10 of 15 the first half.

Shalen Haire led Walters State with 23 points.

Karlita Washington added 18 points for Howard.

Ricks, McClennan, Northern Oklahoma get knocked out

HUTCHINSON, Kan. (AP) — Kenny Gamble slammed home the game winning points with 1.1 seconds left to give Southern Union State, Ala., a 61-59 win over Ricks, Idaho, in the National Junior College Athletic Association tournament Tuesday.

In other action, Shelby State, Tenn., got an 86-83 overtime win over McLennan, Texas, and Seward Co., Kan., beat Northern Oklahoma 78-66.

Brandt Wilcox made a free throw as Ricks tied Southern Union at 59 with 9.3 seconds left, before Gamble hit the game-winning dunk.

Southern Union (21-9) was led by Gamble with 28 points and Chris Weakley with 11 points.

Ricky Bower led Ricks (25-9) with 15 points and Ty Church had 14. Wilcox finished with 11 points and 12 rebounds.

With the score tied at 70 at the end of regulation, Shelby State (25-7) went on a 12-5 run to open the overtime period and hold on to win 86-83.

McLennan (27-7) had a chance to send the game into a second overtime, but a shot by Demetrice Sims, who finished with a team-high 21 points, was off the mark.

Lorico Duncan scored a game-high 28 points for Shelby, while Sam Bachelor and Gerald Burris added 10 points each.

Seneca Wall scored 16 points for McLennan, while Brandon Manning and Jason Mitchell each had 10.

Kevin Houston scored 32 points to lead Seward County to a 78-66 win over Northern Oklahoma.

The Saints (33-2) led 41-35 at halftime behind Houston's 16 points.

Northern Oklahoma (27-7) could get no closer than seven points in the last five minutes.

Tony Heard finished with 11 points for Seward County, while Bobby Willis scored 11.

Marlon Towns scored 24 points and grabbed eight rebounds for Northern Oklahoma.

LOCAL SPORTS

Steers pound Greenwood

BIG SPRING — The Big Spring baseball team took advantage of some shoddy defense by Greenwood, as the Rangers committed 10 errors in an 8-2 loss to the Steers Tuesday.

Big Spring scored four runs in the third and three in the fifth to decide the game. Greenwood gave no support to senior left-hander Frankie Keller, who pitched a complete game three-hitter but had nothing to show for it.

Clayton Pate had a double for the Steers as did Leland Foster for Greenwood, now 4-3-1 on the season. Jeff Denton pitched five innings to earn the win for Big Spring.

Midland riders place second

SAINT JO — Two racers from Midland both finished second at the Mud Fest Enduro motorcycle race this past weekend. Ted Philley finished second in the 250 cc class after losing a tiebreaker for the top spot while Russell Leak was second in the 16 and under large wheel class.

Vandy beats Wake in NIT

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) — Don't tell Jan van Breda Kolff and his Vanderbilt Commodores the NIT is a tournament for losers.

Dan Langhi scored a career-high 19 points off the bench as Vanderbilt notched its first 20-win season in four years with a 72-68 victory over Wake Forest in the second round Tuesday night.

"After the (regular) season was over people talked about what good would it be to play in the NIT," said Van Breda Kolff.

GREAT BUYS!

BRAND NEW STEEL RADIALS!

155SR-12	P155ROR-13	\$60
145SR-13	P155ROR-13	
35,000 MILE WARRANTY		\$90
P185ROR-13	P185ROR-14	
P185ROR-14	P205ROR-14	\$100
35,000 MILE WARRANTY		
P205ROR-15	P225ROR-15	35,000 MILE WARRANTY
P215ROR-15	P235ROR-15	

ANY SIZE LISTED!

70 SERIES WHITE WALL		SONIC ASTRA	
P185ROR-14	27.99	P215ROR-14	41.99
P195ROR-14	27.99	P205ROR-15	35.99
P205ROR-14	39.99	P215ROR-15	36.99
PERFORMANCE RADIALS		PRIMERA	
P185ROR-14	45.99	P215ROR-15	55.99
P195ROR-14	45.99	P205ROR-15	55.99
P205ROR-14	45.99	P215ROR-15	55.99
TRUCK, VAN & RV		CUSTOM WHEELS	
P235ROR-15	45.99	P245ROR-16	49.99
30-950R-15C	59.99	L7265R-15C	64.99
31-1050R-15C	64.99	L7265R-16C	69.99
40,000 MILE WARRANTY		HUNDREDS OF STYLES AVAILABLE AT FANTASTIC PRICES!	

"When You're Ready To Get Serious"

Radial T/A

\$35

P215ROR-14 53.99 P215ROR-15 76.99 P235ROR-15 67.99 P275ROR-15 74.99

Radial All-Terrain

\$70

L7265R-15C 77.99 31-1050R-15C 86.99 30-950R-15C 81.99 L7265R-16C 107.99

MICHELIN

BECAUSE SO MUCH IS RIDING ON YOUR TIRES

XZ4 AND XW4

\$50

P205ROR-14 XZ4 63.99 P205ROR-15 XZ4 66.99 P215ROR-15 XW4 69.99 P225ROR-16 XW4 74.99

P185ROR-14 XZ4 OUR 65,000 MILE WARRANTY

GOOD YEAR

TOURING EDITION

\$40

P185ROR-14 P195ROR-14 46.99 P215ROR-15 56.99 P205ROR-14 49.99 P235ROR-15 64.99

65,000 MILE WARRANTY

EAGLE RN

\$35

P215ROR-14 49.99 P205ROR-15 71.99 P255ROR-15 77.99 P225ROR-16 79.99

60,000 MILE WARRANTY

AMERICA'S LARGEST INDEPENDENT TIRE CO.

FINANCING AVAILABLE ON APPROVED CREDIT 90 Days Same As Cash

DISCOUNT

TIRE CO. INC.

ASK ABOUT OUR "Free Replacement" CERTIFICATE APPROXIMATING 400 STORES NATIONWIDE!

Layaways Welcome

Se Habla Español

USED TIRES AVAILABLE

MIDLAND

3100 North Loop 250

Corner of Loop 250 & Midkiff 694-0098

ODESSA

4211 Grandview Ave.

Corner of Grandview and 42nd 550-8448 (Red & White Bldg.) Next To Kent

STATE OR LOCAL TAXES AND, WHERE REQUIRED OR CHARGED, STATE ENVIRONMENTAL OR DISPOSAL FEES ARE EXTRA

Red Wings nip Edmonton, 4-3

DETROIT (AP) — Norm Macarale didn't have a chance to get nervous about his first NHL start. After all, he found out about it just 20 minutes before it happened.

Macarale made 28 saves and Steve Yzerman had a goal and two assists as the Detroit Red Wings rallied from a pair of two-goal deficits and beat the Edmonton Oilers 4-3 Tuesday night.

Macarale, 23, was called up last week to replace injured backup goalie Kevin Hodson.

Thank You!

Boydston Pest Control

2014 N. Big Spring St.

683-3112

Your generous sponsorship of the Midland Reporter-Telegram's Newspaper In Education Program has provided newspapers to our local schools.

On behalf of students, teachers and the

Midland Reporter-Telegram

Thank You!

GIVING YOU THE WORLD

nie

Midland Reporter-Telegram

Newspaper in Education

Krzyzewski greets

By David AP Sports

DURHAM — Experience is team's No. 1. No school has this decade straight.

Now coach again. He Regional Kentucky Four trip.

"When won the n have not ceived ex record in active co

"People the Sweet would be or has ne sure the l

Krzyzewski with his t win over walked in

"After ly good te bit high Krzyzewski smile, we

"Some that come al champ want them in the pas achieve, ing as mu process. I for these

Duke is mark ever since a di 18 finish ence as because

In 1996, the first

BO

(From 1C

game is s Lee's soc

This v Rebels pl into the n play. Lee ing at Wea and Tues District 5 overall)

"We're said Lee "We had a good g could've in the sec on a cou had, ope we've got urday. Ho that'll ge feel we ru groove now

Lee sta away earl a free ki found Hen middle. defender seven min

The Lo play like d the game as Nick D kick from appeared

GIR

(From 1C

away, sco of the gam

Lee's across the knocked i kick. Pru able, cons planting Then again could hav

"It was header)" where the

Bombard first half going into is where struggled reason. T which dep passing c by the hor

"We cou and crosse Johnson, scorer. "V we usually

"We we cially aro we had ch n't get a ground."

Another the young Lady Mus 16-4, but th

Texas

AUSTIN

tion Luke and was s pended fro

A schoo pension w

"Luke h tutors, and that," coa

Krzyzewski takes green Blue Devils into round of 16

By David Droschak
AP Sports Writer

DURHAM, N.C. — The jerseys say Duke but the experience amounts to zip. No player on this Blue Devils team has gone this far in the NCAA tournament.

No school has enjoyed greater success than Duke this decade — national titles in 1991 and 1992 and five straight trips to the Final Four.

Now coach Mike Krzyzewski is on familiar ground again. His top-seeded Blue Devils head to the South Regional in St. Petersburg, Fla., with Syracuse, Kentucky and UCLA — all having made recent Final Four trips.

"When a program has gone to the Final Four or won the national championship, if kids on this team have not gone to a certain level there are still perceived expectations," said Krzyzewski, whose 42-11 record in the NCAA tournament is the best among active coaches.

"People aren't flying around saying, 'Hey, we made the Sweet 16.' There is not the exuberance as there would be for a team that hasn't done it for a long time or has never done it. In that regard you have to make sure the kids enjoy it."

Krzyzewski said he sensed a "hidden pressure" with his team following its second-round tournament win over Oklahoma State on Sunday. He said he walked into the locker room and saw no smiles.

"After the game I came in and knew we beat a really good team, probably a team that deserved a little bit higher recognition than they received," Krzyzewski said. "I walked in and said, 'Will you guys smile, we're in the Sweet 16?'"

"Sometimes because of my experience and kids that come here say, 'Well, coach has been to national championships and won and Final Four.' I don't want there to be pressure on them from what teams in the past have done. I want them to enjoy as they achieve, otherwise I don't know if you end up achieving as much in the future, you don't learn to enjoy the process. If there was always pressure it would be sad for these kids."

Duke is 59-19 in the NCAA tournament — the best mark ever — but the program has been retooling since a disastrous 1995 campaign that produced a 13-18 finish and last place in the Atlantic Coast Conference as Krzyzewski missed part of the season because of back surgery.

In 1996, Duke got knocked out of the tournament in the first round by Eastern Michigan, then got



Washington head coach Bob Bender, left, sits in the stands of Cameron Indoor Stadium Tuesday with Duke head coach Mike Krzyzewski and his wife Mickie in Durham, N.C. Bender and his team were in town to train for the upcoming East Regional in Greensboro.

bumped last year in the second round by Providence. Krzyzewski is hoping this year's team can move back to the elite with a win Friday against Syracuse.

However, he knows that will require a maturity he's not sure his team has acquired yet.

"I think they need more coaching in (confidence) at times than maybe Xs and Os at this time of the year," Krzyzewski said Tuesday.

"We're not a great team but we do show up every day and we're real good," he added. "If we get more confidence... when I start saying that it sounds crazy because we're 31-3 and we've been ranked No. 1 for a number of weeks during the year."

Krzyzewski thinks the Orangemen will be a difficult matchup. He points to their tournament experience and a zone defense Duke doesn't often see in the man-to-man oriented ACC.

"This is a tough one," Krzyzewski said. "They have a good cockiness, there is a confidence that Syracuse exudes that makes them even a tougher opponent."

BOYS: Rebels break offensive slump

(From 1C)

game is set for 1 p.m. Saturday at Lee's soccer field.

This victory also gives the Rebels plenty of confidence going into the next round of post-season play. Lee survived a physical outing at Weatherford (2-1) on Friday, and Tuesday they knocked off District 5 champion Caprock (9-9 overall).

"We're happy with the win," said Lee coach John McCulloch. "We had a tough game Friday and a good game today. I think we could've played better offensively in the second half and capitalized on a couple of opportunities we had, open shots on goal. Now we've got to concentrate on Saturday. Hopefully, confidence-wise, that'll get us ready for Abilene. I feel we're starting to get into a groove now."

Lee started to put the game away early as Kris Crawford took a free kick from midfield and found Henry in full stride down the middle. Henry just beat his defender and punched in a goal seven minutes into the game.

The Longhorns then started to play like district champions and tied the game at 1-1 in the 15th minute as Nick Daniels scored on a corner kick from the left side. The ball appeared to have found a curve in

midair and then found the right corner of the net for the score.

The Rebels responded with three unanswered goals to close the half. Two came off deflections as both Danny George and Jeremy Swanson knocked in scores. Henry again scored right before the half as Aurelio Munoz, the hero in the win against Weatherford, found Henry from the left side for a goal.

The win was quite impressive, even though McCulloch didn't like the fact that his team allowed two goals (one on a penalty kick in the second half) for the first time since early in the season. The Rebels outshot the Longhorns 22-6 (12-2 in the first half), and it really could've been much worse if McCulloch had kept his all his starters on the field in the second half.

"I didn't want to get two goals scored on us," McCulloch said. "We played solid defense and got some guys some playing time. I think if we would've kept our starters in it wouldn't have been very nice. Plus, guys that don't normally get playing time got some playing time."

"The goals we scored were really nice goals. A lot of work and a lot of good passing. So, that's what I'm happy about."

"I didn't know what to expect from this game," said junior midfielder Josh Pressler, who had to

sit out the bi-district game against Weatherford because of cards. "We came out and scored pretty quick. After they tied it up, everyone put their heads together and started playing. We started putting our passing game together and started getting a rhythm for the next playoff game."

The way the Rebels won even surprised McCulloch a little bit.

"I think they were one of the only teams that hasn't pressured us that much this year," he said. "Whenever they did pressure us, we were able to handle it. There were so many times when our outside midfielders were able to push up without any pressure placed on them, nobody marking them. We took advantage of it."

The Rebels now face District 7 foe Abilene High, in what should be a great battle between both teams.

"It'll be a tough game, whoever wants it," Pressler said about facing the Eagles.

Midland Lee 4, Amarillo Caprock 2
First Half — 1. Lee, Troy Henry (Kris Crawford), 7th minute; 2. Caprock, Nick Daniels (unassisted), 15th minute; 3. Lee, Danny George (unassisted), 26th minute; 4. Lee, Jeremy Swanson (unassisted), 38th minute; 5. Lee, Henry (Aurelio Munoz), 38th minute.
Second Half — 6. Caprock, Manuel Avila (penalty kick), 45th minute; 7. Lee, 46th minute; 8. Caprock, 47th minute; 9. Lee, 48th minute; 10. Lee, 49th minute; 11. Lee, 50th minute; 12. Lee, 51st minute; 13. Lee, 52nd minute; 14. Lee, 53rd minute; 15. Lee, 54th minute; 16. Lee, 55th minute; 17. Lee, 56th minute; 18. Lee, 57th minute; 19. Lee, 58th minute; 20. Lee, 59th minute; 21. Lee, 60th minute; 22. Lee, 61st minute; 23. Lee, 62nd minute; 24. Lee, 63rd minute; 25. Lee, 64th minute; 26. Lee, 65th minute; 27. Lee, 66th minute; 28. Lee, 67th minute; 29. Lee, 68th minute; 30. Lee, 69th minute; 31. Lee, 70th minute; 32. Lee, 71st minute; 33. Lee, 72nd minute; 34. Lee, 73rd minute; 35. Lee, 74th minute; 36. Lee, 75th minute; 37. Lee, 76th minute; 38. Lee, 77th minute; 39. Lee, 78th minute; 40. Lee, 79th minute; 41. Lee, 80th minute; 42. Lee, 81st minute; 43. Lee, 82nd minute; 44. Lee, 83rd minute; 45. Lee, 84th minute; 46. Lee, 85th minute; 47. Lee, 86th minute; 48. Lee, 87th minute; 49. Lee, 88th minute; 50. Lee, 89th minute; 51. Lee, 90th minute; 52. Lee, 91st minute; 53. Lee, 92nd minute; 54. Lee, 93rd minute; 55. Lee, 94th minute; 56. Lee, 95th minute; 57. Lee, 96th minute; 58. Lee, 97th minute; 59. Lee, 98th minute; 60. Lee, 99th minute; 61. Lee, 100th minute.

GIRLS: Lady Rebels face Central next

(From 1C)

away, scoring in the eighth minute of the game.

Lee's Maggie George fired across the penalty area and knocked in Suzy Prucka's corner kick. Prucka's kick was remarkable, considering she slipped while planting her non-kicking foot. Then again, George said the finish could have been better.

"It was more like an ear (not a header)," said George, describing where the crossing pass hit her.

Bombara scored later in the first half to give Lee a 2-0 lead going into the half. However, that is where the scoring ended. Lee struggled offensively, and for good reason. The Lady Rebs, a team which depends using its speed and passing capability, was grounded by the horrible field conditions.

"We couldn't get through balls and crosses together," said Linsey Johnson, Lee's second leading scorer. "We were not in sync like we usually are."

"We were slipping a lot, especially around the goal, and when we had chances to score, we couldn't get a (planting) foot in the ground."

Another factor in the game was the young Coronado team. The Lady Mustangs ended the season at 16-4, but the youthful team went out

kicking and screaming.

Coronado turned up the pressure in the second half and even outshot Lee for the game (11-10). The one problem was, that with the exception of Tessa Westbrook's goal in the 74th minute, nothing went in.

"I thought we did well. Lee is a top-notch team," Coronado coach Martin Boyd said. "If we didn't dominate the game, we came close."

"We are sophomores and you can see physically, how much bigger Lee is. We will be in there, and maybe, see Lee again."

Coronado will have to finish off a play when that happens. The Lady Mustangs, who played a good portion of the second half on Lee's side of the field, had far too many chances on goal and rarely came up with a shot which didn't go right at Lee keeper Brandice Zachry, who had eight saves on the day.

Coronado was a better team than Lee played in a scrimmage earlier this year, however, the fact was that even on one of its worst days, Lee was still the better team.

There was just the Central factor. The loss to the Lady Bobcats, Lee's only loss of the district season, is a sore point with Lee.

"We lost the last one and we should have won," Johnson said. "(Against Central) We didn't play

together."

Seeing Central's bus is something Lee coach Mike Simpson expected. Central was playing across town in an area playoff of its own.

"I figured he (Central coach Jim Bragg) would come over," Simpson said. "I would have done the same thing."

Simpson did see a bright side to Central's seeing Lee struggle somewhat in the second half.

"It was good," Simpson said. "That is the part they need to see." With the distractions out of the way, the Lady Rebs hope their A-game is what Central sees Saturday.

CENTRAL WINS: The Lady Bobcats advanced to the sectional round thanks to a 2-0 win over Canyon Randall Tuesday at Chapman Field. Julie Socha and Kendra Speciale scored for Central while Katie Knight and Kristin Baugh had assists for the Lady Bobcats, who outshot Randall 15-2 in less than ideal conditions in Lubbock.

Midland Lee 2, Lubbock Coronado 1
First Half — 1. Lee, Maggie George (Suzy Prucka), 8th minute; 2. Lee, Carol Bombara (Amy Rankin), 34th minute.
Second Half — 1. Tessa Westbrook (Tracy Lloyd), 74th minute.
Shots: Lee 10, Coronado 11. Corners: Lee 5, Coronado 3. Saves: Lee 9 (Brandice Zachry), Coronado 2 (Britana Morris). Fouls: Lee 9, Coronado 6. Offsides: Lee 1, Coronado 0. Cards: None.

Texas suspends Axtell for academic reasons

AUSTIN (AP) — All-Big 12 freshman team selection Luke Axtell, who led Texas in 3-point shooting and was second in scoring this season, has been suspended from the team for academic reasons.

A school press release late Tuesday said the suspension was indefinite.

"Luke has refused to go to study hall or meet with tutors, and his performance has been indicative of that," coach Tom Penders said in the statement.

"Our players know they have to take care of the academic side of things before they take care of basketball."

Axtell, a 6-foot-9 guard, averaged 13.3 points and was 68-of-173 (39 percent) on 3-point attempts as a freshman.

He played in 28 of the Longhorns' 31 games, averaging 28.7 minutes, and had 25 starts.

Rockets' Drexler to retire, take over as coach at University of Houston

By Michael A. Lutz
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Clyde Drexler, who starred on Houston's Final Four teams of the 1980s, will retire from the NBA after this season to coach his alma mater, sources told The Associated Press Tuesday night.

The Houston Rockets' guard, a likely future Hall of Famer, will receive a four-year contract worth \$1.2 million. Also, Reid Gettys, David Rose and George Walker will become assistant coaches. All are former Houston players.

Drexler's mother, Eunice Drexler, watched her son play the first half of the Rockets game against Milwaukee.

She declined to confirm the move but said: "I'm going to miss him out here but I'm going to support his decision."

Sources close to the Cougars, who spoke on the condition they not be identified, confirmed Drexler is the school's next coach, replacing the fired Alvin Brooks.

Asked if she'd support her son at Hofheinz Pavilion (the Cougars' home court) she said: "You bet I will."

Cougars spokeswoman Donna Turner said as of Tuesday evening a news conference had not been scheduled, but "When we are ready to announce something we will shout it out. We are not ready yet."

Former Houston coach Guy V. Lewis, who led the Cougars during

their glory years, declined to confirm he will act as a consultant to his former players.

"I don't know what a consultant does, but I'll do anything I can to help the program," Lewis said. "I'll tell you one thing, I'm not going to be the coach."

Before the Rockets game against the Bucks, Drexler walked past reporters, smiled, and said: "The Milwaukee Bucks. It's gonna be a good game."

Last week, Drexler spoke about the Cougars job.

"I've heard the rumors," Drexler told the Houston Chronicle. "My first job is with the Houston Rockets, and until that's over, it's really hard to comment on anything else. Right now, I'm a player for the Houston Rockets. The only thing I can really think about is playing."

Drexler, who has indicated he will retire when his contract is up at the end of the season, said he'd be interested in helping the Cougars' program.

"I'm a Cougar," Drexler said. "I bleed Cougar red. I love the Cougars. I'm going to try to do anything possible to help them with the program. I've always done that. I'm looking forward to being a part of it in the future."

Drexler played three seasons for the Cougars during the Phi Slama Jama era along with Rockets teammate Hakeem Olajuwon. Drexler played on the Cougars'

Final Four teams of 1982 and 1983.

After Lewis retired in 1986, coach Pat Foster was able to keep the Cougars winning, including the 1992 Southwest Conference title.

But the team was 54-83 in five seasons under Brooks, including 9-19 this season. Attendance and student enthusiasm also had flagged during Brooks' tenure.

A Phi Slama Jama reunion led by Drexler could be just what the school needs to rekindle the program.

Prior to the Rockets' game, Charles Barkley said he backed whatever Drexler decided.

"If that's what he wants to do, I wish him the best," Barkley said. "He has a chance to go back and help out his alma mater. Obviously, they haven't been winning too much lately."

Forward Matt Bullard wondered if Drexler would be prepared for the grind of college coaching.

"I don't think the X's and O's will be a problem, but the recruiting will be the hard part," Bullard said.

Drexler entered his 15th season with 20,908 career points and was fifth in NBA history with 2,081 steals. He was selected in 1996 as one of the 50 greatest players in NBA history.

He played for the Rockets' 1995 championship team and reached the NBA Finals with the Portland Trail Blazers in 1990 and 1992.

Fresno players arrested after assault

By Matthew Yi

Associated Press Writer

FRESNO, Calif. — Fresno State center Avondre Jones was kicked off the team Tuesday after he and a top recruit were arrested and accused of pointing handguns at a man and poking him with samurai swords.

The arrest of Jones and Kenny Brunner came hours after the Bulldogs beat Memphis in the NIT on Monday night and a day after Fresno State officials slammed CBS' "60 Minutes" for focusing on the legal and drug troubles of the school's athletes.

"I was devastated to hear this," coach Jerry Tarkanian said in a statement. "I couldn't even enjoy one night after a big victory."

Besides kicking Jones off the team, Tarkanian suspended Brunner indefinitely.

Jones and Brunner were booked for investigation of assault with a deadly weapon and grand theft. They were released on their own recognizance pending a court hearing. Fresno County Sheriff Steve Magarian said.

Jones denied the allegations.

"I'm not guilty. I'm not guilty," Jones told a KJEO-TV reporter. "I got in a situation hanging with the

wrong people."

Police said the players and Colin DeForrest were drinking at Jones' apartment when an argument broke out over a TV program.

"Jones allegedly produced two handguns and pointed them at the victim," Chief Ed Winchester said. "Jones and Brunner then picked up two large swords and began beating and poking the victim."

DeForrest, 23, initially thought the players were joking, but he quickly became concerned when they pulled out "what were described as samurai swords," Lt. Jerry Davis said.

When DeForrest tried to leave the apartment, Jones grabbed his backpack and stole \$230 in cash and a \$500 camera, Winchester said.

DeForrest left and later called police. Davis said, DeForrest, described as an acquaintance, suffered minor abrasions and scratches but didn't need medical attention.

On Monday night, Jones played in the Bulldogs' last-second 83-80 victory over Memphis. Fresno State's next game is Thursday night against Hawaii.

Brunner recently was recruited after leaving Georgetown and was eligible to play in the middle of next season.

NEEDING YOUR PRESCRIPTIONS FAST?

Not feeling well enough to go out and pick up your prescription?

LET US DO IT FOR YOU THE

FastWAY

DELIVERIES

10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Monday through Friday

for only \$6.95

Albertsons

PHARMACY

689-9613



Have your Albertsons' prescriptions delivered to your door. Call us at

689-4122



WEST TEXAS SPORTS

Booster Clubs...

The Midland Lee Baseball Booster Club will meet each Thursday during the baseball season at 7:30 p.m. in the Lee High School Library.

The Lee Softball Booster Club will meet on the first Thursday of every month. Meetings will be held at 7 p.m. in the Lee High School cafeteria.

The Midland High Soccer Booster Club is holding its meetings in Conference Room A at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of each month through April.

Golf...

The Ladies Golf League is being conducted April 9 through June 25 at Hogan Park Golf Course, with nine holes being played each Thursday evening. There will be one tournament each month with a fee of \$36 for the full three months or by paying \$8.50 for each Thursday played. Registration can be made by calling 685-7360 or faxing 686-1624 by 6 p.m. each Wednesday.

Midland Lee Youth Center is holding its first fundraising two-person scramble tournament Monday, March 23 at the Club at Mission Dorado. There will be an 8:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. tee time with an entry fee of \$100 per player. Deadline to enter is March 18. For more information, call Mark Smith at 689-1675 or fax 689-1676.

The Andrews Country Club will hold a 3-man scramble/lowball event April 25-26. Cost is \$55 per man with cart extra. Shotgun starts at 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Call Alan Pursley's Golf Shot at 1-915-524-1462 for information.

The Martin County Country Club in Stanton will host the following golf tournaments: May 16-17, 3-person scramble; June 6, parent-child scramble; June 27-28, 2-person scramble; July 25-26, 2-person scramble; Aug. 22-23, 4-person scramble; Sept. 19-20, 4-person scramble; and Oct. 17-18, couples scramble. Call 1-915-756-2556 or 756-2314 for information.

Swimming...

Pre-competitive swimming is being offered at the Mabee Aquatic Center. The program will teach elementary age swimmers techniques of competitive swimming while improving their strokes. It is open to swimmers who can swim at least 25 yards of freestyle and backstroke. The cost is \$35 per month on a year-round basis. For more information, call Julie Harvey at 684-7755.

COM Aquatics is holding water aerobics classes Monday through Saturday at Mabee Aquatic Center. Classes are at 6:15 a.m., 7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. There will also be a pre-school exercise class offered in conjunction with the 9 a.m. water aerobics class. All classes are open to the public and swimming skills are not necessary. Deep and shallow water classes are offered. For information, call Julie Harvey at 684-7755.

COM Aquatics is offering beginning diving lessons throughout the school year in its indoor heated Olympic Diving Pool. Participants need to be able to swim in deep water. The COM diving program also offers competitive team practice and competitions for most ability levels all year long. Please contact coach Maxwell for more information at 684-7755.

The Alamo YMCA Aquatics Program is offering swimming lessons for all ages. Children are placed in classes according to age and ability. The Skip class, for children three months to three years is a parent participation class while the Pers classes are for children 3-5 and Progressive classes are for children 6 and up. Lessons are also offered for adults. Safety

is taught in conjunction with the classes. Group and private lessons are available. For more information, call 684-2528.

The Alamo YMCA is offering water aerobics. Swimming ability is not necessary to participate. For more information, call 684-2528.

COM Aquatics - Learn to Swim year round lessons for both children (3 years of age or older) and adults wishing to learn to swim or improve technique. Private or group lessons (limit four students per instructor) are available. Children are grouped by age and ability. A session normally consists of eight 30-minute lessons. Please call 684-7755 for more details.

Volleyball...

Registration for YMCA youth volleyball for boys and girls in grades 3-8 is underway. The fee is \$25 for YMCA members and \$38 for non-members. For more information, call 682-2551.

The YMCA is taking registration for an adult volleyball league. Divisions are co-ed, women and men. The league begins April 8 and deadline to register is March 31. The program costs \$125 per team. For more information, call 682-2551.

Basketball...

The Boys & Girls Club of Midland is offering a youth coed basketball league for children in the following grade divisions: 1st & 2nd, 3rd & 4th, 5th & 6th. The league is scheduled to start this month. Registration is now being taken for all three grade divisions. A \$15 fee will be charged. This fee includes the 1998 Club membership, 10-game season, t-shirt and tournament. Participants may register at any of the club's three locations. Registration will continue until all teams are filled. For more information call one of the clubs nearest you after 2 p.m. daily - Half Park Unit, 110 E. New Jersey, 683-5297; Taylor Park Unit, 1321 S. Goode, 683-0050; NE/YMCA Unit, 2800 Butternut, 682-8469. Volunteer coaches are needed for all three grade divisions.

The Midland Lee Youth Center is holding midnight basketball for boys and girls in grades 4-12 this summer June 23-August 1, Monday-Friday from 6-11 p.m. The entry fee for the program, sponsored by the City of Midland, is \$100 for college age players forming their own teams, free for everybody else. For more information, call Barbara Phillip at 689-1175.

Mike Kunstadt's Seventh Annual Nike Great American Spring Weekend Shootout will be held for boys to play in front of coaches and scouts. The shootout will be held on March 22 at Coppell High School, April 4 at Spring H.S., April 5 at Clear Creek H.S., April 11 at Arlington Martin H.S., April 26 at Lubbock Monterey and May 3 in San Antonio. For more information, call 972-254-3657.

The West Texas Breakers are holding tryouts March 23-25. There will be four teams for players ranging from 12 and under to high school age. For more information, call Mickey Long at 697-1030.

Mid America Youth Basketball is conducting 22 tournaments this spring and summer with over 500 teams participating. There will be boys and girls divisions for grades 5-12. Registration deadline is April 30. For more information, call (316) 284-0354.

Softball...

The West Texas Heat 11 and under girls fastpitch team is holding spring tryouts this month to fill openings for the upcoming season. The team will be participating in the B division during the upcoming

season and playing in the competitive division of the Midland Odessa Competitive League. For more information, call Murray Hambrick at 570-7914 or 687-4018.

The Midland Softball Association will host the A-1 Embroidery Classic Softball Tournament March 20-22. The tournament has a two-game guarantee with a \$110 entry fee. Class C and D rules will apply. Entry deadline is March 18. For more information, call 683-8741 or 520-8409.

M.U.G.S. is looking for fast-pitch umpires for league play, which begins in April. Anyone wishing to umpire should contact Mack Gipson at 520-5961 or come to a meeting in the umpire building inside the Bill Williams Complex at Hogan Park each Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The YMCA is taking registration for youth softball for boys and girls in grades K-6. The league begins April 16 and deadline to register is April 4. The program costs \$25 for YMCA members and \$38 for non-members. For more information, call 682-2551.

The Midland Bullets will host the third annual men's tournament March 27-29 at Hidalgo Park. The entry fee is \$110 plus a sanction fee. The deadline for entry is March 26 by 6 p.m. For more information, call Roy or Janie at 689-4315.

The Quick Silver Softball Tournament is April 17-19 at the Statton softball park. The men's tournament is double elimination with 3-homer limit. Entry fee is \$110 with an April 16 deadline. Call 1-915-756-3823 or 756-3031 for information.

Baseball...

The Little League of Midland Challenger Division is beginning its season. This division includes all children ages 6 through 18 with physical and mental disabilities which prevent them from playing in regular division. Players are assisted by buddies who help as needed. Buddies can use this activity as community service hours. Play will begin March 28th at the North Central Little League's Kelly Field. If you are interested in playing, coaching or being a buddy, please call 697-6536.

A 12-and under select baseball tournament is scheduled for Jim Parker Field in Odessa March 27-29. The tournament is open to the first 12 paid teams. For information, call Gary Barnes at 550-3665 or Kenny Freeman at 335-0445.

Grand Slam USA has announced that entries are still being accepted for the Second Annual "Slamfest" pre-season baseball tournament. The event will take place March 26-29 in Lubbock and is open to all teams wishing to participate. The entry fee for the event is \$200 per team, regardless of roster size. There will be three age divisions in the tournament. A machine pitch division for 7-8 year olds and regu-

lar pitch divisions for 9-10 year olds and 11-12 year olds. The age of the player is determined as of July 31. Call Grand Slam at (806) 784-0007.

Football...

Quannah High School needs a varsity opponent in football for the fourth game next year. Interested parties can contact coach Jim Wood at Quannah High School at 940-663-2791.

Tennis...

The Midland College-SWOTT 7th, 8th and 9th Shootout is scheduled for March 28 at the Midland College Tennis Center. The tournament is for boys and girls in grades 7-9 with singles and doubles divisions. The entry fee is \$6 per event with a March 24 deadline. For more information, call Lance Armstrong at 687-4046.

Miscellaneous...

The Flatlanders Ski Club is planning the following trips: Lake Louise, Canada, March 22-29 and New Zealand, July 24-Aug. 1.

Gymnastics classes are being offered at the Mabee Aquatic Center. Parent-tot, grade school and tumbling classes are available. There will also be an advanced team class by tryout only. The staff is certified by USA Gymnastics. For more information, call Megan Rodriguez at 684-7755.

The Alamo YMCA Gymnastics Program is offering classes for all age groups from toddlers to age 17. Parent-tot, beginners, advanced beginners, pre-teams and competitive teams are all offered. For more information, contact Stephanie Barr at 694-2528.

T. J. Jimerson will join the Permian Basin Fly Fishers for an evening of instruction, advice and a fly fishing casting practice on March 19. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. at Wadley-Barron Park, A Street at Cuthbert Avenue, then moves to Michael's, 723 W. Wadley Ave., for dinner at 7 p.m. Jimerson, noted instructor and guide for the San Juan River in northwestern New Mexico, will show his most recent video of fishing scenes, some remarkable close-ups of the small bugs in the San Juan, and a section on tying some of the hot local flies. All interested parties are welcome. For more information call Bob Boone, 697-7550.

The 1998 West Texas Christian Track Meet is May 9 at Odessa's Ratliff Stadium. All proceeds benefit St. John's Episcopal School. Entry fee is \$5 and entry deadline is April 17. Events are long jump, softball throw, dashes 50 through 800 and 400, 1500 and 1600 relays. Spectator admission is free. Call 362-5168 or 332-2290 for information.

King battles storm to win his third Iditarod

Blowing snow proves to be no hindrance for veteran musher.

By Rosanne Pagano
Associated Press Writer

NOME, Alaska — Jeff King battled through blowing snow and poor visibility to earn his third victory Tuesday in the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

King, of Denali Park, crossed under the burlap arch that represents the finish line of the 1,000-mile race from Anchorage to Nome at 4:52 p.m. Alaska time, with an unofficial time of 9 days, 5 hours and 52 minutes.

Only Rick Swenson of Two Rivers and Susan Butcher of Manley have won more Iditarods. Swenson is the race's sole five-time champion. Butcher has won four. Defending champion Martin Buser of Big Lake also is a three-time titleholder.

King managed to stretch his lead over perennial front-runner Dee Dee Jonrowe of Willow to about 1 hour and 35 minutes overnight. Jonrowe lost time Monday repairing her sled after skidding into some driftwood while on the sea ice near Elim.

Charlie Boulding from Manley left White Mountain at 10:10 a.m., while Mitch Seavey from Sterling departed at 10:12 for the 77 miles to Nome.

A late winter storm Tuesday moved quickly across the Seward Peninsula, bringing snow and blowing snow to the trail. That

was dominating strategy on the Iditarod's final day, forcing some of the mushers to delay their departures from the security of checkpoints.

Winds of 60 mph were reported at Solomon, about 15 miles east of the Safety checkpoint, and Niggemeyer said visibility there was down to zero.

Mark Nordman, the race marshal, credited Kotzebue musher John Baker for a break-from-the-pack move at Elim, where winds and snow were forcing three former champs — Buser, Doug Swingley of Lincoln, Mont., and Swenson — to remain holed up Tuesday.

"They're coastal dogs," Nordman said of Baker's team. "They're used to the wind in their face."

Nordman said King and Jonrowe were handed a break despite winds strong enough to blow a pickup truck off the road at Nome.

"At least it's not sub-zero out there," he said. "Dogs can handle that cold fine, but it's hard on the mushers."

King took 10 days, 15 hours, to win in 1993 and pared that to just nine days, five hours in 1996, the last time the Iditarod moved along the northern route that is being used this year. Jonrowe finished 22 minutes behind him in 1993 to capture second place.

Fifty-six teams remain on the trail, while seven have scratched. King gets \$51,000 and a new pickup truck.



**Wadley & Garfield
Midland
683-4311**

**BUY ONE
GET ONE
FREE**

Buy one entree & beverage and
get another entree & beverage
of equal or lesser value free
excludes alcoholic beverages

Don't
Forget
Wed
Enchiladas
Only
\$3.99
All Day

DINE IN ONLY. NOT VALID WITH OTHER OFFERS. EXPIRES 3-31-98

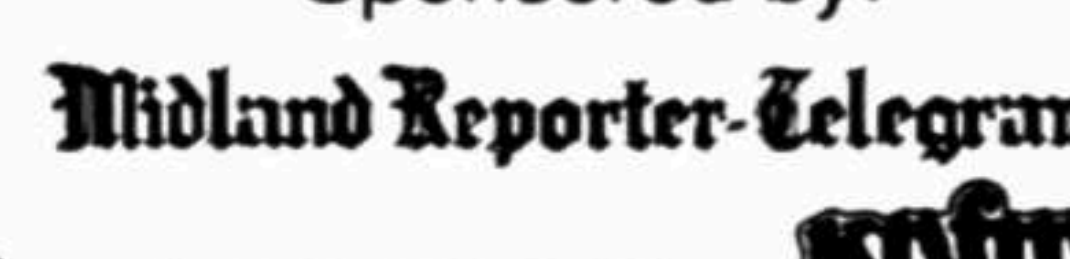
HOOPLA '98



3-on-3 Street Basketball Tournament

Benefitting
PREVENT BLINDNESS TEXAS
SATURDAY, April 18, 1998
ClayDesta Center Parking Lot
Sign up 3 Players and one alternate for \$100
Entry Deadline April 3, 1998

For more information or to pick up a registration form call
PREVENT BLINDNESS at 683-0003
Sponsored by:





Kelly's libel trial starts

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — A lawyer charged Tuesday that Jim Kelly damaged the career of A.J. Faigin when the former Buffalo Bills quarterback wrote that the sports agent mishandled his money.

Kelly's libel trial began in U.S. District Court on Tuesday with Faigin's lawyer saying Kelly knew when he wrote his book, Armed and Dangerous, that the claim was false.

Faigin, of Laguna Miguel, Calif., is suing Kelly for an undisclosed amount of money, but has said he lost more than \$1 million in business because of the book. The case is being heard in Concord because New Hampshire gives people a longer time to file libel suits than most other states.

Faigin's lawyer, Alan Mandel of Chicago, said Kelly defamed Faigin in his book, making it even harder for him to compete with people who don't hesitate to cheat to make money.

Kelly's lawyer, Steve Gordon of Concord, said Kelly's statements are not libelous for two reasons — Kelly believed what he wrote and Faigin knew about the alleged mismanagement of his money. Gordon said Faigin billed Kelly for investing his money, as well as negotiating his contracts, and misled him in his financial affairs. He said Faigin double-billed Kelly and knew Kelly's money was being mismanaged.

Kelly's relationship with Faigin turned sour after Faigin landed Kelly a multimillion dollar contract in 1983 with the Houston Gamblers

of the now-defunct United States Football League, and a \$3.5 million, five-year contract with the Bills in 1986. At the time, it was the richest contract in NFL history.

Hollywood Theaters

TALL CITY 10
4915 W. Loop 250
Before 6:00 2:22 2:00

THE TITANIC PG-13 12:00 4:00 8:30
2:00 7:15

TWILIGHT R 12:25 2:25 4:37 10:35
12:25 2:30 5:07 7:55

U.S. MARSHALS PG-13 12:30 3:30 7:05 9:55
12:30 2:50 7:00 10:00

MAN IN THE IRON MASK PG-13 12:10 3:10 7:05 10:00
12:10 3:10 7:05 10:00

AS GOOD AS IT GETS PG-13 12:12 2:25 4:40 7:15 9:40
11:55 2:10 4:30 7:10 9:30

GOOD WILL HUNTING R 12:30 3:20 7:05 9:50

MIDLAND PARK MALL
Loop 250 at The Mall
Before 6:00 5:57 7:13

THE APOLLO PG-13 4:10 7:10 9:50
4:50 7:25 9:45

SPYGLASS PG-13 4:20 7:05 9:40
5:00 7:30 10:00

NORTH PARK
5:15 7:15 9:15 11:15
5:15 7:15 9:15 11:15

BOONIE HUNTS R 1:15 4:07 7:00 9:55
2:30 4:57 7:50 10:40

FALLER R 1:45 4:37 7:30 10:20
2:35 4:57 7:50 10:40

CINE 4
3200 W. Loop 250
Before 6:00 5:57 7:13

THE APOLLO PG-13 4:10 7:10 9:50
4:50 7:25 9:45

SPYGLASS PG-13 4:20 7:05 9:40
5:00 7:30 10:00

BROADWAY TONIGHT!



A FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRODUCTION

BENEFITTING THE PRESBYTERIAN HERITAGE TOUR TO THE BRITISH ISLES

STARRING SOME OF MIDLAND'S FAVORITES

• Drew Anderson • Dixie Doss

• Arun Sharma • Kathy Pysh • Janet Monzie

• Julie Sharma • Gregory Pysh

FRIDAY MARCH 20, 1998 8PM
Midland Center
Tickets \$25.00 Reserved Seating
\$15.00 General Seating

Tickets may be purchased at the main reception area
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
800 West Texas Avenue
Monday thru Friday 9am-5pm
Further Information 684-7821

Coffee, cold drinks and desserts by the Frenchman available

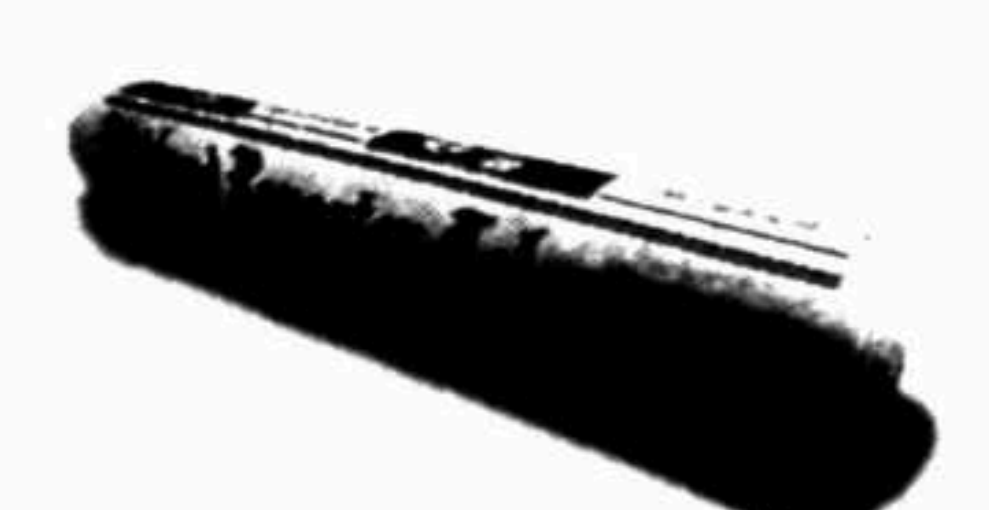
YOUR SUBSCRIPTION JUST GOT EASIER TO PAY.

Now, for your convenience, you can pay
your Midland Reporter-Telegram
subscription bill through Mr. Payroll at
these participating Kent Kwik locations.

MIDLAND LOCATIONS:
3310 West Wall
3314 West Loop 250 North
2910 N. Big Spring Street
4701 Briarwood

ODESSA LOCATIONS:
601 West County Road
4203 North Grandview
9413 West University Blvd.
1001 North Dixie Blvd.
2463 East 8th Street

* Midland Reporter-Telegram will pay service charge on subscription payment only

Nicklaus accepts special exemption to 1998 U.S. Open

By Ron Sirak
AP Golf Writer

NEW YORK — Jack Nicklaus decided to push one of the most remarkable streaks in sports a little further by accepting on Tuesday a special exemption to play in the U.S. Open.

On Monday, the USGA extended invitations to Nicklaus to play in the next three Opens. Nicklaus has played in all four major professional championships each year since 1962 — a total of 144.

"I am very flattered that the USGA thinks I can make a contribution to the Open through the year 2000," Nicklaus said Tuesday. "So I called Trey Holland (vice president) of the USGA and accepted their invitation to participate. I'm very much looking forward to playing the Open this year at the Olympic Club."

Nicklaus did not say if he would also play in the 1999 U.S. Open at Pinehurst or in 2000 at Pebble Beach. Also left hanging was whether he would play in the British Open and the PGA Championship this year.

Nicklaus did not decide until the Sunday before the British Open last year that his game was up to the challenge.

In the past, Nicklaus has said he would play in the majors as long as he felt he was competitive.

When Nicklaus was not among those given exemptions by the USGA in January it appeared his streak of consecutive major championships would end at 145 after this year's Masters.

Now Nicklaus can extend that streak through the 2001 Masters, if he chooses, pushing it to 157 consecutive major championships. He has lifetime invitations to the Masters and the PGA Championship and can play the British Open until he is 65.

Nicklaus, 58, has played in every Open since he was a 17-year-old amateur in 1957. He has won 18 major



Golfing legend Jack Nicklaus on Tuesday accepted a special exemption to play in the U.S. Open for the next three years.

professional championships and two U.S. Amateur titles. He won his first U.S. Open at the age of 22 in 1962.

Only Nicklaus, Bobby Jones, Willie Anderson and Ben Hogan have won the U.S. Open four times.

Last year, Nicklaus played in the U.S. Open at Congressional Country Club on his fifth special exemption since 1991 and finished 52nd.

Nicklaus has not finished in the top 20 in the U.S. Open since 1986 when he was eighth. That was also the year he won the last of his 18 professional major championships in the Masters.

Davies, Hagen share many similarities despite 70 years dividing their careers

By Ron Sirak
AP Golf Writer

It's too bad Laura Davies and Walter Hagen lived 70 years apart. They likely would have hit it off.

Neither one cared too much for practice. Both were fans of nightlife and liked games of chance. And both were great competitors on the golf course who knew how to win when the chips were down.

Davies and Hagen are also the only two golfers to win the same tournament in this country four years in a row. This week at the Standard Register Ping in Phoenix, Davies will try to go a step beyond Hagen and win for a fifth straight year.

"When you are defending, you have to forget about that and go on and play," Davies said. "If I am in position to win on Sunday morning, then it may cross my mind."

Part of what will cross her mind if she is in contention Sunday morning is a lot of dollar signs.

In addition to the \$127,500 first prize, Davies would get a \$300,000 bonus for winning the tournament a fifth consecutive time. And The Arizona Republic and Scottsdale Insurance have teamed to form Laura's Million Dollar Charity Drive.

ve. If Davies steps into the winner's circle on Sunday, it will generate \$1 million to local agencies to fight domestic violence and child abuse.

"Obviously it would be great for me personally to win the fifth title," Davies said. "No one's ever done it, and that would be exciting. But added on top of that, that million dollars to these good causes is something that for me would be very special."

Hagen won the PGA Championship four consecutive years beginning in 1924. The only other person — beside Davies — to win the same event four straight times was Gene Sarazen at the Miami Open (1926, '28-'30), but that was over five years since the event wasn't held in 1927.

The long-hitting Davies and the large-living Hagen shared a passion for fun.

"I don't desire to be a millionaire," said Hagen, who took the game out of tweed jackets and put it into sweaters. "I just want to live like one."

It was in Davies' homeland of Britain where Hagen solidified his reputation as a maverick.

At his first British Open at Deal in 1920, Hagen found out that professionals could not go into the

More Sports/1D

clubhouse. So he hired a Rolls Royce and a butler and lunched on caviar, smoked salmon and champagne outside the main entrance.

In 1923, when the same rule was in effect at Troon, Hagen refused to enter the clubhouse for the awards ceremony when he finished second. Instead, he invited spectators for a drink at the inn where he was staying.

Hagen did more than any other person to break down the social barriers between professional golfers, who were viewed as low class, and the much more aristocratic amateurs.

Davies likely would have loved Hagen's crusade to take golf out of the hands of the elite and give it back to the masses, where it started.

Two years ago while on her way to winning the LPGA Championship, she thrilled the gallery on a 410-yard hole playing downwind when she teed her ball up on a golf pencil with the eraser removed and rode the wind over the dogleg to drive within eight paces of the green.

Snead holds distinction of helping found two professional golf tours

By Ron Sirak
AP Golf Writer

Golf Notes

Sam Snead is one of the few people who can say he was there at the beginning of two pro golf tours: the PGA Tour and the Senior PGA Tour.

In the 1930s, he was one of a hearty handful of players who traveled from tournament to tournament by car, searching out \$1.50-a-night motel rooms and playing for a purse so meager that a finish below third meant losing money.

Then, 20 years ago, he participated in the event that got the Senior Tour started. And when he and Gardner Dickinson teamed up to win the 1978 Legends of Golf, it earned Snead the largest paycheck of his career.

"We won \$100,000, split between the two of us," Snead, who will be 86 in May, said Tuesday. "Before that, the biggest check I ever got was \$11,000."

Snead will be playing again this weekend at the Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf on the Golf Club of Amelia Island in Florida, paired with three-time U.S. Amateur winner E. Harvie Ward in the Demaret Division.

When he looks around at all the money that can be won, Snead can only shake his head and wonder, "What if ..."

"Last year, Hale Irwin won nine tournaments and won \$2.5 million," Snead said. "In 1950, I won 11 tournaments and won \$53,000. Oh, I'd love to start again. If I could

just back up, oh boy I'd love it."

Snead speaks with clear appreciation for the players he sees today, noting Tiger Woods, Ernie Els and Justin Leonard, and saying the talent is deeper today than when he played.

But he was not willing to say that the best players today are better than the best when he was at his peak.

"Back when I was playing well, I'd play anybody then — Hogan, Nelson, anybody," he said.

"He might beat me," Snead said of a fantasy matchup with Woods. "But I think I might be able to get him."

Snead points to two factors when he looks at lower scores today than when he played — the ball goes farther and the courses are in better shape.

"I've been on some fairways that are as good as the greens we putted on back then," Snead said. "We had crab grass. I remember one green where I putted through ants."

The Legends will be on ABC Saturday, 1-3:30 p.m. and Sunday, 1-3 p.m.

CASEY MARTIN: Although the USGA will let Casey Martin try to qualify for the U.S. Open in a cart, honoring the court victory Martin won in Oregon against the PGA Tour, it sounds like the British Open is not open to the idea. The British Open entry form

contains a clause that states: "Players shall walk at all times during a stipulated round unless permitted to ride by the Championship Committee."

That gives the Royal & Ancient Golf Club room to allow Martin to ride, but R&A secretary Michael Bonallack said Tuesday the organization is discussing its options with lawyers.

"If and when he enters, it will be up to the committee to decide whether they will invoke that clause," Bonallack said. "The matter has been discussed and the general policy is that players must walk, but we are taking advice on the matter."

Bonallack said the two main concerns for the R&A are setting a precedent that would allow other players to use carts, and the logistics of getting carts around the tight British links courses. Carts are virtually unheard of in Britain.

Martin, who plays in the Nike Tour event in Monterrey, Mexico, this week, would have to go through the 36-hole final qualifying competition at one of four courses near Royal Birkdale in northwest England.

Bonallack said the fact the USGA on Monday granted Jack Nicklaus a special exemption for the next three U.S. Opens increases the chances that Nicklaus will play in his 37th consecutive British Open at Birkdale in July.

"That is, if his hips stand up to it," Bonallack said. "I hope he does not ask for a buggy."

**Hook up to the Internet...
In less than 5 minutes!**

and first month FREE!

as low as

\$10

A MONTH

E-mail friends, family and businesses worldwide and save long distance charges. Plus round-the-clock news, weather, shopping, stocks, travel, entertainment and so much more...when you want it!

Connect Now
620-0839

**Hook up to the Internet...
In less than 5 minutes!**

and first month FREE!

- No set up fee!
- Easy activation!
- Free unlimited technical service!
- E-mail account!
- State-of-the-art 56k modem access!

Texas Online
Serving West Texas for Over 2 1/2 Years.

Calling About Home Equity Loans? Here Are Some Numbers To Know.

7 7 5
As Low As 7.75% APR

0
No Closing Costs*

2 5
Years Of Experience

When you add up the advantages, it's hard to beat a NationsBank Home Equity Loan. You'll get a great low rate, as low as 7.75% APR, based on the amount of your loan and the term you select. Plus, in most cases, the interest is tax-deductible. You could also save hundreds of dollars in closing costs.

And if you have any questions, you know you'll be getting the benefit of years of experience in home equity lending. For more information or to apply, call or stop by your nearest NationsBank banking center. Like so many Texans have found, it could be the best financial call you'll ever make.

NationsBank

For More Information Or To Apply, Stop By Or Call 1-800-NATIONS, ext. 71
(Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 1-800-628-4667, ext. 71.)
www.nationsbank.com/home-equity

Credit subject to approval. Rates and terms subject to change. Offer available in Texas on qualified home equity loans for applications received through 4/30/98. NationsBank will pay bank required closing costs for loans of \$100,000 or less. For loans over \$100,000, NationsBank will pay bank required closing costs, except title insurance, which will be paid by borrower. The borrower may pay additional survey and appraisal fees. Other restrictions apply. Minimum loan is \$5,000. Consult tax adviser about interest deductibility. Flood and property hazard insurance may be required. See NationsBank for further details. NationsBank Corporation subsidiary banks are Equal Housing Lenders and Members FDIC. ©1998 NationsBank Corporation

REMAIN ANONYMOUS • CASH REWARDS
MIDLAND CRIME STOPPERS
694-TIPS
1-800-7-LOCK UP
Complete Confidentiality • (No Caller ID Used)

CLASSIFIED CAN!
682-6222 or Fax us at 682-6999

Get It Fresh Every Morning...

Begin your day with a hot, fresh-brewed 20 oz. cup of coffee or cappuccino and your morning copy of the **Midland Reporter-Telegram** from **KENT KWIK** CONVENIENCE STORES

ONLY 99¢

Offer good Monday through Saturday at any Kent Kwik where ever the Midland Reporter-Telegram is sold.

You can now pay for your Midland Reporter-Telegram subscription at Mr. Payroll, located inside Kent Kwik.

with coupon
Any Dr. Pepper or Pepsi 20 oz. Bottle **89¢** REG. 99¢



TO READ THE MARKET IN REVIEW

HOW TO READ THE MARKET IN REVIEW

Source: The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.

Daily Market Roundup



Last

			Chg	Chg	% Chg	% Chg
8 718.85	6 356.78	Dow Jones Industrials	8 749.99	+31.14	+38	+10.64
3 638.70	2 336.12	Dow Jones Transportation	3 636.81	+37	+13.24	+41.68
276.94	208.98	Dow Jones Utilities	276.68	+1.97	+71	+2.05
562.00	387.12	NYSE Composite	563.09	+1.15	+20	+10.15
723.03	541.02	S&P 500	718.16	-0.88	-40	+4.90
1 188.22	1 194.16	Nasdaq Composite	1 177.00	-12	-1	+31.41
1 079.46	733.54	S&P 500	1 080.40	+11	+1	+34.82
471.89	246.85	Russell 2000	471.11	-65	-14	+7.80
10 283.95	7 059.97	Wilshire 5000	10 292.77	+8.82	+9	+10.70

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

NYSE				AMEX				NASDAQ			
Most Active (\$1 on more)				Most Active (\$1 on more)				Most Active (\$1 on more)			
Name	Vol	(01)	Chng	Name	Vol	(01)	Chng	Name	Vol	(01)	Chng
Compas	440324	23% ⁺	+1%	SPDR	45819108	% ⁺	+%	IndcPm	308702	17%	
Amnks	120714	77% ⁺	+12%	TWA	12259	13% ⁺	+%	WorldCm	193812	429% ⁺	+13%
EDS	101053	49% ⁺	+%	Nabors	12026	22% ⁺	+%	Intsl	138601	78% ⁺	+1%
Schimb	101043	67% ⁺	+2% ⁺	HaiteM	9369	13% ⁺	-1%	Microst	134606	80% ⁺	+1%
IomegaS	86018	73%	+1%	VacB	8965	50	+%	WAMult	111890	72% ⁺	+13%
GAINERS (\$2 or more)				GAINERS (\$2 or more)				GAINERS (\$2 or more)			
Name	Last	Chng	%Chg	Name	Last	Chng	%Chg	Name	Last	Chng	%Chg
AmnM pD	162+28% ⁺	+21.7		Envirostr	11	+31%	+39.7	NeliveIn	21%	+1	+80.0
TIS	2% ⁺	+3%	+21.0	Foodom	33%	+61%	+26.0	RKMinut	4%	+21%	+73.3
Amnks	77% ⁺	+12%	+18.9	CmrdAp	43%	+7	+25.0	RKMinet	4%	+1%	+61.9
IndstSI	27% ⁺	+4%	+16.4	WestwI	17%	+2%	+16.0	Btstsm	33%	+1	+58.8
GmStII	21% ⁺	+%	+16.2	UnifybW	72%	+7%	+13.2	ColGenex	91%	+2%	+37.2
LOSERS (\$2 or more)				LOSERS (\$2 or more)				LOSERS (\$2 or more)			
Name	Last	Chng	%Chg	Name	Last	Chng	%Chg	Name	Last	Chng	%Chg
Scotlq	3%	-3%	-18.8	MargGrp	3%	-13%	-18.3	DauSys	16%	-8%	-33.3
US Rentl	23	-33%	-12.1	Cryctsl grn	4%	-3%	-14.0	NymoxFN	91%	-33%	-27.5
BayNtwk	24	-31%	-10.2	ViccoS	263%	-31%	-10.0	AccorCm	61%	-21%	-25.5
DrilQup	26%	-27%	-9.9	SwingNSI	33%	-3%	-9.1	OLS ArIn	233%	-213%	-23.9
USHm wt	23	-3%	-9.0	Amplex	23%	-1%	-8.9	ApMo	6%	-1%	-22.6
DIARY				DIARY				DIARY			
Advanced	1	473		Advanced	274			Advanced	1	1935	
Declined	1	508		Declined	310			Declined	310		
Unchanged	529			Unchanged	178			Unchanged	178		
Total issues	3310			Total issues	765			Total issues	5657		
New Highs	354			New Highs	56			New Highs	221		
New Lows	24			New Lows	7			New Lows	64		
Volume	818 513 580			Volume	36 696 790			Volume	799 941 100		

[illegible][illegible]

17 Elcor s27.7% +1/2	19 17 GenIte s20.0% +1/2	17 15 IBM s 100% +1/2	17 11 w	21 21 MarshM s90.1% +1/2	21 25
22 EDS s5.0% +1/2	72 11 GenSem s12.4% +1/2	24 21 INFVar 47.7% +1/2	24 21 17 InGaMe s23.4% +1/2	22 19 21 MarM s91.1% +1/2	24
EFaqE s6.9% +1/2	14 14 Canco s 100% +1/2	21 17 InpAs s 51% +1/2	21 17 InpAs s 51% +1/2	22 19 21 MarM s91.1% +1/2	24
EFQrP s6.5% +1/2	16 15 GenSens28.1% +1/2	32 27 InpGp s 61% +1/2	32 27 InpGp s 61% +1/2	22 19 21 MarM s91.1% +1/2	24
EMC s1.9% +1/2	15 15 GenSens28.1% +1/2	21 17 InpAs s 51% +1/2	21 17 InpAs s 51% +1/2	22 19 21 MarM s91.1% +1/2	24
22 EmrEnL 64.7% +1/2	15 15 GenSens28.1% +1/2	28 22 Instron s 34% +1/2	28 22 Instron s 34% +1/2	21 13 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
16 EmPtot22.1% +1/2	19 17 GenPrt s36.7% +1/2	18 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	18 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
16 EPC s1.9% +1/2	24 GAGCP s6.7% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
15 Empica 12 -1/2	11 15 GATpM s25.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
15 Endosa s23.4% +1/2	37 GATpW s24.7% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
15 EnrgyGp s55.7% +1/2	46 37 GATpW s25.7% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
15 EnrgyGp s 24.1% +1/2	37 GATpW s25.7% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
14 Enrma s 27.5% +1/2	37 GATpW s25.7% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
19 Enron s45.4% +1/2	37 GATpW s25.7% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
19 EnrLNC p25.5% +1/2	37 GATpW s25.7% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
24 EnnMGOS 2.1% +1/2	29 GAWesS5.7% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
14 ENOSC s 25.4% +1/2	12 10 GBoM 22.2% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
12 Enlrgy s28.7% +1/2	10 GBoM 14.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
15 ENLCS p63.9% +1/2	25 GotsSB38.3% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
24 EntPrt 1.9% +1/2	25 GotsSB38.3% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
26 EotEng s18.1% +1/2	14 GdW 19.7% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
24 EquFax 36.7% +1/2	19 16 Goodchrs5.1% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
16 EquFas s24.1% +1/2	14 GdW 19.7% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
16 EquRes 3.1% +1/2	22 Grace 5.5% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
26 EquQtyCp 23.4% +1/2	21 GmHmF 10.1% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
24 Equity s 2.1% +1/2	22 19 GmHmF 10.1% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
15 EspSas s26.6% +1/2	11 12 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
33 Estate s46.6% +1/2	12 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
24 EthnAs s63.9% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
10 Ethyl s 8.1% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
50 EufWd s19.9% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
12 EvareRes s23.4% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
16 ExceR s 3.9% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
16 ExceR s 3.9% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
46 ExnStyA s14.4% +1/2	14 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
21 Exlon s72.7% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
16 FOX Cp s27.1% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
15 FFL Cp s27.1% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
15 FFL Cp s27.1% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
22 FarCmP s 2.2% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
22 FarCmP s 2.2% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
22 FarCmP s 2.2% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
22 FarCmP s 2.2% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
22 FarCmP s 2.2% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
22 FarCmP s 2.2% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
22 FarCmP s 2.2% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
22 FarCmP s 2.2% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
22 FarCmP s 2.2% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
22 FarCmP s 2.2% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
22 FarCmP s 2.2% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
22 FarCmP s 2.2% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
22 FarCmP s 2.2% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
22 FarCmP s 2.2% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
22 FarCmP s 2.2% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
22 FarCmP s 2.2% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
22 FarCmP s 2.2% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
22 FarCmP s 2.2% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
22 FarCmP s 2.2% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
22 FarCmP s 2.2% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
22 FarCmP s 2.2% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
22 FarCmP s 2.2% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
22 FarCmP s 2.2% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
22 FarCmP s 2.2% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
22 FarCmP s 2.2% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
22 FarCmP s 2.2% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
22 FarCmP s 2.2% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
22 FarCmP s 2.2% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
22 FarCmP s 2.2% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
22 FarCmP s 2.2% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
22 FarCmP s 2.2% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
22 FarCmP s 2.2% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
22 FarCmP s 2.2% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
22 FarCmP s 2.2% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
22 FarCmP s 2.2% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
22 FarCmP s 2.2% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
22 FarCmP s 2.2% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
22 FarCmP s 2.2% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
22 FarCmP s 2.2% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
22 FarCmP s 2.2% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
22 FarCmP s 2.2% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
22 FarCmP s 2.2% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
22 FarCmP s 2.2% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	15 13 JomCo s 27% +1/2	24 22 22 MaseC s 2.6% +1/2	25
22 FarCmP s 2.2% +1/2	15 GILK 48.4% +				

[illegible][illegible][illegible]

15	10	HallerMs	13 ⁷ ₁₆	-1 ¹ ₁₆	4	IRIS	41 ¹ ₁₆	-3 ¹ ₁₆	91
67	25	HangOr	17 ⁵ ₁₆	+5 ¹ ₁₆		IntPoly	23 ³ ₁₆	-1 ¹ ₁₆	

APD Name	Last Chg	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100		
APD Name	Last Chg	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
APD Name	Last Chg	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
APD Name	Last Chg	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
APD Name	Last Chg	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
APD Name	Last Chg	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
APD Name	Last Chg	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
APD Name	Last Chg	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
APD Name	Last Chg	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
APD Name	Last Chg	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
APD Name	Last Chg	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
APD Name	Last Chg	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
APD Name	Last Chg	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
APD Name	Last Chg	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
APD Name	Last Chg	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
APD Name	Last Chg	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
APD Name	Last Chg	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
APD Name	Last Chg	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
APD Name	Last Chg	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
APD Name	Last Chg	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
APD Name	Last Chg	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
APD Name	Last Chg	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
APD Name	Last Chg	27																																																																									

32 HCL 181c 1a 32 31 IntEcon 203a 3

HighMark Funds:	Growth	23.84
Science	17.34	24.1

BUSINESS BRIEFING

OIL PRICES

FUTURES
Tuesday \$13.21
Previous Close \$13.28
Year Ago \$20.92

POSTED
Today \$11.00
Previous Close \$11.00
Year Ago \$19.00

NATURAL GAS PRICES
Tuesday \$2.155

Dollar retreats

NEW YORK — The dollar weakened against the British pound Tuesday after the British government's new budget was seen as giving the Bank of England little reason not to raise interest rates.

The pound brought \$1.6692 by late in the afternoon in New York, up from \$1.6686 late Monday.

The pound's strength also contributed to the dollar's weakness against the German mark and the Japanese yen.

In late New York trading, the dollar was quoted at 129.64 Japanese yen, even with Monday's rate. The dollar also was changing hands in New York at 1.8193 German marks, unchanged from late Monday.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Monday: 1.4800 Swiss francs, unchanged; 6.1005 French francs, up from 6.0985; 1.791.75 Italian lire, down from 1.792.50; and 1.4119 Canadian dollars, down from 1.4120.

Dow Jones unit

NEW YORK — Dow Jones & Co. said Tuesday its money-losing financial information service will be sold within two weeks, ending six months of silence about the fate of Dow Jones Markets.

Dow Jones would not name any potential buyers for the unit. The sale has been widely expected since the company said in October it would consider options for Markets and a month later sharply curtailed spending to expand the service.

A potential sale price also was not disclosed, but Dow Jones said in a regulatory filing that it is likely to be significantly less than Markets' current value of \$550 million.

Thrift purchase

LOS ANGELES — In its second huge acquisition in less than a year, the nation's largest thrift, Washington Mutual, said Tuesday it agreed to buy rival H.F. Ahmanson & Co. for \$9.9 billion in stock.

The friendly purchase would create the nation's seventh-largest banking company serving nearly 6 million households in the West and Florida. It would have nearly \$150 billion in assets.

The new company will focus on consumer banking services such as mortgage, home equity and small business loans, said Kerry Killinger, president and chief executive of Washington Mutual.

Credit payments

NEW YORK — Confident that the growing economy will keep their jobs secure, American consumers continue to charge up a storm. But a growing number are also mailing their payments sooner, or even paying off their balances.

A persistently growing economy has increased employment, and card issuers say they have tightened lending standards resulting in the lowest level of delinquent credit card accounts since the fall of 1994, the American Bankers Association said Tuesday.

"I think this is an important improvement," said James Chessen, chief economist at the ABA. "The vast majority of consumers are using credit responsibly. Almost 97 percent of credit card accounts are paid on time."

Steel deal

CHICAGO — Fast-growing steel-maker Ispat International NV has gained a foothold in the United States, announcing its purchase of Inland Steel Co., the nation's sixth-largest steelmaker, for \$888.2 million in cash.

Inland Steel, a division of Inland Steel Industries Inc., said the combined operations would create the world's eighth-largest steel producer.

Crude steady after brief fall below \$13

■ Crude prices fall below \$13 on supply concerns, but rebound back above \$13 level.

N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — New York crude oil was little changed at a nine-year low on expectation that OPEC and other producers will leave the world awash with oil.

Prices fell below \$13 a barrel earlier Tuesday, before rebounding, as traders saw little chance the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries would cut back exports. Crude has dropped 31 percent since late November, when OPEC approved a 10 percent rise in its production quota.

"The reversal of this slide can only come from OPEC, who must reduce production," Conoco Inc. Chief Executive

Archie Dunham said during an international energy conference in Dubai.

April crude fell 7 cents to \$13.21 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, the lowest closing price since Oct. 24, 1988. Crude oil fell as low as \$12.80 a barrel in intra-day trading, also a low since October, 1988.

The slump in oil has led to a drop in retail gasoline to its lowest price since March 1994, the American Automobile Association said. The average price of self-serve regular gasoline, which fell to \$1.081 in mid-March, is down 21 percent since September.

The slump in oil prices affected oil company stocks after analysts said lower prices would reduce exploration activity. The Standard & Poor's International Integrated Oil Company Index of six of the world's biggest oil companies fell 13.96, or 1.8 percent, to 770.60.

Oil prices dropped after OPEC agreed

in November to boost production quotas by 10 percent to 27.5 million barrels a day, beginning Jan. 1. OPEC supplies about a third of the world's oil. The quota increase came as the economic slowdown in Asia reduced oil consumption in the region and an unseasonably warm winter cut demand for heating oil in Europe and the U.S.

"Most of the damage has already been done — you can't expect it to go down 50 cents a day because then we'd be at zero pretty quick," said Warren Tashnek, an energy analyst at Fimat Futures USA in Houston.

World supply is exceeding demand by as much as 1.3 million barrels a day, or 1.7 percent.

"When the storage gets filled up, then you're really going to have to give the stuff away," said Leonard Camporeale, vice president of risk management at Transmontaigne Product Services Inc. in

Fayetteville, Arkansas.

"Crude could get down to \$10 a barrel," he said. "There is no reason in this market to buy. Before I buy, I need something to hang my hat on."

OPEC ministers have been mostly silent about their efforts to stem the price slide since postponing a committee that had been scheduled to begin yesterday. Some OPEC members are trying to turn the meeting, now scheduled for March 30, into a full emergency meeting of all 11 members to discuss cutting production quotas.

"The lack of rhetoric from OPEC is being taken very bearishly by the market," said Abe Glass, a trader at Spear, Leeds & Kellogg in New York. "The market is saying to these guys, 'Hey pal, every day you don't say something, it's going to cost you.'"

Stocks push further into record territory

■ Blue chips shrug off profit-taking, discouraging technology news to set new record.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Blue-chip stocks turned higher toward the close Tuesday, pushing farther into record terrain despite some mild profit-taking and more discouraging news in the technology sector.

The Dow Jones industrial average wiped out an early 35-point loss and rose 31 points, closing just shy of 8,750. On Monday, the blue-chip barometer gained 116 points, crossing 8,700 for the first time and extending this year's gain to 10 percent.

Broad-market measures were mixed. The Standard & Poor's 500 also turned higher over the final hour of trading to notch a fifth record close in six sessions. But the Nasdaq composite index finished lower as technology shares sagged amid late Monday's news that Micron Technology had lost more money than expected during its just-ended quarter.

There was little reaction to two new reports offering mixed economic signals. The Commerce Department said construction of new homes and apartments, propelled by low mortgage rates and good weather, jumped 6 percent in February to the highest level in more than a decade. However, the government also reported that industrial production failed to show an increase for the first time since late 1996.

The manufacturing sector is expected to be hard hit by the ongoing economic turmoil in Asia as U.S. exports to the region decline and cheap imports into the United States rise. The Asian crisis is



Vince Flaherty, center, a specialist with Labranche & Co., conducts trades in Compaq shares on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Tuesday. After spending much of the day on the down side, the Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 31.14 points to close at 8,749.99 points, a second consecutive record close.

expected to shave as much as a percentage point off U.S. economic growth this year.

Overseas, Tokyo's Nikkei stock average rose 0.8 percent, Frankfurt's DAX index rose 1.3 percent and London's FTSE 100 rose 0.9 percent.

According to preliminary calculations, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 31.14 to 8,749.99.

Declining issues outnumbered advances by a narrow margin on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,472 up, 1,511 down and 526 unchanged.

NYSE volume totaled 674.02 million

shares, up sharply from Monday's 546.83 million.

The S&P 500 rose 1.18 to 1,080.45, and the NYSE composite index rose 1.15 to 563.09, also closing at a new high for the fifth time in six sessions.

The Nasdaq composite index slid 8.88 to 1,779.30, giving back more than half of Monday's record-setting gain.

Smaller-company shares also lagged the blue-chip rebound: the Russell 2000 index fell 0.66471.10, snapping a four-session string of record highs, and the American Stock Exchange composite index rose 0.02 to 718.16.

U.S. economy heads in two directions

■ Asian crisis boosts housing starts while dampening manufacturing.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Asia's economic crisis is pulling the American economy in two directions: dampening manufacturing through increased export competition and boosting housing construction through lower interest rates.

Construction of new single-family homes and apartments rose to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.64 million units last month, up 6 percent from January and the highest level since November 1987, the Commerce Department said.

Meanwhile, according to the Federal Reserve, the nation's industrial production was unchanged in February for the first time since October 1996. Economists said the report showed the impact of reduced export sales to economically ail-

ing countries in Asia and increased competition from Asian imports.

"The industrial sector is slowing in reaction to Asian developments," said economist Gerald Cohen of Merrill Lynch.

The unchanged February performance for industrial production, which followed a small, 0.1 percent increase in January, was attributed in part to the third straight monthly decline in the assembly of cars and light trucks.

Jerry Jasinoski, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, said factories making aircraft and industrial machinery have been particularly hurt by slumping export sales to Asia.

However, demand for technology continued strong, with computer output up 1.8 percent and semiconductor production increasing 2.4 percent.

By sector, production was unchanged in manufacturing, down 0.3 percent at mines and oil fields and up 0.9 percent at utilities.

The slack month eased some of the

inflationary strain on industry, with the capacity use rate sinking from 83 percent to 82.7 percent and, at factories alone, from 82.2 percent to 81.8 percent.

Manufacturing is expected to bear the brunt of the Asian currency crisis. But so far the troubles have proved more of a boost than a drag to the rest of the economy. Thirty-year mortgage rates hovered around 7 percent in both January and February. That's only happened once previously — in late 1993 — during the past 25 years.

Rising income and the lowest unemployment rate in 24 years are giving consumers the confidence to purchase homes. Plus, so far this year, the housing has been helped across much of the country by unseasonably mild weather, the product of the El Nino current in the Pacific Ocean.

Nationally, construction of single-family homes rose 4.3 percent to an annual rate of 1.27 million units, the highest since March 1994. Construction of multifamily units increased 12.6 percent to an annual rate of 366,000 units.

Group calls for deeper cuts in insurance rates

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas auto insurers continue to save more money than they are sharing with drivers after 1995 laws curbing people's ability to file lawsuits, according to a coalition of consumer organizations.

Lawmakers in 1995 ordered insurance companies to share with drivers any savings resulting from so-called tort reform measures, which have reduced the number of lawsuits filed in Texas.

Since 1996, Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer has ordered insurance companies to reduce rates by \$1.5 billion to account for such savings.

But three consumer groups — Consumers Union, the Center for Economic Justice and Texas Citizen Action — said on top of the \$1.5 billion cut, insurance companies have pocketed another \$2 billion because of fewer lawsuits.

In 1997, the coalition said Tuesday, insurance companies kept \$1.2 billion from the lawsuit limits.

"Although the Texas Legislature intended that insurers pass along savings from the so-called tort reform laws of 1995, insurers have kept the money," said D.J. Powers, a former Insurance Department official who now works for the Center for Economic Justice. "The rates being charged by insurance companies in Texas are excessive, unjustified and abusive. Insurers operating in Texas should immediately lower their rates and return two years of excess premiums to Texans."

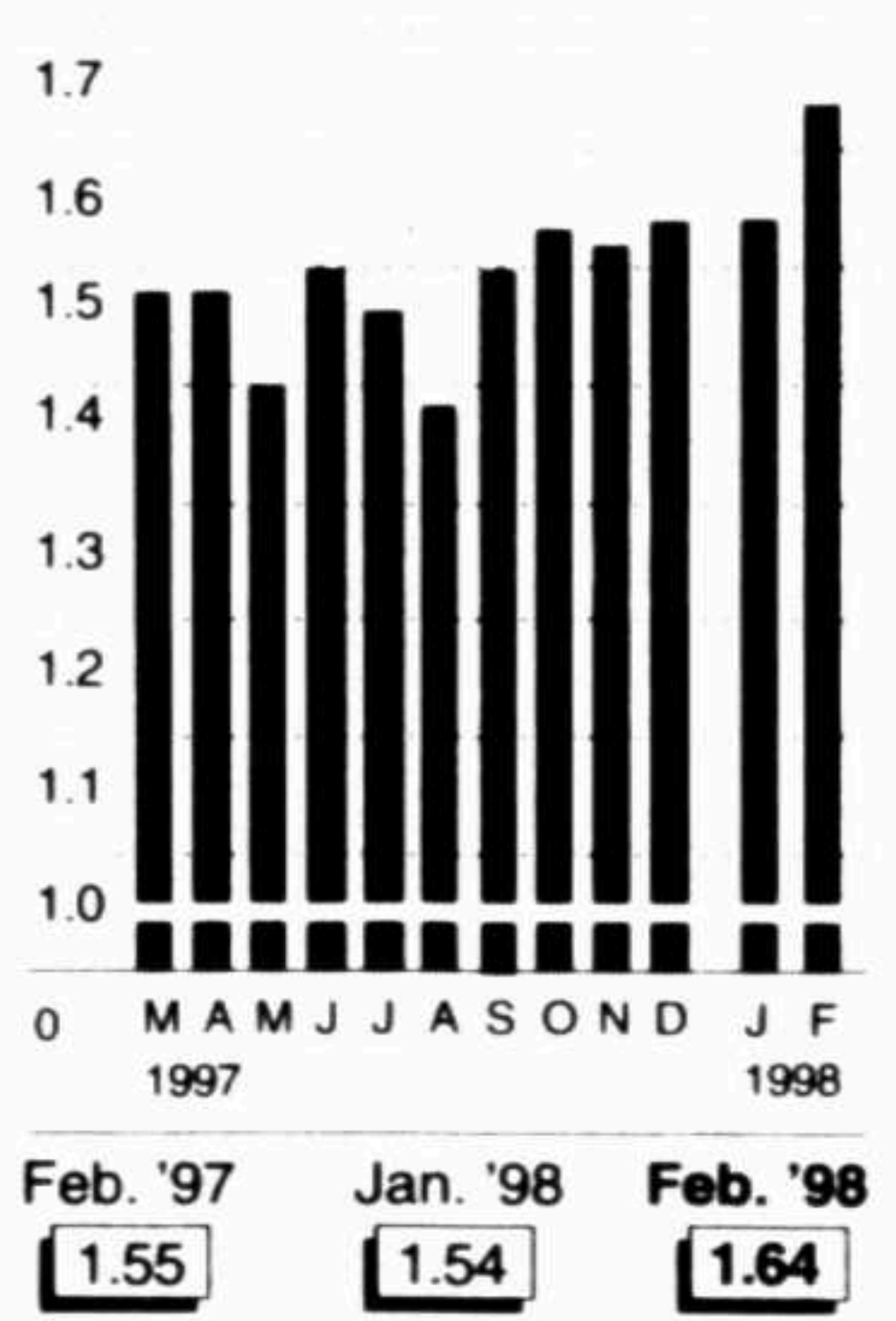
Jerry Johns, president of Southwestern Insurance Information Service, said insurance companies have lowered rates.

"This is just another attempt to create an atmosphere of misinformation and to excite consumers when there is no reason for excitement," he said.

ECONOMIC INDICATOR

Housing starts

Seasonally adjusted annual rate, millions of units



Source: Department of Commerce

BUSINESS SCENE

Jennifer Divine to manage new Allstate Insurance office

By Mella McEwen

ALLSTATE INSURANCE CO. has opened a new office in Midland at 3328 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1.

Managed by Jennifer Divine, the agency will be a full-service insurance agency selling auto, property and life insurance. In addition, agency staff members will offer guidance and counseling about those products.

Hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Returning to the Midland restaurant scene after 10 years is EL JALISCO, now located at 506 E. Florida Ave.

The menu includes chicken and beef fajitas, beef, chicken and cheese enchiladas, asado, caldo menudo, carne quisada, tacos, catfish and special platters like the Tampico Special and Chef Special.

There are different specials offered daily Monday through Friday. Owners are Leticia and Joe Cortez.

Marta Perales and Ramona Lopez. Hours are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday.

Just opened in Tierra Del Sol Shopping Center, 3205 W. Cuthbert, is MEME'S COLLECTION.

Owner Geneva Kail said she carries a large variety of collectibles, including some retired Beanie Babies, glassware, painted furniture, artificial florals and wood carvings done by Steve Sloan.

One room in the store is designed for upcoming holidays or special events and Ms. Kail said currently the room is filled with Easter items.

Before opening her store, she had a booth in Ruby Begonia in Odessa and had participated in "Old Sorehead Trade Days" in Stanton. Opening her own store, she said, "is something I've always wanted to do and I decided this was the time to do it."

Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

MI TIERRA, a new restaurant has opened at 12 Meta Drive at the former Anarkali location.

On the menu are fajitas served in a skillet; homemade tamales; homemade flour tortillas; burritos smothered in chili con queso; chicken or beef fajita salads; shrimp or chicken salad, and American food like chicken fried steak, chicken fillets, catfish, hamburgers and a seafood platter.

Lunch specials are offered daily. The restaurant is owned by Mario Moreno and Pilar Rogers.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 10 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday.

Pediatric dentist, Dr. Michael Wilkerson, has relocated his office to 4410 N. Midkiff Road, the Courtyard Shopping Center, Suite D-1.

Wilkerson will host an open house 4-6 p.m. Thursday at his office, known as THE KID'S PLACE.

He said the new location is a larger space, giving him five chairs instead of the three chairs at his former location. The office is also fully automated, complete with chairs, computers and new equipment, he said.

His practice covers infants, children and teen-agers.

On the move is C&G MERCANTILE, which has moved down four spaces to larger quarters at 421 Andrews Highway.

George Walden, who owns the store with Cary Caldwell said the new location is double the previous space and allows them to both increase and display their merchandise better and gives the customer more room to browse.

He said he is expecting a shipment of leather upholstery and additional accessories soon. The store specializes in handmade items.

"We carry a lot of Texas ranch items, a lot of Mexican imports, we have builders out of Arizona and New Mexico and some in Texas who build pieces for us," Walden said.

Items include wagon wheel dining room tables, cowhide upholstery pieces, big four-poster beds, rawhide lamp shades and wagon wheel hub lamps. Walden said They also do a lot of custom work for customers.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Mella McEwen is a business writer for the Reporter-Telegram. She can be reached by e-mail at casell@basinlink.com.

Warning: Don't touch game bat belonging to Lamar hitting star

By Brad McBride
Beaumont Enterprise

BEAUMONT — It's a lesson every new batboy and Lamar baseball player has to learn when the season begins: Hands off Chris Reda's game-day bat.

The bat, a 1993 Easton C-Core, doesn't look special. The colors — black with orange lines — have dulled with years of use. Paint has chipped off in places. The handle is covered with a layer of pine tar.

But, when Reda holds the bat in his hands, it feels perfect physically and spiritually.

"Robin Lindsey gave this bat to Morgan Walker and he gave it to me. Morgan swore to me this was the best bat," Reda said. "It has a thin handle and a big barrel. It has a lot of pop to it, too."

"The bat makes a huge difference to a hitter," he said. "Once I started swinging this bat, I didn't want to swing anything else. It's a perfect fit for my hands."

The bat is as important to a hitter as a scalpel is to a surgeon. Comfort and confidence are as crucial as actual effectiveness.

Professional players obsess over choosing the right bat. Their bats are wooden, which vary more than aluminum bats. But the selection process is critical at the college level, too.

Lamar has a contract with Easton sporting goods. Team members select a bat from the company's catalog of approximately 50 bats each season and Easton provides them with one at no personal cost.

Players choose their bat based upon reputation, their experience and the recommendations of teammates. The variables of each bat include the width of the barrel and its length and weight.

Length determines how far the batter can reach for a pitch. The width increases the chance of making contact. Both make the bat weigh more, which affects how quickly the hitter can swing.

Other variables factor in to a bat's efficiency. Like how its handle is taped, which affects how well a player can grip it.

Lamar's Wes Koch switched to George Johnson's bat earlier this season. He recently began to use Reda's practice bat — which is identical to Johnson's — because he could grip it better.

"It's probably just the different tape job," Koch said. "A hitter has to feel comfortable. If he thinks his bat is good, he's going to hit better."

If he doesn't, it will bring his confidence level down."

Because only one bat is paid for, most Lamar hitters are possessive of their bats and practice with a different bat than their game bat.

"The bats tend to crack with a lot of use. A lot of guys won't let people borrow their bat for that reason," outfielder Jeremy Pierce said.

Some Lamar hitters, like Pierce, don't place unusual emphasis on their bats. George Johnson, on the other hand, has named his bat "Betty Beat Down" — as in beat down the pitcher.

Reda, likely the team's most superstitious player, is the most protective of his bat.

"If anyone touches Reda's bat while he's on deck, he gets really mad. He says that bat in front of him and swings a wooden one," Pierce said. "I didn't know about this tradition and touched it once."

Reda's bat is unusually special to him because it's no longer produced by Easton. The new models supposedly made it obsolete. Not to Reda.

When he went through a hitting slump during summer league, he briefly used a TPX bat. He was impressed with the new bat and did well with it.

But it was only a summer fling. "I had to put it away when the season started," Reda said. "I had to be faithful to my bat."

Reda realizes his bat is old. He knows it could crack the next time he connects with an inside fastball. So he has a contingency plan.

"There's a place down in the Bronx that I know has that bat," said Reda, a New York native. "It's an old sporting good shop. It's in the South Bronx. It's a bad neighborhood but I know, if I need anything, I can get it at Frank's Sporting Goods."

Reda needs his bat to get him through his Lamar career — this season and one more. When he concludes college baseball, though, he plans to will the bat to another Lamar player.

"Morgan's superstitious, too. I brought this bat out for practice last year and Morgan came out," Reda said. "He said, 'That's a game bat, you can't use that for batting and bunting, what are you doing?'"

"I'm trying to mold a couple of kids to inherit the bat," he said. "I know the only reason I got this bat is because I appreciated what it meant."

Distributed by The Associated Press

Briggs insists Lennox must prove he can win

Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Shannon Briggs insists Lennox Lewis is the one with something to prove when they meet in their March 28 showdown.

After all, Briggs says, it's the WBC heavyweight champion who has been beating up on unstable, unruly or unworthy opponents.

There was Oliver McCall, who broke down in tears in the ring and refused to continue fighting. There was Henry Akinwande, who held Lewis so much he was disqualified in the fifth round.

Then there was Andrew Golota, who folded so fast he didn't even get a chance to hit Lewis below the belt.

"He's been fortunate to get a lot of situations where he got guys who didn't come to fight or broke down for whatever reason," said Briggs.

"I don't know if he's the best heavyweight in the world right now, but who am I to judge?" Briggs said during a conference call from Miami, where he is training for the 12-round fight Atlantic City's Convention Hall.

Some contend Briggs clearly has something to prove, coming off a 12-round majority decision over George Foreman in which the aging former champion "hit me so hard I was seeing God," according to Briggs.

That decision, which stunned those at ringside, prompted complaints of a fix. The state Athletic Control Board dismissed the allegations, though Briggs still stings from such talk.

"It kind of hurts," he said. "Here it was, the biggest win of my life ... and people wanted to take it away from me. It hurts that people would want to say that."

Briggs intends to be aggressive

Boxing Briefs

from the outset against Lewis. "The guys who don't fight back, you see what happens," he said. "I'm going in with the attitude, 'I'm fighting back. You're not going to run over me.'"

Mitch Green arrested
for violating order of protection
NEW YORK — Mitch "Blood" Green, the heavyweight boxer who won a \$45,000 courtroom decision over Mike Tyson, was arrested Tuesday on charges of violating an order of protection filed against him by a 40-year-old woman.

Green, 41, was arrested on a Harlem street corner after police received a telephone call that he had harassed the woman, said police spokesman Jerry Varson. The woman was not injured.

Varson did not immediately know the relationship between the woman and Green. Also, it was not known if Green remained in police custody.

In January, Green was arrested in the lobby of a Manhattan building by police officers who said they saw him throw a small bag of the hallucinogen "angel dust" or "PCP" to the floor as they approached him.

Green, who has been arrested before for possession of angel dust, was charged with misdemeanor drug possession and criminal trespass. The trespass charge stems from his alleged illegal activity while on city housing property.

Last October, a civil jury awarded Green \$45,000 after the trial of a lawsuit in which he charged that Tyson, the former heavyweight champion, had assaulted him in a 1988 street fight outside a Harlem leather goods store.

Shurmur will coach guards and tackles at Stanford. "As much as I love Michigan State, I felt I needed to expand my foundation as a football coach," Shurmur said. "I wouldn't have left ... for just any other job."

Shurmur, 33, lettered for four years with the Spartans and has a master's degree in engineering. He was the first graduate student to play football at Michigan State.

Midland Reporter-Telegram

Classified Ads 682-6222

Notices 100

- 075 Legals
- 080 Odessa Ads
- 100 New Arrivals
- 105 Happy Ads
- 110 Lodge Notices
- 115 Announcements
- 120 Public Notices
- 130 Personals
- 140 Card of Thanks
- 150 Lost and Found
- 155 Lottery Info.
- 160 Loans Wanted
- 162 Mortg. Wanted
- 163 Money To Loan
- 165 Invest. Oppty.
- 170 Schools/Instruc.

Transportation 200

- 200 Autos Domestic
- 205 Classic Cars
- 210 Autos Foreign
- 215 Autos For Lease
- 220 Trucks and Vans
- 230 Commercial Vehicles
- 240 Motorcycles
- 245 Trailers
- 250 Rec. Vehicles
- 260 Boats and Motors
- 270 Airplanes
- 280 Auto Services
- 290 Parts/Access.

Employment 300

- 305 Job Services
- 310 General Help
- 311 Medical Help
- 312 Professional Help
- 314 Clerical Help
- 316 Sales Help
- 320 Skilled Trade
- 330 Employment Wanted
- 335 AdultCare Needed
- 340 ChildCare Prov.
- 340 ChildCare Needed
- 341 ChildCare Prov.
- 350 Bus. Oppty.

Merchandise 400 500

- 400 Auctions
- 402 Garage Sale Svcs.
- 404 79706 Zip Code
- 406 79703 Zip Code
- 407 79705 Zip Code
- 408 79707 Zip Code
- 409 Area Sales
- 410 Misc. Sales
- 413 Jewelry
- 415 Misc. Wanted
- 420 Things To Eat
- 425 Trade/Swap
- 430 Household Goods

Merchandise 400 500

- 440 Firewood
- 450 Sporting Goods
- 460 Antiques and Art
- 470 Music Instrum.
- 475 Crafts & Supplies
- 480 Camera/Supplies
- 485 Electronics
- 490 Computer/Access.
- 495 FOR FREE
- 500 Pets and Supplies
- 505 Livestock/Poultry
- 510 Office Supplies
- 520 Store/Cafe Equip.
- 525 Bus. Shop Equip.
- 530 A/C - Heating
- 540 Bldg. Materials
- 550 Portable Bldgs.
- 560 Machinery/Tools
- 570 Oilfield Supplies
- 580 Farm Equipment

Rentals 600

- 600 Rooms For Rent
- 601 Hotel Rms - Rent
- 603 Rm. mate Wanted
- 604 Wanted To Rent
- 605 Apts. Furnished
- 610 Unfurnished
- 615 Furn./Unfurn.
- 620 Houses Furn.
- 625 Unfurnished
- 630 Furn./Unfurn.
- 635 Condo/Townhom furnished
- 640 Unfurnished
- 645 Furn./Unfurn.
- 650 Mobile Homes: Furnished
- 655 Unfurnished
- 660 Mobile Home Lots
- 665 Bus. Prop./Offices
- 667 Comm'l Property
- 670 Warehouse/Stor
- 675 Rec/Resort
- 680 Out of Town
- 685 Hunting Leases
- 690 Oil/Gas Leases

Real Estate 700

- 700 Mfr. Homes
- 701 Real Estate
- 710 Open Houses
- 720 Homes For Sale
- 725 Condo/Townhome
- 730 Suburban Prop.
- 735 R.E. Wanted
- 740 Out of Area Prop.
- 750 Lots and Acreage
- 760 Farms/Ranches
- 770 Resort Property
- 780 Business Property
- 785 Warehouse/Stor.
- 790 Investment Prop.

Who's Who For Service 800

GET RESULTS BY:

Using unique selling points • Using complete words • Creating mind images with words • Always include a price • Use brand names when appropriate • Always include your phone number • Always include best times to call you • Give your ad a chance to work by advertising for a reasonable amount of time.

When Your Ad Is Due

Word Ad Deadlines		
Edition	Deadline	
Monday	Friday	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Monday	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Tuesday	3:00 p.m.
Thursday	Wednesday	6:00 p.m.
Friday	Thursday	6:00 p.m.
Saturday	Friday	Noon
Sunday	Friday	6:00 p.m.

Display Ad Deadlines

Deadlines		
Edition	Deadline	
Monday	Thursday	4:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Friday	4:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Monday	4:00 p.m.
Thursday	Tuesday	4:00 p.m.
Friday	Wednesday	4:00 p.m.
Saturday	Thursday	1:00 p.m.
Sunday	Thursday	4:00 p.m.

When To Call

Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. for corrections and cancellations only

Our Phone numbers are:
Classified 682-6222
Fax 682-6999
Toll Free 1-800-881-8164

Mailing Address
Midland Reporter-Telegram
201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701
P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702

We Welcome Your Suggestions or Comments.
Please Call:
Dick Hardin, Classified Ad Manager 682-5311
Ember Hasenkamp, Class. Telephone Supervisor 682-8613

Midland Reporter-Telegram

To Place An Ad Call 682-6222 or 1-800-881-8164

115 Announcements



1 TO 4 PM
\$1.00 ADMISSION
FEE

Demonstrations
Games!

Rope Bridge Building • Fire Building
• Outdoor Skills • Hobbies • Crafts
Much, Much More

MIDLAND COUNTY EXHIBIT BUILDING
EAST BLDG. W. 300 S. 6TH ST. FOR MORE INFORMATION

115 Announcements



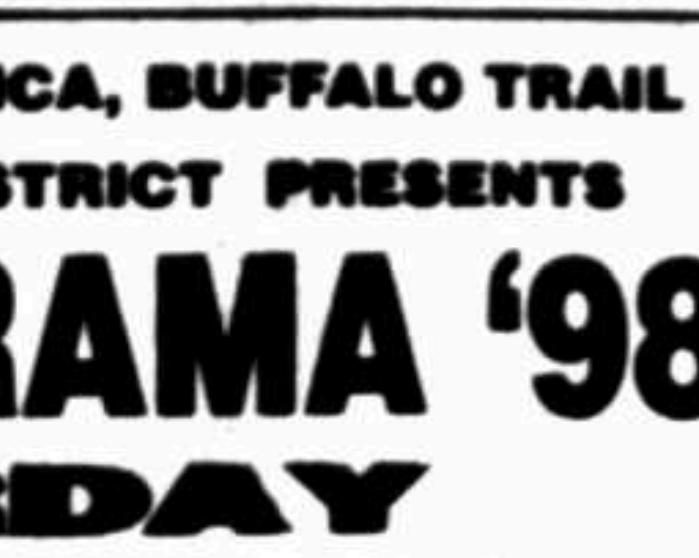
1 TO 4 PM
\$1.00 ADMISSION
FEE

Demonstrations
Games!

Rope Bridge Building • Fire Building
• Outdoor Skills • Hobbies • Crafts
Much, Much More

MIDLAND COUNTY EXHIBIT BUILDING
EAST BLDG. W. 300 S. 6TH ST. FOR MORE INFORMATION

115 Announcements



1 TO 4 PM
\$1.00 ADMISSION
FEE

Demonstrations
Games!

Rope Bridge Building • Fire Building
• Outdoor Skills • Hobbies • Crafts
Much, Much More

MIDLAND COUNTY EXHIBIT BUILDING
EAST BLDG. W. 300 S. 6TH ST. FOR MORE INFORMATION

60 Legal Notices

NEW INFORMATION!
Legal Notices
are now under class
590
and Public Notices
are now under class
595.

110 Lodge Notices

Acacia Masonic
Lodge #1414
1000 Upland
Tue. 3/24
7:30pm
Marvin W. Wicher, D.D.G.M.
Makes His Official Visit
Bruce Milliken, W.M.
Al Talbot, Sec.

Midland Masonic
Lodge #623
1600 W. Wall
P.O. Box 1758
3/19 Fellow Craft
Degree, 7:30, Supper
@ 6:00
Tom Arnold, WM
Robert G. Kiker, Sec.

Midland Shrine Club
2019 Trade Dr.
520-9206
Reg. mtg. 3rd
Thurs. each mo.
Hosp. 6:30 pm.
dine 7 pm. Bus. mtg. 8 pm.
Earl Selman, Pres.
Keith Hughes, Secty.

CENTENNIAL
LODGE #1448
1600 W. Wall
E.A. Degree
3/21/98
Sat. 8:30 am.
Breakfast 7:30 am.
Terry Cowin, W.M.
Bob Ellwood, Sec.

115 Announcements

HONDA CARS for \$100
Seized and sold locally this
month 800-522-2730 ext 3063

130 Personals

MARY KAY COSMETICS
Sybil Wallace, 684-5464 Kay
Gilley, 520-3167 Crete Arnold,
689-7002

150 Lost & Found

FOUND - Chihuahua, brown
male with orange rhinestone
studded collar. Beagle named
Jorge, neutered male with
Midland County tags. Please
call Midland Animal Control.

FOUND Cat in park on Midkiff
Call to identify - 367-3397

LOST or abandoned in Bluebird
Lane area, friendly, white, part
Persian cat desperately needs
adopting or returned to it's
owner. Please call 697-4009

FOUND YOUNG adult Calico
cat, dark tones, near North A
and Douglas. 683-1016

FOUND Cocker Spaniel call to
identify 570-4274

If your pet is lost - even if you
live in the county, please check
with MIDLAND ANIMAL
CONTROL (on Fairgrounds
Road) every three days

LOST Female Chihuahua fawn
colored, 3/15/98 on
Eisenhower Street. Looks like
Taco Bell dog. 697-7726

FOUND Yellow Lab, male,
vicinity Trinity area. Call 689-
0830

REWARD! Lost female
Schnauzer mix, black, brown
with red collar. Vicinity of Loop
250 & Big Spring. 620-1250,
570-6825 or pager 499-6955

LOST small white poodle
wearing red sweater, last seen
in vicinity of Canyon Creek
apartments and Northgate
housing addition. 520-2091

FOUND Rottweiler on Midland
Drive and Cuthbert Call 687-
4516 699-5815 699-6457

FOUND Small female German
Shepherd, vicinity of Rusk
elementary. Call to identify 699-
0797

162 Mortgages Wanted

LOCALLY Owned & Operated
Texas' largest volume note
buyers! Free Quote - No
Obligation 620-8000 or 1-800-
900-NOTE. South Plains
Mortgage Company

130 Personals

PERSONALLY Speaking
The Fun, Safe, & Convenient way to meet
Midland Singles!

Look for it on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, &
Wednesday in The Midland
Reporter-Telegram Classified.

Call 1-800-834-5294 to place your personal ad.
Or 1-900-656-2300 to respond or browse.

\$2.19 Per minute
You must be at least 18 years of age, older to use this service

162 Mortgages Wanted

COLONIAL Financial Services
pays cash for residential and
commercial real estate notes,
business notes and structured
settlements. Prompt,
professional service since
1984. Call 550-2025 or 1-800-
283-2025

163 Money To Loan

NEED Cash Flow? Call us first
Consolidate \$3,000 - \$50,000
Lower payment and interest
Professional service. Call
today! 1-800-895-2453

HACIENDA MORTGAGE-
Offers VA, Conventional,
Mobile Homes, Condos,
Duplexes, AB & C Loans,
Investment Property, New
Construction, FHA and Home
Equity Loans. Good or Bad
Credit Call 915-570-9093

ALWAYS STOP Bankruptcy!
Free debt consolidation
application with services. Fast
help. We care! 1-800-517-
3406

Attention
Readers

Occasionally ads found in this
section come from distant
points and 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 number or
bank information.

CONSOLIDATE Your Bills!
Credit cards and unsecured
loans welcome. No credit
check! Serving West Texas
since 1991. 580-7274

Free Cash Grants!

College Scholarships
Business Medical bills
Never Repay
Toll Free 1-800-218-9000
Ext. G1523

\$\$\$100 - \$1,000 \$\$\$
NO CREDIT CHECK,
NO HASSLE
Checking Account required.
Not a Loan.
15 Minute Approval
1115 Andrews Hwy. Suite #3
(915) 689-6893

FORD 1997 Thunderbird,
loaded, take over 43 payments
at \$484, good credit only 333-
3212 or 381-6930 or

FORD 1993 Festiva, 75,000
miles, runs good. \$2,205. Call
638-5806

CADILLAC 1993 Seville, new
engine, rebuilt transmission,
moon roof, \$3,200. Built in
radar detector. Call days 684-
4455, nights 684-0558

BUICK 1996 Regal Custom 4
door, auto, power windows/
locks, cruise, tilt, cassette.
Under 39K miles. Call David
694-8432

PONTIAC 1997 Bonneville SE,
AM/FM cassette, auto, power
windows/locks, cruise, tilt,
spoiler. Under 28K miles! David
684-8432

ACCURATE VEHICLE
APPRAISAL, INC.
Why buy a car without
an appraisal

5308 W Wall 520-2540

CHEVROLET 1991 LUMINA,
loaded, good condition priced
at wholesale. \$3,700. 520-4143

CHEVROLET 1986 Camaro, T-
Tops, power windows \$3,500
or best offer 520-9777

CHEVROLET 1995 LUMINA
Burgundy Gray Power
windows/locks. Tinted glass.
Adult owned. Well maintained.
Needs nothing! 89K miles
\$8,900. 689-5405

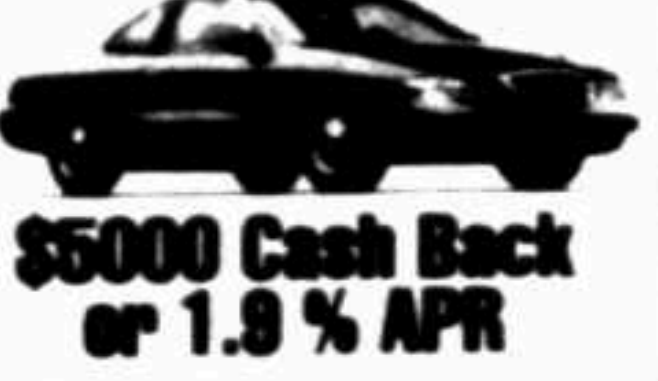
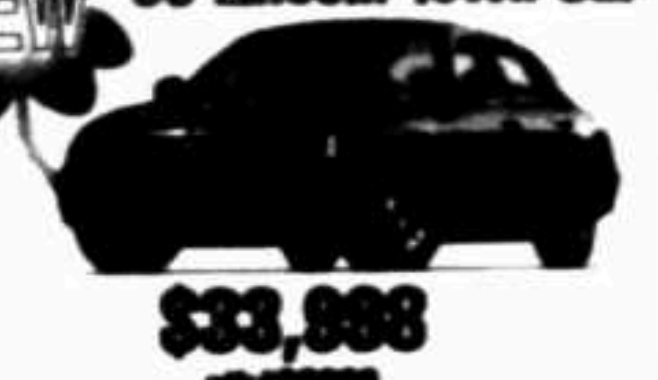
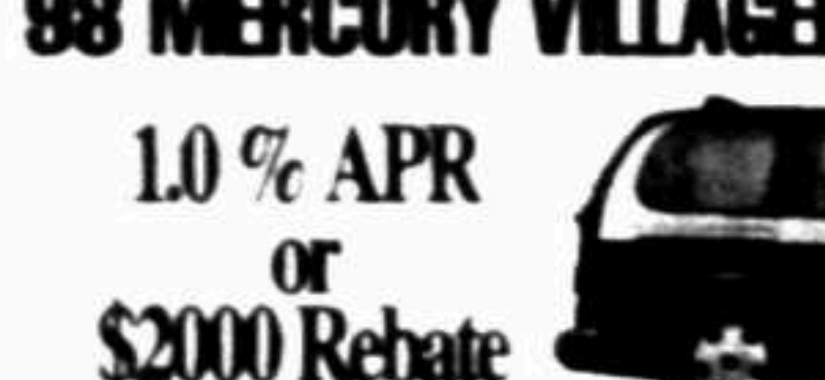
HELOISE
Classified Hints!

HELOISE HINT: Updating
driving skills. The American
Motor Vehicle Association
reports that almost 95 percent
of all fatal crashes are due to
driver error. Auto-safety experts
recommend that drivers go to
driving

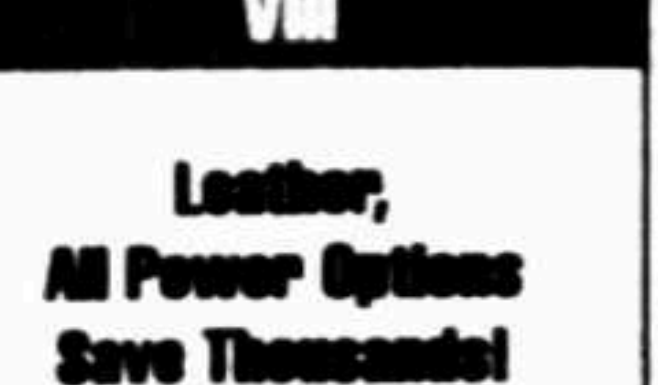
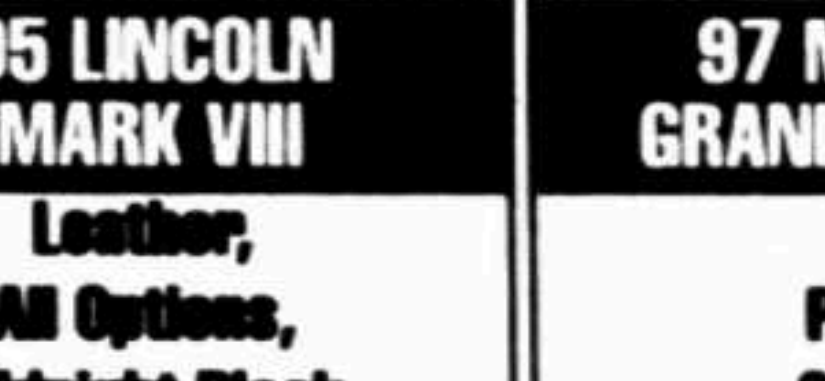
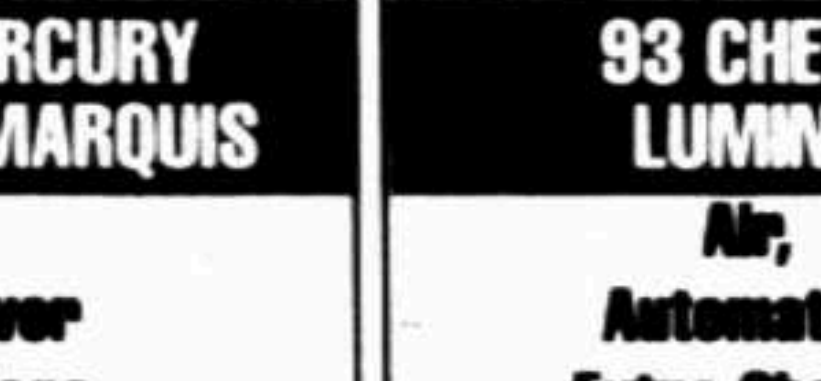
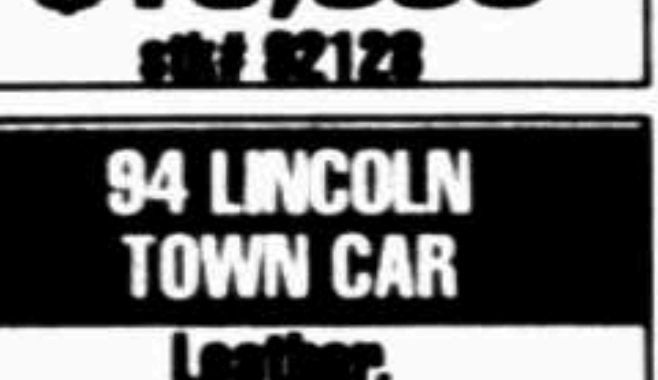
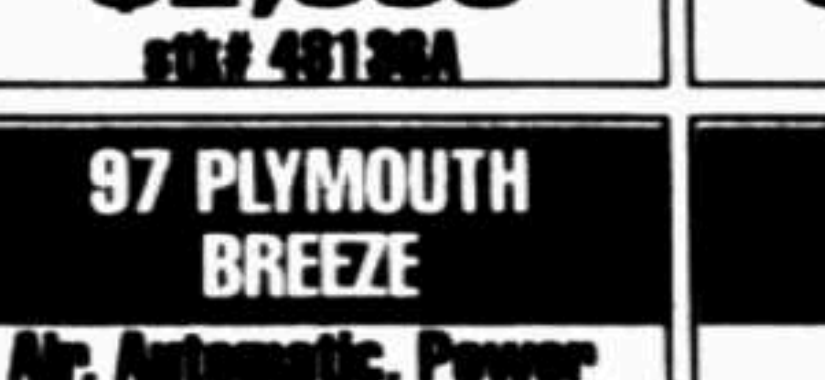
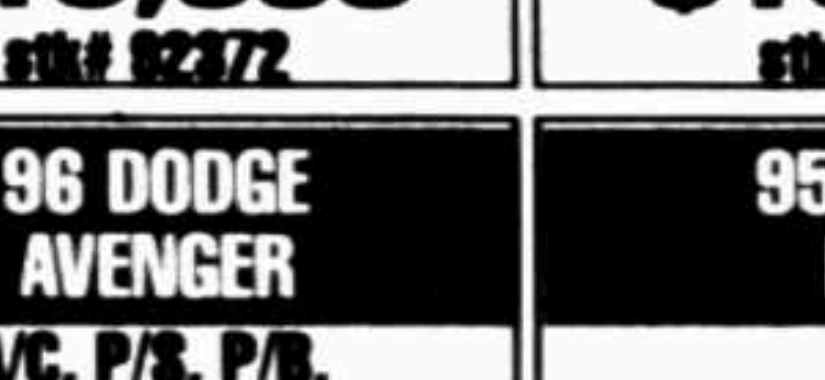
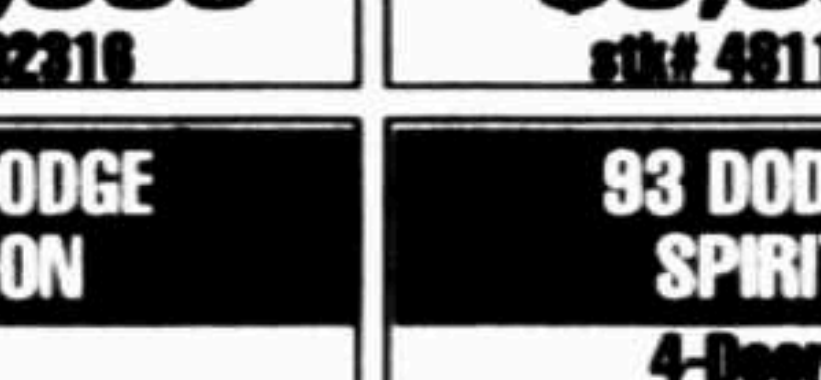
\$0 DOWN

PRE-OWNED & PROGRAM VEHICLES WILL BE RED TAG PRICED 4 DAYS ONLY!

ALL VEHICLES IN INVENTORY ARE ZERO DOWN!

98 Mercury Grand Marquis  \$750 Cash Back or 5.9% APR 98 Lincoln Mark VII  \$5000 Cash Back or 1.9% APR 98 Lincoln Town Car  \$33,998	98 DODGE CARAVAN  \$16,998 98 DODGE RAM 1500 SHORTBED  \$14,998 98 MERCURY VILLAGER  1.0% APR or \$2000 Rebate	98 DODGE DAKOTA  \$12,998 98 DODGE AVENGER  \$14,998 98 MERCURY MOUNTAINEER  1.9% APR	98 DODGE RAM 1500 CLUB CAB  \$18,998 98 DODGE RAM 1500 QUAD CAB'S ARE NOW AT VILLAGE!! 98 DODGE RAM 1500 QUAD CAB  \$19,998
--	---	--	--

PRE-OWNED PROGRAM & USED VEHICLES

97 MARK VII  Leather, All Power Options Save Thousands! \$13,998	96 CHRYSLER LHS  Full Leather, Power Options, Extremely Nice! \$16,888	98 FORD EXPEDITION  Edinor Edition, All the Extras, 2,400 Miles \$15,998	95 CHEVY LUMINA  4-Door, Power Options, Air, Extra Nice \$8,888	97 DODGE INTREPID  Power Windows and Locks, Air, Stereotape \$13,888
97 FORD TAURUS  Power Locks & Windows, Air, Stereotape \$13,998	90 CHEVY CARGO VAN  Ready to Work! \$2,995	95 LINCOLN MARK VII  Leather, All Options, Midnight Black \$15,998	97 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS  Power Options \$16,998	93 CHEVY LUMINA  Air, Automatic, Extra Sharp! \$8,888
94 LINCOLN TOWN CAR  Leather, Lots of Options, Nice Car! \$13,990	97 PLYMOUTH BREEZE  Air, Automatic, Power Steering & Brakes, Factory Warranty \$10,998	96 DODGE AVENGER  A/C, P/S, P/B, Airbags, Real Sporty \$13,998	95 DODGE NEON  Air Conditioning, Stereotape \$8,888	93 DODGE SPIRIT  4-Door, 6 Cylinder, Air, Automatic \$8,888

IF YOU DON'T CHECK WITH VILLAGE BEFORE YOU BUY, YOU'RE PROBABLY PAYING TOO MUCH!!

Sé Habla Español



SALES & LEASING

LINCOLN • MERCURY • DODGE • HYUNDAI

3915 W. WALL • MIDLAND, TEXAS • 915-522-31

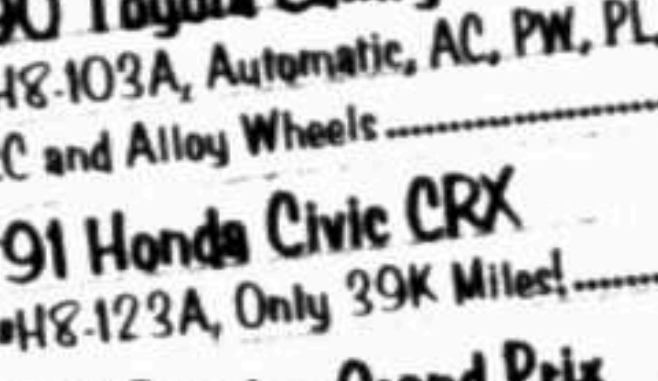
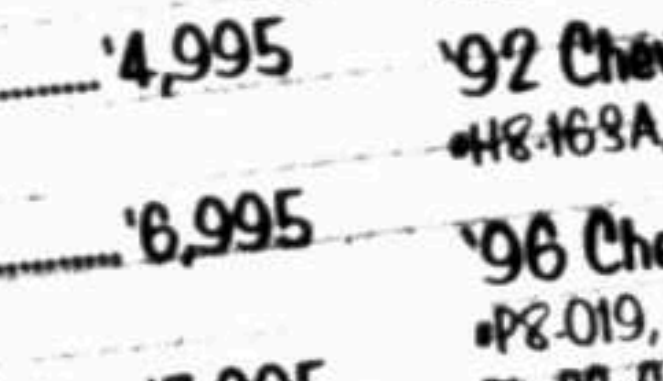
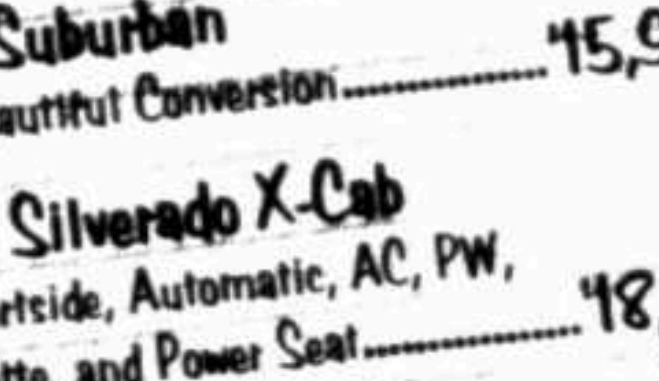
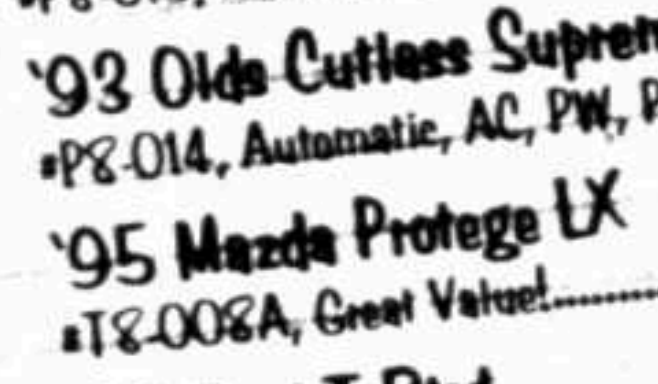
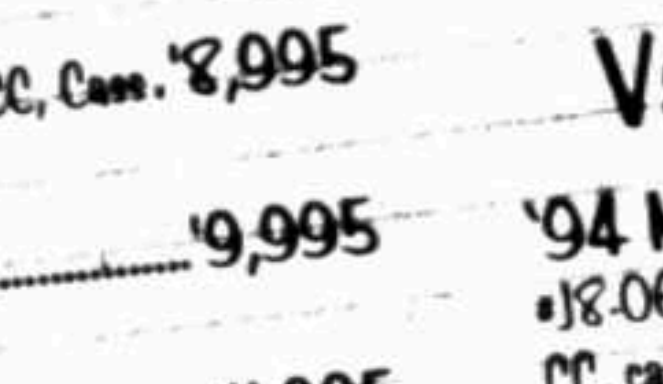
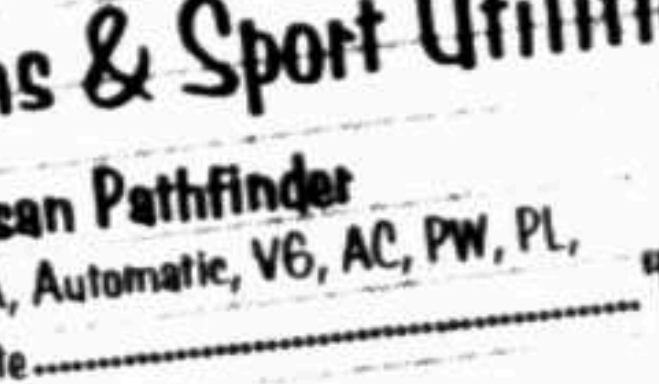
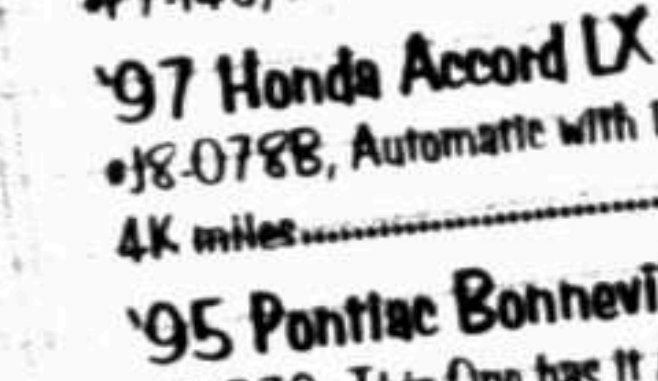
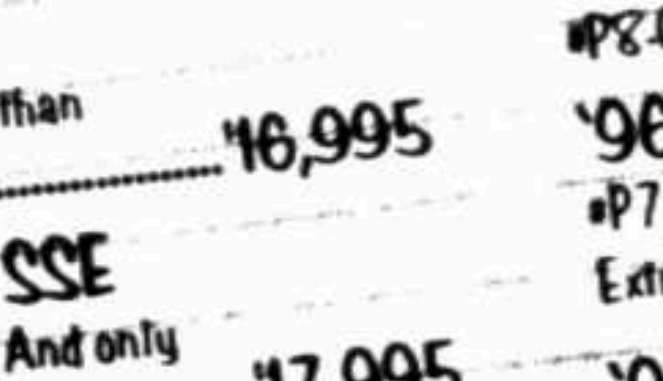
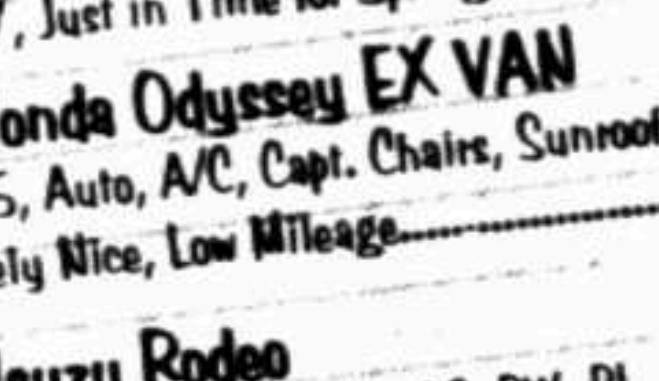
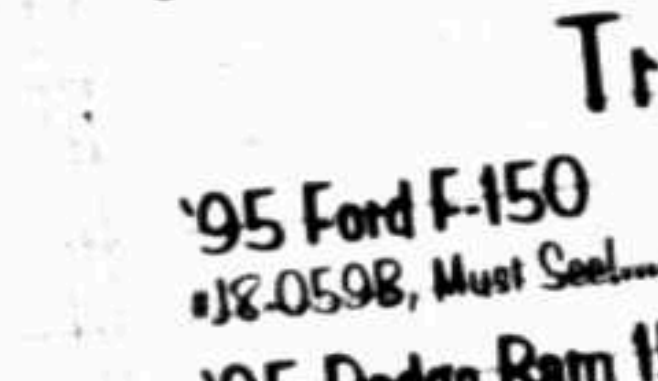
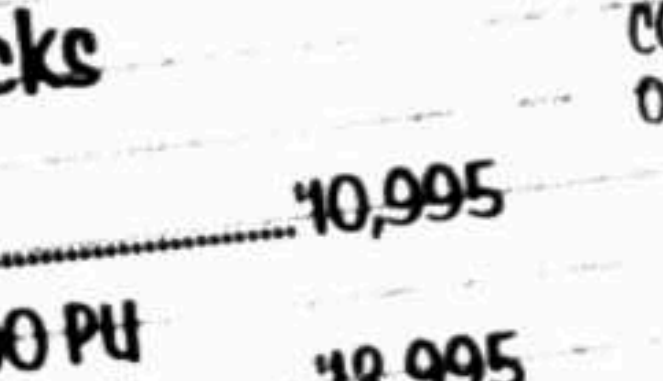
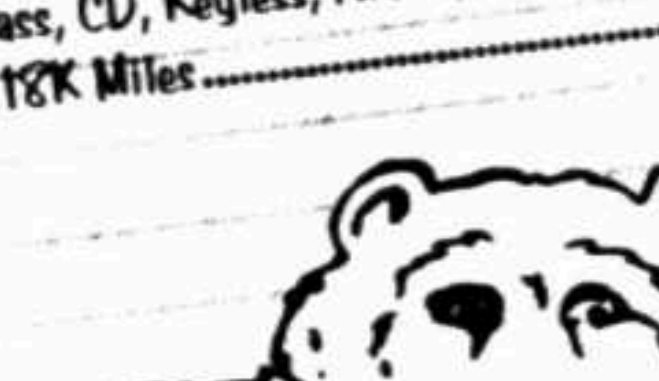
Photos for illustrative purposes only. All Prices + TT&L. With Approved Credit. Rebates Assigned to Dealer.

*\$500 gas will be awarded to the purchaser in the form of a Diamond Shamrock Credit Card with a one time credit of \$500

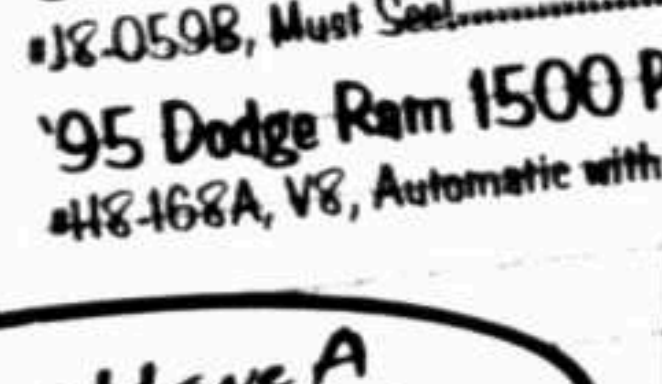
USED CAR SPECIALS

INVENTORY IS HIGH...PRICES ARE LOW!

Pre-owned Automobiles

90 Toyota Camry  \$4,995 91 Honda Civic CRX  \$8,995 92 Pontiac Grand Prix  \$7,995 93 Olds Cutlass Supreme  \$8,995 95 Mazda Protege LX  \$9,995 96 Ford T-Bird  \$11,995 97 Honda Accord LX  \$16,995 95 Pontiac Bonneville SSE  \$17,995	94 Chevy Silverado Sportside  \$14,995 92 Chevy Suburban  \$15,995 96 Chevy Silverado X-Cab  \$18,995 Vans & Sport Utilities 94 Nissan Pathfinder  \$13,995 97 Jeep Wrangler  \$14,995 96 Honda Odyssey EX VAN  \$18,995 97 Isuzu Rodeo  \$19,995
--	---

Trucks

95 Ford F-150  \$10,995 95 Dodge Ram 1500 PU  \$19,995

Most Cars Have A 3 Month 3000 Mile Power Train Warranty

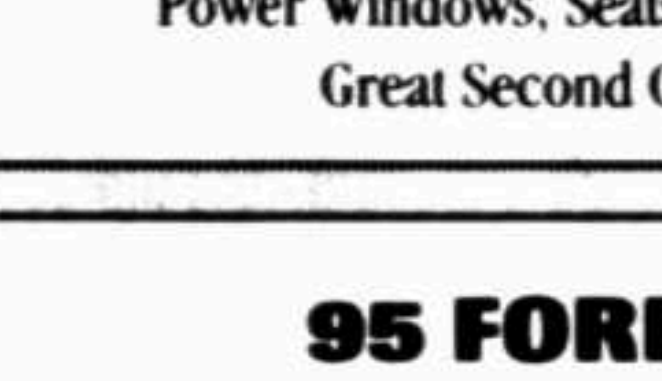
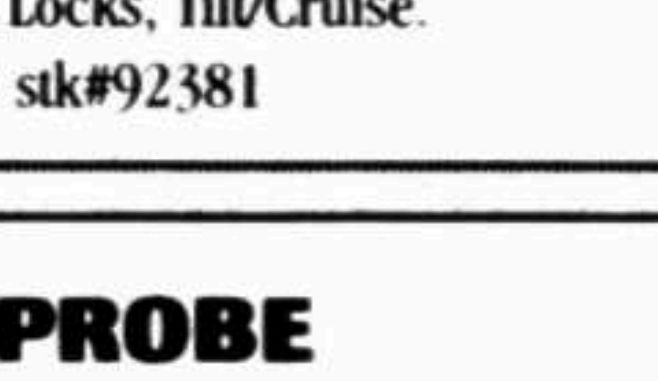
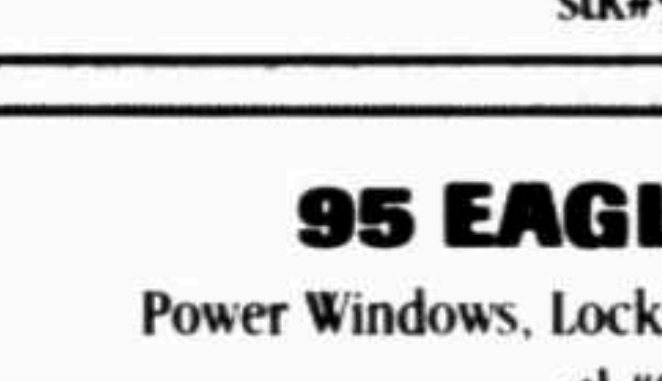
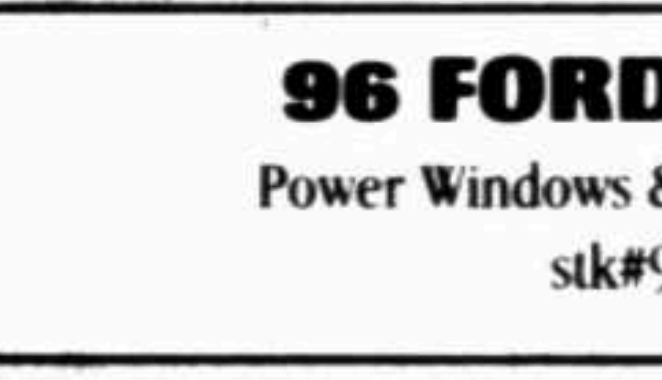
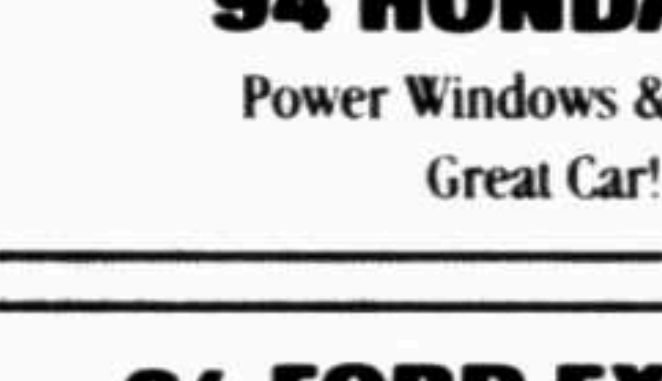
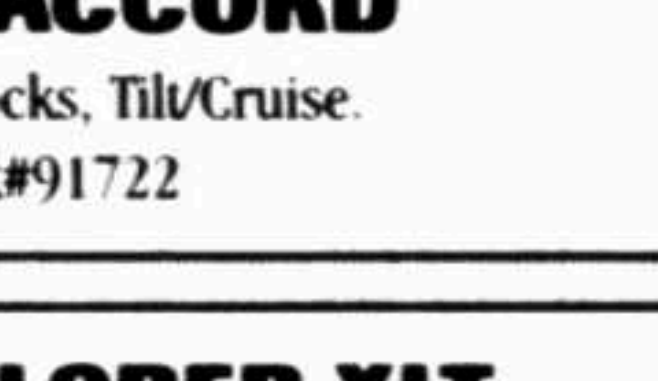
PERFORMANCE HONDA

4040 W. WALL • MIDLAND, TEXAS 79703

(915) 697-3293

1-800-422-0874

\$AVINGS\$

94 FORD TEMPO  Power Windows, Seats & Locks, Tilt/Cruise \$5,950	95 FORD PROBE  Automatic, Power Windows & Locks, Sunroof \$9,950
95 EAGLE TALON  Power Windows, Locks, Automatic, Tilt/Cruise \$9,950	96 FORD TAURUS  Power Windows & Locks, Tilt/Cruise \$9,550
94 HONDA ACCORD  Power Windows & Locks, Tilt/Cruise \$11,550	94 FORD EXPLORER XLT  Power Windows & Locks, Tilt/Cruise \$11,950
94 CHEVY EXT. CAB Z71  Silverado, Power Windows & Locks, Tilt/Cruise \$16,950	96 CHEVY EXT. CAB Z71  4x4, Indigo Blue, Power Locks & Windows, Tilt/Cruise! \$17,950

IF YOU DON'T CHECK WITH VILLAGE BEFORE YOU BUY... YOU'RE PROBABLY PAYING TOO MUCH!!!

*\$0 Down with approved credit. All prices + TT&L

Se Habla Español

VILLAGE
 LINCOLN • MERCURY • DODGE • HYUNDAI
 DISCOUNT CENTER
 (915) 570-4183
 2613 W. WALL • MIDLAND, TEXAS

210 Autos Imports HONDA 1990 Prelude , 5 speed, one owner, sun roof, maintained, \$4,450 570-7565. MAZDA 1993 323 , Local one owner, 33K miles, automatic with overdrive. Call Kevin 561-6222, pager. TOYOTA 1991 TERCEL , Very clean, economical Work or school car. One owner. Very affordable. 62,000 Miles. Call Kevin, 561-6222, pager. TOYOTA 1997 Camry LE , White/gray interior, all power, 4 speed, auto, overdrive, only 13K miles. Call Kevin 561-6222, pager. BRONCHO BMW , Sales And Service 2346 E 8th, ODESSA (915) 580-5911	210 Autos Imports HONDA 1992 Accord EX , This car has been very well maintained and is in excellent shape. Call Carl or Frog, 697-3293. HONDA 1993 Accord EX , 4 door, sunroof, spoiler, one owner. 59K. \$11,200. Call 682-5011. HONDA 1995 Accord EX , V6. Extremely clean car with leather and low miles. Call Mike Pinter or Michael McBride, 697-3293. HONDA 1997 Accord LX , beautiful car with less than 4K miles. Call Mike Pinter or Michael McBride, 697-3293. MAZDA 1994 MX3GS , Power Sunroof, 5 speed, V-6, well maintained, power locks & windows. Very fun car \$7,900. Call 699-4512. MITSUBISHI 1996 Eclipse RS , 10K miles, white, alloy wheels, automatic, looks & drives like new. \$13,995. TOYOTA OF MIDLAND, 3110 W. WALL. NISSAN 1990 240SX , Sunroof, CD player, power windows, loaded. \$5,500. Call 687-2121	210 Autos Imports NISSAN 1982 280ZX , Power windows, power mirrors, needs minor work, but runs great. \$1,000 or best offer. 699-4970. NISSAN 1995 300 ZX Twin Turbo , Black, black leather interior, 5 speed. Excellent condition. one owner. 42,000 miles. 1 top, Bose stereo system. 915-697-2317. PERFORMANCE HONDA , JEEP, EAGLE, ISUZU 4040 W. WALL 697-3293. DOTSON NISSAN INC. , Your Nissan Headquarters 3917 W. Wall 520-2603 BERG MOTOR COMPANY , 3205 W. Wall 694-7741 MITSUBISHI 1994 C220 , Graphite Grey, 50K. Non smoker. Good condition. Service records. \$19,500. Call 694-1861. MITSUBISHI 1992 3000 GTS , Pearl white/Charcoal, 63,000 miles. Automatic, pampered! Well maintained. Adult owned. Great shape! \$15,900 firm. 697-5910
--	--	---

210 Autos Imports

NISSAN 1991 240SX, SE, 2 door coupe, red, 55,000 miles, excellent condition, \$8,000. Call 685-1471 or 520-0822 evenings.

BMW 1984 528E, One owner, good tires, navy exterior, tan interior, 149K miles. Good condition. \$4,500. O.B.O 684-8974.

MITSUBISHI 1991 Galant VR-4, Turbo, 4 wheel drive/steering, leather, CD, new air. Below NADA trade in. \$6,500. Negotiable. 697-3656.

LEXUS 1997 LS 400, Sapphire blue/beige leather interior, all options, extended warranty, premium sound and more, low mileage. 683-1989.

JAGUAR 1993 XJ6, loaded, white, new tires, wire wheels, immaculate. \$13,900. Call 915-837-1482.

VOLVO 850 1994, red with charcoal interior, 100,000 mile warranty, fully loaded. \$18,400. Call 570-4033 or 570-5577.

VOLVO 1987 760GLE Turbo, Trades? Silver exterior, dark blue interior, 122K miles. Great teen car! \$3,800. 684-0726 days. 699-1000 evenings.

TOYOTA 1994 Camry XLE, V6, gorgeous green, automatic, neutral leather, sunroof, CD, power windows/locks and anti theft. Very clean. Call Eusebio or Carl, 697-3293.

TOYOTA 1994 Tercel, 2 Door, 4 speed 21,700 miles. Moving overseas, must sell. Perfect Condition. \$4,850. 687-6948.

TOYOTA OF MIDLAND

Web site: <http://www.toyotaofmidland.com>

VOLVO 1992 940 Turbo Sedan, Red with Tan leather. Automatic. Excellent condition. 48K. \$12,950. 684-5824.

215 Sport/Utility Vehicles

JEEP 1994, Wrangler, automatic, V6 with wheels. Call Carl or Frog, 697-3293.

CHEVROLET 1994 Blazer, white/gray, 2 door, automatic, power windows/locks/seats. 64K, 4 wheel drive, cassette. \$20,900. 683-2524/687-0071.

CHEVROLET 1988 S10 Blazer, Tahoe package, 2 door, V6, 4 wheel drive, tilt, cruise, air, tinted. Excellent shape. \$5,000. 684-5227.

JEEP 1992 CHEROKEE Limited, 4.0L High Output, 4 WD, 123K miles. \$7,000. Call 915-524-5901, Anytime.

FORD 1993 Explorer 2 Door, Excellent condition, power CD, loaded. 94K miles. \$9,000. 520-5551.

NISSAN 1993 Pathfinder, one owner, great condition, power, 4WD, 50K. \$13,500. 694-8546.

ISUZU 1997 Rodeo, Forest green, dark tint, alloy wheels, V6, automatic, all power and 18K miles. Lots of warranty left. Call Mike Pinter or Michael McBride, 697-3293.

FORD 1994 EXPLORER 4 door, V6, automatic, 2 wheel drive, 51,000 miles. \$15,800. 694-4648 or 570-1730.

GMC 1995 Yukon 4 Door, 2 W.D., 21K, loaded, alarm, warranty. \$23,900. 689-2205.

CHEVROLET 1990 Blazer S-10, Tahoe, black/gray, automatic, 83K miles, keyless, CD sound system, new paint, tires, chrome wheels. Must see! \$7,100. 682-5142.

CHEVROLET 1995 Tahoe, 4 door, 4 wheel drive, CD, power windows/locks, leather seats, black/gray, automatic. \$24,800. 683-2524/687-0071.

FORD 1992 F-150 SuperCab, Runs good. \$3,250. 694-2580 after 6 & on weekends.

FORD 1992 Ranger XLT, 69K, standard shift. Excellent condition. \$5,000. best offer. Call 689-0371 or 697-6645.

220 Trucks

FORD 1982 F-150 SuperCab, Runs good. \$3,250. 694-2580 after 6 & on weekends.

FORD 1992 Ranger XLT, 69K, standard shift. Excellent condition. \$5,000. best offer. Call 689-0371 or 697-6645.

Is It Time For A New Vehicle?

Then give us a call!

At Kelly Grimsley Auto Group we put hundreds of people behind the wheel of a new or pre-owned vehicle every day!

And it can be done from the comfort of your own home!

CALL NOW - TOLL FREE

24 hours a day
7 days a week using
your touch-tone phone!

1-800-290-7980

Or Call Annette Brewster 522-7400
A Confidential and free call!

Kelly Grimsley AUTO GROUP
3915 W. WALL • MIDLAND

LIQUIDATION SALES PRICES

1988 PONTIAC GRAND AM (1 CAR TO CHOOSE FROM) \$7,900 1988 PONTIAC GRAND AM (4 CARS TO CHOOSE FROM) \$8,900 1988 CHEVROLET CORNICA (3 CARS TO CHOOSE FROM) \$7,900 1988 CHEVROLET CORNICA (3 CARS TO CHOOSE FROM) \$8,900 1988 OLDSMOBILE ACHERON (4 CARS TO CHOOSE FROM) \$8,900 1988 OLDSMOBILE ACHERON (4 CARS TO CHOOSE FROM) \$9,900 1988 OLDSMOBILE ACHERON (4 CARS TO CHOOSE FROM) \$10,900	1988 NISSAN SENTRA (2 CARS TO CHOOSE FROM) \$7,900 1988 NISSAN SENTRA (2 CARS TO CHOOSE FROM) \$8,900 1988 CHEVROLET LUMINA (1 CAR TO CHOOSE FROM) \$7,900 1988 CHEVROLET LUMINA (1 CAR TO CHOOSE FROM) \$8,900 1988 NISSAN ALTIMA (2 CARS TO CHOOSE FROM) \$11,900 1988 NISSAN ALTIMA (2 CARS TO CHOOSE FROM) \$12,900 1988 NISSAN ALTIMA (2 CARS TO CHOOSE FROM) \$13,900 1988 NISSAN ALTIMA (2 CARS TO CHOOSE FROM) \$14,900	1988 PLYMOUTH NEON (2 CARS TO CHOOSE FROM) \$7,900 1988 PLYMOUTH NEON (2 CARS TO CHOOSE FROM) \$8,900 1988 PLYMOUTH NEON (2 CARS TO CHOOSE FROM) \$9,900 1988 PLYMOUTH NEON (2 CARS TO CHOOSE FROM) \$10,900 1988 PLYMOUTH NEON (2 CARS TO CHOOSE FROM) \$11,900 1988 PLYMOUTH NEON (2 CARS TO CHOOSE FROM) \$12,900
---	--	---

MOST CARS LISTED ARE STILL UNDER FACTORY WARRANTY

YOUR FRIENDLY SALES STAFF IS:
ROY LEE HILL AND MARTY MONDRAGON
PLEASE...COME SEE US

National Car Rental
 FLEET CLEARANCE CENTER
 209 Pilot Road • Midland International Airport
 563-4412
 WE TAKE TRADES
 FINANCING AVAILABLE
 Just West of BIG 2 TV
 at the airport
Credit Hotline 1-800-845-9228

PLYMOUTH 1991 Acclaim 4 door, \$3,400. 87K. Clean. AM/FM/CD stereo. Sports Bra/Fog Lights. 570-1027 leave message.

OLDSMOBILE 1993 Achieva, S 4 door, white with maroon, no electric, 58,000 miles. Good school car. \$4,500. 683-9146 or 699-4819.

PONTIAC 1994 Grand Am, automatic, red, 2 door, new body style, spoiler, pinstriping, excellent condition. 62K. \$7,500. Negotiable. 694-8195/687-2877.

WE FINANCE
 Your Job's Your Credit!
 B & B Auto Sales,
 2601 W. Wall

FORD 1946 Business Coupe, Street Rod. Nova clip. Camaro rear. V8, automatic. \$8,000. 687-6406.

HUDSON 1954 Hornet, 308 engine. More than 95% complete. Needs restored. \$2,500. Call 683-5574.

MERCEDES 1972 280 SEL 4.5, Liter. Process of restoration. A steal at \$1,000. Call 520-9363 after 5:30 or make offer.

OLDSMOBILE 1971 442 Drag Race Car, Racing is starting! Good car. Runs Street Class or to learn \$3,950. 697-6061, 697-8808.

FORD 1964 1/2 Mustang, Maroon/black interior. 289 V-8, air, new tires, excellent condition! \$8,500. Call 682-1966, days. 683-7268 evenings.

PONTIAC 1966 GTO Teal blue, 389 V-8, power, air, 76K actual miles, matching numbers, excellent condition. \$9,000. Call 682-1966, days. 683-7268 evenings.

1982 PORSCHE 928, 5 Speed, power, sun roof, a/c, all power options, fast car, very good condition, \$7,500. 697-1304.

MAZDA 1993 PROTEGE LX, 85,000 miles. 5 Speed, Sunroof, great car! Maintenance records. Well maintained. Non smoking car. \$5,300. 694-7949.

LEXUS 1994 ES300, 30,000 miles, black with tan leather, sun roof, all records, \$22,500. 686-8328, leave message.

Mercedes 1987 300 turbo, diesel 129K, cream, loaded good condition. \$12,500. 687-2332.

NISSAN 1990 240SX, Automatic, air, maintenance records. Runs good. \$4,050. 686-2013.

VOLKSWAGEN 1990 JETTA, 16 Valve 5 Speed. Very clean! Great school car! \$5,000. 686-9915, 8-6, Monday-Friday.

HONDA 1994 Accord LX, Automatic, all power, tilt, cruise 4 Door. \$11,500. negotiable. 520-6068.

NISSAN 1992 Sentra SER 5, speed, low mileage. 49,500 miles. \$5,800. 686-8515.

HONDA 1998 Accord LX, Reduced \$14,750. 4 Door. 13,000 Miles. Call 694-4719.

200 Autos Domestic OLDSMOBILE 1987 , Regency Brougham 98, burgundy, excellent shape, clean, loaded. \$3,500. Call 520-2643. PONTIAC 1992 Grand Prix LE with all power accessories. In great condition and priced to sell. Call Carl or Frog, 697-3293. PONTIAC 1995 Bonneville SSE , all power, sunroof, leather, lots of extras. The ultimate sports sedan! Call Carl or Frog, 697-3293. PONTIAC 1996 Grand Am GT , Beautiful car and fun to drive. Call Michael McBride or Mike Pinter, 697-3293. PRICE REDUCED , slightly damaged and aged storage buildings/shops. 8x6 to 12x24 delivery and financing available. 563-3108. BERG MOTOR COMPANY , OLDS, CAD, GMC For Full Sales & Service 3205 W. Wall 694-7741. ROGERS FORD , Sales & Service 4200 W. Wall 694-8801.	200 Autos Domestic MERCUY 1995 , Grand Marquis 60,000 miles. AM/FM cassette, tinted windows, cruise, electric windows/doors, alarm system. \$11,800. 520-7175. OLDSMOBILE 1993 Regency Elite , Silver, charcoal leather, CD, loaded. 88,000 miles. One owner. Excellent condition. \$9,900. Days 687-4499, evenings 684-4544. MERCUY 1995 , Grand Marquis LS. Loaded, like new, willow green/graphite leather, 19K miles. Original owner. \$16,750. Under Book. 697-2113. BUICK 1993 Regal Limited , white, 2 door, full power, air, cruise, leather, security system, 39,000 miles, extended warranty. \$9,400. 520-0965. MERCUY 1995 , Grand Marquis LS. Loaded, original owner, 22,500 miles, like new, color light willow green. Under Book. \$16,500. 694-3624. CADILLAC 1987 DeLuxe , Blue, blue leather interior, excellent condition. \$5,500. 694-1290 after 5 pm.
---	--

ATTENTION CREDIT UNION MEMBERS

If You Are A Member of The
Medford Community Credit Union
Saturday, March 21, 1998
is Your Day!



SAVE \$\$\$ ON THE FINEST USED CARS
IN THE PERMIAN BASIN

Call Your
Credit Union &
Get
Pre-Approved
Today!



Kris Crow

One
Day
Only

AVIS
563-0814

AND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
9413 Susan Field Road
Midland, Texas 79701
Expand Your Financing Available. Prices Plus Tax & License.

First Come,
First Served
Most Vehicles
With Factory
Warranty
Remaining



Steve Cummings

220 Trucks

GMC 1993 Typhoon, white, 4 wheel drive, extended cab, CD, engine, transmission, 100,000 miles, \$4,000. 685-0657.

TOYOTA 1987 Pickup, 4 wheel drive, 103,600 miles, \$2,900/make offer. 697-1178.

CHEVROLET 1995 3500, 5 Speed, White, 100,000 miles, \$7,000. 686-9915.

FORD 1995 F150, 5 Speed, 39k miles, \$10,900. 684-8453.

MAZDA 1988 B-2600 4x4, excellent condition, \$6,500. 570-4979.

FORD 1984 Supercab XLT, 1 owner, new tires, brown & beige, loaded, 91,000 miles, \$4,500. Call 686-7367. 528-1596.

FORD 1994 Ranger XLT, 4 door, blue, good condition, \$4,500. Call Brian 699-6790. 567-0004.

TOYOTA 1996 T-100, 5 Speed, extended cab, automatic, 4 door, new, burgundy with gray interior, power, tilt, cruise, fm cassette, alarm, bedliner, 115,000 miles, \$17,000. 694-1177.

CHEVROLET 1998 1500 Silverado 3 door extended cab, Black with tan leather, 50,000 miles, \$23,000. 528-0554.

FORD 1989 PICKUP 1/2 Ton 6 Cyl., Automatic, 100,000 miles, \$3,800. 682-2001.

CHEVROLET 1984 Long Bed Silverado, Needs motor work, \$1,600. 684-6732.

CHEVROLET 1991 3100 3 Speed, 80,000 miles, new paint, new tires, 685-0554. \$4,150 or best offer. 697-1894.

CHEVROLET 1992 Suburban, beautiful conversion with leather, wood grain, dual air, running boards, and more. Call Michael McBride or Mike Pinter. 687-3293.

CHEVROLET 1993 3100 3 Speed, 80,000 miles, new paint, new tires, 685-0554. \$4,150 or best offer. 697-1894.

CHEVROLET 1994 Silverado Extended Cab Diesel, 1994 3/4 Ton Extended Cab, 1994 271 Extended Cab, Call 556-0000.

CHEVROLET 1995 3100 3 Speed, 80,000 miles, new paint, new tires, 685-0554. \$4,150 or best offer. 697-1894.

CHEVROLET 1995 3100 3 Speed, 80,000 miles, new paint, new tires, 685-0554. \$4,150 or best offer. 697-1894.

CHEVROLET 1995 3100 3 Speed, 80,000 miles, new paint, new tires, 685-0554. \$4,150 or best offer. 697-1894.

CHEVROLET 1995 3100 3 Speed, 80,000 miles, new paint, new tires, 685-0554. \$4,150 or best offer. 697-1894.

CHEVROLET 1995 3100 3 Speed, 80,000 miles, new paint, new tires, 685-0554. \$4,150 or best offer. 697-1894.

CHEVROLET 1995 3100 3 Speed, 80,000 miles, new paint, new tires, 685-0554. \$4,150 or best offer. 697-1894.

CHEVROLET 1995 3100 3 Speed, 80,000 miles, new paint, new tires, 685-0554. \$4,150 or best offer. 697-1894.

CHEVROLET 1995 3100 3 Speed, 80,000 miles, new paint, new tires, 685-0554. \$4,150 or best offer. 697-1894.

CHEVROLET 1995 3100 3 Speed, 80,000 miles, new paint, new tires, 685-0554. \$4,150 or best offer. 697-1894.

CHEVROLET 1995 3100 3 Speed, 80,000 miles, new paint, new tires, 685-0554. \$4,150 or best offer. 697-1894.

CHEVROLET 1995 3100 3 Speed, 80,000 miles, new paint, new tires, 685-0554. \$4,150 or best offer. 697-1894.

CHEVROLET 1995 3100 3 Speed, 80,000 miles, new paint, new tires, 685-0554. \$4,150 or best offer. 697-1894.

CHEVROLET 1995 3100 3 Speed, 80,000 miles, new paint, new tires, 685-0554. \$4,150 or best offer. 697-1894.

CHEVROLET 1995 3100 3 Speed, 80,000 miles, new paint, new tires, 685-0554. \$4,150 or best offer. 697-1894.

CHEVROLET 1995 3100 3 Speed, 80,000 miles, new paint, new tires, 685-0554. \$4,150 or best offer. 697-1894.

CHEVROLET 1995 3100 3 Speed, 80,000 miles, new paint, new tires, 685-0554. \$4,150 or best offer. 697-1894.

CHEVROLET 1995 3100 3 Speed, 80,000 miles, new paint, new tires, 685-0554. \$4,150 or best offer. 697-1894.

CHEVROLET 1995 3100 3 Speed, 80,000 miles, new paint, new tires, 685-0554. \$4,150 or best offer. 697-1894.

CHEVROLET 1995 3100 3 Speed, 80,000 miles, new paint, new tires, 685-0554. \$4,150 or best offer. 697-1894.

CHEVROLET 1995 3100 3 Speed, 80,000 miles, new paint, new tires, 685-0554. \$4,150 or best offer. 697-1894.

CHEVROLET 1995 3100 3 Speed, 80,000 miles, new paint, new tires, 685-0554. \$4,150 or best offer. 697-1894.

CHEVROLET 1995 3100 3 Speed, 80,000 miles, new paint, new tires, 685-0554. \$4,150 or best offer. 697-1894.

CHEVROLET 1995 3100 3 Speed, 80,000 miles, new paint, new tires, 685-0554. \$4,150 or best offer. 697-1894.

CHEVROLET 1995 3100 3 Speed, 80,000 miles, new paint, new tires, 685-0554. \$4,150 or best offer. 697-1894.

IT'S YOUR CHOICE!

At Jack Sherman, we have the lowest prices and we will meet or beat that price. There's nothing else out there like this. Big savings and a huge inventory, you'll see why it pays to purchase at Jack Sherman.

'98 CHEVY S-10 REG. CAB
\$298⁵⁹ mo

'98 S-10 EXT. CAB P.U.
\$314⁶³ mo

'98 CHEVY CAMARO
\$247¹² mo

'98 CHEVY CAVALIER 2-DOOR
\$254²⁶ mo

'98 CHEVY MALIBU 4-DOOR
\$311²⁴ mo

'98 CHEVY PRIZM 4-DR.
\$247¹² mo

'98 CHEVY SILVERADO P.U.
\$314⁶³ mo

'98 CHEVY CAVALIER 2-DOOR
\$254²⁶ mo

'98 CHEVY MALIBU 4-DOOR
\$311²⁴ mo

'98 CHEVY PRIZM 4-DR.
\$247¹² mo

'98 CHEVY SILVERADO P.U.
\$314⁶³ mo

'98 CHEVY CAVALIER 2-DOOR
\$254²⁶ mo

'98 CHEVY MALIBU 4-DOOR
\$311²⁴ mo

'98 CHEVY PRIZM 4-DR.
\$247¹² mo

'98 CHEVY SILVERADO P.U.
\$314⁶³ mo

'98 CHEVY CAVALIER 2-DOOR
\$254²⁶ mo

'98 CHEVY MALIBU 4-DOOR
\$311²⁴ mo

'98 CHEVY PRIZM 4-DR.
\$247¹² mo

'98 CHEVY SILVERADO P.U.
\$314⁶³ mo

'98 CHEVY CAVALIER 2-DOOR
\$254²⁶ mo

'98 CHEVY MALIBU 4-DOOR
\$311²⁴ mo

'98 CHEVY PRIZM 4-DR.
\$247¹² mo

'98 CHEVY SILVERADO P.U.
\$314⁶³ mo

'98 CHEVY CAVALIER 2-DOOR
\$254²⁶ mo

'98 CHEVY MALIBU 4-DOOR
\$311²⁴ mo

'98 CHEVY PRIZM 4-DR.
\$247¹² mo

'98 CHEVY SILVERADO P.U.
\$314⁶³ mo

'98 CHEVY CAVALIER 2-DOOR
\$254²⁶ mo

'98 CHEVY MALIBU 4-DOOR
\$311²⁴ mo

'98 CHEVY PRIZM 4-DR.
\$247¹² mo

'98 CHEVY SILVERADO P.U.
\$314⁶³ mo

'98 CHEVY CAVALIER 2-DOOR
\$254²⁶ mo

'98 CHEVY MALIBU 4-DOOR
\$311²⁴ mo

'98 CHEVY PRIZM 4-DR.
\$247¹² mo

'98 CHEVY SILVERADO P.U.
\$314⁶³ mo

'98 CHEVY CAVALIER 2-DOOR
\$254²⁶ mo

'98 CHEVY MALIBU 4-DOOR
\$311²⁴ mo

'98 CHEVY PRIZM 4-DR.
\$247¹² mo

'98 CHEVY SILVERADO P.U.
\$314⁶³ mo

'98 CHEVY CAVALIER 2-DOOR
\$254²⁶ mo

'98 CHEVY MALIBU 4-DOOR
\$311²⁴ mo

'98 CHEVY PRIZM 4-DR.
\$247¹² mo

'98 CHEVY SILVERADO P.U.
\$314⁶³ mo

'98 CHEVY CAVALIER 2-DOOR
\$254²⁶ mo

'98 CHEVY MALIBU 4-DOOR
\$311²⁴ mo

'98 CHEVY PRIZM 4-DR.
\$247¹² mo

'98 CHEVY SILVERADO P.U.
\$314⁶³ mo

'98 CHEVY CAVALIER 2-DOOR
\$254²⁶ mo

'98 CHEVY MALIBU 4-DOOR
\$311²⁴ mo

'98 CHEVY PRIZM 4-DR.
\$247¹² mo

'98 CHEVY SILVERADO P.U.
\$314⁶³ mo

'98 CHEVY CAVALIER 2-DOOR
\$254²⁶ mo

'98 CHEVY MALIBU 4-DOOR
\$311²⁴ mo

'98 CHEVY PRIZM 4-DR.
\$247¹² mo

'98 CHEVY SILVERADO P.U.
\$314⁶³ mo

'98 CHEVY CAVALIER 2-DOOR
\$254²⁶ mo

'98 CHEVY MALIBU 4-DOOR
\$311²⁴ mo

'98 CHEVY PRIZM 4-DR.
\$247¹² mo

'98 CHEVY SILVERADO P.U.
\$314⁶³ mo

'98 CHEVY CAVALIER 2-DOOR
\$254²⁶ mo

'98 CHEVY MALIBU 4-DOOR
\$311²⁴ mo

'98 CHEVY PRIZM 4-DR.
\$247¹² mo

'98 CHEVY SILVERADO P.U.
\$314⁶³ mo

'98 CHEVY CAVALIER 2-DOOR
\$254²⁶ mo

'98 CHEVY MALIBU 4-DOOR
\$311²⁴ mo

'98 CHEVY PRIZM 4-DR.
\$247¹² mo

'98 CHEVY SILVERADO P.U.
\$314⁶³ mo

'98 CHEVY CAVALIER 2-DOOR
\$254²⁶ mo

'98 CHEVY MALIBU 4-DOOR
\$311²⁴ mo

'98 CHEVY PRIZM 4-DR.
\$247¹² mo

'98 CHEVY SILVERADO P.U.
\$314⁶³ mo

'98 CHEVY CAVALIER 2-DOOR
\$254²⁶ mo

'98 CHEVY MALIBU 4-DOOR
\$311²⁴ mo

'98 CHEVY PRIZM 4-DR.
\$247¹² mo

'98 CHEVY SILVERADO P.U.
\$314⁶³ mo

'98 CHEVY CAVALIER 2-DOOR
\$254²⁶ mo

'98 CHEVY MALIBU 4-DOOR
\$311²⁴ mo

'98 CHEVY PRIZM 4-DR.
\$247¹² mo

'98 CHEVY SILVERADO P.U.
\$314⁶³ mo

'98 CHEVY CAVALIER 2-DOOR
\$254²⁶ mo

'98 CHEVY MALIBU 4-DOOR
\$311²⁴ mo

'98 CHEVY PRIZM 4-DR.
\$247¹² mo

'98 CHEVY SILVERADO P.U.
\$314⁶³ mo

'98 CHEVY CAVALIER 2-DOOR
\$254²⁶ mo

'98 CHEVY MALIBU 4-DOOR
\$311²⁴ mo

'98 CHEVY PRIZM 4-DR.
\$247¹² mo

'98 CHEVY SILVERADO P.U.
\$314⁶³ mo

'98 CHEVY CAVALIER 2-DOOR
\$254²⁶ mo

'98 CHEVY MALIBU 4-DOOR
\$311²⁴ mo

'98 CHEVY PRIZM 4-DR.
\$247¹² mo

'98 CHEVY SILVERADO P.U.
\$314⁶³ mo

'98 CHEVY CAVALIER 2-DOOR
\$254²⁶ mo

'98 CHEVY MALIBU 4-DOOR
\$311²⁴ mo

'98 CHEVY PRIZM 4-DR.
\$247¹² mo

'98 CHEVY SILVERADO P.U.
\$314⁶³ mo

'98 CHEVY CAVALIER 2-DOOR
\$254²⁶ mo

'98 CHEVY MALIBU 4-DOOR
\$311²⁴ mo

'98 CHEVY PRIZM 4-DR.
\$247¹² mo

'98 CHEVY SILVERADO P.U.
\$314⁶³ mo

'98 CHEVY CAVALIER 2-DOOR
\$254²⁶ mo

'98 CHEVY MALIBU 4-DOOR
\$311²⁴ mo

'98 CHEVY PRIZM 4-DR.
\$247¹² mo

'98 CHEVY SILVERADO P.U.
\$314⁶³ mo

'98 CHEVY CAVALIER 2-DOOR
\$254²⁶ mo

'98 CHEVY MALIBU 4-DOOR
\$311²⁴ mo

'98 CHEVY PRIZM 4-DR.
\$247¹² mo

'98 CHEVY SILVERADO P.U.
\$314⁶³ mo

'98 CHEVY CAVALIER 2-DOOR
\$254²⁶ mo

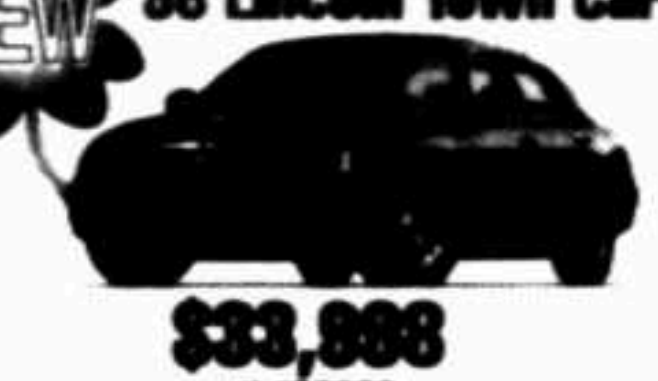
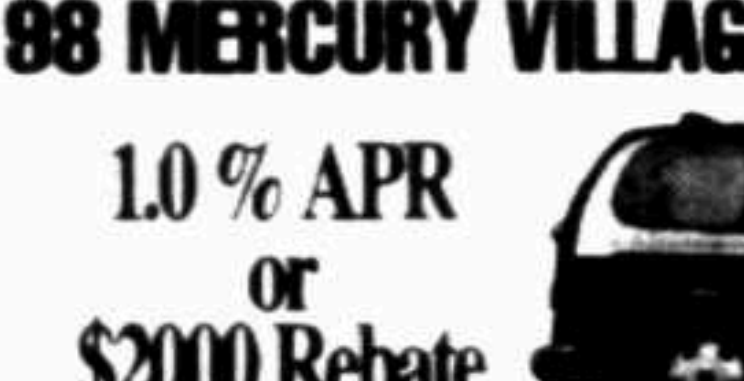
'98 CHEVY MALIBU 4-DOOR
\$311²⁴ mo

'98 CHEVY PRIZM 4-DR.
\$247¹² mo

\$0 DOWN

PRE-OWNED & PROGRAM VEHICLES
WILL BE RED TAG
PRICED 4 DAYS ONLY!

ALL VEHICLES IN INVENTORY ARE ZERO DOWN!

98 Mercury Grand Marquis  \$750 Cash Back or 5.9% APR	98 DODGE CARAVAN  \$16,998	98 DODGE DAKOTA  \$12,998	98 DODGE RAM 1500 CLUB CAB  \$18,998
98 Lincoln Mark VII  \$5000 Cash Back or 1.9% APR	98 DODGE RAM 1500 SHORTBED  \$14,998	98 DODGE AVENGER  \$14,998	98 DODGE RAM QUAD CAB's ARE NOW AT VILLAGE!!
98 Lincoln Town Car  \$33,998 cash	98 MERCURY VILLAGER  1.0% APR OR \$2000 Rebate	FREE \$800 of gas! Wholesale*	98 MERCURY MOUNTAINEER  1.9% APR

PRE-OWNED PROGRAM & USED VEHICLES

97 MARK VII Leather, All Power Options Save Thousands! stkl \$2212	98 CHRYSLER LHS Full Leather, Power Options, Extremely Nice! \$18,888! stkl \$1627	98 FORD EXPEDITION Edible Beaver Edition, All the Extras, 2,400 Miles stkl \$2801A	95 CHEVY LUMINA 4-Door, Power Options, Air, Extra Nice \$8,888 stkl \$287A	97 DODGE INTREPID Power Windows and Locks, Air, Sunroof \$13,888 stkl \$2494
97 FORD TAURUS Power Locks & Windows, Air, Sunroof \$13,888 stkl \$2128	90 CHEVY CARGO VAN Ready to Work! \$2,885 stkl \$8128A	95 LINCOLN MARK VII Leather, All Options, Midnight Black \$16,888 stkl \$2272	97 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS Power Options \$16,888 stkl \$2218	93 CHEVY LUMINA Air, Automatic, Extra Sharp! \$8,888 stkl \$8114A
94 LINCOLN TOWN CAR Leather, Lots of Options, Nice Car! \$13,888 stkl \$2278	97 PLYMOUTH BREEZE Air, Automatic, Power Steering & Brakes, Factory Warranty \$10,888 stkl \$2488	96 DODGE AVENGER A/C, P/S, P/B, Airbags, Real Sporty \$13,888 stkl \$222A	95 DODGE NEON Air Conditioning, Sunroof \$8,888 stkl \$7813A	93 DODGE SPIRIT 4-Door, 6 Cylinder, Air, Automatic \$8,888 stkl \$72188

IF YOU DON'T CHECK WITH VILLAGE BEFORE YOU BUY, YOU'RE PROBABLY PAYING TOO MUCH!!

Sé Habla Español



SALES & LEASING

3915 W. WALL • MIDLAND, TEXAS • 915-522-31

Photos for illustrative purposes only. All Prices + TT&L. With Approved Credit. Rebates Assigned to Dealer.

*\$500 gas will be awarded to the purchaser in the form of a Diamond Shamrock Credit Card with a one time credit of \$500

USED CAR SPECIALS

INVENTORY IS HIGH...PRICES ARE LOW!

Pre-owned Automobiles

'90 Toyota Camry #12-103A, Automatic, AC, PW, PL CC and Alloy Wheels \$4,995	'94 Chevy Silverado Shortbed #P2-024, 5.7, Auto, AC, PW, PL, CC Custom Wheels \$14,995
'91 Honda Civic CRX #12-123A, Only 39K Miles! \$6,995	'92 Chevy Suburban #12-165A, Beautiful Conversion \$15,995
'92 Pontiac Grand Prix #P2-013, Automatic, AC, PW, PL, CC \$7,995	'96 Chevy Silverado X-Cab #P2-019, Sportside, Automatic, AC, PW, PL, CC, Cassette, and Power Seat \$18,995
'93 Olds Cutless Supreme #P2-014, Automatic, AC, PW, PL, CC, Cass. \$8,995	Vans & Sport Utilities
'95 Mazda Protege LX #12-002A, Great Value! \$9,995	'94 Nissan Pathfinder #12-065A, Automatic, V6, AC, PW, PL, CC, cassette \$13,995
'96 Ford T-Bird #17-142, Immaculate! \$11,995	'97 Jeep Wrangler #P2-027, Just in Time for Spring! \$14,995
'97 Honda Accord LX #12-075B, Automatic with less than 4K miles \$16,995	'96 Honda Odyssey EX VAN #P7-155, Auto, A/C, Capt. Chairs, Sunroof Extremely Nice, Low Mileage \$18,995
'95 Pontiac Bonneville SSE #17-079, This One has it All! And only 35K Miles \$17,995	'97 Isuzu Rodeo #P2-020, Automatic, V6, AC, PW, PL, CC, Cass, CD, Keyless, Alarm, and Only 12K Miles \$19,995

Trucks

'95 Ford F-150 #12-059B, Must See! \$10,995	'95 Dodge Ram 1500 PU #12-168A, V8, Automatic with Air \$19,995
--	--

Most Cars Have A
3 Month, 3000 Mile
Power Train Warranty

PERFORMANCE HONDA

4040 W. WALL • MIDLAND, TEXAS 79703

HONDA ISUZU (915) 697-3293

1-800-422-0874

\$AVING\$

94 FORD TEMPO Power Windows, Seats & Locks, Til/Cruise Great Second Car! stkl \$92381	\$5,950
95 FORD PROBE Automatic, Power Windows & Locks, Sunroof stkl \$92391	\$9,950
95 EAGLE TALON Power Windows, Locks, Automatic, Til/Cruise stkl \$92399	\$9,950
96 FORD TAURUS Power Windows & Locks, Til/Cruise stkl \$92398A	\$9,550
94 HONDA ACCORD Power Windows & Locks, Til/Cruise Great Car! stkl \$91722	\$11,550
94 FORD EXPLORER XLT Power Windows & Locks, Til/Cruise stkl \$92340	\$11,950
94 CHEVY EXT. CAB Z71 Silverado, Power Windows & Locks, Til/Cruise 45,000 miles. stkl \$92343	\$16,950
96 CHEVY EXT. CAB Z71 4x4, Indigo Blue, Power Locks & Windows, Til/Cruise! stkl \$92341	\$17,950

IF YOU DON'T CHECK WITH VILLAGE BEFORE YOU BUY... YOU'RE PROBABLY PAYING TOO MUCH!!

*\$0 Down with approved credit. All prices + TT&L

Se Habla Español

VILLAGE

LINCOLN • MERCURY • DODGE • HYUNDAI

DISCOUNT CENTER

(915) 570-4183

2613 W. WALL • MIDLAND, TEXAS

210 Autos Imports

HONDA 1990 Prelude, 5 speed, one owner, sun roof, maintained, \$4,450 570-7565

MAZDA 1993 323. Local one owner, 33K miles, automatic with overdrive. Call Kevin 561-6222, pager.

MITSUBISHI 1994 Eclipse GS, local 1 owner, very nice. Automatic, anti-theft computer chip system. Low miles. Kevin, 561-6222, pager.

MITSUBISHI 1997 Eclipse, Automatic, cruise, tilt, power windows & locks. Still under factory warranty. Call Kevin, 561-6222, pager.

TOYOTA 1991 TERCEL. Very clean, economical. Work or school car. One owner. Very affordable. 62,000 Miles. Call Kevin, 561-6222, pager.

TOYOTA 1997 Camry LE. White/gray interior, all power, 4 speed, auto/overdrive, only 13K miles. Call Kevin 561-6222, pager.

BRONCHO BMW Sales And Service 2346 E 8th, ODESSA (915) 580-5911

210 Autos Imports

HONDA 1992 Accord EX. This car has been very well maintained and is in excellent shape. Call Carl or Frog, 697-3293.

HONDA 1993 Accord EX, 4 door, sunroof, spoiler, one owner, 59K, \$11,200. Call 682-5011.

HONDA 1995 Accord EX, V6. Extremely clean car with leather and low miles. Call Mike Pinter or Michael McBride, 697-3293.

MAZDA 1994 MX3GS. Power Sunroof, 5 speed, V-6, well maintained, power locks & windows. Very fun car. \$7,900. Call 699-4512.

MITSUBISHI 1996 Eclipse RS, 10K miles, white, alloy wheels, automatic, looks & drives like new, \$13,995. TOYOTA OF MIDLAND, 3110 W. WALL.

NISSAN 1990 240SX. Sunroof, CD player, power windows, loaded. \$5,500. Call 687-2121.

210 Autos Imports

NISSAN 1982 280ZX. Power windows, power mirrors, needs minor work, but runs great. \$1,000 or best offer. 699-4970.

NISSAN 1995 300 ZX Twin Turbo. Black, black leather interior, 5 speed. Excellent condition, one owner. 42,000 miles, 1 top, Bose stereo system. 915-697-2317.

PERFORMANCE HONDA JEEP, EAGLE, ISUZU 4040 W. WALL 697-3293

DOTSON NISSAN INC. Your Nissan Headquarters 3917 W. Wall 520-2603

BERG MOTOR COMPANY 3205 W. Wall 694-7741

MERCEDES 1994 C220 Gray 50K. No smoker. Good condition. Service records. \$19,500. Call 694-1861.

MITSUBISHI 1992 3000 GTSL Pearl white/Charcoal gray 63,000 miles. Automatic, pampered! Well maintained. Adult owned. Great shape! \$15,900 firm. 697-5910.

220 Trucks

FORD 1982 F-150 SuperCab. Runs good. \$3,250. 694-2580 after 6 & on weekends.

FORD 1992 Ranger XLT. 69K, standard shift. Excellent condition. \$5,000 or best offer. Call 689-0371 or 697-6645.

210 Autos Imports

ISUZU 1997 Rodeo. Forest green, dark tint, alloy wheels, V-6, automatic. All power, and 18K miles. Lots of warranty left. Call Mike Pinter or Michael McBride, 697-3293.

FORD 1994 EXPLORER 4 door, V6, automatic, 2 wheel drive, 51,000 miles. \$15,800. 694-4648 or 570-1730.

GMC 1995 Yukon 4 Door, 2 W. D., 21K, loaded, alarm, warranty, \$23,900. 689-2205.

CHEVROLET 1990 Blazer S-10. Tahoe, black, gray, automatic, 83K miles, keyless, CD sound system, new paint, chrome wheels. Must see! \$7,100. 682-5142.

CHEVROLET 1995 Tahoe, 4 door, V6, automatic, 2 wheel drive, windows/locks, leather seats, black/gray, automatic. \$24,800. 683-2524/687-0071.

220 Trucks

FORD 1982 F-150 SuperCab. Runs good. \$3,250. 694-2580 after 6 & on weekends.

FORD 1992 Ranger XLT. 69K, standard shift. Excellent condition. \$5,000 or best offer. Call 689-0371 or 697-6645.

210 Autos Imports

NISSAN 1982 280ZX. Power windows, power mirrors, needs minor work, but runs great. \$1,000 or best offer. 699-4970.

NISSAN 1995 300 ZX Twin Turbo. Black, black leather interior, 5 speed. Excellent condition, one owner. 42,000 miles, 1 top, Bose stereo system. 915-697-2317.

PERFORMANCE HONDA JEEP, EAGLE, ISUZU 4040 W. WALL 697-3293

DOTSON NISSAN INC. Your Nissan Headquarters 3917 W. Wall 520-2603

BERG MOTOR COMPANY 3205 W. Wall 694-7741

MERCEDES 1994 C220 Gray 50K. No smoker. Good condition. Service records. \$19,500. Call 694-1861.

MITSUBISHI 1992 3000 GTSL Pearl white/Charcoal gray 63,000 miles. Automatic, pampered! Well maintained. Adult owned. Great shape! \$15,900 firm. 697-5910.

220 Trucks

FORD 1982 F-150 SuperCab. Runs good. \$3,250. 694-2580 after 6 & on weekends.

FORD 1992 Ranger XLT. 69K, standard shift. Excellent condition. \$5,000 or best offer. Call 689-0371 or 697-6645.

210 Autos Imports

ISUZU 1997 Rodeo. Forest green, dark tint, alloy wheels, V-6, automatic. All power, and 18K miles. Lots of warranty left. Call Mike Pinter or Michael McBride, 697-3293.

FORD 1994 EXPLORER 4 door, V6, automatic, 2 wheel drive, 51,000 miles. \$15,800. 694-4648 or 570-1730.

GMC 1995 Yukon 4 Door, 2 W. D., 21K, loaded, alarm, warranty, \$23,900. 689-2205.

CHEVROLET 1990 Blazer S-10. Tahoe, black, gray, automatic, 83K miles, keyless, CD sound system, new paint, chrome wheels. Must see! \$7,100. 682-5142.

CHEVROLET 1995 Tahoe, 4 door, V6, automatic, 2 wheel drive, windows/locks, leather seats, black/gray, automatic. \$24,800. 683-2524/687-0071.

220 Trucks

FORD 1982 F-150 SuperCab. Runs good. \$3,250. 694-2580 after 6 & on weekends.

FORD 1992 Ranger XLT. 69K, standard shift. Excellent condition. \$5,000 or best offer. Call 689-0371 or 697-6645.

210 Autos Imports

ISUZU 1997 Rodeo. Forest green, dark tint, alloy wheels, V-6, automatic. All power, and 18K miles. Lots of warranty left. Call Mike Pinter or Michael McBride, 697-3293.

FORD 1994 EXPLORER 4 door, V6, automatic, 2 wheel drive, 51,000 miles. \$15,800. 694-4648 or 570-1730.

GMC 1995 Yukon 4 Door, 2 W. D., 21K, loaded, alarm, warranty, \$23,900. 689-2205.

CHEVROLET 1990 Blazer S-10. Tahoe, black, gray, automatic, 83K miles, keyless, CD sound system, new paint, chrome wheels. Must see! \$7,100. 682-5142.

CHEVROLET 1995 Tahoe, 4 door, V6, automatic, 2 wheel drive, windows/locks, leather seats, black/gray, automatic. \$24,800. 683-2524/687-0071.

220 Trucks

FORD 1982 F-150 SuperCab. Runs good. \$3,250. 694-2580 after 6 & on weekends.

FORD 1992 Ranger XLT. 69K, standard shift. Excellent condition. \$5,000 or best offer. Call 689-0371 or 697-6645.

210 Autos Imports

ISUZU 1997 Rodeo. Forest green, dark tint, alloy wheels, V-6, automatic. All power, and 18K miles. Lots of warranty left. Call Mike Pinter or Michael McBride, 697-3293.

FORD 1994 EXPLORER 4 door, V6, automatic, 2 wheel drive, 51,000 miles. \$15,800. 694-4648 or 570-1730.

GMC 1995 Yukon 4 Door, 2 W. D., 21K, loaded, alarm, warranty, \$23,900. 689-2205.

CHEVROLET 1990 Blazer S-10. Tahoe, black, gray, automatic, 83K miles, keyless, CD sound system, new paint, chrome wheels. Must see! \$7,100. 682-5142.

CHEVROLET 1995 Tahoe, 4 door, V6, automatic, 2 wheel drive, windows/locks, leather seats, black/gray, automatic. \$24,800. 683-2524/687-0071.

220 Trucks

FORD 1982 F-150 SuperCab. Runs good. \$3,250. 694-2580 after 6 & on weekends.

FORD 1992 Ranger XLT. 69K, standard shift. Excellent condition. \$5,000 or best offer. Call 689-0371 or 697-6645.

210 Autos Imports

ISUZU 1997 Rodeo. Forest green, dark tint, alloy wheels, V-6, automatic. All power, and 18K miles. Lots of warranty left. Call Mike Pinter or Michael McBride, 697-3293.

FORD 1994 EXPLORER 4 door, V6, automatic, 2 wheel drive, 51,000 miles. \$15,800. 694-4648 or 570-1730.

GMC 1995 Yukon 4 Door, 2 W. D., 21K, loaded, alarm, warranty, \$23,900. 689-2205.

CHEVROLET 1990 Blazer S-10. Tahoe, black, gray, automatic, 83K miles, keyless, CD sound system, new paint, chrome wheels. Must see! \$7,100. 682-5142.

CHEVROLET 1995 Tahoe, 4 door, V6, automatic, 2 wheel drive, windows/locks, leather seats, black/gray, automatic. \$24,800. 683-2524/687-0071.

220 Trucks

FORD 1982 F-150 SuperCab. Runs good. \$3,250. 694-2580 after 6 & on weekends.

FORD 1992 Ranger XLT. 69K, standard shift. Excellent condition. \$5,000 or best offer. Call 689-0371 or 697-6645.

210 Autos Imports

ISUZU 1997 Rodeo. Forest green, dark tint, alloy wheels, V-6, automatic. All power, and 18K miles. Lots of warranty left. Call Mike Pinter or Michael McBride, 697-3293.

FORD 1994 EXPLORER 4 door, V6, automatic, 2 wheel drive, 51,000 miles. \$15,800. 694-4648 or 570-1730.

GMC 1995 Yukon 4 Door, 2 W. D., 21K, loaded, alarm, warranty, \$23,900. 689-2205.

CHEVROLET 1990 Blazer S-10. Tahoe, black, gray, automatic, 83K miles, keyless, CD sound system, new paint, chrome wheels. Must see! \$7,100. 682-5142.

CHEVROLET 1995 Tahoe, 4 door, V6, automatic, 2 wheel drive, windows/locks, leather seats, black/gray, automatic. \$24,800. 683-2524/687-0071.

220 Trucks

FORD 1982 F-150 SuperCab. Runs good. \$3,250. 694-2580 after 6 & on weekends.

F

310 General Help Wanted	310 General Help Wanted	310 General Help Wanted	310 General Help Wanted	310 General Help Wanted	312 Professional Help Wanted	312 Professional Help Wanted	314 Clerical Help Wanted	316 Sales Help Wanted
-------------------------	-------------------------	-------------------------	-------------------------	-------------------------	------------------------------	------------------------------	--------------------------	-----------------------

THE TOWN & COUNTRY DIFFERENCE



COME EXPERIENCE THE TOWN & COUNTRY DIFFERENCE

- HEALTH INSURANCE
- PRESCRIPTION DISCOUNTS
- DENTAL INSURANCE
- VISION PLAN
- FREE LIFE INSURANCE
- TUITION REIMBURSEMENT
- STOCK PURCHASE PLAN
- PENSION PLAN
- PAID SICK/VACATION
- MANAGER TRAINEE PROGRAM

95% OR MORE OF ALL SHIFTS HAVE TWO PEOPLE OR MORE ON DUTY. APPLY AT ANY TOWN & COUNTRY STORE LOCATION OR AT 7100 W. HWY. 80, MIDLAND OR FAX AT 915/563-2703

An Equal Opportunity Employer

Pre-employment drug testing required.

THE TOWN & COUNTRY DIFFERENCE

Waiting for Abuelo's?

ABUELO'S
MEXICAN FOOD EMBA

Abuelo's is now hiring experienced, exceptional waitstaff, host staff, bar staff, service assistants, food prep and line cooks. Our employees enjoy flexible schedules, exciting work environment and advancement opportunities. Apply in person 2:00-5:00 p.m. at Abuelo's Mexican Food Embassy, 4610 N. Garfield, Midland.

STUDENTS/YOUNG PEOPLE

Ages 14 and Up

NEED CASH?

Spring break is almost here and work is available now... begin earning cash immediately! You can earn \$25-\$150 commission per week getting new subscribers for the Midland Reporter-Telegram. We have exciting programs for Jr. High and High School students and other interested persons to earn good money. Transportation from your home and return, is available. No newspaper delivery is involved.

Call Alex at 683-7576, and get started now!!!

The Marketing Firm

ENGINE LATHE MACHINIST

One Year Experience
Drug Test Required
Salary D.O.E.
Call
V.I.P.
686-9722

GENERAL

A NEW START!

Starting Immediately
2 Entry level opportunities with better than average starting pay. Day work, no nights or weekends. Need some sales ability. Telemarketing experience preferred. These are permanent positions with a future. Apply in person only to
2807 Earhart at Midland International Airport

GLAZIER TRAINER

Monday-Friday 8-5
Salary D.O.E.
Call
V.I.P.
686-9722

HOTEL

JOIN THE TEAM AT HOLIDAY INN HOTEL & SUITES

We are currently accepting applications for the following positions

Dining Room Wait Staff
Morning and evening shifts available. Previous experience a plus.

On Call Banquet Servers
This is a good way to supplement your income. Mostly weekends and evening hours.

We offer excellent benefits that include Discount Travel, Paid Vacations and Holidays, and Health Insurance.

Apply in person
4300 W. Wall
Midland, Texas



MANAGER *SERVERS*

IHOP in Midland is now hiring a Manager with minimum 2 years management experience. Apply in person Monday-Friday or send resume to 2507 W. Loop 250, Midland, TX 79705 or fax to 684-9214.

*MEN & WOMEN

Also see ads under:
Class 170
Schools and Instruction
for other opportunities.

CDL DRIVERS

needed for Abilene, Amarillo, and Lamesa. Must be Drug, Smoke and Alcohol Free! Some sales involved. Company is moving to Midland in one to two weeks. Guaranteed 50 hours per week. Starting salary of \$2,000/month + commission on revenues. Call
Olsten Staffing Services
915-689-6607
1030 Andrews Hwy. Ste 103
Midland, Texas

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

In the Midland and Odessa area. General, loading and unloading, warehouse, and construction. Must have reliable transportation. Positions subject to availability.

V.I.P.

4305 N. Garfield
Midland, Texas 79708
686-9722
or Resume
686-9071
"Because We Care"

*SPA TECH/ DELIVERY

Must have pickup, hand tools, electrical and plumbing knowledge, clean driving record and auto insurance. Drug testing required.
563-1860

ALARM DISPATCHER

Seeking 1 full time employee to work Tuesday-Saturday evenings. Non-smoking environment. Clean police record. \$7 per hour. Good benefits. Apply at 1011 W. Washington, Midland. Or fax resume to 570-0267.

FRONT DESK CLERK

Part time position available. Apply in person at the Royal Inn, 3601 W. Wall.
362-4666

APARTMENT MANAGER

Needed full time for 200 unit property in the Midland Area. Computer Rent Roll experience needed. Drug test required. Mail resume to Manager, 10670 N. Central Expressway, #405, Dallas, Texas 75231.

AUTO MECHANIC

needed with own tools. Autos and Trucks. Domestic and imports. 5 days a week. The Midland Reporter-Telegram shall not be responsible for any inaccuracies of information, loss of responses or misdirection of replies.

BLIND BOX REPLIES

When replying to a blind box number listed in an advertisement, address your reply to (this is an example)

BOX Z-01
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram
P.O. Box 1650
Midland, TX 79702

Readers who are interested in a position offered, but do not want their resume to go to certain companies can simply address the reply to the specific box number and place it in an envelope addressed to Classified Supervisor and the address above. Include a list of the companies that you do not want your resume to reach. If the advertiser is anyone on your list, we will shield your resume without copying it. If you have any questions please call 682-6222.

CRUDE OIL Haulers needed. Many shifts available. Top pay & benefits. Call 915-561-5823

CHILD CARE needs experienced workers. A Curriculum Coordinator and teachers. Full and part time positions. Must be flexible, high school diploma or GED. Prefer non-smoker. Call 689-6309 or apply at 1007 Austin.

CONSTRUCTION Supervisor experienced. Needed for stable, growing company. Travel required. Fax resume to 915-362-9456

COOK, HOUSEKEEPER, Activities Director & Bookkeeper needed. Apply in person at Terrace Gardens Nursing Center, 2901 W. Ohio.

CRUDE OIL Pipelines experienced with knowledge of LACTS, electrical work and gauging. Send resume to 5-5094, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

DALLAS BASED OTR Company needing OTR Drivers. Good pay/benefits. Call 1-800-878-8294, ask for Bill or Roy.

DRIVER WANTED Must be 25 years old, clean driving record, pass drug test. Apply at 1607 W. Florida, Monday thru Friday 9 am to 6 pm.

DRIVERS NEEDED- Moving company needs drivers with class A-CDL drivers license to run Texas and surrounding states. Must be able to pass DOT physical with drug screen. Must have verifiable moving experience. Call 563-1272 or 800-882-9165 Monday thru Friday 8 am - 5 pm, for interview.

DRIVERS- Established 4 Star West Texas Company seeking Owner-Operators to run West-Northwest, East Coast. Excellent rates! Weekly settlements! Pull our trailers or your own (Refrigerated). Call (800)359-5629

Drivers: O/O When you want a choice choose RUCKOR! New pay! contracts, trucks and regional runs, good home time, trainer positions, high pay, teams and lease programs.
1-800-315-9673 CDL (A)

EXPERIENCE DIESEL and gas mechanic. Salary DOE. 2214 Carter, Midland, Texas.

La Bodega

Now hiring
Experienced
COOK

Apply in person
2700 N. Big Spring

FLOOR CARE person

needed with experience. Night work, full time. Call 520-6618 for information.

FOR RESUMES that get results. Call 689-1919. Professional, quick service, affordable. Evening & weekend appointments available.

FRONT DESK CLERK needed. Part time position available. Apply in person at the Royal Inn, 3601 W. Wall.
362-4666

FRONT DESK Clerk, Part time, 16-24 hours per week. Dependable, customer service oriented, computer literate. Non-smoking environment. Apply in person Lexington Hotel and Suites, 1003 S. Midkiff. No phone calls please.

FURNITURE MOVERS with experience. Heavy lifting and Class C drivers license required. Leave name/number (915)553-1464.

GENERAL- Loretta taking applications for telephone secretaries. Type minimum 40 wpm and be outstanding good in reading and spelling. Apply at 1300 S. Midland Drive Monday through Thursday 10 am - 4:30 pm, Friday 10 am - 12 noon.

GRAVEYARD Help Wanted. \$5.50 Hour. Apply in person between 8-5, Exxon, 2503 Rankin Highway.

GROUPS KEEPER needed. Large apartment community. Pool certificate required and some knowledge of sprinkler system. Energetic and enthusiastic. Drug testing and criminal history check required. Call 689-9865 for appointment.

HAIR STYLISTS- Individual stations for lease. Family atmosphere, move in special, good benefits. Remodeling in progress. Call 697-8838.

HAIRDRESSERS AND Nail Techs. Seeking for lease. Fun environment, pleasant working conditions. Call 694-8869 or 683-7268 evenings.

★ GENERAL- The Midland Angels are accepting applications for part time summer employment. Apply at Christensen Stadium 8 am - 5 pm.

JOIN THE #1 TEAM

SHUTTLES NEEDED:

Hertz Rent A Car is accepting applications for shuttles, to clean and service vehicles. Applicants must be at least 25 years old, a valid drivers license, and able to work nights and weekends.

Please Apply in Person, Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm
Hertz Corporation
10014 W. Ca. Rd. 116
c/o Midland International Airport
Midland, Texas
(Just West of KIMB TV Station)

Hertz
An Equal Opportunity Employer

CLASSIFIED FAX #!

682-6999

Please include the following information:
★ Full name and address ★ Billing phone number
★ Phone number of person placing ad
★ Start date ★ Classification

Fax ads are subject to normal deadlines. We reserve the right to edit, properly classify or decline any ad.

Tami, Pam, Brandi, Pat, Paula & Sandy are available to help you with all of your advertising needs.

HOUSEKEEPER needed. Must have reliable vehicle to drive children to activities. References required. Please call 686-2071.

HOUSEKEEPER needed. Must have reliable vehicle to drive children to activities. References required. Please call 686-2071.

HOUSEKEEPER needed. Must have reliable vehicle to drive children to activities. References required. Please call 686-2071.

HOUSEKEEPER needed. Must have reliable vehicle to drive children to activities. References required. Please call 686-2071.

HOUSEKEEPER needed. Must have reliable vehicle to drive children to activities. References required. Please call 686-2071.

HOUSEKEEPER needed. Must have reliable vehicle to drive children to activities. References required. Please call 686-2071.

HOUSEKEEPER needed. Must have reliable vehicle to drive children to activities. References required. Please call 686-2071.

HOUSEKEEPER needed. Must have reliable vehicle to drive children to activities. References required. Please call 686-2071.

HOUSEKEEPER needed. Must have reliable vehicle to drive children to activities. References required. Please call 686-2071.

HOUSEKEEPER needed. Must have reliable vehicle to drive children to activities. References required. Please call 686-2071.

HOUSEKEEPER needed. Must have reliable vehicle to drive children to activities. References required. Please call 686-2071.

HOUSEKEEPER needed. Must have reliable vehicle to drive children to activities. References required. Please call 686-2071.

HOUSEKEEPER needed. Must have reliable vehicle to drive children to activities. References required. Please call 686-2071.

HOUSEKEEPER needed. Must have reliable vehicle to drive children to activities. References required. Please call 686-2071.

HOUSEKEEPER needed. Must have reliable vehicle to drive children to activities. References required. Please call 686-2071.

HOUSEKEEPER needed. Must have reliable vehicle to drive children to activities. References required. Please call 686-2071.

HOUSEKEEPER needed. Must have reliable vehicle to drive children to activities. References required. Please call 686-2071.

HOUSEKEEPER needed. Must have reliable vehicle to drive children to activities. References required. Please call 686-2071.

HOUSEKEEPER needed. Must have reliable vehicle to drive children to activities. References required. Please call 686-2071.

HOUSEKEEPER needed. Must have reliable vehicle to drive children to activities. References required. Please call 686-2071.

HOUSEKEEPER needed. Must have reliable vehicle to drive children to activities. References required. Please call 686-2071.

HOUSEKEEPER needed. Must have reliable vehicle to drive children to activities. References required. Please call 686-2071.

HOUSEKEEPER needed. Must have reliable vehicle to drive children to activities. References required. Please call 686-2071.

HOUSEKEEPER needed. Must have reliable vehicle to drive children to activities. References required. Please call 686-2071.

HOUSEKEEPER needed. Must have reliable vehicle to drive children to activities. References required. Please call 686-2071.

HOUSEKEEPER needed. Must have reliable vehicle to drive children to activities. References required. Please call 686-2071.

HOUSEKEEPER needed. Must have reliable vehicle to drive children to activities. References required. Please call 686-2071.

HOUSEKEEPER needed. Must have reliable vehicle to drive children to activities. References required. Please call 686-2071.

HOUSEKEEPER needed. Must have reliable vehicle to drive children to activities. References required. Please call 686-2071.

HOUSEKEEPER needed. Must have reliable vehicle to drive children to activities. References required. Please call 686-2071.

HOUSEKEEPER needed. Must have reliable vehicle to drive children to activities. References required. Please call 686-2071.

HOUSEKEEPER needed. Must have reliable vehicle to drive children to activities. References required. Please call 686-2071.

HOUSEKEEPER needed. Must have reliable vehicle to drive children to activities. References required. Please call 686-2071.

WEST TEXAS CENTERS FOR MHMR

Job opening for Assessment Specialist. Will be responsible for the implementation of eligibility determination and plan of care oversight for the Center. Job duties will require individuals to possess a current valid license within the State of Texas in one of the following areas: LMSW-ACP, LPC or Licensed Psychologist. Excellent clinical skills a must. Will be on call in a clinical consultation role. This position will require proficient writing, computer and communication skills. Hours: 8-5, Monday-Friday. On call Salary: \$1,388 Bi-Weekly.

Apply: West Texas Centers for MHMR
409 Runnels
Big Spring, TX 79720
or call 915-264-2650 for application

*RN MANAGER

Interim Healthcare. We are presently accepting applications for an individual who has previous home health and management experience who is able to communicate and educate staff members. Please, submit resume: Fax 915-522-2256 or mail to: Interim Healthcare, 3205 West Cuthbert B-5, Midland, Texas 79701 Attn: Kay Blake, RN.

CERTIFIED NURSE Aide-Terrace West Nursing Center, has current openings for Certified Nurse Aides on the 2-10 shift. If interested please apply in person at 2800 N. Midland Drive, Midland, TX 79707.

CLINIC NURSE Supervisor needed for busy plastic surgeon's office. Will train to work surgery as needed. Salary negotiable, benefits available. Please mail resume to: Box 9520, Midland 79708 or fax to 915-520-5890.

COURIER/ PATIENT Technician needed for radiology practice in Midland. Applicant must outgoing and self-motivated, must have own transportation and liability insurance. Please mail resume to: 14303, Odessa, Texas 79768-4303.

HYGIENIST needed part time. Send resume to: 3303 N. Midkiff, Ste 166, Midland, TX 79705 or call 694-8823.

MEDICAL INSURANCE Clerk-immediate opening for doctor's office. Computer skills with Medical Manager (UNIX), experienced, salary/benefits required. Monday through Friday 10 am - 5 pm, please fax resume with salary requirements to: 683-6161.

NURSING. Visiting Nurses of Del Rio, Inc. is now accepting applications for Primary Home Care Providers. For more information or for application, please call 1-800-532-0421 or write to 403 W. 6th, Monahan, TX 79756 E.O.E.

RN Charge nurse needed weekends and relief. Contact Midland Skilled Nursing, 3201 Sage, Midland, TX.

RN/ LVN- Terrace West Nursing Center, has current openings for RN/ LVN. If interested please apply in person at 2800 N. Midland Drive, Midland, TX 79707.

312 Professional Help Wanted

*PROGRAMMER NEEDED:

Software Technician needed with the following:
• AutoCAD Experience
• Electronic Circuit
• Schematic Knowledge

We Offer:
• Great Pay
• Paid Holidays
• Paid Vacations
• Health Insurance
• Employee Stock Purchase Plan

Please call 915-682-2119 for more information.

EARLY CHILDHOOD Educator. Minimum 2 years experience in the classroom. Minimum CDA or working towards CDA or working towards CDA or working towards CDA.

FIELD SAFETY Engineer needed for loss control and risk assessment for Workers Comp Insurance Company. Position will be stationed in the Midland/Odessa area and service the Panhandle, West Texas and parts of New Mexico. Degree and FSR, PSS, ASP or CSP preferred with experience in the oil patch related industries. Desired Fax resume with cover letter and salary expectations to David Bailey at 817-633-6572 or email (dmbailey@flash.net) for immediate consideration. No phone calls please.

LEGAL SECRETARY for law firm. Successful applicant will be proficient in Windows & WordPerfect, type 80 wpm, prior civil litigation helpful. Excellent benefits. Mail resume in confidence to: Box T-5090, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

MARKETING Director needed full time. Connected to medical community. Must be creative, professional, goal oriented, work well with the public. Good salary. Benefits, insurance, 401K plan, prescription card, bonus incentive, expense reimbursement. Interview by appointment only call Debbie 687-0460.

MARKETING Position available salary negotiable. Send cover letter, resume and references to: Midland Community Theater, 2000 W. Wadley 79705.

REAL ESTATE Opportunity in Non Sales Capacity. License required with some podium experience. Resumes to Box B-04027, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

SECRETARY/ BOOKKEEPER. years minimum experience, bookkeeping with Job Cost or Joint Interest Billing. Send resume to P.O. Box 10705, Midland, TX 79702.

Classified Can! 682-6222

WEST TEXAS CENTERS FOR MHMR

Administrative Assistant - To \$1600/mo
Commercial Real Estate. Proficient Computer Skills.
Accountant - SDOE
Strong Oil & Gas Accounting w/OGAS for Consulting
JIB Clerks (2) - SDOE
MUST have JIB experience
Land Tech/Lease Analyst - To \$20.00/hr
Major Oil Company

Secretary - \$1200/mo (perm)
WordPerfect/Windows, Legal/Real Estate or Title exp.

Administrative Support - \$8.00-\$9.00/hr
MS Office, Light Bookkeeping a MUST

Accounting Assistant - \$8.00/hr
Excellent Company, Oil & Gas
Loan Secretary - To \$1700/mo
Commercial/Installment Loans

Engineering Tech - To \$18.00/hr
PAPI, OGRE or TETAS

Legal Secretary
Legal or Oil & Gas Exp
w/Executive Secretary Skills

Receptionist - \$1600/mo (perm)
Heavy phones, clerical support & A/P

A/R Clerk - \$8.00-\$8.50/hr
MUST have heavy A/R exp w/computer skills

Receptionist - \$1600/mo (perm)
Answering line phone for Large Independent

NO FEE!
GLOBAL PERSONNEL
Call Lou Ann
(915) 686-9366

314 Clerical Help Wanted

*Data Entry Operator

Position open with a great company for a part time data entry operator. Must be able to work three days a week. Must be able to enter data in a proficient manner. Good typing skills required.

We offer:
• Great Pay
• Paid Vacations
• Paid Holidays
• Health Insurance
• Stock Purchase Plan

Please fax resume to: 915-682-3041

Or call for an appointment: 915-682-2119

JOB OPPORTUNITIES! For your convenience. Olsten Staffing Services is open each Tuesday from 7:30 am - 8 pm! Appointments & walk-ins welcome! No Fees! 1030 Andrews Hwy., Suite 103, Midland, TX 79701. 915-689-6607.

PART TIME Clerical Help needed. Apply 602 N. Baird, Suite 200, Midland.

Global Personnel Network Temp & Perm positions. Locally & around the globe! 686-8360.

★ DP PERSONNEL ★
Temp & Permanent Positions
Benefits & Bonuses Available
682-0033 or 570-0197

EXPERIENCE COUNTS

* Secretarial
* Word Processing
* Oil & Gas
* Never a Fee

TEMPORARY RESOURCES

684-0527

V.I.P. EMPLOYMENT SERVICES. Clerical. Industrial jobs available. Never a fee. Benefits. 686-9722.

316 Sales Help Wanted

*INSURANCE

FARMERS INSURANCE GROUP is expanding its agency force in the Midland-Odessa area.

If you have a degree, and a desire to succeed, we can offer you your very own business with unlimited income potential.

For details and a personal interview, please call 915-699-1878. Ask for Ben, Danny or Lloyd.

VIP SALES EXECUTIVE

Exciting position for experienced sales executive. If you are detail oriented, care a lot, and want only the best. This is for you!

V.I.P.
4305 N. Garfield
Midland, Texas 79708

Automobile Sales

Immediate opening for 2 persons to sell the most popular cars & trucks in the industry. We offer a great bonus & incentive plan that will reward you handsomely for your sales. In addition, we have great benefits including paid vacation, medical & dental plan; NADAR plan; and others. Our strong consistent advertising programs bring a steady stream of customers to our dealership.

Apply in person only to Kelly Tucker,
Rogers ★ Ford

4200 W. Wall

GRIFITH OIL TOOL

A leading supplier of Downhole Drilling Tools and related equipment domestically and internationally is seeking a highly motivated Sales Representative for our Odessa Texas field office.

Applicant should have a strong background in Oil field related sales.

Ideal candidate would also have past Drilling Rig work experience, service and repair of drilling tools, mud motors and or related equipment.

Griffith offers a competitive benefits package including 401K plan. If you possess the required qualifications and are interested please forward a resume with salary history to P.O. Box 1595, Rosenberg, TX 77471. Attn: Sales Manager

Attention Readers

Occasionally ads found in this section come from distant points and the Midland Reporter-Telegram always knows 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 number or bank information.

OWNER SACRIFICING

upscale health food store and wellness center in Big Spring. Busy main street location. Good business and clientele. Room for massage or other therapist. Call 800-413-8071 for more information.

ENTREPRENEURIAL PEOPLE

Six figures plus, from home. Many benefits - not MLM - 1-800-995-0796 extension 0276.

SEIZED CARS

From \$175

Porsches, Cadillacs, Chevys, BMW's, Corvettes. Also Jeeps, 4WD's. Your area. Toll Free 1-800-218-9000, Ext A-1523.

Get your Real Estate license

quickly, short day, weekend evening classes. Southwest College 697-7277

BUSINESS AND EQUIPMENT

Reputable established complete machine shop plus relief valve testing and repair business for sale due to owner health problems. Priced right. Solid business opportunity. If interested contact 915-336-3366 or P.O. Box 779, Ft. Stockton, TX 79735.

FREE MONEY! Insider's guide

to government grants. Also \$19.95 to Box 50506, Midland, TX 79705.

\$ WANTED \$

10 People who need to lose weight & make money! New Dietary supplement/weight loss product

1-888-633-0739

24 Hr. Recorded Message

400 Auctions

PUBLIC AUCTION! Saturday, March 21, 1998, 10:00 am. Sharp! 201 W. Washington, Midland, Texas. Absolutely No Minimums. No Reserves! Everything sold "As Is." Where "is" without warranty. Items subject to change without prior notice. All oral announcements supersede any printed material. 10% Buyers premium. Vehicles subject to sellers confirmation. Preview, March 20th, 1998, 10 am - 3 pm. Auction to include: Printers, computers, dishes, desks, stereos, small smoker, exercise bike, BBQ pit, sewing machines, refrigerator, big screen TV, construction material, hot water heater.

Let Classified Work For You!

Call 682-6222

Garage Sales

Hidden treasures? Junk? Recycle your unwanted items! Call 682-6222 today. A friendly Classified Consultant will help you create an ad that gets results!

79701

Garage Sale Services

\$20 \$20 \$20 \$20 \$20 \$20 \$20

Garage Sale Ad Package \$20

*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!

Call 682-6222 Today!

\$20 \$20 \$20 \$20 \$20 \$20 \$20

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.

Tami, Pam, Brandi, Pat, Paula or Sandy are ready to help you!

Real Wheel Deals

ONLY \$25 w/Photo Call for information: 682-6222

Child Care Needed

NEEDED FULL TIME care giver in my home for 1 child. References requested. Please call 570-0870 after 5.

NANNY WANTED Monday through Friday. Must be experienced, responsible and able to furnish excellent references to care for infant and clean house. Call after 6 pm, 689-6722.

Child Care Providers

FULL TIME child care available from a registered provider. Meals and snacks provided. CPR certified. References provided 689-0774.

Business Opportunities

GREAT SNACK Route, established customers. Start making money immediately! 689-6708.

Attention Readers

Occasionally ads found in this section come from distant points and the Midland Reporter-Telegram always knows 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 number or bank information.

OWNER SACRIFICING

upscale health food store and wellness center in Big Spring. Busy main street location. Good business and clientele. Room for massage or other therapist. Call 800-413-8071 for more information.

ENTREPRENEURIAL PEOPLE

Six figures plus, from home. Many benefits - not MLM - 1-800-995-0796 extension 0276.

SEIZED CARS

From \$175

Porsches, Cadillacs, Chevys, BMW's, Corvettes. Also Jeeps, 4WD's. Your area. Toll Free 1-800-218-9000, Ext A-1523.

Get your Real Estate license

quickly, short day, weekend evening classes. Southwest College 697-7277

BUSINESS AND EQUIPMENT

Reputable established complete machine shop plus relief valve testing and repair business for sale due to owner health problems. Priced right. Solid business opportunity. If interested contact 915-336-3366 or P.O. Box 779, Ft. Stockton, TX 79735.

FREE MONEY! Insider's guide

to government grants. Also \$19.95 to Box 50506, Midland, TX 79705.

\$ WANTED \$

10 People who need to lose weight & make money! New Dietary supplement/weight loss product

1-888-633-0739

24 Hr. Recorded Message

400 Auctions

PUBLIC AUCTION! Saturday, March 21, 1998, 10:00 am. Sharp! 201 W. Washington, Midland, Texas. Absolutely No Minimums. No Reserves! Everything sold "As Is." Where "is" without warranty. Items subject to change without prior notice. All oral announcements supersede any printed material. 10% Buyers premium. Vehicles subject to sellers confirmation. Preview, March 20th, 1998, 10 am - 3 pm. Auction to include: Printers, computers, dishes, desks, stereos, small smoker, exercise bike, BBQ pit, sewing machines, refrigerator, big screen TV, construction material, hot water heater.

Let Classified Work For You!

Call 682-6222

Garage Sales

Hidden treasures? Junk? Recycle your unwanted items! Call 682-6222 today. A friendly Classified Consultant will help you create an ad that gets results!

79701

Garage Sale Services

\$20 \$20 \$20 \$20 \$20 \$20 \$20

Garage Sale Ad Package \$20

*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!

Call 682-6222 Today!

\$20 \$20 \$20 \$20 \$20 \$20 \$20

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.

Tami, Pam, Brandi, Pat, Paula or Sandy are ready to help you!

Real Wheel Deals

ONLY \$25 w/Photo Call for information: 682-6222

Child Care Needed

NEEDED FULL TIME care giver in my home for 1 child. References requested. Please call 570-0870 after 5.

NANNY WANTED Monday through Friday. Must be experienced, responsible and able to furnish excellent references to care for infant and clean house. Call after 6 pm, 689-6722.

Child Care Providers

FULL TIME child care available from a registered provider. Meals and snacks provided. CPR certified. References provided 689-0774.

Business Opportunities

GREAT SNACK Route, established customers. Start making money immediately! 689-6708.

Auctions

gourmet cookbooks, assorted carpets, fishing poles, map rack. Much More! Auction conducted by Auction Action Midland Supercenter, 201 W. Washington, Midland, Texas 79701. 915-682-1004. Fred F. Munoz, Senior Auctioneer TX License #6250.

410 Misc. Sales

4 BALCONY seats, Top Gun Championship Bull Ride for sale. 2 Friday, April 3rd, & 2 Saturday, April 4th. \$32 each. After 5 pm, 697-1709.

RESTHAVEN, Garden of Hope.

2 spaces, \$1,025 each, negotiable. Call for more information, 699-7543.

ANTIQUE Upright piano - \$150

Sony single CD Player, Mitsubishi turntable, Yamaha receiver (older equipment). 570-8304 after 5.

TY BEANIE Babies and Coca Cola Commemorative bottles

Good selection. 4411 W. Illinois, A-3 Tuesday Saturday 520-4911.

GRAVITY Rider \$50. Kirby vacuum and shampooer with attachments, 1 year old \$700.

689-0977.

MORGAN 6 person hot tub - \$2,000.

Hooked on Phonics brand new - \$100. 697-4479.

CELEBRITY PRIDE Handicapp Scooter (for seniors), 4

Wheels, few months old. Originally \$2,800, asking \$1,800. Cash. 683-3930.

HERBALIFE & Natural ex Independent Distributor.

For products or opportunity call 689-HERB1.

FOR SALE: like new, full size bed, \$35. 17' cu. ft. refrigerator, \$175. 7' couch/sleeper, \$35, and more. 631-9770.

RESTHAVEN - Garden of Love

Lot 439, spaces 1 & 2. Close location. \$2,000. 697-2038.

MOVING SALE! Couch, loveseat, Berkeley recliner & chair, \$900. Queen bed & nightstands \$475. Typewriter, \$90. Hepa air cleaner \$150. 694-3952.

COMPUTER REPAIRS & Updates. Warranty or Non-Warranty Computer City at Midland Park Mall or call 520-4455.

BEANIE BABIES

Show and Sell. Retired, Currents and Princess. Friday 12 - 3 pm. Holiday Inn RM 612. 4300 W. Hwy 80.

COOK STOVES, Heaters, Refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers 3/4 wood bed complete, dining furniture/other 570-4851.

CABO SAN LUCAS Golf and Bill Fishing Mca. 7 nights at 5 star resort - \$1,200. Rate is \$550 savings over best rate. 685-0517.

NEW DREAMER CANDLES.

Texas made, 16 lovely fragrances. Super candles with aroma power that lasts 125-150 hours. Anna Marie Gifts. 1705 N. Big Spring.

JAZZY model 1100 electric power wheelchair, used 1 month, new was \$5,340, sell for \$400. 915-682-7244.

★ BIBLE TALK "How Many Stripes Did It Take to Heal me?" Part 5. 520-0381. Free recorded message.

JUNGLE BABIES nursery bedding, complete set and more! Excellent condition. \$100. 699-4339.

NEW DOG Houses \$35 & \$45.

Picnic Tables, 6 feet, \$85. Glider Swings \$65. 563-0452.

413 Jewelry & Fur

PATEK PHILIPPE 14K Gold hunting case Pocket Watch. Excellent condition. \$2,700. 697-1304.

415 Misc. Wanted

BUYING PECANS - Both native and improved varieties. Also public shelling, threshing poles, burrap bags, picker uppers and more! Gardendale Pecan Processing Inc. 16396 Hollyhock, Gardendale, TX. 550-7609.

SOUTHWEST Company Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687-5039.

420 Good Things To Eat

COFFEE LOVERS: 20 flavors available at Anna Marie's Gifts. 1705 N. Big Spring. 570-7591. If we don't have your flavor, ask us and we will get it. Fine Teas available.

430 Household Goods

MUST SELL this week - 6 person hot tub/spa - round with tile, multi level, level seats. Delivery and financing available. 563-3108.

Sofa and love seat blue with oak trim \$250.00. Call 697-7728.

ZENITH SYSTEM 3, 19 inch TV, not working \$20 or best offer. Please call 697-8376.

432 Household Furniture

3 BAR STOOLS, upholstered, earth tones, \$75 for all. 684-3926.

HEALTH RIDER - 6 months old, perfect condition. Costs \$600, asking \$350. Recliner, like new, plush, mauve colored,

Midland Reporter-Telegram

brings you:

Free Singles

a dating column for today's successful singles, every Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday

To place your **FREE** ad and be matched instantly with area singles, call**1-800-834-5294**

24 Hours a Day!

To listen to area singles describe themselves or to respond to ads, call

1-900-656-2300

ONLY \$2.19 per minute will be charged to your monthly telephone bill. You must be 18 years of age or older and have a touchtone phone.

Females Seeking Males

Call 1-900-656-2300

You must be 18 years of age or older to use this service

HONEST COMPANION

Methodist single white male, 48, 5'7", blonde hair, hazel eyes, professional, likes baseball, skiing, boating, fishing, movies, music, dancing and eating, seeks a single white male, 45-55, age 48-52, Ad# 8279

LOADS OF FUN

Lively single white female, 19, 5'2", brown hair, green eyes, likes poetry, music, reading romance stories, karate and dancing, seeks a single, romantic single white male, 18-22, Ad# 8279

PICTURE PERFECT

Single white female, 29, 5'2", brown hair, green eyes, loves spending time with her kids, snowball fights, playing sports, swimming and dancing, seeks a fun-loving single male, 27-31, Ad# 8279

BUT BE A GENTLEMAN

Single white female, 24, blonde hair, hazel eyes, enjoys reading, soccer, football, volleyball, seeks a single white male, non-smoking, 24-30, Ad# 7995

BUBBLY & CHEERFUL

Single Hispanic female, 19, blonde hair, hazel eyes, enjoys dancing, romantic walks and going out with friends, seeks a fun-loving single male, 18-25, with a sense of direction, Ad# 8072

TRIED OF BEING ALONE

Widowed Hispanic female, 35, 250lbs., brown hair/eyes, home-maker, likes sewing, nice weather, Spanish music and sports, seeks a single white male, 40-50, for friendship, possible relationship, Ad# 8588

ATTRACTIVE 1

Caring, fun loving, professional, single white female, 42, long blonde/brown hair, seeks a trustworthy, secure and caring single white male, 40-50, who has hopes and dreams, Ad# 8352

POSITIVE REACTION

Single white female, 29, green eyes, enjoys meeting new people, reading, dancing, going out on the town and spending time with her kids, seeks a fun-loving, outgoing single white male, 28-40, Ad# 8082

BE KIND TO MY HEART

Monastic single white female, 45, 5'5", dark hair, brown eyes, into reading, creative writing, upbeat, seeks a single white male, 40-50, who is kind, Ad# 8352

LIFE TO THE FULLEST

Single white female, 48, brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys fishing, sailing, singing and walking along the river, seeks a single white male, 44-58, Ad# 8378

LIVE FOR TODAY

Personable, faithful, single white female, 30, 5'1", short, blonde hair, loves the spring time, reading magazines, dancing, country dancing and much more, seeks a single Hispanic male, 40-45, Ad# 8716

MAKE AN INTRODUCTION

Single white female, 44, 5'7", dark brown hair, employed, loves her cat, into the arts, gardening, reading, side and going to sporting events, seeks a friendly single white male, 40-50, who has a companion, Ad# 7112

LIVING DAY BY DAY

Single white female, 36, 5'4", black hair, grey eyes, enjoys reading, loves romantic novels, sunsets, animals and meeting new people, seeks a single white male, 30-40, Ad# 8241

EYE OF THE BEHOLDER

Single white female, 42, 5'6", blonde hair, green eyes, loves country music, flowers, cooking, going to church, animals and children, seeks a down-to-earth, fun-loving single white male, 20-38, Ad# 8160

FOLLOW YOUR HEART

Vivacious, positive single Hispanic female, 19, 5'5", brown hair, hazel eyes, enjoys dancing, singing and having fun, seeks outgoing and friendly single white male, 18-25, Ad# 8279

JUST BE YOURSELF

Single black female, 48, 5'1", blonde hair, brown eyes, enjoys traveling, football, seeks personable single male, 45-50, with common interests, Ad# 8163

PETITE & PLEASANT

Single Hispanic female, 20, 4'10", brown hair, hazel eyes, enjoys dancing, singing, horseback riding and romantic walks, seeks a single male, 23-40, who likes children, Ad# 8797

ON A POSITIVE NOTE

Reverend single white female, 48, 5'7", blonde hair, brown eyes, enjoys comedy, hiking, biking, skiing, snowboarding and much more, seeks a single white male, 40-51, who enjoys life, Ad# 8260

IN GOOD SPOIRTS

Single white female, 25, 5'9", blonde hair, brown eyes, enjoys dancing, singing, horseback riding, seeks a single white male, 35-50, Ad# 8168

QUET TIMES

Lively single white female, 33, 5'8", blue-eyed blond, enjoys dancing, singing, spending time with her daughters and watching movies, seeks a single Hispanic male, 27-40, Ad# 8006

DISCOVER ME

Single white female, 22, 6'0", blonde hair, green eyes, loves love, loves hiking, soccer, basketball and country music, seeks a single white male, 20-28, Ad# 8168

FUN IN THE SUMMER SUN

Single white female, 18, 5'9", blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys dancing, singing, spending time with friends, shooting pool, seeks a single white male, 18-23, blue eyes, a plus, Ad# 753

HAS A LOT TO OFFER

Single white female, 33, 5'5", medium build, brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys reading, dancing, fishing, camping, hiking, soccer, basketball and much more, seeks a single white male, 30-45, Ad# 8690

SOFT AND SWEET

Attractive, intelligent, single white female, 45, 5'7", blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys football, rodeos, traveling, skiing, singing, dancing and quality family time, seeks a tall single white male, 55-67, Ad# 7478

COULD IT BE FATE?

Single white female, 23, 5'6", blonde hair, loves the summer, dancing, seeks honest, good-looking single white male, 23-36, who loves country music and dancing, Ad# 7743

LOADS OF LUNCH

Employed single white female, 46, 5'6", blonde hair, blue eyes, enjoys all sports, driving animals, seeks tall, slender, dependable single white male, 45-55, to spend some time, Ad# 7429

VERY INTERESTING

Single Hispanic female, 55, 5'2", 147lbs., black hair, brown eyes, likes reading, conversation and movies, seeks a single Hispanic Christian male, 55-60, Ad# 7429

MR. RIGHT?

Single Hispanic male, 20, 22, 5'5", blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys music, going to the beach and family time, would like to share friendship with a decent, single Hispanic male, 20-32, Ad# 9991

BIG HEART?

Humorous, stable, single white female, 34, 6'0", brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys gardening, camping, the outdoors, rock climbing and much more, seeks a single white male, 30-40, Ad# 8198

SWEEP ME OFF MY FEET!

Single white female, 19, 5'8", blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys dancing, soccer, pool, music, writing, playing guitar, outdoor activities, seeks a single white male, 18-30, Ad# 7557

JUNIOR WITH ME

Single Hispanic male, 42, 5'2", black hair, brown eyes, shy, reserved, honest, enjoys spending time with friends, seeks a single white female, 35-45, who is responsible, single Hispanic male, 22-30, Ad# 9341

CUDDLE UP TO ME

Single white female, 42, 5'7", blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys dancing, basketball and much more, seeks a single white male, 40-50, who is kind, Ad# 8352

HEART TO HEART

Single Hispanic female, 45, 5'5", dark hair, brown eyes, into reading, creative writing, upbeat, seeks a single white male, 40-50, who is kind, Ad# 8352

LIFE TO THE FULLEST

Single white female, 48, brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys fishing, sailing, singing and walking along the river, seeks a single white male, 44-58, Ad# 8378

LIVE FOR TODAY

Personable, faithful, single white female, 30, 5'1", short, blonde hair, loves the spring time, reading magazines, dancing, country dancing and much more, seeks a single Hispanic male, 40-45, Ad# 8716

MAKE AN INTRODUCTION

Single white female, 44, 5'7", dark brown hair, employed, loves her cat, into the arts, gardening, reading, side and going to sporting events, seeks a friendly single white male, 40-50, who has a companion, Ad# 7112

LIVING DAY BY DAY

Single white female, 36, 5'4", black hair, grey eyes, enjoys reading, loves romantic novels, sunsets, animals and meeting new people, seeks a single white male, 30-40, Ad# 8241

EYE OF THE BEHOLDER

Single white female, 42, 5'6", blonde hair, green eyes, loves country music, flowers, cooking, going to church, animals and children, seeks a down-to-earth, fun-loving single white male, 20-38, Ad# 8160

FOLLOW YOUR HEART

Vivacious, positive single Hispanic female, 19, 5'5", brown hair, hazel eyes, enjoys dancing, singing and having fun, seeks outgoing and friendly single white male, 18-25, Ad# 8279

JUST BE YOURSELF

Single black female, 48, 5'1", blonde hair, brown eyes, enjoys traveling, football, seeks personable single male, 45-50, with common interests, Ad# 8163

PETITE & PLEASANT

Single Hispanic female, 20, 4'10", brown hair, hazel eyes, enjoys dancing, singing, horseback riding and romantic walks, seeks a single male, 23-40, who likes children, Ad# 8797

ON A POSITIVE NOTE

Reverend single white female, 48, 5'7", blonde hair, brown eyes, enjoys comedy, hiking, biking, skiing, snowboarding and much more, seeks a single white male, 40-51, who enjoys life, Ad# 8260

IN GOOD SPOIRTS

Single white female, 25, 5'9", blonde hair, brown eyes, enjoys dancing, singing, horseback riding, seeks a single white male, 35-50, Ad# 8168

QUET TIMES

Lively single white female, 33, 5'8", blue-eyed blond, enjoys dancing, singing, spending time with her daughters and watching movies, seeks a single Hispanic male, 27-40, Ad# 8006

DISCOVER ME

Single white female, 22, 6'0", blonde hair, green eyes, loves love, loves hiking, soccer, basketball and country music, seeks a single white male, 20-28, Ad# 8168

FUN IN THE SUMMER SUN

Single white female, 18, 5'9", blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys dancing, singing, spending time with friends, shooting pool, seeks a single white male, 18-23, blue eyes, a plus, Ad# 753

HAS A LOT TO OFFER

Single white female, 33, 5'5", medium build, brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys reading, dancing, fishing, camping, hiking, soccer, basketball and much more, seeks a single white male, 30-45, Ad# 8690

LOOKING FOR MY COWBOY

Professional single white male, 45, 5'7", blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys football, rodeos, traveling, skiing, singing, dancing and quality family time, seeks a tall single white male, 55-67, Ad# 7478

WARRANTS CONSIDERATION

Single white female, 34, 5'6", blonde hair, blue eyes, enjoys dancing, going to the movies, seeks a tall, single white male, 23-36, who loves country music and dancing, Ad# 7743

COMPLETE MY FAMILY

Nurturing, outgoing single white male, 23, 5'10", blonde hair, enjoys hunting, fishing, horseback riding, dog races, seeks honest, caring, single white male, 22-35, Ad# 8992

SEEKS HER COWBOY?

Divorced single white female, 45, 5'7", blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys time with her kids, country-western dancing, humming, single white male, 35-50, Ad# 7867

LIKES THE QUILT LIFE

Single white female, 45, 5'7", blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys time with her kids, country-western dancing, humming, single white male, 35-50, Ad# 7867

LOOKING AT THE STARS

Attractive, single white female, 43, medium build, green-eyed blonde, professional, enjoys travel, sewing and reading, seeks a single white male, 35-50, Ad# 7867

WAITING FOR MR. RIGHT

Single Hispanic female, 53, 5'2", blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys dancing, basketball and much more, seeks a single white male, 40-50, who is kind, Ad# 8352

COWBOY WANTED

Single white female, 42, 5'7", blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys dancing, basketball and much more, seeks a single white male, 40-50, who is kind, Ad# 8352

CHRISTIAN VALUES

Professional single white female, 46, 5'7", blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys dancing, basketball and much more, seeks a single white male, 40-50, who is kind, Ad# 8352

EDUCATED SINGLE

Single white female, 45, 5'5", dark hair, brown eyes, into reading, creative writing, upbeat, seeks a single white male, 40-50, who is kind, Ad# 8352

HEART TO HEART

Single Hispanic female, 45, 5'5", dark hair, brown eyes, into reading, creative writing, upbeat, seeks a single white male, 40-50, who is kind, Ad# 8352

LIFE TO THE FULLEST

Single white female, 48, brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys fishing, sailing, singing and walking along the river, seeks a single white male, 44-58, Ad# 8378

LIVE FOR TODAY

Personable, faithful, single white female, 30, 5'1", short, blonde hair, loves the spring time, reading magazines, dancing, country dancing and much more, seeks a single Hispanic male, 40-45, Ad# 8716

MAKE AN INTRODUCTION

Single white female, 44, 5'7", dark brown hair, employed, loves her cat, into the arts, gardening, reading, side and going to sporting events, seeks a friendly single white male, 40-50, who has a companion, Ad# 7112

LIVING DAY BY DAY

Single white female, 36, 5'4", black hair, grey eyes, enjoys reading, loves romantic novels, sunsets, animals and meeting new people, seeks a single white male, 30-40, Ad# 8241

EYE OF THE BEHOLDER

Single white female, 42, 5'6", blonde hair, green eyes, loves country music, flowers, cooking, going to church, animals and children, seeks a down-to-earth, fun-loving single white male, 20-38, Ad# 8160

FOLLOW YOUR HEART

Vivacious, positive single Hispanic female, 19, 5'5", brown hair, hazel eyes, enjoys dancing, singing and having fun, seeks outgoing and friendly single white male, 18-25, Ad# 8279

JUST BE YOURSELF

Single black female, 48, 5'1", blonde hair, brown eyes, enjoys traveling, football, seeks personable single male, 45-50, with common interests, Ad# 8163

PETITE & PLEASANT

Single Hispanic female, 20, 4'10", brown hair, hazel eyes, enjoys dancing, singing, horseback riding and romantic walks, seeks a single male, 23-40, who likes children, Ad# 8797

ON A POSITIVE NOTE

Reverend single white female, 48, 5'7", blonde hair, brown eyes, enjoys comedy, hiking, biking, skiing, snowboarding and much more, seeks a single white male, 40-51, who enjoys life, Ad# 8260

IN GOOD SPOIRTS

Single white female, 25, 5'9", blonde hair, brown eyes, enjoys dancing, singing, horseback riding, seeks a single white male, 35-50, Ad# 8168

QUET TIMES

Lively single white female, 33, 5'8", blue-eyed blond, enjoys dancing, singing, spending time with her daughters and watching movies, seeks a single Hispanic male, 27-40, Ad# 8006

DISCOVER ME

Single white female, 22, 6'0", blonde hair, green eyes, loves love, loves hiking, soccer, basketball and country music, seeks a single white male, 20-28, Ad# 8168

FUN IN THE SUMMER SUN

Single white female, 18, 5'9", blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys dancing, singing, spending time with friends, shooting pool, seeks a single white male, 18-23, blue eyes, a plus, Ad# 753

HAS A LOT TO OFFER

Single white female, 33, 5'5", medium build, brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys reading, dancing, fishing, camping, hiking, soccer, basketball and much more, seeks a single white male, 30-45, Ad# 8690

PATIENTLY WAITING

Full-figure, shy single black male, 19, 5'8", reddish-brown hair, smoker, enjoys time with her son and her friends, basketball, seeks educated, employed single male, 20-35, Ad# 2878

THE ONE

Easygoing single white female, 34, 5'6", brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys dancing, going to the movies, seeks a tall, single white male, 23-36, who loves country music and dancing, Ad# 7743

VERY STRONG MORALS

Single white female, 21, 5'9", brown hair, enjoys dancing, going to the movies, seeks a tall, single white male, 20-26, Ad# 7232

LOOKING FOR MY SOUL MATE

Single white female, 47, 5'7", blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys going to the movies, dancing, playing pool, seeking single white male, 45-55, Ad# 8750

CAN YOU ACCEPT MY CHILD?

Single white male, 32, 5'2", full figure, brown hair, enjoys smoking, enjoys dancing, going to the movies, seeks a single white female, 27-37, no head games, Ad# 7901

THE MOON STARS TO YOU

Single white male, 18, 5'5", blonde hair, enjoys time with his kids, country-western dancing, humming, single white male, 35-50, Ad# 7867

PROUD & POLITE

Single white female, 45, 5'7", blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys time with her kids, country-western dancing, humming, single white male, 35-50, Ad# 7867

EASE INTO LIFE

Single white female, 45, 5'7", blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys time with her kids, country-western dancing, humming, single white male, 35-50, Ad# 7867

MEND MY HEART

Single white female, 45, 5'7", blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys time with her kids, country-western dancing, humming, single white male, 35-50, Ad# 7867

CELEBRATE LIFE

Single white female, 45, 5'7", blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys time with her kids, country-western dancing, humming, single white male, 35-50, Ad# 7867

WARM-HEARTED

Single white female, 45, 5'7", blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys time with her kids, country-western dancing, humming, single white male, 35-50, Ad# 7867

CELEBRATE LIFE

Single white female, 45, 5'7", blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys time with her kids, country-western dancing, humming, single white male, 35-50, Ad# 7867

WARM-HEARTED

Single white female, 45, 5'7", blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys time with her kids, country-western dancing, humming, single white male, 35-50, Ad# 7867

CELEBRATE LIFE

Single white female, 45, 5'7", blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys time with her kids, country-western dancing, humming, single white male, 35-50, Ad# 7867

WARM-HEARTED

Single white female, 45, 5'7", blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys time with her kids, country-western dancing, humming, single white male, 35-50, Ad# 7867

CELEBRATE LIFE

Single white female, 45, 5'7", blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys time with her kids, country-western dancing, humming, single white male, 35-50, Ad# 7867

WARM-HEARTED

Single white female, 45, 5'7", blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys time with her kids, country-western dancing, humming, single white male, 35-50, Ad# 7867

CELEBRATE LIFE

Single white female, 45, 5'7", blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys time with her kids, country-western dancing, humming, single white male, 35-50, Ad# 7867

Who's Who For Service

Call 682-6222

For Further Information

You can advertise your business in Who's Who For Service for as little as \$42.60 monthly

HOUSE DOCTOR

El Nino?!? Fix your roof NOW!

Roofing, general handywork, remodels, additions, sheetrock, painting, bathroom remodeling, cabinet building, counter tops, fence repair, more! Free estimates. Local company. Experienced. Professional. Call 524-3024.

Air Conditioning/Heating

SUNRISE SHEET METAL Heating and Air Conditioning Sales and Service

#TACLB012071E. Se habla Español. 570-6050, pagers 561-0596, 560-7156.

ELLIS & Sons Plumbing & Air Conditioning Sales & Service. Service all brands. 683-2679. TACLB005482.

THE BOSWORTH CO. Service and Sales, all makes. We've been in the service business for 40 years! (915) 683-5233. #TACLB008844E.

UNITED ENERGY Systems. Complete Sales, Service, Repair. Air Duct Cleaning. Residential. Commercial. Mobile Homes. Free Estimates. Second Opinions. 561-4126. TACLB010538E.

CALL DON FRANKS for the new CARRIER "Ozone Friendly" refrigerant air conditioning systems. #TACLB004736C. 684-0873.

PRECISION-AIR. We Do It Right! Commercial/Residential heating and air conditioning. Senior discounts available. #TACLB008199E. 685-0516.

Appliance Repair

GOOD HOUSEKEEPING Appliance Service: Parts and service on all name brands of appliances. Used appliances with full warranty. 687-5113.

★ FREE REMOVAL of your unwanted appliances. 567-5221.

★ MIKE'S APPLIANCE. Same Day Service on most major brand appliances. Call anytime. 561-8809.

Auto Maintenance & Repair

NOW OPEN, S & T Radiator Service. Clean & repair all types of radiators. Call us for any problems with your cooling system. 682-4759.

Barbecue Pits

MIDLAND IRON WORKS. General Shop Welding. Barbecue Pits, Outdoor Fire Pits. Cooking Wood. 684-4825. Accepting Major Credit Cards.

Bathtub Refinishing

★ DONT REPLACE. Refinish Bath tubs, sinks, ceramic tile, counter tops and appliances. Westex Refinishing. 520-9898 or 1-800-774-9898.

Tub & Tile Refinishing

Resurface tubs, sinks, tile, formica, appliances, any color. 550-2002.

Bookkeeping & Taxes

GOSSETT BOOKKEEPING Service. By home bookkeeping. QuickBooks. Payroll. Pick up/Deliver. 699-4356 after 12 noon.

Cable Installation

NETWORK CABLEING. Voice and data cable installation. Residential and Commercial. Edward Guajardo. 699-2314.

Carpentry & Cabinets

REMODELING From front door to back door. 28 years experience. 684-5461, Henry Rojas.

Carpet

CARPET, MAUVE pink, size 11 x 13. Good for rental property. \$40. Call 683-9478.

Carpet Cleaning

A+ CARPET Services. Cleaning, repairs, stretching. Empty house discounts. Senior Citizen discounts. Call Ray. 520-8504.

MR. STEAM CLEAN. 3 rooms & hallway \$59.95. Professional work. Fast, friendly and affordable service! (915) 686-7308.

ARK FLOOD-X Carpet Cleaning. Powerful truck mounted units. Call on our weekly specials. Offering three rooms, \$69.95, get your 4th room in your house cleaned free. For more information, call 550-6880.

★ CALL SOMEONE you know. Sears Carpet & Upholstery Care. Multistep cleaning, only at Sears, low prices. Use your Sears card. Satisfaction Guaranteed. 520-7600.

Computer Services

STRATTON'S PC Work's! Home PC troubleshooting and upgrades. 15 years of experience with references. Reasonable rates. Call 520-5987.

Computer Hardware

COMPUTER HARDWARE. Low prices! Repair and upgrades. \$20 an hour. Call daytime 682-0241, nights 682-2149.

COMPUTER SERVICES For software/hardware on home PCs. Installing memory, setting up hardwires, etc. \$40 per hour. 682-3808.

Concrete Work

DAVID VALVERDE Concrete Work. Patios, Driveways, Sidewalks. Small jobs welcomed. 685-1300.

DOUGLAS CONCRETE. Quality concrete, construction & repair. Stamped, colored and textured concrete available. Call 683-5129.

SPECIAL PRICES!! Concrete driveways, patios, sidewalks, fences, duplexes, motels, stucco work. Commercial or Residential. 687-3143.

BEST PRICES. concrete building. Complete renovation of swimming pools. Senior discount, references. 683-7068, pager 563-7396.

FOR YOUR needs, please call Raymundo's Concrete & Remodeling. Additions, driveways, flowerbeds, & more. 570-8454.

QUIROZ CONSTRUCTION. Concrete, brick, block, driveways, patios, flowerbeds. Native Midlander, 20 years experience. 683-5504 or 561-0060.

PAUL RIVAS VAL VERDE. Patios, Driveways, Sidewalks. Small Jobs welcome. Call 915-684-8437/425-7290 cellular.

Construction

BUENA VIDA BUILDERS. Commercial & Residential Construction Turn Key. 40 years experience, including Brick & Iron Fencing. Concrete. Free Work. Bonded & Insured. 684-8153.

Dirtwork

ADVANCE BACKHOE & Dump Truck Hauling. No job too small! Topsoil, caliche, driveways, lot cleaning, complete septic system installation. 570-1704, 570-4942.

B & L BACKHOE-Dump trucks, maintainers, drag, grubbing, mesquite, driveways, caliche, dirt, lots cleaned (915) 687-4876.

VCS BACKHOE & DUMP Truck Hauling. No job too small! Topsoil, caliche, lot cleaning, septic systems installed. State Certified. 697-5563.

Domestic/House Cleaning

HONEST DEPENDABLE person who does full cleaning, ironing, washing, etc. Monday & Thursdays open. 685-1785.

★ ATTENTION TO DETAIL. Thorough, quality cleaning. Commercial/Residential. We clean anything! 689-0836.

Tired of coming home to a dirty house? Let me clean it while your out! 620-0512.

HOUSEKEEPING ETC.

Professional housekeeper has openings. Residential. Honest, dependable, excellent references. Call today! 682-5436.

MIDLAND DUSTERS

Spring cleaning coming up, get ready to get dusted up! Call Midland Dusters. (915) 570-4930, 634-8963 mobile.

HOUSE CLEANING at hourly rates

All supplies provided. Professional, detailed & thorough. Call Stacy 520-9551.

HOUSECLEANING

honest, reliable, Reasonable rates. 694-5081. Paula.

CLEAN, MAKE Ready, your home, rental properties, or other. Will guarantee lowest price. Call 522-2139.

STOP!! QUALITY CLEANING. Quality Rates! Dependable, honest college students. Excellent References. Call 425-0619.

CHRISTIAN WOMAN. will do house cleaning. Honest and dependable. Supplies and references furnished. Call 756-2779, Midland area.

Electric Service

SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC. Electrical, Repairs, Ceiling Fans. Trouble Calls. Residential. Commercial. 15 years experience. Since 1962. Special discounts for Senior Citizens. 580-4535, answered 24 hours.

WE DO IT ALL FOR YOU!

Remodels, painting, ceilings, sheetrock and carpentry! Westex Resurfacing. 520-9898.

Electric Service

KREGER Electric. License #124. Bonded. Lights, plugs service calls, repairs. 41 years serving Midland. 684-4836.

RED DEER ENTERPRISES. All phases of electrical contracting, service, controls and home automation. Licensed and bonded. Office 694-4041 mobile 638-5681.

ECONOMICAL PLUMBING. Electric, Remodel, New Construction. Handyman & appliance repairs. References. Guarantee. 682-3542.

RESIDENTIAL- Commercial Electrical installations, ceiling fans, switches, plugs. Free estimates. Insured. License #10. Call 685-0859.

Floor Services. WOOD FLOORS: Refinish, repair, installation, sales. Howard (915) 694-4044.

SOLOMON FLOORS. Strip, seal, recondition. Specializing in Mexican tile & wood. Solomon. 684-7650.

INSTALLATION of carpet, vinyl, VC tile, repairs. All work guaranteed. David 570-8314 or mobile 638-6754.

HARDWOOD FLOORS repairs and refinishing. Look new. Also can be cleaned and resealed. Call 530-3506.

Fences. GLOVER FENCE. All type of fence and repair work. Free estimates. Call 683-2319.

WOOD FENCES- Install new or repair old fences. Free estimates. Please call Charles. 684-5638.

ADVANCE FENCING Systems. No job too small. Complete fencing needs/repairs on all types. 686-0768/560-1018 pager.

R J FENCING. 30 years experience. New and repair. Reasonable rates. Free estimates. 550-6714.

FENCING & REPAIR Specialists. Wood & chain link. Free estimates. References. Call Labor only. Please call 0356, 686-7101.

Gun Smith. MASTER Gun Smith Service, repair & engraving. By appointment only. Please call (915) 684-0809, 1-800-327-0809.

Handyman. S & D SERVICES. Home repairs and more. Reliable, reasonable. Bonded. Call 561-9610/559-4827.

★ HOUSE DOCTOR. general handywork, remodels, additions, sheetrock, painting, roofing, bathroom remodeling, cabinet building, counter tops, fence repair, more! Free estimates. Call 524-3024.

HANDY RANDY Home repairs, painting, carpentry, construction, sheet rock, and much more! Free estimates. 699-0804.

CALL KELLY 699-6048. 20 years in Midland. All home repairs, reliable & reasonable. Satisfaction guaranteed!

Hauling. HAULING tree limbs, trash, most anything at reasonable rates! Also construction clean-up. 561-1206 digital beeper, 10 minute response.

B JACKSON- Handyman Service. Haul off trash, old furniture, appliances, carpet, padding, etc. Call (915) 682-2667.

DANIEL'S LIGHT Hauling. Trash, appliances, construction, alloys, also general yard work done and clean up. 687-0075/638-3210 mobile.

HAULING. Furniture, appliances, tree removal, general yard clean-up, leaf raking, etc. Free estimates. Craig. 694-1315.

Home Improvements. DREAM BUILDERS. Light carpentry, painting, sheetrock repairs, and fences. References. Call 520-9054.

Home Repairs/Remodeling. JOHNNY'S HOME REPAIR. Painting, Carpentry, Drywall, Formica, Acoustic. All your Handyman needs. Please call 563-1517.

ECONOMICAL GENERAL Contractor. As professional painters, home remodeling specialists, technical/appliance repairmen, plumbers, electricians. 682-3542.

KITCHEN CABINETS, vanities, formica counter tops, beveled edges. Reasonable rates, references, work guaranteed. Luis. 682-4544.

THE BEST JOB. The Best Price! Remodel, Repair, Texture, Paint. Free estimates. Dickson Construction. 682-7176.

WE DO IT ALL FOR YOU! Remodels, painting, ceilings, sheetrock and carpentry! Westex Resurfacing. 520-9898.

Electric Service. KREGER Electric. License #124. Bonded. Lights, plugs service calls, repairs. 41 years serving Midland. 684-4836.

RED DEER ENTERPRISES. All phases of electrical contracting, service, controls and home automation. Licensed and bonded. Office 694-4041 mobile 638-5681.

ECONOMICAL PLUMBING. Electric, Remodel, New Construction. Handyman & appliance repairs. References. Guarantee. 682-3542.

RESIDENTIAL- Commercial Electrical installations, ceiling fans, switches, plugs. Free estimates. Insured. License #10. Call 685-0859.

Floor Services. WOOD FLOORS: Refinish, repair, installation, sales. Howard (915) 694-4044.

SOLOMON FLOORS. Strip, seal, recondition. Specializing in Mexican tile & wood. Solomon. 684-7650.

INSTALLATION of carpet, vinyl, VC tile, repairs. All work guaranteed. David 570-8314 or mobile 638-6754.

HARDWOOD FLOORS repairs and refinishing. Look new. Also can be cleaned and resealed. Call 530-3506.

Fences. GLOVER FENCE. All type of fence and repair work. Free estimates. Call 683-2319.

WOOD FENCES- Install new or repair old fences. Free estimates. Please call Charles. 684-5638.

ADVANCE FENCING Systems. No job too small. Complete fencing needs/repairs on all types. 686-0768/560-1018 pager.

R J FENCING. 30 years experience. New and repair. Reasonable rates. Free estimates. 550-6714.

FENCING & REPAIR Specialists. Wood & chain link. Free estimates. References. Call Labor only. Please call 0356, 686-7101.

Gun Smith. MASTER Gun Smith Service, repair & engraving. By appointment only. Please call (915) 684-0809, 1-800-327-0809.

Handyman. S & D SERVICES. Home repairs and more. Reliable, reasonable. Bonded. Call 561-9610/559-4827.

★ HOUSE DOCTOR. general handywork, remodels, additions, sheetrock, painting, roofing, bathroom remodeling, cabinet building, counter tops, fence repair, more! Free estimates. Call 524-3024.

HANDY RANDY Home repairs, painting, carpentry, construction, sheet rock, and much more! Free estimates. 699-0804.

CALL KELLY 699-6048. 20 years in Midland. All home repairs, reliable & reasonable. Satisfaction guaranteed!

Hauling. HAULING tree limbs, trash, most anything at reasonable rates! Also construction clean-up. 561-1206 digital beeper, 10 minute response.

B JACKSON- Handyman Service. Haul off trash, old furniture, appliances, carpet, padding, etc. Call (915) 682-2667.

DANIEL'S LIGHT Hauling. Trash, appliances, construction, alloys, also general yard work done and clean up. 687-0075/638-3210 mobile.

HAULING. Furniture, appliances, tree removal, general yard clean-up, leaf raking, etc. Free estimates. Craig. 694-1315.

Home Improvements. DREAM BUILDERS. Light carpentry, painting, sheetrock repairs, and fences. References. Call 520-9054.

Home Repairs/Remodeling. JOHNNY'S HOME REPAIR. Painting, Carpentry, Drywall, Formica, Acoustic. All your Handyman needs. Please call 563-1517.

ECONOMICAL GENERAL Contractor. As professional painters, home remodeling specialists, technical/appliance repairmen, plumbers, electricians. 682-3542.

KITCHEN CABINETS, vanities, formica counter tops, beveled edges. Reasonable rates, references, work guaranteed. Luis. 682-4544.

THE BEST JOB. The Best Price! Remodel, Repair, Texture, Paint. Free estimates. Dickson Construction. 682-7176.

WE DO IT ALL FOR YOU! Remodels, painting, ceilings, sheetrock and carpentry! Westex Resurfacing. 520-9898.

Electric Service. KREGER Electric. License #124. Bonded. Lights, plugs service calls, repairs. 41 years serving Midland. 684-4836.

RED DEER ENTERPRISES. All phases of electrical contracting, service, controls and home automation. Licensed and bonded. Office 694-4041 mobile 638-5681.

ECONOMICAL PLUMBING. Electric, Remodel, New Construction. Handyman & appliance repairs. References. Guarantee. 682-3542.

RESIDENTIAL- Commercial Electrical installations, ceiling fans, switches, plugs. Free estimates. Insured. License #10. Call 685-0859.

Floor Services. WOOD FLOORS: Refinish, repair, installation, sales. Howard (915) 694-4044.

SOLOMON FLOORS. Strip, seal, recondition. Specializing in Mexican tile & wood. Solomon. 684-7650.

INSTALLATION of carpet, vinyl, VC tile, repairs. All work guaranteed. David 570-8314 or mobile 638-6754.

HARDWOOD FLOORS repairs and refinishing. Look new. Also can be cleaned and resealed. Call 530-3506.

Fences. GLOVER FENCE. All type of fence and repair work. Free estimates. Call 683-2319.

WOOD FENCES- Install new or repair old fences. Free estimates. Please call Charles. 684-5638.

ADVANCE FENCING Systems. No job too small. Complete fencing needs/repairs on all types. 686-0768/560-1018 pager.

R J FENCING. 30 years experience. New and repair. Reasonable rates. Free estimates. 550-6714.

FENCING & REPAIR Specialists. Wood & chain link. Free estimates. References. Call Labor only. Please call 0356, 686-7101.

Gun Smith. MASTER Gun Smith Service, repair & engraving. By appointment only. Please call (915) 684-0809, 1-800-327-0809.

Handyman. S & D SERVICES. Home repairs and more. Reliable, reasonable. Bonded. Call 561-9610/559-4827.

★ HOUSE DOCTOR. general handywork, remodels, additions, sheetrock, painting, roofing, bathroom remodeling, cabinet building, counter tops, fence repair, more! Free estimates. Call 524-3024.

HANDY RANDY Home repairs, painting, carpentry, construction, sheet rock, and much more! Free estimates. 699-0804.

CALL KELLY 699-6048. 20 years in Midland. All home repairs, reliable & reasonable. Satisfaction guaranteed!

Hauling. HAULING tree limbs, trash, most anything at reasonable rates! Also construction clean-up. 561-1206 digital beeper, 10 minute response.

B JACKSON- Handyman Service. Haul off trash, old furniture, appliances, carpet, padding, etc. Call (915) 682-2667.

DANIEL'S LIGHT Hauling. Trash, appliances, construction, alloys, also general yard work done and clean up. 687-0075/638-3210 mobile.

HAULING. Furniture, appliances, tree removal, general yard clean-up, leaf raking, etc. Free estimates. Craig. 694-1315.

Home Improvements. DREAM BUILDERS. Light carpentry, painting, sheetrock repairs, and fences. References. Call 520-9054.

Home Repairs/Remodeling. JOHNNY'S HOME REPAIR. Painting, Carpentry, Drywall, Formica, Acoustic. All your Handyman needs. Please call 563-1517.

ECONOMICAL GENERAL Contractor. As professional painters, home remodeling specialists, technical/appliance repairmen, plumbers, electricians. 682-3542.

KITCHEN CABINETS, vanities, formica counter tops, beveled edges. Reasonable rates, references, work guaranteed. Luis. 682-4544.

THE BEST JOB. The Best Price! Remodel, Repair, Texture, Paint. Free estimates. Dickson Construction. 682-7176.

WE DO IT ALL FOR YOU! Remodels, painting, ceilings, sheetrock and carpentry! Westex Resurfacing. 520-9898.

Electric Service. KREGER Electric. License #124. Bonded. Lights, plugs service calls, repairs. 41 years serving Midland. 684-4836.

RED DEER ENTERPRISES. All phases of electrical contracting, service, controls and home automation. Licensed and bonded. Office 694-4041 mobile 638-5681.

ECONOMICAL PLUMBING. Electric, Remodel, New Construction. Handyman & appliance repairs. References. Guarantee. 682-3542.

RESIDENTIAL- Commercial Electrical installations, ceiling fans, switches, plugs. Free estimates. Insured. License #10. Call 685-0859.

Floor Services. WOOD FLOORS: Refinish, repair, installation, sales. Howard (915) 694-4044.

SOLOMON FLOORS. Strip, seal, recondition. Specializing in Mexican tile & wood. Solomon. 684-7650.

INSTALLATION of carpet, vinyl, VC tile, repairs. All work guaranteed. David 570-8314 or mobile 638-6754.

HARDWOOD FLOORS repairs and refinishing. Look new. Also can be cleaned and resealed. Call 530-3506.

Fences. GLOVER FENCE. All type of fence and repair work. Free estimates. Call 683-2319.

WOOD FENCES- Install new or repair old fences. Free estimates. Please call Charles. 684-5638.

ADVANCE FENCING Systems. No job too small. Complete fencing needs/repairs on all types. 686-0768/560-101

KG

Kelly Grimsley AUTO GROUP

3818 WEST WALL • MIDLAND, TX • CALL 522-7400

Great People of the Permian Basin! I want to express my sincere Thanks for your continued support of Kelly Grimsley Auto in Midland! Please come on down to KG'S where you, the customer are the most important piece to our puzzle. Darren D. Dortch, Mgr.



91 Chevy Conv. Van

Auto transmission, power locks/windows/seats, cruise control, TV, VCR, AM/FM cassette, built-in radar, 4 captain chairs. Extra Extra Clean. Must See. Ask for Marquez.

94 Cadillac S.T.S.

How about that 94 Caddy S.T.S. Pearl white, tan carriage top, chrome rims, 32 valve, dual exhaust system, gorgeous car. This one has your name written all over it. Looking for style and grace, then this is the one. Ask for Dion.

96 S-10 Pickup

Hey all you truck lovers this one's for you! Emerald green & silver, 5 speed S-10 pickup! Alloy wheels, cruise control, AM/FM cassette, like new - quieter than a mouse with mittens! Still under factory warranty! She's even got a trailer hitch for light towing. Just ask for Rudy Rivera.

4x4...OH MY!

Forest green, tan leather, wrapped in cotton balls. BRAND SPARKING NEW! CD, 10 miles, chrome wheels, tint, tow, chrome nerf bars. This vehicle came in Wednesday and might not be here Saturday. With a price like this, it's probably sold already!

96 Mercury Cougar XR7

25K miles, white with blue interior, power seats, windows, locks, tilt wheel, cruise control. Come by today or call 522-7400 and ask for Wood-Chuck.

1996 Mazda B2300 PU

Automatic, AM/FM Stereo, 11K miles, white with gray and black interior, would make great graduation gift. Please come by 3818 W. Wall or call 522-7400 and ask for Wood-Chuck.

92 GMC Safari XT Van

Loaded, power seat, power windows, power locks & tinted windows, 4 captains chairs, sport wheels, tilt, cruise, AM/FM cassette, call Randy Moore today 522-7400.

Triple Take

1996 Mustang GT 5 speed with a Sunkist Orange touch. Black leather interior, power windows & locks, Mach 4 60 CD, cassette, anti-theft, spoiler and custom wheels, this equals Summer fun! Drive the California dream right here at home. Just ask for Buddy Jones.

Hey all you Z71 Lovers!

Here & Now! 1996 Fire engine red Z71 Ext. Cab Silverado pickup. She's got all the options, bed liner, camper shell, keyless entry, roll-over bars, power windows, locks, cruise, tilt, CD player and cassette, 15K miles. Captains' chairs, with khaki interior and a Deer Guard. Oh My!! Come on down and ask for Rudy Rivera and HURRY!

Black is Beautiful on this 1997 Trans Am

Low, low miles, 0-60 MPH in a blink of an eye, act fast before she's gone. Come by 3818 W. Wall or call 522-7400 and ask for Wood-Chuck.

1995 GMC Z71 X-Cab P/U

33K miles, power windows, locks and seats. AM/FM Cassette & CD player. Looks like new and drives like new. Come 3818 W. Wall or call 522-7400 and ask for Wood-Chuck.

95 Ford Mustang

Loaded - automatic, power windows - power door locks & power seat, cruise control tilt tint. Randy Moore 522-7400.

OH SO SWEET SUBURBAN

We've got it! you need it! 1995 Chevrolet Suburban. Loaded like a 357 magnum ready for a gun fight. With four captain chairs, leather, running boards, wood trimmed, all power, this baby will not last. Just ask for Buddy "Gizmo" Jones.

95 Olds Aurora

Champagne with leather interior, 18K miles, CD, cassette player with power sun/roof, fully loaded, come by 3818 W. Wall or call 522-7400 and ask for Wood-Chuck.

This Baby Has It All

It's a 1997 Hunter Green Extended Cab C0500. It has 13,000 miles, tilt, cruise, air, AM/FM cassette, 3rd door and power everything. Also has a passenger side on/off switch for the air bag. Ask to talk to Willy.

1997 Isuzu Rodeo

Looking for an inexpensive Sports Utility Vehicle with extremely low, low miles. We have a baby blue 97 Isuzu Rodeo. This is the perfect SUV for first time buyers. Ask for Dion Green 522-7400.

1996 GMC Yukon

29K Miles, white with blue interior, power seats, windows, door locks, running boards, Save thousands. Come by 3818 W. Wall today or call Wood-Chuck at 522-7400.

Hey Cadillac Man!

95 Eldo, power windows, AM/FM radio, black exterior and interior, black carriage top, tinted windows. If sounds good, call Romack at 522-7400.

1997 Chevy Suburban

Red/Silver with gray interior, running boards, power windows, locks, seats, tilt wheel, cruise control, like new! Come by 3818 W. Wall or call 522-7400 and ask for Wood-Chuck.

Did I Say Mustang?

96 Black GT 4.6L Mustang, Black, gray cloth interior, AM/FM radio cassette, 17,000 miles, 5 speed, beautiful car, if it sounds like your future car call Romack at 522-7400.

Summer Time Vacation Van

95 Maroon Chevy high top van, AM/FM radio, cassette, VCR, Captains Chairs, running boards, curtains, cup holders, 26,000 miles, loaded! How can you not stop by to see this van? Call Romack @522-7400.

95 Cadillac ETC

32 valve Northstar engine, \$22,995 - Must see - all power, heated leather seats. Call Randy Moore today at 522-7400.

Cream of the Crop

This is a 1996 top-of-the-line Buick Park Avenue. This car is loaded! It has 33K miles, dual air bags, power seats, windows, door locks, cruise-control and the prettiest blue you have ever seen. Must see to appreciate. Ask for Willy.

96 Nissan Maxima GLE

Looking for that nice car, to do a little traveling? This one is loaded, AM/FM cass & CD Player, Bose Sound System, Power windows, power door locks, tilt, cruise, power sunroof, leather interior, auto climate control. This car is Pearl White, and lots of options. Ask for Dion.



Dion Green
Top Used
Car Salesman
For February

KG

700 Manufactured Homes

\$500 DOWN, as low as \$262 a month on a singlewide, 10.25% APR, 360 months with approved credit at USA Homes, 4608 W. Wall, Midland, TX. 520-2177, 1-800-520-2177.

ABANDONED DOUBLEWIDE. Had to relocate. Call TJ at 520-4411.

\$500 DOWN, as low as \$249 a month on a singlewide, 10.25% APR, 360 months with approved credit at USA Homes, 4608 W. Wall, Midland, TX. 520-2177, 1-800-520-2177.

SACRIFICE SALE! Luxury Repo. Low down, low interest rate. 4 Bedroom, 2 bath doublewide. USA Homes, 4608 W. Wall, Midland, Texas. 520-2177, 1-800-520-2177.

NEW SINGLEWIDES \$499 DOWN! NEW DOUBLEWIDES \$999 DOWN!

Limited selection! Don't miss out! Finance company sacrifices on repos - lots coming!

Used 3 bedrooms only 10% down, 178 monthly, 180 months, 12.5% APR.

SW: \$316 mo. DW \$440 mo. GET AMERICAN HOMES

1 mile west of Water Wonderland on Hwy. 80. ★★ 561-8222 ★★

MOBILE HOME Credit Hotline! E-Z Qualifying! Call 550-4033, (800) 725-0881.

ONLY ONE left! \$1,000 back in your pocket with new home purchase USA Homes, 4608 W. Wall, Midland, TX. 520-2177, 1-800-520-2177.

\$995 DOWN, \$307 a month, 10.25% APR, 360 months on doublewides with approved credit at USA Homes, 4608 W. Wall, Midland, TX. 520-2177, 1-800-520-2177.

CUTE 2 + 2 Call 520-2179.

\$1,000.00 Back in your pocket! 3 Bedroom, 2 bath doublewide with den available at USA Homes, 4608 W. Wall, Midland, Texas. 520-2177, 1-800-520-2177.

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, Mobile home, 12X65, price negotiable, very nice, presently occupied. Call 570-0215.

FAST CASH \$5 for owner, financed real estate notes, contracts & mortgages 1-800-585-4535.

HACIENDA MORTGAGE, Offers VA, Conventional, Mobile Homes, Co-ops, Duplexes, AB & C Loans, Investment Property, New Construction, FHA and Home Equity Loans Good or Bad Credit Call 915-570-9093.

720 Homes For Sale

ANNA Crawford 699-4434
NELDA Welborn 697-8301
BEN Maxey 699-1088

DENE KELLY 686-7809
LYNN Cook 550-0595
LINDA Fieseler 694-2609
WILL DEAN Cecil 682-5177

LISA Buescher 687-4419
DAVID Carlson 694-0212
RAYCHEL Ellis 686-7084

GET IN THE SWIM! Choose carpet, vinyl, 3/21, Call ANNA. OASIS IN STANTON 4/2/2 lg. gar, lots of extras. Call LYNN. LOVELY LAGOON 3/3/5 with new paint & carpet. Call LINDA. PARTIALY THE POOL lg. home, acreage, more. Call LINDA.

GARDENDALE 4/2/2, 3 bds, 4-14 acres, FABULOUS! Call DENE. GREENWOOD Mobile home (acres priced separately) Call ANNA. 5 B1 5-Greenwood 5 ac, 5-bd, 4 bath, 3 gar. Call DENE.

1996 BEST HOME Island kitchen, 2 bds, dining study, 6 ac, GISD. 1997 ELEGANT 2-story, open kitchen, study, shop, 1.8 ac, GISD. JUST LISTED 3/2/2, 1/2 ac, shop, RV cover, lots of new, GISD. BRING OFFERS! must sell 2/2 shop on 1/2 acre. Call DENE.

NEW ON MARKET 3/2/1, ref. air, Wilshire area. Call DENE. WITH SELLER HELP! Prof. decor, 3/2, 2 bds, NW. Call ANNA. NEED "SMALLER" 2-bd, sunporch, Call & see it with DENE. ADORABLE cul-de-sac 3/2/2, Bush sch. 1 yr old. Call RAYCHEL. FAIRMONT PARK Lots of new, too much to list. Ask for DENE.

JUST "WOW" 3/2/2, in Crestgate. You'll love it. See it with LINDA. WALK TO LBS great price for square footage. 3/3/2, Call DENE. TWO FOR ONE WITH OWNER FINANCING! Call DAVE. AMAZING! to maintain with workshop. 3/3/2, Call DENE.

TRINITY TOWNHOUSE new construction, 3/2/2, Call LINDA. BIG HOUSE-LITTLE PRICE 4/2, 2 bds, As is. Call RAYCHEL. SPACIOUS Wilshire area 4/3, 2 bds, very roomy. See it with BEN. HELPFUL SELLERS wants you to own 3/2/2, Call DENE. GOING, GOING, GOING... Re-done, 1-bd at a great price. NELDA. 5 ACRES, GREENWOOD 1 or more \$51,000 ea. Call ANNA. 2-LOTS, GREENWOOD Call DENE.

7.78 FENCED ACRES, 4 water wells, trees, off 1788. ZONED COMM'L, Andrews Hwy, between hospitals. 2.6 ACRES, near Hospital, commercial zoning. 2.2 OR 3 COMM'L LOTS - 2 of the lots have buildings. COMMERCIAL BLDG., approx 30,000 sq ft. COMMERCIAL SITE. TRINITY SQUARE new Town homes, Custom qual. AUTO BODY SHOP, (Owner financing, Establish income. OFFICE BLDG., 1-story, near 10,000 sq ft, ample parking. NEAR FRONT ST, approx 6,000 sq ft comm'l bldg location! OFFICE SPACE FOR LEASE: Suites, singles, conveniences.

BODY SHOP Call LYNN Cook or ANNA Crawford 687-0595.

FREE HOME WARRANTY WITH EACH NEW LISTING OR PURCHASE OVER \$75,000.

3808 W. Wadley • 687-0595

701 Real Estate

ALL real estate advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or intention to make any such preferences, limitations or discrimination.

State laws forbid discrimination in the sale, rental or advertising of real estate based on factors in addition to those protected under federal law. In the District of Columbia, discrimination based on age, marital status, personal appearance, sexual orientation, family responsibilities, physical handicap, matriculation, political affiliation, source of income or place of residence or business almost always is illegal in Maryland, discrimination based on marital status or physical or mental handicap is prohibited in

701 Real Estate

65 FAST CASH \$5 for owner, financed real estate notes, contracts & mortgages 1-800-585-4535.

HACIENDA MORTGAGE, Offers VA, Conventional, Mobile Homes, Co-ops, Duplexes, AB & C Loans, Investment Property, New Construction, FHA and Home Equity Loans Good or Bad Credit Call 915-570-9093.

701 Real Estate

701 Real Estate

701 Real Estate

701 Real Estate

701 Real Estate

701 Real Estate

701 Real Estate

701 Real Estate

701 Real Estate

701 Real Estate

701 Real Estate

720 Homes For Sale

ANNA Crawford 699-4434
NELDA Welborn 697-8301
BEN Maxey 699-1088

DENE KELLY 686-7809
LYNN Cook 550-0595
LINDA Fieseler 694-2609
WILL DEAN Cecil 682-5177

LISA Buescher 687-4419
DAVID Carlson 694-0212
RAYCHEL Ellis 686-7084

GET IN THE SWIM! Choose carpet, vinyl, 3/21, Call ANNA. OASIS IN STANTON 4/2/2 lg. gar, lots of extras. Call LYNN. LOVELY LAGOON 3/3/5 with new paint & carpet. Call LINDA. PARTIALY THE POOL lg. home, acreage, more. Call LINDA.

GARDENDALE 4/2/2, 3 bds, 4-14 acres, FABULOUS! Call DENE. GREENWOOD Mobile home (acres priced separately) Call ANNA. 5 B1 5-Greenwood 5 ac, 5-bd, 4 bath, 3 gar. Call DENE.

1996 BEST HOME Island kitchen, 2 bds, dining study, 6 ac, GISD. 1997 ELEGANT 2-story, open kitchen, study, shop, 1.8 ac, GISD. JUST LISTED 3/2/2, 1/2 ac, shop, RV cover, lots of new, GISD. BRING OFFERS! must sell 2/2 shop on 1/2 acre. Call DENE.

NEW ON MARKET 3/2/1, ref. air, Wilshire area. Call DENE. WITH SELLER HELP! Prof. decor, 3/2, 2 bds, NW. Call ANNA. NEED "SMALLER" 2-bd, sunporch, Call & see it with DENE. ADORABLE cul-de-sac 3/2/2, Bush sch. 1 yr old. Call RAYCHEL. FAIRMONT PARK Lots of new, too much to list. Ask for DENE.

JUST "WOW" 3/2/2, in Crestgate. You'll love it. See it with LINDA. WALK TO LBS great price for square footage. 3/3/2, Call DENE. TWO FOR ONE WITH OWNER FINANCING! Call DAVE. AMAZING! to maintain with workshop. 3/3/2, Call DENE.

TRINITY TOWNHOUSE new construction, 3/2/2, Call LINDA. BIG HOUSE-LITTLE PRICE 4/2, 2 bds, As is. Call RAYCHEL. SPACIOUS Wilshire area 4/3, 2 bds, very roomy. See it with BEN. HELPFUL SELLERS wants you to own 3/2/2, Call DENE. GOING, GOING, GOING... Re-done, 1-bd at a great price. NELDA. 5 ACRES, GREENWOOD 1 or more \$51,000 ea. Call ANNA. 2-LOTS, GREENWOOD Call DENE.

7.78 FENCED ACRES, 4 water wells, trees, off 1788. ZONED COMM'L, Andrews Hwy, between hospitals. 2.6 ACRES, near Hospital, commercial zoning. 2.2 OR 3 COMM'L LOTS - 2 of the lots have buildings. COMMERCIAL BLDG., approx 30,000 sq ft. COMMERCIAL SITE. TRINITY SQUARE new Town homes, Custom qual. AUTO BODY SHOP, (Owner financing, Establish income. OFFICE BLDG., 1-story, near 10,000 sq ft, ample parking. NEAR FRONT ST, approx 6,000 sq ft comm'l bldg location! OFFICE SPACE FOR LEASE: Suites, singles, conveniences.

BODY SHOP Call LYNN Cook or ANNA Crawford 687-0595.

FREE HOME WARRANTY WITH EACH NEW LISTING OR PURCHASE OVER \$75,000.

3808 W. Wadley • 687-0595

701 Real Estate

ALL real estate advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or intention to make any such preferences, limitations or discrimination.

State laws forbid discrimination in the sale, rental or advertising of real estate based on factors in addition to those protected under federal law. In the District of Columbia, discrimination based on age, marital status, personal appearance, sexual orientation, family responsibilities, physical handicap, matriculation, political affiliation, source of income or place of residence or business almost always is illegal in Maryland, discrimination based on marital status or physical or mental handicap is prohibited in

701 Real Estate

65 FAST CASH \$5 for owner, financed real estate notes, contracts & mortgages 1-800-585-4535.

HACIENDA MORTGAGE, Offers VA, Conventional, Mobile Homes, Co-ops, Duplexes, AB & C Loans, Investment Property, New Construction, FHA and Home Equity Loans Good or Bad Credit Call 915-570-9093.

701 Real Estate

701 Real Estate

701 Real Estate

701 Real Estate

701 Real Estate

701 Real Estate

701 Real Estate

701 Real Estate

701 Real Estate

701 Real Estate

701 Real Estate

720 Homes For Sale

ANNA Crawford 699-4434
NELDA Welborn 697-8301
BEN Maxey 699-1088

DENE KELLY 686-7809
LYNN Cook 550-0595
LINDA Fieseler 694-2609
WILL DEAN Cecil 682-5177

LISA Buescher 687-4419
DAVID Carlson 694-0212
RAYCHEL Ellis 686-7084

GET IN THE SWIM! Choose carpet, vinyl, 3/21, Call ANNA. OASIS IN STANTON 4/2/2 lg. gar, lots of extras. Call LYNN. LOVELY LAGOON 3/3/5 with new paint & carpet. Call LINDA. PARTIALY THE POOL lg. home, acreage, more. Call LINDA.

GARDENDALE 4/2/2, 3 bds, 4-14 acres, FABULOUS! Call DENE. GREENWOOD Mobile home (acres priced separately) Call ANNA. 5 B1 5-Greenwood 5 ac, 5-bd, 4 bath, 3 gar. Call DENE.

1996 BEST HOME Island kitchen, 2 bds, dining study, 6 ac, GISD. 1997 ELEGANT 2-story, open kitchen, study, shop, 1.8 ac, GISD. JUST LISTED 3/2/2, 1/2 ac, shop, RV cover, lots of new, GISD. BRING OFFERS! must sell 2/2 shop on 1/2 acre. Call DENE.

NEW ON MARKET 3/2/1, ref. air, Wilshire area. Call DENE. WITH SELLER HELP! Prof. decor, 3/2, 2 bds, NW. Call ANNA. NEED "SMALLER" 2-bd, sunporch, Call & see it with DENE. ADORABLE cul-de-sac 3/2/2, Bush sch. 1 yr old. Call RAYCHEL. FAIRMONT PARK Lots of new, too much to list. Ask for DENE.

JUST "WOW" 3/2/2, in Crestgate. You'll love it. See it with LINDA. WALK TO LBS great price for square footage. 3/3/2, Call DENE. TWO FOR ONE WITH OWNER FINANCING! Call DAVE. AMAZING! to maintain with workshop. 3/3/2, Call DENE.

TRINITY TOWNHOUSE new construction, 3/2/2, Call LINDA. BIG HOUSE-LITTLE PRICE 4/2, 2 bds, As is. Call RAYCHEL. SPACIOUS Wilshire area 4/3, 2 bds, very roomy. See it with BEN. HELPFUL SELLERS wants you to own 3/2/2, Call DENE. GOING, GOING, GOING... Re-done, 1-bd at a great price. NELDA. 5 ACRES, GREENWOOD 1 or more \$51,000 ea. Call ANNA. 2-LOTS, GREENWOOD Call DENE.

7.78 FENCED ACRES, 4 water wells, trees, off 1788. ZONED COMM'L, Andrews Hwy, between hospitals. 2.6 ACRES, near Hospital, commercial zoning. 2.2 OR 3 COMM'L LOTS - 2 of the lots have buildings. COMMERCIAL BLDG., approx 30,000 sq ft. COMMERCIAL SITE. TRINITY SQUARE new Town homes, Custom qual. AUTO BODY SHOP, (Owner financing, Establish income. OFFICE BLDG., 1-story, near 10,000 sq ft, ample parking. NEAR FRONT ST, approx 6,000 sq ft comm'l bldg location! OFFICE SPACE FOR LEASE: Suites, singles, conveniences.

BODY SHOP Call LYNN Cook or ANNA Crawford 687-0595.

FREE HOME WARRANTY WITH EACH NEW LISTING OR PURCHASE OVER \$75,000.

3808 W. Wadley • 687-0595

701 Real Estate

ALL real estate advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or intention to make any such preferences, limitations or discrimination.

State laws forbid discrimination in the sale, rental or advertising of real estate based on factors in addition to those protected under federal law. In the District of Columbia, discrimination based on age, marital status, personal appearance, sexual orientation, family responsibilities, physical handicap, matriculation, political affiliation, source of income or place of residence or business almost always is illegal in Maryland, discrimination based on marital status or physical or mental handicap is prohibited in

701 Real Estate

65 FAST CASH \$5 for owner, financed real estate notes, contracts & mortgages 1-800-585-4535.

HACIENDA MORTGAGE, Offers VA, Conventional, Mobile Homes, Co-ops, Duplexes, AB & C Loans, Investment Property, New Construction, FHA and Home Equity Loans Good or Bad Credit Call 915-570-9093.

701 Real Estate

701 Real Estate

701 Real Estate

701 Real Estate

701 Real Estate

1998 MHS BOYS' BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP COMMEMORATIVE ISSUE

1998: The Bulldog Glory Year



1998 State Class 5A Basketball Champions - The Incredible Midland High School Bulldogs

State Title Almost Painless

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

Midland High's historic march to the Class 5A state basketball championship was almost too easy — painfully easy.

No stone was left unturned by these Bulldogs as they dominated the schedule with mostly blowouts on the way to a school record 36-2 campaign.

Oh, some would say the Bulldogs are really 37-1. They defeated Odessa Permian on the court by 21 points and had the victory by forfeit when they played an academically ineligible player (Antoine Lathan) for about 36 seconds.

But it was mostly an easy road to the state title. Even in Austin among the elite of the state, the Bulldogs held domination intact, having each game in hand by the half.

The Bulldogs got to the state finals with an 80-48 bombing of Pearland, leading 45-19 at the half. Then against San Antonio Taft in the finals, MHS led 40-17 at the half. That's domination.

And as pure justice would have it, MHS' 63-51 win over Taft in the finals was against the only team that had beaten the Bulldogs this season. Taft won a 70-60 decision over MHS in the finals of the San Antonio Northside tournament on Nov. 29 in San Antonio. Not only did the Bulldogs gain revenge from that

only on-court loss, but they did it by 12 points, two more than what Taft had beaten the Bulldogs at Thanksgiving.

Even before the season began, the Bulldogs were No. 1 in at least one poll. The Texas High School Basketball Review had MHS as the No. 1 team in the state in its preseason poll, making MHS No. 1 from start to finish. MHS officially carried the No. 2 ranking most of the season by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches, the only poll that comes out weekly across the state.

The state championship quest began way back in mid-November at the Midland High gym when the Bulldogs started the season with a 90-47 win over the Del Rio Rams. And you knew it was going to be a big season even then. After all, 6-6 senior Kirby Lemons opened the season with a school record 45 points. He never again reached that scoring plateau, but he set the early tone to the season.

The Bulldogs then rolled off five more victories for a 6-0 start to the season before falling to Taft. They then went on a 31-game winning streak, one that is still going if you throw out the forfeit, a game won on-court.

The Bulldogs have won (on-court) 27 consecutive District 4-5A games, covering parts of three seasons and the Bulldogs are 8-1 over the last two years in the state playoffs.

One of the early highlights of the season came in the December Oilman's Classic. The Bulldogs won

that title defeating both New Mexico's Alamogordo, the defending tournament champion, and then No. 4 ranked Killeen, 86-78.

Besides the loss to Taft, the Bulldogs rarely played a close game, but there were a few tight moments to recall along the way.

MHS escaped North Garland on the road by three points, 59-56, as Christmas approached.

The Bulldogs also played cross-town rival Midland Lee four times, winning all four. MHS beat the Rebels 90-59 in the second round of the Tall City Oilman's Classic. The Bulldogs then pounded Lee again, 74-57, in the first round of the Byron Johnston tournament after Christmas.

But the two teams met four days later to start the District 4-5A campaign and the Bulldogs escaped Lee by a meager 55-50 margin before over 3,000 fans at Chaparral Center. It was one of the best games of the year.

Unfortunately for Lee, the Rebels failed to make the state playoffs for the first time in five consecutive seasons. The rest of the district season was more like a cake walk for the Bulldogs. They even posted a 77-50 win over Lee to open the second half of play.

Abilene Cooper, another district team that didn't make the playoffs, teased the Bulldogs for a time, leading by one point at the half, but MHS roared back for a 10-point, 65-55, win.

Continued on page 8

TERRY WILLIAMSON

Stephenson's high hopes come true for MHS in '98

Midland High head basketball coach Jack Stephenson: "This may be the best basketball team we've ever had at Midland High."

Yes, you would be right if you thought this quote from Stephenson came before the start of this state championship basketball season. But you would also be right if you had guessed that this quote came before a prior season.

Stephenson seems to always make a like statement at the beginning of each season. He is unlike 99.8 percent of the coaches in the state of Texas. Most coaches want to be picked in last place before the season starts. They don't want other teams running at them with any added incentives.

Not Stephenson. He's always going to win, saying, "If you don't believe you can win when you step on that floor, you don't have much of a chance."

This time he got it right. This was the best basketball team in the history of the school. The state championship, of course, proves it. But the domination of state powers in Austin Friday and Saturday proved it even more. No team was in the game after the first half. MHS crushed opponents with so many defining moments that you can't count them all.

Still, here's a few of the defining moments from the weekend that will make this band of Bulldogs memorable for us all.

PASSING: MHS sophomore Blake Johnston didn't score a point in the state tournament, but he produced 16 assists, three of which will long be remembered in Austin. He had a behind the head pass and a behind the back pass in the semifinals that even Gov. George W. Bush noticed with flair, winking at press row. Then just to show it was no fluke, Johnston had 10 assists in the championship game, including a behind the back miracle and a crowd pleasing alley-oop for a Lemons dunk.



Williamson

SCORING: Junior Charles Tatum didn't even score the most points in the championship game, but earned tournament MVP honors. Tatum had 22 points and Jay Christian had 23. But Tatum took control of the game in the first half, igniting the Bulldogs' 23-point lead at the half. Since there are always a lot of UT fans around at the state tournament in Austin, many were saying that Tatum could start for the Longhorns now.

SPEED: Those on press row who had never seen Kirby Lemons play were amazed at how quick he was going to the basket when the ball was placed in his hands. One writer said, "He's a blur in the paint."

TRIPLE JUMP: MHS reserve Jason Williams played about a minute in the state tournament, but his triple jump over press row after a loose ball got him a mention in papers across the state. It was one of the most athletic exhibitions performed at the state tournament.

FIRST POINT: Melvin Jackson, who had been shuttled between the varsity and junior varsity all season, scored his first varsity point of the season in the semifinal game, hitting a free throw. He got the "Standing O", not from the crowd, but from the MHS bench, which recognized the significance of the shot.

JUST GLAD TO BE HERE: Chris Oldham, a JV player all season who got in a game and scored against Greenwood, just wanted to make the trip with the team. Earlier he had said, "I'll wear a JV uniform, anything. I just want to be on that bench and be a part of it." He actually got to play in the semifinal game.

JUST GLAD TO BE HERE II: Like many of the 2,000 Midland fans who made the trek to Austin, I, too, was glad to see this team play in the state tournament. It was a special two days.

Terry Williamson is sports editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

Bulldogs' 1997-98 season scores

Opponents	Score	Bryan	74-57	San Angelo Central	90-55
		North Garland	59-56	Abilene Cooper	87-64
		Midland Lee	74-57	Odessa High	106-62
		El Paso Bel Air	86-56	El Paso Riverside	86-59
		Killeen Ellison	72-49	Greenwood	96-55
Predistrict		District 4-5A		State Playoffs	
Del Rio	90-47	Midland Lee	55-50	El Paso Easwood	95-68
Lubbock High	91-63	Odessa Permian	75-59	El Paso Hanks	67-52
Levelland	95-43	Abilene High	97-82	Duncanville	71-62
San Antonio Churchill	69-60	San Angelo Central	87-58	Flower Mound Marcus	85-72
Marshall	74-51	Abilene Cooper	65-55		
McAllen Rowe	65-55	Odessa High	109-47		
San Antonio Taft	60-70	Midland Lee	77-50	State Tournament	
Del Rio	95-72	Odessa Permian	Forfeit	Pearland	80-48
Del Rio Laughlin	109-81	Abilene High	87-75	San Antonio Taft	63-51
Levelland	94-53				
Midland Lee	90-59				
New Mexico Alamogordo	66-47				
Killeen	86-78				

Congratulations



Midland High School State Champions Class 5-A Basketball



3325 W. WADLEY
697-1471



Congratulations Dawgs!

We knew you could do it!



Community Partners

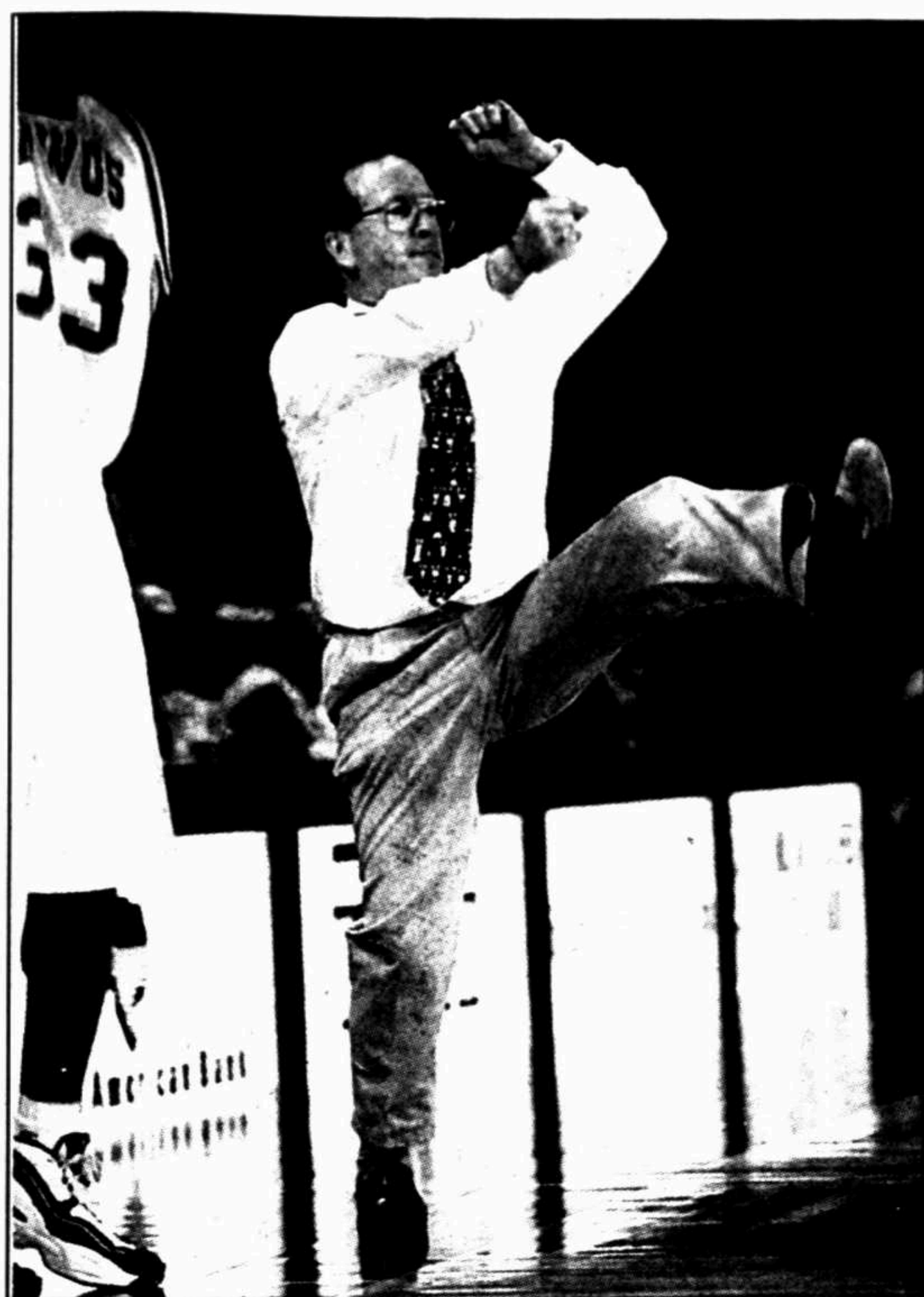
The Essence of Success

"Successful is the person who has lived well, laughed often and loved much, who has gained the respect of children, who leaves the world better than they found it, who has never lacked appreciation for the earth's beauty, who never fails to look for the best in others or give the best of themselves."

Congratulations Midland High Bulldogs On Your Success. You Have Made Us Proud!

VILLAGE
LINCOLN • MERCURY • DODGE • HYUNDAI
3915 W. WALL • MIDLAND, TEXAS • 915-522-3115

Dawgs give Midlanders something to cheer about



By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

You didn't have to be a Midland High basketball fan to revel in the Bulldogs state basketball championship. Being a citizen of Midland was good enough.

This past weekend, the Purple Pack caught the imagination of this West Texas town.

"They are just young men, but it is amazing what sports can do when done in the right way," Midland Mayor Bobby Burns said. "They have the ability to bring the community together. Everyone in Midland rooted for the team. It is because 19 kids wanted to do something special and believed in themselves."

Their belief produced a club, which brought Midland the first basketball state title in school history. A remarkable feat considering that the last of the current District 4-5A teams to have won a state title was way back in 1963 (San Angelo Central in Class 4A).

In fact, MHS became the fifth Region I team to win the largest classification's state title since 1960. Central, El Paso Eastwood (1976), Amarillo High (1986) and Fort Worth Dunbar (1993) are the others.

"You are always concerned competing with the big city basketball teams," Midland Independent School District Superintendent Joe Baressi said. "It is nice being the dominant force this time."

"I was extremely impressed with the two second quarters (the time when Midland High dominated the two games). They were as great as any high school basketball exhibitions as I have ever seen. I enjoyed my friends telling me how impressed they are of the team and coaches."

It was the school's first state title in any team sport since 1975 when the MHS girls won the state golf title. The MHS baseball team also won the state crown in 1973.

Midland High Coach Jack Stephenson celebrates the Bulldog's victory in the Region I finals.

Tim Fischer/
Reporter-Telegram

'They have the ability to bring the community together. Everyone in Midland rooted for the team. It is because 19 kids wanted to do something special and believed in themselves.'

— Mayor Bobby Burns

"It isn't often you get to see one of those come by. It is the ultimate thing, a goal few people get to," MISD Athletic Director Tim Whalen said of winning the title. "Few people get to win state championships, especially the 5A title. Anybody who gets to Austin is good, but it is something to win it all."

"When we went down there in 1994. That was one of the most painful things to watch. You couldn't enjoy it. Now, you go out and you are the bully on the block. That is pretty nice."

Whalen, who was a part of Roswell basketball teams that won two state titles and the baseball team that captured the state crown, said that the players are probably unaware of the real significance of what they accomplished.

"It hasn't sunk in on them yet, what they accomplished," Whalen said. "I played on a couple and you don't realize it until you go back (years later). Then you realize that is something special."

There was a feeling from the first game that this team had the ability to do something. Fans' support of this team was on the rise after a No. 1 ranking at the beginning of the year by Texas High School Basketball Review. The Texas Association of Basketball Coaches poll had the Bulldogs in the top 10 with their highest ranking at No. 2 at season's end. With a nice ranking to fall back on, all the Bulldogs had to do

was win to keep the fans coming back. They did that 36 times (37 counting the Permian forfeit).

"All year long Midland High's attendance was up from what it had been the past three years," Chap Center Director Mike Stevens said. "I would have to say they averaged 1,500 a home game. Normally they would draw 800 to 1,000. There were several crowds bigger than that."

"They were up this year without any doubt and they should have been. They were winning. Also, any time a school gets ranked, the attendance gets bigger."

At the regional tournament, a sellout crowd of 5,300 packed the Chap Center for regional semifinal action, and 3,300 attended MHS' final with Flower Mound Marcus. Midland High then sold 1,717 tickets for the state tournament. That number was second to only Round Rock Westwood, a school located just south of Austin. In 1994 Whalen estimates that MHS sold less than 1,000 tickets.

Many more bought tickets at the window and already had state tournament tickets.

"I believe that we had more people there than was there from San Antonio," Whalen said. "I was proud."

"It felt like half the city of Midland was in Austin," Burns said. "I do believe that Midland dominated the coliseum. It was a true community event."

"It was a great spring break. We need another spring break after that."

There is an appreciation for the team that performed beyond most people's expectations except for one man, Midland High coach Jack Stephenson. Baressi, for one, is happy for the coach.

"I was probably doing more officiating than a superintendent should do and I'm happy for Jack Stephenson," Baressi said. "I know he puts his heart into it."

And Baressi feels better that the team lived up to Stephenson's beliefs and billing.

"He called his shot and hit it out."

Congratulations MHS on state championship win

Schlumberger

Oilfield Services

Congratulations Midland Bulldogs!

1998 State Champs!

M
A
R

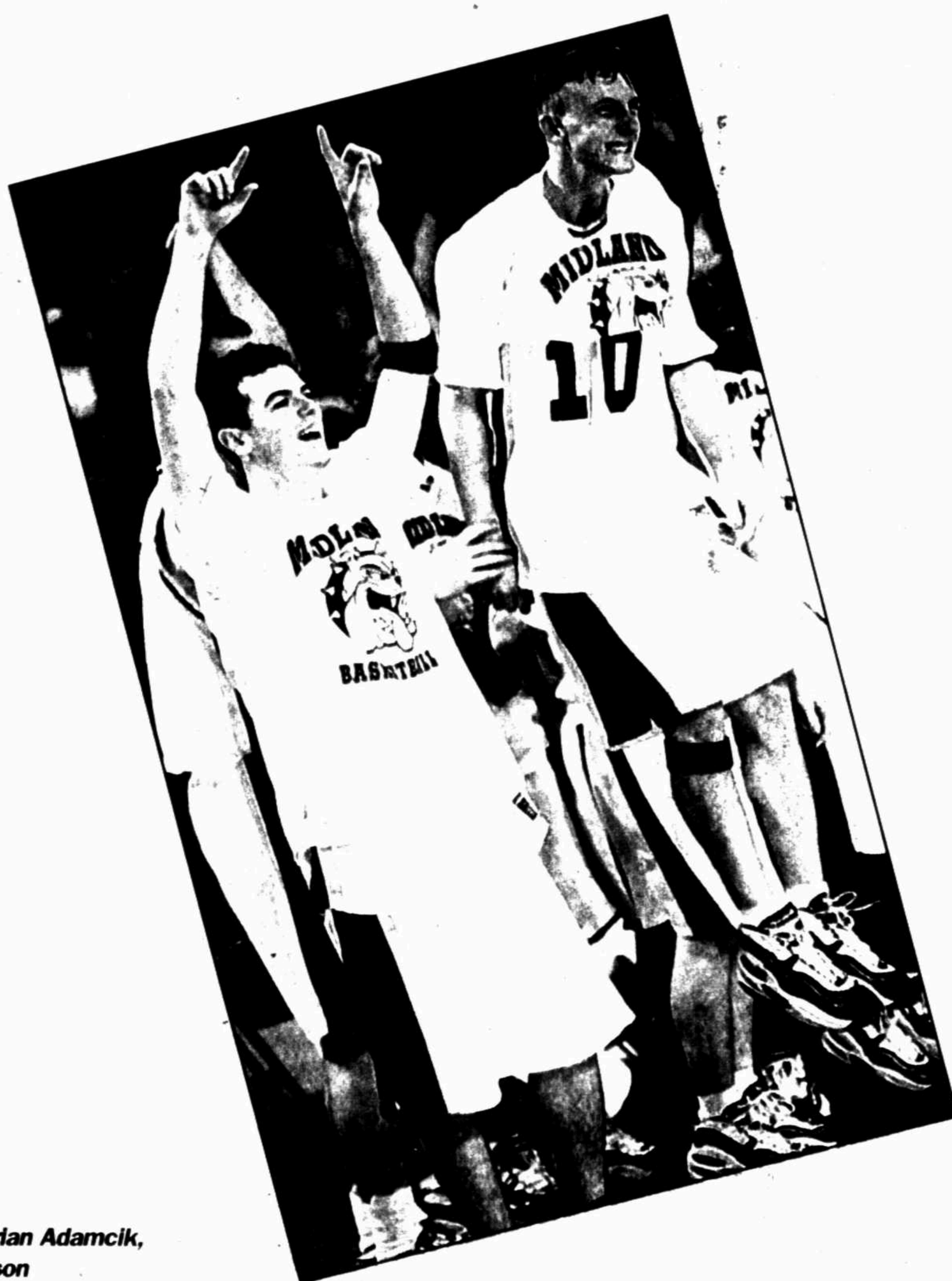
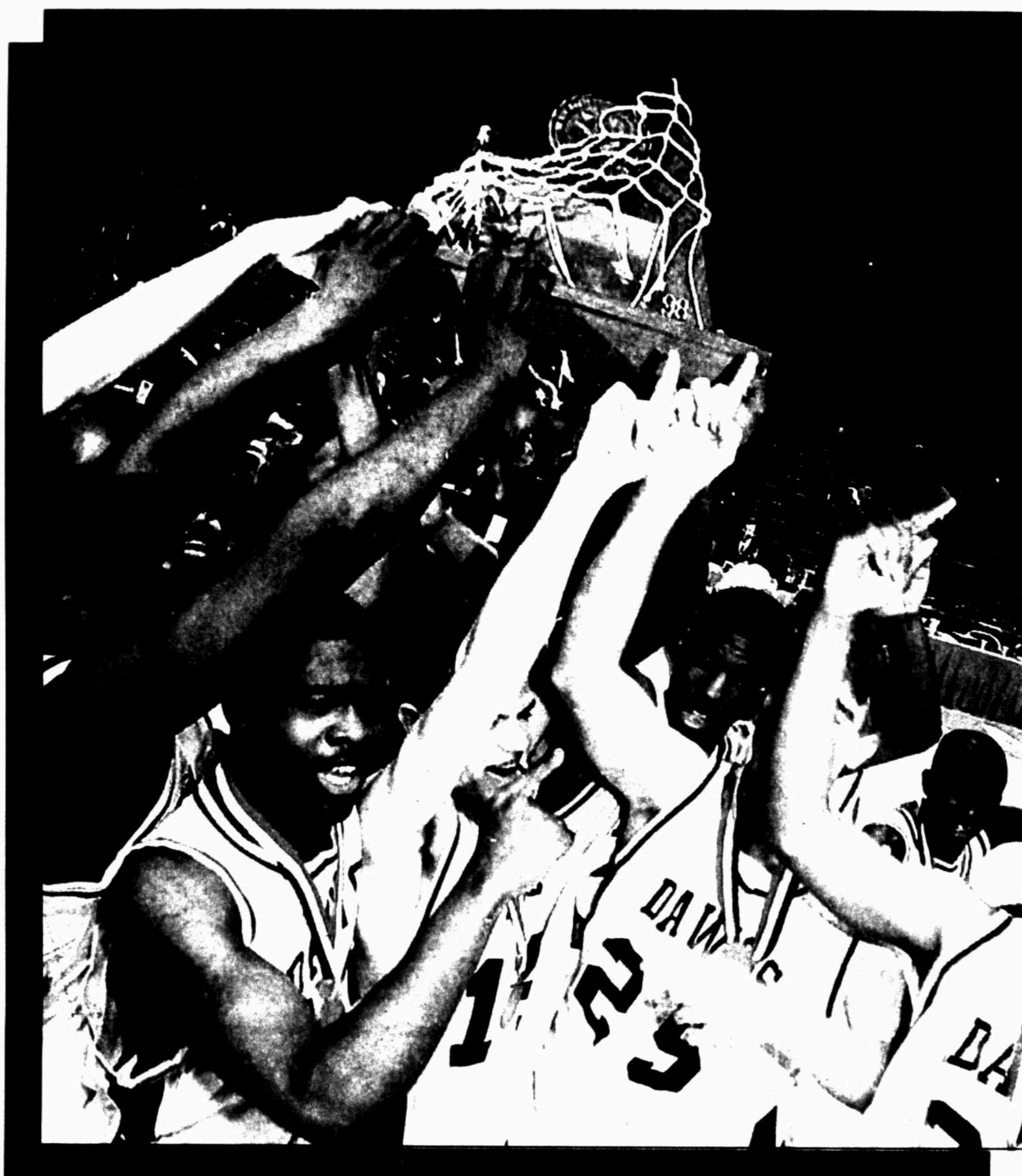
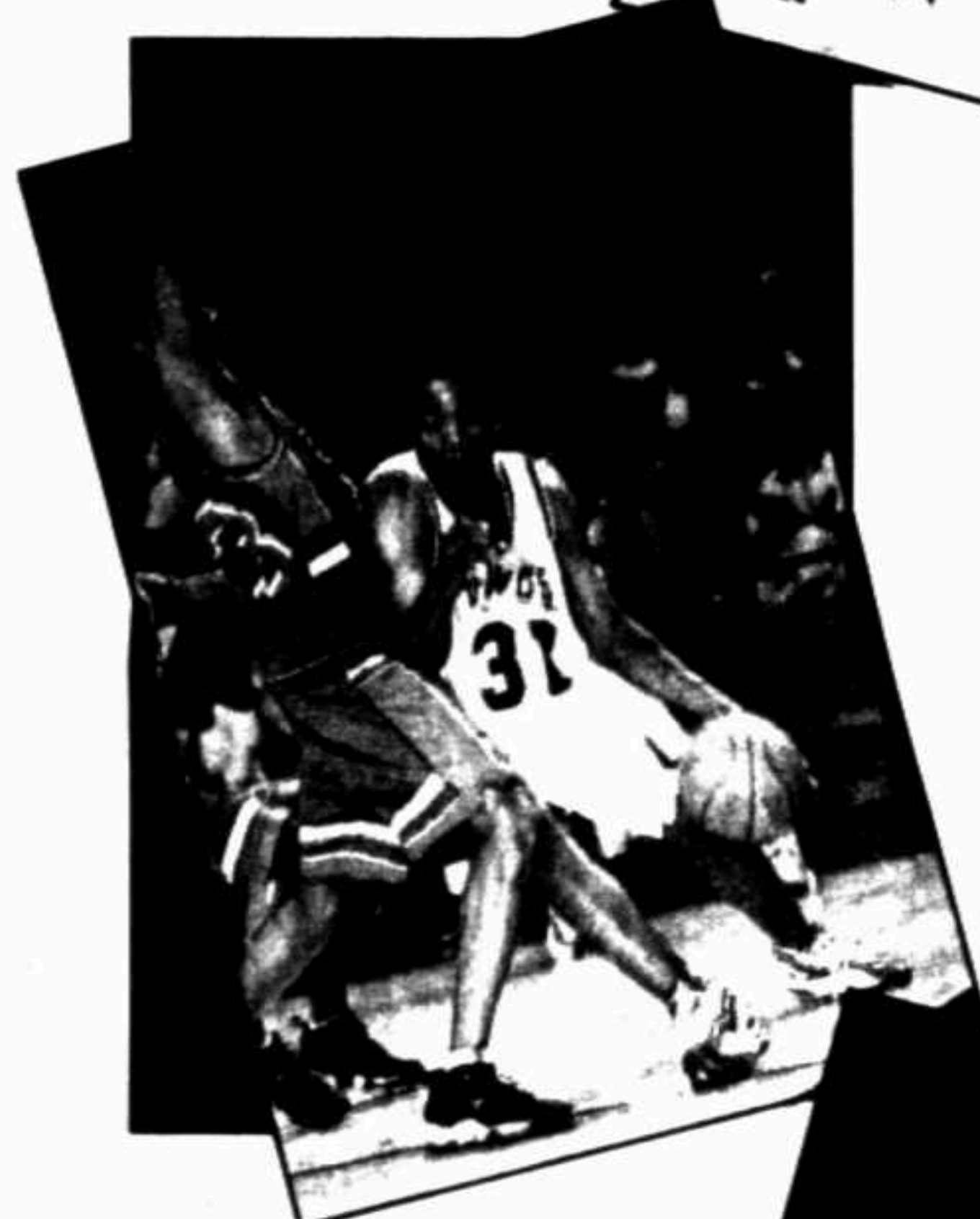
1
0

1
9
9
8



1 • 9 • 9 • 8

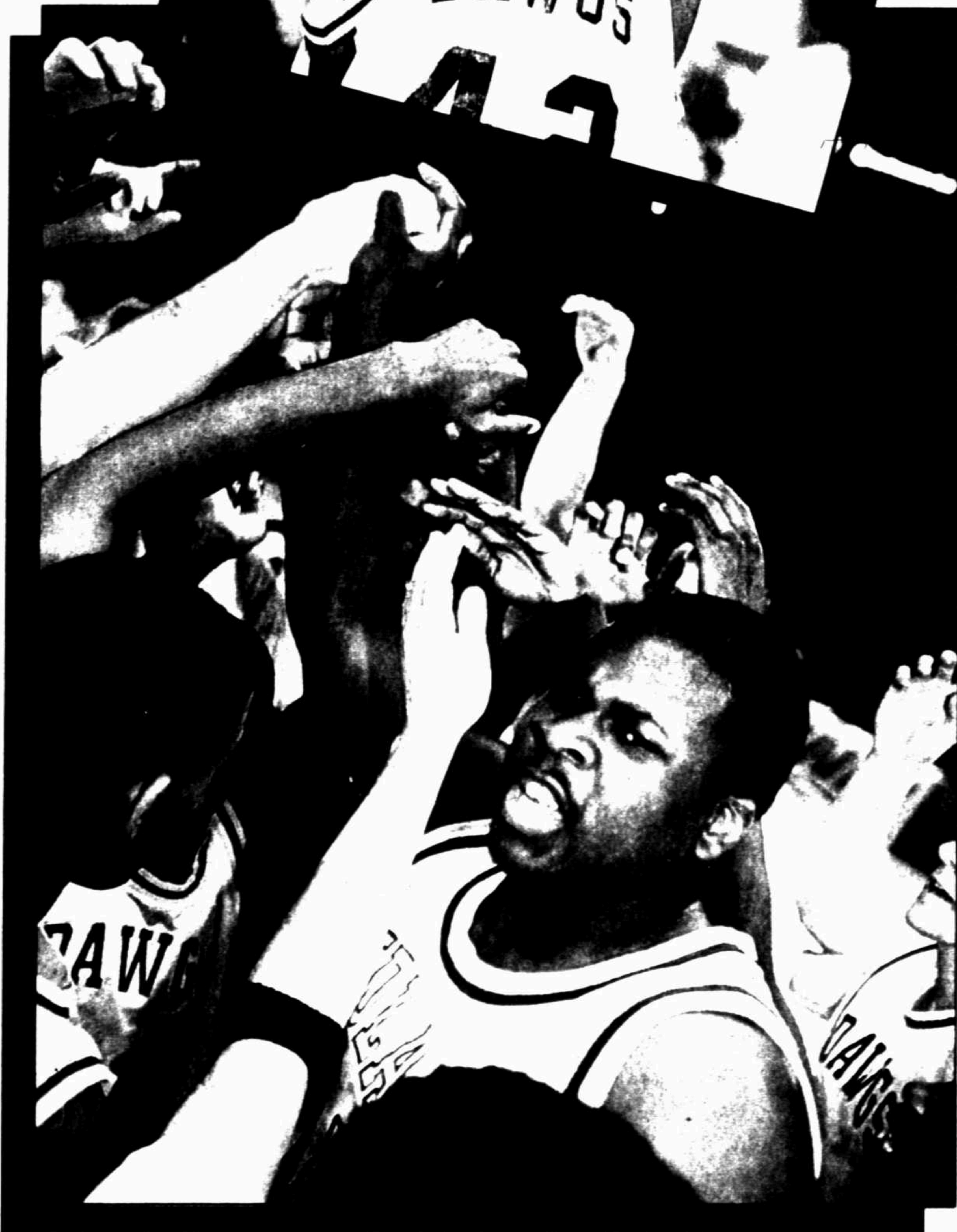
The Bulldogs'



Photos by Tim Fischer, Brian Adamcik,
and Mark Matson

1 • 9 • 9 • 8

Glory Year!



On-court performances take MHS basketball all the way

No. 3 Charles Tatum (6-8, junior, guard): Tatum, a member of MHS' Big Three, ended the season with a bang. He was selected as the State Tournament's MVP for Class 5A. For the season, Tatum was second on the team in scoring (19.2 points). He was an All-District 4-5A performer and a member of Class 5A's all-tournament team.

No. 4 Jason Williams (6-8, senior, guard): Williams, aka the "Turtle," will probably be remembered for his triple jump effort from one table to another and then over a barrier to avoid injury at the state tournament. The guard played in 30 games and scored 26 points.

No. 5 Kris O'Brien (6-1, senior, guard): O'Brien scored 26 points this season in 30 games for MHS. The senior also scored two points in MHS' state semifinal win over Pearland.

No. 10 Blake Johnston (6-1, sophomore, guard): Johnston is one of two sophomores to play varsity for MHS. "Kid Wonder" averaged 5.1 points a game, but as demonstrated at state, his value was elsewhere. In Austin, Johnston, second-team all-district performer, averaged eight assists and four steals.

No. 11 Jessie Nicholson (6-8, junior, guard): Nicholson scored 23 points in 27 games. He will give the Bulldogs more depth at guard next year. The junior earned his

first varsity letter this season.

No. 12 Geoffrey Jameson (5-10, senior, guard): Jameson played in 26 games this season and was one of the Bulldogs' finest defensive guards. The senior also will earn his first varsity letter.

No. 13 Chris Oldham (junior, guard): Oldham, a junior varsity player until the very end of the season, scored against Greenwood. Also, he not only made the trip to Austin, but played against Pearland.

No. 14 Ross Nobles (5-10, senior, guard): Nobles was also a second-team all-district performer this season. The three-year letterman scored 4.1 points a game in 38 games played. The senior completed MHS' three-guard attack and played big defensively.

No. 15 Jay Christian (6-5, junior, forward): Christian made his first appearance on the first-team all-district list after averaging 14.4 points a game and showing extraordinary athleticism for a player his size. Christian was a member of the Class 5A all-tournament team and led the Bulldogs in scoring in Austin.

No. 21 Patrick Anderson (6-3, senior, center): Anderson gave MHS valuable minutes off the bench, playing all 38 games this season. The senior pulled down six rebounds against Pearland and earned his second varsity letter

this year.

No. 24 Taylor Moody (6-5, junior, forward): Moody played 27 games for the Bulldogs this season, scoring 20 points along the way. The junior earned his first varsity letter.

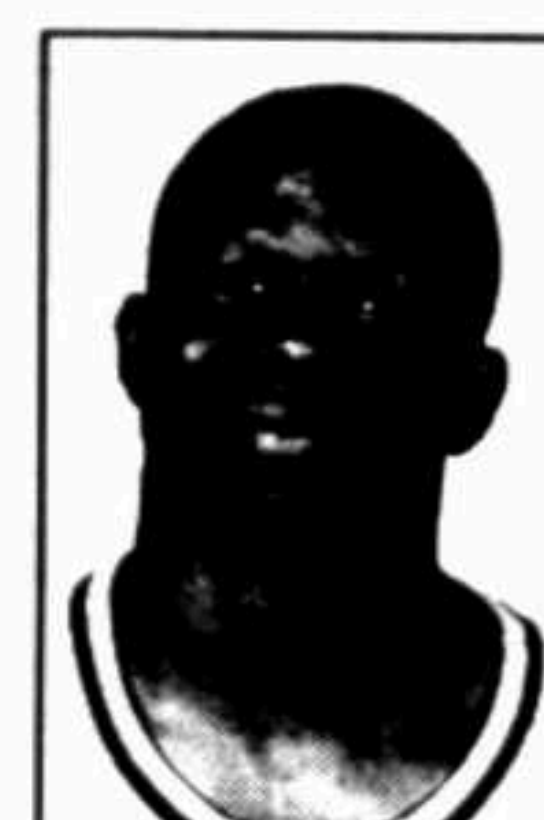
No. 25 Brent Winter (6-2, junior, forward): Winter played 37 games for MHS, scoring 47 points. The junior earned his second letter, and scored four points and pulled down two rebounds in the team's win over Pearland at state.

No. 30 Erik Pettersson (6-7, senior, center): Pettersson played 26 games for MHS. The foreign exchange student from Sweden scored 22 points in those games.

No. 31 Chris Cox (6-1, senior, forward): Cox played 26 games and was the team's sixth-leading shooter from 3-point land. Cox scored a season-high 14 points with five 3-point bombs against Eastwood in the area playoffs.

No. 32 Kirby Lemons (6-6, senior, center): Lemons ends his senior year with a McDonalds All-American Game nomination, the District 4-5A MVP award and an all-tournament selection from the state tournament. Lemons was one of the best offensive centers in the state, scoring 25 points a game for MHS.

No. 33 Camar Jackson (6-2, senior, center): Jackson scored



Tatum (3)



Johnston (10)



Nobles (14)



Christian (15)



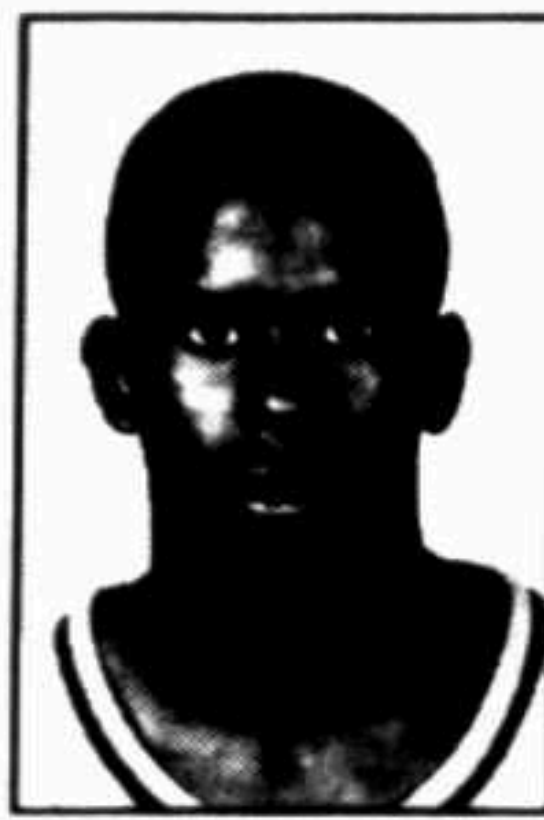
Anderson (21)



Lemons (32)



Jackson (33)



Williams (4)



O'Brien (5)



Nicholson (11)



Jameson (12)



Moody (24)



Winter (25)



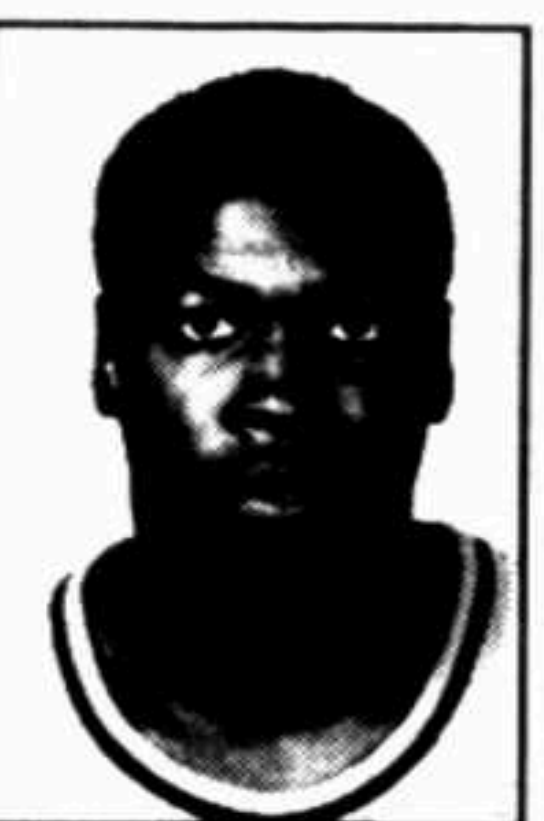
Pettersson (30)



Cox (31)



Fernau (40)



Lathan (42)



Gardner (52)

more than four points a game as MHS' sixth man. The senior, who will play football at UTEP, had a career-high 15 points in the semifinals of the state tournament vs. Pearland.

No. 35 Melvin Jackson (senior, forward): Jackson shuffled between the varsity and JV all season. The senior scored his first varsity point of the season in the semifinal game vs. Pearland, hitting a free throw.

ting a free throw.

No. 40 Josh Fernau (6-1, senior, forward): Fernau played 30 games with the Bulldogs this season, scoring 47 points. The senior earned his third letter for coach Jack Stephenson. In the Pearland game, Fernau pulled down two rebounds.

No. 42 Antoine Lathan (6-0, senior, forward): Lathan played

in 17 games this season, scoring 11 points during that time.

No. 52: Randy Gardner (6-5, sophomore, center): Gardner was the other sophomore on the varsity and played in 24 games this season. Gardner should see a considerable increase in playing time in the next two seasons. His future may be in football where he is considered a major talent.

Bulldogs: 1998 state basketball champions

Way to go, Dawgs!
from the staff and team of the Midland Angels.



Baseball

2 weeks until opening night!
Come out to the ballpark for an exciting opening weekend of baseball and fun!

April 2	Opening night	7:00 p.m.
April 3	Caps	7:00 p.m.
April 4	Fireworks	7:00 p.m.
April 5	Mascot/Kids	2:00 p.m.

Call 683-4251
Tickets go on sale March 21



To our Midland High Bulldogs:
The New State 5-A Champions!
Congratulations from the newest
Pontiac Dealer
in the Permian Basin.

We're proud of you
& proud to add Pontiac to our
selection of the finest automobiles
in America!



PONTIAC



Oldsmobile

GMC



3205 WEST WALL • (915)694-7741 • (915)563-1479 • FAX (915)694-9485

The
na
er
to agree
Alief E
field. Go
almost c
game in
was Kim
crown is
as we sp
The ab
Final Fo
through
wouldn't
Teams
basically
against P
High did
Teams
land High
Teams
With the
Tatum) s
again, M
In retr
just dress
Pearland
son, could
made.

KIRBY
and show
defend in
and aver
JAY CH
for the to
13 from th
ing the pr
CHALLI
tournament
better tha
horns tryi
that smile
less. At th
would hav
BLAKE
as he initi
ber even i
next year.
out party.
games an
thing of be
There ar
sus Pearla
guard att
It was e
state tour
enough to
biggest bl
spread of t
over.
From Ki
ing coach
er, and yo
sure of tha

Stewart L



Lemons (32)



Tatum (24)



Gardner (52)

on, scoring 11

ardner (6-5, 170 lbs.) is a senior forward who has scored more than 1,000 points in his career. He has played in 24 games this season and has a career record of 1,000 points and 1,000 assists. His future in basketball is bright.



gs:
ns!
st

SHI
S

1998: The Bulldogs' Glory Year

STEWART DOREEN

Bulldogs cast spell over crowd in Austin

There were some people talking before the state basketball tournament that the Class 5A Final Four would not have the star power of other tournaments in the past, and traveling to Austin, I had to agree.

Alief Elsie and Dallas Kimball were not in the field. Gone were Elsie's Rashard Lewis, who is almost certain to play his next regular season game in the NBA. Also, on the outside looking in was Kimball, the two-time state champs whose crown is being readjusted to fit a Bulldog's head as we speak.

The absence of the two teams made a dent in the Final Four, but after watching Midland High run through the tournament like gangbusters, it wouldn't have mattered. Not a chance.

Teams just don't go to Austin, have two games basically decided at halftime with leads of 45-19 against Pearland and 40-17 over Taft. Midland High did.

Teams just don't dictate their style of play so relentlessly. Midland High did.

Teams don't win with just three players scoring in the state final. With the Big Three (Kirby Lemons, Jay Christian and Charles Tatum) scoring every single one of the Purple Pack's points, once again, Midland High did and did it very well.

In retrospect, the star power wasn't missing so much as it was just dressed in purple and gold. There was giant-killer Pearland or Taft, a team that beat Midland High earlier in the season, could do about it. This wasn't Nov. 29. There was history to be made.

KIRBY LEMONS: The senior post scored 36 points in two games and showed the quickness that made him as tough of a center to defend in the state as there is. Lemons shot 66 percent from the field and averaged 10 rebounds a game.

JAY CHRISTIAN: The junior forward led the Bulldogs in scoring for the tournament with 41 points. In the final, Christian was 10-for-13 from the field and his athletic ability made him unstoppable during the press and in transition.

CHARLES TATUM: The junior guard, or as we should call him tournament MVP, scored 38 points in two games and was flat out better than any point guard in Austin. That includes those Longhorns trying to get their college game in shape for next year. Also, that smile, when he got swatted by Taft center Joe White, was priceless. At the time, he could smile, within a matter of minutes he would have a state championship medal.

BLAKE JOHNSTON: Not one of the Big Three, but "Kid Wonder," as he initiated on his shoes, stepped up with a tournament to remember even if he didn't score a point. Johnston will be an absolute force next year, and maybe, he used this state tournament as his coming out party. He averaged eight assists and four steals over the two games and his behind the neck pass to Christian was an absolute thing of beauty.

There are others. Camar Jackson was a super sub in the win versus Pearland. Ross Nobles was very solid defensively in MHS' three-guard attack, and Patrick Anderson also gave MHS good minutes.

It was easy to think there wasn't any star power going into the state tournament, but it was easier to see that Midland High brought enough to change some minds. The Bulldogs, who registered the biggest blowout of the tournament and should have had the largest spread of the finals, were the talk of press corps when it was all over.

From Kirby to Jay to Charles to Kid Wonder to their chain-wearing coach to the table-jumping Jason Williams, there was star power, and you didn't have to look hard to see it. The Bulldogs made sure of that.

Stewart Doreen is assistant sports editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

Repeat on minds of Purple Pack

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

Repeat will be a term Midland High basketball fans will be using ad nauseam for now until the end of the 1998-99 season.

That is why Midland High coach Jack Stephenson isn't going to be sleeping in much just because he's captured Texas' top prize.

"I was in the office at 6 a.m.," Stephenson said Monday.

Living up to this past season and high expectations next year are why the Bulldogs, just days after winning their first Class 5A state title, are already preparing for next year and eyeing that monumental task of defending their state championship.

"(The hardest thing will be) to repeat," said MHS guard Charles Tatum, the MVP of this year's state tournament. "We have to be No. 1 (in the polls). We are state champions and most of the pressure will be on us to repeat."

The hard part is winning that second title. Since 1960, only four teams have won consecutive titles at the state's highest classification. Houston Kashmere in 1974-75, Bryan in 1983-84 and Dallas Kimball in 1995-96 won back-to-back titles. Houston Wheatley won three straight titles, 1968-70. The last team from West Texas to repeat was Pampa in 1958-59.

Of course, the repeat pressure just adds to a season that should be difficult enough. Midland High is the two-time District 4-5A champion, having not lost a game on the court during that time. The Purple Pack also has advanced to the regionals over the last two years. Now, every team that made Midland High the hunted this past season will want to get piece of the defending champs.

"It will be just as bad or worse," Stephenson said. "We are the hunted and that makes you work a



Bulldogs celebrate Region I championship at Chaparral Center by cutting down the nets.

'We are the hunted and that makes you work a little harder. It makes us try to outwork them. I think the kids will be dedicated enough to give us a chance to have a real good season next year.'

— Coach Jack Stephenson

little harder. It makes us try to outwork them.

"I think the kids will be dedicated enough to give us a chance to have a real good season next year."

"(Having people shoot for us) is how it was this year with everyone shooting for us and we did well," MHS sophomore Blake Johnston said. "I think this season sets the standard for next year. We have done it once and have three

starters coming back."

Tatum isn't going to wait too long to enjoy the title to get ready for next year.

"We will take a week off and go back to the gym," Tatum said. "Why wait? We have a year, might as well get started."

Stephenson returns three gems. Two-thirds of the Big Three — Jay Christian, a 6-5 forward, and Tatum, a 5-9 guard, return next fall as does Johnston, a 6-1 guard.

These three combined for 38.7 points in this season. They also bring a lot of speed, some height and much athleticism to keep MHS' up-tempo game going strong.

Gone will be Ross Nobles, a 5-10 guard, and the other member of this year's talented trio — which scored every point in the state championship game — Kirby Lemons. The 6-6 MVP of District 4-5A averaged 25 points a game for MHS.

"It will be a big deal," Tatum said of replacing Lemons. "No one fills his void but we have others who can start for anyone in the district."

"It will be a lot of pressure. We will not have the base of the triangle next year."

Stephenson says contenders to replace Lemons include Randy Gardner (6-5), Tyler Shumskie (6-5) and Weldon Cooks (6-3). Overall Midland High will return three starters and eight lettermen.

"That is neat to build around people," Stephenson said. "We built around the Big Three this season. When you have three or four good players, it makes it nice."

Lemons, who averaged 10 boards a game at the state tournament, says that this year's season will help the team during times next season, and that tradition will be the team's greatest motivation.

"The whole Midland High tradition is to do your best, and coach Stephenson will not let them slack off," said Lemons, a three-year starter. "The program has come so far and he and coach (Craig) Raughton deserve credit for it."

"They will step up," Lemons said. "They will be back with a win under their belt and be able to do the same thing. The other seniors will take care of it, and hopefully, they will be back in Austin."

Final statistics for Midland High's 1997-98 season (36-2, 11-1)

Player	G	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.	Kris O'Brien	30	10	4	26	0.9
Kirby Lemons	37	385	145	924	25.0	Jessie Nicholson	27	6	9	23	0.9
Charles Tatum	37	259	95	712	19.2	Eric Petterson	26	9	4	22	0.9
Jay Christian	38	214	99	548	14.4	Taylor Moody	25	7	3	20	0.8
Blake Johnston	29	53	35	147	5.1	Randy Gardner	24	4	8	16	0.7
Ross Nobles	38	45	38	156	4.1	Antoine Lathan	17	4	2	11	0.7
Camar Jackson	38	68	19	156	4.1	Geoffrey Jameson	26	3	1	8	0.3
Patrick Anderson	38	61	16	138	3.6	Melvin Jackson	11	0	1	1	0.1
Chris Cox	23	27	6	68	2.9	Robert O'Neal	3	0	0	0	0.0
Josh Fernau	30	20	6	49	1.6						
Brent Winter	33	17	11	47	1.4						
Chris Oldham	3	1	0	3	1.0						
Jason Williams	30	5	15	26	0.9						

Three-Point Goals: Tatum 99, Nobles 28, Christian 19, Johnston 9, Lemons 9, Cox 8, Fernau 3, Nicholson 2, OBrien 2, Winter 2, Moody 2, Jackson 1, Williams 1, Lathan 1, Oldham 1, Jameson 1

Congratulations MIDLAND HIGH BULLDOGS 5A State Champs

We Are
Proud Backers Of The Pack



Community National Bank

Main Bank
601 E. Florida
684-3975

San Miguel Sq.
3303 N. Midkiff
694-3333

Midland Drive
1609 N. Midland Dr.
694-5336

One Wall Plaza
306 W. Wall
682-6000

Congratulations Dawgs! State Champs



RICOCHET
Sports and Graphics, Inc.

424 Andrews Hwy • 570-4226
Midland, Texas

State Championship
T-Shirts

Way To Go Bulldogs! 1998 State Basketball Champs!



RAM

PIPE AND EQUIPMENT CO., INC.
New and Used Casing and Tubing

LARRY COX, President

P.O. Box 3244 • Midland, TX 79702

Ph: (915) 683-7473 • Fax: (915) 683-7476 • Beeper: (915) 498-1022

MHS brings home state title after stellar 1997-98 season

Continued from 1

The Bulldogs placed the 100-point haymaker on three teams. They scored 109 points against a team from Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio. They also busted Odessa High twice, 109-47 and 106-62, in district play.

MHS could have had many more 100-point games, but coach Jack Stephenson often put 18 players on the floor during the season. He always seemed to find some playing time for his bench. Still, the Bulldogs had another 10 games with 90 or more points.

When the state playoffs arrived, the path to the title didn't appear to be any more cluttered than in regular season.

MHS bombed El Paso Eastwood in the area round 95-68. They turned around with what was its poorest performance in the playoffs with a 67-52 win over El Paso Hanks, still a 15-point victory.

The toughest game probably came from Duncanville in the Region I semifinals at Chaparral Center before 5,300 fans, the second largest turnout in the Region I history. Duncanville was the defending Region I champion, eliminating MHS a year ago from the playoffs. MHS got revenge, 71-62. Even though it was a nine-point win, the Bulldogs controlled the game.

They won the region championship with an 85-72 win over Flower Mound Marcus. Only the Final Four tournament in Austin remained and Pearland and Taft were no match.

It was also the year of the Big Three for Midland High. The powerful and quick Lemons (25 points per game), and the two phenomenal juniors Charles Tatum (19.2) and Jay Christian (14.4) gave the Bulldogs scoring and defensive punch. Add in sophomore Blake Johnston and senior Ross Nobles and there were few teams that could withstand the Bulldogs' pressure defense for 32 minutes of play.

It was almost fitting that the Big Three scored all of Midland High's 63 points in the finals (Lemons 18, Christian 23 and Tatum 22). Johnston had 10 assists, bringing the 12,000-plus fans at the Erwin Center to its feet more than once. Nobles gave up his body as usual with his floor diving antics.

Camar Jackson, the team's recognized sixth man, had a career high 15 points in the semifinals of the state tournament. Melvin Jackson scored his first point of the season in the state semifinals after shuffling all year between the varsity and junior varsity.

Chris Cox, who scored a season high 14 points with five 3-point bombs against Eastwood in the playoffs, only got token time in the semifinals, but he connected with one of his patented treys.

There were also a couple of forgettable moments to the season. The forfeit to Permian officially cost Midland High its district winning streak of 27 games. Lemons had to serve a one-game suspension for taking a box of girl scout cookies out of a teacher's desk at school.

Fortunately, neither incident caused a ripple in the Bulldogs' attack. They already had a three-game lead over the field when they had to forfeit the Permian game.

In fact, the forfeit did more damage to Midland Lee's effort of earning its sixth consecutive playoff berth than any damage the Bulldogs received. The forfeit put Permian back into the playoff hunt and old Mojo played in the state playoffs for the first time in 11 years, gaining the Region I semifinals before falling to Flower Mound Marcus. Lee ended up spending a rare season at home.

And that was the season that brought Midland High its first state basketball championship.

It was formerly reported that this was Midland's only state basketball championship, but Carver High School gave Midland a AA state basketball title at Prairie View A&M in 1963 under coach Willie A. Jones.

Since Carver is no longer a high school in Midland, there are no active records kept. That seems a shame since Carver produced a very impressive football and basketball history on its own merits.

The MHS basketball title is the third team state championship

for the school as far as we know. The MHS baseball team won a state title in 1973 and the MHS girls golf team won a state crown in 1975.

Regardless of how you look at it, state championships are rare indeed in any sport. MHS gave us a season to remember.

1998: The Bulldogs' Glory Year

Congratulations Bulldogs!

We're proud of you!



SONIC

2310 N. Big Spring
683-2552

1109 N. Midkiff
697-3301

Rankin Hwy. at I-20
682-8899

4201 N. Midland Drive
694-0991

We're Proud of Our State Champs!



MIDLAND HIGH SCHOOL BOY'S BASKETBALL BOOSTER CLUB

CONGRATULATIONS!

"If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with success unexpected in common hours."

Jack Sherman

BUICK **CHEVROLET** mazda

Customer Satisfaction ... First!

VOTED MIDLAND'S BEST NEW AND USED CAR DEALERSHIP

Internet: <http://www.jacksherman.com> • E-mail: sherman@jacksherman.com

4100 WEST WALL • MIDLAND, TEXAS • SALES HOTLINE 520-0156 • 694-9601



We Know What It Takes To Be The Best!



Blake Johnston (10) season.

Pack

By Terry Williams
Sports Editor

PECOS — Midland's whole of its gray matter here Friday night at the School gym, but the Bulldogs still won.

The 32-2 Purple Hanks soundly ended 5A region quarterfinals that this was a sensation of basketball usually give.

Still, it was a win coming home to open the night at 6 p.m. canville, the team from the state's run-juncture a year ago.

"We made a lot of we don't usually make said MHS head coach Stephenson. "I think ahead so badly to didn't play as well as we still won by 15 points."

"We'll take it. We'll take the best I've ever had."

W

Midland

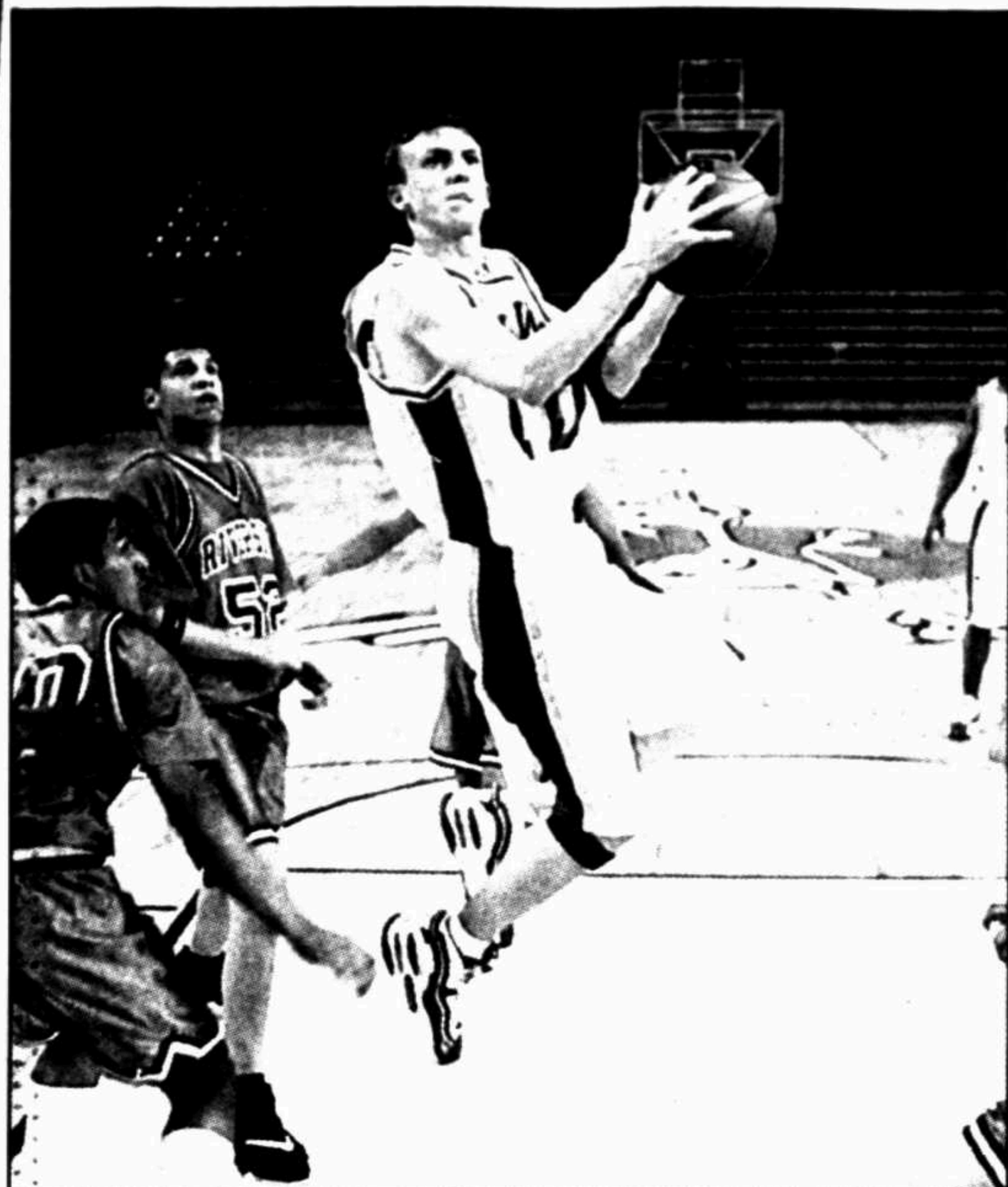
State

Te

WA



KE



Blake Johnston (10) scores for the Dawgs early in their championship season.

Dawgs begin journey to state title

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

PECOS — The winning formula may be getting old, but it's the tried and true method for the 31-2 Midland High Bulldogs.

MHS thundered to a 95-68 Class 5A area basketball playoff victory here Friday night over the El Paso Eastwood Troopers, using that same victory formula.

Oh, the formula is simple enough. Being ranked No. 2 in the state, most teams come at the Bulldogs with razor blades flashing. That lasts about a quarter-and-a-half when the expected Purple Pack explosion comes so fast that teams are left wallowing in their dust.

It was a fact that Eastwood coach Gary Phippen recognized right away.

"It was like little kids playing against big bullies," Phippen said. "Eventually, it takes its toll. Midland High has depth and size and that is a killer for us. I wished (MHS coach) Jack (Stephenson) good luck the rest of the way because I think they are going to do something down the road."

Phippen could have used the excuse that he had lost four players to grades on Friday, including senior stalwart Gabe Hernandez,

but he didn't.

"Hernandez is worth about 12 points and 15 rebounds to me in every game. He is the best post player in El Paso, end of sentence," Phippen said, but added, "Even with him, it might have been a little closer, but we wouldn't have beaten that team."

Eastwood held a 27-26 lead with 4:29 still left to play in the first half. But MHS' formula went to work. Guard Charles Tatum, who ignited a charge against Eastwood last year in the region quarterfinals at this same site, knocked down three treys and the rout was beginning.

MHS put it away in the third quarter with a 28-12 run with Tatum hitting for nine points and Camar Jackson for eight. Tatum ended with a game-high 27 points while Jackson continued to be red hot off the bench with 10 points, hitting four of five from the field.

But even this victory had a new twist for the Bulldogs. MHS hit 14 of 20 three-point shots in what is believed to be a single game school record. Tatum hit five. Even 6-6 post Kirby Lemons hit three. But the biggest surprise was the four of five from Chris Cox off the bench in the second half. Cox ended the night with 14 points, the first time this year to be in double figures. Every time Cox took a 3-point

shot, the MHS bench stood and signaled it good.

"I just got on fire," Cox said. "I knew the ball was going in when it left my hand. This feels really great because I've been working on the three-point shot for the past two weeks. It's like you just want someone to give you the ball."

MHS assistant coach Craig Raughton said, "This is very unusual for us to hit that many threes. That has to be a school record. These kids are something. They can score in a hurry."

Tatum had 19 of his 27 points in the middle two periods, but naturally, they came when needed most.

"It was like a challenge was calling and I just led the charge," Tatum said. "Everyone stepped up their game."

Lemons, MHS' leading scorer, was just under his average of 25.7 points per game with 23, but he had his usual double-double with a game-high 12 rebounds. Taylor Moody also came off the bench for a trey and Jay Christian, who sat most of the game after a technical foul, had the other. Christian had only seven points, all coming in the first quarter. The technical obviously bothered Stephenson, who argued the call on the sideline.

"There is a saying in life that the

cream always rises to the top and that's what we saw tonight," Stephenson said of his team's explosive third period. "The intramurals are over. This is the playoffs. Chris Cox can shoot the ball as good as anyone. And he doesn't know what pressure is. Kirby (Lemons) and Chuck (Tatum) did what they always do."

"We may lose to someone, but they better bring some folks because these guys can play the game."

Eastwood got 22 points from Jerry DeLaPena while Ben Karam had 14 points and Joel Martinez 12. However, DeLaPena had 10 fourth quarter points when the game had long been decided.

Eastwood ends its season at 23-11, having been eliminated by MHS two years in a row. And Phippen wasn't too pleased to be looking down the MHS roster.

"They're going to be good again next year with that guard (Tatum) and that big guy (Christian) back next year."

Midland High now goes against El Paso Hanks in the region quarterfinals next week. Stephenson was to set up the place and time with Hanks sometime today. Hanks defeated Abilene High Friday night in Odessa.

Pack struggles against E.P. Hanks but makes it into Sweet 16

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

PECOS — Midland High didn't use the whole of its gray matter upstairs at times here Friday night in the Pecos High School gym, but the scary part is that the Bulldogs still won by 15 points.

The 32-2 Purple Pack defeated El Paso Hanks soundly enough, 67-52, in the Class 5A region quarterfinals, but it was obvious that this wasn't the best overall presentation of basketball that the Bulldogs usually give.

Still, it was a win and the Bulldogs are coming home to open the Region I tournament at 6 p.m. Friday against Duncanville, the team that eliminated MHS from the state's run for roses at this same juncture a year ago.

"We made a lot of mental mistakes that we don't usually make, but we will take it," said MHS head basketball coach Jack Stephenson. "I think we were looking ahead so badly to this weekend that we didn't play as well as we can. But, shoot, we still won by 15 points."

"We'll take it. We're 33-1 on the floor and the best I've ever had here before was 32-5."

Added MHS assistant coach Craig Raughton, "At this stage, it doesn't matter if you win by one or 31. The win is the big thing. I still wish we had played a little better, but (Bob) Haack does a great coaching job with his kids. We've always had problems playing his teams."

This was a game of jerky offenses that played like two old cars that will sputter awhile before catching hold. Each team made runs, but each also heard the sputter.

For instance, MHS vaulted to a 10-0 lead out of the gate and looked like they were going to rip the heads off the Knights, who end their season at 26-7. But Hanks roared back for a 15-14 lead in the first quarter and led again at 20-19 in the second period. But each time the Knights would rally, MHS would go down court and get a trey from Ross Nobles and Charles Tatum to start the old car in another lunge forward.

MHS senior Kirby Lemons led the charge with his usual effort on the floor, hitting 25 points with 11 of 14 shots from the field. And he didn't see any problems arising from this effort.

"The games aren't getting any tougher,

'Every time out now teams get stronger, quicker and rebound better. We're in the Sweet 16 and it's time to buckle down.'

— MHS guard Charles Tatum

but this team kept fighting back and didn't lay down. Our offense was dragging and we needed to rush back down the floor on defense better," Lemons said. "Now, we play before the home crowd Friday and that's going to be something. I think the whole team was looking forward to that."

Hanks' Haack felt the key turning point came in the third quarter when his team was trailing by seven points, but the Knights missed a layup and MHS went back down the floor for a Lemons slam and he was fouled on the play to turn in

three points.

"When we closed to within seven and had the opportunity for a layup, I thought we might make a game of it. But we don't hit the layup and Kirby slams one on us for a five-point swing," Haack said. "I thought Midland High was much quicker than we thought they were. We're a quick team, but not that quick. I was impressed the way they can make mistakes and correct so quickly."

Hanks was led by the quick Garrett Richardson, the grandson of Arkansas basketball coach Nolan Richardson. He had 18 points and had lightning quick moves to the basket. No other Hanks player had double figures. Post Rich Long was in foul trouble most of the game and ended the night with eight points and seven rebounds. Chris Mora had nine points, but all of them came in the first quarter. He was 0-for-7 from the field after that.

MHS guard Charles Tatum had 16 points, but this was not one of his most impressive outings by a long shot.

"Every time out now teams get stronger, quicker and rebound better," Tatum said. "We're now in the Sweet 16

and it's time to buckle down. It's a relief to go back to our back yard."

Nobles came out of a mild scoring slump for 10 points, hitting a couple of big threes in key situations. He, too, was glad to get this one out of the way.

"It seems like 10 years since we played in the region tournament last year," Nobles said. "I sure hope we have a packed house. We need all the support we can get."

MHS Jay Christian had nine points and eight rebounds and he was definitely ready to get back to the Chap.

"It says on the door mat, Home Sweet Home," Christian said. "Everyone wondered if we would get back to the region tournament and we're there. We were so anxious to do this that it sometimes showed on the court. But this time we want to make it to Saturday afternoon."

Friday's Region I semifinal winners will play at 1 p.m. Saturday for a Final Four berth in Austin the following weekend. So far, MHS has taken the necessary steps. If there was ever a reason for a sellout in Midland, this has to be it.



WESTERN ATLAS

Congratulates the
**Midland High Bulldogs on their
1998 Boy's Basketball
State Championship Victory!!**

Western Atlas/Western Geophysical
550 W. Texas, Suite 500 • Midland, TX 79701-4758
Tel/915-682-9247 • Fax/915-687-2727 • www.waii.com

WAY TO GO BULLDOGS!



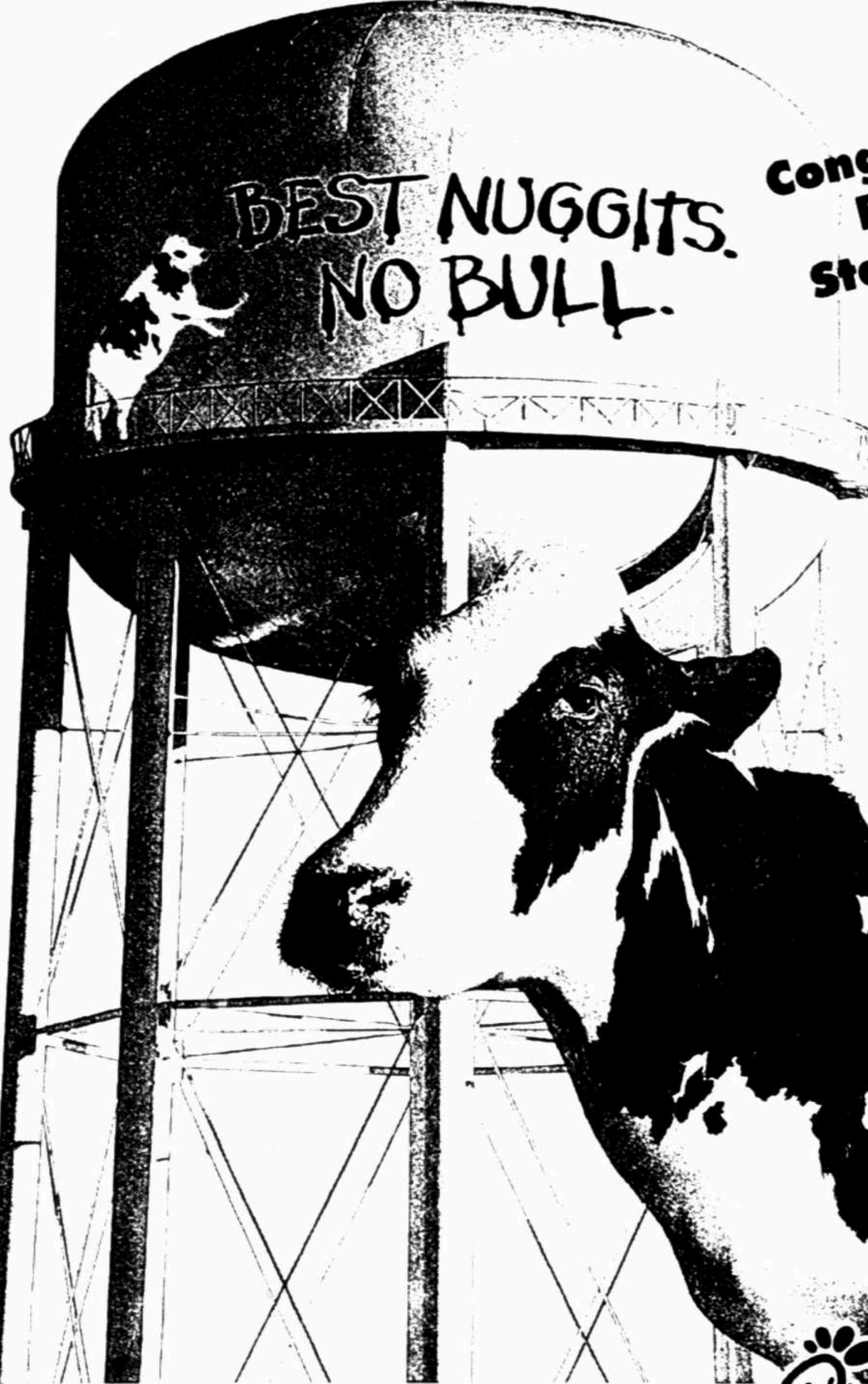
5-A STATE CHAMPS

KEN, JANE, JUSTIN & COLBY
OVERSTREET

ENVOYÉ TRAVEL

of Midland

1028-B ANDREWS HWY • MIDLAND • 689-0057



**Congratulations
Bulldogs!
State Champs!**

Praise for the deliciously unique Chick-fil-A Nuggets is showing up everywhere. Must be because they're bite-size pieces of chicken breast seasoned and breaded for that one-of-a-kind Chick-fil-A taste. People are crazy for them, and apparently cows are too.

Chick-fil-A
We Didn't Invent The Chicken.
Just The Chicken Sandwich.

**Free Chick-fil-A®
Nuggets (8-pack)**
with purchase of large Waffle Fries
and large Dr Pepper.
Expires 4-30-98

**Free Chick-fil-A®
Nuggets (8-pack)**
with purchase of same.
Expires 4-30-98

Good at both Midland locations.

M
A
R

1
9
9
8

Bulldogs defeat defending region champion Duncanville

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

Who says education is dead in America?

More than 5,000 fans turned out at Chaparral Center Friday night to see a new math seminar put on by the Midland High Bulldogs in the Region I-5A basketball tournament. MHS got a taste of revenge and escaped defending region champion Duncanville, 71-62, with some new math to climb into today's region finals against Flower Mound Marcus.

When the Bulldogs and Marauders meet at 1 p.m. today at the Chap, the winner will own a Final Four berth and a bus ride to Austin next weekend. Tickets for today's game are \$5 and the ticket office opens at 10:30 a.m. The Chap sold more than 6,000 tickets Friday in what was the biggest night of basketball in the arena's history.

And, of course, most came for the math lesson. MHS math goes like this - Three minus two still equals a win.

The Bulldogs, now 33-2 on the year, fought off foul trouble to take the win, and it wasn't just average foul trouble since junior guard Charles Tatum and 6-foot-6 senior post Kirby Lemons both had nine time early with four and three fouls, respectively, in the first half. In other words, two of Midland's Big Three were limited in court time in the biggest game of the year.

Tatum sat out almost a full two quarters and Lemons missed the most of one period. Lemons, however, still played enough to dump in 26 points and haul down 12 rebounds. Tatum, averaging 19 points per game, had only eight points.

It was time to work on the math formula and the Bulldogs found some much needed whiz kids.

"We had players step up big time," said MHS coach Jack Stephenson. "I should have known, but I thought Tatum had only three fouls. I nearly fainted when the scoring table held up four fingers. But these kids do whatever it takes to win. When we were still leading at the half by one point (40-39), I knew we were going to win. After all, we had two of the best players in the state sitting on the bench."

Jay Christian, a member of the Big Three, came through with 21 points. Camar Jackson came off

the bench for nine points. And guards Ross Nobles and Blake Johnston led the defensive charge, playing with abandon.

Nobles crashed into the crowd and walls at least four times, leaving not a spot on his body unbruised. He turned in the most telling performance.

Marcus' Roosevelt Brown had 16

appearance in 11 years.

But Flower Mound had too much punch for the Panthers as 6-7 Ben Cooper pumped in 29 points while Rob Attaway had 12 points and 10 rebounds. The Marauders out-rebounded Permian by an amazing 41-19 margin.

Permian sophomore Roy Williams led Permian with 15

MHS got a taste of revenge and escaped defending region champion Duncanville, 71-62, with some new math to climb into today's region finals against Flower Mound Marcus.

points in the first half, but was held to a goose egg by Nobles in the second half. If there was a key to new math, that opens the door.

"I'm still dizzy," said Nobles of his floor-crashing night, "but I'm a senior and I wasn't going leave anything behind. With Kirby and Charles out, I knew we had to step up our game."

And what a game it was. There were 14 lead changes and six ties before Lemons gave the Bulldogs a 51-50 lead with an inside move on Duncanville's 6-8 Brian Boddicker in the third period. MHS never trailed again.

The final nine-point margin of victory was the biggest lead of the night for either team. Lemons iced the game, scoring the last five points in the last 27 seconds when the Panthers were forced to foul.

"I work on my free throws 10 or 15 minutes every day after practice," Lemons said. "I want it on the line with me shooting free throws in a game like this. That's what I work for."

Christian stayed on the floor and was a huge contributor.

"With two parts of the Big Three out, I knew I had to step up," Christian said. "I knew I had to get me some garbage since the paper was calling me the Garbage Man."

Duncanville's Boddicker had 15 points and Royce Colley added 10, but Lemons and Christian won this scoring match. And with Jackson contributing nine off the bench, MHS's ship keeps sailing in playoff waters.

The Marauders will join MHS today in the finals with what was an easy whipping of Permian, District 4-5A's Cinderella squad of 1998. Permian, 4-5A's second place team, was making its first playoff

points while senior E.J. Miller completed his Panther career with 10.

In the finals today, there will be a highly anticipated matchup between MHS' Lemons and Flower Mound's Cooper in the deep trench. But it will be a game of different styles.

The Marauders would love to force an execution match while the Bulldogs will want the up-tempo game.

"Coach (Mark) Wendel used to coach at Crane, so we've known him a long time," Stephenson said. "If they get us in a half-court game, we have some problems. We may get beat, but we won't get beat by 23."

Wendel said, "We had some early jitters, but once we got some isolation looks, we settled down and the kids came to play."

"Against Midland, it will be a rowdy crowd and a partial crowd, but we're glad to be in this game and it isn't any more hostile here than it is when we play district games at The Colony or Lewisville."

Both coaches planned on burning the midnight oil to ready their teams for this turnaround game.

"There won't be any rest tonight," Stephenson said. "We've got to get ready to play. I've been living on adrenalin for the past two weeks anyway. But this is worth it."

Wendel said, "I have to look at some film tonight and see where we stand. I would say that we would match up better with Duncanville than Midland, but I like our chances. We're just excited to be in the region finals."

Tournament Notes: The MHS-Duncanville game sold out three hours before the game. One Per-



Jay Christian, left, and Brent Winter fight for a rebound against Duncanville.

Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

mian fan bought 500 tickets in fear that some of the Permian faithful might be left out in the cold. After the MHS-Duncanville game, when some fans left, more tickets were then sold. Around 6,000 tickets were sold in all, making it the best draw ever for a basketball evening at any level in Midland. The ticket crunch today may not be as severe since Permian is eliminated, but another sellout could easily be on the drawing board.

Region I-5A Semifinals
Midland High 71, Duncanville 62
Duncanville (29-6): Tre Johnson, 15-12-3; Roosevelt Brown, 6-16-3-16; Ryan Randle, 1-5-1-2-3; Royce Colley, 4-9-2-3-10; Brian Boddicker, 7-8-1-1-15; Brandon Davis, 1-12-2-4; Tyson Williams, 1-2-0-0-2; David Sykes, 3-7-2-3-9. Totals: 24-53 12-17 62.
Midland High (33-2): Charles Tatum, 3-9-2-3-8; Jason Williams, 0-0-0-0-0; Kris O'Brien, 0-0-0-0-0; Blake Johnston, 1-2-0-1-2; Ross Nobles, 2-3-0-0-5; Jay Christian, 9-12-2-2-1; Patrick Anderson, 0-0-0-0-0; Brent Winter, 0-0-0-0-0; Kirby Lemons, 10-15-6-8-26; Camar Jackson, 4-5-1-2-9. Totals: 29-46 11-16 71.

Flower Mound Marcus 71, Odessa Permian 48
Odessa Permian (22-13): E.J. Miller, 4-12-2-3-10; Henry Burk, 1-5-2-2-5; Roy Williams, 5-8-4-6-15; Lennon Noland, 0-0-0-0-0; John Johnson, 2-6-0-0-5; Duane Chapman, 2-9-0-0-4; Ryan Fortenberry, 1-1-0-0-2; Will Nelson, 1-3-0-0-2; Jeremy Allen, 1-2-0-0-3; Tom Perovic, 0-2-0-0-0; Cory Cobb, 1-3-0-0-2. Totals: 18-51 9-14 48.
Flower Mound Marcus (29-4): Austin Allen, 2-8-0-0-6; Matt Hinz, 0-1-0-0-0; Marques Owens, 4-7-0-0-9; Anthony Ulakovic, 2-9-1-2-5; Craig Skustmas, 1-1-0-0-2; Rob Attaway, 5-9-2-2-12; Mark McGuire, 0-0-0-0-0; Thomas Hanley, 4-6-0-3-8; Ben Cooper, 10-19-7-8-29; Bill McIvor, 0-1-0-1-0. Totals: 28-61 10-16 71.
Odessa Permian 17 9 4 17 48
FM Marcus 17 20 13 21 71
Three-Point Goals: OP 3-18 (Miller 0-3, Burk 1-5, Williams 1-3, Johnson 1-5, Nelson 0-2) FMM 5-12 (Allen 2-6, Owens 1-2, Ulakovic 0-1, Attaway 0-1, Cooper 2-2). Total Fouls: OP 19 FMM 17. Fouled Out: Nurse. Rebounds: OP 19 (Chapman 7), FMM 41 (Attaway 10). Turnovers: Duncanville 18 MHS 15.

UIL Region 1 boys basketball tournament history

(Since 1981 when Region 1 moved to Midland)

1981: Semifinals: Fort Worth Dunbar 60, Midland High 76; El Paso Eastwood 62, Pampa 61. Finals: Dunbar 65, Eastwood 57.
1982: Semifinals: El Paso High 37, Dunbar 34; Pampa 51, Denton 35. Finals: Pampa 59, El Paso 51.
1983: Semifinals: Fort Worth Paschal 60, Eastwood 50; Dunbar 58, El Paso Bel Air 49. Finals: Paschal 55, Dunbar 54.
1984: Semifinals: Fort Worth Southwest 65, El Paso Jefferson 48; Dunbar 59, El Paso Riverside 42. Finals: Dunbar 57, Southwest 55.
1985: Semifinals: Lubbock Monterey 58, Denton 57; Southwest 54, Amarillo Palo Duro 52. Finals: Southwest 67, Monterey 60.
1986: Semifinals: Amarillo High 61, South Grand Prairie 53; Dunbar 59, Eastwood 50. Finals: Amarillo High 72, Dunbar 63.
1987: Semifinals: Amarillo High 66, Arlington Martin 51; Dunbar 66, Eastwood 73. Finals: Dunbar 63, Amarillo High 57.
1988: Semifinals: Southwest 66, El Paso High 52; Dunbar 84, Abilene High 46. Finals: Dunbar 81, Southwest 41.
1989: Semifinals: Amarillo Tascosa 67, Dunbar 66; Southwest 76, El Paso Irvin 43. Finals: Southwest 77, Tascosa 52.

1990: Semifinals: Plainview 71, Arlington Martin 66; Dunbar 77, El Paso Hawks 66. Finals: Dunbar defeated Plainview.
1991: Semifinals: Dunbar 58, El Paso Coronado 37; Arlington Sam Houston 77, Monterey 68. Finals: Dunbar 71, Sam Houston 62.
1992: Semifinals: Dunbar 56, El Paso Coronado 40; Fort Worth O.D. Wyatt 66, Monterey 58. Finals: O.D. Wyatt 74, Dunbar 67.
1993: Semifinals: Dunbar 70, El Paso Coronado 54; El Paso Hawks 57, Hurst L.D. Bell 51. Finals: Dunbar 77, Hawks 67.
1994: Semifinals: Midland High 67, Dunbar 65; The Colony 66, Abilene Cooper 53. Finals: Midland High 68, The Colony 60.
1995: Semifinals: Abilene Cooper 58, Sallis Trinity 46; El Paso Riverside 74, Dunbar 73. Finals: Riverside 48, Cooper 45.
1996: Semifinals: Irvin 61, Dunbar 72; Sallis Trinity 61, Abilene Cooper 58. Finals: Trinity 74, Irvin 60.
1997: Semifinals: Dunbar 78, Abilene Cooper 68; Duncanville 74, Midland High 68. Finals: Duncanville 68, Dunbar 58.
1998: Semifinals: Midland High 71, Duncanville 62; Flower Mound Marcus 71, Odessa Permian 48. Finals: Midland High 65, Flower Mound Marcus 72.

MISD
for every child...

Congratulations
to the
Midland High School
Bulldogs Basketball
State Champions
from the
MISD Board of

Trustees
& Staff



Midland College Chaps
&
The Lady Chaps



Congratulate the
Bulldogs
on their



1998

STATE



CHAMPIONSHIP!

Bulldogs

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

Maybe Midland was feeling left out to form, but at 29 points, the Purple

72 at Chaparral Center close to 4,000 championship fans.

Tatum was a Bulldogs will urday in search of the state championship and point shots and

This was a day earlier, outing, almost champion Duncanville and a foul game with only worst game of

"Charles made Stephenson," all this year going to come

Tatum was with four treys. "I just had to me last night, on the sideline back into the

The Marauders to a test of will 12 times in the layup with 1:21 lead, one th

Even though game, the Marauders in the game, b

A four-point p od and a buck 0 run and a 13

MHS upped third quarter a free throw f

It looked th reservations,

in the game, t with him to th

"With Kirby to leave anyth up my game,"

en points off there and get With Lemons the Bulldogs' offense and fo

WE
VOTED
BEST
TO
TRU
THE
OF M
BALL

Bulldogs win Region I-5A basketball championship

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

Maybe Midland High junior guard Charles Tatum was feeling left out, or maybe, he was just returning to form, but after putting on a shooting exhibition of 29 points, the Bulldogs are headed for Austin.

The Purple Pack rocked Flower Mound Marcus 85-72 at Chaparral Center Saturday afternoon before close to 4,000 fans to win the Region I-5A basketball championship, earning the state's elite Final Four status.

Tatum was a huge reason the No. 2 state-ranked Bulldogs will visit the capital city Friday and Saturday in search for the brass ring of all brass rings - the state championship. He hit 10-of-14 shots from the field and 4-of-4 free throws. He canned 5-of-8 3-point shots and came down with seven rebounds.

This was a huge performance considering that only a day earlier, Tatum, who is averaging 19 points per outing, almost missed MHS' game with defending champion Duncanville, drawing three first quarter fouls and a fourth in the second quarter, ending the game with only eight points in what was arguably his worst game of the year.

"Charles made a statement," said MHS coach Jack Stephenson. "I've never seen him have a bad game all this year until last night and I just knew he was going to come back with something special."

Tatum was special, scoring 14 points in the first half with four treys to set the tone.

"I just had to get over mentally what happened to me last night," Tatum said. "I don't belong over there on the sideline watching the game. It was great to get back into the action."

The Marauders looked like they might push MHS to a test of wills as the two teams exchanged the lead 12 times in the first quarter. But a Kirby Lemons layup with 1:02 left in the first period gave MHS a 23-21 lead, one the Bulldogs never surrendered again.

Even though MHS controlled the tempo of the game, the Marauders, 29-5 for the season, tried to stay in the game, but MHS kept using spurts to pull away. A four-point play by Ross Nobles in the second period and a bucket by Camar Jackson gave MHS a 10-0 run and a 13-point, 36-23 lead.

MHS upped that margin to 58-40, 18 points, in the third quarter when Jackson converted a layup and a free throw for a three-point play.

It looked then that MHS could start making hotel reservations, but Lemons fouled out with 5:11 still left in the game, taking his 18 points and eight rebounds with him to the bench.

"With Kirby on the bench, I told him I wasn't going to leave anything on the floor. I knew I had to step up my game," said Jackson, who responded with seven points off the bench. "Kirby told me to just go in there and get the rebounds."

With Lemons out, Marcus rallied briefly, cutting the Bulldogs' lead to 72-66 with 2:14 left to play, but the Bulldogs took control again, using a spread offense and forcing Marcus to foul each trip down the

floor.

Marcus couldn't get any closer, losing both Marques Owens (10 points) and Anthony Ulakovic (12 points) to fouls.

"Going to the spread offense is no fun for our kids. They don't like it much," Stephenson said, "but what do you have to do to stop it? Everything is in our favor. We can shoot the free throws, we have quickness and we have depth on the bench."

"It was once said that fatigue makes cowards of us all and that's why I've played so many players all these years. And we had kids step in and play big off the bench when we needed them."

"Camar may be the heart and soul of our team. He quarterbacked our football team and then came out here and worked hard and you have no idea what he has meant to our basketball team. I was concerned when Kirby fouled out, but Camar went out there and played with the same vengeance."

Senior Patrick Anderson came off the bench with six points. Jay Christian, who had 21 points against Duncanville, had only eight points and five rebounds. Sophomore starter Blake Johnston had only four points, but had a great defensive game.

Marcus got a game-high 30 points from 6-7 junior Ben Cooper, who hit 13-of-17 free throws. Lemons, before fouling out, had a good day against Cooper, hitting 9-of-11 shots from the field.

"We played them well for the most part, but we let Midland have a couple of runs that hurt us and they got separation, going up by 18 points. That's not a hole you want to climb out of against that team."

After the game, Midland High got some good and bad news as far as the state tournament next weekend is concerned.

Two-time defending state champion San Antonio Taft (34-4) defeated San Antonio Clark, 64-54, in the Region IV-5A finals. Taft gave the Bulldogs their only on-court loss of the season, 70-60, on Nov. 29 in San Antonio.

But there was good news. Dallas Kimball, the No. 1 ranked team at the end of regular season, was shocked by Round Rock Westwood, 59-50, in the Region II-5A finals.

Region I-5A Finals

Midland High 85, Flower Mound Marcus 72

Flower Mound Marcus (29-5): Austin Allen, 3-9 0-0 9; Matt Hinz, 1-3 0-0 3; Marques Owens, 3-6 3-4 10; Anthony Ulakovic, 2-8 7-9 12; Craig Skistimas 0-0 0-0 0; Rob Attaway, 3-9 2-4 8; Mark McGuire, 0-0 0-0 0; Ben Cooper, 8-16 13-17 30; Bill Mohr, 0-1 0-0 0. Totals: 20-54 25-34 72.

Midland High (34-2): Charles Tatum, 10-14 4-4 29; Jason Williams, 0-0 0-0 0; Kris O'Brien, 1-1 0-0 2; Blake Johnston, 2-4 5-8 9; Jessie Nicholson, 0-0 0-0 0; Ross Nobles, 1-4 3-5 6; Jay Christian, 3-7 2-4 8; Patrick Anderson, 3-5 0-0 6; Taylor Moody, 0-0 0-0 0; Brent Winter, 0-1 0-0 0; Chris Cox, 0-1 0-0 0; Kirby Lemons, 9-11 0-1 18; Camar Jackson, 3-4 1-1 7; Josh Fernau, 0-0 0-0 0; Randy Gardner, 0-0 0-0 0; Chris Oldham, 0-0 0-0 0; Antoine Lathan, 0-0 0-0 0; Erik Petterson, 0-0 0-0 0; Melvin Jackson, 0-0 0-0 0. Totals: 32-52 15-23 85.

Flower Mound Marcus 21 11 15 25 -72
Midland High 23 17 22 23 -85

Three-Point Goals: FMM 7-22 (Austin 3-8; Hinz 1-3; Owens 1-1; Ulakovic 1-4; Attaway 0-3; Cooper 1-3); MHS 6-17 (Tatum 5-8; Nobles 1-4; Christian 0-1; Cox 0-1; Lemons 0-1; Johnston 0-2); Total Fouls FMM 23; MHS 22; Fouled Out: FMM Owens, Ulakovic; MHS Lemons; Rebounds FMM 19 (Attaway 8); MHS 35 (Lemons 8); Turnovers FMM 8; MHS 16.



Olsten
Health ServicesSM

24 Hours/7 Days A Week
SERVING THE PERMIAN BASIN
AREA FOR 10 YEARS



Congratulates the



'98 State Champions
Midland High Bulldogs

2503 W. Ohio • Midland, Texas 79701 • 1-800-526-0917 • 915-570-4694

JCAHO ACCREDITED • MEDICARE/MEDICAID CERTIFIED ALL PERSONNEL ARE ASSIGNED & SUPERVISED BY RN's.

**BILL WALKER'S AIR CONDITIONING
AND HEATING**



Way to Go!
'98 State Champions
MIDLAND HIGH BULLDOGS



683-1804 • 1-800-563-1804

IT'S HARD TO STOP A TRANE



WE WERE
VOTED THE
BEST PLACE
TO BUY A
TRUCK IN
THE "BEST
OF MIDLAND"
BALLOTING!

CONGRATULATIONS
"Midland High Bulldogs"
for bringing the State 5-A
Championship Home!

*From the #1 Ford Dealership in New
Vehicle Sales in the Permian Basin...*

ROGERS★FORD



4200 WEST WALL • 694-8801 • 800-583-8801

M
A
R

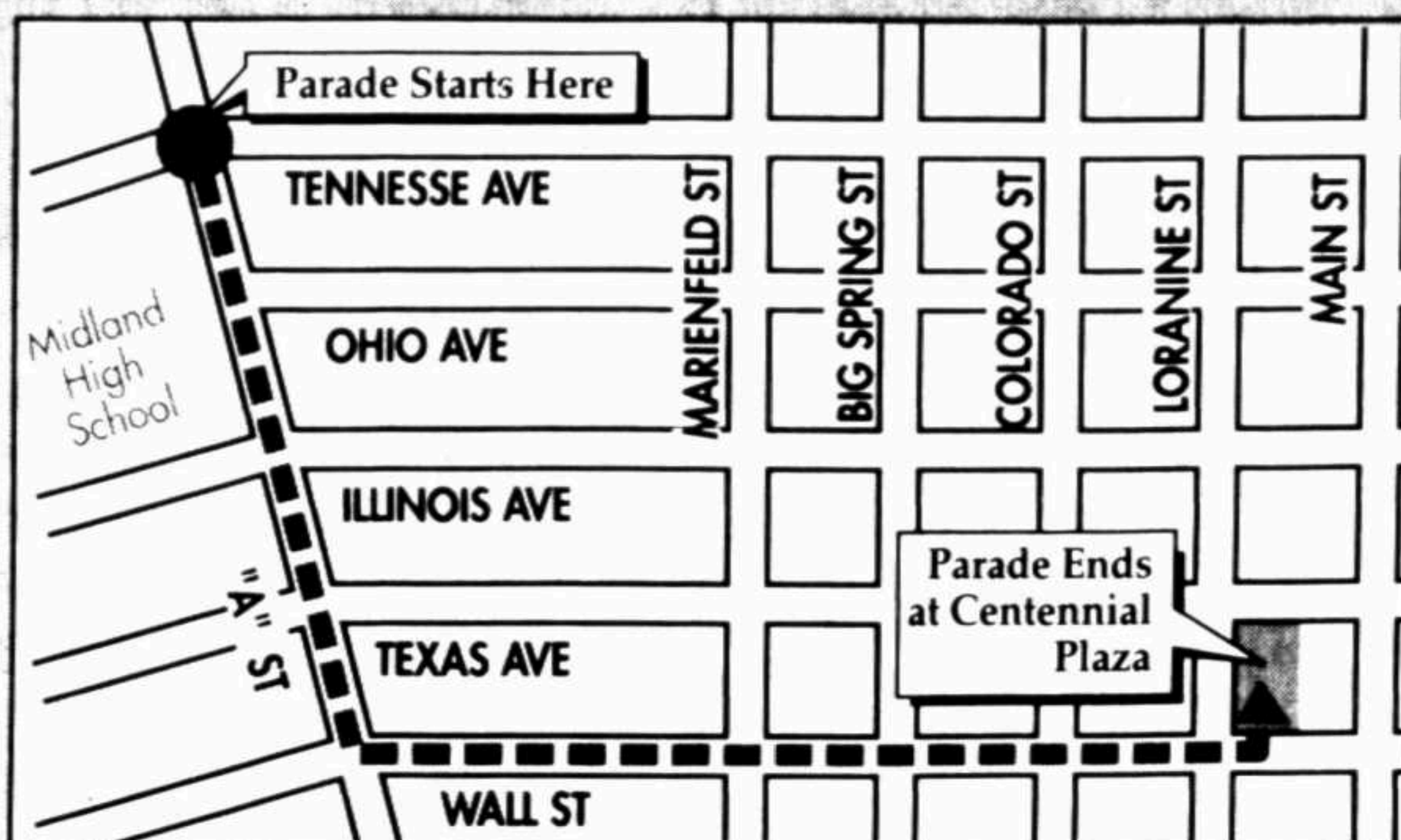
1
0

1
9
9
8

Way To Go State Champs

WE'RE PROUD OF YOU STATE CHAMPIONSHIP PARADE

On Wednesday, March 18, there will be a parade honoring the Midland High School Boys' Basketball State AAAAA Championship Team. The parade will begin at 4:30 p.m. at Tennessee Street and "A" Street (northeast corner of MHS campus) proceeding south on "A" Street to Wall Street. The parade will then move east on Wall Street to Centennial Plaza/Midland Center. The parade will have the bands from Goddard, San Jacinto, Midland Freshman and Midland High School. The boys' basketball teams from Goddard, San Jacinto, Midland Freshman as well as the Sophomore and Junior Varsity boys' basketball teams from Midland High School will participate. Upon arrival at Midland Center, a pep rally will be held and an autographed basketball will be presented to Midland High School by the State Champions. Mayor Burns and various school administrators will be present and will participate in honoring the State Champions. Fans and friends are encouraged to bring purple or gold streamers, etc.



SEE MORE SIGNATURE ADS ON PAGE 16.

CONGRATULATIONS BULLDOGS!!!



689-1675

Congratulations from
 Golf Course Road
Church of Christ
YOUTH MINISTRY

AMERICAN BUILDING MAINTENANCE

201 W. WALL STE. 105
683-1927



Ignition Systems, Control
Panels, Catalytic Converters
and Starters for Energy,
Industrial and Agricultural
Service Is The Difference
Midland, TX Dallas, TX Farmington, NM
915-697-6472 214-341-7587 505-632-7566

(915) 520-8271
Fax 915-899-1073

PAUL D. HUGHES, CLU
CHARTERED LIFE UNDERWRITER

PROFESSIONAL INSURANCE AND INVESTMENT SERVICES 1031 ANDREWS HWY. SUITE 110
MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701

PERMIAN METALS

A Commercial Metals Company



1605 Garden City Hwy. • Midland TX
(915) 570-4006
3501 W. 2nd St. • Odessa TX
(915) 337-1513



FARMERS INSURANCE GROUP OF COMPANIES
JEFFREY C. GILBERT ~ Agent

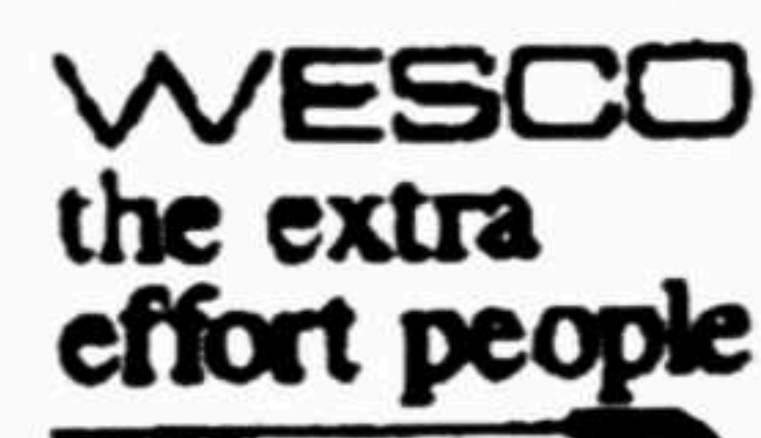
Way to Go Bulldogs for a great job!
2003 W. Wall • Midland, TX 79701 • (915) 683-1747

**ANADRILL
SCHLUMBERGER**
4607 South County Road 1310
563-3057

CO-OP MIDLAND FARMERS COOP

MIKE DENNY ~ General Manager

Office (915) 685-3771
1409 S. Fairgrounds Rd. Store (915) 683-2788
P.O. Box 473 Fax (915) 682-6006
Midland, TX 79702 Pager 1-499 • Pager



D.F. (David) Clingman
Branch Manager

208 S. Williams Street
Odessa, Texas 79763
(915) 332-0276
(915) 580-0513
Fax (915) 332-9975
Toll Free (800) 222-2175

Rice Engineering Corp.
is proud of the
Midland State Champs

Way to go Bulldogs!

VILLAGE CAR WASH

604 ANDREWS HWY.

VILLAGE CAR WASH XPRESS & LUBE

2300 N. BIG SPRING
MIDLAND, TX. 79701



Sales and Installation of Polyethylene Pipe

All Types of Pipe Line Construction

915-689-8461

**GREAT JOB
5-A STATE
CHAMPS**



MHS FOOTBALL BOOSTERS

*Congratulations Bulldogs
on State Championship*

Kerry and Matt Faudree

LITTLEFIELD AUTOMOTIVE

(Foreign Autos)

1810 W. Front 683-8611
CONGRATULATIONS BULLDOGS!

PETROLEUM OPERATIONS CONSULTANTS

R.J. "JIM" STARRAK

STARRAK OPERATING COMPANY
2401 So. Co. Rd. 1110
Midland, Texas 79706 915/686-0258

Way to Go Champs!



- Large Family Dining Restaurant
- Home of Golden Choice Buffet
- Meeting & Banquet Rooms Available

4709 N. Midkiff Rd. • Midland, TX 79705 (915) 689-7706

Congratulations to the
Bulldogs
Timber Sharp Drilling Inc.

Congratulations from



TROBAUGH PROPERTIES

4305 N. Garfield, suite 233
Midland, Texas 79705

(915) 683-2738

Kenneth L. Zoller, CPA

*Congratulations Dawgs
from*
Hick Tool Co.

Mid

By Stewart Dore
Assistant Sports Editor

AUSTIN — The School boys basketball team knew what hit it.

A series of decisions in the first half by the Bulldogs turned the semifinal into a rout. The Bulldogs were closer to reaching the championship goal.

Midland High defeated 80-48 Friday at the Center. It was a really big blowout. Basketball. Chanting out of hand well-buzzed sounded.

"They knew what had and our game above," MHS senior said. "We had a made them play. Midland can beat us."

Midland High will play 35-4 in today's 8:05 p.m. defeated Round 61-54 in the other. The semifinal.

On

By Terry Williams
Sports Editor

AUSTIN — The basketball team pages of history rate that they have left to complete.

The Bulldogs a victory of winning first state championship. And the winning an 80-48 bombing the Class 5A state at the Erwin Center won't take much page.

And if Friday women for these pestering Bulldogs stop them.

There seems MHS fans in the least, they seem as the basketball with noise on even dog action.

Even Gov. watched all but the

1998: The Bulldogs' Glory Year

Midland High pummels Pearland, 80-48

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

AUSTIN — The Pearland High School boys basketball team didn't know what hit it.

A series of decisive runs in the first half by the Midland High Bulldogs turned the first Class 5A semifinal into a rout and took the state's No. 2 ranked team one step closer to reaching its state championship goal.

Midland High defeated Pearland 80-48 Friday at the Frank Erwin Center. It was a game which officially lasted 32 minutes, but the biggest blowout of these 1998 UIL Basketball Championships was out of hand well before the final buzzer sounded.

"They knew what kind of guys we had and our game was a step above," MHS senior Kirby Lemons said. "We had a few breaks and made them play our game. If we play Midland basketball, no one can beat us."

Midland High (35-2 for the season) will play 35-4 San Antonio Taft in today's 8:05 p.m. final. Taft defeated Round Rock Westwood 61-54 in the other semifinal.

The semifinal between MHS and

Pearland was billed as a matchup of two styles of basketball which could not have been any more different. Midland High brought the high-octane offense and Pearland had the shut'em-down defense. MHS was scoring 85 points a game and PHS was allowing 44. Something did give.

Midland High didn't get out of the blocks very well, trailing 6-2 with more than two minutes off the clock. However, that is when things changed, drastically.

Midland High went on an eight-minute run and dominated every aspect of the game turning it into a track meet. Offensively, MHS scored on 14 of 17 possessions, hitting on 13 of 19 shots. Defensively, the Bulldogs forced eight Oiler turnovers and held Pearland to 2-of-8 shooting. It was a case of the offense feeding off the defense and vice versa, and after a 28-6 run, MHS held a 32-12 advantage.

"Eventually their adrenaline wore off," MHS guard Blake Johnston said. "The first quarter they were playing on adrenaline and we were consistent the whole game. It felt like we did nothing wrong."

During the run, MHS Big Three (Lemons, Charles Tatum and Jay

Christian) played its usual big role. Lemons had 10, Christian nine and Tatum seven. However, there were others. Johnston was wowing the 13,000-plus with fancy passes. Camar Jackson, who had a varsity career high 15 points stepped up with valuable minutes as did Patrick Anderson.

"Our goal is putting pressure on them and speeding up the game,"

knocked us down, knocked us down and we couldn't recover."

That showed later in the half. Midland High finished off the first half, and Pearland for that matter with a 12-3 run for a 44-19 lead.

"They score 44 points in the first half," Pearland coach Steve Buckelew said. "In 18 years, I have never had a team give up 44 points at the half. I was frustrated as a

coach and we were frustrated as a

team. "We are a better team than that. We came out of a tough region with three of the top four teams in the state. Maybe we left everything on the floor against (Alief) Elsik. Midland High is deceptive. Their pressure is pretty good."

Midland High was also in the proverbial zone in the first half. The Bulldogs held Pearland to 5-of-

12 shooting for the half and offensively, the Bulldogs made 16 of 26.

"(The first half) felt good. Everything was going our way," Tatum said. "They look up at the scoreboard and didn't know what hit them."

There wasn't much to the second half. Even with a bit of foul trouble to Lemons, these Bulldogs were not going to shoot themselves in the foot. In fact, MHS' lead was cut to 20 but never dipped below that mark. Again, everything was going Midland High's way. Tatum was proof of that. He drained a shot released just after crossing half court to end the third quarter.

"What we did is what we do," Midland High coach Jack Stephenson said. "Sometimes I don't know what they will do. They do some many things that people can't stop us."

Stephenson also said that playing in front of the big crowds isn't a problem for his team.

"They can't spell pressure," Stephenson said. "They just play the game."

For this game, Lemons and Christian finished with 18 each. Both spent a great deal of time

Midland High 80, Pearland 48
Pearland (29-9): Derrick Brown 3-10 2-3 9, Aaron Woodard 0-3 0-0 0, Josh Brian 2-6 8-11 12, Brent Wheeler 1-2 0-0 2, Jesse Lewis 4-10 4-4 12, Jeremy Stahl 0-0 0-0 0, Marc Robey 0-1 0-0 0, Jason Washington 4-8 0-8 8, Martin Rueni 0-0 0-0 0, Paul Paraskevopoulos 2-5 0-1 5, Jonathon Hansen 0-0 0-0 0, Caleb Allen 0-0 0-0 0, Stanley Watson 0-0 0-0 0, Keith Weber 0-0 0-0 0, Brandon Byrd 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals: 16-45 14-19 48.**

Midland High (35-2): Ross Nobles 0-0 1-2 1, Jay Christian 5-14 5-5 18, Kirby Lemons 8-9 2-18, Charles Tatum 4-9 5-6 16, Blake Johnston 0-3 0-0 0, Jason Williams 0-0 0-0 0, Jesse Nicholson 0-0 0-0 0, Kris O'Brien 0-0 2-2 2, Geoffrey Jameson 0-1 0-0 0, Chris Oldham 0-0 0-0 0, Patrick Anderson 0-0 2-2 2, Taylor Mood 0-1 0-0 0, Brent Winter 2-3 0-0 4, Erik Patterson 0-0 0-0 0, Chris Cox 1-1 0-0 3, Camar Jackson 7-8 1-2 15, Melvin Jackson 0-0 1-2 1, Josh Fernau 0-2 0-0 0, Randy Gardner 0-0 0-0 0. **Totals: 28-51 19-23 80.**

Score By Quarters
Pearland 10 9 12 17 —48
Midland High 21 24 12 23 —80

3-Point Goals: PHS 2-13 (Brown 1-1, Woodard 0-1, Wheeler 0-1, Lewis 0-4, Washington 0-2, Paraskevopoulos 1-4), MHS 5-9 (Christian 1-2, Tatum 3-5, Johnston 0-1, Cox 1-1, Rebounds: PHS 22 (Brian 7), MHS 36 (Lemons 7, Anderson 6), Fouls: PHS 20 (MHS 20), Fouled Out: Wheeler, Lemons, Assists: PHS 7 (Lewis 4), MHS 19 (Johnston 6), Turnovers: PHS 21, MHS 16, Steals: PHS 9 (Brian 4), MHS 12 (Johnston 4).

It was a game which officially lasted 32 minutes, but the biggest blowout of these 1998 UIL Basketball Championships was out of hand well before the final buzzer sounded.

Christian said. "That is what we want to do with the players we got."

The defense, which forced 21 turnovers for the game and picked Pearland's pocket for 12 steals, also put tremendous pressure on the ball where ever the Oilers held the ball.

"At first it didn't seem like it was (as big as it was)," Pearland guard Brent Wheeler said. "Usually we handle pressure well. They

coach and we were frustrated as a

team. "We are a better team than that. We came out of a tough region with three of the top four teams in the state. Maybe we left everything on the floor against (Alief) Elsik. Midland High is deceptive. Their pressure is pretty good."

Midland High was also in the proverbial zone in the first half. The Bulldogs held Pearland to 5-of-

Only one victory left to win State Championship

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

AUSTIN — The Midland High basketball team is turning the pages of history at such a blazing rate that they have only one page left to complete.

The Bulldogs are within one lone victory of winning the school's first state championship in basketball. And the way they looked in an 80-48 bombing of Pearland in the Class 5A state semifinals here at the Erwin Center on Friday, it won't take much to read that last page.

And if Friday the 13th isn't a bad omen for these slamin', passin', pestering Bulldogs, nothing may stop them.

There seems to be a horde of MHS fans in the Super Drum. At least, they seem to be as feverish as the basketball team, erupting with noise on every positive Bulldog action.

Even Gov. George Bush watched all but the final 45 seconds

of the game and he was obviously impressed. In one second quarter run by the Bulldogs, sophomore Blake Johnston made two passes, one behind the head and the other behind the back, that produced easy layups for Jay Christian and

Even Gov. George Bush watched all but the final 45 seconds of the game and he was obviously impressed.

Camar Jackson. Bush turned, noticed the reaction of press row and winked. Gov. Bush, a former part owner of the Texas Rangers, knows his sports and he knows when something special happens on the floor.

And all of it was unplanned by the youthful Johnston.

"Things like that aren't planned," Johnston said. "You just go with the flow. It's an instinctive thing with me, but it sure is fun when it hap-

pens."

Fun is something the Bulldogs had plenty of in an easy rout of the Oilers. But MHS coach Jack Stephenson and assistant coach Craig Raughton didn't take long recalling how hard it is to be on the

other side of a like score. In 1994, the Bulldogs were blown out by state champion Sugar Land Wilkridge.

"There is no question that we played well, but I know exactly how Pearland feels. I've been there before," Stephenson said. "It's fun being on this side of the score because that scoreboard can shoot bullets at you when you are on the other side."

Raughton said. "It really feels

good to win, but to tell you the truth, I almost felt sorry for Pearland because I was thinking about how we felt in 1994. At least, we've seen both sides of this thing and it's a lot better on this side."

Senior Camar Jackson, considered Midland High's sixth man, had his varsity career best game, scoring 15 points off the bench, mostly on assists from Johnston, who had six in the game. For this effort to come in the state tournament, it was huge.

"It's my job," Jackson quickly said. "It is my varsity best, but when I have to come in, they expect me to pick it up. This is my senior year and a once in a lifetime chance. To do it now is really, really good."

Stephenson added, "Camar is something. I didn't really know if I wanted him on the team this year. He was our quarterback for the football team and they didn't have a lot of success, so I was a little concerned about what he might bring with him. But in many ways

he has been the heart and soul of our team."

Midland High's rout was naturally put in motion by the Bulldogs' Big Three scoring combo of Kirby Lemons (18), Jay Christian (18) and Charles Tatum (16), but Stephenson was able to empty his bench and get a couple of great moments from them.

Senior Melvin Jackson hit a free throw with 10 seconds left, scoring his first point of the season, but even in the glow of the state tournament, he wanted more.

"I'm feeling really good about that free throw, but what I really wanted was a 3-point shot," Jackson said. "I almost got to shoot one of those."

At any rate, the MHS bench gave Melvin a standing ovation. Even Stephenson broke into a wide grin.

Jason "Turtle" Williams went after a loose ball by press row. He hit the first table, vaulted to the second row table and then landed over the roped barrier into the crowd.

Writers wanted to know if he was

going out for the triple jump. "I don't do the triple jump. I was just trying to avoid you guys," Williams said in the press conference after the game.

Brent Winter came off the bench late for four points and Chris Cox, who had 14 points in a playoff game against El Paso Eastwood, hit one of his patented treys with his only shot of the game.

One had a feeling MHS was going to roll in this semifinal. Tatum, the 5-9 junior, waited in the tunnel for 20 minutes just to take his first step on the Super Drum floor. All the while, he kept asking the security guard if he could go out and take a couple of shots.

"I've been one of the smallest players all my life, but now is the time to play big," Tatum said. "I came here to play."

Now, if these Bulldogs can read one more page of history today, this fifth trip to the state tournament can make Tatum's long wait, and Midland's, all worth while.

Congratulations



MIDLAND HIGH BULLDOGS '98 State Champions



Jim Ford
Edward Jones Investments
2101 N. Midland Dr., #2A
Midland, TX 79707
Bus 915-689-3939

Congratulations to
Midland High School
from the
Faculty, Staff & Students
at



Congratulations

MIDLAND HIGH BULLDOGS '98 State Champions



COX
Communications
Expect the Best
694-7721



Brides and Black Ties
says

"Congratulations, Midland High Basketball!!!!"

Brides and Black Ties...
For All Your Prom and Formal Needs!

Prom Dresses
Complete Line of Tuxedo Rentals
Wedding Gowns
Flower Girls



Brides and Black Ties
3989 JBS Parkway - Odessa
(Across from UTPB in English Village Center)
363-8417

M
A
R
1
0
1
9
9
8

Tatum earns MVP honors in Class 5A

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

AUSTIN — Midland High junior Charles Tatum was named the Most Valuable Player in the Class 5A state championships by Texas sports writers, and it was a good choice.

Tatum scored 38 points in two tournament games, but the honor came his way because he was the ignition that turned on the Bulldog switch that led to a state championship.

Tatum scored in all forms of ways, scoring with driving layups, three-point bombs and pull-up jumpers. Sometimes he completely left the crowd with a bad case of the drop-mouth.

"We just did what we had to do," Tatum said after the game. "It's a nice honor, but we just go out and play Bulldog basketball."

Tatum, held scoreless for the first five minutes of the game, scored the Bulldogs' last nine points of the first quarter to give MHS a 17-10 lead. MHS was then off and running and led at the half by 23 points, 40-17.

"Taft was giving me good looks at the basket because they were doubling down on Kirby (Lemons) down low. I just knocked the shots down when I had the opportunity."

Taft coach Michael Osterman said of Tatum, "We didn't want to get killed by Lemons inside, but Tatum can kill you outside. That guy can play and you don't want to get down by 23 points to this team. I was proud of the way our kids came back in the second half but there was too much ground to cover."

Many here in Austin were expecting a big duel between Lemons and 6-9 Texas A&M bound Joe White in the paint. That was almost a wash with Lemons coming out a little ahead with 18 points and a game-high 13 rebounds. But Lemons spent much of his time on the bench in foul trouble. White scored 15 points and had 10 rebounds.

Both were good performances by the posts, but they almost seemed unnoticeable at times as MHS guard Blake Johnston made a living out of dealing Jay Christian (game-high 23 points) the ball in the lane for 10 assists and Tatum was "knockin' 'em down from wherever he decided to tread."

Much like the first game win Friday against Pearland, MHS didn't have a sterling second half against Taft. But MHS coach Jack Stephenson said it was all in the overall plan.

"There are people in the stands who know a lot more about basketball than I do," Stephenson said. "They want you to win a game by 50 points and we want to win a state championship. For one thing, I know when a game is over and it was over in the first half, so we spread the court. The game's ours when that happens."

The big 6-9 White of Taft was gracious in defeat. "We were just not ready to play the game and Midland High was," White said. "They proved to me that they wanted to win the game. We needed five guys working together and we didn't get that. You have to give Midland High credit. They deserved the state championship and we don't."

MHS rules for 1997-98. The now have the state hardware to prove it.



Tatum

MHS Bulldogs take state title

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

AUSTIN — The Midland High basketball team was ranked No. 1 at the beginning of the season and they were No. 1 at the end.

The Bulldogs are the Class 5A state basketball champions after their 63-51 win over San Antonio Taft Saturday at the Frank Erwin Center.

"We showed everyone why we were No. 1," said MHS point guard Charles Tatum, who was named the tournament's MVP. "We can be cocky now that we won state."

In the process, the Bulldogs got some revenge for their only on-the-court loss this season. Taft had defeated Midland High on Nov. 29 in the San Antonio Tournament.

"We killed two birds with one stone," Tatum said. "We beat them and won a state championship."

MHS, which ends the season triumphant at 36-2, served the same poison to Taft that Pearland got a lethal dose of Friday night. It was a huge run at the end of the first quarter and throughout the second quarter. When it was all added up, MHS outscored Taft 32-9 to take a 40-17 advantage into the half. In a nutshell, that was the story.

"Too big of a hole. We got in a hole which we couldn't get out of," Taft coach Michael Osterman said. "It is frustrating. This is the first time which anyone got a double-digit lead on us, except for Victoria, and we won that one."

"We couldn't play at their tempo and win. We controlled the tempo in November and couldn't do that tonight."

Controlling the tempo allowed Midland High to get its engines running. The product of that was MHS playing an up-and-down the floor game. That allowed its thoroughbreds to get their legs stretched out.

MHS' Big Three (Kirby Lemons, Jay Christian and Tatum) enjoyed the rewards. By the end of the night, they made it known to everyone in the building who they were. People just had to look at the scoreboard at the end of the game if there was any confusion. Christian had a game-high 23. Tatum 22 and Lemons 18 to go with 13 rebounds. Translation: Every point Midland High scored Saturday came thanks to the BIG THREE.

"It is Bonnie and Clyde, Young Guns, whatever you want to call it," Christian said of the star trio.

"Kirby is off to college and it was time to make it happen. We did a good job of that."

"The Big Three... that is talent and the desire to win," Lemons said.

It did go beyond the Big Three, two of which (Tatum and Christian) will be back next year. Blake Johnston, a sophomore, had 10 assists, four steals and was second behind Lemons in rebounds with eight.

For Johnston, the game had a special feel. Throughout the tournament, his shoes had the initials JTH... RIP, which meant J.T. Henderson... Rest in Peace. Henderson, Johnston's grandfather, died of cancer in December. Blake's father, Byron Johnston, the man whom the Christmas tournament is named after, joined Henderson as big fans of the Midland High program. So the emotions Johnston had were very special.

"Right now they are looking down and are happy for me," Johnston said. "They are loving every minute of it. I gave all this to them. This is still a dream."

Seniors Ross Nobles, Camar Jackson and Patrick Anderson also were a part of the night on the floor for MHS. They were just as a part of the win as anyone, adding to the pressure defense, which forced 17 turnovers, 12 steals and held Taft to 37 percent shooting.

The Purple Pack fed off the energy of the many Tall City fans who filled numerous sections of the Erwin Center and made up a nice chunk of the 12,235 in the arena.

In the first quarter, MHS trailed 4-0, but came back on a 17-6 run. Lemons established himself on the boards and inside with six of the Bulldogs' first eight while Tatum ended the quarter with nine straight points. The guard started the run with what looked to be an innocent 3-pointer.

However his first basket of the night was the start of something that got the fans on Erwin Center on the edge of their seats.

He followed the trey with a layup to remember driving the court and spinning 360 degrees before laying it in. After a free throw, Tatum drilled a 24-footer from the wing to end the quarter, giving MHS a 17-10 first quarter lead.

"I saw they were killing Kirby inside and I had to open the outside," Tatum said. "It is easier to knock someone when they are down and we tried to jump out and control the game early."

That was the start of the Midland High playing its brand of basketball, and the Raiders weren't keeping up with these dogs. MHS confidence was soaring with every basket, every Johnston assist. It got to the point where the Erwin Center was nothing more than MHS' private playground. There was no pressure. They

were having fun.

Midland High increased the lead to 10 (25-15) when the Bulldog machine hit full-throttle. Tatum hit two layups, Christian a 3-pointer, and Lemons put in two of his own. Then, Christian, who had 12 in the second quarter alone, again came through with another 3-pointer to end a 12-0 run.

"It was massive," Christian said of the decisive run. "We came out and said 'we have to get tempo.' We did a good job of that."

"After the tip we controlled the tempo," Kirby Lemons said. "We were in a situation where mistakes will happen. We just wanted to play hard and have fun."

"I don't think they can give (the MVP) to one player," Tatum said. "Jay had a big night. Kirby could have gotten MVP for opening it up."

The second burst made the score 37-15 and defense was the key for it Taft didn't score for three minutes. During that span, the Raiders only shot the ball one time. In the second quarter, Taft, which turned the ball over 13 times in the first half, had more turnovers than shots (9 to 6). Midland High took a 40-17 lead into the half while their fans let out chants of "We want the varsity."

At the half, there were some impressive numbers. Tatum scored 16, just one less than Taft's total. Christian added 14 and Lemons scored 10. That is three players in double figures.

Taft had two players in double figures at game's end. Joe White scored 15 and Sam Mercedes scored 12. White pulled down 12 boards.

Taft opened the third quarter with a 9-0 run. The Raiders started the first 2:40 of the third quarter outworking MHS on the boards and out-hustling the Bulldogs to loose balls. However, Raiders' wake up call was answered and the lead, which was cut to 14 (40-26), increased to 19 at the end of the third quarter (50-31).

Again, Taft came back. A 8-0 run in the first 2:31 of the fourth quarter cut the lead to 12 (50-38). Taft even lowered it to 10, two times. But Kirby scored six and Tatum added a bucket to seal the win.

MHS NOTES: Midland High was coming off a decisive 80-48 win over Pearland. The 32-point spread was the largest margin victory of these UIL Championships... MHS' last team state title was in 1973 (baseball). This is the fifth state tournament for and second state final (1973). lost to Houston Wheatley 84-78... A welcome home greeting will be held at 3 p.m. today at the MHS parking lot as the state champions return to Midland... MHS is also the first District 4-5A team to win a state basketball championship since 1963.

Bulldogs: 1998 state basketball champions

Midland College
congratulates the
**State
Champions
Midland High
School Bulldogs**

Bring your resume
and visit with representatives from
more than 60 area
businesses at Midland College's

Job Fair '98

1-4 p.m.

Thursday, April 2

Chaparral Center

FREE

and open to the public

Midland College is an equal opportunity employer/educator



CHASE

400 W. Illinois
685-6300

Member FDIC Loans subject to credit approval. Certain restrictions may apply. Equal Housing Lender



Championship

Championship
Play...

Championship
Coverage.

Way To
Go Dawgs!

Midland Reporter-Telegram



Diamond, PDC, and TSD Drill and Core Bits
Complete Coring Services and Systems
Custom Machine Work and Fabrication

ESTABLISHED 1948

Diamond Oil Well Drilling Company

P.O. BOX 7643 • MIDLAND, TX 79708 • (915) 563-5533
P.O. BOX 94007 • OKLA. CITY, OK 73143 • (405) 672-3013
P.O. Box 2215 • LAUREL, MS 39442 • (601) 649-5595

*Congratulations Bulldogs
for a Job Well Done!*



CONGRATULATIONS!!

We are proud of the
**Midland High School
STATE CHAMPION
Basketball Team,
Coaches,
Trainers,
Booster Club,
and Fans!**

MIDLAND HIGH SCHOOL BULLDOGS

EX-STUDENT'S ASSOCIATION AND MHS HALL OF HONOR ASSOCIATION:

Frances Guffey Atwater 1940
Pat McDaniel 1968
Bert Johnson 1968
Norma Hubbard Boles 1948
Judy Hancock Mitchell 1974
Tammy Holton Smith 1975
Calvin Hancock, Treasurer 1953

SOPHOMORES

Randy Gardner
Brent Grizzle (Manager)
Blake Johnston
Chris Oldham

JUNIORS

Jay Christian
Jessica Lane (Filmer)
Taylor Moody
Jessie Nicholson
Charles Tatum
Brent Winter

SENIORS

Patrick Anderson
Chris Cox
Josh Fernau
Donna Green (Secretary)
Katie Green (Student Trainer)
Shawna Hale (Secretary)

SENIORS

Camar Jackson
Melvin Jackson
Geoffrey Jameson
Antoine Lathan
Kirby Lemons
Ben Morris (Statistician)
Ross Nobles
Kris O'Brien
Erik Petersson
Jason Williams

TRAINER

Morris Wilamson

COACHES

Rusty Frazier
George Riebe
Craig Raughton
Jack Stephenson

M
A
R

1
0

1
9
9
8

**NO. 1
MIDLAND HIGH SCHOOL
STATE CHAMPIONS**
Congratulations
Albertsons

Congratulations
BULLDOGS
ARCO 
PERMIAN

ClayDesta
CORPORATION
MITCH MALOUF, CPM
Vice President - Leasing
6 DESTA DRIVE, SUITE 2750 • MIDLAND, TEXAS 79705
(915) 688-3000 • FAX (915) 688-3008

Compliments of
**LANTERN PETROLEUM
CORPORATION**

*But thanks be to God!
He gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus
Christ.*

*Youth
Ministry*
WE WASH YOU JESUS

1 Corinthians 15:57

First Baptist Church 2104 W. Louisiana 683-0606

Jim and Linda Dawson
send Congratulations
ON
STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

JKN
Joe E. Nobles
President

JKN OIL & Gas Inc.
500 W. Texas, Suite 1110
Midland, Texas 79710
Bus: (915) 683-4939
Res: (915) 686-8890


Dealer Services

VEHICLE CONSIGNMENT & SALES

• Buy • Sell • Trade

Financing Available - Open To The Public

1200 N. Loop 250 W. - Midland 699-7275 • Fax 520-7275

DEALS YOU CAN LIVE WITH!!



**"How About Them
Dawgs!"**

Congratulations from the Director, Employees
of Permian Abstract Company and their
families.

J.D. Starnes, Jr., '54
Marc Tanberg, '91
J.D. (Trey) Starnes III, '88
Stephanie Starnes, '91
Amy Behrends, '92
Eric Behrends, '99
Jon H. Starnes, '57
Ricky Starnes

CONGRATULATIONS CHAMPS!



MIDLAND HIGH SCHOOL 1997-98 BOYS' BASKETBALL

KNEELING (LEFT TO RIGHT)-Donna Green, Geoffrey Jameson, Jason Williams, Ross Nobles, Jessie Nicholson, Charles Tatum, Katie Green. **SECOND ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT)** - Shawna Hale, Coach Jack Stephenson, Patrick Anderson, Blake Johnston, Antoine Lathan, Kris O'Brien, Chris Cox, Coach Rusty Frazier. **THIRD ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT)** - Coach George Riebe, Randy Gardner, Taylor Moody, Josh Fernau, Camar Jackson, Brent Winter, Morris Williamson (TRAINER), Coach Craig Raughton, Ben Morris. **FOURTH ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT)** - Jay Christian, Kirby Lemons, Erik Pettersson.

MIDLAND HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL BOOSTER CLUB

Way To Go Dawgs!
CONGRATULATIONS
1998 STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPS!
Lee & Jennie House

**Tammy, Bill, Will &
Elizabeth Smith**
Way to go Dawgs!

KG *Way to Go Dawgs!
We're Proud of You*
3818 West Wall • Midland, Tx
522-7400

PARALLEL
Petroleum Corporation
110 N. Marienfeld, Suite 465 • Midland, Texas 79701
(915) 684-3727
Larry C. Oldham-President
PROUD SUPPORTERS OF THE BULLDOGS
Hey Dogs! Make Tracks In 97-98

Grant
Geophysical
110 W. Louisiana, Suite 440
• Midland, Texas 79701
Tel: (915) 685-3090 • Fax: (915) 685-3098



**Best Consultants &
Placement, Inc.**
110 N. Marienfeld Ste. 575
Midland, TX 79701
570-8195
For Your computer Network

T-SHIRTS
LETTERING
SPORTSWEAR
TRENDY DESIGN
MONOGRAMMING
MIDLAND PARK MALL
4511 N. MIDKIFF BLVD
MIDLAND
915-697-5105
FAX 915-697-5107
Go Dawgs!

Congratulations Bulldogs!
MHS Boy's Basketball State Champs 1998
We're Proud Of You!
Cecil & Helen Bybee

Congratulations
Midland High School Champs
Lacks
Furnishing Homes for 60 Years
3111 Cuthbert • 694-3937
Monday-Friday 10-8, Saturday 10-6, Sunday 1-5

**BILL'S LIQUOR
BEER & WINE**
2601 N. Midland Drive • Midland, Texas
689-8944
Congratulations Dawgs!

